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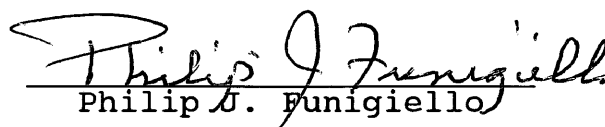


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The selfsame moment I could pray;
And from my neck so free
The Albatross fell off, and sank
Like lead into the sea.

--Samuel Coleridge

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PREFACE

I was twelve years old when I first became interested in American history. One afternoon in 1976 our next door neighbor Grace Tompkins opened her squeaky garage door. Sixty year old Grace was moving soon and needed help cleaning out her overcrowded garage. I was recruited to assist and hoped that perhaps I might find some old baseball cards, comic books, or a vintage electric train set to reward my efforts. Alas, it was all junk until we found four boxes labeled "Gail Harrison." These contained thousands of old letters, pictures, and many old diaries. Grace vaguely recalled that she had known a Gail Harrison some years earlier, but she was unsure about what to do with Gail's things. My mother suggested that our family buy them. Both seemed relieved to have saved something that seemed important. I carried the boxes to our garage, and as I grew up I spent many hours picking through Gail Harrison's things, reading letters, diaries, and documents, and learning about Gail and her family.

Grace's recollection of Gail Harrison was murky. In the early 1960s Grace had befriended Gail who was very old and infirm. Grace ran errands for her and helped in the upkeep of her apartment. When Gail died in 1962, Grace disposed of her

meager estate. She could find no close living relatives, so she packed up and stored many of Gail's possessions, including the letters, diaries, and other family memorabilia that Gail had accumulated.

As I combed through the boxes, I discovered that Gail wrote many of the letters and diaries, but others were written by relatives and friends. Gradually I was able to piece together many of the details and events that shaped Gail's life and also trace the history of her family. The desire to rummage through the boxes while I was growing up primarily came from my curiosity about the Harrisons' private lives. It was a game, and I was a detective peering into their mysterious lives. Why was there a cryptic reference to someone named Willie? Who was Mortimer, and why did most everyone distrust him? I searched to discover the answers, and in the process I began to form an understanding of the world that Gail and her family lived in. They became significant historical characters to me, more vivid than the sanitized people I read about in school or watched on television. In college, as I became more interested in studying history, I began to feel strongly that a valuable text about American social history was back home in those boxes.

I decided to write a master's thesis using the Harrison documents for graduate school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. From the material, I chose to

examine and edit a diary written in 1887 by Gail's mother, Jeannie L. Harrison. It was difficult to decide on this one diary because there were many diaries and letters in the collection, but I felt that Jeannie's 1887 diary was probably the most historically relevant.

I did not realize it at the time, but the issue of historical significance was one I did not realistically answer at the beginning of this project. As I worked with the diary, I failed to distinguish the difference between examining it with the eyes of a curious twelve year old, and with those of a historian. As a boy it had been reason enough simply to read the diary because of my personal interest in the family. But later as a history student, I failed at the start to pose the most fundamental question of my source: Why is Jeannie Harrison's diary important?

When reading the diary, one factor becomes readily evident; Jeannie is not an especially creative writer. She certainly is literate; and, in fact, there are only a handful of spelling errors in the diary. However, her writing style is austere, straight-forward, and almost business-like. She is rarely introspective, nor does she write imaginatively; rather, she reports matter-of-factly on each day. Her highest level of self-reflection is to chastise herself for missing church. Although reading Jeannie's diary may be frustrating at times because of the details and explanations that are

omitted, it is her writing style, rather than her words, that may be the best clue to understanding who Jeannie Harrison was. Sometimes she did not seem to have much to write about, but the way she wrote conveyed the essence of this woman.

The style in which Jeannie expressed herself in her diary was largely derived from her background and from the values that she developed as a woman. She was raised in a close-knit, strict, Victorian environment. She became a proper lady, who knew that her primary goal was to marry, raise a family, and maintain an efficient, loving, moral, and pious household. She was not encouraged to express herself outside her domestic sphere and probably had little desire to do so. However, Jeannie was eventually forced to emerge out of her woman's sphere. In adulthood she lacked the archetypical family life that was encouraged of women of her generation because her husband Edmund did not provide a stable home environment over which she could preside. By the time Jeannie was almost fifty years old, she was forced to live apart from her husband because he was sickly and deranged. Thus, Jeannie obtained a degree of independence to move outside the restrictive mid-nineteenth century woman's sphere under which she had lived half a century. It was independence that Jeannie never had pursued actively.

When Jeannie wrote her diary in 1887, she had been without Edmund for almost seven years. Because he was unable to support her, out of necessity she became a single, working

mother. Although it might be desirable to champion Jeannie as an early feminist heroine, a pioneer of her gender, a successful business owner, and a real estate investor, in addition to a dutiful mother, she would never portrayed herself in that role and certainly did not in her diary. Jeannie was a strong, independent, resourceful woman in 1887, and these characteristics are quietly apparent in the diary, but she had adopted these traits reluctantly, because her husband was incapable of providing for her.

Realizing that Jeannie did not turn to diary writing to discuss the joys and frustrations of her unique role in late nineteenth century American society is important. She was not writing every day to examine positive or negative aspects of being a single, working mother. She began keeping a diary simply because her sister gave her a notebook "and proposed that she and I begin keeping [one] from this time. . ." And it was useful to her. Jeannie used it primarily at a time in her life that was changing rapidly and seemed very complicated. With the diary she was able to maintain a degree of order during a period that must have felt a bit chaotic. The diary was useful to her then, and by being aware of the role it played for her, I began to be able to assess the value, or lack of value, that it has today.

Jeannie's prosaic writing style and her lack of introspection are indicative of the kind of woman Jeannie was expected to be since childhood. Creativity and expression

were encouraged only if they were channeled into avenues that enhanced motherhood or housewifery. Although diary writing could have been an opportunity to express openly sides of herself that were otherwise concealed, Jeannie did not do this. She valued herself as a proper lady--one who by necessity also had to work to provide for her children and to continue to maintain a home and family life--and shared no secret discontent with her fundamental self.

At the beginning of this project, I was biased in evaluating Jeannie's diary. Familiar with the difficult circumstances surrounding her life, I envisioned Jeannie as an opinionated, pioneering feminist of her time. I expected my preconceived evaluation of her to be reflected in her diary, and naturally I desired that she address these aspects of her life that I found most intriguing and that may have made her unusually "significant." But after reading her diary many times over, I found myself disappointed that Jeannie did not live up to my expectations. She was not the person I wished her to be, and I was frustrated that she devoted so little energy to the literary aspects of her writing. In only a handful of instances did she craft her language or explain events in detail. Her writing lacked clear personality, playfulness, or flair. However, by examining why Jeannie lacked literary creativity, I realized I could gain a fuller understanding of who Jeannie Harrison was and what she was telling me.

The lack of literary pretension is evidence that, unlike many diarists, Jeannie was not writing for any audience other than herself. It was truly a personal dialogue not meant to be shared. Because of this, there is no sense of personal or historical reflection in her diary. Many familiar published diaries were written consciously with a personal or historical agenda in mind, and as a result, it is this self-conscious perspective that tends to focus the eyes of historians. As a diarist, Jeannie lacked self-consciousness. This is an essential factor of her diary, and one that may be its most outstanding attribute if taken properly in its context.

The fact that Jeannie's diary lacks self-consciousness does tend to make it somewhat less entertaining than other diaries, because there is no need to wade through layers of psychological feints and fronts and hidden meanings. Instead, Jeannie's diary provides an unadulterated and honest representation of its author. Hardly more can be asked from an historical document. Because Jeannie never intended her diary to be seen, it is a true, forthright expression of the thoughts of one woman living in the late nineteenth century, and for this alone it has some historical merit. In the following introduction I chronicle the known historical facts of Jeannie's life, although there are few enough of these. Her diary is the only document left to us that takes us inside the life and mind of Jeannie Harrison for most of one year. Frustrations and inconsistencies abound in her diary, as in

any diary. Compared with the other known information about Jeannie, her sparse diary speaks loudest, and, for better or worse, is the only means to begin to understand what kind of person Jeannie Harrison was.

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this work is to edit, and to annotate a diary written by Jeannie L. Harrison in Santa Barbara, California, in 1887. Her diary is valuable for two primary reasons. It provides information on a period of unparalleled growth in Santa Barbara that was to determine the direction of development of the town into the next century. The diary also gives insight into Harrison who, as a middle-aged single businesswoman and mother, was living an unusual and difficult life in 1887.

The discovery and approach to examining the diary is recounted. An account of Harrison's life is furnished. Also, a history of the development of Santa Barbara from a small adobe mission into a flourishing tourist town is reviewed.

The prominent issues of Harrison's diary are examined. In 1887, Harrison was raising three daughters alone, having parted from her husband seven years earlier. To make a living she owned and operated a restaurant which took a tremendous amount of time and effort. Harrison found that the result of being both a businesswoman and a mother was overwork and exhaustion and a sacrifice of her religious and domestic duties. She attempted to withdraw from the business world and establish herself in Santa Barbara as a proper and "true" nineteenth century lady. The diary ends when Harrison simplifies her life by selling her restaurant and devoting herself entirely to her role as a mother and proper lady. Harrison's diary is a story of a woman coping with the reality of financial survival, but yearning for the ideal aspects of nineteenth century womanhood.

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INTRODUCTION

July 13, 1887. Beautiful day; but to me like all other days; busy.

A more accurate assessment of her daily life cannot be found in Jeannie L. (Cook) Harrison's 1887 diary. That year Jeannie was fifty-five years old and living in Santa Barbara, California. She was both a mother and a businesswoman, raising her three daughters alone, without the support of her husband Edmund, from whom she had separated years earlier. To support her family she owned and operated the Central Restaurant in bustling downtown Santa Barbara and also took boarders into her house. She was caught up in the speculative fever of a local land boom, regularly buying and selling properties. She was in the process of purchasing and renovating her first house. She was active in numerous local women's organizations, the local Presbyterian church, and her neighborhood ladies' social circles.

In spite of all this activity, or perhaps because of it, Jeannie found the time to keep a diary for most of 1887. In its pages she made little effort to put herself into context or explore her inner self, and certainly she had no idea that her diary might be used to tell future generations about her

life and times. For her, the diary simply served as a private dialogue to keep her life in order during a period of considerable personal and financial flux.

A century later, the diary yields information on several important topics. First, it gives insight into the people and the development of Santa Barbara at a time of rapid economic growth. The year 1887 was a key moment, the high water mark of a local economic boom that changed Santa Barbara from a quiet seaside village into a thriving tourist town. The diary also provides a detailed account of Jeannie's life in 1887. Her situation at the time was uncommon because she was attempting to fulfill two distinct and contrary roles--that of a mother raising children and that of an independent businesswoman--and her diary illustrates the difficulties she faced. Jeannie struggled to maintain a sense of "true" womanhood as defined by the values of the age, while at the same time succeed in a business world that required an entirely different set of values. Jeannie Harrison's diary reveals both a woman and a town growing and changing in the late nineteenth century. It chronicles the activities of a woman normally too busy to reflect on her life, but not too preoccupied to leave a record of the many events and people that made up her days.

I

Jeannie Lydia (Cook) Harrison was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1832. She was the ninth and final child of Jabez and Hannah Cook, who as newlyweds in 1815, had migrated from western Pennsylvania to Ohio, joining the first wave of trans-Appalachian emigrants that poured into the Northwest Territory after the three year war with Britain ended.¹ The Cooks were farmers who successfully raised corn and wheat in the fertile central Ohio soil. As Jeannie grew into adulthood in the 1840s and 1850s, she saw each of her eight brothers and sisters marry and move away from the family farm. Her turn came when she married Edmund Harrison in 1856.²

Edmund and Jeannie probably met the year before while Jeannie was visiting relatives in Iowa City, Iowa. Edmund's family, the Harrisons, was one of the first families to settle in Iowa in the 1840s. The Iowa of Edmund's youth was an unsettled frontier compared to the relatively stable farmland of Jeannie's Ohio. Perhaps the rugged environment influenced Edmund's temperament, for he developed into an adventurous, peripatetic young man who enjoyed excitement, danger, and change. Jeannie married a strong, brash, enterprising man. Unfortunately for her, these qualities also made Edmund an unreliable and irresponsible husband.³

Edmund apprenticed in the printing and newspaper business and jointly edited an Iowa City daily paper with his twin

brother Edgar before he married Jeannie. When he settled down with his new bride in Johnson County, Iowa, after a long honeymoon trip, he was working as the deputy sheriff of the county.⁴

In late 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, Jeannie gave birth to their first child, Willie. In May, 1862, Edmund left his law enforcement job and with his younger brother Charles departed for the Salmon River in the Washington Territory. They were drawn by the discovery of gold there in late 1861.⁵ Hoping both to strike it rich and to avoid possible induction into the Union Army, the two brothers traveled with a party of thirteen on the Oregon Trail.⁶ Twenty miles below the American Falls on the Snake River in August, 1862, the party was attacked by Indians.⁷ Writing to Jeannie two days after the attack, Edmund explained that he and Charles were fishing nearby when the Indians descended on their small wagon train. They were without weapons, Edmund confessing that they had "done some of the tallest running that we ever done." Although five in their party were killed, the remainder joined another wagon train and continued their journey. Edmund buoyantly hoped that when they reached the gold fields they were "bound to make something."⁸

By the time Edmund reached the Washington Territory, tragedy had struck back home. Willie died of bronchial pneumonia in January, 1863. As Jeannie wrote to Edmund, "Oh, what would I have given to have had you with me in this trial;

I felt if only you could have been with me to have shared my grief. Oh but the loneliness, Oh that lost feeling."⁹ Abandoned in Iowa City, Jeannie temporarily returned to her parents' home in Ohio while word of Willie's death was sent to her husband.

In the spring of 1864, Jeannie journeyed west by sea across the Isthmus of Panama to be reunited with Edmund in California.¹⁰ Edmund had found no gold and had gravitated to San Francisco to look for employment. Over the next twenty years the Harrisons moved frequently in connection with Edmund's various jobs. He worked both as a printer and as a railroad man in California. He changed jobs often, never satisfied either with work or with the salary. What money he did earn was often lost in unsound investments or spent on alcohol to support a growing addiction.¹¹

The Harrisons lived in many California communities in the 1860s and 1870s, among them Coulterville, Berum, Modesto, Sacramento, and at various addresses in San Francisco. Jeannie periodically returned to Iowa and Ohio for long visits. In was in Iowa in 1868 and in Ohio in 1870 that she gave birth to daughters Effie and then Grace.¹²

The years in California were difficult for both Jeannie and Edmund, and for their marriage. Numerous business failures, dissatisfaction with his jobs, general restlessness, and protracted alcoholism debilitated Edmund both emotionally and physically. His intemperance caused obvious strain on the

marriage. In 1880, in Berum at the very late age of forty-seven, Jeannie gave birth to a third daughter, Gail. Around this time Edmund suffered the first of four strokes which would eventually kill him. Jeannie, with the help of her brother-in-law Charles Harrison, placed him temporarily in a sanitarium in Sacramento.¹³ His condition was such that he had little memory, and recurring bouts of increasingly violent behavior made it impossible for Jeannie to care for him. Edmund was placed under the guardianship of Charles when he was not in a hospital.¹⁴ Although never officially divorced or separated, Jeannie and Edmund lived apart for the rest of their lives. Edmund provided no financial support for Jeannie or the children.¹⁵

Sometime in late 1880 or early 1881, just after Gail was born, Jeannie moved herself and her daughters to Santa Barbara. She was drawn to the small coastal town by the family members already living there. Her older brother Mortimer Cook and her cousin Newton Cook helped her settle into the community. Mortimer, a Mexican War veteran, had come to Santa Barbara in 1871. With only a secondhand safe and a bag of gold he established the First National Gold Bank, the first national bank in southern California. In 1874 he was elected mayor. He quickly made a fortune, built a stately mansion in the center of town, and erected the town's first major office building; but a terrible drought in 1877 and the national economic troubles of the late 1870s took their toll

on Cook's bank. Eventually he lost much of the fortune he had accumulated and moved to the Washington Territory in 1885 to start a wood shingle business. However, with Mortimer's financial assistance in the early 1880s, Jeannie was able to establish herself so firmly in Santa Barbara that she remained there for the rest of her life.¹⁶

II

Jeannie relocated to Santa Barbara at a fortuitous time. During the 1880s the remote seaside community more than doubled its population and transformed itself into an economically prosperous, thriving town. Up to that point Santa Barbara was most notable for its propitious coastal location and its mission church, erected by the Spanish in the late eighteenth century.

Situated at the foot of the Santa Ynez Mountains and overlooking the Santa Barbara Channel, Santa Barbara and its coastline are protected by a chain of channel islands some twenty-five miles out to sea. In this haven, tucked between a curtain of mountains and the Pacific Ocean, the climate is pleasant and temperate. For centuries local Chumash Indians lived peacefully in this setting until the Spanish permanently settled and erected the Santa Barbara Mission in 1782. In the 1820s after Mexico had won its independence from Spain, the first Americans began to settle in the adobe village growing

up around the Mission.¹⁷

Santa Barbara became United States territory at the conclusion of the Mexican War in 1848, but the town retained its Hispanic culture, and the majority language up into the 1870s remained Spanish. The small community's only noteworthy industries were cattle and tallow, and the prospect for any further business growth was handicapped by Santa Barbara's isolated location. The best way to reach Santa Barbara in the post-Civil War years was by steamship, but the town only had a very short wharf and could not accommodate heavy freight traffic until John Stearns built a long deep water wharf in 1872. With the completion of Stearns Wharf large ships began to call and business flourished.¹⁸

In the 1870s Santa Barbara gained a reputation as a health resort. Journalist Charles Nordhoff focused national attention on the area in an article published in Harper's Magazine in 1873, in which he extolled the recuperative virtues of the town's numerous mineral and hot springs and seaside climate. Thousands of health-seekers came to Santa Barbara, and the resultant tourist business sustained development of the city into the twentieth century.¹⁹

Santa Barbara prospered as a health spa, but the population did not increase dramatically: from 3000 in 1870 to 3500 in 1880. But during the 1870s the framework for the tremendous growth in the 1880s settled into place. A telegraph connection with the outside world was installed in

1870. Gas street lights lit up city streets in 1872. Schools, churches, and, of course, hotels were built to support the city's mushrooming tourist trade. The luxurious Arlington Hotel, catering to the influx of wealthy visitors, began taking guests in 1876. Because the Arlington was located a mile inland, a public trolley system was built to carry passengers from Stearns Wharf to the hotel. In the late 1880s most major streets leading from the wharf were paved, largely to enable visitors to reach the hotels and businesses eager to serve them. The moderate economic boom of the 1870s came to a sudden halt in 1877 when a drought set off a marked drop in real estate prices that slowed for a time the pace of development in Santa Barbara.²⁰

Since the 1860s there had been talk and plans of routing a railroad line through Santa Barbara. The Southern Pacific Railroad linked Santa Barbara with Los Angeles in 1887, but until then all commerce moved through Stearns Wharf. A new real estate boom began in 1886, triggered by the start of work on the rail line. Townspeople anticipated tremendous commercial and industrial growth with the arrival of the first train. A frenzy of construction took place, at times exhausting the supply of available lumber.

