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CHAPTER I.

IN THE FATHERLAND.

IN the southern part of Sweden in the town of Versrom is a place by the name of Tribom. Here long ago lived a man also named Tribom, who is an early ancestor of the Swedish Neil family in America. He was a soldier under Karl XII, whose reign extended from 1697 to 1718. Being wounded in battle he came home to die. He left a son whose name was Daniel. There may have been other children, we do not know.

This Daniel married a girl Ingeborg by name. They lived on a farm, but Daniel served eight years in the army. Daniel and Ingeborg had two sons and four daughters. Caroline married Carl Ljungua, Nils Frederick married Christine, Per Nickolas moved to Wharvatown Ostergylen, the fourth child, a daughter, married a man by the name of Greenland.

Lena married Samuel Falk, and Anna Britta the youngest married Anders of Jyrat.

The second child and oldest son of the family is the only one with whom we need concern ourselves farther.

Nils Frederick was born in 1795, in the town of Tveta, county of Kalmar, province of Smaland.

He enlisted in the army about 1814, at the time Napoleon was fighting the allies. He belonged to a company of cavalry, known as Smaland's Husars, Sodravebo squadron No. 35.

There being another Nils Frederick in the same company, the Nils was changed to Nihl.

He married a girl named Christine.

She was born in the town of Tveta, in the year 1792. Her father also served in the Swedish army. He was killed in the Russian war. His name was Byman.

Nihl Frederick and Christine his wife were blessed with six children; five sons and one daughter. The oldest son, Daniel, lived to be only fourteen years old. The second son, Carl John, was born June 5, 1820. The third son, Adolph Frederick, was born at Hammersbo, town of Malilla, December 8, 1822. Two years later the family moved to Hussartorpat Horfran. Hussartorpat meaning cavalryman's home, and Horfran being the name of the home farm.

It may be of interest here to state that these homes were furnished by the land-owners. Each land-owner was required to set apart a portion of his land for use of the standing army. Some must furnish a home or two, or more, according to the extent of their possessions. Sometimes two small land-owners would unite in furnishing one home.

And here at Horfran, in the town of Molilla, county of Kalmar, province of Smaland, Louise

the fourth child and only daughter was born January 6, 1825.

Augustus, the fifth child of Nihl Frederick and Christine, died at an early age; and another son, the sixth and youngest child, born May 15, 1832 in the town of Malilla, Smaland, was also named Augustus.

Here amid the lakes and forests, in the south of the Fatherland this Swedish mother reared her children, being to them teacher and companion as well as parent.

The father, tho' much of the time at home, was obliged to attend regular drill a part of each year; and was liable, as a good soldier of the king's army, to be called away at any moment.

There were at that time no public schools, and parents must themselves provide for the education of their children. The children of Nihl Frederick received instruction in their own home, together with other children whose parents preferred to pay for their schooling.

Some came in the morning and returned at night, while others who lived at a distance often stayed a week or more at a time. Always this busy mother had children other than her own under her care.

I think no member of this household was troubled with ennui, nor did anyone find it necessary to devise means for killing time; but each and every day brought occupation for mind and muscle.

There were the daily lessons, the planting and cultivation of crops. There was the making of cloth and of clothing, and the care of the cattle and sheep.

These must continually be guarded while in pasture, for the swamps and woods abounded in wolves, which moved in packs from one locality to another. Sometimes fifteen or more might be seen moving across the fields hungry and searching for food. Then alas for the unguarded flock, or flock whose watcher had grown careless.

And this task of guarding the stock, which would seem to us one of great danger was usually entrusted to some younger member of the family, who frightened the creatures away by an occasional blast of the horn which he carried.

The oldest living son, Carl John, at the age of 19, also joined the army. Nihil, the father, died in 1839 of typhoid fever, having served twenty-five years.

Adolph then enlisted as hussar in his father's place, and took charge of the farm.

The one daughter, Louisa, grew to womanhood warmhearted and kind, always a help and a comfort to the mother.

Young Augustus too had his share in the work of the home at an early age. He was often left in charge of the grazing cattle and sheep when only eight years old, and but once did the savage wolves molest the animals in his charge. At that time three of the finest of the flock made them a good meal.

When Augustus was thirteen years old he began to learn his trade, working with a shoemaker who traveled from house to house, making and repairing shoes for the whole family where he stopped, and then passing on to another customer, but generally staying at each place long enough to fit each member of the household with a year's supply of substantial footwear.

Thus the children of this humble home were learning to do for themselves. Later they were to become useful and honored citizens of a far distant land.

The oldest son, Carl John, was married Dec. 24, 1842, being then twenty-two years old, to Louisa Marie Swansdotter or Swan's daughter.

At that time girls were often designated in this way, while a boy would be called Swanson if his father's name happened to be Swan.

There was born to them, 1844, a daughter, Christine Sophia, who died in infancy. Another daughter, Caroline Sophia, was born March 4, 1845. A third daughter, Emma, was born March 5, 1848. A son, Charles Oscar, was born Aug. 4, 1849, and a second son, John August, was born Dec. 4, 1851.

They had then a little family of two daughters and two sons.

Adolph Frederick married Anna Kathrina Hallegren, Sept. 13, 1846, and continued to reside at the old home at Horfran.

Aug. 23, 1847, there came to them a son, whom they named Karl Frederick. He died Sept. 7, 1847. Another son was born July 22, 1848. This one they named Gustaf Alfred.

The daughter Louise married John Frank.

Emigration of Swedes to America was now becoming common. Many letters were written to friends in the old country filled with glowing accounts of the land of freedom, and telling of golden opportunities held out to rich and poor alike.

Accordingly the wife and children of Nihl Frederick, deceased, began to consider the advisability of crossing the sea to make for themselves new homes beyond. And Augustus, now nineteen years old, and fond of adventure, proposed that he, the youngest son, without family ties, go first, see the country and decide.

CHAPTER II.
IN THE NEW WORLD.

The year 1851 found him in a strange land. He crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel and was six weeks in making the voyage.

He traveled over many states. Having acquaintances in Jamestown, N. Y., concluded to go there. He walked for a long time looking for the place and at last came to a mile-stone, with hand pointing back to the road over which he had come, and reading "3 mi. to Jamestown." He had been looking for a larger place and had passed thro' the town without seeing it. Soon afterward he located in Ashville, seven miles west of Jamestown, working for Mr. Wright and afterwards opened a shoe maker's shop of his own.

As he learned the customs of the country he found that here the father's last name descends to the children. If he had remained in the old country, he would have been known as Augustus Nihl's son or Nihlson. He dropped the "son," taking for himself and a future family the name of Nihl, or with the spelling Americanized, Neil. The other brothers on their arrival, did the same.

