
Andrew Barclay, the son of James & Catharine (Bingay) Barclay was born on 12 April 1815 and in 1841 married Mary Elizabeth Morton, a granddaughter of Dr. Isaac Webster of Kentville, NS and niece of Dr. F. A. Webster of Yarmouth, NS. Members of the Webster family are mentioned in the diary.

The widow, Mary Elizabeth (Morton) Barclay, as the diary indicates, moved to Tusket sometime prior to 1868, and in 1868 her daughter, Annie Louisa, joined her there. They rented a portion of a house only two houses south of our new archives. This home is owned in 2006 by Scott and Lisa Hurlburt, and for many years was known as the Fred Babin property. The other half of the house was rented by the family of Donald Ross, a master shipwright, for at least some of the time that the Barclays were there. His son, Charles S. Ross, is mentioned in Don Pothier's *History of Tusket, Nova Scotia*, as the author of the poem that inspired the origins of Mother's Day.

The house immediately to the north of the Barclays, was owned by Enos Gardner, whose wife was Mary T. Bingay, a daughter James Bingay. This house is owned in 2006 by Society member Margaret d'Entremont. At the time that this diary was written the Methodist Church (now our new archives under construction), immediately to the north of the Gardner property did not exist. It was not built until 1877. Immediately north of where the church building stands today, was the home of James Bingay, and then north of that home stood the Court House.

Smith Harding, mentioned often in the diary, was born 12 December 1847, and was the son of Israel Harding. He would have been living in his parent's home at that time, a short distance south in the village. This home is owned in 2006 by Society member Susan Young and her brother and sister.

The Barclays were Anglican, and attended St. Stephen's Church in Tusket.

For other people mentioned in the diary, we have sometimes inserted notes, when the information has been readily available. These notes have been inserted following the diary entries rather than formatted as formal footnotes.

There is an immediacy associated with diaries that gives us a rare glimpse into earlier times. This is a diary kept by a young teen-age woman. She writes well, but is mainly concerned with personal and family matters, rather than such things as shipbuilding and commerce, major activities that would have been happening in Tusket at the time. It is an interesting document, nonetheless, and one we hope our readers will enjoy.

There are 39 typed transcript pages involved in the Tusket portion of the diary.

Annie Louisa Barclay probably continued to keep this diary after leaving Tusket. This is where our copy ends. We hope the members have enjoyed reading it.

The Diary (Part 3)

Jan. 1st, 1871 - My Mother, Bel and I were at Mrs. Richards's today. Icy.

Note:- Bethia Richards, widow of Benjamin Richards of Tusket, NS. She lived in the house owned in recent years by Murray & Cecile Doucette. She ran a bed & breakfast style inn from this house. She sold the house around 1891 and moved to Yarmouth where she took the position of Matron at the "Old Ladies' Home."



Mrs. Bethia Richards house, Tusket, NS. This house has been owned in recent years by Murray and Cecile Doucette. Heritage Property Inventory photo, Film #15, photo #30A.

Mon. Jan. 9th - My Mother had a letter from Mrs. Wishart.

Tues. Jan. 10th - Mrs. Langill moved in the other part of the house today.

Sunday Jan. 15th - Mr. Young was up today the first time for a month. It was very muddy and S. was angry because I went to church. I wish he were fonder of the church. That is the only obstacle I foresee to our happiness.

Mon. Jan. 16th - Bel returned from Yarmouth today where she has spent a fortnight.

Sat. Feb. 4th - Mary Webster came over today to stay a week.

Mon. Feb. 6th - My Mother's birthday and she is fifty-four.

Wed. Feb. 8th - Was at Society tonight at Mrs. Mc Donald's. S. was opposing something I said and I answered him sharply. He has always opposed the society. I do not see why as it does not affect him in any way. We walked home in silence after a few cross words from S.

Thurs. Feb. 9th - Wrote S. a note today and got Mary Webster to give it to him. I told him that I saw we were not going to be happy together and we had better not continue as we are. It hurts me very much to say so but it would hurt me more if we were married. He is not always gentlemanly.

Fri. Feb. 10th - Have not been well today.

Sat. Feb. 11th - S. came and asked me to take a drive up to the Lakes. I went and we are ourselves again and are going to be happy.

Thurs. Feb. 16th - Mary Webster went home today, we miss her very much. Cousin John Bingay has paid her some attention.



David & Jessie McDonald house, Tusket, NS. This house has been owned in recent years by James and Barbara Pottier. Heritage Property Inventory photo, Film #15, photo #34A.