The value of land in Santa Barbara increased at such a rate that properties could literally double or triple in value in a matter of hours. One of the more interesting economic consequences of the boom was the way in which transactions

were conducted. According to the Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book for the years 1886 and 1887, almost all transfers of deeds and titles were recorded for the token sum of one dollar.

There were generally two ways to handle a sale of land. The most common method of conveying title was known as "trust deed." This simply meant that the deed was conferred to the buyer based on a trust that he would fulfill the requirements for acquiring the property, and, until he defaulted on that agreement, the property belonged to the buyer. Another method of transfer was "contract for deed," an agreement that the seller would give the buyer possession of the property, but would only convey legal title of the property upon full payment of the purchase price. In other words, the contract was for a deed to be conveyed at an agreed upon time in the future. In most cases of "contract for deed" a banker or financial institution was the seller.

Speculators snatched up and traded land at an amazing rate. Jeannie even mentions in her diary of buying land in the morning and having offers on it later the same afternoon (February 24). In this kind of atmosphere, the usual system of recording land transfers tended to inhibit speculation in property. For recording either the "trust deed" or the "contract for deed," the legalities and paper work could take valuable time. Thus, there seems to have been a mutual agreement during the boom that land transactions, across the

board, would be recorded for one dollar regardless of the actual price. Individuals made deals with handshakes and credit. Bankers were more than happy to finance at high interest rates those people who wanted to play the highly speculative land investment game. Many of those same bankers, a number of whom encouraged and financed Jeannie, were buying and selling land themselves. If there were any people critical of the "one dollar deed" system, they went unheard in the roar of speculation, for no one from government officials to bankers to local investors raised a voice of dissent.

The economic boom reached its apex in August, 1887, when the first train pulled into town with great fanfare. Over 5000 visitors flocked to the Santa Barbara Railroad Jubilee to welcome the train with parades, feasts, and a week of celebrations. Unfortunately, by the end of the year the hoopla was over, and the boom had subsided. Plans of continuing the rail line north to San Francisco ran into financial difficulties, and the effects of a national economic downturn brought the project to a permanent halt. Land speculation, prices, growth, and hopes of prosperity all collapsed, and Santa Barbara became a rather sleepy village again.²¹

When Jeannie arrived in Santa Barbara, she rented a house near the downtown area and began taking in boarders. At some point in 1883, with the financial backing of her brother Mortimer, she purchased the Central Restaurant, located on

State Street directly across from Mortimer's office building known as the Upper Clock Building. Jeannie did well enough in this business that in 1886 when the land boom began, she could afford to invest in a small, undeveloped town lot. It was the first of many real estate ventures in the next eighteen months. One in particular, the purchase of her own house in January, 1887, was one of the factors that spurred her to begin a diary.²²

III

The diary begins on January 10, 1887, and in Jeannie's first entry she speaks of a land purchase that is a critical event for her. "Bought the property next to Mrs Vails to day for a home; hope to be always glad; shall be if I come out as I hope but dear me; one cannot know."²³ The house was located on Chapala Street across from the Arlington Hotel and five blocks from her restaurant. Jeannie was able to afford the house because the Central Restaurant was doing well and because she sold a property purchased the year before for a substantial profit.²⁴ A booming business climate brought speculators into town, customers into Jeannie's restaurant, boarders into her home, and the long-term financial equilibrium that would sustain Jeannie through the lean economic times of the 1890s.

The land boom was also the main force that converted

Jeannie into a diarist; comments on her many business operations form the core of her diary. It begins with the purchase of her "long coveted home," (January 20) and abruptly ends nine months later when, to her relief, she finally sells her Central Restaurant. Jeannie's conception of what to include in the diary is exemplified by an entry where she explains, "nothing especial today; nothing new in the way of business or selling." (June 25) Unlike many women who summarized the days happenings late at night before bed, Jeannie wrote some of her entries when she was at the restaurant, indicating that one of the diary's prime functions was to help keep her business affairs in order.²⁵

There were few days when "nothing especial" happened. During the life of the diary Jeannie purchased four more properties, heard offers almost daily from potential buyers, and eventually sold the restaurant in late September. She considered buying many other lots and was escorted to see them by a number of anxious real estate men and bankers from whom she bought and sold properties and borrowed money. Jeannie believed that "now that things are in such a boom," (March 6) one "could hardly lose." (March 14)

Jeannie did not move into her new house in January, but months later in June, because she was "in a state of mind about the way to arrange the business [restaurant] so as to go into the house." (May 7) The worry about her finances--"feel like I am getting terribly in debt" (February 15)--led Jeannie

to calculate that the rental income the house might earn could offset the mortgage payments on it and other properties. Thus, for the next month after she bought the Chapala Street house she renovated and furnished it to rent out.

When not worrying about the house or properties, Jeannie was preoccupied with her "business," the Central Restaurant. Her opinions of the restaurant were conflicting: "I dont know; its paying me well; but Oh I'm so anxious for a rest if I can have it right." (September 10) The business was profitable, but the time and effort required to operate it vexed her, and she was always prepared to sell it. At least six people approached her about buying the restaurant.²⁶ Finally, as Jeannie was increasingly feeling that "the business is getting heavier than I can manage with any kind of comfort," (August 26) H.W. Lawrence and his wife agreed to buy it. Jeannie, who could not "endure this tension much longer," (September 25) ended her life as a restaurateur.²⁷

As a businesswoman Jeannie participated in a world normally alien to her sex. With a husband incapable of supporting her, Jeannie ran a business, negotiated the deals, handled the money, hired and fired, and arranged her financial interests alone. She learned the characteristics that were needed to succeed in a predominantly male business world and helped other women enter this sphere as well. She sent money to women friends who she felt needed her help and tried to assist others in buying land: "I want to have her get hold of

some land that she can make a few hundred dollars without working for it." (March 6) Women approached her for advice, and she offered them help whenever she could. Jeannie seemed to want to aid women like herself. At one point when a woman inquired about buying the restaurant, Jeannie remarked that she hoped she would succeed and "should feel badly if any good woman should not." (March 17) Later when a man expressed interest in the restaurant Jeannie worried, "Have the feeling that I don't want the reputation of the place to run down after I leave it." (June 8) She seemed to be aware that she was setting an example for other women in business and felt some responsibility in maintaining her good standing.

Jeannie could be tough, shrewd, and calculating in her business dealings when necessary. At one point she is criticized by a renter for being demanding and peremptory. (February 24) When a male boarder pays her with a fraudulent check she immediately files a complaint against him. (March 21) In another incident she is tactful when threatened with a suit by a neighbor over a property-line dispute; she decided "instantly that in this instance especially; 'discretion was the better part of valor' and [will] not bring injunction against her; as that would precipitate the much to be dreaded war that she threatened some weeks ago." (July 29) Jeannie became adept at the art of negotiation, tersely explaining at one point, "Mr Hardy came in and said he knew a party who he thought would give me \$4000 Neg[otiable] for my

1/4. I replied I knew one who would keep it at that figure. and he departed knowing that much more than when he came."

(July 22)

Although finance and business propelled the diary, Jeannie devoted most of the entries to other topics. Her life was rich with people. She mentioned over two hundred and fifty individual friends, neighbors, and business associates in her diary, or roughly four percent of the town's population. Excluding her immediate family, some of her closer friends are referred to twenty or thirty times.²⁸

Jeannie's world in Santa Barbara touched all segments of the population, from Lye and Ling, the immigrant Chinese workers in her restaurant, to friends like Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Low, the wealthy proprietors of the Commercial Hotel. On a daily basis in her restaurant she served meals to between fifty and seventy-five people, both permanent residents and transients. And she boarded between three and ten people at her house at any given time. All in all, Jeannie came into contact with a large assortment of the town's people.

As busy as Jeannie was with her business affairs, she rarely neglected her role as a proper nineteenth century woman, and her diary illustrates the sometimes taxing responsibility it was to maintain her ladylike stature. Her upbringing in the 1840s and 1850s coincided with the development of a "cult of domesticity" in which women were segregated into a "woman's sphere" limited to the home,

church, and family.²⁹ Women were to be the moral and spiritual arbiters of society. According to prescriptive literature, the ideal woman was pure, pious mother, and submissive wife who nurtured her children and maintained a tranquil home environment.³⁰ Although these virtues were difficult for many individual women to maintain, most women, including Jeannie, worked to conform to the expected role.

Being a "true" woman was not just a state of mind, it required a woman's time and attention. For Jeannie, it meant maintaining a home, raising her three girls properly, attending the Presbyterian church twice a week, and participating in a number of other church-related women's organizations. She was an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Women's Missionary Society, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Ladies Aid Society. In addition, she was involved in a time consuming network of socializing that included hundreds of Santa Barbara women. The almost endless obligation of both official and unofficial calling and receiving was stressful for Jeannie sometimes, but she rarely questioned or shirked her duty.

The one element of "true" womanhood that Jeannie lacked in her life in Santa Barbara was a husband. In 1887, Edmund was not an active participant in her life. He was still alive, though, and the tragic circumstances of his situation continued to affect Jeannie. In April she received word of another setback in his condition, a letter "telling a sad sad

story of poor Edmund; it makes my heart ache to read; for now is coming the sequel to long years of dissipation." (April 8) Jeannie prayed "to be clearly shown my duty" to Edmund and decided a day later to send twenty-five dollars "to help make Ed comfortable." (April 9 and 11) At the end of the month she learned "Edmund had had another serious attack; his mind is much impaired; memory almost gone--Oh how sad it is; it just makes me feel that I ought to go to him; but its too late--Once it was not home; save where he was--but now--how changed." (April 30)

Jeannie continued to send money to help pay for Edmund's care, and her life in Santa Barbara reflected his absence. Without Edmund, her need for a home and family life and a sense of permanence in Santa Barbara intensified. While she and Edmund were together for twenty-five years they never bought a house or settled into a community for any length of time. These were key elements that Jeannie lacked to secure her identity as a proper woman: a real home, a stable sense of family, and involvement in a community of women. She obtained the home in January, 1887. And when she moved in some months later, for the first time she did not occupy someone else's house. She wrote, "In our own home will seem strange yet Oh so nice." (May 27) She uses the word "home" in her diary often, and for her it represented concepts far deeper than simply a place to live; it represented the central element that she lacked for a quarter century with Edmund.

Home also meant family, and without Edmund, Jeannie concentrated on creating a close family atmosphere for herself and Effie, Grace, and Gail. Jeannie relied on the two oldest, Effie and Grace, a great deal. Nineteen year old Effie taught Sunday school and was establishing herself as a proper young lady in the community. Grace was seventeen and becoming an accomplished pianist. Seven year old Gail was just beginning her schooling. Like any attentive mother, Jeannie insisted her daughters remain close by; it was "always a sacrifice to have any one of them away from home." (May 8) If one of them spent a day or two with friends, or in Grace's case away at school, there was always great rejoicing when they returned: "What a great blessing when our dear ones can return to us; the birdlings come back to the home nest." (March 30)

What home and family meant to Jeannie was permanence in one place, and that equated to stability and security in her own life. The year 1887 marked a time when Jeannie finally began to feel as if she belonged in one place, and her diary indicates her growing sense of assimilation into Santa Barbara. For instance, the purchase of her home prompted Jeannie to speak about a local woman acquaintance a bit more expansively than she normally would: "What a beautiful thing it is to have friends; those we love and that love us." (January 21) A week later she decided finally to become a full member of her church, after "always putting it off for one reason + then another. thinking I might move away at any

time." (January 29) The furnishing of her new home also caused her to prize things that she never had before: "got many things for the furnishing of the house; the writing desk over which I was especially [pleased]; as I have so many years wanted one; always promising myself one in the 'good time coming' sometime." (January 26)

In 1887 Jeannie saw herself as an active, financially independent resident of Santa Barbara fulfilling the responsibilities of both a successful provider and a proper mother. This dual role apparently also left her increasingly fatigued. There is one dominant way she consistently applies a single adjective to herself throughout the diary: "tired." For example, "Was so tired I could not go to prayer meeting. Am so tired every night I dont know what to do." (July 7) Or, "Think I will stop [at church] as I go home; sometimes think I am too tired to go at night; but as much as possible I must try to do it." (August 28) She even became weary of business talk: "Mr + Mrs Hart came and spent the evening; and talked nothing but real estate; I think Alice got tired of it; even I did for I was so tired." (August 17) These are typical refrains from Jeannie, especially toward the end of the summer when she includes numerous notations of her exhaustion. Normally, she attributes the fatigue to her restaurant and real estate ventures, which often require the sacrifice of her commitments to her family, friends, and church. This situation increasingly became intolerable to her.

The Jeannie Harrison of 1887 is both a breadwinner and homemaker. The result of doing both these things was continual fatigue. In an attempt to alleviate the situation, she decided to sell her restaurant. She was desperate enough that she sold for considerably less than she had originally hoped. If there is one central story-line in the diary, it is the narrative of Jeannie solidifying her financial position and withdrawing from the business world so that she can devote herself full time to her duties as a "true" woman.

The end of the nineteenth century was a time of great change for all women as they reached out from their sphere. Women were beginning to enter the work force in greater numbers, and some were fighting for women's suffrage. Jeannie was a member of the last generation of women who retained the characteristics of "true" womanhood as it had developed through the century. But even she was changing. She may have been pure, pious, and domestic, but she surely was not submissive or dependent. Jeannie had become independent from a husband who was unable to provide for her. What she did with this independence was gamely to construct financial security for herself and for her daughters. Once she felt this was accomplished, she extricated herself from the business world so she could focus entirely on raising her daughters and being a proper nineteenth-century woman. The process of creating this life for herself was fulfilling, burdensome, tiresome, and busy, always busy.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Jeannie Harrison's diary is presented as accurately as possible. Spelling and capitalization appear as in the original, and only in a few cases has punctuation been added to clarify the document. The diary is written in a 8 3/4 inch by 5 3/4 inch lined student notebook. The manuscript lacks pagination. The back cover includes a list of a few addresses and a newspaper article on the medicinal value of animal horn scrapings.

NOTES FOR INTRODUCTION

1) All genealogical information on the Cook family (births, deaths, marriages) has been obtained from a detailed family tree entitled Cook Genealogy filed in the Cook-Harrison Document Collection. Data concerning the Cook family migration to Ohio and their farm in Mansfield are contained in a twelve page hand-written letter by George Hale title Cook Data. See also Kate Turner Correspondence, 1872-1888, for additional information. Turner apparently was the family historian/genealogist who collected information on her kin.

2) See Cook Genealogy and Cook Data for marriage information. For trans-Appalachian migration, see Frederick Merk, History of the Westward Movement (New York: Alfred Knopf, 1978); James Davis, Frontier America, 1800-1840 (Glendale, California: The Arthur Clark Co., 1977); and Malcolm Rohrbough, The Trans-Appalachian Frontier (New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1978). For life on the Ohio frontier, see William Utter, The State of Ohio: The Frontier State, 1803-1825 (Columbus: Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, 1942), pp. 43-49; Francis Weisenburger, The State of Ohio: The Passing of the Frontier, 1825-1850 (Columbus: Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, 1941), pp. 1-37.

3) Harrison family information is contained in a sixteen page hand-written document compiled by Gail Harrison in 1912 form an interview with Charles and Sarah Harrison, known as the Charles and Sarah Harrison Interview.

4) See Charles and Sarah Harrison Interview. Unfortunately, there is little concrete information on Edmund Harrison. He remains a rather mysterious figure.

5) Norman Clark, Washington (New York: W.W. Norton and Co., Inc., 1976), p. 52.

6) Charles and Sarah Harrison Interview. Also, a loose, undated newspaper article in the Cook-Harrison Collection tells of the brothers' adventures on the Oregon Trail.

7) Merk, Westward Movement, p. 185, mentions the Snake River basin as the most dangerous area for Indian attacks in the West.

8) Both quotes from Edmund Harrison Correspondence,

letter dated August 11, 1862, pp. 1 and 4.

9) Quote from Jeannie L. Harrison Correspondence, letter dated January 13, 1863, from Iowa City, Iowa, p. 3.

10) It is not clear when or how Edmund reached California, but in a letter written to Jeannie just before she was due to begin her trip to rejoin him there, he reported he was working at a newspaper in San Francisco. As for the status of their marriage after a two year separation, he wrote, "I hope you got my [last] letter. I feel toward you as I wrote in that + would write you now after the same style if I could only write my feelings but this is only supposed to be a note." (Edmund Harrison Correspondence, letter dated April 1, 1864, p. 1) Jeannie used a few pages of her diary originally written in 1856 to chronicle her journey by sea to California in April and May, 1864. According to her account, the trip was uneventful. (Jeannie L. Cook 1856 Diary, entries for April 11 to May 4, 1864.)

11) There is only fragmentary evidence of the Harrisons' activities in this period. It is clear, however, that they moved often. See Charles and Sarah Harrison Interview; Alice Anderson Letter Collection, 1871-1873; Hannah Cook Letter Collection, 1862 to 1866; Louise Anderson Correspondence, 1880 to 1884.

12) Ibid. See also Cook Data.

13) For information on Edmund's health see Charles Harrison Correspondence, 1887-1888. See Cook Genealogy for information of Gail Harrison's birth.

14) See Charles Harrison Correspondence, letter dated June 19, 1887.

15) See Robert Griswold, Family and Divorce in California, 1850-1890 (Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 1982), pp. 18-23 for California divorce laws and the legal status of women without husbands.