Augustus was pleased with the country and its ways and the rest of the family prepared to follow

him. They started in June, 1852, a party of twelve: The mother, Carl John, his wife and their little family of four; Adolph Frederick, his wife and one babe; and the daughter Louise with her husband.

They took ship at Göteborg. And at this place the one child of Adolph Frederick sickened and died.

After seven weeks on the water they landed at New York City, August 4, 1852. They went from New York to Dunkirk, then to Buffalo. At Dunkirk, the sister Louise was taken ill with cholera and died. At Buffalo the mother died of the same disease.

Adolph Frederick passed the first winter in America near Fredonia.

But Carl John (or Charlie Neil as he came to be known here, and this is the name by which his American friends remember him) found himself sick in this strange land and unable to work. He dropped his last twenty-five cent bill in New York City. It fluttered in the wind, a small boy grabbed it, darted away and was lost in the crowd. He and his little family were taken to the County House at Dewittville for the first hard winter. The wife, anxious to pay for their keeping, worked early and late and wove while there eight hundred yards of cloth.

There the baby died in Dec., 1852, and Caroline Sophia, the oldest living child, at this time about seven years old, was adopted into a German fam-

ily. Her parents, not knowing what evils might befall them in this strange land, were glad, in this way to make sure of a good home for one of their number.

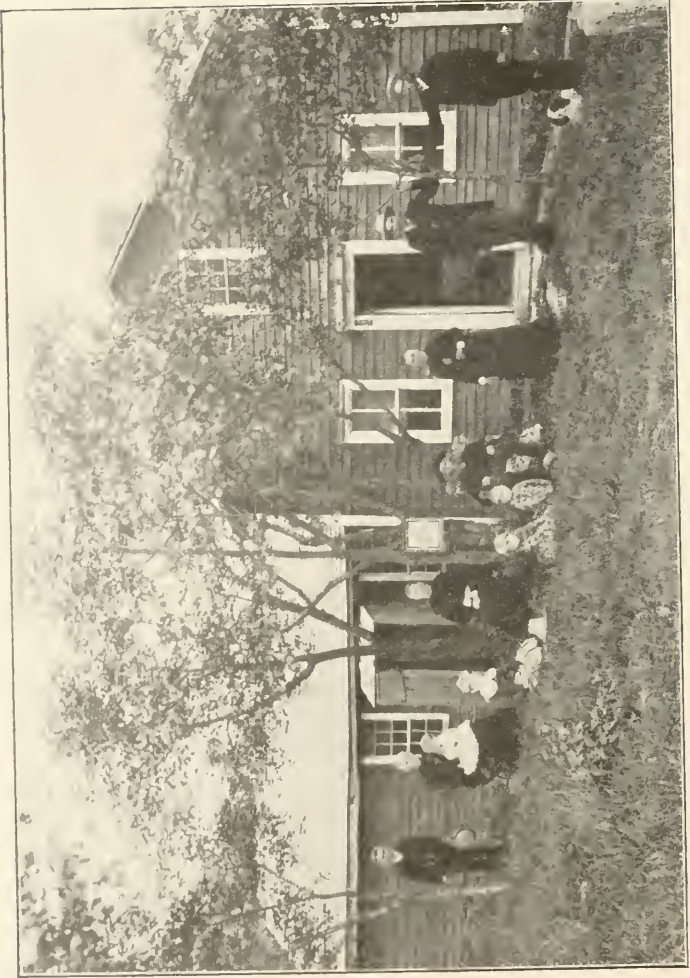
She was educated and taught school for a year or two, but died of consumption at Westfield, July 12, 1865, at the age of 20 years, 4 months and 8 days.

For the family of Charlie Neil, brighter days came with the springtime. The father regained his health, and they went to housekeeping at Ashville, New York. Having no money with which to buy, their furniture was home-made and of the rudest kind. Pieces of board with holes bored in the corners and legs inserted served the purpose of chairs. Other articles were of the same simple construction.

Two years later they bought a place of twenty acres in Busti. After a time they sold this place and lived at Boomerstown, New York, one winter. Then they lived on a rented place, on the Sugar-grove road two years.

In 1857 Charles became naturalized. In 1858 he bought thirty acres of land between Ashville and Blockville. It was all wood land. On Christmas morning, 1858, with a pair of steers of his own raising, Charles drew away the first log to clear a place for the house. Here they lived many years.

Five children were born to them in America. Anna Louise was born March 9, 1853, died Jan. 6, 1856; Joseph, Nov. 3, 1856. Sarah Urana, born



Old homestead of Charles Neil, near Ashville, N. Y.

Mar. 15, 1859; Ida Parmelia, born March 17, 1861, and Julia Gertrude, born April 26, 1863, died May 1, 1864.

Charlie Neil and his wife Louisa were the parents of ten children, only five of whom are now living.

Augustus met and loved a young lady of American parentage.

Urana Miami Whitford was a person of artistic temperament and great beauty of character. She was the daughter of Orison and Dorcas Whitford and was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua County N. Y., Sept. 25, 1833.

They were married at the home of her parents in Harmony, Oct. 1, 1857, Augustus being in his 26th year and the bride just past 24.

They began housekeeping at Ashville, New York, and have always lived at or near that place.

While living at Ashville, Adolph Frederick Neil received his naturalization papers and was admitted to the full privileges of American citizenship. At Ashville, too, five children were born to them. Three of these died there.

John Frederick was born June 15, 1853.

Emma Christina, who was born Oct. 7, 1855, died of croup June 21, 1858.

Carl August, born Mar. 7, 1858.

Johanna Sophia, born Mar. 11, 1860.

These two died of diphtheria Sept., 1861. April 23, 1862, another child, Oscar Henrik, was born.

In May, 1862, Frederick Neil with his family left

Ashville for Minnesota, then the far west. He reached his brother-in-law in Watertown the next month. He went farther west and rented a farm south of Litchfield.

One Sunday morning the following September, neighbors rode up to his home in great excitement telling him the Indians had shot five men at Acton, a town a few miles away. This was the beginning of what is known as the great Sioux Indian war of '62. The next day he returned with his neighbors to bury the dead men, while the settlers were arriving by hundreds, from the farms and prairies farther west, bound for St. Paul.

He went with his family to Forest City, where he helped to build a temporary fort. Here they stayed with others seeking safety for a week.

From here he went to Clearwater; afterward he moved through St. Paul and Cannon Falls to Vasa, where he stayed over winter.

In the spring he rented a farm and built a cabin half a mile southwest of the present homestead, where he lived five years.

Here the daughter, Emma Matilda, was born Sept. 22, 1865.

In March, 1868, he built the home in section 2, Vasa, Goodhue Co., Minn. Here the youngest child, Victor Adolph, was born June 19, 1869.



Adolph Frederick Neil



Anna Neil

CHAPTER III.

WAR AND PEACE.

