

Civil War Journal 1863
Part 2: 1 Jun 1863 – 30 Sep 1863
Thomas Hogarth III (1843–1906)

As transcribed by Denise Hogarth Bumford, 2nd Great Granddaughter

About the transcription:

I understand that historic writing is meant to be transcribed exactly as written; however, I have not done that because I wanted it to be easily readable, and the lack of punctuation would leave each entry a long, run-on of topics. There are surely transcription errors and inconsistencies, which may eventually be corrected by more experienced readers.

The handwriting is a slightly curly script, likely common for the period. It is mostly legible and consistent, but missing punctuation, so I punctuated as I imagined him speaking it. There are many random capitalizations. Every word beginning with C, I, L or Q is capitalized regardless of where it appears in a sentence. Apparently, there was a convention to use periods with numerals, which he does, and which I sometimes included in transcription. His spelling is occasionally poor or may follow conventions of the day – “thay” for they, “plane” for plain, “releaved” for relieved. I intermittently sic’d or corrected these to contemporary spelling. Although his spelling of some words and names may vary, he is careful to improve as he learns corrections – “vetrans” becomes veterans, “fateage” becomes fatigue. Today’s compound words are written as two words – to day, to night, to morrow. He seems to use “of” interchangeably for **of** or **off**, and “to” for **to** or **too**, so I made choices from context.

This Italic text represents uncertain, best-guess interpretation of unfamiliar terms or *indecipherable* writing. It also represents my voice and notes.

About Thomas Hogarth III:

He was born 1843 in New York City to Margaret Anderson Hogarth and Thomas Hogarth II, a stone cutter. Thomas and Margaret had immigrated from the Scottish Borders area arriving in NY in 1834 together with his parents, Thomas Hogarth I and Jean Stoddart Hogarth, and sisters, Jean and Elizabeth Hogarth. The Hogarth and Stoddart families both originated from the same village in Scotland. It is not yet known what prompted this family’s migration, but Jean Stoddart Hogarth’s brother, Robert Stoddart, was well established in New York by the time of their arrival in 1834.

Both Thomas III's parents had died by the time he was six years old. He was subsequently raised by an aunt and older sisters until the 1860 census finds 17-year-old Thomas in Fort Wayne, Indiana living with Aunt Jean and Uncle James Humphrey and cousins, including 17-year-old Thomas Humphrey. Uncle James' younger brother was Col. George Humphrey, an experienced officer at the start of this war, and Thomas encountered him in the field during 1863. His sweetheart, Desdemona Wilson, shows up variously as Miss Destimonia Wilson, Miss Desty or sometimes D.W. They married after the war. He has his 20th birthday in March 1863; she's 16 the same month.

In September 1861 the two young cousin Thomases, both 18, both born of Scottish immigrant parents, enlisted in the 30th Indiana Volunteers of the Union Army. This diary tells a small part of that story.

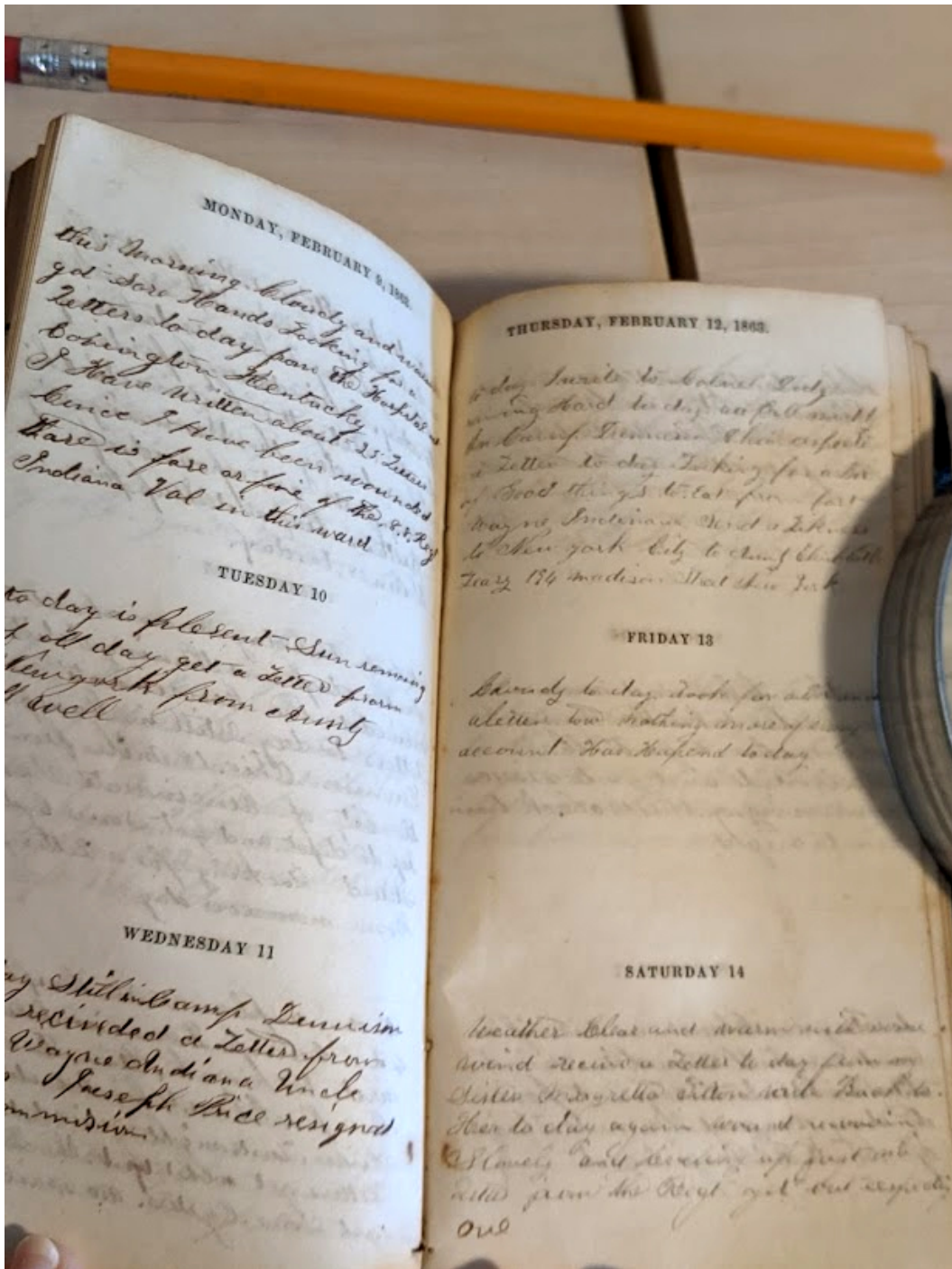
Following the war, Thomas Hogarth III became a railroad engineer in Indiana and Ohio prior to retiring in Stuart, Florida around 1900. He died in 1906.



