

EVENTS OF 1809

General Events of 1810

SPRING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SUMMER	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FALL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WINTER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

Following the death of [Jesus Christ](#) there was a period of readjustment that lasted for approximately one million years.

-[Kurt Vonnegut](#), THE SIRENS OF TITAN



➡ THE NEW-ENGLAND [ALMANACK](#) FOR 1810. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

➡ The United States federal Congress appropriated \$4,000 for a lighthouse at [Scituate Harbor](#).

➡ [George Ticknor](#) began the study of law.

➡ [Carl Phillip Gottfried von Clausewitz](#) was appointed a professor at the Prussian War Academy ([Preußische Kriegsakademie](#)) in Berlin, and made responsible for the military education of [Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia](#).

➡ James Monroe was a member of the Virginia Assembly.

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➡ At about this point the Flathead and Shoshone tribespeople began to obtain firearms from Crow sources so they could struggle more effectively against Blackfeet tribespeople. The Blackfeet, however, under the impression that these firearms were being obtained from Canadian and American white sources, began to target white fur-trappers who ventured onto the northern Plains. The Blackfeet would be so effective in resisting white incursions that by 1825 these fur-trappers, instead of themselves running trap lines in the wilderness, would begin a practice of assembling annually at a “rendezvous” (trade fair) at which they might purchase furs from the natives.

➡ The warfare of the Nguni tribes of Natal starts involving more killing than name-calling. Earlier Nguni battles had involved both sides lining up 100 yards apart, then throwing magical weapons, insults, and javelins at one another until it got dark or someone got hurt. Then, around 1810, Nguni battles became savage affairs marked by sophisticated envelopment tactics and the relentless pursuit of fleeing enemies. While this change is often attributed to the creation of new weapons by a Nguni clan leader called Shaka Zulu, it appears to have been due more to the pressure that the Nguni people felt from drought, pestilence, and human overpopulation.

➡ The famous French fencer Charles-Genevieve Louis d'Eon de Beaumont died in London. (He had moved to England to escape court intrigues in Versailles before the French Revolution, so unlike many of his peers lived to the ripe age of 87.) A notorious cross-dresser who was known to his friends as Genevieve Louise and to his students as Mademoiselle la Chevalier d'Eon, he was also something of a storyteller, as he claimed to have been an important spy during his younger days.

➡ African American boxer Tom Molineaux of Virginia fought English champion Tom Cribb of Bristol at Cophthall Common, in Sussex some thirty miles from London. Although Molineaux did not know it, the outcome of the fight was prearranged. In the words of Cribb's manager (and fight referee) Ap Rhys Price, they “must not let the nigger win for Old England's sake.” Therefore Molineaux lost the 33-round fight after Price gave Cribb two minutes to recover from a knockout in the 28th round. These boxers would meet again a year later at Thistleton Gap, outside London. While Cribb had spent the time training with Captain Barclay, Molineaux had spent the time in taverns. Molineaux went down in 11 this 2d time, while Cribb became the toast of London.

➡ Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costillo raised the shout of Saint Delores and called upon the Mexican masses to throw off the yoke of Spain. The result was a peasant rebellion. Mexican-born Spaniards soon gunned down the rebels. These same Mexican-born Spaniards would declare their own independence from Spain in 1821.

➡ TRAVELS ON AN INLAND VOYAGE THROUGH THE STATES OF NEW-YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, OHIO, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE, AND THROUGH THE TERRITORIES OF INDIANA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI AND NEW-ORLEANS; PERFORMED IN THE YEARS 1807 AND 1808; INCLUDING A TOUR OF NEARLY SIX THOUSAND MILES. WITH MAPS AND PLATES. BY [CHRISTIAN SCHULTZ, JUN. ESQ.](#) (two volumes; New-York: Printed by Isaac Riley).

AN INLAND VOYAGE

➡ [William Jones](#) was a brigadier-general in the [Maine](#) militia.

➡ [Mrs. Jane West](#)'s THE REFUSAL.

➡ [Walter Savage Landor](#) wrote “a brave and good letter to [Sir Francis Burdett](#).”

➡ [Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Jacobs](#), under attack by Bavarian Catholics who resisted the importation of teachers from northern regions of Germany, returned from München to take charge of the Library and Cabinet of Coins at Gotha.

➡ In about this year the [Reverend George Croly](#), after preaching in Ireland for some six years, relocated to London. He would make himself the leading contributor to [The Literary Gazette, and Journal of Belles Lettres, Arts, Sciences](#) and [Blackwood’s Magazine](#) (published from 1817 to 1825). He would also be associated with the Tory magazine [Britannia](#).

➡ The mail from Prince Edward’s Island was brought to Pictou in Nova Scotia on the ice (except for half a mile). BOYS’ OWN BOOK recorded British ice [hockey](#) rules. Sir [John Franklin](#) would later provide an account of his playing ice [hockey](#) in Kingston, Ontario. [Thomas Chandler Haliburton](#) graduated from King’s College School in Windsor (his later comment about remembering “playing hurley on the ice” there is taken as the first known reference to [hockey](#) in [Canada](#), and is the basis of Windsor’s claim to being the town that fathered that sport).

SKATING

➡ The Reverend [John William Cunningham](#)’s A WORLD WITHOUT SOULS (Boston: Manning & Loring). From a partial index of college reading made in about 1836, we find that at one point or another college student [David Henry Thoreau](#) consulted this volume.

A WORLD WITHOUT SOULS

➡ A SELECTION FROM THE POETICAL WORKS OF [THOMAS CAREW](#)... (Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme; By John Evans ... and sold by Thomas Fry & Co. ..., Bristol, 1810).

THOMAS CAREW’S POEMS

[Thomas Evans](#) and his son [Robert Harding Evans \(1778-1857\)](#)’s OLD BALLADS, HISTORICAL AND NARRATIVE, WITH SOME OF MODERN DATE COLLECTED FROM RARE COPIES AND MANUSCRIPTS... A NEW EDITION, REVISED AND CONSIDERABLY ENLARGED FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS, BY HIS SON (London: Printed for R.H. Evans, by W. Bulmer and co.)

THOMAS EVANS’S BALLADS I

THOMAS EVANS’S BALLADS II

THOMAS EVANS’S BALLADS III

THOMAS EVANS’S BALLADS IV

➡ Under the benign influence of [Friend Paul Cuffe](#), children of color were being accepted into the [Friends School](#) at [New Bedford](#) “on terms of perfect equality.”

The willingness to further racial equality by establishing and managing African American and integrated schools was rarely



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duplicated in the schools Quakers established for their own children. One exception was the Friends school in New Bedford, Massachusetts, which by 1810 admitted African American children "on terms of perfect equality," notes European American abolitionist Deborah Weston; that school was apparently unique in the yearly meeting. While New England Friends did work to open public schools to children of any race and to organize private schools for African American children and adults, there is no evidence that any other Quaker schools were open to African Americans, even in Rhode Island, home to a large number of both Quakers and African Americans. That includes the Yearly Meeting Boarding School (to be named after donor Moses Brown) which reopened in Providence in 1819 after operating a few years in Portsmouth and the numerous local schools run by Friends meetings throughout the 1700s and 1800s (and in a few cases the 1900s, most in Rhode Island, a few in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire.) Some isolated efforts for integration failed. In the 1840s and 1850s, Sarah Grimké and Elizabeth Buffum Chace tried with no success to enroll African American students in Providence and Philadelphia, and during the Civil War the yearly meeting school in Providence refused to admit the motherless children of a highly respected African American physician from Boston who was going to New Orleans to do relief work. Despite Chace's urging that Friends demonstrate their commitment to the freedmen by enrolling these children, the school committee declared that it was not yet time – even though by then Rhode Island's public schools were integrated, as were those in Massachusetts. New England Friends were generous and consistent donors when it came to restoring Quaker education in North Carolina or providing schools for the freed people in the South. Annual donations went, sometimes for decades, to a number of southern schools for African Americans, but the major focus of the New England Yearly Meeting was on freedmen's schools in Washington, D.C., especially in teacher training, and on the Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, for which the meeting bore full responsibility from 1875 to 1905. African American abolitionist and fugitive Samuel Ringgold Ward, who preached to white and mixed congregations in Upstate New York, noted the general anomaly in Quaker practice when he wrote in 1855, "They will give us good advice. They will aid us in giving us a partial education but never in a Quaker school, beside their own children. Whatever they do for us savors of pity, and is done at arm's length."¹

 [Professor Augustin Pyramus de Candolle](#) became chair of [botany](#) in the faculty of sciences, University of Montpellier.

THE SCIENCE OF 1810

 [Christian C.J. Bunsen](#) completed his work at Marburg University and moved on to Göttingen, where he would support himself by teaching and then by becoming a tutor to William Backhouse Astor, son of John Jacob Astor.

1. Pages 133-134 in Donna McDaniel's and Vanessa Julye's FIT FOR FREEDOM, NOT FOR FRIENDSHIP: QUAKERS, AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND THE MYTH OF RACIAL JUSTICE (Philadelphia: Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2009).



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 At the age of 16, [William Cullen Bryant](#) entered the sophomore class of [Williams College](#). Because of financial problems and also in hopes of being able to attend [Yale College](#), he would withdraw.

 At the height of the Napoleonic Wars, the Lucien Bonaparte and Alexandrine de Bleschamp family and their 7-year-old son [Charles-Lucien Jules Laurent Bonaparte](#), a nephew of [Napoléon](#), left Italy with the intent of emigrating to the United States. Apprehended by the British off Sardinia due to their family connections, for four years they would reside in England as celebrities and hostages.

[Alexander Wilson](#)'s AMERICAN [ORNITHOLOGY](#); OR THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BIRDS OF THE UNITED STATES (Philadelphia: Bradford and Inskeep, Volume II).

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY

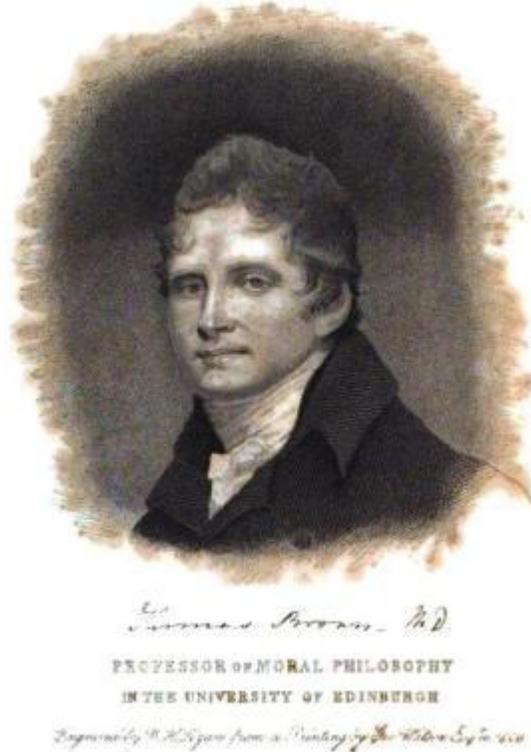
In this period [Wilson](#) was residing primarily in the home of [William Bartram](#) so as to be able to make use of his libraries.

 In addition to his own translations and type designs, [Charles Wilkins](#) published a new edition of John Richardson's PERSIAN AND ARABIC DICTIONARY — A VOCABULARY PERSIAN, ARABIC, AND ENGLISH; ABRIDGED FROM THE QUARTO EDITION OF RICHARDSON'S DICTIONARY AS EDITED BY [CHARLES WILKINS](#), ESQ., LL.D., F.R.S. — BY DAVID HOPKINS, ESQ., ASSISTANT SURGEON ON THE BENGAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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➡ [Professor Dugald Stewart](#)'s PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAYS. Weakened, he gave up most of his active duties as professor at the University of Edinburgh to [Dr. Thomas Brown](#) (he would be strong enough to continue to elaborate and publish the substance of his lectures).



[Walter Channing](#) was studying medicine in Edinburgh and London, and would obtain a second medical diploma, from the University of Edinburgh.



➡ [Thomas Bewick](#) illustrated THE FABLES OF MR JOHN GAY (T. Wilson & R. Spence, York).

➡ Zanesville became the [Ohio](#) state capitol.

Abandoning his new glassmaking business in upstate New York, the young [Henry Rowe Schoolcraft](#) made a journey down the [Ohio](#) River to Missouri with his friend [Alexander Bryan Johnson](#).

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➡ [Dr. Erik Acharius](#)'s *LICHENOGRAPHIA UNIVERSALIS* (A UNIVERSAL LICHENOGRAPHY).



➡ In upstate [New York](#), Buffalo was incorporated.

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➡ The approximate date a windmill was built at Orient, [New York](#), on Paumanok Long Island.

➡ There were more than 200 sloops on the Hudson. Alvin Bronson hired a gang of carpenters, placed them under a Mr. Bassett, took them to Oswego Falls, [New York](#) to cut the frame for a vessel, built her at Oswego — and launched her in the autumn as the Charles and Ann, placing her under the command of John Hall.

➡ 92,677 men were currently enrolled in the [New York State](#) militia.

➡ Francis Brown, driven ashore by a storm at the mouth of the Genesee River while traveling by canoe from Detroit, Michigan, to Rome, [New York](#), ambled up the river and discovered the high falls of the Genesee. Returning later in the year from Rome, he moved to the west bank of the Genesee (Rochesterville).

The Frankfort Tract, on the future site of Rochester, was bought from grist mill owner Charles Harford by Francis Brown, his brother Matthew, and Thomas Mumford and John McKay.

Work commenced on a wooden bridge across the Genesee at Main Street.

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A marble statue commissioned by Louise, Princess of Stolberg, Countess of Albany and crafted by Antonio Canova was placed in the church of Santa Croce in Florence in honor of her long-term live-in lover [Vittorio Alfieri](#).



[Chester Dewey](#) became the professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at [Williams College](#). He would hold this position for the following 17 years. His specialty would be the grasses, and he would discover and describe several new species. He would make himself an authority on sedge plants (plants typically found in damp woodlands and bogs and ditches, and at water margins), and would labor for more than four decades on a monograph on this genus *Carex*. A careful observer of the weather, he would publish his notes in regular monthly reports over many years.



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➡ [Silvio Pellico](#) became a professor of French in the Collegio degli Orfani Militari in Milan, [Italy](#).

➡ [Michele Felice Cornè](#) painted a mural for the Sullivan Dorr mansion in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

➡ The earliest record of the Moffett Mill site in [Lincoln, Rhode Island](#) appears to be a land and building transfer from Job Arnold to Elisha Olney and George Olney in this year. The deed mentions a sawmill and dam. Between this year and 1812, George Olney, who had been involved as a machinist in the thread mill at the dam in Lincoln Woods at Olney Pond and in the mill at Old Ashton, Quinville, would be building and equipping a machine shop.

Little Bett, The Learned [Elephant](#) was born (not as a child of Old Bet, and the “Mr. Potato Head” statue below in [Chepachet, Rhode Island](#), where she would be executed by ambush firing squad of local yokels in 1826, is only an approximation of her appearance).

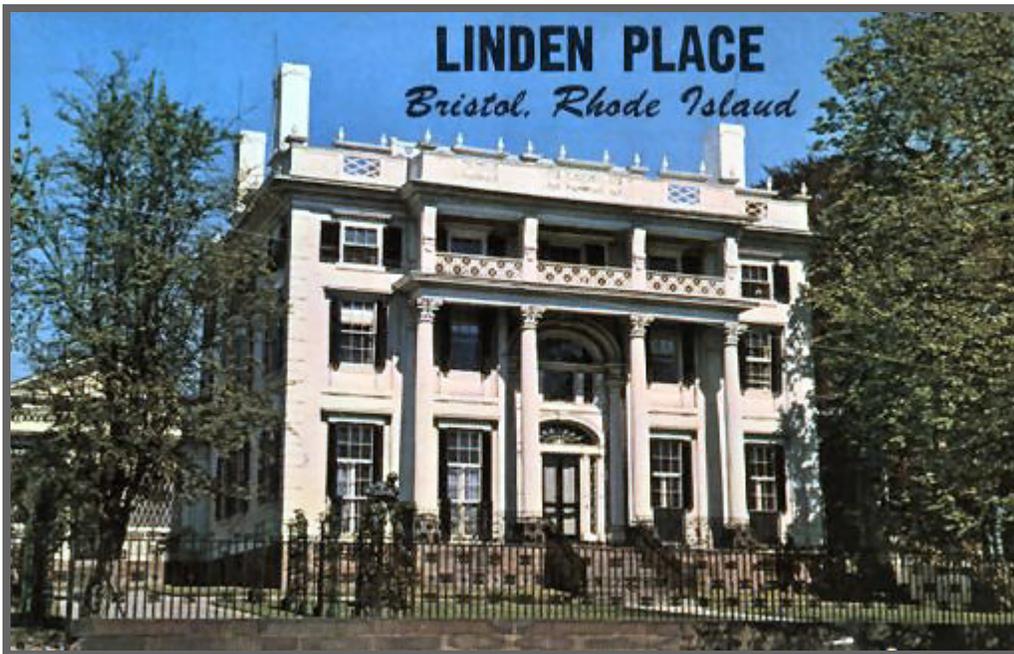


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Here's a story of one side of Narraganset Bay, versus the other side! On the east side of the bay in this year General [George DeWolf](#) was erecting "Linden Place" in Bristol as his homestead, using the profits of his large slave plantation in the Caribbean to make this a fine specimen of the finest architecture tastes of the period. His homestead, designed by Russell Warren, is distinguished by a fine portico with lofty Corinthian columns, and an old-fashioned ornamental balustrade of intricate pattern surrounds the roof. In the following year he would purchase adjacent land, to enlarge the grounds. Here in 1817 he would be able to entertain none less than President James Monroe in a manner befitting his position. Hoo-hah!



Meanwhile, on the west side of the Narraganset Bay, a couple of years after being caught as a runaway and flogged, [Cato Pearce](#) ran away again. He only had a year to go until under [Rhode Island](#) law he would no longer be required to serve his master without pay, but he ran away anyway — could he have been fearing that his master would sell him south into life slavery just before he attained his majority, or, could he have been fearing that despite technically becoming a free man, he would not be able to be actually free as a black man in the Rhode Island of that era? At that time there were only a few more than a hundred slaves left in South County, but the situation there for people of color did not seem markedly improved. This time he determined to try crossing the border into Massachusetts, because slavery had there in all its forms been outlawed, and hired himself out as a farmhand to a white family in [Rehoboth](#).

I went into Rehoboth, Mass., and hired out to a man by the name of Samuel Lyon. He was a dreadful wicked man, and while livin' with him I became more wicked and hard than ever. He had rum as plenty almost as water, and I got to drinkin' badly. I loved with him about three years. He died while I lived with him. His death was dreadful. I think he lay on his sick bed almost a fortnight. He cried bitterly for mercy — mercy, and told his folks that he was going to hell. He said he could n't be saved. Oh, he said, my feet and legs are in hell. He die in that dreadful state; and the last words that came from his lips were, "O Lord, gone!" I used to stand and look at him in this dreadful state, but I dare not go into the room. I then made up my mind that I would try to do better.

A few years later Cato would sign on as a crewmember aboard a schooner belonging to a Captain Rogers of New London, Connecticut, on a cruise to the Caribbean and then London. During a storm at sea he would try to pray, only to be told by the mate that “he would n’t have d----d niggers praying on board. He cuffed me, pinched my ears, and told me if he caught me praying again he would tie me over the windlass.” On his return in about 1815, after spending his wages, he would hire himself out to James Rhodes of [Providence](#).



By that time there would be only seven persons still enslaved in South County.

➡ Publication in Philadelphia of a 3rd edition of Benjamin Smith Barton’s *COLLECTIONS FOR AN ESSAY TOWARDS A MATERIA MEDICA OF THE UNITED STATES*, in two volumes.

➡ By the age of 18, [Alvan Fisher](#) was a clerk in a country shop. After awhile he would find other employment with a Needham, Massachusetts ornamental painter, John Ritto Penniman.

➡ Abolition of the temporal power of the Pope. The Papal States were incorporated within the French Empire, where they would remain until 1814.

ITALY

➡ As families and friends watched helplessly, a local salt boat and its crew got sucked over the [Niagara Falls](#).

➡ New-York passed Philadelphia as the largest city in the United States of America. The city’s tax valuation was \$25,486,370 and its tax revenues amounted to \$129,727.15. Steam-driven ferries began appearing in its harbor. Cornelius Vanderbilt established a steamboat ferry service between Manhattan and Staten Island, charging 18¢ per passenger. The city was beginning to rely on coal rather than firewood for its heating during the winters.



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 ACCOUNT OF LIFE, EXPERIENCE, TRAVELS, AND GOSPEL LABOURS OF GEORGE WHITE, AN AFRICAN, WRITTEN BY HIMSELF AND REVISED BY A FRIEND was published in New-York.

 Somebody had the bright idea of giving [Michelangelo's](#) "[David](#)" a wax job.

 In about this year [Mrs. Betsey Metcalf Baker](#) of West Dedham (now Westwood), Massachusetts wrote, in the form of a retrospective diary, an account of her life on [Providence, Rhode Island's](#) East Side from 1798 to 1804. We do not have this writing, but she would later extrapolate from this writing a memoir of twelve pages, mostly about her education and her experience as a 12-year-old in the braiding of straw bonnets, which we do have now at the New England Historical Society. Here are some extracts:

I was then old enough to write, therefore I was sent to a Men's School, But not having patience enough to be very particular about writing, I was too neglectful and by that means never attained that art.... I do not consider that I understand cyphering, for in my opinion a person might do a thousand sums, and yet be ignorant of the first rules of arithmetic.... I never should have persevered [in the making of straw bonnets] had it not been for her [an aunt living in the home], for my mother and sisters thought I was spending my time in a useless manner, though they did not say much about it.... My sister [her sisters were Katy, born during 1780, Sophia, born during 1784, Lucy, born during 1788, and Ruth, born during 1794] then learned and we had considerable of a manufactory ... for 2 or 3 years it was very profitable business. I could frequently make 1 dollar per day....² ...instead of being dressed in the apparel of their own making, they have purchased the vanities of Europe and have brought dress more in fashion when it was quite enough so before. ... The consequences I fear have been more of an injury than otherwise to the New England states, for girls forsook all other employments such as spinning, weaving and the care of a family, and because they could get more by it continued to persevere, by which means they have neglected a necessary part of a females employment.... Gentlemen say that it is almost impossible to get a girl to do housework in the country, they are so engaged in braiding straw. ... It is very injurious to the health, especially to work very steady. We used to do a great deal of business and was always hurried making bonnets. ... My father (who was one of the town council) was always anxious to have public schools. There was great exertions made by some of the opulent citizens of the town to prevent their being established.... I continued going to school until I was 17.... I then began to see the value in learning and my parents were not willing I should let work take my attention from the studies of the school. ... My father willing to give us the means, bought a right in the town library. I then began to read History and have read a number of good books. Ancient history was particularly pleasing, but they gave me strange ideas of mankind. ... I always went to meeting if I was well enough and was learned to sit still, though I think now I did not pay much attention to the preaching or I should not be so ignorant.... I

2. The record production of which we are aware is a nimble-fingered anonymous individual who was able to produce 300 such bonnets per year.



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used to sit with the singers in the [Congregationalist] meeting house, which made me more fond of going to public worship. [She relates how she was recruited as a school teacher in 1804 while visiting cousins in Dedham, Massachusetts:] ...they being in want of a school mistress persuaded me to stay and teach 4 months. I told them at first I would not undertake, as I was unacquainted with the business, but they insisted on my trying and I finally told them I would stay if my parents were willing.... I had about 70 different scholars, though about 40 at a time.

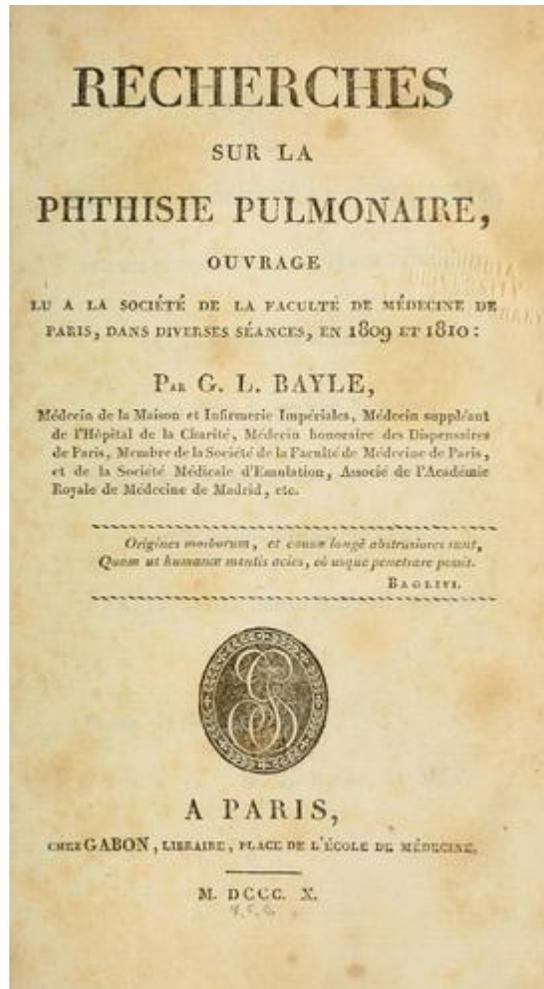
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→ Dr. Carmichael, a London physician, published a treatise insisting that the tuberculosis of cattle was transmissible to man through the consumption of meat or milk.³

Gaspard Laurent Bayle's *RECHERCHES SUR LA PHTHISIE PULMONAIRE* described more than 900 autopsies in which he had discovered six distinguishable types of disease — [ulcerous phthisis](#) (*Phthisie ulcéreuse*), [calculous phthisis](#) (*Phthisie calculeuse*), [cancerous phthisis](#) (*Phthisie cancéreuse*), [tubercular phthisis](#) (*Phthisie tuberculeuse*), [glandular phthisis](#) (*Phthisie graneuleuse*), and [phthisis with melanosis](#) (*Phthisie avec mélanose*).



It was not until this that the term “tuberculosis” came into use, and the fundamentals of the disease were quite understood.

→ Final revisions were made to the charter under which Columbia University operates today on Manhattan Island.

3. Before you condemn this guy for being very wrong about the meat part, please remember that he was absolutely right about the milk part.

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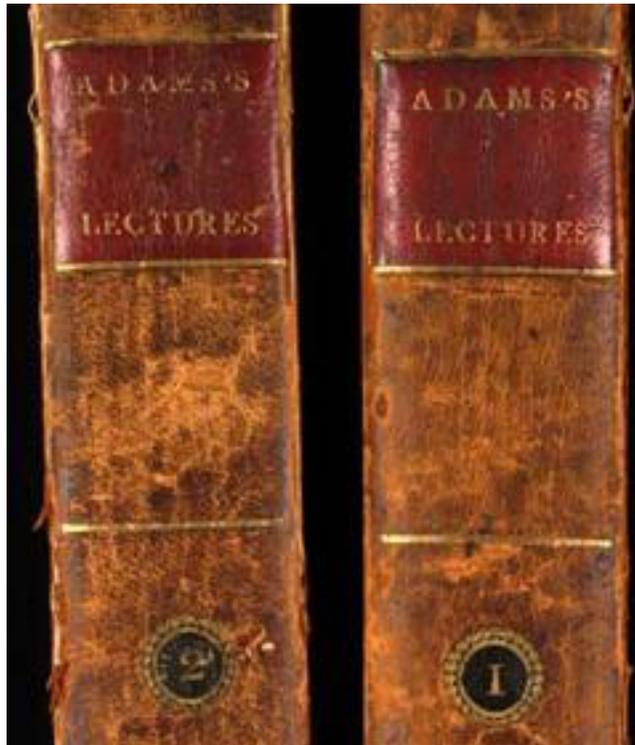
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 [Harvard College](#) awarded an honorary Bachelor's Degree to [William Elliott](#) of South Carolina, who had been forced to withdraw in 1808 allegedly due to ill health.



[Lemuel Capen](#) graduated from [Harvard](#). He would go on to study theology under Reverend Professors Henry Ware, Sr. and Andrews Norton.

Publication of Professor John Quincy Adams's LECTURES ON RHETORIC AND ORATORY, DELIVERED TO THE CLASSES OF SENIOR AND JUNIOR SOPHISTERS IN HARVARD UNIVERSITY (Cambridge: Hilliard and Metcalf, 1810).



Professor Adams's father, John Adams, would send the volumes to [Thomas Jefferson](#), describing them as "Two Pieces of Homespun." The volumes would be in Jefferson's library as sold to the government in 1815 to help cover the former president's debts and to create a [Library of Congress](#). The original volumes, as above, are now on view in the reconstruction of Jefferson's library in the Northwest Gallery of the capitol building in [Washington DC](#).

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→ Franz Joseph Gall (1758-1828) had studied medicine in Vienna and had become a neuroanatomist and physiologist. He was a pioneer in the study of the localization of mental functions in the brain. At about the turn of the century, he had devised “cranioscopy,” a method to divine the personality and development of mental and moral faculties on the basis of the external shape of the skull.



So round
So firm
So fully packed

Dr. Gall had been forced out of Vienna and out of Austria, and in 1805 had settled in France. His cranioscopy would, among his followers, become [phrenology](#). His phrenological theories and practices were being best accepted in England, where the ruling class had a need to justify their molestations of colonial subjects such as the Irish, and in the USA, where from 1820 to 1850 it would be very popular due to the absence of any aristocratic device for the establishment of one’s priority over others. In this year he and Johann Gaspar Spurzheim (1776-1832) began publication in Paris of their *ANATOMIE ET PHYSIOLOGIE DU SYSTÈME NERVEUX EN GÉNÉRAL, ET DU CERVEAU EN PARTICULIER, AVEC DES OBSERVATIONS SUR LAS POSSIBILITÉ DE RECONNOÎTRE PLUSIEURS DISPOSITIONS INTELLECTUELLES ET MORALES DE L’HOMME ET DES ANIMAUX, PAR LA CONFIGURATION DE LEURS TÊTES.*



(Dr. Spurzheim would be involved in the first two of these volumes only, as he and Dr. Gall would part company permanently in 1812 and the entire set of four volumes would not be completed until 1819.)

➡ In London, the Auction Mart opened.

➡ In London, the “Berners-street Hoax.”

➡ In London, a new Royal Mint building opened on Little Tower Hill.

➡ In London, at the Piazza in Covent Garden, the 1st public billiards rooms in England.

➡ In London, the East India Dock Road and West India Dock Road opened (trade with India was becoming a real big deal).

During this year and the following one William Jackson Hooker was making extensive preparations, and sacrifices which would prove financially serious, to be ready to accompany General Sir Robert Brownrigg, 1st Baronet GCB to the Ceylon crown colony of England — but then due to political upheaval this project became impossible.

A volume we will find being bequeathed by Henry Thoreau to Waldo Emerson in 1862 was in this year being printed by A.H. Hubbard at the Hindoostanee Press in Calcutta, TWO TREATISES ON THE HINDU LAW OF INHERITANCE [Comprising the Translation of the Dáyabhága of Jimútavāhana and that of the section of the Mitáksharáj by Vijñāneśvara on Inheritance]. TRANSLATED BY H.T. COLEBROOKE, ESQUIRE.

HINDU INHERITANCE

➡ By this point, in the cities of England, there was enough piped water being brought into private residences, that waste water problems were being created. What goes in must come out. Solutions create problems. The increased flow of filthy water began to overwhelm private cesspools and privy vaults and night-soil collectors and find its way into street gutters and storm drainage systems. It began to become clear that the introduction of sanitary water closets would necessitate the creation of a system of sewer pipes.

WATER SUPPLY

GOD IN THE JAKES

➡ Frederick Marryat served on the flagship Centaur in the Mediterranean.



➡ William Bartram began mentoring Thomas Say, his nephew, who would prepare America’s first book of

entomology.



THE SCIENCE OF 1810

Pierre Huber's RECHERCHES SUR LES MOEURS DES FOURMIS INDIGENES, in Chapter V, provided an account of a battle of the ants. Partly blind from his youth like E.O. Wilson, Huber "witnessed" insect behavior with the assistance of his wife and his son.

WALDEN: Kirby and Spence tell us that the battles of ants have long been celebrated and the date of them recorded, though they say that Huber is the only modern author who appears to have witnessed them. "Æneas Sylvius," say they, "after giving a very circumstantial account of one contested with great obstinacy by a great and small species on the trunk of a pear tree," adds that "'This action was fought in the pontificate of Eugenius the Fourth, in the presence of Nicholas Pistoriensis, an eminent lawyer, who related the whole history of the battle with the greatest fidelity.'" A similar engagement between great and small ants is recorded by Olaus Magnus, in which the small ones, being victorious, are said to have buried the bodies of their own soldiers, but left those of their giant enemies a prey to the birds. This event happened previous to the expulsion of the tyrant Christiern the Second from Sweden." The battle which I witnessed took place in the Presidency of Polk, five years before the passage of Webster's Fugitive-Slave Bill.

PEOPLE OF WALDEN

POLK WEBSTER

KIRBY AND SPENCE

WILLIAM KIRBY WILLIAM SPENCE



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François Huber (1750-1831, the father) had studied bees: *NOUVELLES OBSERVATIONS SUR LES ABEILLES: ADRESSEES A M. CHARLES BONNET*. Geneve: Barde, Manget, 1792; *NEW OBSERVATIONS ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF BEES* translated from the original, 1806 (Edinburgh: A. Smellie); 2d ed. Edinburgh, printed for J. Anderson, 1808; 3d ed. Edinburgh, printed for W. & C. Tait and Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, London, 1821; *NOUVELLES OBSERVATIONS SUR LES ABEILLES*. 2. ed., rev., corr. et considerablement augm. Paris, J.J. Paschoud, 1814; *OBSERVATIONS ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF BEES*. A new edition, with a memoir of the author, practical appendix, and analytical index. London, printed for T. Tegg, 1841.

Pierre Huber (1777-1840, the son) studied ants and would be praised in *ORIGIN OF SPECIES: RECHERCHES SUR LES MOEURS DES FOURMIS INDIGENES*, 1810; *THE NATURAL HISTORY OF ANTS*. Tr. from the French, with additional notes, by J.R. Johnson. London, printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, 1820.