We come now to speak of a bitter period in the nation's history, a time of hardship in the history of the families of the nation, a time of trial for the souls of men.

What of the souls of women, who waited at home to care for the lonely, helpless families; to prepare and send boxes of home fare and home comforts to send to dear ones far away; to eagerly scan the daily published lists of dead and injured; to find sometimes the name of a loved one, perhaps among the wounded, and to long to know how severe was the injury, perhaps among the dead that never return:

Do they not deserve equal honor with those who faced the bullets amid the excitement of battle? Thankful indeed may we be that those days were not for us.

When Abraham Lincoln sent out a call for volunteers the spirit of heroism awoke throughout the land among all classes and conditions of men. The call came to Charles Neil in the field, to August in the shop, to Adolph Frederick in the west and the blood of a soldier ancestry stirred within them.



Charles and Augustus Neil.

Charles and Augustus joined the 112th Regiment, New York Volunteers, Company D., in Aug., 1862.

Both families accompanied them to Jamestown. Urana, the wife of Augustus, and his two little daughters, (the eldest of these, Lois Evangeline, was born June 17, 1858; the younger one, Pearl



Augustus Neil

Urana Neil

Selma, was born Feb. 5, 1860), and the wife and children of Charles, who never saw him again.

Charles served his country only about one year. He was promoted to corporal in the spring of 1863 and died of cold and exposure at Folly Island, S. C., Aug. 29, 1863, and lies buried there.

At the time of his death there were six children living. The oldest, Emma, about fifteen years and six months old, Oscar, a few days past fourteen, Joseph, Sarah and Ida aged respectively six, four and two, and the baby whom the father had never seen, just four months old. She died the next May.

They all had to work. Both boys and girls learned to drive and to milk, to handle a hoe and a rake.

But children will find a time for their fun, and some of their recreations certainly had the charm of novelty. Some of the children were quite expert at bareback riding, and it was at one time the great delight of one of the daughters to speed over the snow on a handsled, while holding fast to the tail of a spotted calf.

Louise was married again Sept. 28, 1868, to John Turnwall, a gentle, quiet man, who was to her a good husband, and a kind father to her children.

She lived to see her children all married and in homes of their own. She died Aug. 29, 1886.

August served until the close of the war, and was discharged with the regiment June 13, 1865.



John Turnwall Louise Neil Turnwall

He was not seriously wounded, but was sick and was sent to the hospital the 30th day of July, 1863, where he remained until the 11th of September following. He was then sent to the regiment on Folly Island, S. C. At this place he first learned of the death of his brother, Charles.

He proved unfit for duty and was sent to the general hospital at Hilton Head, S. C., Nov. 11, 1863. Was sent home on furlough Feb. 1, 1864.

He was not able to return when the furlough expired. He sent a surgeon's certificate, but was ordered to report to the Provost Marshal at Rochester. He did so April 28, 1864, and by him was sent to St. Mary's Hospital. He was able to report May 15 to the regiment, then stationed in Virginia.

He was taken prisoner August 25, 1864. Remained a prisoner until March 2, 1865, about six months. He was in Libby, Salisbury and Belle Isle prisons.

He found on his return home a little daughter, then between five and six months old, which he had not seen. She was born the 3rd day of January, 1865. They named her Rosa Ruth. Her first trip from home was when she was about three months old, with her mother to attend the funeral services held in Ashville for Abraham Lincoln.

The fourth child and oldest son, Grant Earl, was born April 8, 1868. Another son, Charles Frederick, was born Oct. 1, 1870.

Nellie Narcissi was born Oct. 8, 1873. But on the 20th day of March, 1875, she died of whooping cough, leaving only a memory of her bright baby ways to be cherished through all the years. Especially sweet is the thought of the merry days they had among the maple leaves the fall before she died.

We covered the baby with maple leaves,
 She laughed at the colors gay;
 And she laughed as the fairy fingers tossed
 Them far on the wind away;
 And gaily she laughed as they floated down
 Caressing the curls so soft and brown.

Again whirled the leaves on the autumn air,
 In a red golden spray;
 But we heard not the baby's merry laugh
 As she tossed the leaves away,
 And all unheeding above the mold
 The leaves dropped their covering of
 red and gold.

Jan. 2, 1876, another baby came and great was the joy; for though a boy, they all felt he would in a way take the place of lost Nellie. He was named Daniel Augustus.

The three girls and three boys grew to maturity, and at present are all living in Chautauqua county, New York.

The wife and mother died of pneumonia, Christmas, 1892. She was sick only a few days and died at Lakewood. She was taken sick on the street car



Old homestead of Augustus Neil, at Ashville, New York.

and was so very ill that it was impossible to take her home. Husband and children did all possible for her relief, but without avail.

A gentle wife and mother,
So patient all day long;
Her smile was bright with a heavenly light,
Her life was one sweet song.

The father lives at the old home with his son, Charles.

During the war Adolph Frederick belonged to the home guard, but was never called into actual service. He died at his home in Vasa of diabetes, March 24, 1898, at the age of 75 years.

He was sick a little over a year. He was always a kind and indulgent husband and father.

He died in the belief that he was going home to his Savior, and exhorted his friends to meet him there.

His wife still lives at their home with the daughter Emma. Only four of their nine children are now living. They have settled in different parts of the west.

We find then three branches of the Neil family, descendants of Charles and Augustus Neil, living in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, the descendants of Adolph and Frederick in the west; whose fortunes we will follow in due course.

CHAPTER IV.
NEW HOMES.

Descendants of Charles.

According to the laws of nature the old home must give up its treasures, the young must go forth to fashion other homes where new souls will come into being, grow and develop in their turn find other homes and so on and on.

To the child, the home is the place of all others, the center of the universe. But the child grows to maturity, makes another home for himself while the heart still clings tenderly to the home of his childhood; one by one the other children do the same until the parents are left the two as they began.

Death calls and where is the home that to the child seemed the one enduring fact of earth, only a dream.

The first of the Neils of the new world to break the home circle, except indeed those who were called away by death, the first to choose a mate and to try to make a place for himself in the world was

CHARLES OSCAR NEIL,
the oldest son of Charles, who died at Folly Island during the war.

Charles Oscar Neil was married to Christine Johnson Jan. 2, 1873.

She was born in Sweden, Dec. 2, 1851.

They went to housekeeping near Chautauqua Lake, about a mile from Ashville.

Two children came to them there. The oldest, Charles Luther, was born March 3, 1874, and died before two years of age, Feb. 8, 1876. The 29th of July, the same year, a daughter was born, Julia Louisa. The young wife was taken away when this child was only five months old. She died Dec. 21, 1876. They were living then near the old homestead. After her death, Oscar carried the little one in its cradle to his mother. This baby died Feb. 5, 1877.

Oscar lived single over fifteen years, working sometimes on a farm, some of the time running a threshing machine, and a part of the time working in the Pennsylvania oil region.