Thomas Hogarth III



Col. George Humphrey



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1863.

This morning cloudy and raining
got sore hands took in for a
letters to day from the Hospital
Cobington Kentucky
I have written about 25 letters
since I have been wounded
There is fire as fire of the 8th Reg
Indiana Vol in this ward

TUESDAY 10

to day is pleasant Sun shining
at all day get a letter from
New York from a party
well

WEDNESDAY 11

at Still Camp Dennis
received a letter from
Wayne Indiana Uncle
Joseph Rice resigned
mission

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

to day wrote to Colonel Dyer
writing hard to day as fell sick
for Henry Dennis & his wife
a letter to day looking for other
of good things to eat for
Wayne Indiana sent a letter
to New York City to King Street
Feb 12 1863 Madison Street New York

FRIDAY 13

cloudy to day look for a letter
letter too nothing more of day
account had to send to day

SATURDAY 14

weather clear and warm with wind
wind received a letter to day from
Sister Mary who sister with
her to day again news at receiving
I have sent a letter up just
letter from the Regt get out reports
one

TRANSCRIPTION

(Handwritten on the inside cover:)

*Ohio
Camp Denison
Feb 4, 1863 *
Thomas Hogarth
C & E 30th Regiment
Indiana Volunteers
His Book*

**Apparently he copied all Jan entries to this journal from another source since on Feb 4 he records that Uncle James gave him "this book."*

Interior Printed pages include:

*"Pocket Diary 1863
Published annually Denton & Wood
Cambridgeport, Mass."*

The first pages are Almanac-style tables of assorted helpful information: distances between various cities, postage rates, sun-moon rises, etc. The pocket diary section of the journal is laid out with 3 dated spaces for handwritten entries on each page.

JOURNAL

(Part 2: 1 Jun 1863 – 31 Dec 1863)

For context Thomas was wounded in the left shoulder Dec 31, 1862 (Battle of Murfreesboro, Stones River) and begins the year 1863 in recovery.

Mon June 1 –

Tue Jun 2 – Lieut C. M. Jones hands in his resignation

Wed Jun 3 – Got orders to cook 7 days rations and be ready to march at a moment's notice, 3 days' rations in haversack and four in knapsack.

Thu Jun 4 – Regiment out of fortifications, some signs of marching soon. Speech by Governor Williams of Indiana, fighting out on our front. Fight at Franklin, Tennessee today Forrest the Rebel General made the attack on our men. We whipped them and lost 78 all together.

Fri Jun 5 – This morning cloudy with a little rain. Regiment at work on the fortifications. Get... lost thought?

Sat Jun 6 – Clear today, get a pass and go to the 88th Regiment Indiana Vols. Get two letters today, one from Uncle James and one from William Blyler of Chicago, Illinois. No dress parade tonight, Governor Williams speaks at the 88 tonight.

Sun Jun 7 – Took a walk over to the battle field today me, Frank Stin, Benjamin Blyler, Sergt. Fulton, James Boyd, get plenty of mulberries to eat. William Stin and Josh Kelly came from Indiana fli this morning. Cloudy today. Talk about going to the front to drill and do picket duty too.

Mon Jun 8 – Clear today. The regiment drills today. Received two letters from Miss Wilson. Want me to take the flag to carry now, but don't know whether I shall or not now. Go out on dress parade tonight, stars and stripes long may they wave over the land of the free and the brave.

Tue Jun 9 – Nice and clear this morning. Expect to draw our pay soon. Company drill today, two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. Had to put our extra tents out of sight of the Inspecting Officer until the inspecting is over all together. Then we will fetch them back.

Received two letters from Miss Destimonia Wilson

Wed Jun 10 – Weather cloudy and rain today. Expect our pay this afternoon. The first drill that I have been on since the 31st day of December 1862 at Stones River. Expect our pay tomorrow, two months of pay.

Thu Jun 11 – Started to go out on regimental drill and return to camp and draw our pay. Rain today. Get a pass and go down town, me and Willie Stin, buy a pair of shoes, pay six dollars for them. Write to Miss Destimonia Wilson, Fort Wayne Allen County Indiana

Fri Jun 12 – Weather clear and warm. Regimental drill this morning. Drill in the afternoon. Regt go to the Negro show shown by the soldiers of the 3 Brigade 2 Division. McCooks' Corps done very well for soldiers in the woods.

Sat Jun 13 – Regimental drill this morning, get a pass, go down and get a likeness, send it to Miss Destimonia Wilson Lieut. C.M. Jones receives his papers to leave the service. Dress parade this afternoon.