The types of ant which Thoreau observed warring most likely were *Camponotus* and *Monomorium*:

- typical carpenter [ants](#) of southern New England, often red and having a minor form about $\frac{1}{4}$ " in length and a major form about $\frac{1}{2}$ " in length: *Camponotus castaneus*, *Camponotus ferrugineus* or *ferruginus*, *Camponotus herculeanus*, *Camponotus nearcticus*, or *Camponotus novoboracensis* or *noveboracensis*
- typical black [ants](#) of southern New England, about $\frac{1}{16}$ " in length: *Monomorium* (*Monomorium*) *pharaonis* ([Carolus Linnæus](#)) which would nest only in buildings, or *Monomorium* (*Monomorium*) *viride* or *viridum peninsulatum* if nesting outdoors



WALDEN: I was witness to events of a less peaceful character. One day when I went out to my wood-pile, or rather my pile of stumps, I observed two large ants, the one red, the other much larger, nearly half an inch long, and black, fiercely contending with one another. Having once got hold they never let go, but struggled and wrestled and rolled on the chips incessantly. Looking farther, I was surprised to find that the chips were covered with such combatants, that it was not a *duellum*, but a *bellum*, a war between two races of ants, the red always pitted against the black, and frequently two reds ones to one black. The legions of these Myrmidons covered all the hills and vales in my wood-yard, and the ground was already strewn with the dead and dying, both red and black. It was the only battle which I have ever witnessed, the only battle-field I ever trod while the battle was raging; internecine war; the red republicans on the one hand, and the black imperialists on the other. On every side they were engaged in deadly combat, yet without any noise that I could hear, and human soldiers never fought so resolutely. I watched a couple that were fast locked in each other's embraces, in a little sunny valley amid the chips, now at noon-day prepared to fight till the sun went down, or life went out. The smaller red champion had fastened himself like a vice to his adversary's front, and through all the tumblings on that field never for an instant ceased to gnaw at one of his feelers near the root, having already caused the other to go by the board; while the stronger black one dashed him from side to side, and, as I saw on looking nearer, had already divested him of several of his members. They fought with more pertinacity than bull-dogs. Neither manifested the least disposition to retreat. It was evident that their battle-cry was Conquer or die. In the mean while there came along a single red ant on the hillside of this valley, evidently full of excitement, who either had despatched his foe, or had not yet taken part in the battle; probably the latter, for he had lost none of his limbs; whose mother had charged him to return with his shield or upon it. Or perchance he was some Achilles, who had nourished his wrath apart, and had now come to avenge or rescue his Patroclus. He saw this unequal combat from afar, -for the blacks were nearly twice the size of the red,- he drew near with rapid pace till he stood on his guard within half an inch of the combatants; then, watching his opportunity, he sprang upon the black warrior, and commenced his operations near the root of his right fore-leg, leaving the foe to select among his own members; and so there were three united for life, as if a new kind of attraction had been invented which put all other locks and cements to shame. I should not have wondered by this time to find that they had their respective musical bands stationed on some eminent chip, and playing their national airs the while, to excite the slow and cheer the dying combatants. I was myself excited somewhat even as if they had been men. The more you think of it, the less the difference. And certainly there is not the fight recorded in Concord history, at least, if in the history of America, that will bear a moment's comparison with this, whether for the numbers engaged in it, or for the patriotism and heroism displayed. For numbers and for carnage it was an Austerlitz or Dresden. Concord Fight! Two killed on the patriots' side, and Luther Blanchard wounded! Why here every ant was a Buttrick, -"Fire! for God's sake fire!"- and thousands shared the fate of Davis and Hosmer.



WALDEN: ... There was not one hireling there. I have no doubt that it was a principle they fought for, as much as our ancestors, and not to avoid a three-penny tax on their tea; and the results of this battle will be as important and memorable to those whom it concerns as those of the battle of Bunker Hill, at least.

I took up the chip on which the three I have particularly described were struggling, carried it into my house, and placed it under a tumbler on my window-sill, in order to see the issue. Holding a microscope to the first-mentioned red ant, I saw that, though he was assiduously gnawing at the near foreleg of his enemy, having severed his remaining feeler, his breast was all torn away, exposing what vitals he had there to the jaws of the black warrior, whose breast-plate was apparently too thick for him to pierce; and the dark carbuncles of the sufferer's eyes shone with ferocity such as war only could excite. They struggled half an hour longer under the tumbler, and when I looked again the black soldier had severed the heads of his foes from their bodies, and the still living heads were hanging on either side of him like ghastly trophies at his saddlebow, still apparently as firmly fastened as ever, and he was endeavoring with feeble struggles, being without feelers and with only the remnant of a leg, and I know not how many other wounds, to divest himself of them; which at length, after half an hour more, he accomplished. I raised the glass, and he went off over the window-sill in that crippled state. Whether he finally survived that combat, and spent the remainder of his days in some Hotel des Invalides, I do not know; but I thought that his industry would not be worth much thereafter. I never learned which party was victorious, nor the cause of the war; but I felt for the rest of that day as if I had had my feelings excited and harrowed by witnessing the struggle, the ferocity and carnage, of a human battle before my door.

Kirby and Spence tell us that the battles of ants have long been celebrated and the date of them recorded, though they say that Huber is the only modern author who appears to have witnessed them. "Æneas Sylvius," say they, "after giving a very circumstantial account of one contested with great obstinacy by a great and small species on the trunk of a pear tree," adds that "This action was fought in the pontificate of Eugenius the Fourth, in the presence of Nicholas Pistoriensis, an eminent lawyer, who related the whole history of the battle with the greatest fidelity." A similar engagement between great and small ants is recorded by Olaus Magnus, in which the small ones, being victorious, are said to have buried the bodies of their own soldiers, but left those of their giant enemies a prey to the birds. This event happened previous to the expulsion of the tyrant Christiern the Second from Sweden." The battle which I witnessed took place in the Presidency of Polk, five years before the passage of Webster's Fugitive-Slave Bill.

KIRBY AND SPENCE

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Evidently, by this point in time, John Wyman or Wayman having deceased in 1800 and his son Thomas



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[Wyman](#) not continuing in the trade, pottery was no longer being made in Walden Wood.

WALDEN: Farther in the woods than any of these, where the road approaches nearest to the pond, Wyman the potter squatted, and furnished his townsmen with earthen ware, and left descendants to succeed him. Neither were they rich in worldly goods, holding the land by sufferance while they lived; and there often the sheriff came in vain to collect the taxes, and "attached a chip," for form's sake, as I have read in his accounts, there being nothing else that he could lay his hands on. One day in midsummer, when I was hoeing, a man who was carrying a load of pottery to market stopped his horse against my field and inquired concerning Wyman the younger. He had long ago bought a potter's wheel of him, and wished to know what had become of him. I had read of the potter's clay and wheel in Scripture, but it had never occurred to me that the pots we use were not such as had come down unbroken from those days, or grown on trees like gourds somewhere, and I was pleased to hear that so fictile an art was ever practised in my neighborhood.

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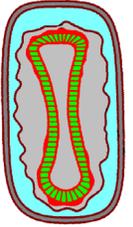
Saartje Baartman, known to publicity as the “Hottentot Venus,” was brought to Piccadilly Circus by a white man named Hendrik Cezar and placed upon display. He was a Boer with a body type characteristic of that group, she was a Khoikhoi with a body type characteristic of that group. After a successful tour of the provinces, she was brought to Paris to be examined, and painted in the nude, by the Baron [Georges Jean-Léopold-Nicolas-Frédéric Cuvier](#).



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The cartoonists of the day paid particular attention to her huge butt, relatively safe to draw pictures of, but the paying spectators were paying attention particularly to her genitals, for the shocking pink lips of her vagina hung down to an extraordinary length. She would die in Europe in 1817 of complications of alcoholism and the [small pox](#), giving the Baron his opportunity to dissect her private parts and write a lengthy report for the *MÉMOIRES DU MUSEUM D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE*.

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 In London, George Miller began to manufacture [flutes](#) with metal bores.

At about this point, in Bavaria, [Theobald Böhm](#) began to tinker with keys for the [flute](#), springs to control the key tension, and pads.

The techniques developed by Nicholas Appert, a French chef on contract to the French armies, to prevent provisions of meats and vegetables from spoiling by canning them inside jars sealed with pitch, had by this point come to be used by provisioners for the British armies as well. In England, Peter Durand patented an industrial process for the plating of thin iron sheets with tin to prevent corrosion, for this canning, and thus devised what we still term, inaccurately, the “tin can.”⁴

 [Baron Joseph-Marie de Gérando](#) became grand officer of the *Légion d'honneur* (the medal of which you can see here as part of the family crest, hanging on the red ribbon).



4. For many, many years now we haven't been putting any tin on the sheet steel of such food containers. What the Paris confectioner François Appert had previously invented was not a container but merely the notion of the mass supplying of armies in the field with preserved food –so they could spend all their time fighting other soldiers rather than part of their time bullying peasants and thieving (foraging)– but he had used glass bottles and conventional techniques of heat sterilization and hermetic sealing to implement this.

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➡ To cope with the blockade of French ports by the British navy, 40 factories were set up at Passy to process homegrown [sugar beets](#) into sugar. In these straited circumstances the French simply did not need to take extreme risks with vessels attempting to run past a naval blockade while heavily laden with a bulk commodity. Of course, sugar obtained in this domestic manner would be in comparison very, very expensive, as it would be necessary actually to pay to the farmers in these domestic fields and to the workers in these domestic factories a living wage (rather than forcing their labor for free while working them to death under the lash as was the case in overseas [slavery](#)). Was the French palate going “Hmmm...,” or was it going “Yummm...”?

SWEETS
WITHOUT
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➡ France made [tobacco](#) a government monopoly.

➡ [Snuff](#)-taking was common among the classes of women who could afford it. Less well-to-do women such as the mother of [Horace Greeley](#), in New Hampshire, smoked the [pipe](#). In this year a Cuban [cigar](#)-roller was brought to Suffield, Connecticut to train local workers.

➡ Prussia abolished Prussian serfdom.

SLAVERY

➡ Having been whupped four times in a row at the polls, Elbridge Gerry the Comeback Kid made a final try for the Massachusetts governorship and this time succeeded. The voters had, one might suppose, gotten tired of turning this guy away. He would achieve re-election in the following year.



Near the end of his two terms as governor, scarred by partisan controversy, the Democratic-Republicans would enact a redistricting measure to ensure their domination of the state senate. In response, the Federalists would heap ridicule upon Gerry and create the term “gerrymander,” to describe the salamander-like shape of one of the areas which his party had outrageously realigned, a term which has been with us ever since and has been recently renovated due to the popularity of GIS databases combined with redistricting software application packages.



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➡ An aristocratic [New York](#) politician, DeWitte Clinton, became a booster of the proposal for a humongous [Erie Canal](#) engineering project. (How do you know when you've won? –When some almighty dude like DeWitte Clinton takes your idea away from you.)

At Pittsfield, Massachusetts, one of the farsighted guys who had been an early daddy of the idea of a humongous [Erie Canal](#) engineering project in upstate [New York](#), [Elkanah Watson](#), organized the initial county fair in these United States of America (he's now credited as "The Father of America's County and State Fairs").



Daddy

➡ [Myron Holley](#)'s public career began when he was elected to be the Clerk of Ontario County.

➡ At approximately this year [John Thoreau](#)'s uncle [Peter Thoreau](#) died in [Boston](#) and he went to Bangor and set up with one Billings, selling to, among others, native Americans.

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RELATIVES**

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→ The Reverend Richard Allen had a congregation of 500.



→ The Monte Video estate of Daniel Wadsworth atop Talcott Mountain outside of Hartford CT was not the 1st genteel summer habitat to be constructed in the US of A –several dozen such creations had preceded it– but was one of the 1st to be situated atop such an eminence. Traditionally, an American gentleman’s country estate had been in a locale in which a financier or rentier could oversee a garden or greenhouse, dabble in agriculture as Senator [Daniel Webster](#) did, entertain friends and situate importunate relatives, while in the process attaining the patina of gentility and aristocratic tradition that accompanied such overlordship over conspicuously unproductive rural estate. What distinguished Monte Video from these previous country homes of American gentility was the 55-foot octagonal wooden viewing tower which was completed in this year.



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This estate and tower has been said to be evidence of the emergence of a new aesthetic, the aesthetic of the “panoptic sublime” as presented in Thomas Cole’s well-known “View of Monte Video,” commissioned in 1827 and painted in 1828. In 1820, Professor Benjamin Silliman, Sr. would write a description of this project.



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According to Dr. [Edward Jarvis](#)'s TRADITIONS AND REMINISCENCES OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 1779-1878 (as edited by Sarah Chapin and published in 1993 by the U of Massachusetts P), at some point between 1810 and 1819 there was an unusual amount of hullabaloo about [Concord](#) becoming a bedroom community for Boston:

In the east quarter on the Lexington road between what was then Mr. Nathaniel French's (now Hon. E.W. Bull's) and Mr. Arvidson's (now Deacon Samuel Mason's) there was a small one-story house with only two small rooms. In this house lived Huldah Williams. I never knew whether she was married, single or widowed. I never heard her called Mrs. or Miss Williams but always Huldah Williams or more simply Huldah. She was a woman of bad reputation and probably of low character. She kept rum for sale to low people, and her house was the resort of men of low degree. At one of the Supreme Court periods she procured a harlot from Boston or perhaps merely suffered one to come to her house to spend these holidays with her to tempt the wicked or trap the unwary. This was noised about the town and created great astonishment and indignation, and an immediate and stern resolve to remove this foul blot offered to the character of Concord. I do not know whether any warning or advice was given to Huldah to remove the woman back to her former place. But there was a general determination to remove her by force if this was needed to effect the purpose. There was a quiet subdued talk among the young men that they must do it and cleanse the town as early as possible. At evening I saw about the Common a gathering of these men – the respectable and high-minded of the town. They walked off on the Lexington road quietly, early in the evening. I followed them as far as Dr. Hunt's. I was too young to go farther from the house without leave but went home and to bed. Next day I heard all about it from boys older than myself who went with these self-constituted executors of the law of righteousness and saw the whole thing from beginning to end. This small multitude halted before the house of Huldah, some of them went in and told the woman the purpose of their visit and demanded that the offensive visitor go, at once, from Concord, never to return. My informants, not being among the chiefs of the company, did not hear the conversation in the house. They only knew the results. The harlot was brought out by force. Others had a rail ready, which they found in a farm near by. She was placed on the middle of this extemporised vehicle, astride I was told; two or three men at each end carried the rail with its burden; one man walked at each side to support her in her position, and the company walked along before at the sides and behind. Thus they went eastward on the road until they passed the boundary into Lincoln. There they released her to go on foot. They charged her strictly to go back to her former home and never to cross the bounds of Concord again. There was much talk in town on the next day and afterward. Everyone rejoiced and honored the deed and the men who executed and removed this foul stain, so offensive to its moral sense, cast upon the town.

This was connected of course to [Concord](#)'s status during the 1st third of the 19th Century as a court town, a venue in which crowds of persons involved in one way or another in the legal system (lawyers and miscellaneous miscreants and other petitioners) might periodically assemble and, while assembled,

disport themselves per their wont:

The Supreme Court sat in March and the Court of Common Pleas in June and September in [Concord](#). During the first third of this century and later, these courts drew great numbers [of] lawyer-jurymen, witnesses and others interested from all parts of the county. The three taverns were filled. Many of their table boarders were obliged to find lodgings in the neighborhood. Several families in the village and even as far as Deacon Hubbard and Capt. Humphrey Hunt took boarders on these occasions. Josiah Davis's house was a favorite home of the lawyers and the judges. The sheriffs mostly boarded with the sheriff, at least after Capt. Moore held that office.

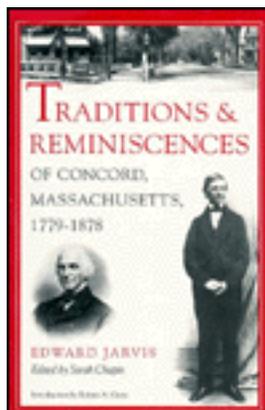
There were no stages to or from Concord except on the single line from Boston to Groton and [Keene](#), and these were only three times a week. Consequently people who came to Concord for court or other business came in their own or other private vehicles. These filled the tavern barn and sheds with horses and the yards with chaises, wagons etc., and also a good portion of the neighboring streets....

The Court of Common Pleas, albeit a court of the second grade, sat during the second week of September. It was the great day or week for the outside attendants. This, from time immemorial, was a great fair, an occasion for the assemblage of the gay, the idle, the fun-loving, the rowdies, and the people who for the time were willing to play the rowdy.

Along the whole length of the Common in front of the meetinghouse was a row of booths or board shanties erected for the sale of all sorts of drink - rum, gin, brandy etc., wine or its imitation, beer strong and weak called "small beer," flip [spiced ale or cider served hot], toddy, and all sorts of compounds of stimulants and intoxicating liquors. Egg pop was the favorite.

They also had cakes, gingerbreads, pies and some other eatables to tempt the palate and money from the people. Some of these booths were floored for dancing, and strolling (perhaps appointed) fiddlers were there to play. Those who danced were expected to pay the musician for his aid in each dance.

We seem to know from Dr. Jarvis's autobiography, which has recently been published, what it was that he was doing during this period. He played with waterwheels and with triphammers and studied the mechanism of the printing press. He was a lonely little boy, perhaps on account of his speech impediment. He wandered in the woods and meadows around Concord.





This was the condition of [Concord](#)'s finances:

In consequence of having to maintain *eight* bridges, and the liberal appropriations for schools and other objects, the taxes in [Concord](#) are supposed to be higher, in proportion to its wealth, than in many towns, amounting to about \$3 on every inhabitant. In 1803, the roads and bridges, independent of a highway tax of \$1000, cost \$1,244; in 1805, \$967; in 1807, \$1,290; and on an average, for the last 40 years, about one eighth of all the town expenses. The following table will exhibit the appropriations for several periods since.

Year.	State Tax.	County Tax.	Minister.	Incidental.	Total.
1785	£711. 6s. 4d.	£25. 3s. 3d.	£100. 10s. 9d.	£748. 8s. 1d.	£1,585. 8s. 5d.
1790	£128. 9s. 4d.	£32. 16s. 6d.	£113. 19s. 6d.	£596. 2s. 11d.	£871. 18s. 3d.
1795	\$613.33	\$233.16	\$646.66	\$2,327.15	\$3,820.31
1800	\$611.33	\$161.56	\$567.26	\$2,763.52	\$4,103.78
1810	\$662.14	\$398.92	\$633.05	\$3,010.47	\$4,704.58
1820	\$568.94	\$331.13	\$794.17	\$4,243.92	\$5,938.16
1830	\$222.00	\$417.17	\$709.00	\$4,072.01	\$4,781.01

The amount of debts due from the town, in 1825, was \$3,284.04, and in 1831, \$5,288.65.⁵



In New Hampshire, [Elijah Dunbar](#) was again being re-elected as representative from [Keene](#), New Hampshire to the legislature.

DUNBAR FAMILY

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5. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)

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Heinrich von Kleist imagined a master narrative according to which the human race was racing along a great-circle route out of a Paradise of ignorant instinct and back toward a newly reformed Paradise of reason and knowledge. Hey, some things are just so nice you just gotta believe!

We have eaten from the tree of knowledge. Now paradise is bolted shut, and the angel stands behind us. We must journey around the world and see whether perhaps it is open again somewhere on the yonder side....

"Then we would have to eat again of the tree of knowledge, in order to fall back again into the state of innocence?"

"To be sure," he answered. "That is the last chapter in the history of the world."



By the same reasoning, if you have been sickened by a poison the cure can only be more of that same poison!



→ Henry Peter Brougham became a Whig MP.



→ The [John James Audubons](#) settled for the year in Henderson, Kentucky (although at the end of the year Audubon and Ferdinand Rozier would head south again in search of commercial success).

→ The Kentucky General Assembly authorized a \$5,000 lottery to pay for road improvements between Maysville and nearby Washington.

→ During this year, when a flock of the American Passenger Pigeon *Ectopistes migratorius* passed over a traveler named Wilson as he was on his way to Frankfort, Kentucky, the traveler made a very rough but clearly conservative calculation — that he must have sighted at least 2,230,272,000 individuals:

Coming to an opening by the side of a creek called the Benson, where I had a more uninterrupted view, I was astonished at their appearance. They were flying with great steadiness and rapidity, at a height beyond gunshot, in several strata deep, and so close together, that could a shot have reached them, one discharge could not have failed of bringing down several individuals. From right to left as far as the eye could reach, the breadth of this vast procession extended, seeming everywhere equally crowded.... It was then half past one. I sat for more than an hour, but instead of diminution of this prodigious procession, it seemed rather to increase both in numbers and rapidity; and, anxious to reach Frankfort before night, I rose and went on. About four o'clock in the afternoon I crossed the Kentucky river, at the town of Frankfort, at which time the living torrent above my head seemed as numerous and as extensive as ever. Long after I observed them, in large bodies that continued to pass for six or eight minutes, and these again were followed by other detached bodies, all moving in the same south-east direction,

till after six in the evening.



➡ A reading room was established on the 2d floor of the [Exchange Coffee House](#) of downtown [Boston](#), the trading floor. It was stocked with whatever secondhand gazettes happened to be available.

➡ On the road to Stonewall,⁶

In America as in England, social conceptions of [sodomy](#) began to change in the late eighteenth century. Anti-sodomitical discourses gradually began the transference, similar to the English process, that moved sodomy from sin toward crime and onward into the realm of unspeakable acts and socially and medically aberrant behavior. This social anxiety and the homophobia it produced was already very much part of the history of proscriptive discourse as early as 1810, ➡ when in a case prosecuting an assault for attempted sodomy the offense is described as "that most horrible and detestable crime (among Christians not to be named), called sodomy." At a later appeal of the sentence, one of the judges observed that "the crime of sodomy is too well known to be misunderstood and too disgusting to be defined." Mid-nineteenth-century American texts began to inscribe sodomitical acts within a sphere that allowed an association of emotional context with the act, making the anxious leap from notions about the individual sodomite to speculations about a species marked by effeminacy and mental instability. Just as dubious commentary about intense male-male friendships played a part in social and literary discussion in England, so in America in the first half of the nineteenth century understanding of just what erotic implications were inscribed within literary portrayals of passionate male-male friendship was very much in crisis. Such portrayals—in the novels of Herman Melville or the poetry of Walt Whitman—could be but were not necessarily read as a definitive site of

6. Refer to Bryne R.S. Fone's A ROAD TO STONEWALL: MALE HOMOSEXUALITY AND HOMOPHOBIA IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE, 1750-1969. Bear in mind that the concept of **perversion** would not formally enter out medical terminology for some 32 years yet, when it would be defined in Dunglison's MEDICAL LEXICON in 1842 as one of the four modifications of function in disease, the other three modifications of function being **augmentation**, **diminution**, and **abolition**.





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homeroeroticism. It is important therefore, as Robert K. Martin says, to establish just what was "normal" for writers and for society in the mid-nineteenth century. Male-male friendships had to exist against a background that included the homophobia evident in legal proscription of sodomitical acts –though the death penalty was repealed in many states by mid-century– and against the often hysterical and certainly prohibitive discussion growing out of the moral purity movement that stressed especially the perceived evils of masturbation and its association with sexual perversion and "degeneracy" and increasingly and specifically with effeminacy and homosexuality. In an 1826  letter recovered by Martin Duberman, male-male intimacy is clouded by suspicion of perversion and also by what seems to be a curious dichotomy between the imperatives of intimacy and a somewhat uncertain though troubled sense of just what such intimacy might imply. In the letter Jeff (Thomas Jefferson Withers) writes to his friend Jim (James H. Hammond) –both men are in their twenties– wondering "whether you yet sleep in your Shirt-tail, and whether you yet have the extravagant delight of poking and punching a writhing Bedfellow with your long fleshen pole – the exquisite touches of which I have often had the honor of feeling."

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According to Jeffrey Weeks's *SEX, POLITICS AND SOCIETY* (Longman, 1981), during this year in England four out of five men convicted of sodomy were [hanged](#).

Rictor Norton has pointed out in an Email message that the abolition of public [execution](#) in England at this point may have had more to do with the preservation of public order for the purposes of government than it ever had to do with compassion for criminals being executed, or for that matter with Friend William Allen's and Friend [Luke Howard](#)'s Society for the Diffusion of Knowledge upon the Punishment of Death and the Improvement of Prison Discipline which had been created in 1808. He alleges that on the English scene at least, public executions were abolished in order to ensure that the revolutionary mob would not get out of control and pursue their republican interests by going on to destroy property and the crown.

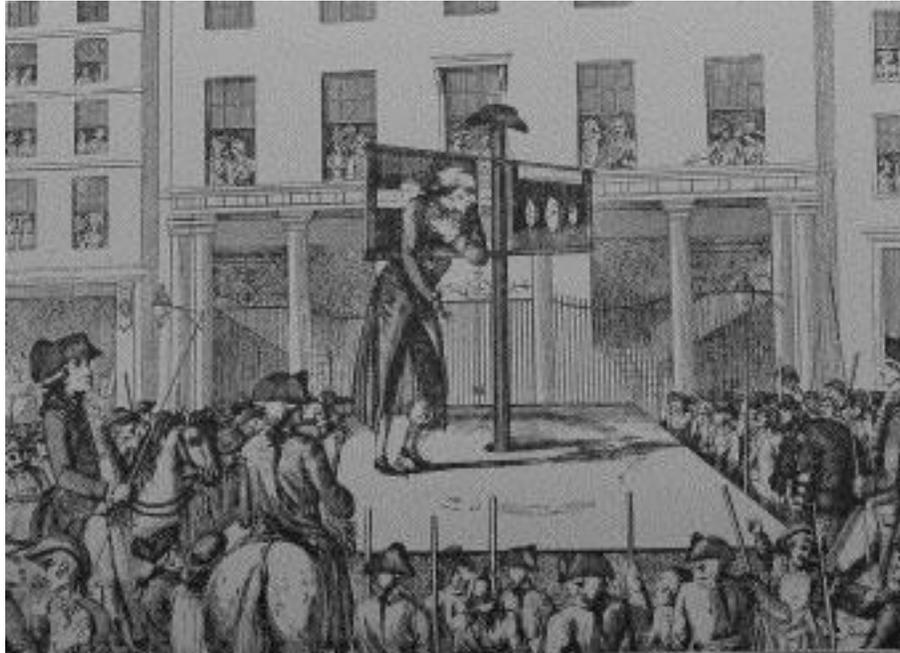


He points out that it was [Edmund Burke](#) who identified the English mob with the mobs in Revolutionary France, who led in the making of statements in Parliament about the necessity of abolishing the pillory.



Fear of mob hysteria therefore was the overriding factor in abolishing public hangings and the pillory. Granted, sometimes this was clothed in the discourse of humanity towards the victims, but usually the argument we find being advanced was that such public events "brutalized the people," a phrase that he claims did not at all mean that it brutalized the minds of the better sort of citizens, but rather that it allowed and encouraged the expression of the brutish sort of people, the mainly lower-class populace who were both anti-social and anti-

government. In this year at the pillorying of the Vere Street Coterie, he points out, the mob overpowered the 100 officers of the law in attendance who vainly strived to protect the men in the pillory, and what this event provoked was discussion about the dangers to society of public pillorying. The pillory would finally be abolished a generation later, mainly due to fears that the destructive power of the mob could not be controlled by the forces of law and order.



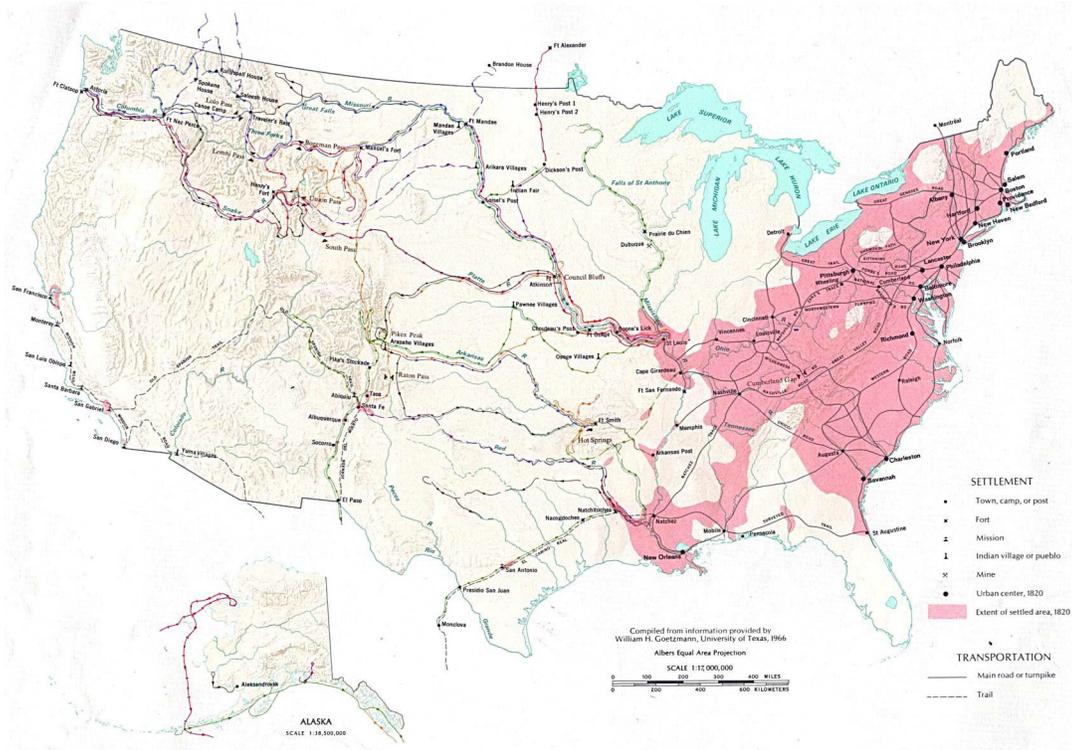
Public executions and public pilloryings, Norton summarizes, weren't abolished in England "because the public at large were developing more compassionate or humane sensibilities," but for quite the opposite reason: because "the mob were becoming more bloodthirsty."

WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1810

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
12/03	Rebecca Blundell		Winchester	Murder of child
24/03	Jane Curran		Winchester	Forgery
07/04	Francis Thompson		York Castle	Uttering
13/06	Melinder Mapson		Newgate	Robbery from dwelling house
22/08	Mary Costigan		Tipperary	Murder
13/08	Betty Amphlett	21	Gloucester	Murder
17/09	Eleanor Grant		Tipperary	Murder

Ongoing White Exploration and Expropriation of the American “Wilderness”:

Henry, A., 1809–1810 (Manuel’s Fort–Bozeman Pass–Henry’s Fort)



➡ England had 5,000 stationary steam engines in its factories, France 200, and Prussia 1.

➡ William Turner, the water-color painter, was probably at his best with “Oxford from above Hinksye.”

➡ The 3d national census.⁷

7. The rise in manumissions in the post-Revolutionary period had by this point increased the proportion of free black Americans from about 8% to about 13.5%, where it would remain through 1840. A decline in manumissions in the late antebellum period, combined with the lesser fecundity of free black Americans, would then move the free-to-enslaved proportion back down to about 11% as we reached the point of Civil War:

Year	% in Population
1790	8
1810	13.5
1840	13.5
1861	11



The following table exhibits the appropriations for several objects at different periods in the town of Acton:⁸

	1750	1760	1770	1780	1790	1800	1810	1820	1830
Minister	£50	£52	£70	£3,562	£80	\$353	\$353	\$363	—
Schools	13	12	24	2,000	49	333	450	450	450
Roads	26	70	60	800	120	400	500	600	800
Incidental	20	12	80	10,000	100	500	1,000	1,400	600

The Population [of Acton] in 1764 was 611; in 1790, including Carlisle, 853; in 1800, 901; in 1810, 885; in 1820, 1047; and in 1830, 1128.⁹



The Quakertown, Connecticut “Rogerenes” published the 1st edition of their The Battle-Axe, an expose of the abuses and hypocrisy they suspected to prevail in many of the established churches of the time and an exhortation to a purified church. They were able to produce some 400 copies of this 1st edition. Here is what the title page of the 3d edition of this publication would look like:

THE ROGERENES

**THE
BATTLE-AXE
AND WEAPONS OF WAR
DISCOVERED BY THE MORNING LIGHT: AIMED FOR THE FINAL
DESTRUCTION OF PRIEST-CRAFT
BEING A
TREATISE,
FITTED TO THE PRESENT DAY
CALCULATED TO DETECT HYPOCRISY WHERESOEVER IT MAY BE
FOUND, WITHOUT RESPECT TO PERSONS.**

—

“Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of war, for with thee will I break in pieces the nations: and with thee will I destroy kingdom.” — Jeremiah 5, 20.

“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal.” — 2d Corinthians 10, 4.

—

**BY
TIMOTHY WATEROUS, TIMOTHY WATEROUS, JR.**

8. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#), 1835
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)

9. Ibid.

AND ZACHARIAH WATEROUS

MANKIND, BEHOLD YOUR PRESENT SYSTEM OF RELIGION

SECOND EDITION

PUBLISHED BY SILAS WATEROUS

1841

 A news item relating to the development of ELECTRIC  WALDEN technology: Friedrich Koenig's invention of a steam-powered flatbed printing press with an inking roller.

ELECTRIC
WALDEN

HISTORY OF
THE PRESS

HISTORY OF
INK

 In this year in which King George III was being recognized to be insane and in which, under pressure from Britain, the Portuguese were agreeing to the gradual abolition of their trade in slaves, a sea battle took place, Terry-and-the-Pirates style, between the allied forces of Chinese imperial, British naval, and Macanese warships, on the one side, and the famed pirate *Cheung Po Tsai* on the other, near an island Chek Lap Kok near an island now known as Victoria.

HONG KONG

George III	1760	1820
The Prince Regency	1811	1820
George IV	1820	1830
William IV	1830	1837
Victoria	1837	1901

 Hemp, which had been introduced into *Alta California* by the government in 1804, had become so abundant that it could be relied upon as a cash crop only by farmers prepared to take a great risk. In this year, also, the olive tree was introduced, and in a few years the olive harvest would be prospering.

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→ Liverpool Botanic Garden received the first *Cattleya* known to be cultivated. The plant was sent from Sao Paulo, Brazil, by Mr. Woodforde to Mr. Shepherd at the Garden. Plants from this original introduction are said to have bloomed every subsequent year — though that factoid was never published.

PLANTS

→ Goats introduced to St. Helena Island began devastation that eventually caused extinction of 22 of the 33 endemic plants.

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→ After the lifting of President Jefferson's destructive embargo, the US [pepper](#) trade resumed, and reached a second peak in this year — before the [War of 1812](#) closed it down again.

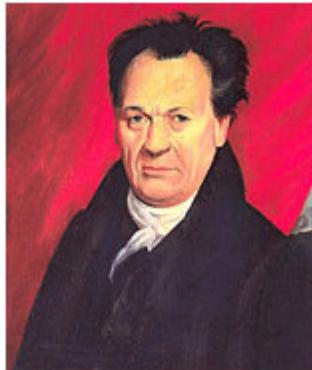
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→ Robert Brown's *PRODROMUS FLORAE NOVAE HOLLANDIAE* marked the beginning of his publications on the flora of Australia. Brown made important comparisons of plants from Australia with other floras, yielding a fresh approach to this type of study. With Brown's work, [botanists](#) began to understand that significant information can result from studying the distributions and associations of plants. We also began to realize the distinctive nature of the Australian biota.

PLANTS

→ In upstate [New York](#), [Amos Eaton](#) began lecturing in [botany](#) at the Catskill [Botanical](#) School, publishing a small textbook on the subject.



Between this year and 1813, three volumes of *HISTOIRE DES ARBRES FORESTIERS DE L'AMERIQUE SEPTENTRIONALE* would be being published by the younger [François André Michaux](#).

➡ By this point there were over 100 mills along the [Blackstone River](#) outside [Providence](#) similar to the [cotton](#) mill set up in 1791 by [Samuel Slater](#) and Friend [Moses Brown](#).¹⁰The amount of money the [Rhode Island](#)



Friends had set aside for [Quaker](#) education had at this point grown to nearly \$8,000.

Henry A. Howland of [Providence](#) was keeping careful track of his life.

HENRY A. HOWLAND

➡ At Rowland Hazard’s fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), son Isaac P. Hazard (1794-1879) arrived to work with his father for the betterment of the Narragansett Cotton Manufacturing Company.

10. That sounds just hunky-dory, but on the downside, these alterations being made in the [Blackstone River](#) were, as one might imagine, destroying its migrating and spawning fish. (“You can never do just one thing.”)