Wed. Mar. 8th - My Mother went to Yarmouth today to make a visit leaving Bel and Me to keep house.

Thurs. March 9th - Poor old Grandfather died on the 28th of Feb. I did not know it till Seddie showed it to me in the '*Tribune*'. Have written to Shelburne.

Tues. March 14th - I have been engaged a year today and am still in the same state as I was last March hoping for a chance to be independent of my brothers. My dear S. was in and we were very happy.

Friday Ap 14th - We were at Division tonight and I wished for something to happen as I often do and we had a fire - an old house on the hill burned down. It is a lovely night and everybody was there. S. is a fireman and was very active so I did not have a 'good night'.

Tues. Ap 18th - Rec'd a box from Cassie today with a wrap for me.

Wed. Ap 26th - S. took me to Y. today to see the last of Mary Webster who leaves with Henry and Wife for Scotland tomorrow.

Friday April 28th - Mr. Munroe's school examined today. Mr. Sands there.

Sat. June 17th - Rec'd a silk dress today. Charlie is in Halifax on his way here.

Fri. June 30th - Mary Gannet and Seddie, Went and Smith were here to tea. My Mother is not very well.

Fri. July 28th - Aunt Maria Bingay came over today to stay a few days.

Mon. July 31st - Have been at a pic-nic at Carleton. Arthur Eakins and bride were there and were very foolish. Had a nice time. Tom Bingay was there. Our horse shied.

Tues. Aug. 1st - Aunt Maria went home today. I am sorry, she is a dear good old lady.

Wed. Aug. 2nd - Sophia Killarn and Ned Darby over today.

Fri. Aug. 11th - Tom Bingay went today in the '*G.W. Hunter*'. He was in last night and said good-bye. We 'made up'.

Mon. Aug. 21st - Smith left today to see the boat race near St. John. An Englishman named Jas. Renforth is said to be victor.

Tues. Aug. 22nd - Mr. And Mrs. Christie were over today. I had a letter from Mary Webster. She is in Glasgow.

Thurs. Aug. 23rd - S. came from St. John today and brought me some music. The 'stroke' of the Lyne crew died at his post.

Sat. Aug 25th - Wrote to Mary Webster today. S. gave me a set of jewellery he bought me in St. John and was going to keep till Christmas. Letter from Cassie today who is in Stamford.

Sat. Sept. 9th - Charlie came from Shelburne on Monday and took me to Yarmouth where I have had my teeth filled. Was at Maggie Cornings, was going to a circus.

Monday, Oct. 12th - Charlie has been in Yarmouth for some time and has been with us a week, he left for Shelburne today. I want to go to the Normal School very much and wrote my brother James to lend me the money and I'd repay it but he has no feeling and of course refused.

Fri. Dec. 1st - It is a long time since I wrote anything in this book and lots of things have happened. Kate has gone to N. Y. with Charlie and is living with James. James sent me a splendid shawl by Mrs. Lyons Hatfield and I had a bed and other things from Shelburne as they think I am to be married but I am in no hurry. Smith got in the river today.

Wed. Dec. 6th - My nineteenth birthday - a horrid day - had a collar from Cassie and \$2.50 from my Mother.

Tues. Dec. 12th - Were at Mrs. Lyons to tea. Smith's birthday. Pretty happy.

Wed. Dec. 13th - Drove cousin Mary over to Yarmouth today. We were at Parson Moody's to dinner. My Mother and I are going to Yarmouth after the holidays.

Dec. 20th - Had company tonight - Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Knowles and Georgie Kirby was married tonight.

Note:- Caroline B. (Hatfield) Knowles was the wife of Rev.Charles Knowles. She lived in the next house south of the Barclays

Christmas 1871 - Have been at Mrs. Harding's to spend the day - not very pleasantly. S. gave me a box of chess. Wore my silk.

Mon. Jan. 1st 1872 - Were at Mrs. Richard's to dinner - there is a dance in the Hall. Heard that Isaac Webster had been shot accidentally.

Tues. Jan. 2nd - Seddie and I went to John Websters. Lindsay shot Isaac but there are hopes of his recovery.

Sat. 13th Jan. - Was at singing school. Mrs. Crosby says Mrs. H.(?) Webster is expecting us over.

March 27th - Was in Yarmouth nearly six weeks - came home tonight with Smith. The roads were very bad with snow drifts. I have been at Maggie Cornings most of the time. Fannie died on Tuesday March 19th. It was very very sad. We used to see her most every day and on Sunday before her death she was out driving. Was at Mrs. Tom Bingay's part of the time.