Sun Jun 14 – Clear and warm this morning. Inspection this morning of the company, a slight headache this morning. Go outside the picket to see the battle field. Go to Mrs. Hickersons, get a note to Carrie to Lieut. Charles C. Short 37 Indiana Vols. Received a paper from sister Margaret. Get a letter from Atchison of Ind

Mon Jun 15 – The regiment got out on detail picket duty this morning. Rained last night and clear this morning, little muddy. Lieut. G.E. Murphy in command of Company E 30th Regiment Ind Vols. Seen Miss Larra Smith and her sister Albon at Mr. Dickerson's 6 miles from camp Murfreesboro, Tenn got our dinner at Mrs. Dickerson's house yesterday.

Tue Jun 16 – Regimental drill this morning, Brigade in this afternoon. Go down town today. Chales Jones starts for home today.

Wed Jun 17 – Regimental drill and Brigade drill. Weather very warm, Prospect of a fight at Antiatham.

Thu Jun 18 – Weather clear and very warm. Regimental drill in the morning. Receive a letter from Uncle James Humphrey by Jeff Hansen of our regiment.

Fri Jun 19 – Battalion drill this afternoon, brigade drill this afternoon, come in at dark.

Sat Jun 20 – Get a pass and go over to 88th Ind Vols. See a man shot for desertion. He belonged to the Fourth Ind Batt., Capt Bush's battery. Go and see Homer Robinson at Gen Randolph's quarters. Get our dinner down town, me and Thomas, Hogarth and Humphrey.

Sun Jun 21 – Today clear and warm. Today go out with the team and out ten miles from Murfreesboro, Tenn. Seen about 15 young ladies. Got the wagons loaded with Grass and returned to camp. The 124th Ohio Regiment came over from the Franklin Pike today to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Received my sister's picture today from Ft. Wayne.

Mon Jun 22 – Clear and warm today. Regiment goes out on regimental drill this morning. Hubb carries the flag out. I was a drilling some of Company E the bayonet exercise.

Tue Jun 23 – Weather clear and pleasant. Regimental drill this morning, no drill in the afternoon. Got orders to fix for a march. All the sick go to hospital E H Gelkins, Samuel Shane, William Stin, James S. Kleinbert

Wed Jun 24 – Left Murfreesboro this morning on the Shelbyville Pike, marched 6 miles, turned off and took a lane across the country to Liberty Gap. Fall in with Rebels, capture two of Fifth Arkansas Rangers. Gen Willich is in the advance.

Thu Jun 25 – The left wing goes out this morning on picket. We are 14 miles from Shelbyville, Tenn. Our brigade got in a fight today. Col. Miller gets wounded in the left eye. He was in command of the brigade. A cannon ball came within two yards of taking me and the flag

Fri Jun 26 – Still raining. Our company comes in off picket and get something to eat, formed brigade, laid down to rest. Rained a little

Sat Jun 27 – Clear this morning. Started and marched 15 miles to Manchester Pike. We encamp 13 miles from Manchester, Tenn. Receive 3 letters.

Sun Jun 28 – 13 miles from Manchester. General Thomas is in our front march. All the wagons is ahead of us. Go very slow, march all night. Camp 3 o'clock this morning. About 75 men came up with the regiment.

Mon Jun 29 – Get up, march about 3 quarters of a mile and camp again, but I do not know how long. Colonel Dodge returns to command this brigade. Brought me a commission as Second Lieut. And George Murphy First Lieut. Kimberly gone to Nashville, Tennessee.

Tue Jun 30 – Clear this morning. Roads very muddy and hard to travel. General Dodge sent a note around praising the Second Brigade. He takes command of the brigade. Col. Rose had command, received orders to go to Murfreesboro as train guard. Starts off the afternoon march 6 miles.

Wed July 1 – Clear today, march about 8 miles and camp. Go on picket, nothing much to eat. 3 miles from Bradysville (sic) and stake the pike in that place.

Thu Jul 2 – Start on and march to the pike, get in the wagon and ride to Murfreesboro and get there about four o'clock, encamp right on the ground on the 52nd Indiana's old camp most starved to death, get something to eat and go to sleep.

Fri Jul 3 – At Murfreesboro this morning, rain this morning. Lieut Murphy gone to town. Orderly Wheeler gone to town. Me in command of the Company. Waiting to return to man Chester with Grub, Lieut Murphy gets into a fight with some of the 10th Ohio Regt while down town.

Sat Jul 4 – Still at Murfreesboro waiting for the train to receive its load so that we can start back. They fire guns here today. Grant takes Vicksburg today. 20,000 prisoners taken too.

Sun Jul Jul 5 – We march toward Shelbyville this morning, arrive at that place about dark, rain tonight. The people seem to be good Union all along this road by the flags hanging out at each house.

(On blank pages at the end of the journal are these dated notes:)

July 5, 1863 Left Murfreesboro this morning about 2 o'clock and marched to Shelbyville distance .25.miles. Rain this afternoon. Sunday all the darkies dressed up to kill. Lay all night at Shelbyville.

Mon Jul 6 – March again this morning in a northeasterly direction towards Wartrace 11 miles from Shelbyville. Get to Wartrace about 6 o'clock. The 92nd, 115th, 96th Ill Regt and 40 Ohio staying at this place.

(Also in the back dated 7/6:)

March out on the Fairfield Pike this morning, roads quite muddy some of the way. 395 wagons to guard. Rest 11 miles from Wartrace, Tenn. Get to Wartrace about half past five. The 92, 96, 115 Illinois, 40th Ohio at this place.

Tue Jul 7 – March again this morning and go 4 miles and cross Duck River and camp on the bank. Go in a swimming and Olvine came very near drowning. Plenty of pork and mutton around and I don't think of starving.

(Also in the back dated 7/7:)

Start to march at about 7 o'clock, keep the railroad a short distance, turn off and get to Duck River 4 miles from Wartrace. 8 miles from Tullahoma. Rain this afternoon. Get on the 39 Ind Vols horses and ride over the river. Camp up on the bank of the stream.

