



# The Hourglass

CCXXI Northborough Historical Society May 2013

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**Meeting May 17, 2013, 6:30 PM Pot Luck Supper, 7:30 Regular and Annual Meetings.** Program: Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America. Mark Bashour will discuss Jefferson Davis's decisions and actions while leading the Southern war effort from 1861-65.

*Hosted by Board of Directors and Program Committee.*

## Anne Lincoln's August 1844 Letter, Part II

Saturday afternoon I rode down to Uncle Allen's with father. He was on his way to Hingham, and as I had not been able to see the folks since I came up, he left me there. No one was at home but Uncle and Prentiss, so he asked me if I should like to go down to Mary's. [Her married cousin Mary lived at 28 South Street.] I went of course. Mary was at home and made me stay all afternoon. Harriet [her daughter, later one of the sterling members of the Historical Society] is a cunning little thing and begins to talk very plain. . .

Wednesday afternoon when Mother and I were in the wash room clearing away after dinner, I thought I heard someone out at the door, so I went to see, and there was Aunt Lucy coming up the ladder. You must know that this door leads from the woodhouse on the south side and is very high. It was more convenient for us to go out this door for some things, so I found a ladder and put it up at the north door. There is a plank to go up. There are five outside doors and all have something of the kind but the cellar. . . .

## Membership Northborough Historical Society

### Membership Dues:

**Regular \$15.00; Student  
and Seniors (65 and over)  
\$10.00; Family \$35.00; and  
Life \$250.00.**

Dues should be sent to  
Judy Bissett  
300 Ball St.

Northborough, MA 01532  
Checks should be made out  
to the Northborough  
Historical Society

## Curator News

The Museum will open  
Sunday, May 5th from 2 to  
4:00 pm. This year's new  
exhibit is "300  
Years: Northborough at  
Work." A sampling of brick-  
making, woodworking,  
dairying, farming, textile,  
button and comb  
manufacturing and a

Do you have many berries now? I went alone yesterday afternoon and got between three and four quarts. They were very nice ones and quite thick in some places. William Allen went with me but said they were not worth picking and went home. Mother came up with Charley [for] a little while the latter part of the afternoon. We went down to the spring where the cows drink [perhaps at what is today Assabet Park]. It is a good way off, and we thought it would take some time for our cows to find unless the others were polite enough to go and show the way. . . .

I have lived on bread and milk, apples and berries since I came. We shall have a great many apples next winter. The trees seem to be loaded with them. I went out and counted the trees in the upper orchard and there were twenty-two, in the little orchard 24, and a great many very good ones in the pasture by the woods. Father found a tree in the woods last night full of nice apples nearly ripe. They tasted very much like seek no farther. I shall send you some if I can find any ripe ones. The boys are going to gather them this afternoon for Mr. Valentine. . . .

Prentiss came up with Sarah the other evening to ask me to go with them to Mount Wachusett tomorrow morning. Mrs. Williams, Mr. Whitney and family are going and wanted Prentiss to get up a party to go with them. I have not heard anything from them today. Perhaps they will go without me. It would be rather too bad, for I baked some cake today thinking they would carry something to eat on the way. I want to go very much. It seems such a good chance. . . .

I burst into the parlor at Uncle Allen's the other evening and found Prentiss and Sarah sitting very loving on the sofa. I was quite frightened and think I shall go into the back door next time. [Prentiss married Sarah Lord two years later.]

It is good to get anything from home--using the old table and chairs. Our parlor is all ready for callers:

plethora of more current businesses will be on display in the front showcase. A notebook of photos from our past businesses will also be displayed. Refreshments will be served in the downstairs meeting hall on opening day. Please come and see what's new. We will be open Sundays through May and June.

Andover Organ Company will begin work on the pipe organ possibly next week and plan to have the work completed by the end of August. We are very excited to have the restoration begin.

And remember - June 15th is the date for our Yard Sale. It will be held at 102 Whitney Street and proceeds will benefit the Northborough Historical Society. For information call 508-393-2343. Bring all of your "treasures" to the Racine's the morning of the 15th between 8 and 9 AM. Please-no electronics or large items and if possible price your contributions before the sale.

*Ellen Racine, Curator*

**Director's Meeting  
Northborough  
Historical Society  
Building**

our little table, two rocking chairs, our six old ones and a cactus. We think it looks very respectable. . . . I believe I have almost everything I want but my gown and the piano. Mary had one, but it is gone now. I miss a piano very much more than I thought I should. Between very light and dark when I can't see to do anything, I think I should like very much to have it, so you may send it next time father comes. I suppose you can spare it as well as not.

I am glad Eliza [perhaps a sister-in-law] did not write last week, for I should be afraid of a scolding from her, though I think I would laugh to hear her scold. I don't think she could do it very well. I hope she will write the next time, for I will make her good-natured by sending her a pretty hat and a great deal of love from me.

Annie

*Bob Ellis, Curator*

**May 14, 2013  
7:30PM**

**Our mailing address has  
changed. It is now  
Northborough Historical  
Society  
300 Ball St  
Northborough, MA 01532**

## **Kent's Current Events**

### **April 6, 1916. A hard Winter.**

Notwithstanding the warm spell we had in January the winter, just ended, has been a hard one. February and March were one long stretch of cold, bitterly cold weather, And snow as well, we seldom had so much snow as this winter, 75 inches in all. March was especially prolific. It snowed, and snowed, and snowed again. The heaviest fall came on Wednesdays. Yesterday was the first pleasant Wednesday we have had in ten weeks. On March 8 we had a blizzard which blocked our roads. I was in Boston and came out on the midnight train. Had difficulty in walking home from the station. Street cars were blocked. One week later, March 15, which was also a Wednesday, we had a wicked blizzard - snow fell all day. One week later, on March 22, we had another one. During the entire month of March the snow fell almost every day. During the last week of the month the snow was three feet deep on our streets and in many places, four feet. We were in dread and fear as to what would happen in case of a heavy rain. But fortunately, our fears were groundless - instead of rain, we had three days of warm weather and the snow disappeared very rapidly, so that by April 1st it was practically gone.

April 28 - Eight inches of snow.