16) See Walker A. Tompkins, Santa Barbara: Past and Present (Santa Barbara: Tecolote Books, 1975), pp.57-59 and 68-69 on Mortimer Cook. Little is known of Jeannie's first years in Santa Barbara. Of some help is Louise Anderson Correspondence, 1880-1884.

17) The early Spanish and Mexican history of Santa Barbara up to 1846 is covered in Walter A. Hawley, Early Days of Santa Barbara, California (Santa Barbara: Santa Barbara Heritage, 1987). See also Edward S. Spaulding, A Brief History of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara: Pacific Coast

Publishing Company, 1964), pp. 1-54; and Tompkins, Past and Present, pp. 1-39, for the history of Santa Barbara under Spanish and Mexican rule.

18) See Owen O'Neill, A History of Santa Barbara County (Santa Barbara: The Union Printing Company, 1939); Walker A. Tompkins, A Brief History of Santa Barbara County (Santa Barbara: Tecolote Books, 1962); John R. Southworth, Santa Barbara and Montecito: Past and Present (Santa Barbara: Orena Studios, 1920); Work Projects Administration, Santa Barbara: A Guide to the Channel City and its Environs (New York: Hastings House Publishers, 1941); Thomas M. Storke, California Editor (Santa Barbara: Pacific Coast Publishing Company, 1966); and Tompkins Past and Present, pp. 40-82, for the history of Santa Barbara from the 1840s to 1900. See Storke, Editor, pp. 31-32, and Tompkins, Past and Present, pp. 60-62, for information on Stearns Wharf.

19) For information on Nordhoff's influence see Work Projects Administration, Channel City, p. 42; and Tompkins, Past and Present, pp. 55-56. Southworth, Santa Barbara, pp. 135-136; and Thompson and West, History of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties (Berkeley: Howell and North Publishers, 1961), p. 214 both note that newspaper publisher J.A. Johnson also began a campaign to attract visitors that had a long term effect on Santa Barbara's development.

20) See Tompkins, Past and Present, p. 55 for population figures. See Work Projects Administration, Channel City, p. 41 for information on telegraphs and gas light installations. See Storke, Editor, pp. 49-55 for background on the Arlington Hotel. See Southworth, Santa Barbara, pp. 135-137 for history of the economic boom of the 1870s.

21) For background information on the railroad in Santa Barbara and its arrival, see Storke, Editor, pp. 65-67, O'Neill, History, pp. 279-281; Tompkins, County, pp. 142-145; Work Projects Administration, Channel City, pp. 43-44; and Southworth, Santa Barbara, pp. 137-138. See Tompkins, Past and Present, pp. 73-74; Southworth, Santa Barbara, p. 137; and O'Neill, History, pp. 281-283 for history of the economic boom times and their eventual decline in Santa Barbara.

22) Jeannie lived on Carrillo Street, between State and Anapumu when she first arrived in Santa Barbara and then moved to her Chapala Street home in 1887. There is no deed of lease or sale on the Central Restaurant on record.

23) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, p. 362. See also Appendix A.

24) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, p. 1. See also

Appendix A.

25) See, for example, entries on January 28, March 6, May 14, and August 26. It is possible that Jeannie wrote the majority of her diary entries while at work at the Central Restaurant.

26) Jeannie mentions six people by name: Mrs. G.H. Doulton, Mr. Fabrique, Carrie Newton, J.H. Shepard, Mrs. C.M. Washburn, and H.W. Lawrence. She implies there were a number of other interested buyers who go unnamed.

27) There is no record of the transaction. However, Jeannie writes on September 16 that she will sell the business to Lawrence for \$1000.

28) For example, the Doultons are mentioned thirty-seven times and Mrs. Hugh Vail twenty-three times.

29) See Cott, The Bonds of Womanhood (New York: Yale University Press, 1977), pp. 197-206; and Barbara Welter, "The Cult of True Womanhood: 1820-1860" American Quarterly 18 (1966): 151-174.

30) Welter, "True Womanhood," outlines the primary roles of a woman and asserts that reform movements of the Civil War era helped to alter the original definitions of womanhood. Jeannie, for one, operated in a different environment in 1887—one that offered new opportunities for women to participate more fully, but generally within the confines of a wider, yet still limited, woman's sphere.

Jeannie L. Harrison's 1887 Diary

January 10, 1887

My dear Sister Alice gave me this book to day; and proposed that she and I begin keeping "Diary" from this time; she having for many years kept one; but not having been very regular about it; since the fatal 5th day of June.(1) Bought the property next to Mrs Vails to day for a home;(2) hope to be always glad; shall be if I come out as I hope but dear me; one cannot know.

Jan 15th

To day sold the lot in Block 110 for nine hundred dollars;(3) don't think I have done very well in this investment but if the others turn out well it will be all right. Mrs Doulton & Ethel were in to day.(4) Had a letter from Nan [Cook] to day.(5) but none from darling Grace.(6) Had a call from Miss Cornelia Ryder.(7) Mr Perkins came for me to acknowledge the deed to Wm Smith.(8)

January 16th

Went to church this morning though feeling so tired. but so glad I did; had the most beautiful sermon by Mr Carrier that I have yet heard.(9) Mr Mitchell from Los Alamos was in the pulpit. Mr M called on me last evening but I was so tired that really I could scarcely entertain him. The indications are favorable for the much needed rain.

Jan 17th

No rain; the sun is shining as brightly as though no rain was needed; but just now I hear a man saying there will be no rain until Feb. when there will be a good rain. Mr Hart called this forenoon;(10) thinks I would have done so much better had I borrowed the money to have invested in land than to have put it in that house;(11) time will settle that question. I am inclined to think him right--sent Grace Ten Dollars to day. read in to nights dispatches that there had been an explosion at the cliff House to day.(12)

Jan 18th

Let Mr Hart have \$560. this morning for a few days; had intended paying him \$300 on the block; but \$260 is to be returned to me in ten days; when I will pay \$500 on the house; to Mr Gorham.(13) Mrs Thornton came to see me about renting the house at \$50 per month; am going with her to see it this

afternoon.(14) Effie went to see Libbie MacLaren this forenoon + is going from there to her History class.

Jan 19th

The blessed rain is falling and how I hope it may be a plentiful one. enough to satisfy every one. Mrs Thornton came this morning to say they had decided not to take the house. should have been glad; if they could have seen their way to do it. A postal from Fairie Cook this morning saying that the date for proving up on her timber claim had been changed from the 11th to the 25th of Feb.(15) am writing to Sister Emily [Vorhies] to day.(16) Effie is writing Grace. sent check to Dr Williams to day for \$30.(17) how glad Effie is better.

Jan 20th

It is bright and clear this morning; looks like the rain was over for this time; business is rather quiet the past few days. got the abstract of Title to the "Home" this morning. it was \$5.00. Fred More said it was cheap.(18) guess it was; for it was a long paper + much writing. This morning it seems to me more than ever in my life that I ought to give renewed praise + thankfulness to God; His mercies are so great. I feel my efforts for my long coveted home are so signally and wonderfully blessed; may my heart never fail in thankfulness.

Jan 21st

Beautiful day; Abbie still continues to improve;(19) signed another mortgage to day made out to Mr Pinkham; Mary B. Post having withdrawn; for what reason have not yet learned;(20) acknowledged it before Judge Bouton, Notary; for which I had to pay another dollar. Had a letter from Mrs. Oves last night; the dear woman is sick she writes with eripipilas; have decided its my duty to send her five dollars. Effie has gone to Miss Gould's bible class that meets at Mrs John Edwards;(21) Mrs Tallent called on her way to the church missionary society I suppose;(22) she is so lovely; I like her so much; what a beautiful thing it is to have friends; those we love and that love us. Fred More said that the interest began with the date of recording the Deed which he said was today.

Jan 22

Forgot to mention under the date of the 20th that I that day paid over to Mr Gorham \$300 on the "home" property and in ten days am to pay \$200 more to make the promised \$500. Recived a letter from Dearest [Grace] last night; they are going to hear Emma Abbot in the "Opera of Martha" I fear she may not get to hear Patti + shall send her money for her ticket and hope Anna [Spring] will change about it somewhat. Noon went to see Mr Woodbridge this morning to pay state + county tax on the Lot I sold.(23) He said getting that house

was the best thing I could have done. glad he approved. Mr + Mrs Chowne called to see Alice + Abbie.

Jan 23

Went to church to day; had an excellent sermon; Text from 119 Psalms ver. 113. After service was a meeting of the members to call a Pastor; 75 votes cast and not one dissenting vote. wonderful--it brought to mind the scenes of nearly one year ago; when Mr Little was balloted for; and dear old Mr Rynason was there; but who has since fallen asleep; his pew was empty; but he dear old man is enjoying that of which Paul tells us it better not entered into heart of man to conceive.

Jan 24th

To day decided to furnish the house; parties have said they wanted it; if it were ready they would take it; went to see Mr Gorham he said to go ahead. (24)

Jan 25th

Went up to the house; and Mr Byram Williams came to see about doing some fixing; arranged with him to make walk all around the house + about changing the W.C.

Jan 26th

Went up to the house + down to Halls and Effie went with me; and we got many things for the furnishing of the house; one which we were quite pleased; the writing desk over which I was especially; as I have so many years wanted one; when living in the city [San Francisco] used to look at them with hungering eyes; always promising myself one in the "good time coming" sometime.

Jan 27th

Spent much of the day at house. Effie all; find it difficult to decide about so many things; whether this or that is the wiser thing to do. spoke to Mr Carrier some days ago about my letter to the church whereupon he wrote to the Green St; now called 4th Cong. Church for my letter and to day it came; quite an embarrassing position I feel it to be to be putting it in after seven years waiting; but I can feel it has made no difference in my real doing or giving to the Lords work; and that is the main point. so whatever may be the opinion or comment among the people; if its all right between the dear Lord and my soul; it is well.

Jan 28th

Up to the house this forenoon + came home [to the restaurant] just in time for dinner so many were in was hard work to get along. Mr Hart was to come at 2 oclock. but did not. Went to Mrs Whites to ge the blue sett; her house is lovely; location beautiful; but dear Effie says she loves the place next to dear Mrs Vails better than any other place in

town.

Jan 29th

Had to go up to the house twice to day; looked into my dear little secretary; how I like it. went this afternoon to preparatory lecture; a goodly number were there; gave in my letter; something I have neglected for some years always putting it off for one reason + then another. thinking I might move away any time. got nearly through at the house; expect parties on to morrow nights Steamer to take the house. Hope I may get nice people in it; + that will keep it until I am ready to go in.

Jan 30th

Had a letter from Nan [Cook] yesterday said [husband] Mortimer was going east to get a shipping centre for his shingles; expressed great anxiety about his going into the extreme cold; careless as he is about himself; but says; "let us all pray that he may be blessed temporally and spiritually and his life preserved." Went to church this morning; wrote Faire telling her I would send her the money the 8th Feb. Looks like rain this evening.

Jan 31st

Spent all the time out of the restaurant up at the house; most every thing is done. Got the gate fixed; and the lock to the front door; and all the doors; not a door in the house with a key to fit. Stephens trimmed some of the rose bushes; straightened up the fence post next to Mr Vails; and a walk is being laid to front door.

February 1, 1887

Mrs Doulton was in to day sat in the kitchen while Effie + I made a cake for the social; it gave me the fidgets to have her looking around while she sat there + as she didnt say much I can guess what she thought; that it did'nt look very well; I dont like to have any one go it; because they cannot understand how it is. Was too tired to go to the social. Had a letter from Anna [Spring] spoke beautiful things about Grace. said she was going to get the talked of dress for Grace etc.

Feb 2

Took Alice up to the house this forenoon; she like it quite well I think. A man was fixing the gate so it would not drag; + so it would latch; I like the walk so well; think to have one to go on around the kitchen door; it saves so much dirt being carried in to the house; and especially as there are mattings on the floors. Going to prayer meeting this afternoon. evening Madge Heacock staid all night; with Beth.(25) Charlie Bliss spent the evening. cousin Newton and Lilly [Cook] were in.(26)

Feb 3

Took Mrs Reed + cousin Lillie in the Bus [trolley] to the house this forenoon they like it very much I think;(27) Mr Alexander + Mr Blakie came there and looked through; seemed pleased.(28) Mr Newman took the round center table up this afternoon + I took up the sheets etc. with me in the bus this morning. Had a letter from Grace to day. the dear child seemed worried about the dress; that I would think she had been thinking her clothes inferior etc. Went to Nobles and got 20 yds pillow casing. Effie changed her bonnet at Mrs Narners for a hat; I liked it much.

Feb 4

Not rented the house yet; hope I may to day. Effie + I went up to day and took up some sheets + spreads. went to Lillies to see Miss Robinson to take the house + let the rooms; she had gone; went in the evening to see Tebbets about advertisement put in wanting a furnished house. am waiting this morning to see what they do.(29)

Feb 5th

Looks like it might rain any minute; but still it does not come down. No word yet about the house being taken; if no word; then I will put in a housekeeper without a moments waiting. Afternoon; the rain is pouring down gloriously; the first rain of the season; that is to say; the first to call rain. Every person rejoicing.

Feb 6th

Went to church; looked very much like rain but did not. Had a letter from Grace said Mr Spring wanted us to get a fac simile of what we sent to Anna for Christmas; and sent it to his niece in Brooklyn N.Y. for a valentine from him.

Feb 7th

Went up to the house; took Mary up to make the beds; a Mr Walker talked of taking it; but after looking at it; said it was not what he wanted; then decided to get Miss Robinson to take charge + let the rooms.

Feb 8th

Miss Robinson was to come up but it rained so dreadfully all day that nothing was done; in the evening a man [Mr. Booth] came in to the restaurant;(30) said he wanted to see the house for a friend of his in Los Angeles; and would go up in the morning to see it.

Feb 9th

Looks like rain; then clears away the sun shines beautifully. Miss Robinson + Effie went up to the house about 10:30 oclock. At noon the same man [Booth] came in and said he would give me \$200 if he staid but one month; \$250 if he

staid two months; and 100 per month if three. concluded to let him telegraph his friend about it. but while it is a fair proposition monetarily; I hope sincerely he will not take it.

Feb 10th

The morning is clear + cold; I like it; it is so pure and fresh. Miss Hollingshead spent the evening with us; she is so cheerful + lively.(31) The man was to let me know to day about taking the house + this evening during supper he came in + said he would take it. wanted more things put in; easy chairs etc. rent begins the 14th. sent to Mr. Kendricks a "mission bells" same as sent to Anna Spring at "christmas" time and sent as per order to Brooklyn N.Y.(32)

Feb 11th

Took the Redwood set out of my room up to the house to day; + the ash set from the Bank;(33) went down street to find Gillet;(34) got him; + Mrs Howard took me up home + on up to the house; A man said he would like to purchase my place but when I told Effie; tears came to her eyes; think the man would have given me a nice advance; told Mr Lincoln at noon;(35) said he would wait a year. I would not get any less; + probably would double my purchase price. will wait. Sent Fairie \$200 the 9th to save her timber claim. got [borrowed] 100 from Geib;(36) + furnished the other myself. A letter came from Grace to day. Sent her a check for \$10.00.

Feb 12th

Looks like it might pour rain any minute. W.N. Cowles paid at noon to day a board bill of Merrifields + others of \$156.00;(37) is beginning to rain; looks like we might have a flood. Effie + Gail helped me bake a cake for Mrs Reeds birth day + for the childrens entertainment but it rained so the latter could not come off; just poured down.

Feb 13th

The morning is beautiful; the air is like nectar; have taken many sips of it; went to church; Mr Carrier gave a beautiful sermon; taken from John 15.2. it made me feel that I wanted to be better; to be good indeed; but oh so human; so weak am I; rained all afternoon + evening.

Feb 14th

Looks like it might rain forever; rained all day hard; Gillet was to take some things up to the house; it could not be done though; got a cot in Knight + Bloods to put in my room in place of the bed I sent to the house. has just poured all day. No letter from Grace.

Feb 15th

The forenoon didnt rain; but this afternoon has made up for it; went notwithstanding to Austin + Nobles; got two more

blankets; 1 doz towels; more pillow cases + Effie + I in the forenoon went to Edwards + got 1 student lamp; 1 Hall; + a kitchen range. feel like I was getting terribly in debt and would like to see the man who rented the house coming with his little old \$200. would be a joke if he never came back. well; we'll see how this little affair turns out.

Feb 16th

This morning is clear + bright; hope we may have two or three weeks pleasant weather. must get the rest of the things in to day if it remains pleasant; so many lectures and meetings of all sorts have had to be postponed on account of weather. arranged for all the things to be taken up to the house on Thursday and Effie + I are to be there.

Feb 17th

Effie went up at 10 oclock to the house; but I couldn't go until afternoon; watched for car; too tired to walk; good many in to dinner to day. when I went up this afternoon; found the stove up; but I was very tried to find they had not polished it; am going to ask him to send some one to do it. The bay window had leaked + the lovely matting had mildewed; already a blemish on the new things; presume there will be plenty more.

Feb 18th

Took Mrs Gorham + Mrs Fisk to see the house; think they like it. Went to get Edwards to send a man to polish the range in kitchen; and how much better it looks now. Mrs Vail came in and sat with me most of the afternoon; promised to go in to morrow afternoon to Ladies Aid to sew on clothing for the Indian Mission; meet at her house.

Feb 19th

Went up to house to be there when several things that I ordered would be brought; the fire rack; washstand for my room; and the man to paint bay window roof; and one comfort to be exchanged; the latter did not come; which of course means another waiting. the firerack I like much. put up towel arms; went in to Mrs Vails + took a cotton flannel waist to make; think I have quite enough to do but if one indulges in that thought too much; they can so soon become narrowed and selfish.

Feb 20th

Went to church; Mr Carrier + Dr Weitzel exchanged pulpits;(38) enjoyed the latters sermon so much; it was on sins of omission; it did me good; and after service; a meeting of the congregation was held to take action in reference to a bequest of \$1000 given by a Mrs Burlingame who was here two or three years ago; and died one year ago; her husband coming here to present the money; the suggestion was made to make it

a nucleus for a parsonage.