Wed Jul 8 – Move on towards Tullahoma, go about 4 miles, have a hard time getting up it. Get up and march about one mile and the left wing of the 30th goes ahead and makes roads along and I stay with the guns all night.

(Also in the back dated 7/8:)

Cloudy and a little rainy today. Move out this morning. Cross a stream about 4 times, good water all along the road. Come to a hill, send down teams a different road and we take the hill. Awful muddie. Send the 30th Regiment ahead to make roads for the wagons. I stay with the guns. Me and Nickolas Dering start on and go about 200 yards and stop for the night.

Thu Jul 9 – Stay until about 2 o'clock, move out and have very hard times getting along with the wagons. Reach train about half past 9 o'clock. In the morning I find the left 30th in a clearing up a camp. The right wing gets up about noon all right. Send 395 Secesh up to Camp Chase.

Camp Chase, now a Confederate Cemetery

Fri Jul 10 – Stay in camp at Tullahoma, Tenn. Nothing much going on. I am detailed to report with twenty men, 10 with guns and 10 with axes. Report to Lieut Baker, Post Quartermaster. Write a letter to Desty Wilson, write to Jennetta Bailey, write to John Smith Keysport.

Sat Jul 11 – Go out two miles and cut wood for the locomotive. 20 men, put 10 men on picket and set the rest at work a chopping wood. Order for all men that is not mustered

into service must return to rank again, that is them that has received commission and not mustered in.

Sun Jul 12 – Some signs of rain today. Some of our men goes out on picket detail about one mile from camp.

Mon Jul 13 – Cloudy and rainy today, another picket detail today Lieut George Murphy, Lieut Eckley and Lieut Phillips of Co. D. Rain most all day. Get a woman to hem my pocket handkerchief.

Tue Jul 14 – Another detail today for picket. Rain today. Orderly Wheeler takes a contract to supply the table with Lieut Murphy.

Wed Jul 15 – Weather clear and warm. Look for a letter today. George Murphy talk of Resigning soon, but I don't think he means it at all. He seems to be getting sick of the service. Wrote a letter to Aunt Elizabeth, New York City, 194 Maddison Street, East River. In camp at Tullahoma, Tenn, 70 miles from Nashville.

Thu Jul 16 – Misty and cloudy most all day today. On picket at the east corner of the Reble fort at Tullahoma. In a Hollow received news of Port Hudson's fall by Banks. 7,000 prisners 25 pieces of Art. One 30th Indiana Capt. John Thompson and myself made this post.

Fri Jul 17 – Get relieved this morning about half past 8 o'clock by detail from the 30th Ind Vols Lieut Phillips and Lieut Lash of Company H 30th Ind Vols. Expect a letter today.

Sat Jul 18 – Clear and warm today. Get up and go outside the picket with 15 men out of Co. E. H Co. to pick Berries, get back about noon all pails full so was out on the McMinnville Railroad. Private Albert Knapp returned to his company today, looks well and fat enough to make a good soldier. Received a letter from Mr. Henton.

Sun Jul 19 – Cloudy but warm. Lieut Murphy goes on picket today. Still lay at Tullahoma, Tennessee. Same Heck now about one week. Mon we draw our pay today 54 dollars paid to me. I go out and relieve the Lieut while he comes in and draws his pay. Plenty whisky afloat today on the picket line and the men in camp. I received a letter from Miss Agness Brown.

Mon Jul 20 – Clear and pleasant this morning. I write to Miss Destimonia Wilson . Lieut George Murphy comes in off picket relieved. Paid 10 ten dollars for a fine pair of boots and socks. A great many men drunk today. Built a Brush arber to our tent today and makes it quite comfortable now. Someone stold (sic) one pound of candles and one pie today from us.

Tue Jul 21 – Lieut George E Murphy officer of the day. Little rainy this morning. I am on picket today at Tullahoma, Tenn Station No. 2 33 men, 8 noncommissioned and fifteen Commissioned Officers, Capt. J W Whittaker Co. D and myself on this post. Clears up this afternoon. Rec 3 letters, two from Uncle James H and one from Miss Desty Wilson.

Wed Jul 22 – Cloudy and fogs a little. We get relieved this morning by Captain Lawton and Lieut Lash, Co. F 30th Ind Vols. Major Fitzimmons Officer of the Day. Our sutler rec'd some Bloomingdale Beer and the boys all feel frisky enough tonight. I rec'd two letters one from Miss Wilson and one from John C. Smith Keyport Monmouth Co. New Jersey. Write to Miss Brown.

Thu Jul 23 – Clear this morning. Get up at roll call. Lieut McPreston Co. G Officer of the Day. In camp men police up their quarters this morning. Our sutler L.M. Bowser has plenty of beer to sell. Talk of moving toward Chattanooga. Regimental inspection by Lieut. Co. Hurd. Commanding Regiment reported that Morgan was Captained up in Kentucky by Gen Hobson.

Fri Jul 24 – Most a splendid morning. Four men and a Corporal goes out on picket out Co. E.

- my heart for love is beating –

Wrote a letter to Chas Bailey last night. We are still at Tullahoma, Tennessee find a dilisious (sic) spring and me and Orderly Wheeler takes a good wash off. Plenty of beer agoing tonight. Boys feels quite good. Sent up a paper for liefie of absents (sic) 72 hours.

Sat Jul 25 – Cloudy and rainy today. Lieut Murphy and Lieut Chance of Co. K goes on picket this morning. Expect a letter soon. My furlough comes to me while asleep and I don't look at it and get on the train and when we get to Normandy Station I look at my pass and find it disapproved. I do not know what to do so I goes on up to Murfreesboro and stay all night.

Sutler of the 24th Wilson stayed here all night. Had fun.

Sun Jul 26 – Get up this morning about five o'clock, go down and take a walk about town. The name of the lady where I stayed was McDonald, learge (sic) white house Murfreesboro, Tenn. I hardly know what to do with myself. I get on the first freight train and come through to Tullahoma 40 miles from Murfreesboro, get to camp all right.