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 A stagecoach route from [Providence, Rhode Island](#) to Worcester was carrying its passengers the 50-mile distance in no comfort at all in what amounted to a 2-day trip.



 In this year Isabella ([Sojourner Truth](#)) would have been approximately 13 years old. At somewhere between an apparent age of 12 and an apparent age of 14 (so we'll record it as of this year), we know she was sold by her 4th owner, Martinus Schryver, to yet a 5th white man, John Dumont of [West Park] New Paltz in Ulster County NY. (The Dumont home stood on the Hudson River side of what is now highway 9-W, opposite to what is now the West Park Post Office.) Dumont was a descendant of Huguenot refugees. She would remain this 5th white man's possession until the fall of 1826.

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→ James Gillespie Birney graduated from the College of New Jersey (now [Princeton University](#)).



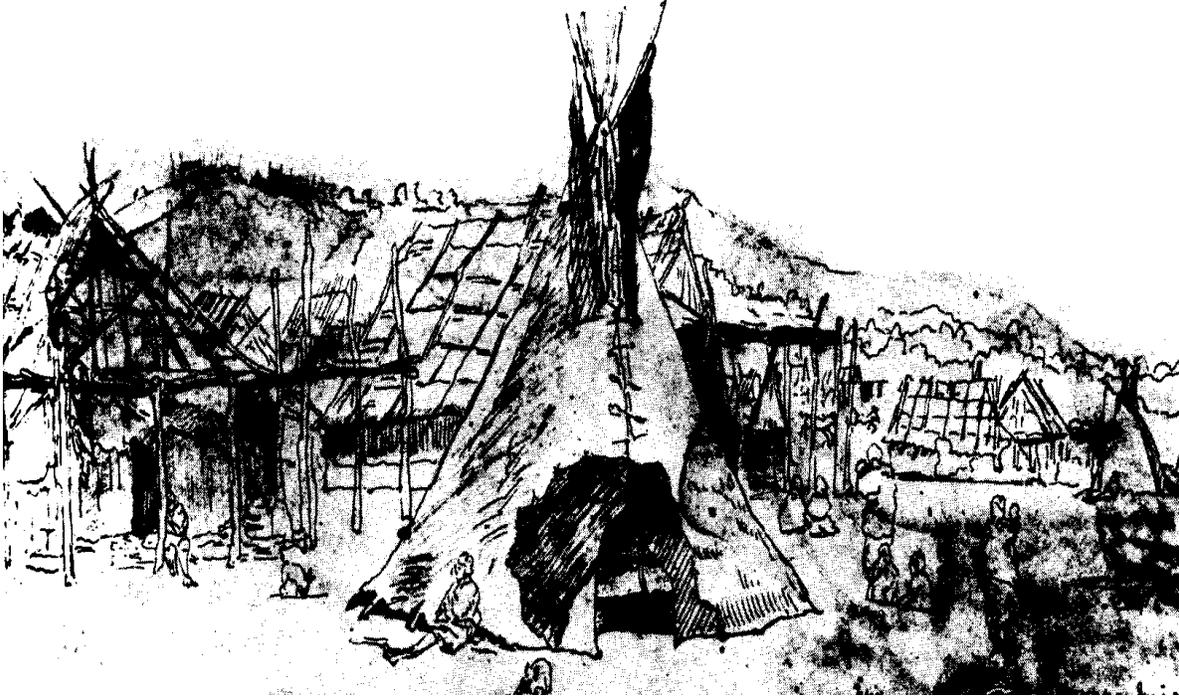
→ Charles Lenox Remond was born in a free black family of Salem hairdressers.

→ John A. Collins was born.

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This boy *Mitak Taoyateduta* “Our Red Nation” would become the 5th in the Little Crow dynasty that had begun with *Wamdetanka*’s father *Chatanwakoowamani* “He Walks After a Hawk.” The Dakota politician and negotiator would become known to whites by the title of the dynasty, “Little Crow.”¹³



Kaposia itself was sketched by Frank Blackwell Mayer in 1851

13. Referring to the man as “Little Crow” very closely resembles the antics of our current frat-boy president, Dubya, who if introduced to a member of the House of Stuart would announce that he was going to refer to this person as “Queen Stu.”

Here is a generic Dakotah village, as it would be depicted by Captain Seth Eastman:



➡ The leading position of Venezuela in the production of [cocoa](#) was established when, in this year, this country produced fully half the world's requirements (which was only appropriate, as at this point a third of the world's cocoa was being consumed by Spaniards).

➡ [Dr. Jacob Bigelow](#) graduated from the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and hung out his shingle in downtown [Boston](#).



➡ [Alexander Chalmers](#)'s THE WORKS OF THE ENGLISH POETS, FROM [CHAUCER](#) TO [COWPER](#); INCLUDING THE SERIES EDITED WITH PREFACES, BIOGRAPHICAL AND CRITICAL, BY DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON; AND THE MOST APPROVED TRANSLATIONS, a revised and expanded version of Dr. Johnson's 1779-1781 LIVES OF THE POETS,



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began to come across the London presses of C. Wittingham. It would amount to 21 volumes and the printing would require until 1814 to be complete. According to the Preface, this massive thingie was “a work professing to be a Body of the Standard English Poets”¹⁴.

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14. When the massive collection would come finally to be reviewed in July 1814, the reviewer would, on the basis of Chalmers’s selection of poems and poets, broadly denounce this editor as incompetent.

WALDEN: Breed's hut was standing only a dozen years ago, though it had long been unoccupied. It was about the size of mine. It was set on fire by mischievous boys, one Election night, if I do not mistake. I lived on the edge of the village then, and had just lost myself over Davenant's Gondibert, that winter that I labored with a lethargy, -which, by the way, I never knew whether to regard as a family complaint, having an uncle who goes to sleep shaving himself, and is obliged to sprout potatoes in a cellar Sundays, in order to keep awake and keep the Sabbath, or as the consequence of my attempt to read Chalmers' collection of English poetry without skipping. It fairly overcame my Nervii. I had just sunk my head on this when the bells rung fire, and in hot haste the engines rolled that way, led by a stragglng troop of men and boys, and I among the foremost, for I had leaped the brook. We thought it was far south over the woods, -we who had run to fires before,- barn, shop, or dwelling-house, or all together. "It's Baker's barn," cried one. "It is the Codman Place," affirmed another. And then fresh sparks went up above the wood, as if the roof fell in, and we all shouted "Concord to the rescue!" Wagons shot past with furious speed and crushing loads, bearing, perchance, among the rest, the agent of the Insurance Company, who was bound to go however far; and ever and anon the engine bell tinkled behind, more slow and sure, and rearmost of all, as it was afterward whispered, came they who set the fire and gave the alarm. Thus we kept on like true idealists, rejecting the evidence of our senses, until at a turn in the road we heard crackling and actually felt the heat of the fire from over the wall, and realized, alas! that we were there. The very nearness of the fire but cooled our ardor. At first we thought to throw a frog-pond on to it; but concluded to let it burn, it was so far gone and so worthless. So we stood round our engine, jostled one another, expressed our sentiments through speaking trumpets, or in lower tone referred to the great conflagrations which the world has witness, including Bascom's shop, and, between ourselves we thought that, were we there in season with our "tub", and a full frog-pond by, we could turn that threatened last and universal one into another flood. We finally retreated without doing any mischief, -returned to sleep and Gondibert. But as for Gondibert, I would except that passage in the preface about wit being the soul's powder, -"but most of mankind are strangers to wit, as Indians are to powder."



FIRE

PEOPLE OF WALDEN

INSURANCE

NARCOLEPSY

ALEXANDER CHALMERS

BASCOM & COLE

THE ENGLISH POETS:

Joseph Addison, Akenside; Armstrong; Beattie; Francis Beaumont; Sir J. Beaumont; Blacklock; Blackmore; Robert Blair; Boyse; Brome; Brooke; Broome; Sir Thomas Browne; Charles Butler; George Gordon, Lord Byron; Cambridge; Thomas Carew; Cartwright; Cawthorne; Chatterton; Geoffrey Chaucer; Churchill;



[William Collins](#); [William Congreve](#); Cooper; Corbett; [Charles Cotton](#); Dr. Cotton; [Abraham Cowley](#); [William Cowper](#); Crashaw; Cunningham; [Daniel](#); [William Davenant](#); Davies; [Sir John Denham](#); Dodsley; [John Donne](#); Dorset; [Michael Drayton](#); Sir [William Drummond](#); [John Dryden](#); Duke; Dyer; Falconer; Fawkes; Fenton; [Giles Fletcher](#); [John Fletcher](#); Garth; [Gascoigne](#); Gay; Glover; Goldsmith; [Gower](#); Grainger; [Thomas Gray](#); Green; [William Habington](#); Halifax; [William Hall](#); Hammond; Harte; Hughes; Jago; Jenyns; Dr. [Samuel Johnson](#); Jones; [Ben Jonson](#); King; Langhorne; Lansdowne; Lloyd; Logan; Lovibond; Lyttelton; Mallett; Mason; William Julias Mickle; [John Milton](#); [Thomas Moore](#); Otway; Parnell; A. Phillips; J. Phillips; Pitt; Pomfret; [Alexander Pope](#); Prior; Rochester; Roscommon; Rowe; Savage; Sir [Walter Scott](#); [William Shakespeare](#); Sheffield; Shenstone; Sherburne; [Skelton](#); Smart; Smith; Somerville; [Edmund Spenser](#); Sprat; Stepney; Stirling; Suckling; Surrey; [Jonathan Swift](#); [James Thomson](#); W. Thomson; Tickell; [Turberville](#); Waller; Walsh; Warner; J. Warton; T. Warton; Watts; West; P. Whitehead; W. Whitehead; Wilkie; Wyatt; Yalden; [Arthur Young](#).

TRANSLATIONS:

[Alexander Pope](#)'s Iliad & Odyssey; [John Dryden](#)'s Virgil & [Juvenal](#); Pitt's Aeneid & Vida; Francis' Horace; Rowe's Lucan; Grainger's [Albius Tibullus](#); Fawkes' Theocritus, Apollonius Rhodius, Coluthus, [Anacreon](#), Sappho, Bion and Moschus, Museus; Garth's Ovid; Lewis' Statius; Cooke's [Hesiod](#); Hoole's Ariosto & Tasso; William Julias Mickle's Lusiad.

COMMENTARY:

William Julias Mickle's "Inquiry into the Religion Tenets and Philosophy of the Bramins," which Thoreau encountered in 1841 in Volume 21 (pages 713-33).

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➡ In Kensington near Philadelphia, the famous Shakamaxon Elm,¹⁵ beneath which allegedly Friend [William "Onas" Penn](#) had transacted his famous entirely undocumented "Treaty with the Indians in 1682," fell during a storm. *Sic transit gloria mundi*:



➡ The revolutionary government of Caracas proclaimed abolition. Mexican revolutionaries proclaimed the emancipation of all Mexican slaves. Guadeloupe, St. Martin, Bourbon, and the Isle de France were captured by the British. Sugar prices rose. The slave trade showed signs of new vigor. The USA had one of the highest birthrates in the world and only part of this was due to black women being used to generate new cash crops of baby slaves. There were 1,358 children under the age of five per 1,000 women between the ages of 20 and 44. A continent had been depopulated and was waiting to be repopulated.

15. Since this painting and engraving were not created until 1827, by George Lehman, when the branches and trunk of this tree had been entirely consumed as firewood not fewer than sixteen winters earlier, it is rather as unlikely that the famed tree on the bank looked like this before falling in not less than the 150th year of its life, as it is that this famed treaty-that-was-never-broken actually had been transacted. It is true that Friend William did offer the Delawares (Lenni Lenape) wampum and other gifts (totalling about £1,000) and did presume unilaterally that their acceptance of his gift had entirely extinguished their claim to land in Bucks, Chester, and Philadelphia Counties. Contrary to the [Benjamin West](#) painting, however, it is untrue that there was one single salient treaty associated with Shakamaxon (which is an English corruption of Sachemaxon, "Place of the chiefs"), and we have no idea whatever what the headmen of the tribe presumed to have been going on during the shady get-togethers at which these presents were being handed out by the white people.



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In the [Concord](#) vicinity, adjacent to the John Nelson house, between this year and 1824, was being constructed a one-story gable barn. This barn structure would be altered in 1830. It is a structure still in existence.

OLD HOUSES

POPULATION.— Concord possesses few of those advantages of water-power, peculiar to many manufacturing towns, which favor a rapid growth. It is dependent on the industry of its inhabitants, its improvements in agriculture and the mechanic arts, and the general advancement of the surrounding country, for its increase in wealth and population. The incorporation of other towns, principally within its original limits, has, at various times, reduced its population and resources, and renders it difficult to estimate its growth with accuracy. In 1706 the polls were 230, nearly half as many as they now [1835] are; but they were scattered throughout six now incorporated towns. In 1753, just before the incorporation of Lincoln, the polls were 442, greater than at any other period in our history prior to 1820; and it is probable the population and wealth of the town was proportionably great. The population in 1764, including part of Carlisle, then belonging to Concord, was 1584, of whom 736 were white males, 821 white females, and 27 negroes. There were 6 slaves in 1725; 21 in 1741; and 19 in 1754. September 1, 1783, three years after the town was reduced to its present [1835] territorial limits, it contained 1321 inhabitants, of whom 15 were blacks. In 1790, there were 1590. The following table give the number at three different periods since.

	1800		1810		1820	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Under 10 years	202	195	207	195	210	207
From 10 to 16	121	126	115	101	117	138
From 16 to 26	142	189	153	168	184	165
From 26 to 45	159	172	162	175	186	205
45 and upwards	158	177	150	179	150	192
	<u>782</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>907</u>
Blacks		38		28		34
	Total	<u>1679</u>		<u>1633</u>		<u>1788</u>

In 1820 there were 9 foreigners not naturalized, 262 engaged in agriculture, 16 in commerce, and 140 in manufactures.

From the above statement and a subsequent one on the valuation, it will appear that the town, from 1800 to the close of the war in 1815, remained nearly stationary. Since that time it has had a slow but gradual increase. The proportion of births to the deaths is estimated at about 3 to 1, producing a large redundant population, which is scattered in every state in the union. The associations with "Old Concord" are dear to many in distant lands, who owe their ancestral origin to its inhabitants.¹⁶



 At about this point the [Jonathan Ball House](#) on Lexington Road in [Concord](#) was owned by Jonas Lee, a leader of the Democrats who several times was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. It was Lee who built the addition on the east side of the house, and during its construction he and his 4th wife got into a quarrel over the position of the chimney. “He directed the mason to build it in the side, she in the corner of the room. They argued, scolded, and raved about it till the mason got out of patience, and began laying the bricks as Mr. Lee directed. Mrs. Lee started up and kicked over the bricks as fast as laid. The mason kept on laying, the woman kicking, and Jonas swearing, till all were exhausted.” This chimney stands on the side of the room — the men won. The house was subsequently occupied by Charles B. Davis who kept a store (this store included the town post office) next door.

[OLD HOUSES](#)

In [Concord](#), Nathan Wood was a Selectman.

Tilly Merrick was [Concord](#)'s deputy and representative to the General Court.

John L. Tuttle of [Concord](#) was a Senator, and also was the Middlesex County Treasurer.

General William Hildreth was Sheriff of [Concord](#).

The population of nearby Lincoln, which in 1800 had been 756, had at this point fallen to 713.

According to a valuation taken [in Lincoln] in 1784, it appears that there were 143 polls, 26 of whom were not rateable; 88 dwelling-houses, 84 barns, 1 tan-yard, 1 grist-mill, and 21 other buildings; 454 acres of tillage land, 429 of English mowing, 800 meadow, 1502 pasturing, 2057 wood land, 2128 'other land,' and 137 unimproveable; 840 barrels of cider were made, 105 horses, 155 oxen, 266 neat cattle, 378 cows, 155 sheep, and 136 swine were held. Probably, if an estimate was made now [1835], it would not essentially vary from the above. The polls in 1790, were 156; the houses in 1801, 104. The population in 1764 was 639, including 28 negroes, and in 1790, 740; in 1800, 756; in 1810, 713; in 1820, 786; and in 1830, 709.¹⁷

16. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:....](#). Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
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Lincoln has been said to have been (despite lack of real statistics upon which to base such a claim) a reasonably healthy town:

From 1760 to 1770, to 1780, to 1790, to 1800, to 1810, to 1820, —Total.							
Intentions of Marriage	56	79	65	69	73	59	=401.
Marriages	38	40	35	48	87	56	=274.
Births	185	196	186	192	168	164	=1091.
Deaths	83	122	104	86	118	94	=607.

It appears from this table that the excess of births over the deaths is 484, more than two to one; and, according to the census, that, from 1790 to 1800, one in 86 died annually; from 1800 to 1810, one in 64; and from 1810 to 1820, one in 78; a result which is highly favorable to the healthiness of the town [of Lincoln].¹⁸

Town Clerks of Lincoln¹⁹

Ephraim Flint	1746-1752, 1754, 1756-1757	Grosvenor Tarbell	1799-1803
Ebenezer Cutler	1753, 1755, 1759	Thomas Wheeler	1804-1806
Samuel Farrar	1758, 1760-1766	Elijah Fiske	1810-1821
John Adams	1767-1777	Stephen Patch	1822-1827
Abijah Pierce	1778-1779, 1781	Charles Wheeler	1828-1830
Samuel Hoar	1780, 1782, 1787-1798, 1807-1809	Elijah Fiske	1831
Richard Russell	1783-1786		

The population of nearby [Carlisle](#), which in 1800 had been 634, had at this point risen to 675, but this trend would not persist over the long term.

The population [of [Carlisle](#)] in 1800 was 634; in 1810, 675; in 1820 681; in 1830, 566. In 1820, 119 persons were engaged in agriculture, 1 in commerce. and 34 in manufactures.

The valuation in 1831 gives the following results: 138 rateable polls, 17 not rateable, 83 dwelling-houses, 88 barns, 4 grist and saw mills; 314 acres of tillage land, 524 acres of upland mowing, 661 acres of meadow, 294 acres of pasturing, 882 acres of woodland, 3607 acres unimproved, 884 unimproveable, 213 acres

18. Ibid.

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used for roads, and 109 acres covered with water; 46 horses, 200 oxen, 474 cows and steers; 3668 bushels of corn, 541 bushels of rye, 490 of oats, 362 tons of English hay, and 468 tons of meadow hay. By comparing the valuations for several periods since the incorporation it will appear that the town has made little or no progress, but in many things has retrograded.²⁰

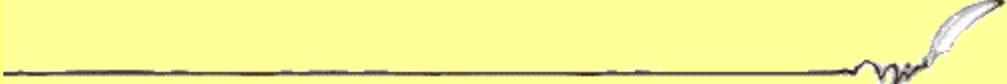
These were the appropriations made by the town of [Carlisle](#):

	1785	1790	1795	1800	1805	1810	1815	1820	1825	1830
Minister	£91	90	85	\$285	290	280	320	275	320	500
Schools	36	30	60	360	300	360	360	450	360	360
Roads	60	45	60	300	480	350	400	400	350	400
Town Charges	74	60	50	300	500	550	550	700	600	600
County Tax	—	11 ³ / ₄	22	58	—	117	72	99	56	22
State Tax	484	48	64	227	—	210	130	180	—	65



This would have been at about this point in time: [Waldo Emerson](#) would reminisce in his journal, during August 1841, that:

I remember when a child in the pews on Sundays amusing myself with saying over common words as "black," "white," "board," &c twenty or thirty times, until the word lost all meaning & fixedness, & I began to doubt which was the right name for the thing, when I saw that neither had any natural relation, but all were arbitrary. It was a child's first lesson in Idealism.



 One of Sarah Alden Bradford's (Sarah Alden Bradford Ripley's) early mentors was the Reverend John Allyn of the First Parish in Duxbury, Massachusetts, who helped her bridge from her knowledge of Latin to the study of Greek. His daughter Abigail "Abba" Allyn became her lifelong friend. By this point she was botanizing.²¹ Her father wrote to one of his sons, at [Harvard College](#), that

Sarah and Abba are studying Botany, and one would think they hold converse only with the flowers for they in a manner seclude themselves from human observation & from communication with animal nature. I dont know what flower they affect to emulate but I dare say they are known to each other under some order or class of the Linean system – if you or John [Abba's brother] should write to them I would advise you to take all your ideas from the groves & fields – talk about calyx, corolla, & petals & I will engage you will be read.

 For a year, Elijah F. Paige, hired from elsewhere, would be teaching [Concord](#)'s grammar students.

1785	Nathaniel Bridge	9 months	1812	Isaac Warren	1 year
1786	JOSEPH HUNT	2½ years	1813	JOHN BROWN	1 year
1788	William A. Barron	3 years	1814	Oliver Patten	1 year
1791	Amos Bancroft	1 year	1815	Stevens Everett	9 months
1792	Heber Chase	1 year	1815	Silas Holman	3 months
1793	WILLIAM JONES	1 year	1816	George F. Farley	1 year
1794	Samuel Thatcher	1 year	1817	James Howe	1 year

21. In those years, studying animals was felt to be indelicate, and females were discouraged from embarking on this sort of investigation. But flowers were pretty and delicate, and plants didn't fuck. For instance, [Dr. Jacob Bigelow](#), in his American edition of James Edward Smith's INTRODUCTION TO PHYSIOLOGICAL AND SYSTEMATIC BOTANY (London 1807), had opined that:

The natural history of animals, in many respects even more interesting to man as an animated being, and more striking in some of the phenomena which it displays, is in other points less pleasing to a tender and delicate mind. In botany all is elegance and delight.



1795	JAMES TEMPLE	2 years	1818	Samuel Barrett	1 year
1797	Thomas O. Selfridge	1 year	1819	BENJAMIN BARRETT	1 year
1798	THOMAS WHITING	4 years	1820	Abner Forbes	2 years
1802	Levi Frisbie	1 year	1822	Othniel Dinsmore	3 years
1803	Silas Warren	4 years	1825	James Furbish	1 year
1807	Wyman Richardson	1 year	1826	EDWARD JARVIS	1 year
1808	Ralph Sanger	1 year	1827	Horatio Wood	1 year
1809	Benjamin Willard	1 year	1828	David J. Merrill	1 year
1810	Elijah F. Paige	1 year	1829	John Graham	1 year
1811	Simeon Putnam	1 year	1831	John Brown	



In this year or the following one [Moses Prichard](#) and Samuel Burr purchased the “Green Store” of Isaac Hurd, Jr. and continued it under the name “Burr & Prichard.” Moses boarded with Jonathan Wheelock in the house on Main Street in [Concord](#) which he afterwards bought, and which is now owned and occupied by members of his family (among his fellow boarders were Samuel Hoar, Nathan Brooks, John Keyes, and John Barrett).

Jonas Wheeler of [Concord](#), son of Jotham Wheeler, graduated from [Harvard College](#). He would read law with Erastus Root, Esq., of Camden, [Maine](#), and settle in the profession in that town.

JONAS WHEELER [of [Concord](#)], son of Jotham Wheeler, was born February 9, 1789, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1810. He read law with Erastus Root, Esq., of Camden, [Maine](#), and settled in the profession in that town. He was justice of the peace, Colonel in the militia, delegate to form the constitution, a representative and a member of the Senate of [Maine](#), of which he was President the two last years of his life. He died May 1, 1826, aged 37.²²

NEW “HARVARD MEN”

John Barrett and Joshua Barrett of [Concord](#), sons of the farmer John Barrett, Jr., graduated respectively from Williams College and [Dartmouth College](#). The brothers would continue their studies in theology, and become reverends.

JOHN BARRETT [of [Concord](#)], son of John Barrett, Jr., was born September 30, 1781, and graduated at Williams College in 1810. After obtaining a theological education he was employed by the Evangelical Society, and went to Ohio. He was ordained at Mesopotamia, Trumbell County, Ohio, February 22, 1827.²³

JOSHUA BARRETT [of [Concord](#)], brother to the preceding [the

22. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)

(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)

23. Ibid.

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Reverend John Barrett], was graduated at [Dartmouth College](#) in 1810. He studied divinity and was employed as a preacher and missionary till he was ordained, January 11, 1826, over the Second church in Plymouth near the Manomet Ponds.²⁴

➡ At the age of three, [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#) was already displaying his precocity at languages, and was being walked to and from school by a black servant.

➡ [Walter Scott](#) visited the Highlands scenes of his latest fiction, for instance riding the course his hero Douglass was to take from the mouth of Loch Venachar to Stirling Castle to make certain this could be accomplished in three hours.



➡ Locks were installed to carry flat-bottom boats around Sumners Falls and Olcott's Falls near White River Junction at the border between Vermont and New Hampshire.

CANALS

➡ After the New York State Senate passed a [canal](#) resolution, seven commissioners, among them De Witt Clinton and Stephen Van Rensselaer, were appointed to do a feasibility study of a trans-state canal.

➡ Construction began on [Benjamin Henry Latrobe's](#) Washington City [Canal](#).

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➡ A contract was let for the construction of thirteen locks on the James River and Kanawha [Canal](#), at Richmond, Virginia.

➡ The [canal](#) engineer Charles Ellet, Jr. was born in Penn's Manor, Pennsylvania.

➡ England's Kennet and Avon [Canal](#) was dug.

➡ The population of Brooklyn, which in 1855 would be 200,000, was at this point a mere 4,000.

➡ M. Alexandre D'Arbly returned from England to France and then Fanny Burney and their baby joined him in Paris.

➡ Governor Claiborne of Louisiana, on orders of the President of the United States, occupied with troops some Spanish territory in dispute in West Florida east of Mississippi as far as the Pearl River, later the eastern boundary of Louisiana. He was authorized to seize as far east as the Perdido River.

[US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS](#)

➡ Kamehameha I (*circa* 1758-1819) became king of all Hawaii.

➡ [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#)'s THEORY OF COLORS.



➡ The census counted 7,239,881 persons in the United States.

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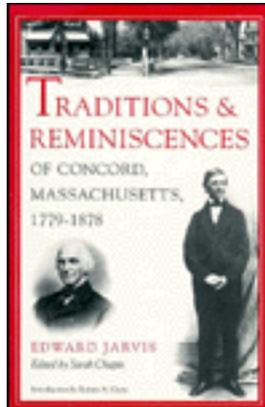
➡ Distribution of the US mails seven days a week began at this point. The local post office was required to be open for at least one full hour even on a day of worship. The Presbyterian General Council would soon begin to predict that “our nation” might begin to suffer “divine displeasure” on account of this outrage.

➡ Abortion was made a criminal offense in France. What, abort a potential soldier or mother of soldiers?

➡ It was discovered that the braided wick of a candle could be made to burn away more completely, if it had been soaked in boracic acid before the candle was molded. This significantly improved the light from a candle flame, as a black curl of burned wick was no longer getting in the way. At this point in the national economy, an American family would be likely to be lighting its home at night with a couple of oil lamps, for the parlor and the kitchen, the rooms most frequented in the evening hours, and would be likely to have approximately five candlesticks standing around, to be used for errands into other rooms during the hours of darkness, and to be carried off as each member of the family prepared for bed.

According to Dr. [Edward Jarvis](#)'s TRADITIONS AND REMINISCENCES OF [CONCORD](#), MASSACHUSETTS 1779-1878, page 73:

[C]andles gave but a meagre light, and I cannot now conceive that people could read by them.



➡ An appeal was issued for funds to found the Massachusetts General Hospital, signed by James Jackson and John Warren.²⁵

25. For almost all of the first century of operation of this hospital, there would be one or another “Doctor John Warren” on its staff.



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According to Paul A. David's "The Growth of Real Product in the United States before 1840: New Evidence, Controlled Conjectures" in the Journal of Economic History for June 1987, there were to be three distinguishable episodes of economic growth between 1790 and 1860:



	Per Capita Output Index	Annual Per Capita Growth
1800	64.4	baseline
1810	61.9	-0.4%
1820	67.6	0.9%
1830	84.0	2.2%
1840	100.0	1.8%
1850	110.4	1.0%
1860	137.0	2.2%

This period we are here considering, the period from 1790 through the opening few years of the 19th Century, was the first of the three, and during this economic era per capita income was to rise at a rate of about 1.6% per year until this was halted both by the naval embargo which had gone into effect in 1807, and by the naval war which would begin in 1812.

We know, of course, who produces such wealth. Per Stanley Lebergott's MANPOWER IN ECONOMIC GROWTH (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964):

Our US Labor Force During Thoreau's Lifetime

	Free Laborers Older Than 10	Slave Laborers Older Than 10	Total Laborers Older Than 10
1800	1,370,000	530,000	1,900,000
1810	1,590,000	740,000	2,330,000
1820	2,185,000	950,000	3,135,000
1830	3,020,000	1,180,000	4,200,000
1840	4,180,000	1,480,000	5,660,000
1850	6,280,000	1,970,000	8,250,000
1860	8,770,000	2,340,000	11,110,000



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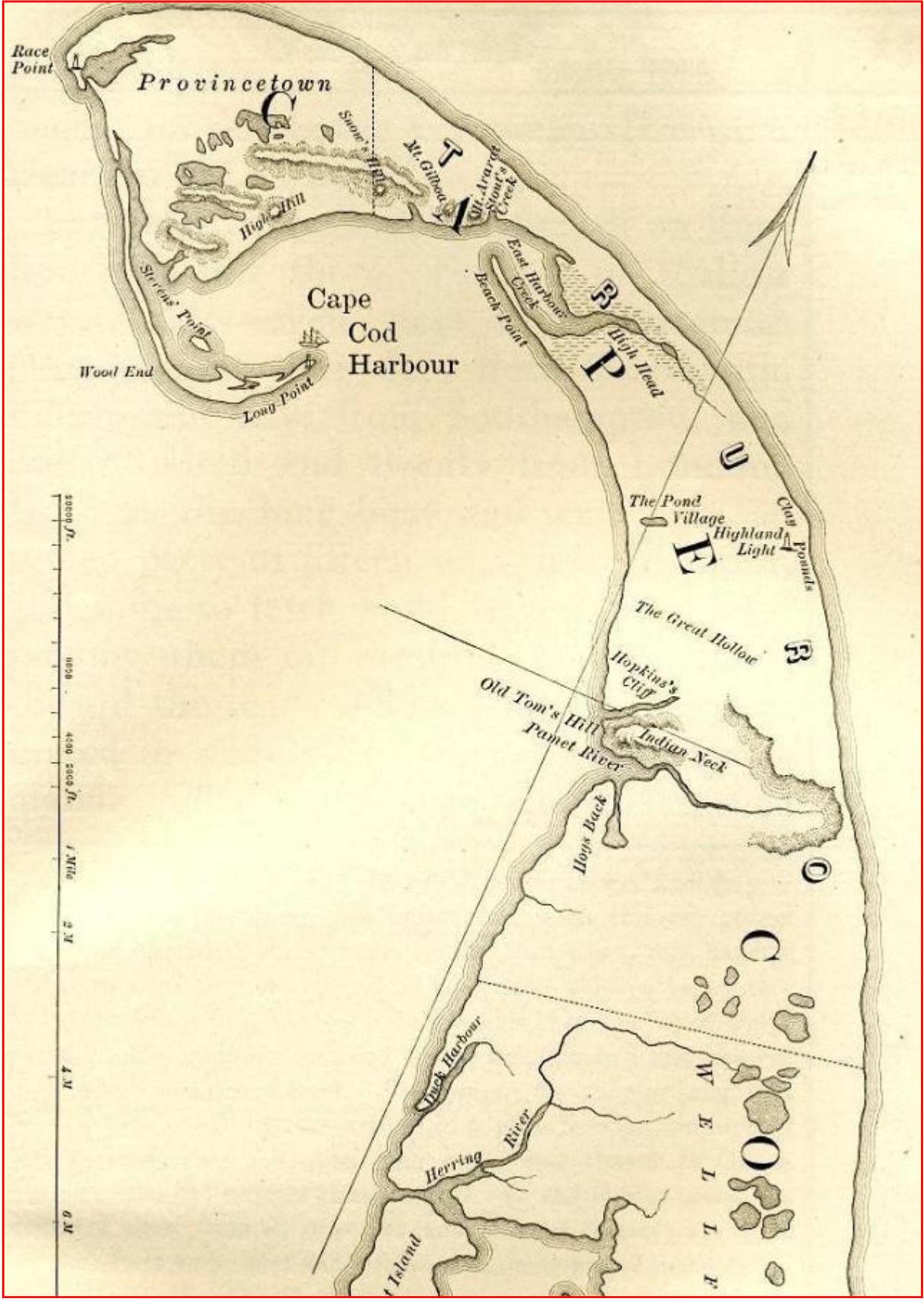
Brunton's SELF CONTROL.



Baldwin's OUTLINES OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

-  William Wordsworth's GUIDE TO THE LAKES.
-  Madame de Staël's *DE L'ALLEMAGNE*.
-  [Robert Southey](#)'s CURSE OF KEHAMA.
-  George Crabbe's THE BOROUGH.
-  Eliza Fenwick's INFANTINE STORIES.
-  Jane Porter's THE SCOTTISH CHIEFS.
-  Mary Tighe died.
-  William Blake's pictures: an engraving called "The Canterbury Pilgrims"; some watercolors for THE BOOK OF JOB. Blake wrote PUBLIC ADDRESS and A VISION OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (accompanied a 7'x5' picture of the same name, now lost), found in an unpublished notebook dating to this year.
-  With the scrub forest cover largely chopped away on the dune belts around Provincetown at the tip of [Cape Cod](#) by earlier generations of intrusives, a program began of planting beach grass and pitch pine seedlings, in an attempt to stabilize the dunes and avoid Provincetown being smothered under the sands. (This program continued until 1830; the forest thus created is, for the present, protected by law. The transitory political stability of the US for the period 1810-1992 has meant that this forest has not yet met the fate of, for instance, the pine seedlings planted in the barren Alborz Mountains north of Tehran at the dictate of the late Shah of Iran.)
-  Charles Calistus Burleigh was born.
-  [Thomas De Quincey](#) entered his period of greatest intimacy with [William Wordsworth](#) and [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#). He read the manuscript of "Prelude." He, John Wilson, and Alexander Blair contributed the "Letter of Mathetes" (μαθητής means "disciple" or "student") to Coleridge's metaphysical gazette, [The Friend](#). That gazette folded.
-  Jame Hubbard, the black slave who worked in [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s [Monticello](#) nail factory, who had attempted an escape in 1805 but had been recaptured, again attempted to escape and would this time make his escape effective for about one year.

(He would be hiding out in Lexington, Massachusetts.)



There are some problems with the following table. The first problem is that it makes it appear that there were considerably fewer persons of color in [Concord](#), than there actually were, because it counts only heads of households. The second problem, more important, is that it makes the magic date 1780 of the “Massachusetts Bill of Rights” far more significant, in the elimination of Northern slavery, than actually it was. Precious little seems actually to have happened to improve the lives of persons of color in Massachusetts, or their societal standing, in that year.

Concord MA Population

1679	?	480 whites
1706	?	920 whites
1725	6 slaves	1,500 whites
1741	21 slaves	?
1754	19 slaves	?
1780: Passage of the Massachusetts Bill of Rights		
1783	15 blacks	1,306 whites
1790	29 blacks	1,556 whites
1800	38 blacks	1,641 whites
1810	28 blacks	1,605 whites
1820	34 blacks	1,754 whites
1830	28 blacks	1,993 whites

JANUARY

January: Saul Solomon of the [St. Helena](#) press was given to understand that he was no longer to insert objectionable remarks into his [Register](#) without explicit prior permission of the Secretary. Understand, young man, this is a Company island!