July 9, 1892, he married Amelia Augusta Kofoed. She was born in Denmark Aug. 2, 1870, and came to America when about nineteen years old.

They began housekeeping at the old homestead of Charles Neil, near Ashville. They moved to Jamestown in 1895.

They have had twelve children. The first were twins, Carl and Amel, born Feb. 23, 1893; both died. The next one, Julia Matine, was born Dec. 11, 1893. She lived but four days. Carl Amel was



Oscar Neil and family of Jamestown, N. Y.

born March 5, 1895, and died July 1, 1897. Lillie Anna Florence was born Nov. 7, 1896, and died Mar. 28, 1898. Theodore, born Feb. 5, 1898, lived 22 days. Hazel Frances, born June 28, 1899, and Oscar Frank, born Feb. 6, 1901; these two are living. Alice Amelia, born Oct. 26, 1902, lived but 3 days. Blanch, born Dec. 30, 1903, lived only 13 days. Alida Louise, born June 27, 1905, living only

Nina Nellie, the youngest, was born April 5, 1907.

Roy was born Sept. 5, 1908; died Sept. 9, 1908.

EMMA NEIL

was married Feb. 27, 1873, to Samuel Armont, a widowed neighbor, a veteran of the war of 1812.

He was born Mar. 1, 1795, and died Feb. 15, 1884, and left his widow a life pension of \$12 a month; also a little home, which she rents. She boards with her brother, Joseph.



Emma Neil Arnont



Joseph Neil.



Mrs. Joseph Neil

JOSEPH NEIL

went to work drilling for oil at Bradford, Pa., in 1875. After three or four years he went to Youngs-



Joseph Neil.

town, O., to work in a blast furnace. He stayed there three years and then went to Texas, herding cattle. Afterward he was in Kansas a year, and



Emmet Morrison and Nellie Neil Morrison

in Missouri two years. At the time of his mother's death he came home and stayed three years. He then went back into the Pennsylvania oil region for three or four years, and then came back to Ashville, N. Y., married there and has lived there since that time.

They have only one child, Nellie, born at Ashville, New York, Sept. 2, 1888. She has worked in Jamestown cloth factories much of the time. She was married to Emmet Morrison Nov. 16, 1908, and is at present living in Corry, Pa.

SARAH URANIA NEIL

married at an early age. Her husband, Charles Walburg, was born in Sweden, April 20, 1846. He drilled two years in the Swedish army and came to America in 1870.

They were married June 20, 1874, and went to housekeeping in the town of Busti, N. Y. After four months they moved to Panama, living there one and one-half years.

They bought their present home near Ashville, N. Y., in 1878. Tho' only a child of fifteen when she assumed the duties of a wife and the cares of a home, she never found occasion to regret her choice. Her husband, who was thirteen years her senior, was most kind and loving.

Four children blessed their union. Charles William, the oldest son, was born May 13, 1875, at the home near Ashville.

When sixteen and seventeen years old he clerked in a grocery store for Mr. Gleason. After working on a farm for a few years he entered the employ of Cook & Treat, grocers, of Jamestown, New York. He stayed with them nearly two years. Then in partnership with his brother-in-law, Jay Holbrook, he bought a farm at Ashville, where he lives at the present time.

He was married Nov. 24, 1908, to Emma Johnson, of Niobe, N. Y. She was born June 26, 1880, at Niobe, Chautauqua county, New York. She worked three years in the hospital at Warren, and was postmistress at Niobe for a time.

Alma Louisa, the second child, was born May 18, 1879, at Ashville, N. Y., and was married Mar. 8, 1900.

Her husband, Jay Holbrook, was born at Open Meadows, New York, Mar. 26, 1876.

They have one child, Bernice Louise, born May 30, 1904.

The third child of Sarah and Charles Walburg, Ida Helena, was born Mar. 3, 1881, and died Mar. 12, 1881.

Fred Walburg, was born Mar. 3, 1886, at Ashville. He married Jennie Caroline Lindstrom, Dec. 22, 1904. They have one son, Charles Andrew, born April 26, 1908.



Charles Walburg and Sarah Neil Walburg and family.

She was born in Sweden, Feb. 21, 1881. She came to America when five years old.

They live on his mother's place. They have one child, Charles ,Andrew Walburg, born April 26, 1908.

Mr. Walburg died after a lingering illness May 12, 1904, deeply mourned by his family and friends. He is buried at Ashville.

Sarah lived at the old home until the spring of 1905, she moved with her son and daughter's family to an adjoining farm, known locally as the Walburg and Holbrook place.

She is a most kind and helpful neighbor and friend. No one in sickness or trouble asks in vain for help that she is able to give.

IDA PARMELIA NEIL,

attended the district school until 1875, and then went to the Union School at Jamestown. She held a certificate for teaching at the age of fifteen. She married Sept. 17, 1881.

Henry Carlson, the husband of her choice, was born in Southern Sweden, 1855. He came to America when seventeen years old. After working on a farm in Busti for a time, he went to the Pennsylvania coal mines, where he worked eight

months. From there he went to Bradford and worked an oil lease four years.

They went to housekeeping at Bradford, Pa. Afterward they bought a place near Ashville, N. Y., built a house and lived there thirteen years.

In 1895 they moved to Jamestown, where Mr. Carlson follows the bricklayer's trade. They bought a lot, built a house, and in 1902 moved into their new home, No. 11 Newland Ave., where they still reside.

They are the parents of seven children, Minnie, the oldest, was born at Bradford, July 17, 1882. She attended school until sixteen years old. Afterward she worked in one of the cloth factories of Jamestown. She died Sept. 13, 1906, after a short, malignant attack of typhoid fever.

She was a jolly, kind-hearted girl, the life of the home.

Gone, gone is the loving sister,
The daughter so kind and dear;
But often the echoes come ringing,
And they fancy her spirit is near.

A snatch of song in the distance,
Or a laugh from the room above,
Keeps the heart athrob with the echoes
Of a voice that they know and love.

They seem to hear her footsteps,
Her voice at the open door;
With her cheery call, "Where is mother?"
'Tis an echo! She comes no more.

Charles Martin Carlson, the second child, was born near Ashville, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1883. He attended the village school from 1888 to 1895. He went thro' the Jamestown Grammar School, and also spent some time at High School and Business College. He enlisted in the United States regular army, April 30, 1901, qualified as marksman 1902, was appointed corporal July 30, 1903, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of his enlistment. Services, honest and faithful; character, excellent. At present he is inspector for the Standard Steel Car Co., Butler, Pa.

Esther Louise, was born near Ashville, N. Y., July 10, 1888. She was seven years old when her parents moved to Jamestown, and has worked in one of the cloth factories for the past four years.