The courtship between Annie Louisa Barclay and Smith Harding, which occupies much space in this diary, did not lead to marriage. Smith did marry however, first Mary Beckwith, and second Jennifer Hood. He is shown here as an elderly man, with his second wife. He and Mary Beckwith had two daughters, Florence and Marjorie. This photo has been supplied by Society members Marshall and Myra (Taylor) Moses. Myra is Smith Hardings' great-granddaughter. ATCHA Photo #P2006:576

Sat. April 13th - Bel is sixteen today and has had some company, she persists in being intimate with everybody.

Wed. Jan. [sic] 17th - Came to Yarmouth today to make a visit at Mrs. Henry Webster's.

March 17th 1872 - Have been engaged two years and hope to be so some years longer.

Tusket March 27th 1872 - Came home from Yarmouth today where I have been about ten weeks. I have had a very nice time visiting, first at Mrs. Webster's where Aunt Willie is spending the winter, than at John Webster's, than at Mrs. Tom Bingay's than at Maggie Corning's. Fanny, Robb's wife, died March 19th very suddenly. Maggie and I had seen her every day and she was out driving on Sunday and on Tuesday she died. My Mother came to Y. when I did but soon grew tired of visiting and returned to Tusket.

Tues. Ap 16th - S. and I went up to see the freshet (?) this evening. We intended to go round the lakes, our usual drive, but the bridges were down and we had to return the way we went. Had a nice drive, only my miserable back troubles me all the time. Have taken a dose of lavdanum to make me sleep, as I have the toothache. Mrs. Charles Tooker here today.

Wed. Ap 24th - Mary Gardner and I went to Y. today and I never saw so much mud as we encountered in my life. We had to get out of the carriage to let Freda draw it out of the mud. I think if we stayed in we should now be somewhere in the bowels of the earth.

Wed. May 1st - Heard that Mrs. Loren Baker is dead.

Sunday May 5th - Went to church and nearly fainted when I got there and again when I got home. I HAVE NO STRENGTH AT ALL.[sic]

Sunday Ap [sic] 19th - Am just recovering from an attack of diphtheria. Mrs. Young's twins born Friday.

Tues. Ap [sic] 21st - Mrs. Young's children died today, little yellow things.

Friday May 24th - Queen's birthday, but there is no loyalty in this little place and S. is worst of all, I am sorry to say. He told me tonight that Lyons is on the verge of failure. Worth 40 in Nov., 20 today. (?) We have written for Jim's wife to visit us this summer. Cassie leaves for home July 1st.

Tues. May 28th - Took S. to Y. today on his way to St. John and I drove the fastest horse in Tusket home. Brought Bel home from John Webster's.

Tues. June 4th - S. returned today.

Tuesday. June 11th 1872 - Charlie's birthday, he is 25. C'est possible?

Thurs. June 20th 1872 - My poor little brother Stan has been dead three years today. I cannot think of him without crying. He was so young to die.

Mon. June 24th - Went told us today that Cassie came in the "*Gladiator*".

Tues. June 20th - Jim Bingay brought Cassie over today. Charlie spent his birthday with her. He has not written to us since last autumn. Had a queer letter from Jim saying that Fanny fears she may not be well - used

here and so is not coming. If that is her style she'd better not. Mrs. Richardson sent me a very pretty fan by Cassie. C. says there is "an air of faded gentility about us", very probable.

Thurs. June 27th - The court is in session here. Went, Cassie and I at Seddie's to tea.

Sunday, July 28th 1872 - Geo. Bingay and Mary, Will Plant and Charl. Hatfield over today. Cassie has gone back to Y.

Thurs. Aug 1st - Had a dance in the Hall tonight. Cassie came over today to stay a fortnight. Albert, Sophia and Maria Killam and Ned Darby over at our house. Emaline Churchill is home. She went to Boston when we were in Y. last winter and there are sad stories told about her.

Sunday Aug 4th - Smith took Cassie and me to Y. to the consecration of the church.

Monday Aug. 5th - Stanley's birthday. He would have been 27.

Monday Aug. 18th - Down to McKinnons at a pic-nic. Mrs. Lyons Hatfield's horse broke her carriage and she told us to bring it home, which we obediently did. Had a horrid time.

Friday Aug. 30th 1872 - Was in Y. last night at the Leap Year Ball which Miss Harrison, Cassie and Maria Killman originated. Had a very nice time and did not get home till 5 o'clock this morning. Wore white over black silk.