January 1, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st Mo 1st 1810// The Gun has fired which announces the setting sun - The first day of the new Year has so far gone & what now have I to say? What account can I give ? - Why I think I may say it has been a day of some feeling & perhaps I have felt the precious life to circulate in my mind with a degree of sweetness. Oh saith my Soul at this time may the coming year, be a year of increased devotion & Watchfulness, for we know not how soon the thread of life is to be cut, & we hastened to eternity, therefore the more Watchful we are to have our lamps

lighted & well trimmed the better chance we stand of entering with the bride groom into the bride Chamber.²⁶



RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 2, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 M 2nd// This Afternoon took my dear H in a Chaise & went to see our friends D Buffum & family, who seem much affected with their loss, after setting in sympathy with them a couple of hours we returnd -

➡ January 3, Wednesday: The Prussian royal family returned to Berlin for the 1st time since the French occupation of 1806.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 3rd day// The mind in a feeling frame. Oh that I could ever dwell near the fount of life - In the evening attended the African Benevolent Society -

➡ January 4, Thursday: Louis Spohr's concert on this night in Berlin attracted a large audience as soon as it became known that the recently returned Queen of Prussia had requested tickets.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 M 4 day // Wait Buffum was inter'd after meeting, being brought to meeting - Holder Almy preached - The first part of the meeting was a Solid time to me And now this Afternoon & evening the mind has been much under serious reflection on several subjects - recd a letter from B Purinton which was very acceptable - Wrote this evening to Micajah Collins

26. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1807-1812: The Gould family papers are stored under control number 2033 at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections of Cornell University Library, Box 7 Folder 10 for May 1, 1809-June 30, 1812; also on microfilm, see Series 7



January 5, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 M 5th day// The mind has been turned to reflect on several sudden deaths that has occurred of late - particularly a woman by the name of Perry who died in a fit of intoxication -how ought such occurances to Stimulate us to Watchfulness, for we know not in what day or hour we may be Summoned to our long home - The young may & the Old must die, & of what importance it is to be prepared for the change, but Alas too, too many are careless & think another time will do, when we have accomplished this that or the other favorite Worldly object, or some favorite sensual gratification, we will then turn our attention to things of a serious nature, this, "counting on long years of pleasure here" go on from Step to Step, till at length they are hastened to eternity in a state unprepared, & at a season when they are not aware.



January 6, Saturday: By terms of the Treaty of Paris, Sweden joined the Continental System while France recognized Sweden's sovereignty over Pomerania.

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 M 6th 1810// My mind tho' dilligently occupied at Trade, has been Seriously reflective - This evening Set an hour with my dear Mother who seems to be very unwell but innocently cheerfull & has diverted me with a relation of occurances in her younger years.

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January 7, Sunday: [The Rogerenes](#), followers of this English religious reformer [John Rogers](#) (1648-1721), advocate of nonresistance to evil,²⁷ had settled in Connecticut, at the towns of New London, Groton, and



Ledyard. There they were being molested by the authorities due to their unwillingness to take part in state violence by the serving in any militia or by the paying of any military fines for failure to serve in such militia. For instance, in this year 1810 one Alexander Rogers of Waterford, in his 83rd year, published a tract entitled “Petition to My Fellow Countrymen” pointing out that he was being forced to “suffer for conscience’s sake, in defense of the gospel of Christ; on the account of my son, who is under age, in that it is against my conscience to send him into the train-band.”²⁸

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st Mo 7th day// At meeting forenoon & Afternoon, both silent, It has been a day of feeling, yea, sweetness, tho’ in meetings I was more barran than out of them – Sister E took care of the little boy while my dear H went to meeting this Afternoon –by invitation I took tea with Aunt P Gould & regretted that my H could not go too. –



January 8, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st M 8th day// My mind has had to look over several subjects, & they look dark, the Way much hedged about, but I hope my faith & patience may not fail, but be established on that which is not Moved by the fluctuations of human events –

27. Not the same John Rogers as the BIBLE translator who was born circa 1500 and was burned on February 14, 1554 in [Smithfield](#) near London, nor the same John Rogers as the citizen of Pembroke who was murdered by “poor Julian” on September 12, 1732.

28. To study this religious reformer [John Rogers](#)’s faith and practice, since he had unwisely listened to the teaching of Jesus “Resist not evil” and had come to believe in the insane principle, upon which no life can be founded, of refusing to offer resistance to evil, you cannot consult the encyclopedia, but you can see J.R. Bolles and A.B. Williams’s THE ROGERENES (Boston: Stanhope Press, 1904).



“Rogerenes,” former Seventh Day Baptists who followed John Rogers of [Newport](#), combined [Baptist](#) and [Quaker](#) principles with a belief in miraculous healing and attracted adherents in both [Rhode Island](#) and Connecticut, usually from among well-to-do rather than poor settlers.

 January 9, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1st M 9th day// I find I have a vein of pride running through me that I hardly thought I possessed, or if I did, that it was in better subjection than it is – I have been much tried for several days, & had I not have summoned up resolutions last eveng to have said "get thee behind me Satan" I hardly know how I should have gotten along, nor do I yet, unless I keep Strictly on the Watch, even unto prayer, for he is ever buisy, & if once repulsed, will again & again make his impudent assaults on the human Mind, & without the most rigid adhearance to the Truth will be likely in the end to gain his point.–

 January 10, Wednesday: Jacob Baker, Jr. died in Lincoln (the remains are presumed to be in the Baker tomb in [Concord's](#) Town Hall Cemetery, behind Bemis Hall).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 10th 1810// A day of exercise of Mind, but the good hand has been felt to be near in that Midst of conflict –

 January 11, Thursday: [Johann Ludwig Krapf](#) was born into a Lutheran family of farmers at Derendingen, near Tübingen in Württemberg, in southwestern [Germany](#). He would be found to have a gift for languages, and would initially studied Latin, Greek, French, and Italian, adding more and more languages throughout his life.

The Emperor [Napoléon](#) and Joséphine de Beauharnais, age 46, formally ended their childless marriage (on March 11th, petitioner would remarry, by proxy, with Maria Ludovica Leopoldina Franziska Therese Josepha Lucia von Habsburg-Lothringen of Austria, age 18 and never been kissed).

In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1st M 11th// At Meeting the mind was rather barran & dry, tho' before & since a good degree of life has been experienced –I feel oppressed & depressed with my infirmities within & trials without – Called at brother D R's thins eveng & set a little while very pleasantly –

 January 12, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island, Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 12th –// I feel those heavy & cast down feelings that I have been much tried with for Several days, greatly dispelled this morning for which I feel thankful, tho' I believe suffering is good for us, but it is hard to be made willing to bear it –.



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 January 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Eleusis.

An advisory body of elder statesmen, the Council of State, was formally opened by Tsar Alyeksandr.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), [Friend Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 1st M 13th// The day has passed with a degree if feeling
My dear Mother has been very sick for several days - we hope the
effects of Medicine will be beneficial - Joseph Rodman arrived
from NYork this morning - Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 14, Sunday: William Willard Wheeler died at the age of 75.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 1st M 14// At meeting this forenoon, Our frd D Buffum
appeard very sweetly in testimony "Occupy until I come" was the
Scripture that he arose with & I believe many minds were edified
by his communications - It was to me a precious Meeting, the
life the precious life arose sweetly in my mind soon after I
took my seat - Oh that I may be thankful - In the Afternoon it
was also a pretty good time - J Dennis went home with me between
meetings, & partook of a scanty morsell but all appear'd to be
satisfied -It was a little remarkable that all the apprentices
that D Williams [clockmaker] has ever taken were at meeting this
forenoon Wm S -J R - W C myself & D A- The first three are as
poor worthless men as any I know off & what the last two will
come to is yet uncertain*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 15, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 1M 15// Oh! the baneful effect of spirituous liquor, how
does it brutalise its votaries, this evening poor J R came home
intoxicated & was so furious & wicked in his conduct that his
father was obliged order him to leave the house, a most affecting
circumstance to the family & his dear sisters in particular with
whom I feel deeply & hope they may be favor'd to stand their
ground with firmness -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 16, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited Mendeli.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 1st M 16th 1810// Another day has passed. Some religious
life experienced, but nothing to boast of - poor J R continues
very troublesome - Our little Caleb seems to be quite unwell
today*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 M 17// Caleb seems better today --Nothing material the old grief remains in father R's family with but little abatement -My Mother is still much unwell but we are in hopes she is getting better, tho' slowly -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 18, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) walked around the peninsula of Munychia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day [sic] 1st M 18th// Silent Meeting, the last (preparative) was dull, tho' the reading of the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting seem'd to enliven us a little -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 19, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Athens and arrived at Vari.



60,000 French troops begin a major invasion of Andalucia.

[Henry Thoreau](#) would describe this day, in his journal for January 11 and January 22, 1857, as “Cold Friday,”²⁹



January 11, 1857: Began snowing yesterday afternoon, and it is still snowing this forenoon. Mother remembers the Cold Friday very well. She lived in the house where I was born. The people in the kitchen –Jack Garrison, Esther, and a Hardy girl– drew up close to the fire, but the dishes which the Hardy girl was washing froze as fast as she washed them, close to the fire. They managed to keep warm in the parlor by their great fires.



January 22. Snows all day, clearing up at night, — a remarkably fine and dry snow, which, looking out, you might suspect to be blowing snow merely. Yet thus it snows all day, driving almost horizontally, but it does not amount to much. P. M.—To Walden. I never knew it to make such a business of snowing and bring so little to pass. The air is filled so that you cannot see far against it, i. e. looking north-northwest, yet but an inch or two falls all day. There is some drifting, however. You wonder how the tree sparrows can seek their food on the railroad causeway, flying in the face of such a fine, cold, driving snow-storm. Within the woods it is comparatively still.... I asked M. about the Cold Friday. He said, “It was plaguy cold; it stung like a wasp.”

29. This 1810 decade would in fact be the coldest of the previous 500 years. Refer to [Luke Howard](#)'s THE CLIMATE OF LONDON.



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He remembers seeing them toss up water in a shoemaker's shop, usually a very warm place, and when it struck the floor it was frozen and rattled like so many shot. Old John Nutting used to say, "When it is cold it is a sign it's going to be warm," and "When it's warm it's a sign it's going to be cold."

having already made mention of it in [WALDEN](#):

[WALDEN](#): Though, when I had been exposed to the rudest blasts a long time, my whole body began to grow torpid, when I reached the genial atmosphere of my house I soon recovered my faculties and prolonged my life. But the most luxuriously housed has little to boast of in this respect, nor need we trouble ourselves to speculate how the human race may be at last destroyed. It would be easy to cut their threads any time with a little sharper blast from the north. We go on dating from Cold Fridays and Great Snows; but a little colder Friday, or greater snow, would put a period to man's existence on the globe.

[THE GREAT SNOW](#)

The weather that winter had been unusually moderate. December had been warm and very little snow had fallen. The ground was bare in southern New England, though there was snow in the northern states, enough "for good sleighing." The previous day had been mild, with a warm south wind, but about four o'clock in the afternoon there had been a snow squall and the wind had come up, changed around to the north-northwest, and increased in force until it blew "with great violence." The temperature, which was 45 degrees in Salem MA, suddenly began to plunge. Eighteen hours later, it had fallen 50 degrees. In Springfield MA, people witnessed a heavy fog passing down the Connecticut River. The cold air congealed into a fine snow, which rose 40 feet above the water and was most conspicuous about 2PM. At Amherst NH, it was 14 below zero. At Weare NH, the temperature fell 55 degrees between Thursday morning and Friday morning. Few people ventured out. A winter hurricane had swept in. At times and places the wind was so strong it was difficult to stand.

The gale force wind continued all day, and houses and barns were blown away. Huge stands of trees were blown down, or splintered so as to “render them unfit for timber.” In Chester NH, the wind so moved a house that one corner fell into the cellar. At Sanbornton, three children died while their parents were attempting to get them in a sleigh from their home, the roof of which had gone, to a neighbor’s house. The sleigh kept blowing over, and though a neighbor attempted to help, the children froze. The neighbor would not recovered from snowblindness.

The cold would continue until the morning of the following Monday, when the wind would change to the southwest and the temperature begin to rise. Many of the livestock, however, would be found to have frozen where they stood.



Here are Zechariah Allen’s diary entries for this storm as experienced in Providence, Rhode Island:

Jan 19. 1857 violent gale and snowstorm Train to Boston got as far as Mansfield, broke the plow and returned etc Edward J Cushing passed the night with me being unable to get back to his home. Has long pleasant conversation, has been through a lot with C and now feels toward him like a son

1/23/57 several degrees below zero last night, violent wind, more drifting. ...Most inclement has been the past week. It has produced in every bosm a thrill of grateful thankfulness that a shelter from the freezing cold and food are available to sustain existence. (The next day he would report that the cold Friday was -20 to -28.)

1/26 I ventured to go to the mills today [but a later entry would indicate that he didn’t make it all the way]. The roads are in places cut through deep snow drifts. It has been difficult to keep the attic stories of either of the mills warm. The water wheels have all been kept sufficiently free of ice to operate regularly and no delay and no delay has occurred form the destruction of ice. But the snowstorm on Monday last was so severe that only 3/4 of the hands went into the mills. The inclemency of the weather has prevented me from going out to the mills since the 17th of January, nine days ago. On the south side of the dam the road is blocked by a snowdrift 16 feet deep. I think there will be snow remaining from this drift until the 10th of April next. The icehouse at Allendale was nearly full last Saturday night when the snowstorm commenced One or two days work more will be requisite to complete the filling of the icehouse.

1/28 William D Ely returned from Hartford last evening by the first train that has come through from Hartford



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to Providence since the 17th The drifted snowbanks are high as the top of the locomotive chimney in the deep cuts along the road. (He here pasted in a number of newspaper articles that showed all the records that were broken often for the coldest temperature ever recorded throughout the NorthEast.)

Here are Oliver Ames's diary entries for the storm as experienced in North Easton, Massachusetts:

January 18th — this was a cloudy dark day & verry cold thermometer in the morning from 8 to 10 degrees below 0 cold all day. I had a yoke of oxen brought here by Caleb Easton the 17th and left on trial for two weeks— the weighd 3400 — one measures 7 feet & 1 inch & the other 7 feet & 2 inches.

The 19th it began to snow yesterday afternoon wind northeast and snowd until noon today the wind blew verry hard last night and today the snow was verry fine and dry and blew into heaps verry badly & fild up the cannal so that we could not run the enjoin the river was fild up so that it would not run in the chanel & flowd out onto the land it was the worst time about managing the water that I have ever known.

the 20th and 21st were fair days but pritty cold

the 22nd there was a fine snowstorm today with a high wind & cold wind about north west there was about 4 inches of snow fell

the 23rd this was a fair day & verry cold & windy thermometer 18 degrees below zero in the morning & 9 below at noon the wind yesterday and today fild up the roads badly

24th the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero this morning it rose rapidly and at noon was 19 above 0 it was fair in the forenoon and a little cloudy in the afternoon wind about south

the 28th it is colder today wind northeast but thaws some and our cannal is thawd out and they are at work at Joel's Shop for the first time since the 17th

Feb 4th the wind was southwest & much the warmest day we have had for a long time the snow melted pritty fast

The 7th it was foggy this morning wind southerly and cloudy all day but did not thaw but little our team went to Bridgewater on wheels today for the first time since the 3rd January

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1st M 19th// The day has passed, I hardly know how. A very cold day however may be said of it & but very little accomplished in the line of my buisness, in the eveng I was at home & tho' we had a good fire we had much ado to keep comfortable. —

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 20, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Vari and arrived at Keratea.

 January 21, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day [sic] 1st M 21st// At meeting this morning our friend D Buffum was much favor'd in testimony, & my mind was touched with the precious life, tho' the body was not in a very comfortable state owing to the extream cold of the weather. — In the Afternoon we were silent & warmer than in the Morning - In the eveng called at O Williams & went up to see Ruth & her little Catharine

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➡ January 22, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1 M 22// Nothing material to insert - the Day has passed with the usual rounds - to little proffit (I fear) in any sense -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 25, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 M 25// Our first meeting was Silent & to me a poor time - the last (Monthly) was long, much buisness & I thought dull work - S Fishes Certificate was sign'd by many friends Sister E & Mary Collins set the evening with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 1 M 1810// We took tea at Neighbor Vinsons & set the evening pleasantly

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 27, Saturday: Publication of the Variations for piano op.34 by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#) was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 1 Mo// Joseph Rodman took a dish of tea & set the evening with us - Oh that there was more stability in mankind -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 28, Sunday: Most of the Spanish junta reached Cádiz and was able to set up a government.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 28th of 1 Mo// Our friend D Buffum was large & satisfactory in testimony this forenoon - in the Afternoon silent - brother D Rodman & I sat the eveng at T Robinsons very pleasantly

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 29, Monday: The Spanish junta in Cádiz awarded power to a 5-man regency council.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 29 of 1 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 30, Tuesday: With Archduke Rudolph returning to Vienna, for the occasion [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) presented the 3d movement of his Piano Sonata op.81a “Les Adieux,” entitled “Das Wiedersehen.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 30 of 1 Mo// Again the day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds - Friends that are going to [Providence](#) to attend the Quarterly meeting will have a cold suffering time my mind has been with them several times today but my present situation is such that my body must be where it is. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ January 31, Wednesday: A Supreme Council of Regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII in opposition to the French. Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arzcún, marques de las Hormazas replaced Francisco de Saavedra y Sangronis as First Secretary of State.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31 of 1 Mo// The Month ends with but little life, & the eveng with a suffering tooth Ach - Brother David called to see us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

FEBRUARY

➡ February: William Wordsworth’s “Essay on Epitaphs” was published in [The Friend](#).

➡ February 1, Thursday: French forces captured Seville without a fight.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 2 M 1810// A low time at meeting, the mind however enabled to take a little sip of the fountain - Thought much of our friends at Quarterly - How pleasant it would be could I be with them -

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February 2, Friday: The Emperor Napoléon and his Privy Council came to agreement that he ought to get married with an eligible 18-year-old daughter of Emperor Franz of Austria (that would obviously be a marriage arranged in Heaven, or something).



Archduchess Marie-Louise of Austria was almost as cute as his sweetheart ex Joséphine de Beauharnais and could also, you know, make babies.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

*6th day 2 of 2 Mo// The mind in a low & rather discouraged state
-I hope & pray that I may be favord to keep my confidence in him
that helpeth the needy to everything needful -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

NEVER READ AHEAD! TO APPRECIATE THE EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 2D, 1810 AT ALL ONE MUST APPRECIATE IT AS A TODAY IN WHICH THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME FOR THE NATION OF FRANCE IS ENTIRELY UNKNOWN, UNDETERMINED, NOT YET DECIDED (THE FOLLOWING DAY IN FRANCE, TOMORROW, IS BUT A PORTION OF THE UNREALIZED FUTURE AND IFFY AT BEST).



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February 3, Saturday: Spanish forces reached Cádiz in time to protect it from the advancing French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 2 M A day of some thoughtfulness on many serious subjects I am not very well, seem to have a cold & a little pain in my side

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February 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 2 Mo// Our forenoon meeting was a dull hard time I frequently in the course of it said within myself - it is only presenting my boody - but here is the proof, that times & seasons are not at our command for in the afternoon I was inabled to raise my heart in prayer for help & was favord to witness the precious life to arise, - last night I dreampt that I was engaged in pulling down an old house of my fathers in the lower end of the town where, when I was a boy, I lived with my Aunt - when we came to the old corner in which I kept my playthings I was so affected that it was with difficulty that I could refrain from tears, remembering the many sweet days of uninterrupted boyish felicity that I had there spent in arranging those little things which then contributed to my amusement - I often in my waking hour recur to those early scenes of pleasure, the like of which can never return & it is best they never should, yet I cannot help the obtrusions of "buisy-medling memory" nor do I wish to, any further than they may superceed those concerns which are of far greater Moment & necesaary for me to enter into - Altho in my boyhood there were things for the fire & the hanner, things that I did, that I was fully convinced were counter to the light which shone in my heart & often made me sorry, yet there are many things which give me pleasure on looking over them, for which I desire to be thankful to the great Preserver of souls, that in that early period of my existance he kept me from many hurtful propensisites, & in great measure preserved me in the innocency by that inspeaking something which tells us what to do & what to leave undone. Oh that I had but have strictly in all my movements adheared to it, then I am confirm'd I should have made far greater advances in religious growth than I have done & by this time shone with gretaeer lusture as a member of Society, & of course better answerd the end of my creation. And Oh, from this time forward to my "finishing Day", may my care & watchfulness be doubly increased to a strict adherence to that inward principal which reproves for sin, & will by gradations advance us to perfect Men in Christ

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February 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 2 M 1810// The day has passed & a little moving of



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life has been felt to circulate -Sister Ruth spent the Day & evening with us. -

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February 6, Tuesday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) announced that he was going to get married with Austrian Archduchess Marie Louise. (Maybe they would have a boy baby that had royal blood at least on its mama's side, and maybe that would help some of the French royalists—of whom there were still more than a few with intact necks—to overcome their hostilities. At least that was to be hoped.)

For a 2d time British forces occupied the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 6 of 2 Mo// I drempt last night that it seem'd to be Yearly Meeting time & that as usual at that time there were many friends about town, & that I went to Banisters Wharf to meet some that had just arrived. A ship lay across the head of the Wharf & another right on the right side going down & both had brought friends - I went to the one at the head of the Wharf & found Our frd John Casey who Seemd to be engaged in religious communication setting about mid way of the Ship & I thought my mind was much affected & all present were uncommonly serious & some wept -While on board I observed the Ship seem'd to be a good strong one & lay firm, but not very sightly - I was anxious to leave her after our frd J C had got through to go on board the other to see my much love'd friend Micajah Collins who I observd setting near the Tillar - accordingly I stepped to her & observed her to be an exceedingly neat Vessel & apparently well finished in every part, but when I stepd my foot upon her I found she creaned [careened] & was very totteling, however I took hold of something that seem'd to hoist me in very readily, but when on board was obliged to crawl on my hands & knees to get to my friend to shake hands with him, I then says to him Micajah why You could never come here in this Vessel in this condition she has got no ballace [ballast] on bord & the least puff of wind would have overset you all - his reply was, we put plenty of ballace in when we go to sea & throw it out when we are at the Wharf - Now to my mind there is instruction in this Dream - I believe it is much best to keep the ballace on board all the time -or, that it is best for us to keep our spirits weighty both in meeting & out of them
I had this forenoon a few lines from my dearly beloved S Barker which was a refreshing brook by the way -*

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February 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 2 m 1810// The day has passed, & I may say with thankfulness that the fountain has been a little unsealed, & the waters thereof been comfortably vouchsafed to my long thirsty & barran Spirit

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 8, Thursday: Articles of agreement were signed at New Haven, Connecticut, creating the firm of Townsend, Bronson & Co., comprised of Jacob Townsend, Alvin Bronson, and ship's master Sheldon Thompson, to engage in maritime commerce in [New York State](#).

Napoléon places Catalonia, Aragon, Navarre, and the Basque country under military rule.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 2 Mo// At meeting my tooth Ached so that I was not in a situation to be very much edified but doubtless more might have been experienced if I had been more Watchful – Hannah Dennis & Abigail Sherman Dined with us & spent the Afternoon with the Addition of M Williams & Sister E & also Joseph –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 9, Friday: While conducting rehearsals for Silvana in Stuttgart, Carl Maria von Weber was arrested by the police along with his father. He would be held incommunicado in an inn for 16 days under three charges: 1. theft of silver articles, 2. embezzlement of Duke Ludwig's money (actually done by his father — the amount was repaid but with borrowed money and the lender was demanding his money back) and 3. bribery and "association with plots for military exemption."

[Henry Swasey McKean](#) was born in [Boston](#), son of the Reverend Professor Joseph McKean, S.T.D., LL.D., Boylston Professor of Rhetoric, Oratory and Elocution at [Harvard College](#), and Amy Swasey McKean. Henry's daddy would found Harvard's Porcelian Club and now has a gate in his honor:



Henry would grow up in Fay House (which had been built in 1806 as the 1st brick house in the vicinity of the road between Cambridge and Watertown and was therefore even more impressive then than it is now as the original building of Radcliffe College).



Then Henry would be sent to Boston Latin, from which he would graduate of course with high honors (he would turn out to be especially, especially adept in the field of mathematics).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 2 M // Nothing material to insert - the mind in not a very advancing state as to best things

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February 10, Saturday: King Friedrich of Württemberg dismissed criminal charges against Carl Maria von Weber and his father. The case was referred to a civil court, where Weber's creditors waited.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 2 M // The mind similar to Yesterday - Oh that it was better with me - but so it is -

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February 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 11 of 2 M // Hannah Dennis & Abigail Robinson were much favor'd in testimony this forenoon in the Afternoon we were silent - I was much troubled with the Tooth Ach & hardly in a capacity to enjoy any thing. - Set the evening at home in much Pain- My father & father R gave us short visits.

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February 12, Monday: Since Fort Bowyer was again attacked by the whole British force, as it retired from New Orleans, Captain Lawrence was forced to surrender it (the site of this old fort is now occupied by Fort Morgan). We can't be too hard on him. -A guy's gotta do what a guy's gotta do, right?

America's white captains of slaver vessels such as the *La Coste* of South Carolina, even when caught red-handed and convicted, could expect at the last moment to be the beneficiaries of the "executive clemency" of the President of the United States of America. For instance, on this date William Sewall, convicted for importing slaves, was pardoned by President [James Madison](#) (PARDONS AND REMISSIONS, I. 194, 235, 240). We can't be too hard on him, he's a white man after all. -A white guy's gotta do what a white guy's gotta do, right?

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 2nd M [February 1810] // Severe suffering with the tooth Ach & not courage to have it extracted, pain is very hard to bear, but after suffering is abated we better know how to appreciate our favors. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 2nd M // Tooth better, but not well, the mind unable to enjoy much of the precious life

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February 14, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 2 M // Nothing material to insert Sister R spent the Afternoon & evening with us very agreeably on our part -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 15, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15 of 2 Mo [February 15, 1810] // Our dear brother Philip Dunham was at meeting also [Paul Cuffe](#), the latter Dined with us

- dear Philip was much favor'd. I think I never heard a more living & baptizing supplication from any person, & at the funeral of Joseph Wilbours Wife this Afternoon his testimony was living & Powerfull

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February 16, Friday: John Richardson was appointed Superintendent of New York's Onondaga Salt Springs.

The Grand Duchy of Frankfurt (Main) was created, under French control. Prince-Archbishop Karl Theodor Anton Maria, Baron von Dalberg of Regensburg became Grand Duke of Frankfurt.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 2 M // Nothing material, but the usual rounds

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February 17, Saturday: Rome was formally annexed to the French Empire.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 2 M // Much occupied at Trade. The mind in a poor condition as to life, indeed I have suffer'd so much with the tooth Ach of late that my head has been so confused that I have been unable to think on any subject -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 18, Sunday: King Friedrich of Württemberg was about to banish Carl Maria von Weber when 42 creditors pressed their cases against him, causing the duke to re-arrest the composer at the expense of the creditors (he would finish Silvana during his imprisonment).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 18 of 2 M 1810// I went to meeting in the forenoon, & Abigail Sherman preached a little to us "This day choose whom you will serve, if God be God serve him but if Baal be God serve him" but I suffered so much with the tooth Ach that I could feel but little else, however these thoughts run thro' my mind, that when a person had the tooth Ach they were for putting off the sure remedy (extraction) & trying Paliatives which only tend to keep us longer under suffering, when if we would come to the point at once & have it out, our suffering would be soon over - so I thought it is with those who are called to make religious sacrifices, allways dreading the thing required & putting it off from season to season in hopes to make something else answer, but nothing will give permanent peace but A sacrifice of that which is required at our hands -With these thoughts I went home concluding to try one prescription more, & if that did not answer I would then think more seriously of extraction, which I did, & staid from meeting to make the experiment, but all would not do,

so accordingly I put on my boots early in the evening come out of the house not letting any boody know where I was going, & went to J Lawton & had it pulled & return'd on my way rejoicing, as did my dear H when She found my sufferings in that respect (at least for a time) were ended

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 19 of 2 Mo// The mind in rather a poor state but not so Poor as at some times. Our little Son is very sick today, & Sister Ruth is very affectinately with us - he appears to be about his teeth.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 20, Tuesday: Andreas Hofer, who had led the uprisal of the Tyrol against France and Bavaria, was executed in Mantua (Mantova).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 2 Mo// Our little boy has been very sick today, so that I began to be apprehensive of the Issue but is this evening much more quiet & comfortable. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 2 Mo// Our dear little son continues much better -I desire to be thankful, but I desire also but to have my affections to much placed upon him, so that if he is taken from this to a better home, the Shock may not be to Great

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 February 22, Thursday: It was determined that Carl Maria von Weber owed three times his assets. Weber agreed to a debt payment arrangement to placate the creditors. They petitioned for his release.

[Alexander Wilson](#) whipped up his courage and resolved upon a grand river adventure:

Pittsburgh Feb'y 22nd 1810.
I have resolved to navigate a small
Bateau which I have bought, & name the
Ornithologist, down to Cincinnati, 528 miles,
myself, -
Yours most sincerely


Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22nd of 2nd M 1810// Went to [Portsmouth](#) with Rowse Taylor to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. (The little boy being so unwell that my Dear H could not leave him) Our first meeting was silent, in the last there was much buisness, which got along as well as usual, but no great or uncommon degree of life in either Meeting - We dined at Our friend R Mitchells, & came home soon - I was sorry that I was so pinched for time that I could not call at H A to see our Ancient friend James Bringhurst who seems to be near a close as to this World but will doubtless in my mind be admitted to a mansion of Rest in that which is to come. Found my H & son pretty well

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 23, Friday: King Friedrich of Württemberg ordered the release of Carl Maria von Weber, and his banishment.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23rd of 2nd Mo// My mind has today been favor'd to experience the arisings of life in a sweet & precious degree for which I desire to be thankful - In the evenging called at B Hadwens - his mother departed this life this afternoon

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 February 24, Saturday: Henry Cavendish, physicist, died.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 2 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except the usual

rounds at Meals & my occupation -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 25, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 25 of 2 Mo// Had pretty good meetings in the forenoon our friend D Buffum was engaged in a short but very alarming testimony from the text "If the righteous are scarcely to be saved where shall the ungodly & sinner appear" - My dear H & little son are pretty Well

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 26, Monday: Carl Maria von Weber and his father were awakened in the morning by a police officer and escorted to the border at Fürfeld. They were banished from Württemberg forever for their enormous debts. From this day, Weber would keep a diary. On the first page he wrote, "Born again for the second time."

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 2 Mo// Attended the funeral of our friend Elizabeth Hadwen We went to the meeting house & had a solemn opportunity, our friend D Buffum skillfully engaged in testimony

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February 27, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Mannheim.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 2 Mo// Peter Cozzens was buried. I could not attend his funeral but was desirous too, he was a goodly & clean spirited old man & son of a member of Society but not a member himself - he lacked about 8 days of 90 Years of age -

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February 28, Wednesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 28 of 2 Mo// Heard this Afternoon that Our ancient friend James Bringhurst Deceased last evening at the huse of Holder Almy last eveng. How the Aged pass away from us. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MARCH

➡ March: A meeting with the noted ornithological illustrator Alexander Wilson convinced [John James Audubon](#) that he should continue with his bird drawings (in his judgment Wilson's work contains none of the spontaneity and naturalism for which he had been striving for in his own work).



➡ March: Nathaniel Bowditch and others merged the Philosophical Library Company of Salem with the Salem Marine Library to form the Salem Athenaeum.

➡ March: [Sara Hutchinson](#) left Grasmere, abandoning [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#).

➡ March 1, Thursday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin \(later Frédéric François Chopin\)](#) was born in Zelazowa Wola in the Duchy of Warsaw near the capital, second of four children born to Nicholas Chopin, Alsatian tutor to the children of Countess Ludvika Skarbek, and Tekla Justyna Krzyzanowska, personal attendant to and distant relative of the countess.

Hannover was made part of the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day [sic] 1 of 3 M 1810// We had a silent meeting & tho' my mind would now & then jostle from the right place yet it was a pretty good time to me - I was lead to reflect on the many deaths that have taken place in our Society since the present year commenced, chiefly among those that are far advanced in life, & how soon we whose boones are moisened with marrow & blood thrilling in our veins, if pernitted inhabit this Tabernacle of clay even to advanced life, must pass away as they have done, & perhaps "here today & gone tomorrow", so that we cannot be too soon in readiness to meet our final Awful Change. I feel desirous to be in the faithful discharge of my duty, obedient to every intimation thereof that when my account is called for, it may be in readiness to present to him the Judge of all & from whom there is no Appeal My much valued friend Richard Mitchell called at the shop this afternoon & staid an hour or two in which time we had much interesting & feeling conversation, it was to me & I believe it was so to him a season of much tender feeling - How precious are sweet opportunities when those who are acquainted



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with the Hebrew tongue call in & set who down in a brotherly way to converse on those things which are near to our best life—

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 March 2, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 2 of 3 Mo// The mind in a better frame than usual, a geed degree of life has been experienced. —

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 March 3, Saturday: France annexed Dalmatia and attached the Tyrol to the Kingdom of Italy.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 3 of 3 Mo// This Afternoon rode to [Portsmouth](#) with brother D Rodman on our way to [Tiverton](#) to attend the funeral of Our good old friend James Bringhurst — We lodged at Benjamin Freeborns, & were very comfortably & agreeably entertain'd in the evening by conversation with our friends Benjm is a man of experiance & value - In the Morning after breakfast we rode to Tiverton & crossed the new Stone Bridge at Howlands ferry which is the first time I have been there since its compleation — We went to Thos Barkers at the time appointed for the funeral & saw the corpse of the good old man which looked natural & pleasant considering how long it had been kept - I serv'd as a bearer & soon Moved to the Meeting house after a pretty length of Silence Our frd Wm Almy rose up & preached the truth to the people, & as soon as he concluded Our friend D Buffum was up on his feet & spoke with much life & Power for a considerable time — After a considerable pause in which the Minds of many present appeard to be dipt into much feeling, the Meeting concluded & we took the corpse from the Meeting house to the grave on Shoulders where after a suitable pause it was decently interr'd We returnd & dined at Thos Barkers, & after going into the chamber to see my beloved Susanna who is mostly confind by sickness We returnd homeward stopping on our Way at Benjm Freeborns to get what we left there the night before - We got safe home a little before sundown & found our wives & little ones Well — I can say with repect to myself that it has been a very favor'd visit to me a time I hope not soon to forget. —

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 5, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Athens and embarked on board the *Pylades*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 3 Mo// Engaged all day with Sam Thurston & Richard Mitchell in taking an inventory of the personal Estate Elizabeth Hadwen. We dind & took tea With Benjamin

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6 of 3 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that I am quite indisposed with a cold & sore throat -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 7, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Smyrna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 3 Mo// I am still unwell & more so than yesterday with an hoarseness & soreness in my throat - Brother D & Wife & brother J & Wife took tea with, Sister Rebecca set the evening

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 8 of 3 M 1810// I went to meeting, tho' before I went I thought I was too much unwell, but was glad I did as it was a pretty good time - A Sherman express words as follows "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither hath it enter'd into the heart of Man to conceive the good which the Lord hath laid up in store for those that love him" Sarah Fish was present but had nothing to say among us -
A Cough came on with violence late this Afternoon which causes a great oppression & soreness at my lungs, medicine (however) taken this evening has a Salutory effect*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 9, Friday: The publication of [Jan Ladislav Dussek](#)'s Three Duos concertantes for piano and harp C.234 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Archduchess Marie-Louise renounced all claims to the imperial throne of Austria and swore allegiance to France. At Schönbrunn Palace a marriage contract with the emperor [Napoléon](#) was signed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 3 Mo// My health is poor, my breast is sore, & I have no doubt but being affected as my breath & lungs are at present for any considerable length of time, the termination would be severe but I think the Coltsfoot & Hysop tea Sweetened with Honey & a little Sweet Nitre with it which I took last night & the Coltsfoot & Indian bran sweetend with honey today has a

good effect – Rec'd this morning a very acceptable letter from my friend Micajah Collins

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 10 of 3 Mo// My cold seems better today, tho' I was much exposed this morning in rising at the early hour of 4 O'clock & went out at the Alarm of fire which happened in Capt Whites house a few doors below where I live, but fortunately the fire was extinguished without great difficulty & did not do but about \$200 damage to the house

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 11, Sunday: In Vienna, the emperor [Napoléon](#) got married by proxy with Archduchess Marie-Louise of Austria, daughter of the Emperor Franz I. In Bergamo, Simon Mayr's Cantata per le nozze di Napoléone con Maria Luisa d'Austria to words of Count Carrara-Spinelli was performed for the initial time, for the marriage of the Emperor and the Archduchess. Ferramondo, another cantata by the same composer to words of Carrara-Spinelli, was also performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1day 11 of 3 Mo// I staid at home this forenoon while my dear H went to Meeting & took care of the little boy - In the Afternoon We went together & Sister E took care of him the while we had silent meetings, & to me it was a pretty good time In the evening went to see my dear Aunt Martha Gould

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 3 Mo// Occupied as usual, in the evening rote to Uncle Stanton – Recd a letter from Wm Burling –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 13, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Smyrna and slept at Han, near the river Halesus.