The other children are boys, all born at Jamestown:

Henry Milton, born Sept. 10, 1895.

Robert Stanley, born Jan. 19, 1897.

Wilbur Llewellyn, born Apr. 11, 1900.

Ralph Theodore, born Mar. 19, 1902.

Just as a curious fact, and because such occurrences are rare, I mention here that Robert Carlson was born with two teeth.

CHAPTER V.

*DESCENDANTS OF
ADOLPH FREDERICK NEIL.*

Of the nine children of Adolph Frederick only four grew to maturity. Of these John Frederick was the oldest. He was married to Betsy Peterson, Nov. 6, 1880, being then thirty years of age. His wife was born Oct. 10, 1862.

They had one child, Florence Olivia, born May 5, 1882.

When this little daughter was one and a half years old, the mother died, Dec. 12, 1883. John Frederick was married again Nov. 6, 1884, to Mary Clansen, who was born Dec. 31, 1861. Of this second marriage there were six children, three girls and three boys. Florence Olivia Neil, the daughter of John Frederick by his first wife, married Tom Fisher, Oct. 10, 1901. There has been two children by this marriage, Roy Allen Fisher, born Aug. 31, 1902, and Florence Lottie Fisher, born Nov. 26, 1903. Little Florence died June 1, 1904. Nannie Alvina Neil, the oldest daughter of the second marriage, was born Feb. 27, 1886; married Nels C. Nelson, a merchant of Ferndale, Wash., where they reside.

Agnes Alida Neil, the second daughter, was born March 13, 1887. Married Robert Davidson Wood, Nov. 24, 1904. They also live in Ferndale, Wash.

Fred Edmund Neil, the first boy, was born May 20, 1889.

Rudolph Henry Neil was born Aug. 3, 1892.

Linda Christina Neil was born Sept. 14, 1897.

Wendell Victor Neil was born Dec. 31, 1900.

John Frederick Neil moved from Minnesota to Ferndale many years ago.

Oscar Henrik Neil completed a common school education at Vasa, Minn., and attended school at Augustina College, Rock Island, Ill., three years. He married Jennie Sarah Johnson Sept. 19, 1888, being at that time twenty-six years old, and his bride eighteen.

He became a country school teacher, but, in November, 1893, bought the "Kenyon Leader," of Kenyon, Minn. Five years later he sold the "Leader," and in 1900 started the "Minnesota Signal."

In 1902 he leased out the paper, and, hoping to improve the health of his wife, who had been sick for two years, he moved to Seattle, Wash.

Here in September, 1902, he bought a half interest in the "Western Tribune." His wife grew



Oscar Neil.

worse and in January, 1903, he sold the "Tribune" and moved to a farm on Laconner Flats. Here the wife died April 28, 1904.

She left three children aged respectively twelve, eleven and nine.

Albert Frederick Neil was born April 30, 1892.

Rosa Evangaline Neil, born Oct. 15, 1893.

Clarence Adolphus Neil, born Mar. 26, 1895.

They have been a great help and comfort to their father thro' the years that followed.

In July, 1904, he moved to Bellingham, Wash., and bought "The Times." In October he bought "The Blade," and consolidated the two under the name of "The Whatcom County Tribune."

Finding this small weekly a losing venture, he suspended publication and started the "Nya Världen," (New World), which, after many struggles he has succeeded in putting on a paying basis.

At the present time (1908) he is a Republican candidate for governor of Washington.

EMMA MATILDA NEIL

was a school teacher. I know of no better way than to let her tell her own story as written in a poem to her husband on his birthday, May 28, 1906.

If you would care to listen,
 A story I will tell,
 About a country schoolma'am,
 I think you know her well.

THE NEIL FAMILY

For I was once a teacher,
 As sure as I'm alive.
 I taught in district fifty-six
 In eighteen' ninety-five.

I boarded at your father's place.
 You asked me once in May
 To share your joys and sorrows
 And with you ever stay.

I answered "yes" and we were wed
 November sixth that year.
 Since then we've shared each trouble
 And every hope and fear.

Seven little babies dear,
 Were sent our home to bless;
 To fill our hands with labor,
 And soothe us with caress.

To fill our house with laughter,
 And sound of tiny feet,
 To us the wide world over
 No music is so sweet.

First came our little Esther,
 (Catherine, born Aug. 17, 1896.)
 A blue-eyed baby fair;
 Her father's very image,
 With sunny flaxen hair.

Next came brown-eyed Olaf,
 (Edward Adolph, born Sept. 6, 1897).
 A bouncing baby lad;
 And he was like his mother,
 Which made the father glad.

And soon in quick succession
 Another boy arrived;
 We called him Harold Frithiof.
 (Born Dec. 2, 1898).
 He also lived and thrived;

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And next blue-eyed Clara
 (Elizabeth, born May 27, 1900.)
 Appeared with us to stay.
She came the twenty-seventh,
 And in the month of May.

And when two happy years had gone,
 A tiny brown-eyed lass,
Our Helen came, May twenty-fourth,
 (Helen Christine, born May 24, 1902.)
 Her life with us to pass.

The next newcomer was a boy,
 Knut Victor is his name;
 (Born Jan. 19, 1904.)
He came one stormy winter night,
 But he was not to blame.

Anna Marie came last of all,
 (Born Oct. 23, 1905.)
 She very seldom cries,
A dimpled bit of humanity,
 With sparkling dark brown eyes.

This then completes the list of seven,
 With all their play and noise;
Four happy winsome lassies,
 Three sturdy, dark-eyed boys.

They keep us very busy,
 Their many wants to fill;
But love will lighten labor
 And make it pleasant still.

It takes a deal of hustling
 To furnish such a brood
With clothes and shoes and stockings,
 Their mouths with drink and food.

O may the heavenly father give
 Us wisdom, patience, love,
To teach them rightly how to live
 To reach our home above.

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To us the changes have come fast;
 Not many pairs there be
 Who gather round them such a crowd,
 Their tenth anniversary.

The neighbors gave us a surprise,
 And decked the table fine,
 When we invited were, to sup,
 In all we numbered nine.

They brought us gifts of many kinds
 To show their friendship true;
 And very many glad returns
 They wished to me and you.

My aged parents lived with us
 Two years, three months and more,
 When father was from pain released,
 Death opened wide the door.

But mother, dear, is with us still,
 God bless each willing hand!
 In faith she patiently awaits
 The call from Beulah Land.

So now we journey side by side,
 And I am glad to say
 We still are just as happy,
 As on our wedding day.

O may the Lord be merciful,
 And let us live together
 Until the sunset of our lives,
 Through storms and pleasant weather.

Later, Emma Georgiana was born Sept. 22, 1907.
 George Solburg, the husband, is from Holden.
 He is the son of a Norwegian school teacher and
 farmer, and has spent the greater part of his life
 on a farm.