Feb 21st

Looks immensely like rain again. Paid Lilly for her bed room set \$20.00; when I got home found Mrs Douulton there; then Mr D came; he staid with Effie while Mrs D + I drove to the house + she seemed to like it; they staid to dinner; began to rain; but did not last long; high wind prevailed. Beth went out to Mrs Thorntons + spent the evening; she is not home much of the time any more.(39)

Feb 22nd

Bunting floating on the breeze and the absence of the evening paper were the main indications of the birth day of the illustrious and honored "Washington". The parties who were expected to go into the house to day telegraphed Mr Booth;(40) they would not be here until the 26th owing to a slight indisposition of Mrs Tiffany [the renter]. Been a lovely day; but rather cool. Had a letter from Grace to day; the darling child; how glad I will be to see her home.

Feb 23

Began to feel that it was time to be getting the rent on the house; with all the postponements of their coming etc. and accordingly wrote Mr Booth a note in the following words "Mr Booth. Dear Sir According to the business rule; there should be a deposit of the rent for one month; please let me hear from you to morrow 24 by 10.30 oclock certainly."

Feb 24th

This morning began with a drive. I guess because I was late getting to business; when I arrived on the scene the room was full of people; and the meat was out. at 8.0 oclock Mr Hart came in + wanted me to go with him to look at a lot 100 ft. front by 300 ft. deep. I told him I could not go until 9.30 at that time we went; and I decided to take it at \$650. 230 down; balance in 6 months; I gave him a check for \$50. and the other 180 the 1st week in March.(41) At dinner when he came in for his check he said a man was ready to give me \$100 advance on it; I said that I would hold for a while. bought Gracie a dress; I think it so pretty; + I hope she will like it. going to have Miss Hollingshead make it + send by express and send gloves to match; for I know she must need. Mr Booth called and gave a check for the three months rent; was quite piqued over what he termed so peremptory a demand. Bette + Effie went to the long talked of Euchre party at Minnie Fordhams; Bette fainted during the evening;(42) if that dear girl would only take a rest as I have urged; she might save herself much; but she thinks she cannot; + I fear for her. A great storm is predicted.

Feb 25th

This is the day for Fairie to prove her claim; I await anxiously to know if the money reached her in time to save it. Went down to Nobles + bought 3 spreads 1 comfort + engaged 2 cheese cloth comforts to put on top of the mattresses; some things at Edwards + the blue toilet set at Hofmans. all of which are to be delivered at the house to morrow. Most delightful day. Effie had a letter from Aunt Nan.

Feb 26th

Spent all the afternoon at the house; and Effie most of the day. Had Afuey to wash the floors and do cleaning for final completion; the Tiffanys are to come this evening; had fires light and lamps burning so it would look cheerful; Effie + Gail staid to watch them until Mary + Nick could leave after supper; and they staid to watch until they would arrive.

Feb 27th

This has been a very charming day; very warm; what must strangers think who come right from a climate of 25 to 30 a day below zero. Went to church with Alice; Mr Carrier gave a fine sermon in 1st chap 2 Timothy ver. 13. house was simply packed. Heard many expressions from strangers of praise. Wrote Anna + Grace.

Feb 28th

Mrs Tiffany came to see me to day about the balance of kitchen furnishing table cutlery etc. Sent them up in time for her to have their dinner.

March 1, 1887

To day was the Annual W.C.T.U. meeting; intended going; but was kept too late by Dr Schenck + wife coming in late to lunch. they engaged rooms of me in my house for next winter. went home too late and too weary to go to the meeting. Effie went to History Class. Mrs Doulton Mrs Hartley; Teresa Dibble; Mrs Doremus Mrs Leland + Mary Ryder all rang the bell during the 2 hours I tried to rest;(43) it made a comical show for the latter. Indications are for rain.

March 2

Mrs Tiffany came to say the water had been turned off + would I see to it; which I did at once; Effie very kindly offered to go down to Mr Canfield + he went to turn it on + at noon I paid for it for March.(44) Rained quite enough to make it muddy. Am going to take Effie to the kindergarten concert. Got a new bonnet to day from Mrs Harner. Mr Grey + friend are coming to spend the evening with Bette. sent the dress to Grace + a "Bits of the Old Mission" to Anna; got it at Mr Kendricks.

March 3

A letter from Grace this morning going to come on the Queen on the 10th. What a great blessing when our dear ones can return to us; the birdlings come back to the home nest; rained a little.

March 4

Sent Grace the money for her lessons; Ticket home; + shoes. Paid Hart the balance of the \$230 to day; which was \$180.(45) Cloudy + looks like rain, but has'nt yet; wind blowing hard; Gail came home from school; had been teased by some girls; + not feeling well was nervous + I allowed her to stay home; complained of sore throat.

March 5th

Most delightful morning. A letter from Nina; her mother + Fairie at the claim. The check arrived there in time. Guess I will take Effie + Gail to the matinee. If Grace were only here. Abby we hope will soon be down stairs; poor dear child how long she has been sick; and how patient.

March 6th

This morning was a most delightful one. Think I shall go to church. Went last night to see if Judge Heacock could put Beth on the way to get a half block that Hart offers at what seems a bargain now that things are in such a boom. but he could see no way he said; I felt awfully sorry when Mr H called this morning according to agreement for my answer; to give it in the negative. I want to have her get hold of some land that she can make a few hundred dollars without working for it. mean to see yet that she does. Went to see Miss Robinson too, but she couldn't [afford property either].(46)

March 7th

Have a most miserable cold + feel wretchedly; its almost all I can do to keep going. We talk + think much of the home coming of that darling Grace; bless her heart.

March 8th

The great event of to day was the coming down stairs of "dear little Abbie" and while they were sitting there in the room; I picked up a package of old letters + found two from dear dear Louie. How glad I was to find them; + I found ones from my blessed father written in 1872. Effie went to history class. Miss Mary Ryder came in to see Abby. Saw in this evening paper the death of "Henry Ward Beecher".

March 9th

Saw John Meany about fixing the bath tub at house; told him about lining it with tin. Went to see Mrs Erskine about getting the couch. like them so much. Went to see Lilly a few minutes as they were in their new house. A telegram came

this evening from Mr Spring asking if Grace might stay for another ten lessons; while the disappointment was great to us; as we had been expecting to see her; yet such a fine advantage does not often come to us; and we decided we would not be blind to it.

March 10th

Cousin Newton Cook wished the loan of \$140 this morning for a few days. I could only let him have \$50 and Alice let him have the 90. Fannie Wright is to be married this evening to Walter Drimmich.

March 11th

The mornings now are very foggy. but middle of the day lovely. Mrs. Mathies was left to undertaker until April when the daughters go east; how sad + so sudden + unexpected. but a few days before had come to our house + taken Alice out to ride. Putting on new roof at house; Mrs Hartley is making Abbie a wrapper; going to have her fix a dress for me + make some underwear.

March 12th

Mrs Doulton + Ethel were in to day; also Bert with them; going in with Dr Moore, meant to go to day to the Ladies Sewing at Mrs Edwards. Had a letter from Anna; she said very nice things about dear Grace. Said she was improving so much. This is so nice to hear.

March 13th

Went to church; Mr Carrier gave one of his finest sermons; the church was filled completely. wrote to Lizzie [Shepard] and Mr Spring.(47)

March 14th

Have been very busy this day and consequently very tired. Many new people coming in for meals--are so busy that I dont know where to put them. Mrs Bronson came to talk about buying some real estate;(48) I gave it as my opinion that she could hardly lose.

March 15th

Went down to look for sample for self a dress; greatly need one for every day; beginning to look shapely I fear. Abbie went over to restaurant to day to dinner; an event we all hail with great joy.

March 16th

Effie + I went to prayermeeting never enjoyed Mr Carrier as much as I did to day. his remarks were so clear; and so interesting. Went on down street to Austin's + got my grey camel hair dress + think I shall like it. got a new business hat; must try to keep from looking shabby.

March 17th

Miss Hollingshead fitted my lining. Mrs Washburn came to see me last night to talk about the business [restaurant];(49) think some of buying it. Hope she will; and do exceedingly well out of it. should feel badly if any good woman should not.

March 18th

Mr Shepard came this morning to see about buying the business;(50) said he would come up this evening but did not. Went to see Woodbridge this morning to ask what he thought I ought to ask for the restaurant he said \$2500. and as that agreed with what I had thought I settled upon that. Mr Hart was in and I told him if he could sell the 1/4 to do so;(51) for I wanted to get the 13 acres he had told me about.

March 19th

This is saturday and a very busy one it has been. The day in itself has been beautiful. Col Woodford has been lecturing all this week in Cranes Hall every evening this week but every night finds me so tired I cannot go. but would so much like to. Effie had a letter from Grace; but it was so brief that dear little Effie cried + felt grieved that she that loved so much should get so brief a missive; but we all know it was not from lack of affection on Gracie's part. Had a long letter from Howard N. Coleman; and one from Mrs Oves; poor dear woman is sick.

March 20

This is the 15th anniversary of the death of my beloved mother; it never comes around but I think of it; and of my sad and tearful parting with her nearly two years previous to her death; and the revered form of my dear father comes before me as in that same day I bade him my last goodbye; though with him I felt I should see him again; but alas I never did. Went to church and listened to a very fine sermon by Mr Carrier. Church crowded + he announced his acceptance of the church's call. Gail and I went to the theatre to a childrens temperance meeting; presided over by Col Woodford; house was full. fire bell rang and people began to go out in great numbers. they began to sing and that checked them. Went in the evening; the house was filled with all classes; he gave his own experience; it was similar in general to John B Goughs. Sister Alice + I each gave fifty cents. Wrote to Grace.

March 21st

Beautiful morning. this morning had an experience with one of my boarders; Joseph Milligan; he had given me on Saturday after Banking hours a check on the SB County Bank for \$25.50 which proved to be a fraudulent check, he having no money in the bank at all. Went to see Mr Haverly and filed a

complaint for his arrest.(52) Dont know whether he can be found or not; hope to hear to day; I dislike to do this; but justice demands that such rascals be attended to; not only that they may be taught a lesson, but that others may be protected from similar inflictions.

March 22nd

Feel miserably mentally this morning. the report is current this morning that I sold the business yesterday. I only wish I had. Mrs Hartley is sewing for Alice to day; making a shirt for Abby then I am going to have her come + sew on Gails clothes; dresses + shirts. Alice + I went to the W.C.T.U. at Mrs Scudders rooms;(53) Col Woodford gave quite a talk. I gave \$1.00 for the "Union Signal" and paid my annual W.C.T.U. membership fee of \$1.00. Been very warm for two days.

March 23

Warm again to day. 2 lbs. containing our china dinner set came to day. Paid Knight & Blood the bal. of their bill. Paid Hall on acct \$25.00. Looks like rain. Alice and I went to prayermeeting and Effie staid with Abbie.

March 24th

Effie + I went to see Percy Dillon and Mrs Tallant. Then went to call on Mrs Carrier for the first time. liked her so much; she is a very excellent woman I am certain. We were so glad we went. A letter from Fairie yesterday in which she expressed so much gratitude for the money sent; but feared she would lose it after all; the objection being made that she did not live on it while she was teaching.

March 25th

Went down street this afternoon while Effie went to her bible class; I got the swiss to fix her muslin dress; pique for Gails sleeves; and a choice table cloth; long one; and one nice short one. How I like these things.

March 26th

A letter from Nan; and Effie one from Grace. Gail has gone up to see Emily Fish.(54) got a vinegar cruet (an old gold bottle) at Hofmans I am trying to collect things for when we go into the house. Heard the Tiffanys were going away.

March 27th

Went to church and heard an excellent sermon; announced communion for next sabbath April 3. got home too late to go to the Temperance meeting; went this evening; a great many people were there; he [Woodford] is certainly doing a good work in S.B. gave starting figures.

March 28th

Effie + I took a Bus ride she going to the Perkins; and I and Gail went to Mrs Fish's + the Gorhams; got home just in time to get to restaurant.

March 29th

Left \$6.00 at Hofmans for the man who ploughed the 1/4; took a bus and went for Mrs Thornton; and then went to see Mrs Brinkerhoffs house near the mission.

March 30th

Mrs Sawyer + Mrs Bond came to collect for paying Col Woodford.(55) Effie + I went to prayer meeting; the announcement was made for communion on April 3.

March 31st

Went in again to see about Effie's little silver watch at Eaves.(56) it had not come yet. got a pair of glasses for self; did not like them as well as the others.

April 1, 1887

Effie & I went down town to the office [Bank Building] + looking at various things + heard of the Tiffanys being gone from the house; Mr Booth is keeping the key and I suppose will until the time is out the 14th of May.

April 2nd

Went to church this afternoon; it being preparatory lecture; quite a number were there.

April 3rd

All went to church; Bette + Mrs Woodward went too; the unfermented wine was used in the sacrament to day. Abbie is not nearly so well again. Gail + I went to hear Col Woodford this evening for the last; theatre was filled full.

April 4th

Mrs Doulton + Ethel were in to day + staid quite a while + asked for Gail to go out on tuesday and stay a couple of days; their not being in school this week I thought she might. Lottie Spring wrote asking me for Grace to remain a week or two more; but Effie + all of us said No we must have the dearie home now.

April 5th

Went to Mr Eaves this morning + told him to have Effie's watch ready for me the evening of the 6th for I intended to give it to her then.

April 6th

Mr Doulton came in + said Gail was having such a good time would I permit her to stay until the next day. Carrie

Newton was in to know what I would ask for the business; and what would be the requirements etc. going to write to her nephew Fred Cook. would rather sell for cash down. went in and got little watch + gave it to dear little Effie to night; she seemed so pleased with it.

April 7th

Rain is falling softly this morning + Mr Doulton brought Gail in; + took Effie out to stay until saturday; how lonely I feel without her; dear child; what would life be without these precious children of mine; Gail has chatted incessantly about her visit; what she saw and what she did; bless her heart; Oh how my heart aches for Alice and Abbie in their great loss; their Louie; they cannot look for her return.

April 8th

Went to hear Capt. Goodall in the first lecture before the Y.M.C.A. last night. the lecture was solid sense; but not very much polish; by no means an intellectual treat. Looks much like rain. Recived a letter to day from Dr [Dent] with a letter from Charles Harrison to him telling a sad sad story of poor Edmund; (57) it makes my heart ache to read; for now is coming the sequel to long years of dissipation; I pray "Our Father" to temper the wind to the shorn lamb in this instance.

April 9th

The letter received yesterday has engrossed my whole mind; I pray to be clearly shown my duty; shall write to Dr Dent + to Charles Harrison to day. Hope Effie will come in from the Doultons this morning it is so lonely. Had a letter from Nan today; and Effie one from Faire. Nan tells of Mortimer being in good spirits; and says he is determined to win. Been both cloudy and windy; and threatens rain; rained very hard last night will do heaps of good.

April 10th

The wind has blown dreadfully; to day went to church. Prof. Bucham of Buffalo gave an Easter sermon. Mr Carrier having gone to presbytery at Los Angeles. The Altos being decorated with Calla lillies in clusters; quite a number were in to dinner to day. went up[stairs] to see Abbie this afternoon a while. Beth has been with us all day; it does seem so nice. Gail is writing Grace; we hope next sunday she will be with us.

April 11th

The wind has blown a gale to day. Sent \$25 to Charlie Harrison to help make Ed comfortable. what a sadness pervades my every hour. Went to see how Mr Sawyer was; Mrs S said he was a little more comfortable in the afternoon. Mrs Tallant + Percy Dillon called; Minnie Jordan + Matie then Mrs Doulton + Ethel + Bert came. went to the opera; "Ballallio" with Mrs

D + E. would have enjoyed it; only the load at my heart.

April 12th

Mrs Doulton took me in the buggy and we drove over the 1/4; it had been ploughed and fence moved according to the survey. looked nicely. That property is certain to pay for the home on Chapala St. Three different parties are talking in reference to the business [restaurant]. the one who pays the most and down; is the one who will get it.

April 13th

Went to the missionary meeting this afternoon. Mrs Carrier presided and most certainly honors the position she will inspire many to work that heretofore felt too timid; or with their many duties felt excused; but through her winning counsel are persuaded to work before they know it. sent a few last lines to Grace; that she may get before sailing on Friday.

April 14th

Went down this afternoon to Halls store; + found some more of the Knapp articles that I got; a french coffe pot + the cummingest teapot; another one or two of the nice bottles for which I have such a weakness + various other articles that I expect to find use for in the home. Another man is talking of the business; from San Francisco; I have not seen him yet; been talking to "Desmond & Doulton".(58)

April 15th

Effie's dress from Altmans came to day; the fit was good; but the stripe of black was too wide; rendering its appearance conspicuous; so we sent it back to be exchanged; Grace comes to morrow if all goes well; how we all are anticipating her coming. Rained to day. Intended doing some things preparatory to Gracies coming; polishing the little stove; replacing the paper over the Transom Etc.

April 16th

Have done the foregoing intended things this forenoon. Had a letter from Grace. Effie is so glad to have Grace come home--guess I know a whole family that is. Mrs Doulton + Ethel came. Gail + I went down to meet her; watched the Santa Rosa steam up to the side of the wharf; and saw our dear Grace smiling and happy looking for us. Well we took her to Henry's Hack and landed safely at our door where all were awaiting us. Mrs D had gone; but dear little Ethel remained all night.

April 17th

All went to church. Listened to a Mr Williams a personal friend of Mr Carriers who was stopping at the hotel; Mr Carrier having a bad cold; got him to preach for him.

April 18th

Spend most of the day talking over times and events of Gracie's absence + several were in to see the dearie. Alice and I went this afternoon to see Lilly for a few minutes.

April 19th

Alice + I went to the W.C.T.U. which met in the "Temperance Headquarters Odd Fellows Building" quite a number were there; reports from committees on prison work and work in general. Elected Mrs Vail President. Heard from Mr Sawyer that he was not so well; fears are felt that he may not recover.

April 20th

Grace and I were all that could go to prayer meeting; Mr Carrier selected verses to be read by those who might feel like it; Mrs C led in prayer once; the subject of the day was assurance of faith. The Floral Fair opened to day;(59) but could not go; having taken such a heavy cold making the coffee for the "Good Templars" night before. Bette treated to night with "ice cream" it was decided the best we ever had; it was orange.