The [New York State](#) Senate passes a resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 3 Mo// Again the usual rounds & but little else, my cold seems better for which I desire to be thankful with all the rest of my favors. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 14, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Han and arrived in Aiasaluk, near Ephesus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 3 Mo// My H & little Son spent the day at my fathers Sister Ruth was there in the Afternoon, which was very agreeable - Recd a long letter from Lewis Clarke. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 15, Thursday [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus.

Last issue of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s [The Friend](#).

➡ March 15, Thursday: [David Ruggles](#) was born in a free black family of Lyme, Connecticut, David Ruggles, Senior and Nancy Ruggles.

The [New York State](#) House of Representatives concurred with the Senate's resolution calling for Gouverneur Morris, Stephen Van Rensselaer, DeWitte Clinton, Simeon De Witt, William North, Thomas Eddy, and Peter B. Porter to be appointed commissioners to explore routes for a [canal](#) across the state, and to recommend improvements to Onondaga Lake.

ERIE CANAL

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 3 M 1810// I had a poor dull meeting, but the fault was my own. Oh when shall I experience more of the fullness.

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 March 16, Friday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse left Ephesus and returned to Smyrna.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 3 Mo// Our Little soon [son] seems quite unwell I suppose it owing to his teeth, none of which are through but his gums much swollen - Mary Collins spent the Afternoon & evening With us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17th of 3 Mo// Called With B Hadwen to see Arthur Flagg whose father deceased yesterday, he was a very respectable African Aged 77 Years & had been in this country about 56 years -We thought it our duty to call & offer what assistance we could render, having much to feel on account of the Poor Oppressed African race. We saw the Corps which had a placid countenance & looked as when alive. I immediately thought of (I think it was) Thos Says, Vision when he Saw the Poor blackman cloathed in white & some of White skin, in not so favorable cloathing -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 18, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 18th of 3 Mo// We had silent meetings - Our little Caleb seems to be very sick. I hardly know how the case will terminate. Attended the funeral of Arthur Flagg - And who would presume to say that Africans does not possess feelings & affections as strong as those of White people, when they view the solemnity of their funerals, and in particular the tears that was shed at the grave of this goodly old man, my very heart was rent to see how much affected his children were at parting with him, & was not lessened to see his poor old country Man & brother in the Church (that he belonged to), Sipeo Tanner, shed tears over the grave of his brother - Arthur was a man of uncommon respectibility, had purchased his own time of his Master, his Wife & several of Children & besides that, had by his industry & prudence acquired considerable property, & died Much above want after having supported a large family very reputably - Such a Character is respectable as the Cholor of their Skin be as it may

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 19, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 3 Mo// Our dear boy continues very ill his disorder proved the canker rash & teething - The Doctor thinks his case has been doubtful all day - this evening he considers him a



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little better - Sister E will set up with him tonight, this is the first time we have ever employ a Watcher -

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 March 20, Tuesday: Eusebio Bardaji y Azara replaced Nicolás Ambrosio de Garro y Arizcún, marques de las Hormazas as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 3 M 1810// Our dear little boy had a comfortable night & seems better this morning, has continued so thro' the day & eveng so that we are in hopes he may be restored - tho' the prospect has appeared gloomy

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 March 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 3 Mo// Our dear little son is still better but is yet quite sick, but we think if no change for the worse takes place that he will be likely to be healed of this disease My mind has been seriously thoughtful about him & began to think how I could be reconciled to parting with him; he has many little endearing ways which entwine him closely to the heart, & his removal would be a very severe trial to the feelings, but the consolation that our loss would be his gain, that by an early removal from time he would escape the Snares of satan, would be very great. -

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 March 22, Thursday: Jan Ladislav Dussek's three sets of variations for piano C.235-237 were performed for the initial time, in the Odéon, Paris by the composer.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 3 Mo// Our little son continues better, which I desire to be thankful for, as it appears to be consistent with Divine Wisdom to lend him to us a little longer. Attended Meeting which was silent in the last (Preparative) Josiah Lawton inform'd thro' the medium of D Rodman that he proposed publishing his intentions of Marriage with Mary Collins.

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➡ March 23, Friday: In the “Rambouillet Decree,” the Emperor [Napoléon](#) directed the seizure of all ships of the United States of America entering French ports (his order was issued retroactive to the previous May 20th).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 3 Mo// Divers have gone from town to attend the funeral of Joshua Barker an aged man & Uncle to my valued friend Susanna Barker. I should have been glad to have gone but having latly been at Tiverton I thought the time that it would take was more than I could afford – I understand he left time suddenly, having a cold for several days but not more unwell than he frequently was & about. As usual the family carried him his breakfast, & when they went to him again found him on the floor Dead. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ March 24, Saturday: David Melville of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) patented a “Lamp, Gas.”

FIRE
LIGHTING THE NIGHT



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24 of 3 Mo// Father R dined with us & I dont know but it is the first time. – The mind in a dull frame as to religious sensibility, but I trust a little has been experienced–

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➡ March 25, Sunday: The Commercial Bank of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 3 M 1810// In the forenoon our friend David Buffum was very living & Powerful in testimony - In the Afternoon we were silent & after meeting I went home with J Dennis & took tea & spent the evening very agreeably - In walking home I could not but commemorate seasons that I had spent at the same place with an once beloved Youth & former companion of mine, good times we have had together, but now Alass Alass Alass he has fallen from the faith, how thankful ought I to be that I am thus far preserved from bringing open reproach on the precious testimony, - & how ought I to pray for help to continue to the end. Sarah Wilbour from South Kingston was at meeting today but had no public Service.

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 March 26, Monday: Mathilde von Guise, an opera by Johan Nepomuk Hummel after Mercier-Dupaty was performed for the initial time, in the Kärntnertheater, Vienna.

Der Fischer und das Milchmädchen, oder Viel Lärm um einen Kuss, a divertissement by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Lauchery, was performed for the initial time, at the Royal Theater, Berlin.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 3 Mo// The day has passed with the usual round except that in the eveng I met with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society at Wm Pattens

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 March 27, Tuesday: Publication of three works by William Crotch was entered at Stationers' Hall, London: the glees Hail all the dear Delights, on Returning to Heathfield Park and Sweet Sylvan Scenes, and the air with variations for piano Milton Oysters or, Yeo, Yeo.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27 of 3 Mo// I have felt some motions of life on the mind today. Oh! that they may increase - Rec'd this Afternoon a letter from Jos Bringhurst in answer to one I wrote him sometime past respecting his brother James's decease. -

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 March 28, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) finished writing Canto II of CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE:

HEREDITARY BONDSMEN! KNOW YE NOT WHO WOULD BE FREE, THEMSELVES MUST STRIKE THE BLOW!--*British Poet.*



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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4th day 28 of 3 Mo// I have experienced a little life at times in the course of the day but I am a very barren creature, & If I feel no more tomorrow I shall be of but little service at Meetings

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March 29, Thursday: John H. Farnham, a student of [Harvard College](#), wrote his sister Mary B. Farnham in Newburyport to tell of a [duel](#) that had taken place involving Daniel Ripley (a law student, son of the Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) and Madam [Phoebe Bliss Emerson Ripley](#) of [Concord](#)):

This morning I was saluted with no very agreeable piece of intelligence, which perhaps you may not be informed of & so I will give you a rough draft of. I was asked whether I had heard anything of Ripley's fighting a Duel. No I answered with much surprise when I learned that D.B. Ripley attended on tuesday evening the company of Cadets - that among the officers nominate for Election was a Mr. Wells for captain whose nomination Mr. Ripley & Mr. Bourne strenuously advocated. The election of Mr. Wells was last - after the business of the company was transacted, sat down to a party of whist - Bourne presently came up to the table & observed with marked [?] chagrin & contempt that had it not been for Ripleys foolish defence of said Wells as Captain, his election would have been carried. Poor Daniel was puzzled for an answer to so severe an attack. Presently he replied No sir, you mistake, had it not been for your duplicity he might have been elected. -Bourne knocked Ripley down. In the interim I know [not] what passed - but in the morning Ripley sent a note to B demanding some honorable satisfaction or reparation for the gross insult he had received. Bourne answered his note with contempt and scurrilous abuse & defiance. Ripley then sent him a challenge - which Bourne accepted - Each of them with their seconds - immediately took horses & carriages & rode as far as [Pawtucket](#) to boundary town between Massachusetts and [Rhode Island](#) [because duels were illegal in Massachusetts] - & walked out onto the field of combat - The first fire fell to Ripley - He fired & shot Bourne through the Coat - Bourne then apologised & said if Mr. Ripley was satisfied he was. Mr. Ripley was satisfied - thus ended this unfortunate affair, which will certainly be a great disadvantage to Ripley - although he had the best side....

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29 of 3 Mo // Our first meeting was Silent but I believe was a pretty to me favord time - the last [Monthly Meeting] was large & an abundance of buisness came before us - J Lawton & M Collins published their intentions of marriage & performed Well. - David Buffum expressed a prospect he felt to accompany Elisha Thornton to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which was united with & he furnished with a Copsy of a Minute - buisness went on with much uniminity which was a comfort - Hannah Dennis Wife of George & Susanna Hicks Dined with us -

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➡ March 30, Friday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 Of 3 Mo// Recd a letter from Jos Bringham Junr respecting his fathers decease - The mind in a dull state-

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➡ March 31, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 31 of 3 Mo// The Mind in a feeling state, & under a degree of Depression. -

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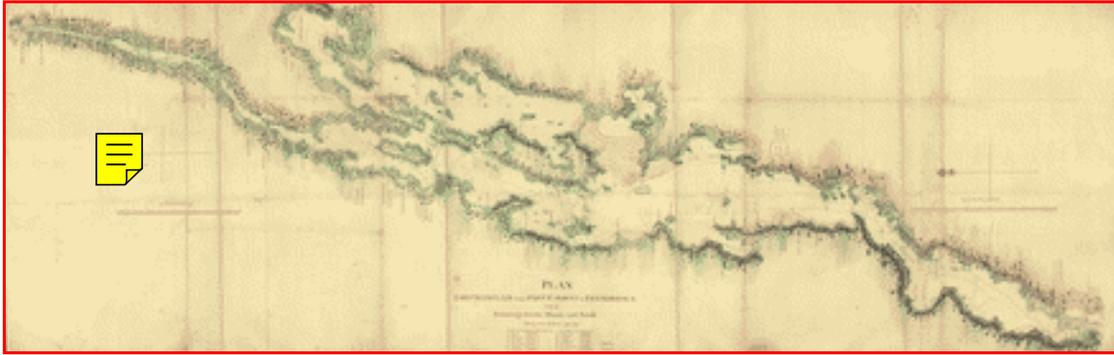
➡ Spring: [Gabriel Franchère, Fils](#) became an employee of the Pacific Fur Company of John Jacob Astor.

➡ Spring: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s gothic novel *ZASTROZZI*.



APRIL

April: General Henry Dearborn left Washington DC for Boston, hoping to raise a citizens' army to attack Canada via a Lake Champlain route.



April 1, Sunday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) went, accompanied by his brother/tutor, to Darmstadt to study with Georg Joseph Vogler.

In a civil ceremony at Saint Cloud, the Emperor Napoléon, this time in person, got married with Archduchess Marie-Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria (the cantata for the occasion was by Johann Nepomuk Hummel).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 4 M 1810// We had silent meetings & in the Afternoon a very small one owing to a severe storm of Wind & Rains - My mind was in a very roving condition, I was hardly able to have one good thought - Oh how often is this my case.

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April 2, Monday: In a religious ceremony at the Louvre, the emperor Napoléon got married with Archduchess Marie-Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria. At night, at the Tuileries Palace in the presence of the honorees, Cantate pour le mariage de l'Empereur by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Arnault was performed for the initial time.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 2 of 4 M // Reluctantly submitted to the Appointment of guardian of Violet Flagg a black Woman, but hope to be found faithful in the discharge of my trust.-

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April 3, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3 of 4 M // The mind not a little reflective on many

subjects what concern me

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April 4, Wednesday: James Freeman Clarke was born in Hanover, New Hampshire to Samuel Clarke and Rebecca Hull Clarke.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Darmstadt for studies with Georg Joseph Vogler.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 4 of 4 M // Our friends E Thornton & D Buffum sail'd
this morning for NYork with a prospect of being at Philadelphia
Yearly Meeting*

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April 5, Thursday: The House of Commons ordered the arrest of Francis Burdett, radical Whig MP. The charge officially leveled against him was that he had published a speech in the House, but what most of the members of parliament disliked about him was his advocacy of liberal ideas such as reform of Parliament, prison reform, and freedom of speech. The streets were so flooded with his supporters that the officers sent to arrest him were unable to do so.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th 4 M // From present appearances it is presumable
that Our frds E T & D B have had a fine passage to NYork & were
there before Noon today. - I was at meeting. i.e. I presented
my body, but mind was in a very roving condition. I tried to
center down to the Life & did feel a little of it arise but Alass
how poor I am I can but morn over myself that I am so lean, poor
& barran*

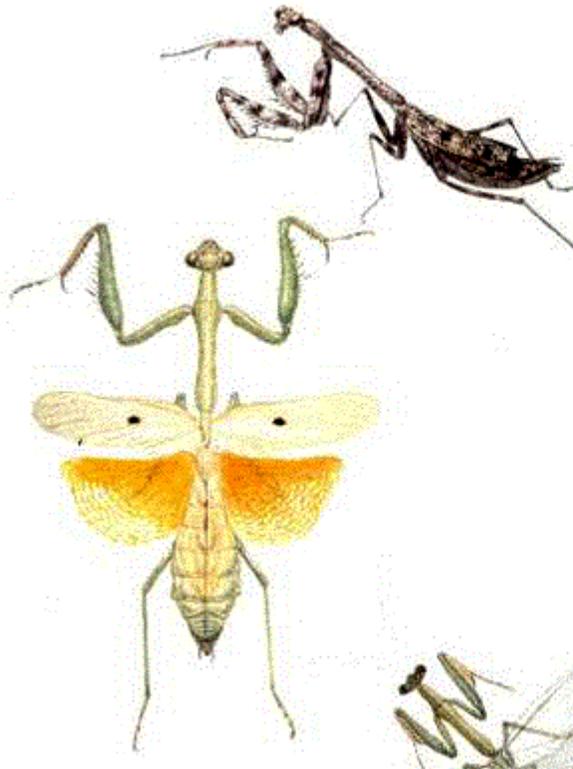
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➡ April 6, Friday: Supporters of Francis Burdett began rioting and attacking the residences of the Prime Minister and prominent Tories.

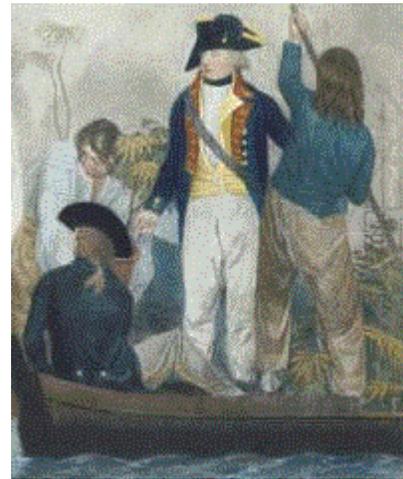
[Philip Henry Gosse](#), who would develop the 1st institutional aquarium, was born on High Street in Worcester, England as the 2d son of an itinerant painter of miniature portraits³⁰ and a lady's maid. His childhood would be spent mostly in Poole, Dorset, where his aunt Susan Bell would teach him to draw and would introduce him to zoology (much as she had her own son, Thomas Bell, two decades his senior, who would become his great friend).



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ENTOMOLOGIA ALABAMENSIS

An illustration from Philip Henry Gosse's *Entomologia Alabamensis*, an unpublished collection of drawings and sketches of animals and plants, including 48 insects from Alabama.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6day 6 of 4 M // Nothing but the usual rounds thro' the day, & the usual dull sensations with respect to religious Sensations -

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➡ April 7, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 7th of 4th Mo// The Mind seems disposed to be serious & Oh that I could but experience the life of religion renew'd -

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30. It is now interesting to compare the watercolors of English people, done by the father Thomas Gosse (1765-1844) who had trained at the Royal Academy, with the watercolors of butterflies and beetles done by the son. In both artists a microscopic inspection of the detail of this work will simply astound you.



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April 8, Sunday: After two days of rioting, armed troops were called in to London and Francis Burdett, MP was taken into custody and escorted to the tower (he would be released in June with no charges being brought).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 4 M // After a Silent & very roving Meeting, I walked out to Cousin Alice Goulds & took dinner & found the dear Old Woman very low & apparently near her final change, soon after dinner I went into her room & spoke with her & set some considerable time her sister Hathaway was also there, & I can say in truth that my spirit was uncommonly refreshed with the arrisings of life, the whole family seem'd very tender, but particularly Cousin Alice & the Widdow Hathaway & cousin Alice Junr who is deeply afflicted with a painful Cancer in her breast & to all human appearances will soon terminate her carrier [career] of life. I staid the afternoon & took tea & when I came away went again into the room & took leave of Cousin Alice. She seem'd perfectly sensible & collected in her Mind sent her love to my father & Mother & Wife. I told her I had had a very agreeable visit altho I had not had much of her company & conversation she reply'd she was glad to see friends come to the house, & if she did not say much to them their company was refreshing - I do not know the time when I have had more Sweet sensations, & been better paid for leaving Meeting - I walked home & stopped at Saml Thurstons by the way. -

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April 9, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9th of 4 M 1810// Our little Son was very restless so that his dear Mother nor myself got but little sound sleep. I often feel much sympathy with my endeared Wife in her anxieties & fatigues, & much desire she may be favord with patience & that I may not be found slack in my Duty towards her. - he seems very smart & lively this afternoon

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April 10, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 4 M // My dear Mother is very unwell today & I dont know but the days of her Years are nearly number'd, she has passed thro' many sorrows of late, & her constitution seems much exhausted thereby, well go when she will, my loss will be great indeed. I shall loose a tender & ever affectionate parent whose change from time, I pray may be to the Mansions of eternal rest - This eveng had an opportunity with John Green in company with J Sherman, on account of keeping company with a young woman not of society - the poor thing justified his conduct & we were unable to afford him any apparent help - Mary Williams Junr spent the Afternoon & eveng With my dear H -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

April 11, Wednesday: George Gordon, Lord Byron and Hobhouse sailed from Smyrna on the frigate Salsette bound for Constantinople.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 4 M// My H spends the day at her fathers. Also Sister Joanna - I dined & took tea with them -

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April 12, Thursday: The Salsette anchored off the coast of Tenedos.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 4 M// We had as Silent meeting. - as usual my Mind was roving, but I thought it was rather more composed or centered than common - Thus days & weeks pass away & this is my general complaint - Oh that I may yet experience more of the divine life, - - In the Afternoon met with the School committee. -

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April 13, Friday: George Gordon, Lord Byron and Hobhouse visited the ruins of Alexandria Troas.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6 day 13 of 4 M// Occupied as usual. Oh the leaness of my Spirit. When shall more of the life be experienced, but poor I am in every sense of the Word, & I see no other way at present but to bear my poverty with patience, & endeavor by perseverance to gain ground - Mother Rodman set the evening with us, also brother David -

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April 14, Saturday: The Salsette anchored off the coast of Cape Janissary.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 4 M 1810// Tho' much unwell with the rheumatism in my shoulder thro' the day, I thought it expedient to go to Portsmouth as buisness called me there, this afternoon, in the eveng I went to cousin Z Chases & lodged- And the next day I tarried their untill afternoon then in my walk home stopped at Cousin Alice Goulds & found them much as when I was there last first day the Old Woman very low & wearing out & Cousin Alice Junr in much distress - I then came home & found My H & little son at her fathers where we lodged - I did not go to Meeting, because I was unwell & thought it unsafe to Walk the distance,

& was not free to take the seat of one of the family in the Chaises, which they kindly offer'd - While the family were gone I set down & read Clarksons Portrature & several manuscripts letters which they handed me, & my mind was much sweetned & refreshed thereby. here Satan would fain sugest to my mind that I had as well stay from meetings as go to them, seeing it is so frequently my lot to be so barran of life, but that will not do, tho' I am tried with rovings & tossings, I must go & wrestle for life - It was a day of much sweet & precious feelings for which I desire to be humbly thankful & ascribe the favor to Him alone who can soften the stoney heart at his pleasure. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 15, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse saw the plain of Troy.

Giacomo Meyer Beer (Meyerbeer) arrived in Darmstadt with his brother Heinrich, his tutor Aron Wolfssohn, and a servant. He had come to study with Georg Joseph Vogler.

 April 16, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead set out on their initial attempt to swim across the Hellespont, but that day the water turned out to be too cold. Then Byron explored the Troad.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, who had been practicing medicine in Acton for some 29 years, died at the age of 53.

Dr. Abraham Skinner, was from Woodstock, Conn., and commenced practice in Acton, in 1781, where he died April 16, 1810, aged 53. He married Sarah, daughter of Francis Faulkner, Esq. 1788.³¹

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 4th Mo// The mind not very susceptable, but a little degree of Life has been experienced. My H is still at her father's & expects to be for several days - We spent the Afternoon with E Hosier which was very agreeable to us.-

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 April 17, Tuesday: King José I reorganized local government in Spain along the French model.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 4 M // I feel a depression of Spirits which hangs about me & has at times all day. I sometimes think there is nothing to make me joyous, still there is something that bears me up daily

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31. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#). Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
 (On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)

 April 18, Wednesday: Publication of Jan Ladislav Dussek's Piano concerto C.238 was entered at Stationer's Hall, London.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4 day 18 of 4 M // A day of tumult, tho' my mind has been greatly preserved out of the mixture. I have been to town Meeting, & there was much strivings for mastery, the evil spirits was very prevalent among the people, which will allways be the case till we become good men. - I hardly know what to say. I wish I could be excused from going to town Meetings, I am no party man, but wish good order & good government, & goodly me to rule over us. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 19, Thursday: Wealthy landowners in Caracas, refusing to recognize Joseph Bonaparte, overthrew the Spanish captain-general and formed a junta to rule in the name of Fernando VII.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19th of 4th M 1810// Philip Dunham is over & was at meeting - we had no preaching. - by wrestling I was favor'd to feel a little life to spring in my mind - Set most of the evening with C J Tenny in pleasant Conversation

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 20, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 4 M // Since last seventh day we have been at father Rodmans & after dinner today we went home, having spent with them an agreeable Week -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 21, Saturday: This was the year in which the [Emperor Napoléon](#) declared himself to be divorced. On this day he wrote to Josephine:

*My love, I have received your letter on April 19 - it is in a bad style. I am always the same; persons like me never change. I do not know what Eugène has told you. I had not written you because you had not written and because I wished only what should be agreeable to you.
I note with pleasure that you are going to Malmaison and that you are content. I shall be happy to receive news of you, and to give you news of myself. I say no more till you have compared this letter with yours; and that, I shall leave you to judge which is the better or the greater friend, you or I.
Adieu, my love; keep well and be just to yourself and to me.*



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At the height of his power and prestige [Bonaparte](#) would wed Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21st of 4th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, father Rodman dined with us & towards eveng my father called to see us but being very unwell was able to set but little while -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 22, Easter Sunday: The Spanish evacuated the garrison of Matagorda near Cádiz.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22 of 4 M // Staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of Caleb while my dear H went - After meeting in the Afternoon J Sherman & I went to Saml Thurstons & took tea & on our way home called at D Williams's - While at home this forenoon I spent my time in Reading Truth Vindicated by Elizabeth Bathhurst which is an excellent book & one that in my young years tended much to Strengthen & confirm me in Our principles -

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 April 23, Monday: [Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin](#) was baptized.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 23rd of 4th Mo// I have felt exercised on several subjects, & the mind in a low state. I dont know that it is worth while to mention the causes, it will do no good, & tho' for several days I have said little or nothing of the State of my mind, yet I have not been without reflections - My mother set most of the Afternoon with my H & mother R & neighbor Rathbone the eveng. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 24, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24th of 4 M // Again but little else than the usual rounds, the mind perhaps not in an entire dead State, a little of the life has been felt to circulate in the mind particularly this evening. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 26, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 26 of 4 M // With my dear H rode to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. In the first meeting A Sherman said a few words. In the last we had much buisness, & considering all things it went on pretty well, it was a considerably favor'd time with me & I desire to be thankful - We dined at P Lawtons & then rode home & found our little son (whom we left at father Rs) had been very quiet, & my H appeard to suffer but little inconvenience from leaving him

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 27, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 4 M // Cousin L Clarke is over & has called & set some time with me in the Shop today - my mind has been favor'd to feel a little of the life to circulate today. Oh that there may be a double dilligence to go down in spirit, & search for the Pearl of Price. - Brother David called to see us this evening.-

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 28, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 4 M // The mind again today Seems touched with life, which is allways comfortable to feel & for which I desire allways to be thankful

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 29, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 4 M // We had Silent Meeting & to me rather dull seasons What more shall I say? but that I am a poor barran creature

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 April 30, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse visited the springs of Bunarbashi.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 4 M // I seem to feel allmost out of conceit of myself in every respect, but this will not do; I must try not to be discouraged but hold fast the faith however discouraging prospects may seem at present -

MAY

May: The church structure in [Carlisle, Massachusetts](#) was struck by lightning, and burned to the ground. The congregation would need to start over, to win God's favor.

A fleet of 22 East Indiamen arrived in James Bay, [St. Helena](#).

May 1, Tuesday: The *Salsette* weighed anchor from off Cape Janissary and anchored eight miles from Dardanelles.

2d of 5 Month (May 2), 4th day of the week (Wednesday): The *Salsette* anchored off Castle Chanak Kalessia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 2nd of 5 Mo// Surely those that contend, that those who are of a different complexion from our selves are not accountable beings & have not minds capable of mental improvement, are mistaken, & no greater proof is needed than in the instance of [Paul Cuffe](#) a man of colour who has been to my shop today, whose spirit seems sweet & lovely, & mind expanded far above these lower objects, he felt near to my best life & my spirit was much refreshed in his company, by the arisings of the precious life. -It has been a noisy day but no more so than common for Election days, as usual there has been much Spirituous liquor drank & peoples min in quite heat. however not much violence committed, which is a favor -

May 3, Thursday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Lt. William Ekenhead made their 2d attempt to swim the Hellespont in emulation of Leander (about 4 miles on a slant with the current) and succeeded. Ekenhead completed the swim in 1 hour and 5 minutes and Byron got ashore 5 minutes later.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 3rd of 5th M 1810// Josiah Lawton & Mary Collins were married this day, they spoke handsomely & the meeting was large & quick considering the occasion - We had no preaching & no Man Elder present the rest are absent to the Quarterly meeting - In the afternoon by invitation I went to the wedding house & took a dish of tea with them & while setting in the company I felt a sweetness to attend my mind and a little silent Supplication was breathed for their Spiritual improvements. My dear H was also invited but could not attend.-



May 4, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 4th of 5th Mo// Our friends have this Afternoon returned from Greenwich Quarterly Meeting - as they walked up Street my heart leaped within me & near love & unity was excited with them, from a full belief that they had been to do the Lords Work, & I trust many of them have been well engaged & witnessed refreshment of Spirit, from the little visit I can again repeat that it would have been very pleasant to have been with them, but my situation & circumstances are such, that I feel pretty clear that it was best for me to be at home

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 5, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 5 of 5 Mo// The day has gone which is the chief I can say about it, except that my mind has been much occupied about the best & most expedient method of making provision for friends at the Y Meeting time being one of the committee for that purpose

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 6, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1 day 6 of 5 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - I staid at home in the morning while my H went - After meeting in the Afternoon Sister Ruth went home with me & set the evening

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 7, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd 7 of 5 Mo// My mind much occupied respecting the provision for friends at Yearly Meeting time & in the eveng met at O Ws for that Purpose

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 8, Tuesday: [Walter Scott](#)'s THE LADY OF THE LAKE was published. It featured a "Lord James of Douglas" character who had unjustly been outlawed:

Frederick Douglass's NARRATIVE

On the morning after our arrival at New Bedford, while at the breakfast-table, the question arose as to what name I should be called by. The name given me by my mother was, "Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey." I, however, had dispensed with the two middle names long before I left Maryland so that I was generally known by the name of "Frederick Bailey." I started from Baltimore bearing the name of "Stanley." When I got to New York, I again changed my name to "Frederick Johnson," and thought that would be the last change. But when I got to New Bedford, I found it necessary again to change my name. The reason of this necessity was, that there were so many Johnsons in New Bedford, it was already quite difficult to distinguish between them. I gave Mr. Johnson the privilege of choosing me a name, but told him he must not take from me the name of "Frederick." I must hold on to that, to preserve a sense of my identity. Mr. Johnson had just been reading the "Lady of the Lake," and at once suggested that my name be "Douglass." From that time until now I have been called "Frederick Douglass;" and as I am more widely known by that name than by either of the others, I shall continue to use it as my own.

NEW BEDFORD MA



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 8 of 5 Mo// But little brought to pass in the line of my occupation, however I have earned something - the mind occupied about things which tend to but little or no advantage spiritually or temporally.

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➡ May 9, Wednesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) wrote "Written After Swimming From Sestos to Abydos."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 9 of 5 Mo// Again the mind occupied about that which proffiteth not. C J Tenny set the evening with us - & here is another instance to confirm the doctrine that times & seasons are not at our command, for when I was with him at his house some evengs past my mind was open & could converse with clearness on religious subjects but this eveng I was shut up & could say but very little, perhaps it was all for the best. -

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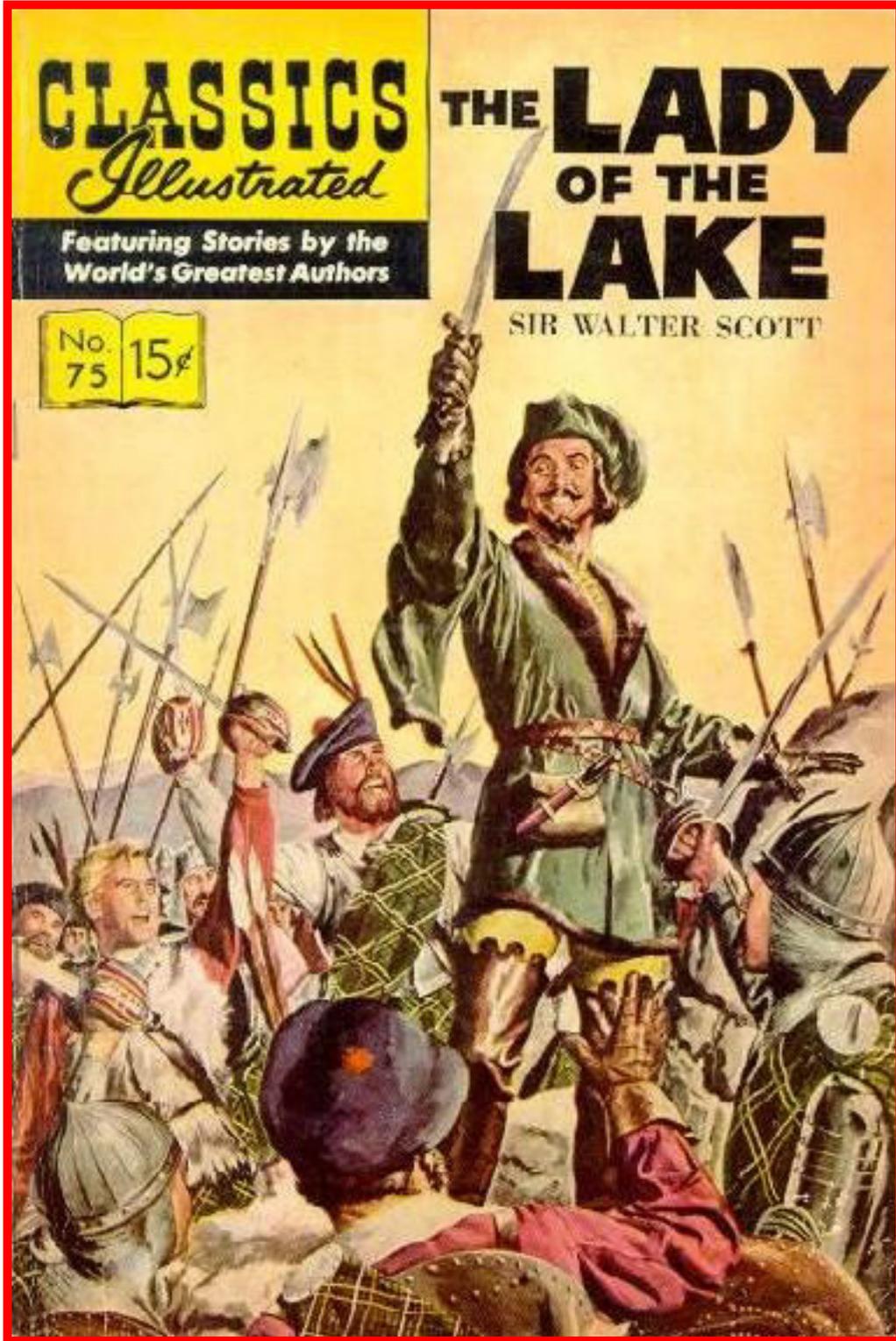
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May 10, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 10 of 5 M 1810// My mind has been favor'd with the sweet precious arisings of life this morning under which I wrote a few lines to my friend P Dunham - Oh! that at meeting I may experience a continuance of it - At meeting the life arose but like the ebbings of the sea returnd again, & then return'd again - alternatly, but on the whole it was a good quiet favord time to what I have some times And again this afternoon at the funeral of Rowse Taylor's child I had a sweet little opportunity in silence & for the favor this day experienced it is in my heart to Say God be praised. - Our friends D Buffum & E Thornton arrived in the forepart of the Afternoon from their journey to Philadelphia - Recd a letter from Micajah Collins which convey'd the melancholly tidings that D. B Alley & his wife were in a state of delirium & he so bad as to be chained & that some hopeful friends at Concord had been so unwatchful as to make them their oracles & were like to be carried quite off from the ground of Truth. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 11, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 11 of 5 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds the mind in a good degree of feeling for which I feel thankful

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 12, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 12 of 5 Mo// My H this morning took the little boy down to her fathers to spent the day & this forenoon a mistake occurring about a Watch that I sent to Wickford it became necessary for me to go up to Wickford & therefore prepared, but since the mistake being rectified, the necessity is taken away, but as our friend Sarah Fish is in town & going up to set out from there with A Smith on a religious visit to friends in some of the Western & Southern Yearly Meetings I think as I am prepared I will go with her & am now just going down to the Packet. - We arrived in Wickford some time before Sunset after a pleasant passage of about 2 hours took tea at Our friends A & A Smiths, & I lodged at their brother Johns who is a friend of much kindness & hospitality as they are all in that place -

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May 13, Sunday: The *Salsette* anchored off Venaglio Point. They got their first sight of Constantinople.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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1st day Breakfasted at J S - At meeting in the forenoon Our dear friend Hannah Dennis spoke a few words very sweetly & acceptably then Ann Smith & then our dear & venerable John Casey appeared in a long & baptizing testimony which I think could not fail [to] affect every mind present - at the conclusion our last mentioned friends requested that the inhabitation of the Village might be invited to set with us in the Afternoon & accordingly we had an enlarged meeting. The good old man was very living & Powerful in his testimony & I have no doubt his communication will live in the minds of some that were present when his body shall return to its parent dust - I dined & took tea with J S & John Casey also took tea - In the eveng went down to Avis & Ann's where we had a sweet & very affecting opportunity. Ann took occasion to say that the opportunity was unexpected but agreeable, & that she had been reflecting during the time of our silent setting together of the very great uncertainty of time, & that as she was soon to be seperated from her beloved friends & connections it was very uncertain whether she should ever see us more & if she her self should be favor'd to return, it was doubtful whether some that were present would not be called to their long homes, before her return, so that she felt it to be a solemn thing to part with her friends she exhorted all to be diligent & faithful that when the summons to almighty Purity came, we might be ready [to] meet it with joy & not sorrow - It was an affecting season indeed & many tears were shed - I return'd to my friend John's & lodged -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 14, Monday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived in Constantinople.