They live on the old homestead of Adolph Frederick, at Vasa, Minn.



Victor Neil and Wife

VICTOR NEIL,

the youngest son of Adolph Frederick, attended the district school until thirteen years old. He then entered Red Wing high school. His attend-



FIRST CLASS MALE
Victor Neil and Son

ance was of necessity irregular, as he stayed out to teach school and at times to help with the work

of the farm. He graduated at the age of twenty.

After teaching another year he entered the engineering department of the University of Minnesota.

In 1896 he left school and decided to seek outdoor employment on account of ill health.

He has been letter carrier in Minneapolis since that time.

He married Christine Erickson, of Brooten, Minn., Nov. 17, 1898.

In 1904 he bought a fruit farm of twenty-six acres at Mound, Minn., on Lake Minnetonka. This is one of the suburbs of Minneapolis and has since been his home.





Home of Edward Whitford, Niobe, N. Y.
Edward Whitford, Lois Whitford, Lois Crandall.

CHAPTER VI.

DESCENDANTS OF AUGUSTUS NEIL.

LOIS EVANGELINE NEIL.

the oldest daughter, united with the M. E. church, at Ashville, when about seventeen years old.

She married August 28, 1884.

Her husband, Edward Whitford, was born in the town of Harmony, May 4, 1854. A brother was also born at the same time and place. They were the oldest children of Dennis and Rebecca Whitford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitford went to house-keeping at Panama, New York, and after a little while, bought them a home there, which they traded for a farm near Niobe in 1902. Here they still live.

Mrs. Lois Whitford is a member of the W. C. T. U., and has always lived a consistent Christian life. They have no children, but her namesake, Lois Crandall, the daughter of a younger sister, made her home with them five years.

PEARL SELMA NEIL

received a common school education at the village school, learned the dressmaker's trade in James-

town, New York, when about eighteen years old, where she worked for four years.

She was married when twenty-two years old, Feb. 20, 1882, to Warren Delmont Everett, a young man from Ohio.

They began life together at Unionville, Lake County, Ohio. Afterward they moved to Painesville, where they lived a few years; then returned to Unionville.

There were three children, all boys.

Carl Augustus Everett, was born Nov. 14, 1883, near Painesville.

Harry Delmont Everett, was born Oct. 11, 1885.

Burt Neil Everett, was born at Unionville, Dec. 4, 1887.

When Burt was five years old, Mrs. Everett sought and obtained a divorce from her husband. She came with her boys to Jamestown, N. Y.

She supported herself and them by working at her trade until 1902; when she accepted a position with the American Clothing Co., as head of the ladies' department.

In the spring of 1906, her eyes failing, she moved to Fluvanna. In the fall of 1907, she moved to Falconer, and later to Jamestown again.

Carl, her oldest boy, left school at the age of fourteen, and took the place of elevator boy at the Fenton building, corner Main and Second St.

He took an interest in engineering, and by helping the engineer in the basement at odd times,

qualified himself to take that position when it was open. While working there he took a course in engineering in the Scranton Correspondence School, passed a civil service examination and was offered a position in a public institution at Bedford, New York. He left there to accept a more lucrative position at New York city, where he is at present.

He married Linda Perry, of Syracuse, Nov. 15, 1907. They have a son, Curtis Roland, born Nov. 27, 1908.

Harry graduated from the Jamestown High School in 1904. He had helped his brother out of school hours, and was able to take his place in the Fenton building when he went to Bedford.

He passed a civil service examination and took a position at the Jamestown water works at Levant. Later he received an appointment at government sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis at Raybrook, in the Adirondack region, New York.

Burt, the youngest, took charge of the Fenton building elevator when his oldest brother accepted the position of engineer, and when the brothers accepted other positions, he took charge of the engine.

ROSA RUTH NEIL,

daughter of Augustus and Urana Neil, attended the village school and later went to Jamestown Union School.

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When sixteen she went to Ohio with her mother to visit her sister, who was living at Unionville at that time. She stayed there and taught school for a number of years.



The Home of Rosa Neil Crandall, Ellery, N. Y.

She was married the first day of May, 1885, at her father's home in Ashville, to F. C. Crandall, of Trumbull, Ohio.

They went to housekeeping near Grand River, about 2 1-2 miles from Rock Creek, Ohio.

Here a daughter was born, March 8, 1886. They named her Katie Dorcas.

Afterward they moved to Rock Creek, where Mr. Crandall worked in a grist mill. While living here they had three children.

Clifford Neil was born Jan. 8, 1888.; Glen Gilbert, Feb. 10, 1890, and Urana Ruth, April 26, 1892.

From here they moved to Trumbull, O., where they bought a half interest in a flour and feed mill, Mr. Graves owning the other half. After a few years Mr. Graves sold out to H. I. Crandall. In 1900, H. I. Crandall bought the other half and took charge of the business alone.

F. C. Crandall and his family then moved to Trumbull Center.

During this time there were three more children. Lois Pearl, born the 1st day of June, 1895; James Gerald, born July 26, 1898, and Irving Augustus, born May 3, 1900.

Mr. Crandall went to Thompson to work and in 1902 Mrs. Crandall with her children came to Jamestown.

She did plain sewing at home, and when an opportunity offered, learned the tailor's trade. The older boys delivered papers. One of the little girls went to live with a sister and the youngest child stayed with a cousin at Ashville two years.

Not liking the work in the tailor shop, on account of being away when the children came home from school, Mrs. Crandall rented a larger house and took boarders until the summer of 1906. That summer she was in the hospital five weeks, with blood poison, resulting from a felon. She hired a woman to run the home. This trouble left her with a crippled hand.

About this time she secured a divorce from her husband and share of his property. After leaving the hospital she bought a farm of fifty acres in the town of Ellery, about four miles back from Chautauqua Lake. Here she lives at the present time, and has resumed the occupation of her youth, teaching the past year in school No. 9, Ellicott.

At Jamestown the oldest daughter, Katie, worked in a paper box factory until she married.

They were married at Jamestown, Feb. 8, 1904.

Their first child, Gladys, was born at Jamestown, July 12, 1904, and died July 15, 1904.

They moved to Painesville, and here a son, Ralph Harold, was born Feb. 11, 1907.

They afterward lived in Buffalo, and at present are at Tobyhanna, Pa.

Urana Ruth Crandall was married November 8, 1908, to Claude Sterns of Ellery, New York.

Clifford Neil Crandall, after coming to Jamestown, attended school, delivering papers out of school hours and working on a farm summers, but

in 1904 obtained work in the Voting Machine works, and worked there two years. At present he is overseeing a farm in Ellery.



Augustus Neil, Daughter, Granddaughter and Great-grandson

Glen Gilbert Crandall attended the Jamestown schools, delivering papers out of school hours as did his older brother, until fourteen years old.