Sunday Sept. 1st 1872 - Cassie and Mr. Jolly have been over today, they went driving round the lakes this afternoon and are very wicked.

Wed. Sept. 4th - My Father died today 7 years ago.

Tues. Sept 10th - Cassie at a driving-party at Argyle with Mr. Jolly. She stopped a few moments and was not very nice.

Thurs. Sept. 12th - Invited to John Websters to a party today, but did not go.

Sat. Sept. 14th 1872 - My little Mother and I have been in Y. two days at Maggie Cornings.

Tues. Sept. 17th - Cassie brought Miss Harrison over to tea. C. is having very nice times in Y. and we only see her occasionally.

Wed. Sept. 18th 1872 - The ship Rossignol launched today. She is owned by Young Kinney and Corning and is the largest ship in the province. Aunt Jane, Maggie and Mrs. Corning here to dinner.

Thurs. Sept. 19th - Cassie brought Mrs. Dodds over to tea.

Tuesday Sept. 24th - Mr. Parker told us that Cassie left in the "Gladiator" this afternoon. We did not see her to say 'good-bye'!

Thurs. Sept. 26th - Invited to Mrs. Lyons tonight but have a sore throat. Sent a Power of Attorney to Mr. Arthur in Turks Island.



Caroline Bridget (Hatfield) Knowles, 1824-1911, daughter of Capt. James & Elizabeth (Lent) Hatfield of Gavelton, NS. She married as his 2nd wife, Rev. Charles Knowles. They lived in the house known in more recent times as the Dr. H. J. Fulde house. Caroline was a sister to Isaac S. Hatfield. ATCHA Photo # P1991:414



Isaac Smith Hatfield, 1827-1872, son of Capt. James & Elizabeth (Lent) Hatfield of Gavelton, NS. He married widow Sarah (Cochran) Harding and they lived in Tusket. He was an MLA and a merchant. ATCHA Photo #P1991:402

Friday Oct. 11th - Seddie and I went down to Mrs. Robbins at Chebogue Point. They are very kind but so very 'uncanny' that we could not eat anything.

Wed. Oct. 16th - Election Day and Ryerson got a small majority. Lyons failure is known.

Sun. Oct. 20th - Isaac Hatfield was found dead on the beach near his house today. A cold, dark, windy, disagreeable day and I am very blue. There is nothing worth living for.

Wed. Oct. 23th[sic] - S. went to St. John today to buy goods for himself.

Friday Oct. 25th - Florence Young here to tea. Have just finished cleaning house. Have done it nearly all myself. I do not dislike any housework except cooking, that I detest and hope I may never have to do. I am getting stronger thanks to the iron John Webster gave me and I have a little color. It used to be said of me that I was cut out of marble. John W. has a joke about my being 'hardened' some time.

Tues. Oct. 29th - Mary Webster and Helen over today. The first time I have seen Mary since her return from Scotland.

Thurs. Oct. 21st[sic] - I got home today. Had a letter from New Orleans (from James) where he is now living. He has a splendid salary, \$3000,00, but he does not send his Mother any.

Sunday Nov. 17th - Mr. Moody over today. Found the ground white with snow when I raised my blind this morning.

Sat. Nov. 23rd - Aunt Jane came over today with Lila to stay till after Lyons' auction. There are some people in the world who seem to feed on other people's misfortunes.

Tuesday Nov. 26th - Lyons household goods sold today. Mrs. Hatfield is now at her Mother's - Mrs. Hardings.

Sat. Nov. 30th 1872 - Have been in Y. a few days. Went got home with his bride Maria Bingay, this week. She is Queer and ugly, too old for Went. Am going out of my 'teens' and am not happy. I wonder if I ever shall be. Had a letter from Cassie describing Went's wedding.

Friday Dec. 6th - My 20th birthday. Went in with Seddie after Division and had some music. Stayed rather longer than S. thought proper. Botheration! He gave me a Russia leather Ladies companion, supposed to be bound with gold.

Monday Dec. 23rd - Went to Y. today with Seddie and Mrs. Crosby to call on Wents' wife at the Hotel. Bought my Mother a muff for Xmas. And bought S. a gold pen to replace one Charlie lost for him. I teach music and so make a little money for myself.

Wed. Dec. 25th 1872 - Xmas a very cold day. At Mrs. Gardners' to dinner. Got Mary to ask me first so I need not go to Mrs. Hardings'. Andy had a juvenile party this evening. S. gave me a gold pen and pencil.