April 21st

Had a few lines from Faire returning the check sent in Feb. Had to send it back for Mr Haydens signature. Wind blowing hard. Was told of the gate being down up at the house; think its funny. Want to get in there to take care of things.(60) Mr Hart came the other day to say he thought he had a purchaser for the 100 ft. on the foothills; but not sold up to date.(61)

April 22nd

Abby was down stairs a little while to day + sat a half hour in the yard in the sunshine. Effie + Grace went down to Mrs Kenneys to get a hat for E. hope it will be satisfactory to her when done. Dear little girls how I love to see them enjoying each other. This is the last day of the Rose fair and none of us have been there yet. Lilly came with Dana this afternoon to see Abby + Grace. Effie went to Bible class; I tried to look up something on India for my paper next missionary day.

April 23rd

Must write my paper on India soon; begin it any way to day; but its warm; and my face hurts; and I dont feel like doing anything; Abby came down stairs to day but feels weak and is going to ask for the Dr to carry her up stairs. Went this evening to see Dr Knox about my face; he did not tell me what it was; but what it was not. prescribed a wash for it.

April 24th

Just about sick this morning was all I could do to stay at the restaurant; but felt a little better later on. Did not go to church. wrote Anna. Been a very warm day. Beth went with Miss Woodward and two gentlemen to the Riviera to day. a good many in to dinner to day. Minnie Jordan came to see Effie. Effie + Grace went to Y.P's [Young People's] prayer meeting and staid for church.

April 25th

Very warm to day. Effie + Grace got Nick [a horse] and drove to see Mrs Low.(62) Willie Shaw was taken with something like epilepsy just as the dinner was about through.(63) Poor boy it seemed too bad; went to see him after supper; was suffering some from pain in the region of the heart. Mrs Shawn + Miss Hollingshead + Matie were in awhile this evening. told Abby we would go into the house as soon as Mr Booths time was out.

April 26th

A great many were in to dinner to day--and Willie being out it was a little hard to get through at noon; thirty eight transient were in which with 55 regulars made 93 we dined. wrote some more on my india paper. Decided that Grace would play the "Psalms" [on the piano] at the graduation exercises as the class wished her to play. Went with Miss Hollingshead to say goodbye to Mrs Erskine + Finch; they start east to morrow.

April 27th

Alice + I went to the missionary meeting; not very many were there. Read my paper on geography of India. and guess it was perhaps worth reading; but it is little good for me to attempt to do much outside of my regular line; this is quite enough. Been foggy all day.

April 28th

Another foggy day; all day the fog has hung over the city. there has been no special occurrences to day to note. this evening Mr Hart brought me deed + abstract of Title to the same; of the Block towards the Monticito.(64) met Mrs Delaney on the street; said she was going to bring suit against Mr Hart for moving the fence on her 1/4.(65)

April 29th

Business is falling off quite a good deal the last few days; but it may not last very long. Took my bunting dress to the dyers; and stopped to see Lilly on my way back; had a very pleasant little visit. When I got home found Mrs Doulton there; they have decided they cannot take the business.

April 30th

Do not feel very much energy to day. Had a letter from Charles Harrison; said Edmund had had another serious attack; his mind is much impaired; memory almost gone--Oh how sad it is; it just makes my feel that I ought to go to him; but its too late--Once it was not home; save where he was--but now--how changed.

May 1, 1887

Went to church; was beautiful day. Mr Carrier gave a good discourse from John 19 (forget the verse) "He went forth bearing the cross." Bette had a letter from Laura Frick telling her she could get her a place on the "Oakland Enquirer" where they give 35 cts per 1000 words; really I think if she is not going with us; I will be willing to have her go.(66)

May 2nd

Very warm day indeed. Went to see Woodbridge about the rent Etc. [on the restaurant]. Went to Miss Rynersons to see Mrs Washburn about taking charge until such time as I can sell; but to my regret found she had gone to Mrs Dugdales to take charge for the summer. so ended that.(67)

May 3rd

Another exceedingly warm day. Effie went up to Libbie MacLarens yesterday + already we miss her and are wishing her home; Mrs Otis called to day. Mrs Reed was in. Went to see Miss Robinson about taking charge of the restaurant; but not a soul was to be found at Mr Elliots house where I supposed her to be found;(68) then I sent for Mrs Hartley.

May 4th

Gail came home from school to day quite ill; but with my usual hot water treatment she seemed to get better. Mrs Doulton was in; then Mrs Howard + Miss McMartin called; in the evening Mrs Tallant + Percy Dillon; then Mrs Rogers + Emily Bliss;(69) and by the time all were gone it was 9.30 oclock.

May 5th

Went from the Restaurant over to see Mrs Thornton + as she was going to ride with Mrs Lincoln; I only remained a few moments and went to see Lillie + talked business all the time. The stern fact is that I dont know what to do.(70) Gail does not seem very well to day. Effie came home to day from Lillies. Had a letter from Mrs Spring.

May 6th

Gail appears better this morning and how thankful I am; Went to call with Effie on Mrs Otis at Mrs Kinsells;(71) and called at the White House to see Miss Berey but she had gone. Alice had a letter from Nan this evening. Spoke encouragingly

of Mortimer's prospects there.

May 7th

Lovely morning. Grace went to ride with Percy Dillon this morning. Gail is much improved; how glad I am. Am in such a state of mind about the way to arrange the business so as to go to the house the middle of the month. Wonder really what I will do. Hope I may be led to do the right thing.

May 8th

Went to church Alice + I; Gail not able; neither Effie; and Grace out at Ethel [Doulton's]. Had a most stirring sermon by Mr Carrier on the text "every man to his work." Beth went to Mrs Thorntons to dinner; Beth told us last night of Harry Lincolns + Annie Stanwoods engagement. Grace did not come home as we hoped; it is always a sacrifice to me to have any one of them away from home.

May 9th

Mrs Carrier invited us all up to her rooms this evening to an informal talk on Egypt. think we will try to go. I am still undecided about the business. Mrs Doulton came in to bring Grace home; and having had no reply to my note to Mrs Washburn; Mrs D very kindly offered to take me up there to see her. she thought she would like to do it [take charge of the restaurant]; but neither of us quite see the way to it yet; as I dont want to take away Mrs Dugdales help. Alice + I went this afternoon to see Mrs Thornton about Mrs Van Pelt; (72) found Mrs V.P. was intending to leave on to morrow nights boat; so determined at once that to see her was the proper thing. we walked to Mrs Jones at the "Simpson place" and found her absent; but that she would come about 6 oclock and see the girls. she came + treated them; and Abbie did things she had not been able to do for years and I shall not say more until further developments.

May 10th

The whole day has been one of great gladness + wonder at the results of Mrs Van Pelts treatment with Abbie + Effie. Mrs Van P. left to night on the steamer; had given Abbie + Effie three treatments; and Oh the change. I feel like saying with David of Old "Bless the Lord Oh my soul" "bless the Lord for all his benefits".

May 11th

Mrs Van Pelt is to continue what she terms "absent treatment"; they both still seem better. To night is the installation of Mr Carrier as Pastor of the P[resbyterian] Church. Alice + I went to prayer meeting. and out this evening. To morrow night is to be a social reception.

May 12th

Baked a cake for the social went for my dress at the Dyers + to Mrs Hartleys; came home + worked on Gails dress that Mrs Hartley made too large in the waist. Mrs Jones, Mrs Van Pelts sister made a very pleasant call. Grace, Gail + myself went to the social; invited Mrs Sharon + Miss Hollingshead + Clara + Daisy to go with us. Had more than a usual pleasant time.

May 13th

Warm day. Mrs Booth left the key of the house;(73) and the girls and myself went up at once to look through things; there were many flies; everything was dusty and dirty and the kitchen looked not very well; but nothing was broken so far as seen. The roses were lovely; and the girls jubilant. We invited Mrs Thornton + Matie to tea and Charlie + Minnie to come in the evening + I am going to have ice cream all of which was to have been Beths birth day; but owing to the installation services one evening + the social reception at the church could not do it until to night.

May 14th

Heard yesterday that negotiations were in progress for the sale of this [restaurant] property; including from Eaves to the corner of Carillo St; if this be true it is going to be damaging to me; unless I can secure a lease from the new owner.(74) Weather quite warm. The girls are still gaining. Beth has at last consented to go with us to [board at] the house; and we had a regular jubilee over it last night. We are all so glad.

May 15th

Went to church to day; Mr Carrier gave us an eloquent sermon. Our household was much exercised over dear Dr Belcher who it is said is given up to die;(75) blood poison having set in. Abbie feels so intensely that Mrs Van Pelt must be sent for; + so do we all; but have given it over for to day. Mrs Bronson + Kate came down this evening about the message I had gone up to see them about. Effie + Grace went to Young Peoples Prayer meeting + staid for the evening service. Heard from Mrs Farley that Dr Bates mother was thrown from her buggy + seriously injured. Mr Sawyer has improved to the extent of being able to sit up some.

May 16th

Cool + foggy this morning. saw Miss More; said Dr Belcher was fast losing ground; and that all hope of her living was given up. Oh how sad this is. Effie + Grace spent all the day up at the house cleaning--just to think that Effie is able to do this; it is so wonderful; Abbie walked to Mrs Norways with her mother; + back again within the hour.

May 17th

Went again this morning to see Mrs Bronson about the matter of sending for Mrs Van Pelt; but on going there; Kate + I went to see Mrs Jones; + she did not think her sister was at Los Angeles; But did finally telegraph to a Mrs Wilson at San Diego. but received no reply. Kate came down just at dark from Dr Belchers house said no change so far as seen.

May 18th

Engaged Henry to come and take Abbie to ride past the house this morning; but as it is foggy; deferred it to another time. Mrs George Wright came to see if I would rent my house said that was her pet place;(76) but I told her I had promised my family to place them in there next week. Mrs Doulton + Ethel were in to day. Went to prayer meeting Alice + myself. Sunday school picnic is to be saturday 21st.

May 19th

Dr Belcher still living + sent word by Miss Wade she wished to see me; + I immediately went up--how I felt; talking with one I believed so near the threshold of the other world; she appeared so bright so perfectly resigned + happy. asked about the girls--how was Effie + also about Mrs Reed. Said she thought Grace might be a physician as she had been; thought she possessed the qualities to be a successful one; said this was the most happy and beautiful day of her life. I held her hand all the while I talked kissed her when I entered; and kissed her twice when I bade her goodbye + I knew I had heard her speak the last time. dear dear Dr Belcher may I welcome the coming of the angel of death even as she. Had a letter from Charlie Harrison telling of the taking of Ed up to Sacramento because he had gotten discontented where he was.(77)

May 20th

Foggy all day--Dr Belcher still living; it was said she experienced hunger this morning and took some nourishment. Effie went to Bible Class; + Grace and I baked a chocolate cake + got things for the S.S.[Sunday School] Picnic. Grace went to the Bronsons to enquire about the telegram that Mrs Bronson + I sent but she did not know. Wrote Mr Perkins; saying I would vacate the brick house I have occupied the past five and a half years by June 1st. Miss Oakly called in the evening.(79) Beth goes to work to morrow night again for a weeks night work.

May 21st

Effie Grace + Gail went in the buggy with their lunch to the picnic; hope dear old steed Nick will behave well with them; always have a twinge of fear at my heart when they are out. A letter from Nan to day; Read in Mrs Jones book on Christian Science to Alice + Abby; there is very much I cannot

understand. Have heard nothing from Dr Belcher to day.

May 22nd

Abby went to church this morning and all of us; heard nothing from Dr Belcher yet; Mrs Cramer, Mrs Williams mother died this morning. Tried to write Auntie Cook; not finished yet. Effie + Grace went to prayer meeting (Y.P.) and staid to service. Grace went to enquire for Dr B the word was "about the same."

May 23rd

Went to see about the mistaken screens; and to Larco to see about the fish. Did some mending; Mrs Doulton was in; + Mary Doremus came to know if Grace + Gail could go out to their house for a couple of days--of course I said yes-- + it was Mrs Doultons birth day + all were to have a picnic at the Rincon [beach].

May 24th

According to agreement Mrs Doremus came for the girls + all went out (that is Grace + Gail) and were to go with them to the picnic. Decided not to move until the 30th. The men I first talked over the screen business with had already made five windows + two doors; I took those + got John Steele to make the balance as he is owing me.

May 25th

Alice and I went to prayer meeting; Mrs Carrier asked us both at noon if we would respond; if she were to call upon us to lead in prayer; I was guilty of declining. Why is it that we should be so timid about speaking before any one I cannot understand; I suppose the true solution is that we lack sufficient love in our hearts for Christ. "More love to thee O Christ more love to thee."

May 26th

Grace + Gail came home reported a fine time; all of us have worked all day to get ready for Helens wedding. She looked very pretty and everything passed off pleasantly; we sent Helens present by Grace this afternoon. The church was very prettily decorated.

May 27th

Sent up the books + pictures to the house to day + will finish up on Monday the 30th. In our own home will seem strange and yet Oh so nice. The books Effie arranged so tastefully and I think the parlor is going to look so nicely considering. Was quite a warm day. Wrote Mrs Wilson at San Diego.

May 28th

Baked Mrs Reeds cake for her lunch; as she leaves the

30th for Chicago; wonder if I ever will meet her again. So many changes just now. Paid \$4.00 to become a member to the "National Library Association at Chicago"; which enables me to get the standard books at a greatly reduced price. Paid Mr Geib to day; the interest on the \$150. I borrowed one year ago; and also on the \$200 of Auntie Cooks; 17.50 altogether; being the semiannual amount of the two; the previous payment made November 24th.(80) Alice + I went up to Mrs Reeds room a few minutes. Heard Dr Belcher was a little more comfortable.

May 29th

We all went to church heard a beautiful sermon. Text in 56. Psalms; "What time I am afraid I will trust Thee" Had a most terrific thunder storm lasting from dark till after midnight--many people were frightened--Gail was the only one of our household who was frightened. Had a little visit this afternoon with Mrs Reed. Gave Clara a pair of shoes.

May 30th

Moved to the dear home to day. Mrs Reed leaves to night. Dr Belcher ["was laid" crossed out] passed away this morning--one after another is crossing to the other side.

May 31st

Looks dark; and peal after peal of thunder we have heard all forenoon but no rain. The funeral of dear Dr Belcher is to be at 3 oclock.

June 1st

Grace + I went to Dr Belcher's funeral yesterday; it looked every moment like it would pour. Mrs Vail + I were assigned a carriage that we felt too nervous about the horses to go on out to the cemetery; and we got the driver to turn off at Carillo St and take us home. Mrs Dugdale is going to take two rooms perhaps for some people that are coming to her.(81)

June 2nd

Cloudy all day. Went to have my bunting dress fitted. Bought 17 packages of toilet paper + took the Bus + went home. After noon hung the pictures. Mr Carrier called. Teresa + Francisca Dibble, Mrs Vail. Rented both our rooms to the friends of the Dugdals. Mrs Wilson of San Diego called on her way up to San Francisco to attend the metaphysical convention; took her up to the house and enjoyed the half hour she spent talking of this Christian Science.

June 3rd

Been cloudy all day again. So damp in the mornings; Have Mr Patrick trimming the roses to day. Mr Stephens cleared away the weeds in the back part of the yard.

June 4th

Beautiful day; but to me like all other days; busy. Mrs Delaney came to me to day and very abruptly said to me; that she had come to notify me that she intended bringing suit against me for moving the fence on her 1/4--further than her statement of this day;(82) I dont know what will be. Mrs Vail came with her new Phaeton + took me to make calls. went to Mrs Franklins; Stauffers; Mrs Taylors; Brownsills + Metschus.(83) Had my first bath in the house; the dear little Girlies had heated water + carried it up for me.

June 5th

This is the anniversary of dear Louie's tragic death--how it comes to us at this first annual round; it seems so near; she has been gone a year; Oh to think of it. Went to church; Mr Jones Lewis gave a rather peculiar sermon; touched on the probabilities of the future existence etc. Stopped also at church in the evening--the moon is full and it was so lovely.

June 6th

Sunny + bright weather again. Had a second postal from Mrs Reed; getting along all right. Mrs + Mr Hart were in the other night; gave the note of warning to be ready for the \$400 payment in August.(84) Hope I can sell out by that time. I am so tired.

June 7th

Went last night to hear Mrs Carrier lecture on the city of Thebes--wish I knew a little of what she does. Abby + Effie are still gaining. Went with Grace to Dr Lee to have a tooth filled; then we went to Cousin Newtons + then it was time for business. Mr Fabrique came in to know if I would sell the restaurant and I told him to come in at another time and we would talk it over. Very tired when I got home; talked a little time.

June 8th

Beautiful day; Mr Fingers friend Mr Fabrique came in at 2:30 to talk figures on the business--looked over the year--said he would think it over;(85) I told him to take all the time he wanted--I have the feeling down deep in my heart that he could not make a success of it. Have the feeling that I dont want the reputation of the place to run down after I leave it--neither for my sake; nor the one that purchases. Had a letter from Hervey [Cook] to day.(86)

June 9th

Sent Mrs Reeds letter off to day. Took in the first money for the rooms in my new house this evening. Mr Spencer paid me for one week \$7.00. The Dugdale's [boarders] leave to morrow; they were so nice I hate to have them go; they or rather the young lady sketched the house. they were so nice.

Effie went out with Mrs George Edwards to stay three or four days. (87) I miss her so. Miss Dillon + Mr Tallant were up this evening + Miss Hollingshead. Had ice cream and it was so good.

June 10th

Mr Fabrique came in to say he would pay me \$1500 for the business. and I then asked until Monday the 13th to consider. Effie is still out to Mrs George Edwards + I do miss her so.

June 11th

Had Ginny to clean windows + wash floors--one of my rugs are missing. Mrs Houseman called to day on her way to San Diego. Had sold her home in S.F.

June 12th

Childrens day at the church. S.S.[Sunday school] concert. The decorations were very pretty indeed; no prettier sight than to see happy children--morning and evening was given to them. Percy Dillon did not get off as expected. Effie came in from Mrs Edwards and went back to stay until Thursday. Mrs Vail wrote me a sweet little not to come in as they were expecting to go 13th (to morrow) to southern places.

June 13th

Saw Mrs Vail to day she wished me to take her black silk [dress] into my house + keep until her return. Mr Fabrique came in for my reply about the business; and I asked for another day. Went to see Mrs Washburne--she came to see me in the evening--the more I talked the more undecided I became--couldnt sleep--feel quite restless over it.

June 14th

Was all ready to say my acceptance of terms; but he [Fabrique] said some change had come in his money matters and he was not quite ready to say he would take it.

June 15th

Let the large room this evening to Mrs + Mr Painter. The curtains are being put up in the parlor. Think I shall quite like them. Effie came home much to our joy.