Glen Crandall after the trip

In the summer of 1908 he took a trip on a motorcycle through Canada and back to Akron, riding 800 miles in seven days.

Then he worked in a bicycle repair shop for two years. He then opened a repair shop of his own, but after a year gave his brother the use of the tools at the farm, and went to work at Akron, O., where he is at present.

The other children are with their mother at the farm.

GRANT EARL NEIL,

the oldest son of Augustus and Urana Neil, began teaching school when seventeen years old, at No. 11, Harmony. He taught there two years. The next year he attended school in Jamestown, then resumed teaching. He taught at No. 12, Harmony, at Charlotte, at Gerry, and at Lakewood three years, from 1902 to 1905.

When twenty-eight years old he was elected school commissioner of the first Harmony district, and held the office six years.

He was admitted to the bar in 1903.

He was in Kansas in 1904 and 1905, leasing oil property and drilling for oil.

His wife, Lilla Campbell, was born two miles from Grand Valley, Warren County, Pa., Jan. 18, 1870. She came to New York State, April 15, 1887.

They were married Feb. 18, 1888. There were four children, only one of these, the oldest, is now living.

Bessie Neil was born at Charlotte, Feb. 8, 1891.

James Dewey Neil was born at Ashville, May 8, 1898, and died June 9, 1899.

Hazel Neil, born at Ashville, July 7, 1900, died in infancy.

Sadie Neil, born at Jamestown, March 6, 1903, died in infancy.

In 1906 they bought a farm two miles from Ashville. Here they reside at the present time.

CHARLES FREDERICK NEIL

Received a common school education, and worked at various occupations. While working in the creamery at Gerry, New York, he met Inez G. Stearns, who became his wife March 21, 1893. They went to house-keeping at Gerry and afterward moved to Ashville. They are the parents of three children. Ashton Sterns Neil was born March 24, 1896. Helen Urana Neil was born at Ashville, July 8, 1901. Dorothy Ruth Neil was born July 10, 1908. Charles Neil was mail carrier on a rural route many years, and was appointed postmaster at Ashville, July 18, 1906, and holds the office at present.

DANIEL AUGUSTUS NEIL

Began teaching school at the age of sixteen and taught eleven years in the public schools of Chautauqua county, New York. At present he is working at the Sherman House, Jamestown, New York.

From Daniel to Daniel.

Now rest the ancient warrior,
Who fought for his king to the last;
And peace to thee, brave Daniel,
Return to the dim old past.

Rest Nils, the gallant soldier,
Who died in his native land;
These sleep near the graves of their fathers,
The hail, to the little band.

That sailed across the water
To find new scenes, new ways;
And were weeks in making the voyage
Now made in a few short days.

And hail, to the lad Augustus,
Sent on the land to view;
Whose letters gave them courage,
For this venture strange and new.

They had heard of a wonderful country
Afar and across the sea;
Where all had peace and plenty,
The beautiful land of the free.

That was ruled alone by the people,
Where they gathered gold from the ground;
And all alike were brothers,
They sought our shores. Here they found

A grave for the mother and sister,
A grave on American soil
Found sickness, hunger and hardships,
And years of poverty's toil.

In the West they found the redmen,
Dealing out terror and pain;
In the South were dark-skinned brothers,
Groaning 'neath Slavery's chain.

They fought for the cause of freedom,
At cruel war's behest;
And Charles in the sunny Southland,
Was laid to his last long rest.

Away from home, among strangers,
Away from children and wife;
He gave his adopted country,
All he could give—his life.

And passed to a strange new country,
The first of the brothers three;
Did he find the land of their dreaming
The beautiful land of the free?

And Adolph from life departed,
In one of the western states;
And there the call to meet him,
The wife of his youth awaits.

Just one of the three is left us,
And beyond the swelling tide
There awaits, in the beautiful country,
His sweet American bride.

O, children of Charles, of Augustus,
Adolph, away in the West;
May the fires of kindred affection,
Burn brightly within each breast.

May your love reach back to Daniel,
The warrior Tribom's son;
Down to Daniel, son of Augustus,
To the children, and those yet to come.

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Has a brother or sister wronged you?
 'Tis better to suffer than sin;
 You may not know the temptation,
 Or the bitterness rankling within.

Is any so pure and so perfect,
 That a judge, he, condemning, may stand?
 Nay, forgive and forget, extending
 To all a welcoming hand.

To the daughters and sons of Augustus,
 O, brothers and sisters of mine;
 To the sons of Charles and the daughters,
 May the best Life can give be thine.

And to all the decendants of Adolph,
 Scattered throughout the West;
 Of the good gifts that Life has to offer,
 May you have the fairest and best.

Here's to all our numerous kindred,
 A love that is warm and true,
 Peace and joy be with you henceforward,
 Now and forever,— Adieu!
 —ROSA NEIL CRANDALL.



Washington, Sept. 14, 1862.

We have been on the cars night and day until we came to this place. Our journey has been pleasant and all are in good spirits, and have been well provided for.

I let you know that folks are glad to see us come. We don't know where we will be sent yet. We will put our trust in God and in his name go forth to meet what lies before us.

Yours in haste,

A. NEIL.

Suffolk, the 20th Sept., 1862.

Dear Wife and Children:—

It was one week last night since I left Jamestown. Our journey was pleasant. The whole country was illuminated with joy; flags and handkerchiefs were waving from almost every house, mingled with cheers and tears.

As you know we thought we were going to Elmira or New York to camp, but when we came to Elmira we received orders to go to Harrisburg, Pa., but we were disappointed in that. We had orders again to go to Washington. So we came on to Baltimore Sunday about daylight, the 14th, and to Washington at 2 o'clock the same day. At 6 we had supper—the hot coffee, fat pork and bread. Next morning went up to see the Capitol. It is a pretty big house, a great deal of work laid out on it, and the park is worth looking at, but now they use some of the apartments for hospital, and in one apartment they bake bread for 75,000 soldiers every day.

At 5 o'clock we were packed on two steamboats and the 16th at dusk we came to Ft. Monroe, where we stayed over night. In the morning we started for Norfolk and landed about 11 o'clock. We then took the railroad in the afternoon and came here about dusk. And as soon as we came we had orders to be ready in case of attack which was expected within 48 hours, so we had no rest that night. It took us until 2 o'clock to get our equipments with 60 rounds of ammunition to every

man. Then we lay down to sleep, our guns at our sides. At 4 o'clock we were drawn up in line of battle, but as the picket guard was not disturbed by daylight, we spent the rest of the day at our pleasure. We now have our tents up and are fixing our camp and cutting away the woods for the artillery to go through. We are in camp here about 15,000 men. Troops are coming daily. Give my respects to all friends, but my heart and love is always with you, dear wife and children, and I know you always remember me as a dear father and husband.

AUG. NEIL.