Mon Jul 27 – Clear and pleasant. Camp cleaned up right nice today. I go to sleep and sleep very near 4 hours. Expect a letter and likeness today. They say it is no use to bye (sic) clothing until I am mustered as 2nd Lieut. Plenty of beer around again today. The drafted men goes home tomorrow. They are mighty glad of it too.

Tue Jul 28 – Weather clear and warm. Roll call at 5 o'clock, inspection of the company by Lieut. Murphy. Capt. Thompson gets a pass to go out Black Berrying but did not go out. Lieut Murphy goes off on horse back with Lieut Williams of Co. B 30. I have to attend Regimental inspections. We was inspected by Lieut Davis of the 77 Regt Penn Vols.

Wed Jul 29 – Go on picket this morning me and Capt Whittaker on post number two 35 men 8 non Commission officers. Weather clear and warm. Still in camp at the train Tullahoma, Tenn. Some talk of going to Normandy, a station 8 miles from Tullahoma. Talk of keeping us on 48 hours. Received a letter from James Kimberly and Uncle James.

Thu Jul 30 – Weather clear and pleasant with some wind. Relieved by Lieutenant Nelson Borden and William do not relieve the boys at all this morning. Have to stand 24 hours more thay are quite mad. It rains very hard this afternoon. Write to Uncle James, Kimberly and Agnes H

Fri Jul 31 – Clear and pleasant with some wind. The Regiment gets relieved by the 78th Regt. Ill Volunteers. Draw clothing today draw one hat \$1.68 one pair pants \$3.55 pair sock 32 Cts. Lieut Murphy gone out into the Counties with Lieut Williams Co. B 30th Ind Vols.

Sat August 1 – Clear and pleasant this morning. Regt was inspected by the Colonel. Still in camp at Tullahoma Tenn .70. miles from Nashville. A greate many enlisting for three years or the war. Rain this afternoon, go downtown this afternoon. Aidjunt (sic) takes the date of my commission. I don't know what it was for though.

Sun Aug 2 – Clear and most awful warm today. There is 50 men and two Officers. I get a pass and got out a Berrying. Lieutenant Bar and myself go out the railroad 3 miles and

turn off through the country, found a fine spring of Dilisous (sic) water go to swim Guns 4 miles from Tullahoma. Go in and find 3 girls a berrying. I help them but they will use that darn snuff smoke it like the Devil

Mon Aug 3 – Corporal Samuel Shane returns. Get up this morning feel quite well. Have drill today. Company drill from (7) until 10 o'clock in the morning Company Drill from (4) until (.6) I drill the company. Lieut Murphy making out returns for last month. Receive Miss Desty W photograph today. Looks very much like her Indeed. Write to her Innetusin today.

Tue Aug 4 – Clear and warm. The Regt goes out on picket today. I am on post number five with Lieut McPreston Co. G 30th Ind. I receive Sister Lizzes photograph while on picket, most awful warm, no shade at all. Second Lieut Col Hurd Officer of the Day came around twice to inspect the line. Gen Johnson came around the entire line. Nothing more of any account.

Wed Aug 5 – Warm and the 29th Indiana Volunteers relieves us this morning. Get into camp quite tired out. Expect a letter today. Again rain this afternoon. Quite hard. Mail train did not come in until 3 o'clock this afternoon being thrown off the track by something or other. Murphy gets on a drunk today and talks something we are that I don't like much, but I have to take it not being mustered in.

Thu Aug 6 – Clear warm and we have to drill twice a day, Company drill from .7. to .9. o'clock in the morning Company drill in the afternoon from 2 until 4 o'clock. Lieutenant Murphy drills the company today, drill skirmish. Receive a letter from John B. Smith 19 U.S. Inftry today. I sat a part for fasting and prayer. Received notice to be ready for marching orders at any moment.

Fri Aug 7 – Clear and warm today. Nothing going on today. Marching orders be ready at any moment to move. Company drill this afternoon from four till (6) six o'clock. Lieutenant Murphy drills the company. Dress parade tonight. Col. Hurd in command. He inspect the regt tomorrow at 9 o'clock. Pleasant evening this take a smoke and have a little chatt with Peter Ednell and Thomas Humphrey.

Sat Aug 8 – Clear and pleasant with a fine wind a blowing from the southwest. Drill this morning. I drill the company. Lieutenant George Murphy Officer of the Day in camp. Serg. Thomas Humphrey is up to Division Headquarters on a witness base. Regimental inspection by Col Hurd 30th Indiana Volunteers. Skirmish drill this afternoon by Lieut Murphy. Dress parade tonight. I take the company out tonight.

Sun Aug 9 – Regiment goes out on picket today, weather clear and warm. Orderly Wheeler goes out in the country on horseback. Says that of all the girls he every (sic) saw they beat the girls of Baltimore. In this country. Lieut Murphy is on picket today. I am not on today. George is on Post No. 5. Captain John Thompson Co. K is in command. There is a fire in town tonight. A hotel.

Mon Aug 10 – Weather clear and warm. Regt comes in off picket about 8 o'clock, nothing new this morning. Write to Agness Brown today. Thomas Humphrey on that witness case this morning, receive a letter from Willie Stin and Uncle Humphrey. Both well. The guard takes a man out of Company A 30th, puts hand cuffs on him and took him off to Indianapolis to be tried (sic) for the murder of his father-in-law about two years ago. I suppose that he will have to swing yet.

Tue Aug 11 – Weather clear and most awful warm. They detail five men for forage guard and four men for picket with the 79th Illinois Regiment so we will not have battalion drill today. Had some great peaches to eat today. Expect a letter today. Received one from Mr. John B. Smith 19th Regulars. In hospital at Nashville for other duty. They detail four men and they go guard, nothing more of any account.