June 16th

An oppressively warm day--a hot wind blew all last night--every one feeling it very much. Having the doors in the hall fixed; Mr Fleming painting them--got a box of currants for jelly but too warm to do them. Miss the Vails so much. The prayer meetings are Thursday evenings now instead of the old established Wednesday afternoon. Alice + Abbie went; but the end of the day found one too weary.

June 17th

Had a letter from Mrs Reed, Woodward + Houseman.

June 18th

All well--warm day. Made some currant jelly. Bought 1/2 lb sugar.

June 19th

Went to church. Met Mrs Maxfield; used once upon a time to be Jennie Potter of Iowa City. Matie + Mr Jordan called in; also Mrs Leach. The girls went to church. Miss Jackson came to see Alice + Abbie.

June 20th

Beautiful day. Mr Doulton took me to see Mrs Rainey's house. Overtook Alice + Abbie and they got in + "we all took a ride". Much discussion over what we shall put at the bay window for draperies. Received an invitation to a reception at the Lows.

June 21st

Alice + I went to see Mrs Maxfield at Mrs Metcalfs + then went to the meeting. Walked home and bought a pair of shoes at Bells. Talked much about curtains + rugs + things. Stephens gave our yard its first mowing; beginning to look quite nicely.

June 22nd

The girls all wrote to their Uncle Hervey. Talked more + more about draperies--its hard to get settled and done fixing things.

June 23rd

Went to the Reception at Capt. Lows--perfect crowd; every person with their sisters + their cousins and Aunts were there; we went in the Bus (Effie + I) as also Mrs Lincoln; Dugdale; Miller; Calder; Ely; Mr + Mrs Thompson + some young ladies.(88) Enjoyed it more than I anticipated. Abby + Miss Jackson went to the boat to meet Bessie Curtis.

June 24th

Effie rec. an invitation to Bell Mores to a reception on 27th.(89) Began with Mr Leland's [horse] Nick to day. Some people called for rooms but did not decide. Lillie + Newton were up this evening.

June 25th

Warm day; nothing especial to day. Nothing new in the way of business or selling; except that Mr Putnam talked with me about some friend of his that he thought might buy. It takes a long time.

June 26th

Went through the usual routine of work; and went to church in the morning and evening; The evening was a union meeting of all the churches in the interest of the Y.M.C.A.

June 27th

Went up to see about the washing at Nancys house. Paid Mrs Gar \$2.00 for July water for my washing + Mrs Valdez's privilege of doing it there.

June 28th

Got the curtains for the east room down stairs--let the room for a few days to Mr Miller + wife of Pasadena.

June 29th

Went to prayer meeting or rather it was missionary meeting subject Africa. Several papers were read; Miss Berry; Miss Axtell + Miss Gould gave each quite a talk on the Missions established. Went after to see Mrs Cameron.(90) found Mrs Cremins very depressed; have been much exercised over it.

June 30th

Very foggy again this morning but the day was beautiful after. Bessie + Gail have gone to the Beach. The girls + myself made a cake for the "Y" meeting at Mrs Kellogs + one for ourselves. first cake in our own house.

July 1st

One year ago to day sailed from San Francisco for S.B. after the sad sad taking from life of dear Louie; for which I went to San Rafael. Got a lawn mower to day. Girls have mowed the lawn.

July 2nd

Preparatory lecture to day. Grace went before the session and to morrow will be received into the church. If there are pure souls in this world; I think that child is possessed of qualities of spirit as any this side of Heaven.

July 3rd

Had a great indecision in reference to having Gail baptized but finally decided to have her baptized with Grace. Quite a number on profession of faith and a number by letter. was glad I did it. Went to evening service Alice Grace + I. Quite a patriotic sermon. Dr Wood came to see Bette.

July 4th

Beautiful day. Mr Carrier called to see Alice + Abby. Mr Doulton called to take the girls out to Monticito. Only Gail went. When I went home from the restaurant at 10 oclock Effie + Grace were working in the kitchen. Alice + Abby were

talking with Mr Carrier. Mrs Vail was in this afternoon + visited quite a while. A very quiet 4th.

July 5th

Just heard of the death of Mrs Bartlet; what a sufferer she has been; her funeral is this morning at 10 oclock; but died the evening of the 3rd.

July 6th

Every morning is foggy but lifts about 10 oclock when we have a most beautiful day. Dr Coe said to me if I would wait until January I would get \$1000 more for my 1/4 than I would now.

July 7th

Beautiful day; in the afternoon Alice + I went into Mrs Vails + had a very pleasant chat; Hugh + Eddie [Vail] took us out to see their pigeons + horses + guinea pigs. Mrs Dugdale came in to say that she would like the large room for two people. Was so tired I could not go to prayer meeting. Alice + Grace went. Am so tired every night I dont know what to do.

July 8th

The girls took it into their dear little heads to have a picnic in Mission Canon. Accordingly "Nick" our favorite steed was procured at 1:30 p.m. and the household was taken in installments to a restful little nook where; beside gurgling stream and leafy bower; (and softest rock) we sketched; and talked of other days + present; had luncheon on a large boulder; which seemed to be much enjoyed.

July 9th

Nothing especial occurred to day; went home this afternoon + did some sewing on Gracie's print dress. Katie Curley came to see Bessie Curtis;(91) Alice + Abby went to call on Miss Oakly + Andrews + Cousin Newtons.(92) Had ice cream in the evening.

July 10th

Went to church this forenoon. Mr Carrier always gives stirring sermons. The text was Eph. 4.13 and this evening too was good. Grace + Hugh Vail went to Chinese Mission like good children that they were. Alice Effie + myself to church; Abby + Bessie remaining within.

July 11th

Effie + I went to Capt Lows in Bus with about the same load that went to the reception; except Mrs Sheffield + Mrs Knox were in place of Mrs Thompson + Mrs Miller.(93) Had a very enjoyable call. Effie + I called at Mrs Stockbridges after we got home; + Alice + I called on Mrs Dugdale. Heard to day Dr Bakewell was going to marry Mrs Turner.(94) Had a

letter from Brother McCurdy [Cook]; + one from Mrs Reed.

July 12th

Was startled to day by the receipt of a telegram; telegrams always send such thrills of alarm through ones heart; but this proved to be from Fairie; in regard to a letter on the way. Alice + I called at the Alexanders; Lincolns + Woodbridges. Rec a postal from Mrs Reed telling of the marriage of John Ketchum on the 4th of July. The poor children; I pity them.

July 13th

Foggy again; I think there has not been more than three mornings in the last six weeks without fog until about 9 or 10 in the morning. but how fine the days are; after the misty curtain is lifted. Went to our first "Home Missionary" meeting; became a member by paying 50 cts. Went afterwards to see Mrs Andrews; was'nt home; + went on to Mrs Thorntons. in the evening Hugh + Eddie Vail spent their first evening in our house.

July 14th

Again its foggy. Mrs Holland came to sew for Alice at the house. omitted to mention in yesterdays notes that Abby had prepared a paper by request of Mrs Carrier on "Catholicism in America" + Grace read it for her; she not feeling equal to it. Went to see Mrs Sawyer this afternoon and found him [Mr Sawyer] so able that he could see me for a minute. Had a line from Fairie and Alice one from Nan. Mrs Holland is sewing for Alice to day.

July 15th

Bessie + Grace; + Hugh Vail went out to Hollister's [ranch] on horseback and took their lunch. Lilly came to take me to ride + we went all around town + to the beach. John Meany is putting in the Hot water in the bath room + kitchen. think it will be so nice. Mrs Doulton was in for a little time this afternoon. She said "dont sell your 1/4 yet."

July 16th

Grace + Gail went to the Doultons. Mrs Heath + Niece Miss Dement called.(95) Made some raspberry jam. Enjoy the bath room now so much; having the hot water.

July 17th

Went to church this morning; + Rev Hugh Dobbins who organized the Presbyterian church in S.B. 18 years ago preached; + Mr Carrier gave a very stirring sermon this evening. Kate Bronson came to see Abbie + while we were at church had a seance in the blue room. Alice is greatly disturbed.

July 18th

Mrs Flournoy from Merced who is well acquainted with Mrs Givens called this afternoon; had a very pleasant call; afterwards Alice + I went into see Mrs Vail; When I went home after supper; walked with Beth; found Hugh + Eddy there having a good time with Ethel Grace + Gail in the dining room. Alice + I talked awhile over old times; Abby + Effie were in at Mrs Vails + Bess was resting.

July 19th

Alice went down to take a sulphur bath;(96) Abby + Bess went down to stay with her. Canned blackberries.

July 20th

Did not can the berries yesterday was tired + went to sleep in the hammock; but did them to day. Alice helped pick them. Went to steamer with Bessie Curtis; Alice Effie + self. Ethel staid another night with Grace; dear sweet Ethel. Lillie Calkins wedding to night. Rec Maties invitations to her wedding.

July 21st

Feel much exercised about Mortimer coming down to take advantage of the boom some way; believe I shall write him.(97) Wrote Fairie and Mrs Oves to day. Effie + I put away the Raspberry Jam + currant jelly. Alice + I cut apricots; preparing them to can in the morning. Paid the interest on the House to J.O. Williams on \$2000. 11 per cent \$110. To morrow will pay Mr Alexander his interest on \$2500.(98)

July 22nd

Two days ago Mr Hardy came in and said he knew a party who he thought would give me \$4000 Neg[otiable] for my 1/4. I replied I knew one who would keep it at that figure. and he departed knowing that much more than when he came.(99) canned some apricots. Mr Doulton took Effie + I out to look at block that he wanted me to look at and write Mrs Houseman about. Stopped at Mr Spencers + got some flower seeds. Went afterwards to Mr Kendricks + got Maties present.

July 23rd

Very warm day; this is the third day of heat. Lilly came to take me to ride; + went to order wood for the house + for Mary; then to Kendricks to pay \$10.00 on the etching. Had the pump put in on the porch to the cistern. Had the waste pipe from the Bath room renewed; it was all rotted out. Effie Grace + I went to Mrs Thorntons to see Maties presents; and take our own. The Jordans all came in; so we did not see all.

July 24th

Went to church all of us morning + evening; Beth sick with pain in her face.

July 25th

Had Stephens fixing yard to day. Had Nick; + Abby + Grace went to Dibbles to call. got Effie a blue jersey to wear with her blue dress. Have discovered that I must get more silver for the restaurant; knives + forks; Table + tea spoons etc. Gertie was up to chat awhile; but Beth was sick + in bed with neuralgia; Effie was busy writing; + Alice + Abby + myself were left to entertain him largely. Sent C.M. Harrison \$15 to day by express.(100)

July 26th

Alice + Abby + myself went to the meeting called for discussing the coming R.R. celebration;(101) talked of the preparation for from one to five thousand people; the undertaking is a mammoth one; and they will find the host to be more than they counted. Mrs Doulton + Ethel staid all night with us last night; and we went in + chatted a half hour with Mrs Vail; Mrs D. Alice + self.

July 27th

Mrs Doulton + Ethel staid with us last night. The Milligan money came to me yesterday after months delay.(102) Went to the foreign Missionary meeting. Heard the Harts were home from Los Angeles. Mr Hofman raised the rent of the rooms in the Bank Building to \$30 and I am not going to keep them.(103)

July 28th

Got Nick to go to Mrs Harts; but saw her out riding with Mrs Douglas of Victoria [Street]; so did not go. Mrs Doulton + Ethel remained in; and went to Matie's wedding. The wedding passed off very prettily indeed; every thing done without a jam; and Matie looking radiant and happy. May choicest of blessings and joys attend them through life.

July 29th

Mrs Doulton + Ethel returned home this evening. Mrs Hart called to see me this morning + said Mrs Delaney had nine men moving the fence early this morning; I decided instantly that in this instance especially; "discretion was the better part of valor" and will not bring injunction against her; as that would precipitate the much to be dreaded war that she threatened some weeks ago.(104)

July 30th

Took Mr Numan up to the rooms in the Bank to see what he would give me for them; he said \$60. Rosenberg \$72.50. Will Steele \$75. Hall with yet look at them. Sewed some; went to see Woodbridge + went to see Mr Hicks who has talked of buying the business; he was not at home left word to come + see me; every thing is in such an uncertain state; dont know one day what will come up the next.

July 31st

All went to church as usual; went home + had a most delightful bath + got to church in time too; that bath took with the hot water addition is well worth all the cost; it is such a comfort; went this evening too; walked home with Miss Berry; invited her to come at her earliest convenience and spend a few days; she is so lovely.

August 1st

Moved the things from Crane's Hall Building this afternoon; Mrs Thornton + Beth were in this evening. A letter from Mrs Graves; Mrs Reed + Houseman.

August 2nd

A most disagreeable cold made its appearance this morning; feel about sick. Things begin to look serious about getting a lease for the restaurant; which means I can't sell out at all; and as the business pays; I will have to hold still until I am notified to get out I suppose. (105) Sent a glass of raspberry jam; some peaches + flowers to Mrs Tallant this afternoon; made some raspberry jam + got crabapples under way for jelly.

August 3rd

Made the foregoing talked of jelly; and it was certainly a success as also the marmalade. My range though is a failure; am going to have it changed; or do something with it; will not try any longer to get along with it. Am going to try getting the 10 ft [stove] of Mr Vail; for its too trying to get teams in with wood to the back part [of the house].

August 4th

Got 20 boxes of strawberries for \$1.00 and made more jam to day; but this finishes that line of work. Heard this evening the property known as "Lelands Stable" was sold again for \$20,000. Am expecting this [State Street block with the restaurant on it] will go any day. Our new lounge came to day; like it very much.

August 5th

Hung the "etching of the Mission" over the new lounge to day and do like them both so much. Mrs Doulton and Mrs Metcalf called; then Alice; Effie + I covered the jelly + marmalade. Effie and Grace went in last evening to see Lizzie Vail.

August 6th

This was the day I was to hear something about the lease; but did'nt. Libbie came this afternoon to have Effie go to a "Beach tea" and go home + stay all night with her + she did. Mrs Vail + her niece Lizzie Vail came in this evening + Miss Hollingshead + Miss Rodman.

August 7th

Went to church. Beautiful day. Miss Berry came home with us from church + will remain until to morrow. went also in the evening; when we went home Miss Oakley was there.

August 8th

Miss Berry returned to the Penfields to day; enjoyed her so much. Mrs Marshal came in to day. Went to call on Mrs Flournoy. Cowles came to pay a bill for Mrs Farleys board. I find in looking over my deed for the lot in Hammells addition; that it is the 19th instead of the 24th that the \$400 note falls due. (106)

August 9th

Have just had a letter from Miss Woodward of 2225 Howard St; been sick with Typhoid fever. Effie went with Mrs Vail to the reception given by the "Y.M.C.A." in the new rooms; reported a good time. Invited Mrs Maxfield to come + stay at our house; and by arrangement with Mrs Vail she is to give her her meals.

August 10th

Baked a chocolate cake + cocoanut for Charles Fish to day; not pleased with myself for doing this with all I have to do; I feel it was too stupid for any thing. Went to "Home Missionary Meeting" this afternoon; Mrs Carrier asks all who can; to take part in the devotional exercises; and it just seems to me that it is impossible for me to do this or to talk; I almost despise me weakness; it seems to stand out so prominently in every thing. Mrs Maxfield was at the house this evening when I returned from business. Enjoyed her very much; talked until after 10 oclock.

August 11th

Went to W.C.T.U. meeting this afternoon; the meeting was called to take action on buying a lot for the W.C.T.U. and the G.T.U. [Good Templars Union] There was much discussion + some feeling but probably would soon subside.

August 12th

Effie had her S.S. [Sunday school] class meet at the house this afternoon from 2 to 5. Ten little happy girls were there and seemed to enjoy greatly the hours. In the evening had a nice visit with Mrs Maxfield.

August 13th

Went to engage Mrs Hartley to help me the coming week of R.R. Jubilee. Was'nt home + dont know how it will be. got Effie a white flannel suit to day. Grace + Gail went down to the Beach; Grace went; through the invitation of Sadie Rae the previous evening at the Alexanders. Quite a boom in the line of conditions that the dear little girlies have been wishing

for. Mrs Maxfield left us to day. Enjoyed her so much.

August 14th

Another foggy morning; every morning with but few exceptions for three months has been this way. but the day is fine after the lifting of the misty curtain. Went to church all of us morning + evening.

August 15th

This is the preparation week for the Jubilee; and to think of all the things that are to be done makes me dizzy. Saw Mrs Doulton but a moment. Been busy ordering.

August 16th

Bought Napkins; dishes; spoons Table + Tea; knives + forks; soup pot; coffe urn + kettles + ladles; things without end for this RR Jubilee.

August 17th

Nothing especial occurred to day further than the preparation for the Jubilee; getting to be warm. Mr + Mrs Hart came and spent the evening; and talked nothing but real estate; I think Alice got tired of it; even I did for I was so tired. Mrs Washburn came in to talk over business again at my request.

August 18th

Did our decorating to day; which it is not all I could have wished it; it will have to be accepted; Miss Hollingshead came to help me decorate on the inside which was very kind.

August 19th

The people came to the rooms this afternoon after the train came in; Santa Barbara's first R.R. Train entered to day; crowds of people were in from the country to see it. prepared for a good many people at restaurant but no more than usual. The Arlington [Hotel] gives a Banquet to the invited guests; this evening; Tickets only \$20.

August 20th

Quite a number in to breakfast; will charge fifty cents for dinner to day + perhaps to morrow. But didn't after all; had 140 transient for dinner. State St looked really beautiful. Mr Doulton took Effie + I out to see the block; and found that the main street to Montecito was being cut immediately in front of my block; Mr D + Effie insisted that I at once subdivide and sell some of it. Guess I will.(107) Had 240 transient all day.

August 21st

Mrs Otis + Mabel are with us to day. Mrs Andrews was in this afternoon. Could not go to church to day. neither

Effie. fed 160 transient all day. Am tired + wish I could get out. Beautiful day + crowds of people in the streets. Emma Edmundson is anxious to have me buy some lots at Los Angeles; of Mary Fish. Dont know.(108)

August 22nd

Beautiful day. Mrs Otis was at the house when I went home this afternoon and we visited an hour or more when she went to Mrs Kinsells for supper; returning at night found Mrs Paul Wright waiting to see about a room for Miss Kenny who was here and going to work in Judge Wright's Office.(109) A Wicker chair; table; and ottoman that I got at Halls came up this afternoon.