Tues. Dec. 31st - Wed. Jan 1st 1873 - Bel went to Y. to make a visit at Maggie Cornings'. S. stayed till the New Year came in.

Fri. Jan. 3rd - Had a letter from Jas' wife today. She has never answered one of our letters to her since she has married but now she writes very much to the purpose and tells my Mother she must not expect Jim to support her. As if he did support us! What a hateful world!

Fri. Jan. 10th - Read the Sewing Bird to Division this evening.

Tues. Feb. 11th - Went to Y. with Seddie to call on Mrs. Chase (Fanny Took's). Aunt M. wants me to make her a visit.

Wed. Feb. 12th - Was at a party at Jim Lents' this evg. Am told that I am considered nice-looking. Don't believe it tho; am only passable.

Sat. March 1st - Have been at Aunt Marias' some time. S. came for me today and we had a lovely sleigh-ride home on the bare ground. Shall I confess it to my paper? S. is not my ideal. I want a husband who knows EVERYTHING but I suppose such a one would not have me. Besides, "once engaged always engaged" is my motto.

Wed. 5th - Been to church; found S. waiting in the bright moonlight. S. does not go to church as he does not

like Mr. Young.

Wed. Mar. 12th - Went to church found S. very cross and disagreeable because it was too muddy for me to go to church. Seddie laughed at him. I wish he were always a gentleman.

Friday March 14th - Letters from Charlie and James. My Mother has been invited to make Mrs. Wisharts house her home and I hope she will go and have some rest and happiness. Poor little Mother, she has had a hard life since my father died. I hope some day to make her happy and comfortable if she does not die before I can.

Wed. Ap. 2nd 1873 - There is a report that a large passenger steamship went ashore near Halifax and 700 lives were lost.

Mon. Ap. 7th - The wrecked steamer was the "Atlantic" of the White Star Line. 546 passengers drowned, mostly emigrants.

Good Friday Ap. 11th '73 - Church this morning and evening. I believe S. hates the church and is Baptist as his father. Well, it shall never be until he is a churchman.

Sat. Ap. 12th '73 - At Mrs. Webb Blanselt's to tea. They do nothing but eat at these Tusket parties. They are too 'Baptisty' for cards or games.

Sunday Ap. 13th '73 - Easter Sunday and Bel's Birthday. Instead of being happy and good today I have been miserable and wicked. Bel runs about with all sorts of people and makes me cross and my Mother does not prevent her. Was not very well and wanted S. to go home early and he did not want to.

Tues. Ap. 29th - Aunt Betsey Bingay died on the 20th. Seddie is to be married soon and I am to be bridesmaid. Seddie does not want to be married but she is past thirty and so thinks she must. I wonder if I shall ever feel so!

Thurs. May 15th '73 - S. went to St. John today.

Tues. May 20th - S. returned today. Brought Seddie and me a fruit knife each.

Sun. May 25th - Capt. Bond (whom Seddie is to marry) came today.

Wed. May 28th - Sarah married today. S. and I "stood up" and then went to Y. with them. They left for N. Y. at three o'clock. Maggie Corning is at our house.

Sunday June 1st '73 - Joseph Howe died today, so they say.

Wed. June 4th - Louise Meklem came today with her two children.

Thurs. June 12th - Maggie Stewart and some more here to tea. We are going to have a sale in aid of the church. I miss Seddie very much.

Fri. June 20th '73 - Stanly dead four years.

Wed. June 25th - Had our sale today, took over \$100.00. Am very tired for Mrs. Hatfield and I had most of

the work to do.

Fri. July 4th 1873 - At a pic-nic at Carleton. We all went in the big coach and came home singing God Save The Queen. Heard that Cassie is in Yarmouth.

Sat. July 5th - Cassie and Henry Lydiard came over today. He is a small, sickly looking person and has been traveling for his health. He and C. came from Boston together. Cassie says he has been wild and wicked. I detest such men. One reason why I like S. is because I know he is good. My husband (if I ever marry) must never have been guilty of any wickedness.

Thurs. July 17th - Cassie and Charlotte Hatfield came over today and on their way home they took Emeline Churchill in the carriage. It broke down and they came back for S. to mend it. Cassie asked E. C. to come in and she came. I spoke to her and then blushed and trembled as if I had been the guilty one and she was very self-possessed. She told Bel afterward that she was amused at the way I looked. She has been behaving very badly since her return, but I don't want to be her judge, so let her rest, but I am sorry Cassie took her driving. Hurrah! At last I am going to N. Y.!