Wed Aug 12 – Weather clear and warm. Go and get some green brush fix up my house a little. Drill this morning with 15 men in the Company, Drill Skirmish all together now the drill in the afternoon with 18 men drill skirmish. Get a letter from Mr. John C. Smith from Keyport Monmouth County NJ. I drill the company and take it out on dress parade tonight.

Thu Aug 13 – Clear and warm this morning. Drill this morning by Lieutenant Murphy. Rains a little this afternoon. Write to Sergt. George W. Humphrey .207th New York Vols Washington D.C. Skirmish drill this afternoon, dress parade tonight. The Adjutant reads the sentence of one John Wood of the 77th Pennsylvania Volunteers to be shot to death but was set ?? with 12 dollars from ?? Stopped on each ?? 12 months only one dollar ea month for going to sleep on his post while on picket.

(This entry of what seems an interesting story is tiny, faded text at the bottom of the page curving around the side of the page as seen here. I have not found the story recounted anywhere.)

Fri Aug 14 – Clear and warm this morning. Regiment goes out on picket today. I am on Post No. 4. Lieutenant William Culbertson on this station with me. The 40th Ohio lays on the outside of us. Lieut Murphy in camp today. We are still at Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Plenty of pies and peaches and apples and cakes at the picket lines. I stand the first post of the night. Rain this afternoon.

Sat Aug 15 – Clear this morning. Get relieved by the 29th Ind Vols. Get into camp at 9 o'clock. Very warm this morning. The Brigade Surgeon inspects the Regt. quarters. Reports them the dirtiest quarters in the division. No drill today. Dress parade tonight. Nothing much of any account else. Write to Sebastian Keller Fort Wayne, Indiana. Expect a letter tomorrow. Sertain shure my heart for love is beating.

Sun Aug 16 – This sabbath morning and still at the Gearte (sic) city Tullahoma, Tenn. 29th Division Gen Johnson is in command of the rest of our camp. Is at Winchester, Decherd, Tenn and Stevenson Alabama. Company inspections this morning. The 30th Indiana is in as good trim now as ever they was. I think they can not be beat much on clean guns. Start and march 7 miles tonight and camp on the bank of Elk River tonight.

Mon Aug 17 – Start at three o'clock this morning, are the 4th Regiment from the right of the Brigade. Some very near being fine country about here, awful warm, most awful muddie fare through Winchester this morning. March five miles and camp and stop for the night. Lieut Murphy on picket tonight. Plenty corn and peaches. Boys straggled very much today about 40 men stacked guns when the regiment comes up.

Tues Aug 18 – Start out this morning and are on our way towards Salem and very warm. Stop at a creek one mile from Salem and drink some water, nice and cool and fine. Start to move on at 12 o'clock, very bad roads today, march through a mud hole knee deep for over a half mile and stop at the foot of a mountain. Get into camp at 20 minutes past (10) o'clock. Water plenty today. I am sick today and have to ride.

Wed Aug 19 – March about six miles and camp to the foot of a large mountain and are in the lead of the brigade. Start up and have to put 18 horses on one wagon to get up the hill. Stop about half way up and lay down and sleep until morning. Quite sick all night, plenty of rattle snakes up on the mountain too.

(Transcriber's Note: It's well into the diary at this point, but he has a better pen, easier to read, so I took time to more precisely show random use of capitalization and punctuation in the following entries.)

Thu Aug 20 – weather Clear and warm to day. I am Quite sick today yet we arrive at the top of the mountain and rest ourselves a little the rest of the Brigade is at the Bottom of the Hill yet march on 8 miles and Camp at the Edge of the mountain, make a fire and

Cook up Some Supper I sleep with Frank Stin Some one stold my oil Cloth and shelter tent out of the Ambulences today.

Fri Aug 21 – Started this morning towards the Edge of the mountain and most awful warm and Dusty on the road to day pass plenty of union people on the road down the mountain get to the foot about noon distance .5. miles from our old Camping ground Last night Quite a number of houses along this road but all Log huts some pretty wemen here arrive at Bellefonte to day about .4. o'clock get mail to day

Sat Aug 22 – put up our tents and are fixed up Quite nice the 34 Illinois goes up In Bellefonte to do Guard duty we are .8. miles from the town of Stevenson Alabama received three letters today one from miss wilson and one from William Sten and one from Elizabeth Hogarth New York City plenty good water here at this plase one mile from the Tenn river

Sun Aug 23 – weather Clear and warm and most uncomfortable Indeed nothing much to eat at present we are Laying In Camp .8. miles from Stevenson Alabama at Bellefonte Alabama wrote two letters to day one to William Sten and one to Elizabeth Hogarth orders Came to go on picket tonight at Bellefonte Alabama feel well and good to night nothing much to eat

Mon Aug 24 – weather Clear and pleasant to day go out on picket this morning at Camp Van Trebana (Triana?) Bellefonte about .600 yards from Camp Lieut McPreston Co. G on this post with me the boys are Quite Hungrey to day thay kill two Hogs and one Cow for meat to Eat get mail to day Thomas Humphrey gets Elizabeth Hogarth's photograph to day

Tue Aug 25 – rain this morning and thunder Quite a great deal get relieved by the .79. Illinois regiment draw rations to day get Some red Beats thare Is Some officers a going Home out of this Regiment to bring the Conscripts down to the 30th Indiana Lt. Colonel Hurd Captain John Thompson Co. H. and Lieut Nelson Borden Co. F 30th all well to day write to Miss Wilson to day

(This ends the attempt to exactly convey the verbatim writing.)