August 23rd

Beautiful day. Effie + I went to select range in exchange for the one we had. hope it will be good. Mrs Otis + Mabel left for home this morning. are to bring it [the range] up to morrow. Effie Beth + Abby went to Miss Hollingsheads in the evening + I took them to have ice cream + then we walked home.

August 24th

The Range was brought this afternoon but have not tried it yet. Emma Edmundson took me for a short ride; + brought me to the restaurant. To night Grace + Gail staid as usual to accompany me home; and rode on the car which we enjoyed so much; + more than we expected for when we got to the terminus; the "Masons" Band that came to day; were discoursing fine music; after listening a few minutes with cousin Newton + Lillie; we went home + read Mrs Reeds letter + discussed the going to W.Ly.(110)

August 25th

The household all came down to dinner but Effie. went in to see Mrs Vail; Alice + myself; and she invited all hands in to tea to morrow; of course I cant go. but its all right. The pipes to our new range leaked so we couldnt get supper at all. Emma Edmondson came to take me to ride after we left the restaurant; rode around + listened to the Band at the San Moreas awhile.

August 26th

Had some new [restaurant] boarders to day; now number 78- the business is getting heavier than I can manage with any kind of comfort; and I am going to get rid of it as soon as possible in some shape; went to see Woodbridge + he to see Cooper; and the word was that they had had an offer of \$100,000 for this property [the block where the restaurant is located] and if that is true; what will happen next I dont know; but something will very soon; and the sooner the better.

August 27th

Sent Bessie Curtis the etchings to day to be framed. Bought the lot I have been talking with Emma Edmondson about. \$10 down and \$10 per month until paid. \$50 purchase price. (111) Mr Doulton took Effie + I over to see Mr Andrews place in Hammells Addition; which he thought a bargain at \$4000. but I guess I will take no chance in that; it may be a bargain but I think I will leave it for some one else.

August 28th

Wrote Auntie Cook to day. Went to church; though I got there very late. After dinner Miss Edmondson took me home; and we talked some and read some; Effie went to Libby's to stay until church. Think I will stop as I go home; sometimes think I am too tired to go at night; but as much as possible I must try to do it.

August 29th

Nothing especial occurred to day within our own household; Read the death of Judge White in this evening's paper as having died Sat. the 27th; funeral to morrow at 2:30. Mr J.H. Hall (the second hand) died last night; only sick a short time; for he took his last meal here within a week. Took Abby's white flannel to Miss Hollingshead to day to be made; they will go I suppose Sept. 6th; will miss them more than I can tell. (112)

August 30th

Mrs Vail took me in her phaeton to Judge White's funeral; a great many were there; services conducted by the minister supplying Mr Jacksons pulpit; and Dr Bakewell; looked very natural. The house was so beautiful; the view from it so charming; every thing so delightful to the senses; yet how desolate and sad now; the charm for the heart that is left is forever gone; what a delight now in all this earthly perfection. Mrs Vail + myself called at the Alexanders; Gorhams; + Mrs Lunts; (113) then she brought me down to the restaurant; which was certainly very kind.

August 31st

"Home Missionary Society" meets at my house to day. Went this forenoon with Mrs Doulton to see Emma Edmondson at her schoolhouse back of the Mission about the Mary Fish lots; Mrs D thinking to get one for Ethel. Quite a number were at the Society this afternoon; + in the evening Grace had May Stuart + the Vails in to make candy.

September 1st

Effie went to Montecito to call at the Wades; Doultons; + Judge Halls + Alice + I went to call at the Dibblees Tallants + Jones's; Grace doing the driving; after supper was done; all went to church preparatory lecture; + sunday will be

communion. The 6th dear Alice + Abby expect to leave us; and how we will miss them; Abby went out to Dr Crooks to spend the night. (114)

September 2nd

Had planned for Alice + I to make some calls; but neither did that nor go to the lots; did'nt accomplish much; Am so exercised over the business; they [Desmond & Doulton] neither sell or will give a lease.

September 3rd

Alice + I called this afternoon at Mrs Sawyers. Mrs Edwards + Mrs Carriers; the latter not being at home for which we had regrets; the other calls we enjoyed very much indeed. Grace drove for us. Miss Ryder spent the evening. Grace went to the dedication of the Chinese Mission.

September 4th

Communion service to day in our church; the newly elected Elders + deacons were ordained to day. Alice + I talked + read this afternoon feeling it was our last sunday together for a little time. Went to church this evening.

September 5th

Took a ride out to the Montecito and my [quarter] block; Alice Abby; Beth + Gail Mr Smythe taking us in a very easy carriage; (115) all the Harts + Cooks came in + staid until late; went over + got ice cream for the whole. The Etchings came this morning; were as satisfactory as possible. Had ice cream.

September 6th

Alice + Abby left us this morning at 10:30. Most beautiful morning for them to leave S.B. sunny + bright; making it a pleasant memory to carry away in their minds; but how we shall miss them; they have been here so long with us; and our relations have been so close; and very pleasant; I don't want to feel though that it is for very long that they are to be away. Libbie MacLaren staid all night with Effie.

September 7th

Did not accomplish very much to day; did a deal of talking the "little fellows" [girls] and myself of how we missed Alice + Abby and of various things. Mrs Vail came in + we talked busily and I forgot the time until the clock struck 12; and Mrs V. very kindly took me down in her phaeton. only for that should have been late. There were so many people in to dinner that it nearly wears me out indeed. shall have to give it over in some shaped pretty soon.

September 8th

A postal from dear Abby; that they stopped at the

Stevenson House in Los Angeles; and that her mother was "chipper". I do hope and pray all will go well with them. Was so tired thought I could not stop at the church.

September 9th

Effie + Grace went to Annie Edwards afternoon tea; and said they enjoyed it very much. Mrs Vail had brought in some lovely tomatoes; and we canned them. our range dont seem to work all it could somehow; but think it must be the fault of the chimney in some way.

September 10th

Weather very warm indeed the last three days. Postal from Abby written at San Bernardino at 8 in the morning after starting. all right thus far; hope they are safely landed at Topeka this evening. Beth at home to night. Postal from Mrs Reed; + Effie a letter from Fairy. Mr Lawrence had been talking about the business again;(116) maybe I can do something; I dont know; its paying me well; but Oh I'm so anxious for a rest if I can have it right. Opened one of the barrels of china to day; think I was a shade disappointed but after all they were nice I think.

September 11th

Went to church + found Mr Jones Lewis in place of Mr Carrier; the latter being indisposed; he gave a very good sermon strong in favor of temperance. Mr McCune who is [boarding] in our house preached in the evening; and he also gave a good sermon. Beth is going to be home this week. Went in + had quite a chat with the Vails this afternoon.

September 12th

Let the Blue Room to Mr Willard + Mr Newberry for a month at \$25.00 cash in hand; but Oh dear? they have a dog + I have grave fears of his being a nuisance; if he does; I have to tell them.

September 13th

Effie + Beth went to call at Walter Nixons + Dr Bates + enjoyed their calls very much.(117) Mr + Mrs Hickman came in in the evening; she wanted Grace to play before Prof. Leib.(118) Had ice cream.

September 14th

Mrs Doulton was in to day; no postal from Abby + Alice. Late this evening Grace + I went to the P.O. and found a postal from Abby three days out from L.A. all well. "Muggy pert" and she [fine]; dear little thing.

September 15th

Went to have my throat examined by Dr Williams; after all I did'nt go to the above; I went to Dr Bates + he said there

was a local irritation that had probably been coming on for some time; and told me it was nothing that would ever give any serious trouble. Mr Lawrence came + talked business; sent him to Mr Woodbridge. Postal from Abby written at Las Vegas.

September 16th

Lawrence came again; guess he will take a business at a \$1000. if he does, it goes at that; for I am so tired I dont feel I can make any changes; and they are needed sorely.(119)

September 17th

Went to see Mr Woodbridge + he says let it go; + he thinks Mr L will take it. Mrs Houseman went home to Los Angeles to day; Grace went with Maria Gorham to the Montecito to a picnic + sea bathing. Postal from Alice telling of their safe arrival at Topeka Sat 11th after leaving us on Tuesday the 6th.

September 18th

Went to church. Had dear Mr Carrier in the pulpit; but he looked so frail; he ought to have a rest; the congregation ought to make up a purse and send him away to have rest + change. Effie + Grace went to evening service; I got away from business too late. Mr Lawrence was in and we talked quite a while; wants me to raise the price of board to \$4.50 and drop the ticket business; the latter I am glad to do + have made a beginning;(120) Had a long letter from Abby; all well.

September 19th

Mr + Mrs Lawrence came to supper + we talked a good deal; they said they would take it; but nothing is sure until the money is paid down. Lawrence talks very certain though; yet after all I fear something will happen that it falls through.

September 20th

Expected to have gone out to the [quarter] block but Mr Doulton could'nt go. went home + finished my letter to Alice. Libby MacLaren was there to tea; Effie + Grace went to call on Anna Edwards (party call); looks like rain very much.

September 21st

Still looks like rain. Went to the [quarter] block with Mr Doulton; it looked very nice indeed; and the road leading past there from town to Montecito is lovely. Mr Doulton thought the lots were worth 20 per front ft.; but Mr Hart thinks not.

September 22nd

Rained hard last night + raining still to day; feel blue; Lawrence came in + talked a good deal; and I did'nt go home in the forenoon; dont believe somehow that he will take it on the

first conditions; dont know what is to happen any way; feel very much worried over my throat; although Dr Bates said there was nothing serious; shall see him again.

September 23rd

Mrs Doulton was in to day; + we had quite a little visit. Raised the price of [restaurant] board and there was considerable excitement over it; some will leave of course. but I cannot help it. it must be done; to lose the cook I have had so many years is a trial just at this time; so many people and when I am trying to sell out.

September 24th

My throat has quite worried me the last few days; am taking Belladonna + Mercuries 10 pellets every 2 hours for it that Mrs Doulton told me to try. Had a letter from Alice; all well. Mended a little to day; Oh how many things I need to do at home. Lye + Ling quit to night + sail for China Monday. I really dont know how to have it so.

September 25th

Went down early this sunday morning because of the new help in the kitchen; and Oh dear I could see at a glance he couldnt cut meat; and Oh the waste--and he is crass beside; and he take orders poorly; really I cannot endure this tension much longer.

September 26th

Quite a number have dropped out on account of the raise of a half dollar per week; makes me fell shaky; but then I think it is the better thing to do if even more leave + have to discharge some of the help. Engaged Tom + crew. and they come in to morrow. Mr + Mrs Lawrence were in and had some more talk.

September 27th

Mrs Lawrence came in and staid at the counter with me; introduced her to a few. Tom + his crew came in and all seemed to move in a fair direction; but Oh he will never be the saving fellow that Lye + Ling were.

September 28th

People are funny to be sure; have to do so much explaining about this raising of the price per week to \$4.50. well its done anyway; and whatever comes will have to go.

September 29th

There are but two more days of the month.

November 20th, 1887

This being my birth day I will resume the keeping of my diary that I have dropped since the writing of the unfinished

sentence above since which much has occurred that might be interesting to review; but since it was not penned at proper dates; I will not attempt doing so now. Libby McLaren has been making a very pleasant stay with us for a week; her mother being in the Ojai. Beth left us yesterday for a visit to her home in Orange; dear Beth needed the change and rest so much; but we will miss her exceedingly. Went to church; had good sermon from Mark 9th Chap 13th ver. "And he was transfigured before them" Went to church in the evening.

NOTES FOR DIARY

1) Jeannie's older sister Alice Anderson and her daughter Abby Anderson were visiting from Ohio. Seven months earlier, on June 5, 1886, Alice's other daughter Louie Anderson drowned in the Sacramento River. Louie was one of the first women graduates from the University of Michigan (Class of 1873) and became a teacher in California. She was teaching in San Rafael at the time of her death. After the funeral, Alice came to stay with Jeannie.

2) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, page 362. T.P. Hooper, living in San Francisco, sold Lot 9, Block 92, on Chapala Street, between Sola and Victoria Streets to Jeannie for "consideration of the sum of one dollars, gold coin." The actual sum paid is unknown. A large Victorian house built in the 1870s occupied the lot and is the main reason Jeannie bought the property.

Independent Publishing Company New Directory of the City of Santa Barbara, 1886 (henceforth, 1886 Directory). Mrs Vail is president of the Santa Barbara Women's Temperance Union. Her husband Hugh B. Vail is a capitalist and on the Board of Directors for the Commercial Bank.

3) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, page 444. Jeannie sold the property, Block 110, Lot 6, on Bath Street, to William Smith. The listed price on the deed is one dollar, but Jeannie mentions here that a cash sum of nine hundred dollars was paid to her. Jeannie had acquired the property April 28, 1886, from W.H. Woodbridge for one dollar (Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1886, page 339). The original amount paid for the property is unknown.

4) New Directory of the City of Santa Barbara, California, 1888, Independent Publishing Company, 1888 (henceforth, 1888 Directory). Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Doulton are both friends and business associates with Jeannie. Mr. Doulton is a businessman who owns a land company with Fred Moore. The Doultons have two children, Ethel and Bert, and live in the foothills of Santa Barbara in Montecito.

5) Nan Cook is Jeannie's sister-in-law, married to her brother Mortimer Cook. Nan and Mortimer live in the Washington Territory where he runs a shingle making business.

6) Jeannie's seventeen year old daughter Grace is away from home at a music conservatory in Los Angeles run by a Mr. and Mrs. Spring. Their daughter Lottie Spring is a friend of Grace's, and Jeannie considers the Springs good friends as well.

7) 1888 Directory. Cornelia Ryder lives with her sister Mary nearby on the corner of Chapala and Haley Streets. Mary is a type writer for W.H. Woodbridge.

8) 1888 Directory. Joseph J. Perkins is the Notary Public on the sale of Jeannie's lot to William Smith. He is a real estate and insurance agent with offices in the Clock Building. He also seems to rent to Jeannie her house on Carrillo Street for over five years before she moves into her own house on Chapala Street.

9) 1888 Directory. Mr. Carrier is the minister at the Presbyterian Church, Jeannie's church. His wife presides over the Ladies Home Missionary Society, of which Jeannie is a member.

10) 1886 Directory. A Mr. J.V. Hart is listed as a merchant and tailor whose business is located on State Street. However, Hart appears in the diary as some sort of businessman or capitalist and is not listed as such in any city directories. Jeannie is friends with Mrs. Hart.

11) Evidently Mr. Hart wants to have Jeannie buy other properties with the help of his company rather than have her invest her capital in fixing a house. Jeannie's intention was to renovate the house on the property.

12) A schooner carrying explosives off the coast exploded and damaged the Cliff House, a city landmark overlooking the Santa Barbara Channel (Santa Barbara Morning Press, January 19, 1887, p. 3, col. 4).

13) The reference to the "block" means a one-quarter of a block on Lot 70 in the Pueblo Lands that Jeannie purchased with the help of Mr. Hart on May 4, 1886 (Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1886, p. 361). Jeannie also often refers to this property as the "1/4". The \$500 to C.W. Gorham is for lumber to renovate the house on Chapala Street. Gorham is the manager of the Santa Barbara Lumber Company and lives on Valerio Street (1888 Directory).

14) This is the first indication that for the time being Jeannie was planning to rent out her new Chapala Street house. Mrs L. Thornton is a dressmaker living on Bath Street (1886 Directory).

15) Faire Cook is Jeannie's niece, the unmarried daughter of Jeannie's brother James Hervey Cook. Sometimes Jeannie playfully refers to Faire as "auntie" just as her daughters do. The location of the timber claim is unknown.

16) Emily is Jeannie's older sister living in Ohio.

17) 1886 Directory. Williams is a surgeon and physician practicing medicine from Room 2 in the Commonwealth Hotel.

18) Fred Moore is listed as the person who requests the filing of the deed, and may have been involved in financing the transaction with Jeannie.

19) Abby, Jeannie's niece, suffered a serious back injury some years before and has been bedridden for many years.

20) There is no record of how many mortgages Jeannie has, or through whom these have been negotiated. Mary Post is probably the wife of Victor B. Post, a capitalist living on Chapala Street (1886 Directory).

21) 1888 Directory. John Edwards owns Edwards Hardware Store, and is also a member of the Santa Barbara County National Bank, and a trustee for the First Presbyterian Church.

22) 1886 Directory. Mrs. E.C. Tallant operates Tallant & Sweetser Grocery Store on State Street, and is past president of the Santa Barbara Women's Christian Temperance Union.

23) 1888 Directory. W.H. Woodbridge is a real estate and insurance agent. He leases the lot where Jeannie's restaurant is located. He and his wife live two blocks from Jeannie on Chapala Street.

24) To attract renters she has decided to furnish the Chapala Street house, and Gorham's improvements will be ready soon.

25) Beth is a young, unmarried woman boarding with Jeannie. She is considered almost a family member. There are suggestions in the diary that she works out as a domestic, perhaps for a Mrs. Thornton, but this is not entirely clear.

1888 Directory. Madge Heacock is the daughter of Edwin Heacock, a real estate and insurance man of Heacock & Son Company.

26) Newton Cook is Jeannie's cousin, son of Jeannie's mother's sister Catherine Cook. Newton and his wife Lilly live a few blocks from Jeannie. It is not clear what he does

for a living.

27) 1886 Directory. Elizabeth Reed is a music teacher living on State Street, and probably at one time taught Jeannie's daughter Grace piano.

28) There is no information on Alexander, although Jeannie infers in the July 21 entry that he has lent her money. He may also be the individual who buys a lot from Jeannie in May, 1888. See Appendix.

29) Jeannie would like for a woman to oversee the new house and rent out the rooms. She is also advertising in the newspaper for renters. Tebbets is the managing editor of the Daily Independent newspaper (1886 Directory).

30) 1886 Directory. This may possibly be R.L. Booth, manager of Belt & Company and living on Anacapa Street.

31) 1888 Directory. Hollingshead is a dressmaker, and living and working out of Rooms 1 and 2 in the Clock Building.

32) 1888 Directory. Humphrey Kendrick and his wife produce pressed fern and flower art work from their Figueroa Street home.

33) Jeannie leases two rooms in the back of the First National Gold Bank in Crane's Hall, just down the street from the Central Restaurant. For what purpose is not known.