French forces captured Lérida in Catalonia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day took breakfast at Johns & then went to Avis & Anns & staid untill the carriage was ready at the parting opportunity (which was very solid & affecting) Ann appeared in a solemn supplication when our minds were again much affected even to many tears - Soon after they went away We [i.e.] [Preserved Fish](#) Hannah Dennis & myself went onboard the Packet & had a pleasant passage home in just 3 hours - I found my dearly beloved Wife & little son as well as when I left them & my outward concerns as well attended too as they could be in my absence -. which is cause of real thankfulness & confirmation that it was right for me to make the Sacrifice - I have been much favor'd to feel the partition that has for a long time stood between me & the precious life removed, & the life very sweetly raised in my mind which is worth all that I may have lost of an earthly nature -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



May 15, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 15th of 5 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & the mind has been favor'd to witness the precious life to circulate in the mind, for which I desire to be thankful and

ascribe all praise to him who is the Author of every good thing

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 16, Wednesday: The County of Hanau was annexed to Frankfurt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 16 of 5 Mo// The mind again favord with a good degree of sweetness tho' there has been some alloy -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 17, Thursday: After 16 years of occupation, Great Britain annexed the formerly French Seychelles Islands.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 17 of 5 Mo// At meeting my mind was in some degree favord with the arisings of the precious life, on the whole it has been a Day of precious feeling - My H & little son were at my fathers & spent the day - Sister E spent the eveng & staid all night

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 18, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 18 of 5 Mo// My mind has been favord with the precious arisings of life for which I desire to be thankful, the partition that is so frequently between me & divine favor, has been very much removed, & a sweet tenderness has cover'd my mind. Oh how precious it is to feel it. - Philip Dunham is over & has been at the Shop -This morning put a letter in the Post office directed to Micajah Collins - We took tea at brother D R's -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 19, Saturday: Two works by Samuel Wesley were performed for the initial time, at the Hanover Square Rooms, London: In exitu Israel for chorus and organ, and Father of Light and Life for chorus.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 19 of 5 Mo// It has not been the worst of days to me. I have much to be thankful for - We took tea at brother J Rs My H is now paying some visits that have been long due

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 20, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 20 of 5 Mo// The forenoon meeting was a good composed one to me, & the life seem'd to flow with sweetness. D Buffum was lively in testimony In the Afternoon I stay'd at home to mind the little boy while my H went to meeting And wrote to David Smith - In the eveng went to D Williams, & sent [set] an hour then came down to my brothers & set a while there, then home -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 21, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 21 of 5 M 1810// I may acknowledge that it hath been a day of sweet refreshing life. The mind has been uncommonly tender thro' the day & especially this Afternoon & evening - Sister R spent the Day with us. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 22, Tuesday: The Principality of Regensburg was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 22 of 5 Mo// A Day of some life. The mind brought into an agreeable frame, for which I desire to be thankful -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 23, Wednesday: [Sarah Fuller](#) was born in [Cambridgeport](#), Massachusetts.³²

[King Solomon II](#) was deposed as the [Kingdom of Imeret'i](#) (in [Georgia](#)) was annexed by [Russia](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 23 of 5 Mo// The mind again refreshed with the Springs of Life.
This eveng in looking forward to Y Meeting while setting at home with my dear H, my feelings were quite raised to a lively sensibility that I seldom have. I rememberd some favord seasons, at that time & as from present apperiences We shall be more at liberty to enjoy the company of our friends than the last. There seem'd something encourageing in the prospect, but how will be cannot tell, sickness or other disappointments may assail us & all our promised enjoyment be frustrated, but be that as it may I hope we shall be favord with the Life of Religion*

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32. At age 10 she would be given permission to assume her mother's name, Margaret.

 May 24, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5 day 24 of 5 Mo// Our little son has this day compleated the first Year of his life, he has thus far been a comfort & Oh saith my Soul may he live & grow up in the innocency, my spirit is at this moment bowed with desires that he may Walk in the paths of truth & learn in the days of his Childhood to know the Lord, that, when he grows to mans Estate he may shun the subtil snares of Satan - It has been a good day to me, tho' at meeting my thoughts were roving, but were more easily corrected than at Some seasons Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Short testimony Also Abigail Robinson - My H left the little boy at father Rs while she went to meeting. We dined there & she spent the Afternoon, I took tea at My fathers.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 25, Friday: [William Henry Channing](#) was born in [Boston](#) (in this year the population of the municipality reached 33,234).

 May 25, Friday: Following Napoléon's conquest of Spain, an assembly in Buenos Aires voted to create "a provisional junta of the Provinces of the Rio de la Plata," governing for Fernando VII over what has by now become Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Cornelio Saavedra was named president.

Three Chilean revolutionary leaders were captured by Spanish authorities in Santiago before their plan could be acted upon.

This was [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 7th birthday.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 5 Mo// I wrote this morning to Sarah Fish in hopes it may reach her while attending Yearly Meeting in N York I have had some sweet & precious feelings of life expecially this Afternoon for which I desire to be thankful. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 26, Saturday: According to the journal of Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), there was some nasty stuff going down in [Newport, Rhode Island](#) — but then better judgment prevailed at least for the moment:

7th day 26th of 5th M 1810// Strange to tell, the Widow Olaphant this day presented a petition to the Court now Setting in this Town for liberty to Send a black Woman to Carolina to be Sold. The black woman is a person of More, far More principal than her

self, & I will hazard the opinion, is much more eligible for heaven & happiness, she has served her mistress faithfully her whole life & is a professor, & (I believe in measure) a possessor of religion, & now to even desire to Send her from her native land to be Sold into the hands of people as bad as herself & away from all acquaintance to drag out her existance in an augmented suffering servitude, is horable to think of - but exulting to the cause of humanity, & the shame & confusion of cruel tyrant Slave-holders be it said, that that the poor unprincipled Wicked Woman was frustrated in her design (at least for the present) & will doubtless be so at the next Court - by the exercions of Sam'l Vinson, Benj Hadwen, Green Burrows, Wm Langley & a few others the petition was postponed untill the next term

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 27, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould, wrote in his journal:

1st day 27 of 5 M // We had Silent meetings & I thought they were good ones, tho' doubtless in many instances the seed was under suffering - My Mother was desirous that we should leave our little son with her while my dear H & myself went to meeting which we did, & we dined & took tea there - In the evening I called a little while at our friend Thos Robinsons

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 28, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould, wrote in his journal:

2nd day 28 of 5 M // The day has passed with but little advancement in any respect. I have felt but little life circulating in the mind, I suppose, (& indeed there is no doubt) but it is my own fault for if I had have sought I might have found. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 May 29, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould, wrote in his journal:

3rd day 29th of 5 M // Busied about several things which will turn to but little account. - A report is in circulation respecting Amasa Southwick & his Wife of Smithfield which is of a disquieting nature Sorrowful indeed

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 30, Wednesday: Variations for cello J.94 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Heidelberg.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

4th day 30 of 5 M // Again busied about many things some of which will probably never turn to much acct in any respect -Wm Maxwell was drowned this afternoon behind the fort sailing for pleasure poor man he yesterday Swore our of Goal being put there for debt & today has entered another world, taken away in full health. A Solemn Warning -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ May 31, Thursday: John Field got married with Adelaide Percheron, his mistress and one of his pupils, in the French Catholic Church, Moscow.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#), wrote in his journal:

5th day 31 of 5 M 1810// I am just going to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting a poor dull creature. Oh that the life may arise in my mind - We had a Silent Meeting but I thought it was a good one - In the last we had not an abundance of buisness & what we had went on pretty well - Cousin Zacheus [?] Chase Dined with us of which I was very glad, as he is a dear friend of mine at whose House I have spent many hours of happiness in my early days, & now in more mature Years whenever I go to see him those days of my boyhood are very pleasantly renew'd

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

JUNE

➡ June 1, Friday, and 2, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th & 7 days 1 & 2 of 6 M 1810// The usual rounds & nothing material to insert. The mind in a milling State of life, nothing to boast of. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ June 3, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 3 of 6 M // We had silent meetings, except in the forenoon O Williams read the London Epistle for last year - both were low & I thought suffering seasons to many present After meeting in the Afternoon Visited the Work & Alms Houses



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 June 4, Monday: Karl August von Hardenberg replaced Karl Friedrich Ferdinand Alexander, Count von Dohna-Schlobitten as Chancellor of Prussia.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 4 of 6 M // Pretty much occupied at Trade. Tho' some degree of religious life, which I esteem a favor & desire to be thankful -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 June 5, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 5 of 6 M // The day has been principally Spent in a way that it is probable I have added but little or nothing to my best interest - I, however feel not very much condemned, believing that I did for the best -

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June 6, Wednesday: In Vermont, there is an abrupt watershed in which high lakes on one side drain directly into Lake Champlain, while high lakes not far from them drain another way, into Lake Memphremagog. The waters being low at the mills on the Barton River, a trench was cut across the divide from one high lake, Long Lake, which was draining by way of a small stream into Lake Champlain, to another lake some 200 rods distant but at a much lower altitude which flowed in the other direction. The idea was to let some of the Long Lake waters flow down the other way at least temporarily. But “on a sudden the lake burst its borders, and poured with its whole mass down the descent, rushing with inconceivable velocity in an immense column, three quarters of a mile wide and eighty feet in depth, across the country.”

RUNAWAY POND

On this site, on June 6, 1810 settlers dug an outlet to the north from what was then known as Long Pond. The retaining bank collapsed, causing all water from the 1.5-mile long pond to be discharged toward Barton River, and on to Lake Memphremagog, with extensive damage to the countryside, but no loss of life.

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In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 6 of 6 M // My dear friend P Dunham is over & was to see me this morning. I was glad to see him, we had much agreeable conversation & the Sweet & precious life was raised (I believe) in both our minds, for my own part I can say that the quick in my heart was touched & feel thankful for it. -

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June 7, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 7 of 6 M // At meeting my mind was closely beset by roving thoughts, but I thought they did not prevail as mightily against me as at times, a little more quiet experienced than common for me to have - no preaching. -

 June 8, Friday: At the Paris Opera that evening, Persée et Andromède, a ballet-pantomime with music by Franz Joseph Haydn, Etienne-Nicolas Méhul, and others, to a scenario by Gardel, was performed for the initial time.

That night at 10:30PM, in Zwickau, Saxony southwest of Chemnitz, Robert Schumann was born as the 5th and final child of August Schumann, a bookseller, publisher and author, with Johanna Christiane Schnabel, daughter of the chief surgeon to the city of Zeitz.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 8th of 6 M 1810// Occupied various ways & principally in making arrangements at the boarding houses at the Yearly meeting time, things, at them, appear to go on well

 June 9, Saturday: Carl Otto Ehrenfried Nicolai was born in Königsberg (Kaliningrad), the father being Carl Ernst Daniel Nicolai, a composer. The physical and mental condition of the mother, Christiane Wilhelmine Lauber, was such that the connection would end in a few months, and until age 10 he would be being brought up with foster parents.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 9 of 6 M // The day principally spent in preparations for the ensuing Y Meeting. 4 O'clock P M friends begin to come into town - I feel lean & poor in spirit, my weaknesses arise, but Oh that strength may arise Superior to them, but alas there is so much of human nature, unsanctified unredeemed nature remaining in my system that I feel almost without hope that the life of religion will be very flourishing with me. I feel at this moment humbled in recollection of what little progress I have made since last year this time, I recollect that then my mind was humble & in a tender frame. My dear H just put to bed with a fine boy & in a comfortable way of recovery which excited sensations of gratitude to the Lord for the favor. The little boy has continued to grow & is all that can be expected from him at his Age, & yet there is not that deepening in the root that I desire, I have none nor nothing, but myself to lay the blame to, & therefore hope to take courage & press forward in watchful care over my own thoughts & actions, that thereby a Stop to those roving unprofitable things which so continually are revolving in my mind may properly be subjected. -



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June 10, Sunday: In Paris, Du trône ou jusqu'à Toi, a cantata by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Arnault, was performed for the initial time, to further celebrate the union of the Emperor [Napoléon](#) with his bride Marie-Louise.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Our Morning meeting was large. The public laborers were John Shoemaker, E Thornton, Betsy Purinton & Lydia Rotch - in the Afternoon (as it usually is) the meeting was larger the public laborers were Peter Hoxie, Joseph Duglas, Cyrus Beady & E Thornton & altho I do not consider them as still & quiet meetings as some we have had at some Yearly Meetings Yet I thought they were favor'd with the Wing of devine love & in good measure owned by the great Master - We had at Dinner the company of Daniel Johnson - at Tea Micajah Collins & Wife Matthew Purinton & Wife, Henry Russel & Wife Edward Cobb & Wife, Easter Newhall & several others that I do not now recollect - Easter lodged with us -

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June 11, Monday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day // Easter breakfasted with us Thos Watson John Fry, Philip Dunham, Jos Scott & Abby Anthony dined with us - Wm Almy, Easter Newhall Edward Cobb John Smith & Betsy Parrish took tea & Easter & Edward Cobb lodged with us
Our Meetings today have been preciously favor'd with the overshadowing Wing of Divine goodness - And as to my own particular I may humbly & thankfully acknowledge that my stoney heart was removed & an heart of flesh vouchsafed - In the morning Jas Green opened the meeting in a few words which savord well E Thornton follow'd him in a long, excellent lively & well adapted discourse -- In the Afternoon Richard Jordan & Willet Hicks arrived from N York & attended Meeting Richard opened the meeting in a long & powerful testimony & during the course of the setting many excellent pertinent & feeling remarks were made by divers friends Viz Rowland Green, John Shoemaker, Thos Titus, Willet Hicks, [Moses Brown](#), D Buffum, Cyrus Beady, [Paul Cuff](#) & Several others. This is the first time that ever a man of colour delivered his opinion in our Yearly Meeting & I guess in any in the World. Meeting adjourn'd till 4 OClock tomorrow Afternoon*

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June 12, Tuesday: Mequínenza, southwest of Lérida in Spain, surrendered to the French.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day // Eastes & Edward Cobb breakfasted with us in the forenoon I came to the Shop & wrought a little with my hands at my trade -At meeting Willet Hicks John Shoemaker & Thomas Titus made many feeling remarks but I thought it was the poorest setting we have had - At dinner we had Peter Hoxie & Wife, Lewis



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*L Clarke & Nicholas Jones, several friends called afterwards.
At tea we had Chad Smith - Our usual [lodgers] Eastes[?] &
Edward-*

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 June 13, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day// Eastes & Edward Cobb at Breakfast -
Our Meeting ended this setting which began at 10 O'clock - We had
many excellent testimonies Viz Micajah Collins, John Shoemaker,
John Casey, Willey Hicks & E Thornton & some others -We concluded
under a precious covering of life altho we had set nearly four
hours. And now I may remark that I esteem it a very precious
favor, that I have been able to see many of my friends at my
home whom I love & withall to feel the sweet arisings of life
circulate on the mind. Oh that I may be preserved in
thankfulness, for every favor. We had at Dinner Eastes Newhall
& several young men that I do not know by name
At tea we had a good circle & in the evening as many as our house
would hold, all agreeable & clever friends -*

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 June 14, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day// Our friends have principally gone that were ar the
boarding houses - as are Our endeared friends Eastes Newhall &
Edward Cobb who lodged with us, they seem'd very near to us -
At Meeting Richard Jordoan was very powerful & living in
testimony & Supplication & the Good & venerable Thos Titus
concluded the meeting in a few sweet & lively expressions -there
were many people present & all were very quiet & attentive, & I
have heard this of Several that were well pleased that were no
members -*

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 June 15, Friday: Incidental music for Goethe's play Egmont was performed for the initial time, in the Hofburg Theater, Vienna (the play had been produced on May 24th but [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) had not yet have the music ready).

Zur Feier des 15ten Juni for solo voice, chorus and piano by [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) to words of Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Darmstadt (the work was in celebration of the birthday of their teacher Georg Joseph Vogler).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 15 of 6 M 1810// Yearly Meeting has passed, & Alass who
of us that are now living will live to see another is very
uncertain. I desire for my own part to improve from the favor*



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of attending the past, & leave the event of another, to Him who best knows what is best for us – We have had the company of many friends who we love, & been able to entertain them satisfactorily for which among the rest of my blessings I desire to be thankful. & altho I have been incumbered with many Cares both previous & at the time of the Meeting with respect to the boarding houses, Yet it has been a season of favor to my Mind tho' not as much of the flowing in of the precious Spirit as at some seasons, Yet not that empty & barren feeling which is so often my lot. -

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June 16, Saturday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 16 of 6 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, Sister Ruth goes to [Portsmouth](#) this Afternoon to commence School keeping for the Summer. We shall miss the company of the dear sweet creature, but if our loss will be any advantage to her it would be selfish murmur especially when we reflect that it is but temporary. She is indeed a very pleasant & interesting companion & one that I feel much nearness towards in every sense. -

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June 17, Sunday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 17 of 6 M 1810// At Meeting this morning D Buffum was concerned in a very lively testimony concerning the light within & in a very feeling & Affectionate manner addressed the Youth present
After meeting I went to Sam Thurstons & dined & from there to the Widow Anthonys & after I had rested, a little to Cousin Alice Goulds Where I found them in a very distressed State the dear old Woman low in body near unto the conclusion of all things here - And dear Cousin Alice Junr in a very distressing condition both to herself & those around her; her breast & indeed her whole boody is in excruciating misery from the effects of her cancerous humor which has now struck over her whole boody & the Smell of the room so extreamly offensive that it is with difficulty it can be endured, but comfortable to add, amidst all her pain & suffering she seems very quiet & comfortable in mind, patient & resigned to the Solemn Scene of Death which is fast hastening upon her, her situation was such that while I was there, I thought my mind was very uncommonly solemnized & brought into stillness & did not say much neither at entering nor parting, except that I was glad to see her & felt comfortable in her presence, she enquired after my Wife & child & fathers family -
Not finding that I could be of any use there Henry & I walked up into Cousin John's Woods & so down to his house & set sometime. he (Cousin John) related an anecdote of his*



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grandfather & my great great grandfather that took such place in my mind that to preserve it in remembrance I will insert it here. he said that Collins told him that he Watched with old Danial Gould the night he died & that he (Collins) was a young man at that time, & Daniel appeared to have his perfect senses & would frequently call him by name & say "Oh This is the Truth, What I have been professing is the Truth, I feel it so" by which it appears that in his last moments he was confirmed in the Truth as he had been professing it & that so far from being shaken at the revilings & Whipings which he had received at [Boston](#) in the early part of his days that he was faithful & perserved [preserved] with an undeviating step, that path which seem'd cast up for him, & that even in Death his confidence was strong in the Lord -

Well this brings to my remembrance what Was told me a few days past of one of my Mothers relations by the name of Wanton a Son of old Edward Wanton that was so much persecuted & Whiped at Salem, he Was by birth right a member of our Society, but married a presbyterian, & when married they could not agree on What place of public Worship to attend, he would not go to the presbyterian Meeting, nor she to the [Quakers](#), so they agreed to go to the Church of England, & he said in reply to a person that asked him about it "We have concluded to go to the Church & will both go the Hell together" he retained a love for Friends as long as he lived & entertain'd many in his house And in his last Illness, on his Death bed, declared, "My fathers God, is my God & I die in the faith of the Quakers." by which it evidently appears to me that he had lived in reblion [rebellion] to the light that he had received, but at the last was compelled to declare his principals, tho' he had practiced others & those that he did not fully believe in - And I may now add that I believe it is a very uncommon occurance for one to leave Society & become fully confirmed in another mode of Worship, or another set of principals, but that they allways feel a certain something condemning the path they are persuing, & secret something drawing their mind in love to friends & their principals, which in the conclusion of time with many that have gone off into the broad road, they have been compelled by the just witness of Truth in their mind to acknowledge, so that I believe it is not an easy matter to Quench or put down, that light & Witness for Truth which is early implanted in the tender mind

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June 18, Monday: Caleb Callender Billings got married with [Nancy Thoreau](#) (who was three months with child).

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 18 of 6 M 1810// Occupied at Trade & but little to insert more than the usual rounds from the house to the Shop & from the Shop to the house again. -

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June 19, Tuesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3 day 19 of 6 Mo// Visited the African School in consequence of the misconduct of one of the Schollars. I found much satisfaction, in conversing with the child, that tho' she had behaved much amiss & was a bad example among the other children, yet on being conversed seriously with, was brought to tears & promised to behave better in future, which induced the Directors to let her stay one week longer on trial, & then we inform'ed her if she did not fulfill her promise, she must be discharged from the school. I feel real pleasure to find that the rest of the schollars improve fast & that they are in a way to become more useful members in community than those of their colour that have gone before them. -
My H spent the Afternoon with Mary Barker & I took tea with them*

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June 20, Wednesday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 20 of 6 Mo// Again the usual rounds at Trade & nothing very material to insert, but that I am a poor thing. -

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June 21, Thursday: In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 21 of 6 Mo// I was favord on setting down in meeting with the arisings of Life, which for a time was very sweet & precious, but the jostlings soon took hold of me but the life was not jostled all away for it was a good meeting, yea, the best I have had for a long Season, & my heart was raised in thankfulness to the Author of every blessing, that again he was pleased to remove the partition wall that so often seperates me from divine enjoyment.- My Dear H & little son spent the day at my fathers

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June 22, Friday: Russian forces occupied Sukumi and a protectorate was declared over Abkhazia.

The Clarinet Concerto no.2 by Louis Spohr was performed for the initial time, in Frankenhausen.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 22nd of 6th Mo// The day has passed with but little variation from the usual rounds. Brother David called to see us in eveng

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June 23, Saturday: Fanny Elssler was born as Francesca Elssler in Vienna, daughter of a musician who worked as a sheet music copyist for Joseph Hayden.

John Jacob Astor founded the Pacific Fur Company, to begin to exploit the western coast of the North American continent.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 23 of 6 Mo// Oh! the leanness & barranness of my spirit I have nothing to eat, poor & in a state of starvation for spiritual food, but Alass the fault is my own

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June 24, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 24 of 6 Mo// At meeting this forenoon I was favord with an Anchor which kept my mind from roving about as it does sometimes & on the whole it was a good time to me. We had no preaching - In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of Caleb while my dear H went, both meetings were silent - This Afternoon Cousin Elizabeth Stanton was brought to my fathers very sick, being unable to take care of herself it was thought best take her there - About 7 OC [o'clock] this eveng Aunt M Stanton arrived from NYork, which will be a great release to my dear Mother as cousin Elizabeth's being there, would occasion a great addition of care & fatigue. -

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June 25, Monday: Fredrik Gyllenborg replaced Carl Axel Trolle-Wachtmeister as Prime Minister for Justice of Sweden.

The French forces laying siege to Ciudad Rodrigo in Leon began to bombard the town.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 25th of 6th Mo// Oh that there was more of religion alive within me I feel as if there was nothing good in me

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June 26, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 26 of 6 Mo// I have felt the strivings of the two opposite seeds - & I dont know but the good seed has gained a little ground- Visited the African School, & found that the Child whose conduct called us there a week ago today was not



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improved - We therefore thought best to dismiss her from the School for one Week & then if she would make suitable acknowledgements & promise to do better, We would admit her to the School again - The poor thing Was very much overcome at the manner in which we sent her away & my heart Ached for her, but decision was necessary.-- My H & Son & Sister Joanna spent the day at Saml Thurstons. I dined & took tea at my fathers.-

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 June 27, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 27 of 6 Mo// The mind in a low State from several circumstances. I feel low & as if I am never to rise from what my present standing is as respects outward interest & that in my spiritual standing I am daily going backward or at least take two steps backwards to one forward - Oh that I may yet advance in the Work of Religion -

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 June 28, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 28th of 6th M 1810// Rode with my dear H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting. We carried Our little Son & left him at Anne Anthonys while we went to Meeting - We stoped a little while before meeting at my dear Cousin Z Chases - Our first meeting was to me a Blessed One, for I can say of a truth, that my feelings have not been more Alive in a long time, yea I cannot tell the season of similar precious favor, it seem'd as if there was no exercise to keep the mind to the right center. Oh saith my soul may all that is alive within me be stired up to more Watchfulness & care that I may not have so many barran meetings - Dear H Dennis was concerned in a few Words which were very sweet & precious to my feelings - Buisness in the last meeting went on with much love, & the life which I experienced in the first was in good measure with me in the last - We dined At Anne Anthonys - & Soon after we went into the house her Son Adam was brought home with a Severe Wound in the foot occasioned by an Axx in cutting down a tree. I held his foot & assisted the doctor while he sewed up & dressed the wound, we left him in much pain.
We rode home before Sunset & the little boy behaved very nicely both going & coming & while there -*

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 June 29, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 29th of 6 Mo// The day has passed pretty much as usual, the mind has been favord with a degree of Yesterdays Sweet savor for which I trust I have felt truly thankful.-

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June 30, Saturday: New-York mayor DeWitte Clinton, along with fellow canal commissioner Thomas Eddy and his son, left New York for Albany, New York by steamboat.

ERIE CANAL

Bayreuth was annexed by Bavaria.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 30 of 6th Mo// I feel again a good degree of life in my mind, it seems as if the good spirit was near

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JULY

July: Robert Fulton left New-York for Teviotdale, New York.

DeWitte Clinton visited the future Rochesterville, New York area while scouting a canal route.

ERIE CANAL

July 1, Sunday: DeWitte Clinton's boat arrived at Albany, New York before daylight. He and the Eddys put up at Gregory's tavern. A meeting of the canal commissioners was held at the Surveyor-General's office. All of the commissioners were present except Porter, who would arrive that evening. Morris and Van Rensselaer was making the journey by land; the others by water. General North was to meet the boat at Utica.

ERIE CANAL

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 1st of 7th Mo// At Meeting this forenoon Our Dear H Dennis was concerned in a Sweet testimony also D Buffum in a few Words. to me it was a good Meeting - In the Afternoon We (ie) my self & Wife went down to my fathers intending to go from there to meeting but his Clock being much to slow we got deceived in the time of day & when we got into the meeting house Yard the Meeting was gatherd & still. I took out my Watch & found it was half an hour past the time of gathering, unwilling to disturb the meeting we turn'd & came to my fathers again & spent the Afternoon - In the eveng I called at D Ws D Rs & J Es

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July 2, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 2nd of 7th M 1810// Nothing material occurs to insert.
The mind in not a very lively state, & not as dull as at some ties*

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July 3, Tuesday: Due to actions by the Emperor, his brother Louis Bonaparte abdicated as King of Holland in favor of his sons, either Napoléon Louis or Louis Napoléon it didn't much matter which, and on this night began a flight into Germany — headed toward safety in Austria. (Can you imagine having a guy with as much blood on his hands as [Napoléon](#), as an intimate loving relative? –Louis must have been just scared shitless.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 3rd of 7th Mo// Again the usual rounds. And how long they will continue is a thing sealed & known only to him who sees & knows all things – I feel desirous to be doing my days work but Alass how short I come of faithfulness in allmost every respect.

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Our national birthday, Wednesday the 4th of July:³³ Steele White of Georgia marveled at the skill with which [Thomas Jefferson](#)'s "illuminated mind could pen a 'Declaration of Independence'."³⁴

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

An entertainment headlined as "Columbias Independence" was presented at the Washington Theatre in Washington City.

After a delay in Albany, [New York](#) for the proper celebration of our Independence Day, DeWitte Clinton's party departed at 4 PM, getting precisely as far as Willard's Tavern in the city's 3rd ward.

In Connecticut, New Haven's citizens had a "plowing match."

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY



Reviewing [Ludwig van Beethoven](#)'s Symphony no.5 for the *Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung*, E.T.A.

33. This was [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 6th birthday.

34. AN ORATION, COMMEMORATIVE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, DELIVERED ON THIS FOURTH OF JULY, 1810 (Savannah GA)

Hoffmann wrote that Beethoven’s instrumental music “opens up to us the kingdom of the gigantic and the immeasurable. Glowing beams shoot through this kingdom’s deep night, and we become aware of gigantic shadows that surge up and down, enclosing us more and more narrowly and annihilating everything within us, leaving only the pain of that interminable longing, in which every pleasure that had quickly arisen with sounds of rejoicing sinks away and founders, and we live on, rapturously beholding the spirits themselves, only in this pain, which, consuming love, hope, and joy within itself, seeks to burst our breast asunder with a full voiced consonance of all the passions.” He sure had enjoyed the heck out of the performance! Don’t you wish you could have been there?

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 4th of 7th Mo// It has been a day of much noise & parade about streets, being what is called Independance but no accident has happened that I have heard off from any of the Military exercises - A little boy fell from a Chamber Window (Gilbert Chases Son) but was not very much hurt - My H spent the day out at Jonathon Dennis’s with Sister Joanna, I took tea with them. -

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July 5, Thursday: Phineas Taylor Barnum was born in a manger in Bethel, Connecticut.

We don’t know because photography hadn’t been invented yet — but this may have been more or less what he looked like as an infant:



There had been rain during the night. While waiting for their captain to return from a trip into Schenectady, [New York](#) the DeWitte Clinton party climbed a high hill to view the city and the river valley. They got under way at 9 o’clock, pass the mansion built by Sir William Johnson and then past a decades-old native American pictograph on an elevated rock. They tied up at Cook’s tavern for the night.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 5th of 7 Mo// This is the first time that I recollect of ever staying from meeting on a week day, on any temporal buisness.
It seem’d as if it was best not to go, being out of town Yesterday Afternoon put me behindhand, but I was glad to find that I did not feel indifferent when the hour came. I found a reluctance at staying at home & hardly knew how to forego my usual practice -- This Afternoon met as one with a committee to consider of selling a lot about Sixty feet on Tanner’s Street & 70 deep, to O Williams to build a Tanery on, & tho’ I am not convinced of the good policy of disposing of the land, consented to it for various reasons. - Saw Gideon Wilbour an old apprentice of my fathers who low lives in NYork State.*

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July 6, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 6 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, the mind in the usual mood -

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July 7, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 7 of 7 Mo// I have been favord with a good degree of Sweetness. - The mind in a state of sensitivity to best things -D Buffum & P Towle happened in the Shop & fell on conversation which did very much interest me & occasioned very pleasant reflections & good feelings

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July 8, Sunday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 8 of 7 M 1810// I had two good silent meetings for which I desire to be thankful. I spent most of the day at home except in the morning a call at Aunt M Goulds & between meetings another at my fathers.

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July 9, Monday: Holland was annexed by the Emperor Napoléon's France, along, of course, with all its overseas colonies.

The Spanish defenders of Ciudad Rodrigo in Leon surrendered to their French besiegers.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 9 of 7 Mo// It has seemed as if the good spirit has been hovering about my mind. I have had to reflect on many things of a serious nature, & particularly to recur to seasons when the divine hand has undoubtedly been on me for good. I have no doubt but I have had a good, a very good beginning, but thro' halting & disobedience I have had much to walk in dry places, but I have never seen the time Yet when I thought the strivings of the Lords spirit had ceased with me, having to experience at times the arisings of light & life to the comfort of my inner man. But Allass how painful to insert, there has not been that inward faithfulness that has been required at my hands, hence I have not grown in grace as I might have done, and Oh! that I may renew my covenant, & again shake my self from defilement, that there may be a journeying forward -

 July 10, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was at the Ambassador's audience with Sultan Mahmoud II.

British forces captured the islands of Réunion and Mauritius.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 10 of 7 Mo// The precious life has been sweetly revived upon my mind this morning & desires has arisen afresh that I may be enabled to draw nearer & nearer the fountain – It has been a day throughout of more favor than common for which I desire to be thankful – My dear Cousin Alice Gould Junr Daughter of Thos departed this life this forenoon between 11 & 12 O'clock after a long & uncommonly distressing Illness (a Cancer in her breast) Which she bore with great patience & fortitude, being resigned to go hence, & manifested such sweetness of spirit as rendered her company desirable to all that visited her tho' her pain was violent, & the last time I visited her (17 of last Mo) She was so low that she could speak nor bear to be spoken to but little, yet she seemed so sweet & precious in spirit that I have not forgotten it since.-

 July 11, Wednesday: Macquarie Island was claimed by Great Britain and annexed to New South Wales.