From letter dated Suffolk, Nov. 25, 1862:

I would like to be home with my wife and children and live a domestic life, where we should need no roll-call, no drum to wake me in the morning, but be waked by the sweet music of the birds in the maples, but I enlisted as a soldier under the banner of our country and what a soldier has to endure I could see before me. I want to live and serve till we shall see the sun of freedom shine all over this land, and the flag of stars and stripes shall float in triumph in every state. If I was sent home now I could not stay there. It would be no comfort to me to be up in Chautauqua and know that so many thousand were down south trying to overthrow our government, and not be one of those who stand up for its protection. May God help us all. May we soon see the day when freedom shall be declared and liberty proclaimed to all, black and white.

Suffolk, Jan. 25, 1863.

Dear Wife and Children:—

I received your letter last Friday and was glad to hear that you are all blessed with health. I have reason to thank God for good health and protection from the many different diseases which prevail here, and are connected with camp life.

Our regiment is in better health now than it has been since we came here, but there are some that ought to be discharged, but Dr. Washburn does not know what is best for the men. I know it would be best for himself and the government to send them home. I suppose you are out of money, but we expect to get our pay tomorrow or the next day. I hope we do so you can have some. Don't send any bed quilt to me. I have enough clothing and blankets to take care of and it will soon be warm here. They begin to plant corn the first of March. But it will be of no use for the farmers to plant corn or anything else if we stay here.

Last Saturday I was out in the woods cutting down trees. I thought we were putting down the rebellion. I do not know what the tall proud pitch pine had done unless they had rebelled. Down they had to come for northern men's axes and bow their elevated heads to the ground. It is time now to close. Good bye, we have not got our pay yet.

AUG. NEIL.

Suffolk, Jan. 12, 1863.

Dear Wife:—

I calculated to write a letter yesterday but had no time. It was no day of rest if it was Sunday. You know we started on a march last Thursday morning. We were ready at daybreak and took the Southquay road. When we got about 2 mi. from Suffolk we halted and the 130 N. Y. Regt. passed us, but the General Adjt. told our Colonel to move on. The word came forward, and we passed them again a mile and a half farther out, where we halted again; loaded our guns. Then came the 11 Pa. Cavalry past us, Col. Spear at their head. Then came Howard with his battery of 6 cannon, next to him our Regt. started next to us the 130 N. Y. and next a drafted Pa. Regt. then one Regt. of Gen. Corkeran's Legion. We moved on a nice company of us, the cavalry scouting ahead on every road to see if we could not find some rebels somewhere.

We stopped a few times thro' the day and ate some of our hard tack and filled our canteens with water. About 4 o'clock we camped about 4 mi. from Southquay, and 15 mi. from Suffolk. We stacked arms, took off our load, made a fire, cooked our coffee and ate supper. The camp guard was formed, the pickets stationed and the scouting parties sent out for the night. We put up our tents and went to sleep with the order to fall in line of battle if we heard a bugle or drum or report of a gun thro' the night, but we were not disturbed. They took one rebel on the picket line that night, but he was a citizen. He had on a summer coat and it was a cold night. Our soldiers asked him if he did not want a coat or blanket to put on, but he said if it belonged to the Union he did not.

One man lived a little way from camp said that he was a citizen and did not take the oath of allegiance. The boys did not spare his property. He had just killed a dozen hogs and the pork was in the corn house. The boys took the whole of it and killed four more fat hogs in the pen and took all of his chickens and killed 20 sheep in the field and took all of his corn and corn stalks for the horses; took 3 horses, one nice carriage and one cart from that poor fellow.

The next morning we waited there until 10 o'clock, the cavalry scouting the roads around us, but found no rebel forces and no rebel pickets toward Southquay, so the generals made up their minds that there were no rebel forces there. So we started back one mile to a four corners in the road. (The rebel general had sent word to Colonel Spear if he came up to that guide post he would attack him.) There we were drawn up in line of battle, then stacked arms, made fire and cooked coffee, but no rebels came. One farmer lived there, but he made up his mind to be a Union man and so nothing was disturbed of his property.

At 12 o'clock we were called to attention and started for Cassville, 5 mi. west of us. We left the drafted regiment and the regiment of Corkeran's men at that corners and the cavalry and artillery and the 112 and 130 infantry started for Cass-

ville, the cavalry scouting ahead. We stopped at Cassville one-half hour, when some of the cavalry came in and reported that the rebels were in camp west of us, about 5,000 of them.

I presume we would have attacked them had not Gen. Peck sent despatch for us to come to Suffolk. So back we went. When we came to the four corners our whole force kept straight ahead to the east 3 mi. farther and camped after dark. * * * * *

Bermuda Hundred, June 21.

Dear Wife and Children:—

I must try to write a few lines to let you know how I am. Thank God I can say that I feel pretty well. He has been with me and protected me thro' many dangers. Many of my comrades have fallen but I am still in the land of the living. I was wounded while on picket duty, the 2d-inst. The bullet cut a gash 2 in. long and about a half-inch deep on the back of my arm between the hand and the elbow. It is not very sore now—is healing fast.

I was in the hospital until last Saturday, but they were moving around so often it was better to be there than with the regiment, so I asked the doctor to give me a pass to the regiment.

Solomon is washing. Last Sunday Solomon and I went up to the convalescent camp to see Henry. He was sick. I think he had fever. Yesterday I went up to see him but he was not there. He had been sent to some hospital. No fighting now for a few days. I must close, my arm is getting tired.

I hope these lines will find you in good health, which is the best thing we can have in this world.

From your dear husband,

AUGUST NEIL.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN TO AUGUSTUS
NEIL BY HIS WIFE IN WAR TIMES.

I shall send your vest and socks before long. I cannot get any yarn to knit your gloves so I will buy some already knit of homespun yarn, so they will be durable.

Rolls are a dollar a pound. Everything is up. Cotton cloth from 20 to 30 cents a yard and calico 18 and 20 cents, and everything else accordingly. Some say everything is going up, country and all.

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I have stayed alone nearly every night since you left for the camp at Jamestown, and I think I am growing braver. I am not much afraid of the cow, at least. Oh, if you knew how lonely our home is without you. If I would give up I could sit down every day and cry myself sick, and my heart might sink within me. But the Lord sustains me. It is a time for prayer. May He, who has all power, defend you from all the perils of war.

My dear kind husband, in God alone we trust, and fear not the face of clay.

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I have sold some butter to buy candles. Kerosene oil has been \$1 a gallon; it is now 75 cents. I have bought some but once since you went away. I have got \$6 left. I suppose I can collect some of those owing you. I shall not starve anyway, and I think we can stand it until you get your pay. Be as careful of your health as your circumstances will allow.

Good night, dear Augustus, from your wife,

URANA.

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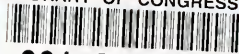




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