34) 1886 Directory. Edward Gillett is an expressman living on Chapala Street.

35) Walker A. Tompkins, Santa Barbara Past and Present, pp. 57-58. Amasa Lincoln is a founding banker of the Santa Barbara First National Gold Bank. He became a cashier for Mortimer Cook in 1873 when Cook opened the bank.

36) 1886 Directory. Geib is a tailor living on Carrillo Street and sometimes loans money to Jeannie at interest.

37) 1886 Directory. W.N. Cowles is the manager of the Arlington Hotel across the street from Jeannie's house. It appears that when he is overbooked at the Arlington, he arranges accommodations for his customers at local boarding houses like Jeannie's. However, the financial arrangement between Cowles, Jeannie, and an individual tourist is not entirely clear.

38) 1888 Directory. Weitzel is the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Santa Barbara.

39) Although there is no information, the suggestion is that Beth hires herself out in some capacity to local women. Perhaps she is a domestic, midwife, nurse, or nanny. Mrs. Thornton hires Beth quite often.

40) Mr. Booth is the middle man in the arrangement to get the Tiffany family into Jeannie's house. Perhaps he is subletting the house to them.

41) There is no record of a 100' x 300' lot sold to Jeannie on this date. However, on August 18, 1887 (roughly six months later when the balance of payment is due) there is a deed recorded for the sale of Lot 14 in Hammels Addition from Joseph Levy to Jeannie (Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, p. 593). According to later property maps, Lot 14 is only 50' x 150'. But when Jeannie bought Lot 14 it was probably twice that size, 100' x 300'.

42) Known only in the diary as Bette, she seems to be another regular young woman boarder with Jeannie. There is a suggestion in the May 1 entry that Bette is a newspaper reporter or writer.

43) 1888 Directory. Mrs. Hartley is a seamstress living on Guitierrez Street, and is a candidate to take over the management of Jeannie's restaurant.

Owen H. O'Neill, History of Santa Barbara County, p. 285. Teresa Dibblee is the daughter of Thomas and Francisca Dibblee, one of the town's wealthier families. They live in a "castle-like mansion" in town. Francisca was the daughter of one of the town's Mexican founders, Don Pablo de la Guerra.

1888 Directory. Mary Doremus is the daughter of A. Boyd Doremus, a capitalist and nationally recognized horticulturist.

1888 Directory. Mrs. Leland's husband George Leland operates Leland and Patterson Stage Lines on Chapala Street.

44) 1886 Directory. A.W. Canfield is the superintendent of the Santa Barbara Water Company on State Street.

45) This is the payment on the lot Jeannie purchased on February 24. She still owes Mr. Hart \$420 on Lot 14 in Hammels Addition.

46) Jeannie interacts with many young women who either board with her, or often are in the house to see Grace or Effie, and tends to act matronly towards them even to the extent of helping them to buy property.

47) Lizzie Shepard is Jeannie's older sister living in Ohio.

48) 1886 Directory. Mrs. L.M. Bronson operates a boarding house on Micheltorena Street with her daughter Kate. Both are interested in Christian Science and spiritualism, and help introduce Jeannie and her family to those movements.

49) 1886 Directory. Mrs. C.M. Washburn runs a boarding house one block down from Jeannie on Chapala Street.

50) 1886 Directory. J.H. Shepard is a physician living on State Street and occupying offices with a Dr. Lee.

51) When Jeannie refers to the "1/4" she means the one-quarter block she bought on May 4, 1886 on Block 70 in the Pueblo Lands.

52) 1888 Directory. W.J. Haverly is Justice of the Peace in Santa Barbara.

53) 1886 Directory. Mrs. E.J. Scudder runs a boarding house on Arrellaga Street.

54) 1886 Directory. Emily Fish is the young daughter of Mary Fish who lives on State Street, between Valerio and Islay.

55) 1886 Directory. Mrs. Sawyer's husband is Milo Sawyer. He is a banker who is ill.

56) 1888 Directory. John Eaves is a watchmaker and jeweler whose business is located next to Jeannie's restaurant.

57) Dr. Dent is Edmund's attending physician when Charles Harrison is not caring for Edmund.

58) This is the company that leases the State Street lot where the Central Restaurant is located. Desmond & Doulton own the entire block, and Jeannie must make sure that if she sells her business, the new owner can obtain a lease from them.

59) The annual Santa Barbara Floral Fair was a precursor to the Pasadena New Year's Rose Parade. State Street was decorated with flowers, and a parade of flower laden wagons marked the event.

60) Jeannie must wait for the lease to expire in mid-May before she can enter or think of occupying her Chapala Street house, even though the tenants have vacated.

61) This is the probably in reference to the 100' x 300' Lot 14 in Hammels Addition she purchased on February 24.

62) 1888 Directory. Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Low are proprietors of the Commercial Hotel on State Street. Mr. Low is a renowned capitalist.

63) 1888 Directory. Shaw is a waiter at Jeannie's restaurant.

64) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, page 173. Jeannie officially purchases a 400' square lot on block 98 of the Pueblo Lands from J.V. Heart for the "sum of One Dollar currency." The actual amount is unknown.

65) Delaney is disputing the position of a fence around Jeannie's one quarter block on Block 70 in the Pueblo Lands. Delaney owns the adjacent one-quarter block parcel.

66) Bette has been boarding with Jeannie for quite some time.

67) 1888 Directory. Mrs. Dugdale runs a boarding house one house down from Jeannie's Chapala Street home. Jeannie still searches for a woman to take over the daily responsibility of managing the Central Restaurant, but Mrs. Washburn is managing Mrs. Dugdale's boarding house.

68) 1888 Directory. Ray E. Elliot is a carpenter living with his brother and operating a boarding house.

69) 1886 Directory. Rogers is a painter married to a teamster and living on Chapala Street.

70) Jeannie is continuing to worry about what to do with the restaurant, either sell it or get someone to take over the management of it for her.

71) 1888 Directory. Mrs. Kinsell boards people at her house at the corner of Chapala and Haley Streets. Her husband W.G. Kinsell is night editor of the Morning Press.

72) Mrs. Van Pelt is a Christian Scientist healer temporarily visiting her sister Mrs. Jones.

73) The Tiffany family has vacated the Chapala Street house, and the Booths, who apparently sublet the house to the Tiffanys, have had their lease come to an end.

74) In essence, the entire 900 block of State Street, from Eaves' watch shop to the corner of Carrillo Street is owned by Desmond & Doulton Company and they are looking to sell. If they do sell, Jeannie will have to renegotiate a lease for the restaurant.

75) 1886 Directory. Dr. Harriet Belcher is a physician and surgeon with offices next to the Presbyterian Church on State Street.

76) 1888 Directory, and also mentioned in Storke, California Editor, p. 447. Mr. Wright is a surveyor and city engineer with offices in the Clock Building.

77) In Sacramento there is a sanitorium in which Edmund stays during particularly difficult episodes.

78) 1888 Directory. Miss I.G. Oakley is the principal of Miss Oakley's School on Victoria Street.

79) 1886 Directory. Dana is the treasurer of the Congregational Young Folks Mission Outlook and clerk for W.E. Nobles, owner of Austin & Nobles Store.

80) Mr. Geib loans money to Jeannie. He loaned some money to Jeannie to send to Fairie Cook for her timber claim. Also, he lent \$150 a year previously to help Jeannie purchase her "1/4" block on May 4, 1886.

81) When Dugdale has an overflow of boarders she directs them to Jeannie.

82) The slight boundary dispute is over a ten foot area between the two properties.

83) 1886 Directory. Of the people Jeannie called on, there is only information on Mrs. Edwin Brownsill, and Mrs. H.W. Stauffer. Edwin Brownsill is a capitalist living on Figueroa Street, and Mr. Stauffer is a dentist with offices two doors down from Jeannie's restaurant on State Street.

84) This is the property Jeannie writes of buying on February 24. However, it is not until August 18 after she pays the \$400 on it that she owns Lot 14 in Hammels Addition outright. In this case, the transaction was conducted on a "contract for deed" system, meaning full ownership was not transferred until the entire amount was paid in full for the property.

85) 1886 Directory. H.J. Fingers operates the city pharmacy in the Clock Building. It seems that Fabrique is not a local resident.

86) Hervey Cook is Jeannie's older brother and lives in Ohio.

87) 1888 Directory. George Edwards is a plumber and operates Edwards & Boeske which also sells tinware and stoves.

88) 1888 Directory. Mrs. F.R. Ely's husband is with H.J. Burdick Company and lives on De la Vina Street.

89) 1886 Directory. Bell More is the secretary of the Congregational Young Folks Mission Outlook.

90) 1888 Directory. Mrs. Cameron's husband John is a carpenter and they live on Chapala Street.

91) 1886 Directory. Curley is the wife of T.B. Curley, a teamster living at Chapala and De la Guerra Streets.

92) 1886 Directory. Mrs. J.H. Andrews is married to a painter, and they live on Anapumu Street.

93) 1886 Directory. Mrs. Knox is the wife of S.B.P. Knox, a physician on Anapumu Street. Sheffield is either the wife of Elijah Sheffield, a capitalist living on Anapumu Street, or of E.F. Sheffield, a cashier at the Santa Barbara County Bank.

94) 1886 Directory. Bakewell is a Doctor of Divinity and rector of the Trinity Episcopal Church on Gutterez Street.

95) 1888 Directory. Ethel Heath is a music teacher living on De la Vina Street.

96) There are a number of hot and sulfur springs in the Santa Barbara area which are part of the reason for the tourist trade in town.

97) Although Mortimer had a reputation in the family of making money and helping his relatives, he also was known to be speculative and in lean times borrowed heavily from family members. Jeannie seems to feel some distress at the possibility of Mortimer returning to Santa Barbara perhaps because of this.

98) It is not known if both sums Jeannie mentions were borrowed to buy the Chapala Street house, or some other investment. Also, her arithmetic is somewhat strange on the interest which may be a miss print on her part.

99) 1886 Directory. George Hardy is a real estate agent for Hardy and Hickman Company, whose office is located across the street from Jeannie's restaurant.

100) Jeannie had just received another letter from Charles explaining that Edmund had suffered another attack and "seemed like one dazed or stunned by a heavy blow on the head." Charles Harrison letter to Jeannie Harrison, June 19, 1887.

101) The first rail line was due to reach Santa Barbara in mid-August and the community formed a Rail Road Jubilee Committee to stage a celebration and prepare for the influx of many visitors.

102) Joseph Milligan had been the delinquent restaurant patron who Jeannie had filed a warrant for his arrest on March 21.

103) Jeannie leased two rooms in Crane's Hall Building in the First National Gold Bank just down the street from her restaurant, but her use of these rooms is not known. A guess would be that she obtained the use of these rooms when Mortimer was president of the Bank, and only now was it financially expedient to get rid of them.

104) Apparently Delaney moved the fence ten feet over onto what Jeannie felt was her property, but Jeannie was unwilling to take legal action against her.

105) The sale of the State Street block on which Jeannie's restaurant is located apparently is in limbo and thus so is the possible sale of her business.

106) Santa Barbara Grant Deed Book, 1887, page 593. This property is recorded officially on August 18, 1887, as a small lot sold by Joseph Levy to Jeannie for one dollar. Jeannie, as mentioned earlier, must pay Mr. Hart \$400 to complete the transaction.

107) This is in reference to the one-quarter block she owns, purchased in May, 1886.

108) 1888 Directory. Edmundson is a teacher at Mission Canon School.

109) 1888 Directory. Paul Wright is an attorney, and lives on Sola Street.

110) it is unclear what L.Wy. is in reference to, but it may be the abbreviation for West Liberty, Iowa, a town outside of Iowa City that both Lillie Cook and Jeannie have kin, and also where Mrs. Reed may have relocated.

111) There is no record of this transaction.

112) Having spent more than a year with Jeannie, Alice and Abby are to go back east, first to Kansas, then Iowa, and then to Ohio.

113) 1888 Directory. Mrs. C.W. Lunt is an artist living on Valerio Street.

114) 1886 Directory. Dr. E.W. Crook is a homiopathic physician and coroner with offices in the County Bank Building and a residence in Montecito.

115) 1888 Directory. F.K. Smythe is a liveryman.

116) 1886 Directory. H.W. Lawrence is a hostler.

117) 1886 Directory. Nixon is an attorney with Consell & Nixon. He subsequently becomes editor of the Morning Press and lives on Chapala Street.

118) 1888 Directory. R.O. Hickman operates a real estate business, Hardy & Hickman Company with George Hardy. Hickman's wife is a music teacher.

119) It is interesting to note that a few months earlier she had debated accepting Mr. Fabrique's offer of \$1500, and was advised that she could get even more than that. Whether the economy is already on decline, or more likely Jeannie's impatience would seem to be the factor pushing her to sell the business at \$1000.

120) This may be a reference to a number of lotteries played feverishly by the locals. Most lotteries were for small stakes--a dime investment might bring back ten dollars. Jeannie may have been running a lottery out of her restaurant. It certainly was a good location for one. This may be what she means by "ticket business." See Storke, California Editor, pp. 47-48 for more information about the lotteries in Santa Barbara.

EPILOGUE

A few weeks after Jeannie sold the Central Restaurant to H.W. Lawrence the Santa Barbara real estate boom began to subside. According to land records, Jeannie never bought another property in her lifetime, and over the next decade she sold both of her investment lots--Block 98 in the Pueblo Lands, and Lot 14 in Hammels Addition. The only property that she kept for the rest of her life was her house on Chapala Street. Jeannie continued to board guests in her house and this was the only steady form of income she was known to have earned.

Unburdened by the restaurant, Jeannie devoted much of her time to mothering her daughters, church affairs, and her women's associations. Jeannie's life remained busy and active although much quieter and less stressful than before. Effie and Grace were old enough to think about marriage and many potential suitors passed through the Chapala Street house in the early 1890s.

In 1895, Grace was the first and only one of Jeannie's daughters to marry. Her husband Lorenzo J. Hatch was a wealthy painter and engraver from New York City. The Hatches lived in Lawrence Park, New York until in 1903 Lorenzo was hired by the Chinese government to design and engrave their

national currency. Grace, Lorenzo and their son Harrison lived in China through the Revolution until 1916 when Lorenzo died. Grace returned to the States and never remarried. Young Harrison grew to become an accomplished musician and painter like his mother and father, but died suddenly from a fever in 1930 at the age of twenty-nine.

Effie never married. She lived with her mother and then with Grace and Lorenzo in China, acting as a nanny of sorts to her nephew Harrison. She considered herself something of a writer and poet, and although nothing was ever published, she sent many of her manuscripts to editors and book publishers. Throughout her life her health remained fragile and she was often bedridden with various illnesses.

In 1898 Jeannie was able to send Gail to college. Eventually Gail earned a master's degree from Columbia Teacher's College in New York. While she was at school she lived with Grace and Lorenzo in Lawrence Park. Gail specialized in kindergarten education and ultimately went on to develop a new, advanced curriculum in that field. She taught for a number of years at the Lincoln School in New York, an experimental school that brought together wealthy and poor children to learn in the same environment. Notably, Gail taught David, Winthrop, and Nelson Rockefeller at the Lincoln School. Later, she became an influential lecturer on kindergarten education, touring the country speaking to thousands of teachers about the importance of early education.

It is not known what became of Edmund. He died sometime before 1897 for Jeannie was listed in that year's City Directory as a widow. It is unlikely, however, that he survived far into the 1890s if at all. He never recovered from his illnesses and he and Jeannie never saw each other after they parted in 1880.

The state of Jeannie's finances in the 1890s and 1900s is unclear. If she suffered any financial woes, Lorenzo probably was able to help her. She was able to live a quiet and relatively comfortable life as she reached her seventies and eighties and always was cared for by at least one daughter--either Effie or Gail. For the two unmarried daughters, financial difficulties were more acute. For example, even as Gail developed into a leader and education authority, she was grossly underpaid. The inequality of salaries in the education field angered her to the point that she retired from teaching some time in the late 1920s.

Jeannie died in 1918 at the age of eighty-six. At least one daughter, sometimes a pair or all three, lived in the Chapala Street house until 1927 when they sold it and all moved to Florence, Italy. There they taught English to Italian children and toured Europe, living off of the house money, Gail's teaching income, and Grace's money from her marriage to Lorenzo. They returned to America during World War II and quietly lived out the remainder of their lives. Effie died in 1953, Grace in 1958, and Gail in 1962.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS MADE BY JEANNIE L. HARRISON
FROM 1885 TO 1890

- April 28, 1886--Purchase Lot 6, Block 110.
W.H. Woodbridge to Jeannie L. Harrison for one dollar.
A 60' x 225' parcel located on Bath Street between
Victoria Street and Anapumu Street.
- May 4, 1886--Purchase of Lot 70 in the Pueblo Lands.
W.F.M. Goss to Jeannie L. Harrison for one dollar.
A 225' square parcel comprising one-quarter of a block at
the intersection of Anapumu Street and Quarantina Street.
- January 10, 1887--Purchase of Lot 9, Block 92.
T.P. Hooper to Jeannie L. Harrison for one dollar.
A 90' x 112.5' parcel with a standing house located on
Chapala Street between Sola and Victoria Streets.
- January 15, 1887--Sale of Lot 6, Block 110.
Jeannie L. Harrison to William Smith for one dollar (but
according to Jeannie, she was paid \$900 for the parcel).
A 60' x 225' lot purchased on April 28, 1886.
- April 28, 1887--Purchase Block 98 in the Pueblo Lands.
J.V. Heart to Jeannie L. Harrison for one dollar.
A 400' square parcel.
- August 18, 1887--Purchase Lot 14 in Hammels Addition.
Joseph Levy to Jeannie L. Harrison for one dollar (but
Jeannie reports paying \$650 for the property).
At the time of purchase, Lot 14 was probably a 100' x
300' parcel on Medio Road. According to later maps, Lot
14 was split into two lots, Lot 14 and Lot 31, both 50'
x 150' in size. This property was first purchased on
February 24 according to Jeannie, but was not recorded in
the land office until August.
- August 27, 1887--Purchase of unknown lot.
An unrecorded seller to Jeannie L. Harrison and Emma
Edmundson for \$50.
Size and location of the property is unknown.
- May 1, 1888--Sale of Lot 70 in the Pueblo Lands.
Jeannie L. Harrison to William Alexander for \$2150.

The one-quarter block originally purchased by Jeannie on May 4, 1886.

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