Wed Aug 26 – Clear and warm today, clean up the Company Quarters for General Inspection. Write a letter to James Ivins today. He discharged from the 30th and is at home Enjoying himself most splendid indeed. Write a letter to one Irica Ivins Keyport Monmouth County New Jersey. We still are Camp Von Grebia Bellefonte Alabama 24

miles from Battle Creek Tenn report to that fort that their Rombardines (Rendingville?)
Charleston SC
wrote to Jones today
Sumter and Wagner has fallen

Thu Aug 27 – Weather clear and warm today. Good news Last night of Sumter and Wagoner being ours once more. Received a letter from Mr. John Hounstine Fort Wayne, Indiana. Wrote back to him this morning and wrote him a good long letter, wrote to Charles James, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Weather very warm today. Corp Samuel J. Shane came to the company today. Looks quite good all night in camp.

Fri Aug 28 – Clear and most awful warm today. We lay still in camp Van Innetra Bellefonte, Alabama one mile from the Tenn River and 9 miles from the foot of the large mountain, plenty of water about. Lieutenant Murphy hands in his resignation papers today, but I do not think the Colonel will sign the papers at all. George has tried that too often and can't make it work. The Regiment goes out on picket this morning. Murphy is on today. A shower this afternoon. Wrote to Aunt Jane today.

Sat Aug 29 – Clear and warm today. I am on police in camp at Bellefonte Alabama. Quarters cleaned up quite well this morning. This is the finest camp the 30th Regt has had since most splendid water at this sweet and dark color. Capt John Thompson is officer of the day. The 29th Indiana relieves the 30th on picket this morning. Came off at 7 o'clock. I go to work and fix up my tent today with Sedar (sic) brush and it is nice and cool now. Col Hunt goes to the town of Stevenson last night and Capt Dawson goes home on leave of absence 20 days. Ben Blyler takes the post office today.

Sun Aug 30 – We have orders to move at four o'clock this morning. Don't know which way we will go. We expect to move in the direction of Chattanooga, Tenn. We are on the road at 8 o'clock. The road is very dusty. March 9 miles, come to Mudd Creek and Cane Creek, ford both streams. County quiet rolling along the road. Not many houses on Cane Creek. Halt on our old company ground one year ago today.

Mon Aug 31 – Go up on line of march this morning at half past 7 o'clock. March to the river one mile and find the pontoon ready and we marched over, the pontoon at this point is 1302 feet long. We rest on the south side of the river.

Tue September 1 – We are still on the south side of the Tenn River right on the bank. Go in a swimming today, the water is quite warm. Plenty of corn to eat at this place. Milton Fulton returns to the company for duty. They reduce our baggage too and only

three wagons to a regiment. Send the rest back to the supply train. Noah Wilson gets his discharge today. Negley's Division passes us today.

Wed Sept 2 – Move out this morning at half past 5 o'clock. Climb up the mountain Sand Mountain. It is one mile and a half High Quite Rocky. Stop one mile from the edge on the Trenton Road. Plenty of fine timber on the top. Most awful warm. Order came to muster all them that have received commissions on the 20th of June.

Thu Sept 3 – Take up our line of march this morning and are the fifth Regiment In the Brig. and are rear Guard. It is warm today. A negro digs today. The timber along the road is mostly fine and ok. Cross flat rock creek, not much water. March 11 miles. Camp on a fine stream, have some pancakes for supper tonight.

Fri Sept 4 – Lay still on Sand Mountain four mile from the foot until 12 o'clock and then we move forward. Came to the edge of Sand Hill, can see Lookout Mountain in the distance. Davis is four miles in our front at the foot of the mountain he moves out and we take his place on a nice stream, warm and awful dusty want some rain bad.

Sat Sept 5 – Lay at the foot of Sand Mountain. Send some out foraging, get some fine peaches and sweet potatoes and apples Turkeys and Geese and corn. Captain Thompson Co. K goes out with them. We have a mountain on both sides of us poor country down about here. No houses here at all, only one about every five miles. Make out our month Returns today, draw some Shoes and Stoking (sic).

Sun Sept 6 – Still at foot of Sand Mountain. Regt goes out on picket. Write a letter to Dave Munchy. Lieut Murphy goes on picket today. Very warm today. We hear Cannonading this afternoon. It is reported that Rosecranz Headquarters is at Rome Georgia 45 miles from this place. No mail goes out today. I hope that we will leave this place soon for it smells bad with Dead Horses and etc.

Mon Sept 7 – We still lay in the shade at the foot of Sand Mountain, a nice spring of water at this place. The Regiment come in off picket at 8 o'clock. Get mail this afternoon. Get a letter from William Sten from Nashville Tenn. The men folks are all Inlisting (sic) in the Union Army to fight to get back the union as it was. Write to Sten and to David Munchuy Fort Wayne Allen Ind

Tue Sept 8 – Laid at the foot of Sand Mountain until 12 o'clock and then we strick (sic) our tents and moved over about two miles to the left at a mill and plenty of water at this place. Get to our camp and they detail Brigade out off the 35. Ind. Vols and the 77 Penn

Vols is on picket and the 79 Illinois Vols is at our old place at the mountain on guard. Lieut. Bentley, Lieut. Williams and Capt. Lawton and myself go on Brigade guard 35 men apiece.

Wed Sept 9 – Weather clear and most awful warm today. Still on Brigade guard with 35 men under my charge. Get mail today. Get letter from D.W. all well. Some talk of going to guard train. Company F has gone to Stevenson, Ala to train guard for supply of our Brigade.

Thu Sept 10 – Left our camping ground at half past 7 o'clock and marched toward Vincent, a small town in the valley at the foot of Lookout Mountain. Gen. Davis goes up the Hill this morning ahead of us. We get up at about 10 o'clock. Quite sandy road up this hill. It is 1000 feet high. The 22 Regiment Ind Vols lay on the top of the mountain. indecipherable off quite level. A stream runs through this part called Little River. Don't find any Rebs here.

Fri Sept 11 – This morning we lay at the foot of Lookout Mountain in the valley. Plenty of forage here. We got down the mountain last night at one o'clock. There was five men wounded and one killed and 3 horses killed of the 25th Ohio Battery. Sheridan came down the mountain. Today we start out on Brigade and go 9 miles into Georgia to Neils Gap to guard it a while until the army gets up the mountain. Negley had a fight today on our left.