The populace of Santiago, Chile rose in armed revolt against their Spanish governor, who had ordered the exile of the three revolutionary leaders captured on May 25th.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 11 of 7 Mo// It is a great trial to have to deal with dishonest people, & I have this afternoon been engaged with one that is so which has unhinged me from good feelings –

 July 12, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 12 of 7 M 1810// A pretty good silent meeting - In the Afternoon My dear H & Myself went to Middletown to attend the funeral of Cousin Alice Gould, which was to me a good favor'd season. D Buffum spoke a few words very feelingly & pertinently –After the funeral we staid & took tea with the family & then rode home thankful that we went –

→ July 13, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 13 of 7 Mo// Rote to Rowland Greene giving him some acct of the death & buryal of Alice Gould. -

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→ July 14, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse sailed from Constantinople on board the *Salsette* with Ambassador Robert Adair.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 14 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert except the usual rounds from the shop to the house & from there back again

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→ July 15, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 15th of 7 Mo// My state of mind seems but indifferent as to life We had silent meetigs but Alass poor me was empty as a begars Cann - Took tea at D Buffums & after tea we fell into Silence which lasted for the space of half an hour in which I felt more real quiet of mind than I had thro' the day -- On my way home called a little at D Williams. -

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→ July 16, Monday: The Governor of Chile, Francisco Antonio García Carrasco, resigned his post.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 16th of 7 Mo// I have nothing to Say, except that I have lived, & to comply with Wm Penns advice to his children "Keep a journal if it be but a line a day. -

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→ July 17, Tuesday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) and Hobhouse arrived at Zea. Hobhouse left for England.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 17 of 7 Mo// The usual similarity of my life, perhaps the mind a little more lively frame than at some of my deadest seasons

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 July 18, Wednesday: DeWitte Clinton's party arrived at the outlet of Onondaga Lake in [New York](#).

[George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 18 of 7 Mo// My mind was quickened this morning with a little of true spirit of life, which I love to feel, & has lasted in good & comfortable degree thro' the [day], may I be thankful for every revival & renewal of every tendering Season that occurs.

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 July 19, Thursday: DeWitte Clinton's party reached the home of Dr. Jonas C. Baldwin, the site of the village of Baldwinsville, [New York](#), at 11 PM and spent the night.

The 34-year-old Queen Louise of Prussia died at her father's estate near Strelitz, attended by her husband King Friedrich Wilhelm III.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 19 of 7 Mo// We had a good precious meeting, at least it was such to me, for the quickening spirit was very sweetly vouchsafed to my mind -- A Robinsons was concerned in humble reverend supplication - I wrote a few lines to Sarah Fish & directed it to Philadelphia We spent the day at my fathers

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 20, Friday: In South America on this day, the nation of Columbia achieved its independence.

In [Concord](#), Massachusetts, [Amos Freeman](#) and Love Oliver Freeman's infant died at 3 months of age.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 20 of 7 Mo// It has been a day of no small seriousness to me I heard it had intimated that a certain dear friend of mine was assailed with a weakness that I had no Idea of - OH! how necessary it is for the very foremost of us to be careful & Watchful over every part of our conduct, & particularly our appetites & propensities to excess in every particular. Who will fail, or fall into evil & become as burden next, is unknown - sure this dear precious friend of mine has known much of religion & advanced much further in it than myself - I feel hurt, yea deeply afflicted, but what shall I say? certain it is a Solemn Warning to me to be Strictly on my Watch for the enemy is forever lurking as in ambush that he may overthrow those that are desirous to Walk in the paths of virtue

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 July 21, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) left for Mores.

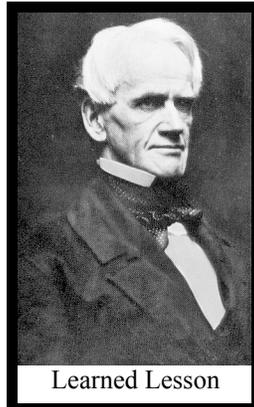
French troops once again crossed from Spain into Portugal, heading toward Almeida.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 21 of 7 M 1810// My endeared brother P Dunham has been over today & dined with us, we have had a sweet refreshing time together. we have conversed on many subjects (I trust) to our mutual instruction & edification – Oh how sweetly & preciously has the life flowed as a brook on my mind this day – truly I have cause to thank my father which is in heaven & take courage, in that he hath again been pleased to unvail my spirit of that mist which is so often between the mind & heavenly enjoyment, & trust that the day of his merciful visitation is not over, but yet extended for the healing of my infermities, which are many –

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 July 22, Sunday: [Horace Mann](#)'s brother Stephen at the age of 17 or 18 prophaned the Sabbath by going swimming in Uncas Pond, and drowned, and at his funeral the Reverend Nathaniel Emmons offered this as a cautionary lesson.³⁵



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 22nd of 7th Mo// I have had some hidden exercises today, but was favor'd this forenoon with a pretty good meeting in which our frd D Buffum was as much favor'd in testimony as I think I ever hear him – In the Afteernoon we were silent & to me more roving than in the forenoon – Visited the work & Alms houses & took a walk around the Point After meeting, & in the eveng called at D William' E Hosier's & father R's –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 23, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 23rd of 7th Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds – & nothing material has occur'd – A little life has been felt to circulate.

35. Parsing the text of JOHN 14:15, “If you love me, you will obey what I command,” the Calvinist reverend was able to derive not only “Obedience to God is the most infallible evidence of sincere and supreme love to Him” but also, in combination with the concept of a jealous and vengeful deity, “Sure, go swimming on My Day — I’ll be glad to drown you.”

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July 24, Tuesday: At the Bridge of Côa near Almeida, British and Portuguese troops produced heavy casualties among the French invaders, delayed their advance into Portugal.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 24 of 7 Mo// Sure it is a Solemn thing to die. I have been in the room several times today with Cousin Elizabeth Stanton who was dieing & trully my mind was humbled under the consideration of our frailty & what poor distressed objects we are when reduced to a bed of Death - She died a little before 5 OClock this Afternoon & from her peaceful & inoffensive life I feel no doubt of her being at Peace - She died at my fathers house where she was brought four weeks ago last fist day. -

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July 25, Wednesday: George Gordon, Lord Byron took the Greek boy Eustathius into his entourage at Vositza.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 25 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert - the day has passed in the usual way. No special degree of life & not as Barran as at some seasons -

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July 26, Thursday: George Gordon, Lord Byron arrived in Patras.

DeWitt Clinton, one-time Governor of New York State, was visiting John C. Spencer, who had served as Secretary of War, in Canandaigua. At the local coachmaker's shop, a "plain coachee with leather curtains" with an inscription on its back in large letters V*F was in for repairs. This was brought to his attention as belonging to the prophetess Jemimah Wilkinson, who resided with 30 or 40 followers at Crooked Lake some 25 miles to the southeast. "She is opposed to war, to oaths, and to marriage; and to her confidential friends she represents herself as Jesus Christ personified in the body of Jemima Wilkinson."

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 26th of 7 M 1810// Our first meeting was a dull heavy time Our friend H Almy spoke feelingly & pertinently to the state of it as he expressed it, a "Dumb stupid Silence" seemd to prevail, I thought I was favor'd with ability to wrestle a little but it was not to much effect - In the last (Monthly Meeting) it seemd as if I had more life than in the last, & spoke to the buisness with a good degree of Satisfaction to my own mind - David Bowen & Elizabeth Folger Chase published their intentions of Marriage - We had no company at Dinner - After dinner We attended the funeral of Elizabeth Stanton from my fathers house, many people attended & I thought it was a good solid opportunity. -

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July 27, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 27 of 7 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that the Day has passed in the usual way, & the mind not very lively. -

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July 28, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 28 of 7 Mo// Early this morning I felt the precious life to arise very sweetly in my mind which has continued with me thro' the day, & I may say that it has been a day of precious favor Several friends have been in the shop that I love dearly & with whom I have conversed to my help & encouragement

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July 29, Sunday: In upstate New York, DeWitte Clinton's party left the Genesee River and headed west on Ridge Road.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 29 of 7 Mo// Our meeting this Morning Was silent - In the Afternoon D Buffum in a very lively manner repeated the first Psalm with little or no remarks upon it - Both mettings were poor roving seasons to me - After meeting D Rodman & I went to the Work & Alms houses. Sister Elizabeth took tea & spent the evening with us -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

July 30, Monday: Percy Bysshe Shelley concludes his studies at Eaton.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 30 of 7 Mo// I believe the mind has not been employed to much if any proffitt today, & I doubt whether my body has also. -

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July 31, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 31 of 7 Mo// Some of our friends have come from S. Kingston to attend the Quarterly Meeting, among whom is our friend Peter Hoxie it looks pleasant to see them - I am glad to see them

AUGUST

➡ August: [Jennings Beckwith](#) purchased land near Portage des Sioux, between the Mississippi River and the Missouri River below St. Charles, Missouri. This would be the area in which [James Pierson Beckwourth](#) would grow to his maturity.

➡ August: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) visited Veli Pasha in Tripolitza.

➡ August 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 8th Mo// Cousin L Clarke has come over this Afternoon, on seeing him pass by my mind was very pleasantly saluted with the passage of scripture "As Iron sharpeneth Iron so doth the countenance of a man his friend" - he has set some time with me in the shop very pleasantly & I can say the life was raised in my mind. -

➡ August 2, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 2 of 8 Mo// This day was our Quarterly Meeting held at [Portsmouth](#) We left our little Son with Aunts Molly & Hannah Gould & my H & Self took Chaise & having buisness at Cundels Mills stoped there & walked round to view the curiosity of the carding spinning & weaving Machines, also the beauty of the place which my H thought exceeded any thing she had ever seen in nature. I was there at near as I can calculate about 15 years ago in the Winter, & both my Age & the Season procluded much knowledge of the place, but now at a pleasant season & at more maturer years can say it is a place which nature has done an abundance for, & by the hand of Art might be still more improved, but in my mind it does not exceed Lawtons Gulley in the West road - before meeting we stoped a little while at the usual stoping place (Holder Almys) - The Meeting was large & I must add was a favord season as, I was ever witness of - James Green opened the Meeting with a few words which I thought well off being edifying to my mind - then John Casey in a living testimony, then Elisha Thornton proclaimed the truth with life & great Power, I think to exceed any thing I ever heard from him - And I thought & it was the opinion of better judges that truth was greatly in dominion, to the gladening of the hearts of many that have set under depression & that were in doubt with respect to certain doctrines - Our last meeting I have but little to say about, the first part of that Was good, but the latter was hurt by the introduction of a Money Matter which was improperly managed - Thos Howland of [Greenwich](#) was appointed to the Station of an Elder - We dined at Uncle P Lawtons & on our way home Called

again at Cundels Mills to settle the buisness we went upon in the morning & brother D & Sister E R riding in company with us, we took another stroll into the Gulley which I believe was reciprocally pleasant to us then rode home & found our little boy well & had done well thro' the day, which with our favor at Meeting is cause of real thankfulness – I had forgotten to mention another cause of gratitude in riding home our horse stumbled & came very near to throw us both out of the Chaise, but happily no damage was done –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 3, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 3 of 8 Mo// Several friends have been in town belonging to [Greenwich](#) whom I love – My Mother Aunt P Stanton Aunt Molly Gould & Cousin P Hazard have spent the Afternoon with us the two grandfathers called in the eveng –

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 August 4, Saturday: [Robert Purvis](#) was born in Charleston, South Carolina to [William Purvis](#), a cotton broker, and his mistress Harriet Judah, a free mulatto daughter of the manumitted Moroccan slave Dido Badaraka. The baby was of a wonderfully light complexion.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 4 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of exercise, but the cause is hidden & must not be written as there can not possibly be any use arise from it either to myself or any one else – The usual rounds of life as to the outward.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 5, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon](#) announced his “Trianon Decree” placing heavy tariffs on colonial materials.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 5th of 8th M 1810// We carried our little son to my fathers this mornng Which enabled my dear H to attend both meetings which was gratification to her as she has been much confind of late to what she was once – We dined & took tea at fathers – Our Meetings were both Silent & I believe dull Seasons to most present – I may confess that I do not know when I was so tried with drowsiness & particularly in the Afternoon. –

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August 6, Monday: [William Davis Ticknor](#) was born into a farming family just outside Lebanon, New Hampshire, a cousin of [George Ticknor](#) of [Boston](#).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 6 of 8 Mo// From a very dead State my mind has been aroused this evening with a very close impression of the Language "Why Stand ye all the day Idle?" Surely this is applicable to myself for I am very dull & come short every day of what is required of me. I sometimes fear that my light will grow dimer & dimer untill it finally is extinguished. Oh Lord I desire to thank thee for this little quickening & pray that thou would'st renew thy visits of love in my heart as in days that are past -

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August 7, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 7 of 8 Mo// The day has passed as usual, except that I have read a few pages in the Journal of our friend John Richardson & have had my mind much animated & strengthened thereby. I read the account of his first visit on [Nantucket](#) & his visit to Lynn & his dispute with George Heath. I hope that as long as I live I shall be preserved in the love of friends writings, for I do consider they are a great help in religious exercise - & Now may insert that my posterity may be inform'd that it is my wish that they may frequently & attentively read the religious writings of ancient friends, for I believe they will greatly tend to confirm & establish them in the right way. I well remember & have cause to be thankful for the benefit I received in reading the journal of that Ancient worthy G Fox in my younger years. The impressions then made were very great, & have, at seasons remained ever since

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August 8, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 8 of 8 Mo// Time passes with swift wings, & alas how soon do we come to a termination of our flight thro' this World. I feel tho' not yet arrived at the meridian of life that I am hastening with unremitting pace to the House appointed for all living, & Oh! saith my Soul may I be in readiness when the times comes - We daily see the aged, middle aged & even infants called to their long rest, two middle aged & one youth has left time within my knowledge this Week. - Sister Ruth made a Short visit in town this Afternoon

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August 9, Thursday: DeWitt Clinton recorded in his diary a reading of a pamphlet about an interview a Mr. Eddy had had with Universal Friend (he had not himself met her) at her settlement of Jerusalem in upstate New York: "I ... purchased a pamphlet relative to [Jemimah Wilkinson](#).... Mr. Eddy, who visited her at the Crooked Lake, says, that she is about fifty-seven years of age, of Rhode Island, but of what sect he could not learn. That she has about forty or fifty adherents, the principal of whom is Rachel Miller [actually, Rachel Mallin], aged upwards of forty, formerly a Quaker seamstress, of Philadelphia, in whose name the title deeds of the property are held. That she lives in a handsome, plentiful style, and is about completing a very large and elegant house, on a commanding position. That a large tract of land was purchased from Gorham and Phelps for eighteen cents an acre, but what proportion is held by Rachel, for the Friend, as she is called all over the country, he does not know, as some of her followers have receded from her and appropriated part of the land to their exclusive use. That her dress, countenance, and demeanor are masculine in a great degree; and that her conduct is marked by garrulity and vanity; and that when closely questioned she evinces great irritation. That she adopts the [Quaker](#) style of preaching; like them she is opposed to oaths and war, and does not prohibit, although she discountenances, marriage. That her discourses, as well set as conversational, are texts of Scripture combined without regularity or connection, but indicative of a retentive memory. That she has no peculiar creed, unless in relation to herself; that in this respect she veils herself in mystery, and does not distinctly say what being she is, although she represents herself as a spirit from heaven, animating the defunct body of Jemima Wilkinson. But what kind or order of divine being, whether the soul of a departed saint, an angel, or a second Christ, she does not communicate to the profane. Her power is founded on the extreme ignorance of her followers, operated on by her impudence and cunning. Vain, ignorant, and talkative, but shrewd to a degree, she will maintain her dominion, notwithstanding, over some of her sect – a dominion tottering, however, with the decadence of her mind and the failure of her personal charms. When interrogated as to her doctrine, she referred to a book published by Bailey, of Philadelphia, of five or six pages, consisting merely of salutary advice written by her, and full of Scripture quotations, but containing no peculiar creed or dogmas [THE UNIVERSAL FRIEND'S ADVICE TO THOSE OF THE SAME RELIGIOUS SOCIETY]."

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 9th of 8th Mo// I have just read the account of the death of our friend Deborah Derby of Old England, she with Rebecca Young paid a religious visit to America & attended the Yearly Meeting of New England in the 6th M 1795. I well remember the gospel labors of these Sweet & valuable Women, & to hear of the death of the oldest & most experienced I think is much to be regretted, especially to friends of her own nation

From the (London) Gentleman's Magazine.

"Died at her seat at Colebrook Dale, Deborah Derby, widow of Samuel Derby, Colebrook Dale, Shropshire aged about 58. This worthy woman had been a very acceptable Minister among the Society of Friends for 30 Years. She paid a religious visit to the meetings of Friends in America (having the plenty & accomodations of this World, in which she abounded) with earnest desires to promote the great cause of Christianity in those remote regions"

I had a destitute meeting, & was disappointed for I was in hopes to have felt more of the sap of life to arise than I did, feeling as I apprehended in a pretty good frame of mind before I went –



August 10, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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6th day 10 of 8 Mo// I feel a little of the precious influence this morning & desire to be Thankful – The life has in measure been with me this the (Day,) but not so much as in the morning. –

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August 11, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 11 of 8 Mo// "Help Lord for the Godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fall from among the children of men" - I have heard this Afternoon that my much loved friend & sister Susanna Barker departed this life last eveng at her residence in [Tiverton](#). She was a friend that I dearly loved & have had many precious opportunitys with her, for in the days of her health she would come to my shop & set a considerable time in familiar conversation on subjects that nearly [closely, strongly] interested us, & I have also frequently happened with her in family settings when she has had a word of comfort or exhortation to those present, which has allways been to me Satisfactory. She had a good gift in the Ministry & about a Year & an half ago was recommended, but was able to attend but three or four Settings of the Select Meeting, & has not been in town but once or twice since we were married & then so unwell that she could not get to see us, so that we have never seen her in our habitation. I believe her health has been such that she had not been at a Monthly meeting since, We were published which was in 7 M at [Portsmouth](#) and was then a representative & waited on us back & forth to the different meetings. The natural urbanity of her disposition renderd her peculiarly useful among the younger class of Society for she could speak to us by way of reproof & yet not give offence, but do much good, & all were willing to call on her for advice, which none were backward about doing, as she was open & free to all – Her kindness, attention & benevolence to all that came within her knowledge that were in distress, & particularly to her indigent neighbors will long live as a memorial in the hearts of many, but most of all to be regretted is the loss of her labors in Society, being invested with a deep concern for the promotion of truth & has often in conversation with me expressed much feeling on account of the little meeting that she attended, where to every appearance she was just opening into a field of usefulness but Alass is now no more -Thus, we go one after another with quick, yea rapid succession to the Grave; the house appointed for all living, & whose turn it will be next, to resign the mortal breath, is unknown to All but Him who knows & sees all things.

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August 12, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 12 of 8 M 1810// Desirous of paying the last tribute of love & respect to my endeared friend Susanna Barker I took Chaise (my H thinking it best not to go) & sister Elizabeth went with me to the funeral it was at 10OClock at the house & eleaven at the Meeting house. we got there before 10 & I served as a bearer of the remains of my dear deceased friend – At the meeting (which

was nearly as large as the house would hold) we had a good favor'd season. Our friend D Buffum first rose with the Scripture querie "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life" he very clearly set forth the way that any one might & hoped none would reject the terms - Then A Robinson rose with the words that follow the text "& he went away sorrowful" & spoke upon the whole text in very pertinent & lively manner & closed by repeating the whole passage - After the meeting had ended we proceeded to inter the remains of our dear Susan which was done after a suitable pause at the Grave -I dined at the house of our deceased friend & staid until towards Night then rode home, very thankful that I went, for many reasons - Found my H & little son had faired well in my absence, of which I was also thankful -

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 August 13, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 13th of 8th M 1810// The day has passed with the usual round & the usual feelings, so that I think there is nothing material on my own acct to insert. - Sister Rebecca is in a very tried situation & is like to have a broken breast & my dear H is threatened with the Disentary

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 August 14, Tuesday: Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born at No.1 Great Woodstock Street in London, the initial of what would turn out to be a total of seven illegitimate children sired by Samuel Wesley upon his housekeeper, Sarah Suter (this musician and composer also had three legitimate children by Charlotte Louisa Martin, from whom he had become estranged).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 14 of 8th Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office this morning directed to the care of J Morton Philadelphia for Sarah Fish, which I wrote yesterday -

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 August 15, Wednesday: French forces laid siege to Almeida, Portugal.

King Carl XIII of Sweden adopted the Frenchman Jean Bernadotte as his heir.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 15 of 8 Mo// My friend & Old Mistress M Williams came to the shop this Afternoon & spent an hour with me in conversation, which turned on many subjects, some pleasant, but most of them were painful, that is, they related to painful circumstances which exist & have existed among us. - And Oh!



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that I may be more honest & deep in the truth that nothing may draw me away from the little claim I have to a religious profession, that when the day comes that I am to yeald up this body to its parent Earth I may do it without remoss, [sic] Oh! that all impurity may be purged away & Oh! that I may be preserved from falling into the many snares which the Adversary of our Souls has Spread in the World to draw us from Good to evil, & the Sin of Drunkenness is the most of all on my mind with terror at this season, for I believe many that have run well for a Season & indeed Shewed no Small fruit in religious exercise have become captivated with the love of Spirituous liquor & Alass how sorrow ful – I dare not commit to writing all I feel, nor name the object in view, but indeed I am sorrowfully affected – Oh Lord preserve us from this & every other temptation which may eclipse our profession, & wound the tender growth of the precious seed in our hearts.

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August 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 8th Mo// I have had a little conversation with Brother D R this morning which has been pleasant & edyfing, the mind being in a Serious mood & reflective on several subjects, have had a fresh to examine my own standing which I fear is much more superficial than some of my friends are aware, tho' I believe I have a desire to be honest & do the work assigned me while the Day lasts, but Oh this daily, (almost daily) Death of Mind that so often is upon me & I sometimes think is upon our whole meeting in this town. How shall I arise to newness of life? sure there is no way for any of us to arise untill the great fountain of Love & Life is opened for our reliefe, & that I fear & indeed it is plain that it cannot be opened untill there is more inward faithfulness, untill we live in the daily watch against those little things which obstruct the ways of divine Life in the mind. There are many things which are accounted little things in themselves, but alass we find by Scripture testimony that the little foxes spoiled the tender vines, & I have been confirmed by years experience, that those little things that are offensive in the divine sight, do nip the tender buddings of Divine Life in the Mind & thus our journey to the city of religious establishment, is protracted, to a painful degree. –

It was singular to me that at meeting my mind should be full two thirds of the time occupied in reflecting on a certain Man (A. C..) who has not been to meeting five times in 20 Years & never discovered that he was present untill towards the conclusion of the setting when I happened to look in a direction different from what I had done in the meeting & saw him setting – But I know not why I should think it singular, I frequently find that when I am thinking of a person, he suddenly & unexpectedly presents to view or I hear something from him –

In the Afternoon met with the committee appointed at last Moy [Monthly] Meeting to consider of disposing a part of the Medow field in [Newport](#) – We concluded to propose to the Meeting to sell a row of house lots on Farewell street. – When I went home

to tea I found my dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould had spent the Afternoon with my H - Daniel Buffington of fall River Dined with us - I was at his house in 1806 with Cousin Zacheus Chase & lodged, as we return'd from the Quarterly meeting at Swansey in the 11th M. -

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➡ August 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17th of 8 M 1810// The day has passed with the usual rounds & I do not recollect any thing that has occurd worth inserting -

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➡ August 18, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 18 of 8 Mo// Attended the funeral of Peleg Peckham son of Thos Peckham this Afternoon. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ August 19, Sunday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was back in Athens staying at a Capuchin Monastery.³⁶

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 8 Mo// Owing to a want of Zeal in many of our meetings we [were] very small, the weather was wet which I suppose was the reason that many did not attend that does commonly - They were dull heavy meetings to me. I all most said in my heart "There is neither dew nor Rain nor field offerings" Sat most of the eveng at home except a short call at father Rodmans. - Wm Burling saild for NYork this morning -

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➡ August 20, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 20th of 8th M 1810// Nothing material to insert - I have this eveng written to Jos Bringhurst at Wilmington Delw in answer to his of Third M last -

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➡ August 21, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

36. According to [Lord Byron](#) this was a Franciscan Convent that was being occupied by Capuchins.



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*3rd day 21 of 8 Mo// Put a letter in the Post Office to Jos Bringhurst this morning
When the Mail arrived this Afternoon it brought a letter from my friend Micajah Collins, which came at a period when my mind was in want of something to cheer it up a little, or at least divert it from feelings which were depressive - Oh saith my Soul at this season, "how I long to be delivered from the body of this death", this death of mind, with which I am so often tried, & be raised unto newness of life in Christ - but Allass how fluctuating is the human mind, for when a little of the sap of life begins to circulate & the mind brought a little into the enjoyment then Satan renews his attractive influences to draw us therefrom & matters not how much we profess so that he can deprive us of the profession of Religion - Brother D R gave us a call this evening which (as his allways are) was very grateful.
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 August 22, Wednesday: Publication of the Violin Sonata op.37a by Johann Nepomuk Hummel was announced in the *Wiener Zeitung*.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 22 of 8 Mo// It has been a day of considerable reflection & I think a good day or at least a pretty good day for me - it has felt as if the good spirit near to my encoragement, for which I desire to be thankful. -

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 August 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5 day 23 of 8 Mo// There are several persons who lay sick unto Death in this Town. Elizabeth Cornell an old friend & acquaintance lays low in body & as I hear by my Mother who Watched with her last night is in a very Sweet state of mind, resigned & ready to leave this vail of tears which indeed it has been to her for several years past - Another person, wife of A...G... also lays near her end & I understand is in a very different state, her mind distressed & shocked at the prospect of entering the World of Spirits, for whom I have felt my spirit drawn in mental aspirations that she may yet feel peace & quietness before she comes to the final Chan Change
Another person that I have known from infancy lays near an end of things in this World - her name is Judith Casey, a person guilty of allmost every vice, as Drunkenness Whoredom Theft & lying, my Aunt P Stanton called to see her this morning (as an old neighbor) & found her sensible that Death was near, & her account of her so took hold on my mind that I believe I shall go to see her, before long. -
Our meeting was rather Small, but I must acknowledge that to me it was a comfortable season, altho the mind roved about a little,*

yet there was that in feelings which was comfortable & encourageing-
 Our little boy spent the day at his grandfather Goulds, & was very engaging in many of his little ways. I hope yea pray that he may never be less beloved than he is at this time -

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 August 24, Friday: [Theodore Parker](#) was born in Lexington, Massachusetts. The youngest of 11 children, he was the son of a proud farmer and the proud grandson of the Captain Parker who had commanded the Lexington minutemen.



Two works for wind band by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) were performed for the initial time, in Vienna: “Marsch für böhmische Landwehr” and “Marsch für Erzherzog Anton.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 24th of 8th M 1810// Aunt Martha Stanton is about going to NYork having heard of her husbands arrival which seems to occasion some stir in the family, to get her things prepared, but the Wind continues the wrong way - Edward Wanton of Richmond Virg. in [is] a son of Gideon Wanton late of this town Deceased, spent most of the Afternoon with me in the Shop. - My mind is much in the usual mood, except feeling a little more depressed than common

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 August 25, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7 day 25 of 8 Mo// I must again acknowledge that I have felt visitation of divine love renew'd upon my spirit this day for which I desire to be renewedly thankful. - Aunt Martha Stanton & brother Isaac Sailed for NYork. -

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 August 26, Sunday: French besiegers began to bombard the fortress of Almeida, Portugal.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 26 of 8 Mo// Our Meeting in the forenoon was large but I thought was not very much favor'd (at least) my feeling were

not so. D Buffum had a lively testimony to bear – In the Afternoon we were silent & small in number – I took tea with my cousin Henry Gould – & called in the eveng to Mary Williams jun who is quite sick with the Bilous fever. – Then went home to attend to my own infermities which are considerable, my head & throat is much affected with an heavy Cold, I am feverish & very much debilitated. – I took a tea made of Alder flowers, Sage & Coltsfoot, put my feet into warm Water & took two pills of Assa foetida & went to bed

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 August 27, Monday: In the midst of the French bombardment, the main powder magazine of Almeida exploded, killing 500 Portuguese soldiers.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 27 of 8 Mo// My cold is much better this Morning, but our little boy had a very uneasy night & is not well which I Suppose is the effect of teething. he is now 15 Months old & has gotten but 4 teeth, the two fore upper & under – Attended the funeral of Elizabeth Cornell this Afternoon

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 August 28, Tuesday: The British and Portuguese defenders of Almeida surrendered to the French.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 28 of 8 Mo// Our little son had a very restless night, an extream high fever & very nervas, but has seemed thro' the day to be more comfortable & this Afternoon particularly I think has been on the mending hand, for which I am very thankful, for he is at present such an engaging little creatrue that it would come close home to loose him, but I desire to strive to hold him as tho' I did not – that if he should be taken from us, the Stroke may be the less Severe – How such little objects take our affections but I think I can say that I guard against a foolish fondness
I have had many reflections on various subjects today*

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 August 29, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 29 of 8 M 1810// Our dear little son continues very sick he has an high fever & is very weak, but it appears to me his fever is not as high as it has been, we discoverd yesterday that he had one double tooth partly cut through, & he has three others that are much swollen –



August 30, Thursday, and 31, Friday: The death of Caleb Gould was recorded in the journal of his father Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#):

5 & 6 days being 30 & 31 the 8th Mo 1810// Our precious little son seemd on 5 day morning to be comfortable but very much reduced in his strength he rested well the forepart of the night but more uneasy toward day so that his Mother was up several times to give him his drink & medicine & also gave him the breast which he took freely - & as he seem'd comfortable except weaknss I considered it best as father & mother Rodman much desired it, to take him down to their house, concluding that my dear H would have company of which she was very destitute at home. I made it up in my mind that if he died I should feel the consolation that I did for the best, & accordingly we wrapped the dear little creature up & brought him down with which he seem'd pleased, - he seemd comfortable after he got there & I saw nothing why I should not go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting, having some papers which was necessary to be there & the School committee was to meet, I thought it best to go & accordingly I took sister E & we went -

We had a good meeting & H Almy preached at least to my edification, buisnefs also in the last went on in a comfortable way & I thought & still believe it was best & right for me to go. We dined at Isaac Almys & on our Way home Stoped at P Lawtons to see Sister Ruth a few minutes, & then rode homeward & as we got to the corner of Obadiah Williams house in Broad Street, brother David Rodman met us & convey'd the hevy tidings that Our Dear & Precious little Son was no more in this life. We rode home & found him a sweet little Corpse in the Cradle - He continued much as when I left him untill about 2 OClock in the Afternoon & was then taken more alarmingly ill & died about 1/2 after 4 OClock. It was remarkable that a child of his age being only One Year, three Months & six days should manifest so much patience as he has since his sickness, he has never been peevish or fretful but allways Mild & placid, he continued to know all around him & about half an hour before he left time he sucked, & his Mother, as was her usual practice told him to kiss his dinner, he kissed her breast & then as usual began to suck & after that kissed his grandmother Gould & several others, apparently looking with his dear little eyes & noticing all around him as long as he lived he died so easy that they could scarcely determine the moment his breath left his body -he was buried in the upper burying ground by the side of his little cousin Wm on Sixth day following, & has beyond doubting gone to the Arms of his Saviour & is now fleeing around the throne of God with Angellic Sweetnefs.

He has been so remarkable observing, & sweet disposition child that many have said that he was not long for this world & indeed there has not been a day pass over our heads but that we have remembered that he was mortal & even before he was born his Mother seemd impressed that the Child was not long for this World & both before & since would frequently weep at the prospect - the dear little fellow whenever he saw his Mother weep would sob & cry as if his heart would break & his countenance could not



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*be changed until hers was. -
He has been a remarkable healthy child & has enjoyed as much happiness as possible for him too, he would amuse himself by the hour together with his little play things, & every fly, very Dog, Cat, Duck, Hen Pigeon or what ever else that was animated, he would seem delighted with, & want to have them in his hands - he had just got so as to lispe a few Words, would imitate the Dogs barking, the ducks & utter many monysyllables, which with his very numerous little endearing ways renderd him a very desirable Object - but he is taken from the evil to come, Our lofs is his gain. & tho' we may be blefsed with other Children, it will be a long time before we shall have one that will arrive to his very agreeable Age - & he is our All, we have no other to turn our attention too, hence We shall feel the mifs of his company the more & will render the trial harder, but I greatly desire we may proffit by the dispensation & deepen in our devotion to the Cause of truth, for this cause I have no doubt he was taken from us & Oh saith my soul may it have the right effect -*

SEPTEMBER



September: [Sam Houston](#) returned to his mother and siblings for a short period and then returned to the Hiwasee Island [Cherokee](#) band. Fatherless since the age of 13, he was adopted by Headman *Oo-loo-te-ka* “John Jolly” and began to be known as *Co-lo-neh* “The Raven.”

On [St. Helena](#) it was reported that although [bastard gumwood](#) *Commidendrum rotundifolium* used to grow on the hills between Rupert’s and Deadwood, and there had been a thick wood of such trees at Half Tree Hollow, over the last half century these woodlands had been entirely destroyed.





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 September: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) made a 2d trip to Morea. He was sick with a fever at Patras.

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and his sister [Elizabeth Shelley](#)'s ORIGINAL POETRY BY "VICTOR" AND "CAZIRE" was published (in the following month is would be withdrawn).

 September 1, Saturday: Le crescendo, an opéra bouffon by Luigi Cherubini to words of Sewrin (pseudonym of de Bassompierre), was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris. this was not well received due to the libretto.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1 of 9 M 1810// We are still at father R's & expect to be for several days - It has been a lonesome day particularly to my dear H - Whenever we eat a meal we think of our dear little Caleb, how he would watch for us to be done that he might have his turn at the table & if pernitted to set up with us in his little cheer how solidly he would set & watch our countenances until our pause was over, & how sweetly he would ask for MORE when he was out of food - these may seem like childish observations but out of the abundance of the heart, the Mouth speaketh. - Neighbor Towle & wife very kindly came & set the eveng with us -

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 September 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 9 Mo// A week this day our dear little boy was Well & enjoyed himself as well as at any time in his life. he is now in the silent grave at rest - We attended meetings which were silent & reflective - Our Dear Sister Ruth return'd to her Post of school keeping this afternoon which was a renew'd trial to us all for her company is very desirable. She has been on many occasions very useful to us, & we love her dearly, but pleasant things are often withheld from us for our Benefit, & I hope we shall in this, as in all other similar occasions, IMPROVE -

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 September 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 9 M 1810// Our dear little boy often turns on the mind, his dear little actions rush on the mind & also the monysillables which he uttered -- I endeavor to keep in quiet, resigned State of Mind

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 September 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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3rd day 4 of 9 Mo// Brother Isaac arrived this morning from NYork, whither he went to accompany Aunt Martha Stanton. he says they recd the news of the decease of our little son while at breakfast yesterday morning & were much surprised. The day has passed pretty much as our days commonly do, except the Vacancy of our dear little Caleb - In the eveng My H went to see Sister Joanna & while she was there I called to see G B Robinson & Wife who have latly become housekeepers

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 September 5, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5 of 9 Mo// Nothing material has occur'd to insert, the mind in a serious frame, tho' I think I do not feel the loss of our dear little son as fresh as I have done, yet his enticing & very endearing ways rush hard on the mind at times

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 September 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6 of 9 Mo// I am just going to meeting & greatly desire it may prove a season of divine refreshment, tho' at this moment I feel very barran of that life which is the Crown & diadem of our Assemblys - David Bown & Elizabeth Folger Chase will be married & I suppose our meeting will be large - Our Meeting was large, the Young people spoke & appeard in a very becoming manner, David Buffum preached excellently, & the ground of his testimony was forn'd on these words from a Certain Author (I believe Watts) "No moment granted Man but for Account" I don't recollect that I ever knew a more solemn meeting at the time of marriage - But the life did not rise much in my mind, yet I thought I was favord to partake in measure of what was circulating among us. -

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 September 7, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 9 Mo// This morning put two letters in the Post Office one For Sarah Fish directed to the care of John W Kimm or Evan Thomas Baltimore & the other to Thomas Ladd Richmond Virginia in which I wrote a few lines to Isaac Austin & requested Thos to give it to him, he being in the State Penitentiary & Thos is one of the Managers I have felt a concern to address Isaac for sometime & knew of no other way to get a letter to him but to send it that Way The day has passed with some Serious thoughts, & my mind has very often turn'd on Our Dear little boy

 September 8, Saturday: The *Tonquin* sailed from New-York for the mouth of the Columbia River, with the nucleus of the Pacific Fur Company.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8 of 9 Mo// I have felt my spirit very sweetly tenderd this Morning, & desires raised that I may be found in the faithful discharge of Duty – This eveng My dear H took a Walk down to Fannys, a black Woman that was very fond of our dear little boy, & with whom he was as quiet as with his Mother & on our return called into our habitation, which looked lonely –

 September 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 9 M 1810// This morning visited the grave of our dear little Son his spirit was not there, it has fled to heaven, yet the place that his remains are deposited awakes the tender sensations We felt at parting with him – We had silent meetings & both pretty large. The morning meeting was to me a very good one, being favor'd to keep the mind in a proffitable train of reflections & to feel a good & comfortable degree of life. We dined & took tea At My fathers & in the eveng & took a pleasant Walk around the Point with Brother David. – In the eveng recd a very sweet tho' short letter from Sister Ruth. –

 September 10, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10 of 9 Mo// This morning recd a letter from Sarah Fish dated at Philadelphia 7M 14 where it has been between here & there all this time I cannot tell, but notwithstanding it was written allmost two months ago it was very acceptable. – My friend O Williams Called at the Shop the Afternoon, we had much interesting conversation together & I believe that both our minds were quickened with a right feeling – After having spent about 12 days at father Rodmans we this evening return'd to our solitary home renderd so by the loss of our precious little boy, whose loss we have felt deeply & shall much more so on returning home as every thing allmost about the house form'd a part of his amusement & he allmost the whole of ours for I may repeat it again he was a sweet engaging little fellow as I ever saw – My dear & truly affectionate H was very heavy in heart & could scarcely forbear to weep the Whole evening – Father H gave us a call & smoaked his pipe which helped us a little. –

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September 11, Tuesday: [Mount Vesuvius](#) erupted: "Effusiva — Bocche alla sutura del 1631. Lave a W, SE verso Ercolano, Boscotrecase ed Ottaviano. Danni ai campi coltivati."