Fri. Aug. 1st '73 - Cassie came out today to stay a few days. We had the Hine's from N.Y. here this evening.

Sun. Arg.[sic] 3rd '73 - Cassie came over to rest after her 'good times' in Y. and she is doing so I think for she did not get up today till one o'clock and went to bed again at seven. She goes back to Y. on Wed.

Sat. Aug. 9th '73 - There was a launch today and Maggie Corning, Cassie, Mrs. Dodds and the children have been here all day. Harry Farish and Tom Moberly were here to tea. It is nice to have company when one has servants, but we have none and I am tired to death. We sell our furniture (some of it) on Tues. next.

Sun. Aug. 10th '73 - The last day in our old home. S. and I took a walk this evg.

Tues. Aug. 12th '73 - Auction today. We are all at Mrs. Gardner's. Mrs. Harding asked me to make her a visit, but I do not care to. We have stored most of our furniture at Mary's and Mother tells me I am to have it. I believe I am the favorite.

Thurs. Aug. 14th '73 - Went to Y. today with S. We had a very fast horse and it was frightened twice and stood up straight in the shafts. I was not alarmed.

Thurs. Aug. 21st '73 - My Mother and Bel left Tusket today. They are to stay at John Webster's a short time and then go to Kentville. I was very blue when my little Mother drove off. Cassie was over with Miss McNab today, and says we'll leave for N.Y. Sept. 6th.

Sat. Aug. 23rd '73 - Nellie Hatfield and I have been calling today. Maggie Corning wants me to come there till we leave.

Mon. Aug. 25th '73 - S. was in this evg. and we played cards with Mr. Gardner and Andy. Then took a walk. Very cold weather, had to have firs.[sic]

Yarmouth Tues. Aug 26th - S. brought me over this evg. A little dance at Maggie's.

Thurs. Aug. 28th '73- Bought a trunk today at which Cassie expressed her disapprobation thinking she knew

my requirements better than I do myself. She is sometimes very nice and she has also the power of being the reverse.

Mon. Sept. 1st - A thunder storm this evg. I love to watch the lightning as I do a pretty sunset and the beautiful water. The Hines and Plants have been here. I believe Henry Plant and Maggie will "make a match".

Thurs. Sept. 4th - A party at Mrs. Flints'. Thunder storm. Cassie horrid.

Tusket Sat. Sept. 6th 1873 - Did not leave as we expected, the 'Linda' being behind time, so I came over with S. tonight. A glorious moonlight night. S. wants me to promise to be married next Autumn but I will not promise. I do not like to think of being married, because I may be very unhappy. S. spoke to Mr. Corning for his store when Dodds and Jolly leave it.

Monday Sept. 8th '73 - On board the "Linda". Left Y. this morning at six o'clock. Bel was down to see us off but my dear little Mother did not come. I saw her last on Sunday evg. (last night.) She and Bel were to leave for Kentville today. I am so lonely. I have a state room with Eliza Townsend and her children, they are sick but I am not. Maggie Corning and Cassie room together and Jim Bingay is a passenger.

Sun. Sept. 14th '73 - Commenced the New Testament today. Arrived in N.Y. on Wed. 10th at 6 A.M. and came up to Stamford to see Cassie yesterday with Emma Morrison, the daughter of our land lady in Brooklyn.

Thurs. Sept. 18th - Capt. Henry Webster is in N.Y. and told me that Jim arrived yesterday from New Orleans. Jas. came to see me this evg. I had not seen him for years and find him very much changed. He and Charlie are not friends so they did not meet. I am nearly devoured by mosquitos. They lie in wait for me every night and I can scarcely see out of my eyes. Jim was nice and kind and brought me a box of grapes. I laughed and cried when I saw him. There are so many strangers about me I was doubly glad to see him. There are about twelve boarding in the house and Mrs. Morrison and her daughter Emma make up the household. I am to stay here only till I find a situation, which I hope may be very soon.

Sunday 21st Sept. '73 - Have spent the day with Jim and wife and baby. It seems to me that Mrs. Barclay is decidedly queer. I must not judge too soon however.

Monday Sept. 22nd '73 - Letter from S. today. One from Seddie Bond enclosed.

Tues. Sept. 23rd '73 - Went to see Louise Mecklem today and took her the parcel I brought from N.S.

Sunday Sept. 28th - Went to church today (Holy Trinity, Brooklyn) twice. I like the clergyman very much, as it is a grand old church.