Sat Sept 12 – Very warm today. One of the 29 men falls dead. Don't know what was the matter with him. Cut him open but can not find anything. He leaves a wife and ten children at home. Bury him along side a rock. The boys go in heavy on sheep and potatoes at this place.

Sun Sept 13 – Lay at Neals Gap three miles from the Ala line. At 12 o'clock we fall out again towards our old ground. Distance 9 miles, arrive about half past four, get our supplies and go to the foot of the hill. The 79 Ill Regt is detailed to help the Battery up the hill. Get up at 12 o'clock at night and go 4 miles and stop for the night. One Brigade here of Sheridan's Division behind us xx? Same. Hurry and go to sleep.

Mon Sept 14 – Sheridan's Division pulls out this morning ahead of us. We start at half past six and march about 9 miles and go into the woods at this place and for what length of time we did not know. Splendid water here, falls a distance of 72 feet. Good place to wash off. Desoto fort at this side of the stream. Built 3.63 years ago.

Tue Sept 15 – Still lay on the mountain at the Cater nuct. Go over and see the 11 Indiana Batt. No mail now for 7 days now. Get mail today. One from Charles M. Jones and one from Uncle James Humphrey Fort Wayne.

Wed Sept 16 – One of the 20 Ohio brakes (sic) his leg today. James Huffman came to the company today, has the palsy in his leg and arm and I expect him to be Courtmarshalled (sic) too. But I think he will get discharged from the service of the United States. Move out this morning towards Chattanooga and march along the top of Lookout Mountain. Halt about 2 o'clock on the Edge of the mountain and can have a splendid view from the top. We came 9 miles today.

Thu Sept 17 – Moved out again this morning towards Chattanooga, go back one mile and turn to the right. Gen Little comdg us. Not much water on the road at all, very dusty on the road. 30th in the rear today of our Brigade. We left the team on the top and go down to the Valley. The Rebs lines is two miles and a half from ours In our front Rebs has blockaded this hill. This is one and a half mile high. We lay in line of battle at the foot of the hill. We marched 18 miles today.

Fri Sept 18 – Get up this morning and stand under arms from 4 until daylight. Rainy but it didn't rain, very Cold. Get mail today. We can hear the drums a beating flame over in the Rebs line. March five miles and come to rildero Brigade. Saw Homer Robinson today. We halted long enough to draw 60 rounds cartridges and moved in on picket tonight. Very still in our front.

Sat Sept 19 – Came off of picket, draw some rations and move on towards Chattanooga. Very Cool and dusty. The fences are all on fire and the dust and smoke together are awful Indeed. It Hard But Honest. We come up with Gen Thomases Comp about half past ten and they seem to be Ingaged in a fight. We move on and pass Gen Negley's HeadQuarters. We go in to Battle at 12 o'clock and Lieut Murphy gets wounded.

Sun Sept 20 – We fell back last night one mile and a half and formed a new line and this morning they came on to us very heavy and we drive them back. Thomas Humphrey is missing. They drive us at half past four o'clock farm at Vassville two miles from the field. Leave our dead and wounded on the field In the hands of the Rebels. Battle. Chickamauga
(It is likely Cousin Thomas was wounded here. He was taken POW and died Dec 1864 in Florence, SC.)

Mon Sept 21 – Lay in an Intrenchment all day. I go on picket half a mile In our front. Rebels in our front strong. We leave this place at three o'clock In the morning. The wagons makes a most awful rattling all night. We go back half a mile to skirmish line and then assemble on the center and march towards Chattanooga. Saw Alfred Wilson today. Saw the 88 Ind.

Tue Sept 22 – We still lay in our Intrenchments in Chickamauga Valley about four miles from Chattanooga. The Rebs are in our front. They followed us right up and we have skirmishes with them. They shell us and we shell them back again. Get mail today, get one from Miss Destimonia Wilson and James Kimberly today. Nothing more of any account.

Wed Sept 23 – We have been In the United States Service two years tomorrow.

Thu Sept 24 – We have been two years in service today and many of our Brave Boys are Laid Low By the enemy Balls or the Hand of Death. Write to James Humphrey and Desty Wilson.

Fri Sept 25 – The Rebs feel inclined to trouble us this morning, but we drive them back to their old stamping ground. We moved back towards town and stop In the Edge of town. Nothing much to eat and no clean clothes to wear at all. Go out on picket. One of the 79th Ill got killed today by a Rebel Sharp Shooter.

Sat 26 – I lay in my dog tent today. Quite warm to no rain for over one month. Quite dusty. The Regt comes in off picket. Draw two Negroes today for cooks. Their names are Gneafe and Greari. Draw Rations this morning.

Sun Sept 27 – I am detailed with 40 men to go work on fortifications at Col. Dodge's headquarters. Get done at five o'clock to go out on picket tonight. The whole Regt go out. We have a skirmish with them tonight. One man wounded on our side. Nothing more of any account. The negroes desert us after getting full rations.

Mon Sept 28 – Come In off picket outpost at four o'clock and stop all day in the Intrenchment until night. Didn't get relieved tonight. Only a Detail was left here. Go to sleep and have a good sleep all night. Sun very warm. Mr. Alfred Wilson comes and sees me today while on picket. He is well. No sign of rain yet.

Tue Sept 29 – Still on picket today. Nothing much disturbed us last night. The Rebs say that Gen Longstreet was killed on last Sun week at the Battle Chickamauga Valley at half past two In the Afternoon. Some signs of rain now.

Wed Sept 30 – Cloudy today, want some rain bad. I took a walk through the Hospital and But I can only find two of the 30th Ind, one out of Co. C and one out of Co. F. One has his left leg off and does suffer a great deal.