MOUNT VESUVIUS

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 9 Mo// Jonathan Dennis's daughter came to live with us a little while this morning, for the benefit of J Rodmans School who will probably be agreeable company for my H. - Several friends called at the Shop to see me this mornng among whom was Samuel Thurston who inform'd me that A Woman friend was every day expected to arrive in NYork from England on a religious visit - he also mentioned that he had heard that Our friend John Hall of England had departed from this World. I remember him well he was in this Country in the time of my apprenticeship & lodged at David Williams's with whom I lived. - I well remember the Savor of his Ministry - Thus the Ancient Standard bearers are removed & who are there among us to rise up in their places, Surely I believe they will be found, however low the State of Society may get in particular places, yet Truth I believe will not only hold its own but increase in the World-

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September 12, Wednesday: The Duchy of Salzburg was incorporated into Bavaria.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 9 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, except that Our friend D Buffum & Wife & E Hosier spent the Afternoon with us & in the eveng my H & myself went to J Peckhams to see John's Child -

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September 13, Thursday: Horace Morison was born, the 3rd of seven children of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Hopkins Morison, in Peterboro, New Hampshire.

In Tuscany, Grand Duchess Elise suppressed more than 100 religious houses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 13th of 9th M 1810// Our meeting was pretty large, & to me a season of Some favor - Our friend Holder Almy was with us & broke bread in a lively & feeling manner, - Our friend H Dennis dined with us & spent part of the Afternoon, her company was very sweet

In the eveng waited on my H to T Peckhams to Watch with Johns Child. - Our dear little Caleb is still the very feeling companion of my mind, in passing by the ground in which he lays he was brought very affectingly to mind. -

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September 14, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 14 of 9 Mo// Recd a very acceptable letter from Cousin L Clarke dated yesterday - It has been a day of feeling & some sweetness

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September 15, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 9 Mo// I have had a good & comfortable degree of life. The mind raised a little above the State of death & barraness that I am tried with at seasons. I desire to be thankful & believe I am so, whenever my mind is tenderd by the love of Truth

Our beloved friends Sarah Robinson & her daughter Abigail set the Afternoon & forepart of the evening with us - they are both friends & relatives that I set store by - And very valuable many ways, particularly in Society - This is the first visit they have made us since we were housekkeepers & I am very apprehensive it will be the last we shall ever receive from Sarah as she goes abroad but seldom & is quite Aged. -- My Mother also took tea with us -

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September 16, Sunday: Silvana, a romantic opera by Carl Maria von Weber to words of Heimer after Steinsberg, was performed for the initial time, in Frankfurt-am-Main, conducted by the composer. The work was a moderate success but was overshadowed by a spectacular balloon ascent by Mme Madeleine-Sophie Blanchard, first female professional balloonist and widow of Jean-Pierre Blanchard, balloon pioneer — at the theater, everyone including the singers could talk about nothing else.

Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla placed himself at the head of a band of laborers, Indians, and prisoners in Dolores to the northwest of Ciudad México, in resistance to Spanish rule in Mexico. He inspired them with a cry “Long live religion! –Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe! –Long live the Americas and death to the corrupt government!” His act would be constructed to have been the beginning of the Mexican Revolution.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 9 Mo// Our Meetings were silent - & the Afternoon was a very dry time to me - I went to J Dennis's to tea & on my way stoped at D B's to see a flock of Merino Sheep - When I came home in the eveng found my Dear H alone at home, & in a depressed State of Mind. I did deeply sympathise with her & was almost sorry I left her so long -

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September 17, Monday: The royal government of New Spain placed a price on the head of Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, and three other revolutionary leaders. On the same day the Mexican rebels formed their first rudimentary government, in San Miguel el Grande (San Miguel de Allende).

Samuel Wesley's edition of the first twelve preludes and fugues from Book I of THE WELL-TEMPERED CLAVIER by Johann Sebastian Bach was published (over the following three years the entire collection eventually would get published).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 9 Mo// Nothing Material as I recollect to insert -The mind in a thoughtful serious frame - Molly Rogers spent the day with

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September 18, Tuesday: An assembly in Santiago, Chile created a national government for the first time (this would eventually be celebrated as Chile's independence day).

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 9 Mo// I have just returned from the Episcopal Church where Dr Waterhouse & Dr Fansher are innoculating the inhabitants of the town for the Kine Pox. To be sure to any one that may read this but myself it may savor quite as much of human weakness as may be deemed manly, but to see large numbers of dear little babys brought in to be Vaccinated was a very affecting scene to me & allmost as much as I could well bear - Some weeks ago when it was first concluded to innoculate the town, Our dear little Son was alive & well & I had concluded to carry him to the places agreed upon by the committee of the town

to have him innoculated, but alass he has it not now to undergo, he is freed from that & every other human Malady, & is now I have no doubt a little angel in heaven - but I can but feel the loss of his precious company, & I came as near Wishing him back to us again when I was at the Church as I ever did (& I think much nearer than I ever did) since he was removed from Earth - it was but for a moment, for as soon as I could recollect the weakness, (I might have said the wickedness) I immediately checked the desire with censure upon myself - but who at all times can check the -effusions of human weakness -Surely I cannot & I doubt if there are many that have arrived to that State of christian fortitude but that it is a State attainable I have no Doubt
Our neighbor Saml Towle set most of the evening with us

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➡ September 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 9 M 1810// The mind in a reflective Mood on divers subjects, & I dont know but I may say I have had a good share of best feelings -

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➡ September 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 20 of 9 Mo// Our Meeting was large for the middle of the Week & to me a season of good favor - In the Eunice Earl called to see us & set a couple of hours -

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➡ September 21, Friday: Robert Fulton showed a model of his improved torpedo boat in New-York's City Hotel.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 21 of 9 Mo // At about half past 2 OClock this Afternoon I went to the [Baptist](#) Meeting house of which John B Gibson is Minister & was vaccinated in my left Arm by Dr. Fansher who is employed by the Town to innoculate the inhabitants - In the eveng brother David set with us - But I must not forget to insert that in the Afternoon I had a very precious visit at the Shop from our friend & Brother [Paul Cuffe](#) which did indeed seems as a brook of refreshment by the Way -

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➡ September 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:



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*7th day 22 of 9 M 1810// I am going this morning on buisness to Narragansett, where I hope my mind will be enabled to feel the precious spirit of truth to go & be with me
Arrived at Narragansett about 11 OClock AM - Walked up to Cousin Peleg Gardiners & in the Afternoon Cleaned his Clock, the purpose I went for - Cousin L Clarke & I took tea & spent the evening with Cousin Casey -*

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September 23, Sunday: Anglo settlers subdued the Spanish garrison at Baton Rouge, proclaiming a “Republic of West Florida.”

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*(First Day) Rode with cousin Lewis from Peleg Gardiners towards the meeting house in S Kingston but found it rained & thunderd so violently that I thought best to turn off & go to Cousin John Hazard in North Kingston where I spent the day which was a very stormy one aftermeeting cousin Lewis returnd to J Hazard & in the Afternoon Set out again for Hopkintown to attend their Moy [Monthly] Meeting there the next day I lodged at J Hazards & the next morning 2nd day [Monday] went back to P Gardiners, it rained nearly all day & the Wind was so violent that the ferry boats could not pass, so I stay'd there & lodged again - the next 3rd day I went several times to the ferry but the Wind & seas raged so violently that altho' the ferry boats passed several times, My faith was not equal to the task, so I returnd & went to the Widow Carpenters on a little buisness & there dined, then returnd again to P Gardiners where in the eveng Cousin Lewis joined me of which I was truly glad for my spirits had gotten quite low, & had I have given way to my feelings thro' the day I should have conducted very childish, but the Manhood within me supported me - being so much longer from home than I expected when I went away, was no small trial to my feelings -this morning 4th day I arose by daylight & crossed the field to the ferry, found a favorable opportunity & came over & found My dear Wife & all things at home, as well as I left them, for which I trust I am thankful
Altho this visit has been attended with unpleasant weather & I have been obliged to join in some kinds of conversation that was not my eliment or appear unsociable, yet I have had Some precious feelings, & view of some Subjects which were proffitable*

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September 24, Monday: The Cortes of Cadiz met at Isla de León and recognized Fernando VII as king. It would draw up the credo of Spanish liberalism, the constitution of 1812.

A planned demonstration of Robert Fulton's torpedo, at New-York's Corlear's Hook, was called off due to the weather.



September 25, Tuesday: Robert Fulton's demonstration at New-York's Corlear's Hook was again called off.



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September 27, Thursday: French troops attacked a combined British/Portuguese force at Buçaco and were repulsed with great losses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 9 M 1810// It is our Monthly Meeting day - & presently I expect to attend -- I feel the operation of the spirit of Truth in my mind, but I also feel a mixture of evil, which I hope to keep under, but Alass how weak is human Nature, how easily does the enemy, work himself into those places where he ought not to be admitted. —
I had a very good quiet meeting both in the first & last, being favor'd with the precious arisings of Life - Our friends Holder Almy & Abigail Robinson were very acceptably engaged in Public testimony - And in the last we had a considerable buinness in the transaction of which I felt a Quiet Solemn covering A Robinson & H dennis expressed a concern to pay a religious [visit] to [Smithfield](#) Moy [Monthly] Meetg & some meetings in that Quarterly Meeting which was united with & a copy of a Minute granted them - Also it was propsed of this Moy [Monthly] Meeting's giving forth a testimony concerning Our Ancient & venerable friend Mary Mitchell deceased of the Island of [Nantucket](#), but formerly of this Island - We had the company of Caty & Nancy Almy at Dinner whose company was very pleasant - I have indeed had a very comfortable day for which I desire to be thankful - How pleasant it is, yes, how rejoicing it is, to feel the arisings of life & light upon the mind - My dear friend & Brother Philip Dunham spent the evening with us very sweetly on our part -

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September 28, Friday: It was suggested in the Herald of Gospel Liberty that Calvinism provoked in some cases a condition of melancholy so extreme as to produce self-hatred leading even to suicide.³⁷ In a few years the famous case in point would become that of the self-murdering Reverend Joseph Buckminster (1751-1812), the one who had courted the Elizabeth Whitman and who was later to be fictionalized as Reverend Boyer in Hannah Webster Foster’s account of the Whitman tragedy, THE COQUETTE. Whether Whitman’s fate had any bearing on Buckminster’s suicide is unclear, for according to Cathy Davidson, Buckminster had been known even in his prime to have been prone to fits of depression. Leon Jackson’s doctoral dissertation has deals very extensively in this regard with the Unitarian controversy and quotes an *ms* letter (original now in private hands) which suggested that the minister’s death was the result of (Calvinism-induced) madness: immediately prior to his death Buckminster “was oppressed with religious melancholy, which became absolute derangement, and he made an attempt to destroy himself.”³⁸

What cheer can the religious sentiment yield, when that is suspected to be secretly dependent on the seasons of the year, and the state of the blood? I knew a witty physician who found theology in the biliary duct, and used to affirm that if there was disease in the liver, the man became a Calvinist, and if that organ was sound, he became a Unitarian.

**Suicides enumerated in THE DIARY OF MARTHA BALLARD,
1785-1812 (Camden ME: Picton Press, 1992)**

Date	Sex	Method
March 5, 1786	M	<u>hanged</u> self
July 5, 1790	M	<u>hanged</u> self
ditto	M	shot self
March 29, 1791	F	method not stated
October 11, 1796	M	cut throat
March 15, 1807	M	cut throat
April 16, 1807	M	<u>hanged</u> self

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 28 of 9 M 1810// It is a Month this day since we followed our dear little precious Son to his grave the remembrance of him is indeed very lovely, & it is affecting to reflect on the loss of him, but the confirmation that we have received that it is all right & in the Wisdom of Providence that we Should be deprived of him is very consoling, Still when I reflect that he is gone forever gone from us in this World, it is almost as much as my manhood is master of –

Our dear friend P Dunham has spent a considerable time with me in the shop today & I trust our minds were mutually comforted & Strengthened in the company of each other – In the eveng we called to see our kind friends & neighbors Saml Towle & Wife. –

37.“Melancholy Effects of Calvinism, or the Human, Killing Doctrine of Fatality.”

38.Also: did the Reverend Joseph Hawley of Northampton end his life (and the revival that was going on) by cutting his throat with a razor?



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 September 28, Friday: At [New-York](#)'s Corlear's Hook, Robert Fulton was unable to demonstrate that his underwater cable-cutter could set loose moored enemy shipping.

 September 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 9 Mo// My mind has this morning been brought into tender feelings, & desires raised for my advancement & establishment in that life which is in the Truth. I sometimes feel as if there was a growth, but alass how soon does death & dryness, possess the place of more lively emotions, & I am left in a State truly hard to bear, but I suppose those seasons are proffitable, we are not to experience a continual feast in the mind any more than in the body. -

I have been informed since my return from Narragansett, that our dear friend Jonathan Dennis for the first time appeared in a public testimony in our mmeting in the Afternoon on first day last being 23 day of this Mo - & I wish his encouragement very sincerely & hope that as his mind becomes rightly impressed with a message to the people that he will be faithful in the discharge thereof. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 September 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 9 Mo// Perhaps owing to the symptoms of the Kine Pock I have had a very dull day & poor Meetings - In the forenoon Our friend D Buffum was engaged in testimony, & those I esteem as judges said it was very much favor'd - My dear H being quite unwell did not go to meetings - I went to the Alms House & in the evening with father R to Thos Robinsons. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

FALL 1810

OCTOBER

 October: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) and [Elizabeth Shelley](#)'s ORIGINAL POETRY BY "VICTOR" AND "CAZIRE," published during the previous month, was withdrawn.

 October 1, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 1st of 10thM 1810// It has again been a dull day, my body & mind have been depressed -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 2, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 2 of 10 M 1810// The mind I think a little raised from yesterday, but I feel very poor & low, in every respect - I received a letter this afternoon from David Smith which I thought was a little reviving - Brother D Rodman set the evening with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 3, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 3 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds -We spent the evening at J Earls - My mind been reflective on various subjects & the pleasant hours we had with our dear little boy has many times come across me with feeling. I forbear to complain of his loss but we do miss him very much indeed

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 4, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 4 of 10 Mo// We had a Silent Meeting & to me it was a pretty good one, tho' the enemy was near to step in when opportunity offered with his suggestions - I was carried back to my child hood, to recount the many visitations of the divine spirit in those day upon my mind, which I found were many & that if I had acted in Strict conformity to the monitions of truth & should have been further advance in religious growth than I am at present - I should not be so weak, so vulnerable to the shafts of the enemy -
My H spent the Afternoon & eveng with D Williams & Wife & I took tea with them & spent the evening - Sarah & Abigail Robinsnon also spent the Afternoon there -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 5, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 day 5 of 10 Mo// My mind has been brought under various important reflections, which I hope will prove useful - My H spent the evening at her fathers -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 6, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 6th of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds
-The mind in its usual mood of late, Sometimes better * sometimes worse*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 7, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 7 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were silent, & to me seasons
of much barrenness, the mind on a continual rove from the right
thing
We dined at my fathers - & my H took tea at her fathers while I
went to see Saml Thurston who expects to be absent three or four
weeks with A Robinson & H Dennis who are going to [Smithfield](#)
Quarterly Meeting on a religious visit. -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 8, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 8 of 10 Mo// The mind in a dull state as to the Life of
Religion, & as to the outward nothing out of the common course
has transpired -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ October 9, Tuesday: The retreat of British-Portuguese forces in Portugal ended, as they dug in at Torres Vedras north of Lisbon.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 9 of 10 Mo// Recd by the Afternoons Mail a letter from
my friend Jos Bringhurst Junr of Wilmington Delaware, & one from
Thos Ladd of Richomnd Virginia & one annexed thereto from Isaac
Austin, which was all very satisfactory - My Mother & Wife Spent
the Afternoon with the goodly Widow Bird & I took tea with them -*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

→ October 10, Wednesday: [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) began studies at University College, Oxford, where he would soon be meeting Thomas Jefferson Hogg.

Cassius M. Clay was born.



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 10th M 1810// The mind in a dull lifeless state, poor & destitute of every living thing. Oh! when shall I be raised, when shall Life be more raised into dominion in my tabernacle of clay - Brother David called in the eveng -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

→ October 11, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 11th of 10th Mo// A poor dull meeting again destitute of all good, I hope others that were at meeting was in a more lively frame than I was, or I believe the Lord was not acceptably Worshipped - Our meeting was quite as large as common for the day of the Week - Sister Ruth spends the day in town her company is very acceptable indeed & my H spent the Afternoon with her at her fathers - In setting with my Dear Aunts Martha, Mary & Hannah Gould this eveng my mind was raised from that dead state in which it was most of the day. Our dear precious little son was in part the subject of our conversation, they mentioned with affectionate emotions the several very pleasant days that he spent with them & the comfort & satisfaction his company was to them. They loved him dearly, as well as we did ourselves, indeed every body loved him that was with him, his many & uncommonly endearing & attracting ways drew their affections imperceptably - but Alass he is gone, & Oh that I may not grieve for his loss, beyond what is right, I feel a care on my mind, but his remembrance is daily renew'd & I think is brought closer home than at the period of his death, that is the way things operate



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with me in a general way, when trouble is immediately upon me I do not feel at [it] as I do Sometime after.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 12, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 12 of 10 Mo// Cousin Anne Greene Dined with us & in the Afternoon my H went out to Saml Thurstons on buisness of Society & came in & spent the evening at Aunt Patty Goulds - I took tea at my fathers A Greene being also there - In the eveng I met Thomas Cottrell in the Street & had a little religious conversation with him he seem'd very tender in spirit & promised to come & see us tomorrow if the Wind did not favor his going home to NYork. when I went to Aunt P Gould for my H I found my father there, it so occur'd that our conversation turn'd on incidents of my childhood & some occurrences in the family before my father was married which were interesting to my feelings & my mind being preciously quickened with a feeling of life was able to enter into the conversation with a degree of pleasantness for which I desire to be thankful - Oh Lord preserve me, be yet with me & leave me not, but renew the visits of thy holy Spirit upon me. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 13, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Athens.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 13 of 10 M 1810// It has been a day of considerable favor to me - my mind has been led into reflections of a very serious nature -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 14, Sunday: Two vocal trios by Luigi Cherubini were performed for the initial time, at Chimay.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 14 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were both pretty well attended, & to me were seasons of deep reflection, we had no public offering. Edward Lawton took tea with us, his company was very pleasant -This evening I was called to father Rs to converse with a committee appointed at our last Preparative Meeting to report the names of Overseers for the coming Year & strange as it may appear, they had thought of me for one to Stand in that Station. My mind is humbled under consideration of being held as one to oversee my brethren, & many times Since the subject was committed to my consideration (which was several days ago) It hath been often reiterated in my mind "Overseer, oversee thyself" but however imperfect & weak as I am, I considered it best to leave it with the committee to do as they thought best,

which I hope will be to look for some other friend in my place. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 15, Monday: Cantate auf die Einweihung der Berliner Universität by Johann Friedrich Reichardt to words of Brentano was performed for the initial time.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 15 of 10 Mo// The day has passed with the usual rounds, the mind deeply reflective on various subjects, & desires have been raised for newness of life. Oh that I could feel more of the enlivening spirit of truth that the body of Death & poverty with which I am often surrounded may be removed -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 10 Mo// Aunt Nanny Lawton dined with us, & in the evening we went & spent it at my fathers - The mind in rather a depressed state -- Neighbor Nicholas P Tillinghasts daughter Patience arrived

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 October 16-18: At odds with [William Wordsworth](#), [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) departed from Grasmere for London.

 October 17, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 17 of 10 Mo// I hardly know what to Say of the state of my mind it has not been in a very stupid state nor yet in a very lively one - We took tea with Neighbor Vinson & in the eveng she read a letter from _____ Smith of [Providence](#) to his sisters & brothers on the subject of his late conversion from Deistical principals to a belief in the Christian religion which was very extrardinary & altho there is some things in the manner of his convincement that does not altogether accord with my experience of the nature of the progress religion in the Mind yet I am inclined to believe he has had a remarkable visitation of Divine Providence & if it does not evaporate by too many words or blow away in the whirlwind he may make a noble advocate for the precious cause of Truth -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 18, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 18 of 10 Mo// Our first meeting was silent & a season of but little proffit to me tho' I think I may say that there was not that hardness that I sometimes feel - Our last (Preparative) was very uncomfortable on account of the cold, yet we had a considerable buisness - The committee appointed at the last to report suitable persons names for Overseers, reported Richard Mitchell, Sam Thurston & Jon Dennis who are the same as last Year I was truly thankful that my name was left out for I dreaded the task extreamly - Our old neighbor Mary Donaly set the eveng with also Sister Eliza & brother David -

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October 19, Friday: Mexican revolutionary leader Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla proclaimed the end of slavery in the nation.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 19th of 10th M 1810// Loy'd Green dined with us & my dear father & mother came up to Set the evening with us. My mind has been in rather a low frame, but not very uncomfortably so -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

October 20, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 20 of 10 Mo// Nothing material to insert - the mind about as usual of late, poor & barran of allmost all that I want-

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

October 21, Sunday: Marcus Spring was born in Northbridge, Massachusetts to Adolphus Spring (1772-1847) and Lydia Taft (1772-1838). He would attend Uxbridge Academy.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

1st day 21 of 10 Mo// Our meetings were large as usual, and I dont know but what I had a degree of life setting in them - both were silent & no one present that would be likely to speak in the line of the Ministry D Buffum having gone to Salem & A Robinson & H Dennis to Smithfield - We dined & took tea at my fathers & in the eveng I went a little while to D Williams - Recd letters from Aunt P Stanton. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

October 22, Monday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

2nd day 22 of 10 Mo// My H spent the evening at Brother Ds - I went to Wm Pattens to meet with the Directors of the African Benevolent Society. - The mind I think more free from depression than for several days -

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October 23, Tuesday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 23 of 10 Mo// Engaged in piling some Wood which tires my body - The mind in a pretty cheerful frame, but I am suffering with the tooth Ach -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

October 24, Wednesday: There was estrangement between William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge, precipitated by Basil Montagu.

October 24, Wednesday: In Concord, Gaius Proctor's house burned, with a loss amounting to \$800.

Provision Against Fire. - The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818. A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.³⁹

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 24 of 10 Mo// I am indeed a poor thing today, being much afflicted with the Ague in my face, but hope to be favor'd with patience

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

October 25, Thursday: According to BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS (Groton, 1894), John S. Roby of Concord & Hannah Whitman of Groton filed an intention to marry.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 25 of 10 Mo// I thought this morning that as my face was less sore & painful than yesterday that I might go to Portsmouth to attend our Moy [Monthly] Meetg, but on going out found the Air Sharp & cold concluded to get O Williams to take my dear H in a Chaise & for them to go together which he was very willing to do but in the course of the Day I have almost regretted that I had not have risked it, as the weather has been very pleasant

39. Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;.... Boston MA: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: John Stacy, 1835 (On or about November 11, 1837 Henry Thoreau would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July 16, 1859 he would correct a date mistake buried in the body of the text.)



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& moderated since morning – On the return of Obediah & Hannah she stoped at Os & spent the evening I also went & found it had been a very exercising meeting especially on the mens side of the house, & strange as it may be, a man whose initials are I...A... objected to one of the Overseers proposed by our preparative Meeting which cast such an obstacle in the way that the matter was referd for further consideration – Oh when shall we get to be what we ought to be, & this occurrence has excited desires afresh in my mind that I may give double dilligence to the subjugation of my Will & Passions.

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October 26, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 26 of 10 M 1810// My mind has been much occupied with a serious subject Vizt the Occurrence in the Moy [Monthly] Meeting yesterday, but I hope it may be ended without much difficulty – Went this afternoon with the committee of the Directors to the African School to see the childrens progress & dismiss it for the season - We were highly gratified with their improvement & solid deportment, & offerd them such Advice as occured & left them –The committee also met at C J Tennys to agree on an eveng School but could not come to a conclusion at that time – Set at home in the evening recording Certificates

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October 27, Saturday: The Prussian government issued a Finanzedikt promising certain liberal reforms such as equalization of the tax burden, freedom to start businesses, tariff reform, secularization of Church lands, and sale of state owned lands.

President Madison annexed the western part of West Florida (between the Perdido and Mississippi Rivers) to the United States of America.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 27 of 10 Mo// My mind has been favord with a precious degree of life for which I desire to be thankful – I rode this eveng to [Portsmouth](#) with Isaac Almy, & arrived at my very affectionate & much beloved cousins L Chases where I ate some supper & spent the evening very much to my satisfaction, We being very glad to see each other in Morning 1st day [Sunday] I went to P Ls & I A's a little while before meeting - At meeting we were silent & to me not a very bad time but nothing to boast of as to Life - I dined at I A's & called at P Ls in the Afternoon, took tea at Cousin L C & walked home in company with Brother D R who walked out in the morning on our way home we stoped at Saml Thurstons - We found our wives Well & also the rest of our friends - I am glad I have been to [Portsmouth](#) & spent a little time with Cousin Chase who seemd truly glad to see me – I have spent much very pleasant time with them in that House, more than I ever expect to again, & they are very near my heart she being a near relation (my fathers own cousin) when I was a boy & even in



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infancy my dear Aunt Patty Gould used to take me there so that the intimacy has been of long standing – but I am thinking it is not long ere it will be broken, my dear cousins are aged & infirm & the probability is that they are drawing to the conclusion of terestial things & that the pure spirit of truth may so operate in them as at the final chance as to enables them to sing the triumphant song "Oh Death where is thy sting Oh Grave where is thy victory" is my fervant breathing – But Alass who knows but they may live to see my days numbered long before theirs are. –

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October 28, Sunday: A 2d regency was set up in Spain to rule for King Fernando VII, in opposition to the French.

The 1st performance that we know of, of Polacca con variazione for violin and orchestra by [Nicolò Paganini](#), took place in the Teatro del Pubblico, Rimini, with of course the composer as soloist.



October 29, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2nd day 29 of 10 Mo// My spirits have been low, perhaps the dulness of the weather may contributed something to it, but I think it is not wholly owing to that
I set the evening at home, & almost finished recording the Certificates of public travelling friends which I began some time ago.*

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October 30, Tuesday: Robert Fulton demonstrated a model of his torpedo ship.

The Prussian government nationalized both Catholic and Protestant lands and assumed control over them.

Mexican revolutionaries overwhelmed Spanish troops at Monte de las Cruces.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*3rd day 30th 10 M 1810// My dear father & mother have this day made a visit to our dear cousins Zacheius Chase & family & while setting with them this evening my mind was affected with the consideration that they are all old folk & before many revolving suns will be numbered with the dead. they expressed much Satisfaction which amounted to joy that they had made them one more visit --
I had an opportunity of performing what I thought was a religious duty toward W—C— he seemd much affected & deeply sensible of his situation. I encouraged him to Close in with the present visitation for he knew not how soon the thread of life would be cut, to seek retirement & be faithful –
My H spent the Afternoon with Aunt A Carpenter –*

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➡ October 31, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 31st of 10 Mo// Here endeth the day & the Month, & that is the principal that I can say about it - The time has passed & is gone & fear to but little purpose. - Oh how lean & poor I am in every sense -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

NOVEMBER

➡ November: At the storming of Port Louis, Mauritius, Midshipman [Hugh Clapperton](#) was 1st in the breach, and was seen to seize and haul down the French flag.

Publication of [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s POSTHUMOUS FRAGMENTS OF MARGARET NICHOLSON.

➡ November 1, Thursday: At [New-York](#)'s Corlear's Hook, Robert Fulton successfully demonstrated his underwater cable-cutting knife.

As of this date Napoléon's Berlin and Milan decrees were revoked in regard to the United States of America. Normal commerce between the two nations was resumed.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 1 of 11 M 1810// Our number at meeting was Small & several of our heads absent, attending the Quarterly Meeting this day held at Somerset
It was to me a dull season as to life tho' I had some proffitable reflections - I forgot to mention in yesterdays insertion that I spent the eveng at C J Tenny's our conversation was on various religious Subjects & our African School - I believe it was a Satisfactory opportunity to him & it was to me as I had an opportunity of explaining some of our customs & doctrines which he was not acquainted with.*

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➡ November 2, Friday: Jacob Freeman and [Nancy Freeman](#)'s son Jacob Freeman, Jr. died at the age of 19.

Friedrich Hermann Otto replaced Hermann Friedrich Otto as Prince of Hohenzollern-Hechingen.

The Prussian government issued an edict ending the restriction of certain trades to guild members.

President Madison decreed that as of February 2d of the following year, trade with France would be restored and trade with Great Britain ended.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 2nd of 11_Mo// The day passed away in rather a dreary manner, it was a severe snow storm in consequence of which I did not go home at noon & dined at my fathers - notwithstanding the severity of the weather many of our friends that went to Somerset Quy Meeting returnd.

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 November 3, Saturday: La cambiale di matrimonio, a farsa comica by Gioachino Rossini to words of Rossi after Federici and Checcherini, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice. It was Rossini's first work to be staged.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 3 of 11_Mo// Nothing material to insert, except that the usual rounds of each day of my life, & the mind under depression.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 4, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 4 of 11_Mo// Our meetings were both silent & considerin there is a considerable damp Snow on the ground, was pretty well attended I cannot say they were the worst of seasons for me but not so much life as I wanted - Sister Eliza & cousin L Clarke Set the evening with us

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 5, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 5 of 11_Mo// Several friends have called at my Shop of whose company I was glad as the mind was inclind to heaviness - Sister Ruth set the evening with us, which passes away sociably -I hardly know what to say of myself, perhaps a little more Life than common

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 6, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 6th of 11 M 1810// Several of our friends have called in at the Shop to see me whose company has been agreeable, but none more so than that of my dear friend & brother Philip Dunham who set a considerable time towards night at the Shop & went home with me & took tea & spent the evening in a very comfortable & pleasant way -Sister Rith was also there

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 7, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 7 of 11 Mo// Nothing material to insert, except the usual rounds & that I think I have labord to feel after the life & have been some favor'd

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 8, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 8 of 11 Mo// Our friend Sylvester Weeks was at meeting, he came to wait on Sarah Fish home & has gone to Wickford this Afternoon to return to his family where he with our friends Ann Smith & Sarah Fish arrived night before last & came yesterday to [Portsmouth](#) & I suppose this morning to [Newport](#) - I think we had a better meeting than common, at least it was so to me - for if the mind jostled a little from the center, like the faithful magnetic needle, would by a little stillness return & stand over the point of Truth & Life - My H set the evening at father Rs & Abby Dennis (our agreeable boarder) at Rowse Taylors -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 9, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 9 of 11 Mo// The mind in a dull condition in every sense - nothing worth inserting that I recollect -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 10, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*7th day 10 of 11 Mo// I sometimes think that it would be as well write for every day Ditto Ditto Ditto as to take up as much paper as I do - but I cannot find that it is best wholly to omit journalizing, altho I cannot assign any special reason for keeping it up, only that it is seems best & is a satisfaction - The time that it take me is nothing, & what a man in the most extensive concerns in life might do & not inpinge on that part of time which is usually devoted to buisness
My H spent the Afternoon & eveng at Brother D R's*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 11, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 11 of 11 Mo// Our meetings considering the badness of the weather for women to travel was pretty large - & both of them silent & to me wrestling seasons, to what effect I strove I cannot determine, but fear very little
We dined at My fathers & took tea & spent the evening at father R's*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 12, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 12 of 11 Mo// The day passed as usual -

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➡ November 13, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 13 of 11 Mo// Nothing material to insert

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➡ November 14, Wednesday: French forces withdrew from Torres Vedras without attacking the British-Portuguese defenses.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14 of 11 Mo// The letters which I have from time to time written to my friend Susanna Barker deceased, were this forenoon returned to My [me] by her family at my request - & on looking over them my mind has been not a little touched at the remembrance of some seasons that have passed & gone. - I did love my dear friend Susanna very much & have spent a considerable time with her to much satisfaction & I believe profit - & hope she is now at rest & that I also in the end obtain the Answer "Well Done"

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 15, Thursday: Gaetano Donizetti learned that he has been accepted to the Bergamo art school, Accademia Carrara. (He had applied because he feared he would be unsuccessful in music.)

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 15th of 11 M 1810// At meeting the mind was tossed two & fro & could find no stream of refreshment, but since &



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particularly in Silence at Dinner table my heart was touched with a little life for which I desire to be thankful, -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 16, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 16 of 11 Mo// My mind is under depression from various causes While setting at Thos Townsends whither I went to attend the funeral of Patience Sisson Widow of Zarius Sisson, my mind was brought into a precious feeling of which I was thankful - Sister Ruth spent the evening with us & staid all night.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 17, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 17 of 11 Mo// This afternoon rode to with my cousin Zacheus Chase & lodged at his house -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 18, Sunday: [Asa Gray](#) was born in Sauquot, New York.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Went to meeting & on my way thither heard of the decease of Cousin Alice Gould widow of Thos Gould of Middletown - We had a silent meeting which was to me a good one for which I desire to be thankful - Dined at Cousin Chases & in the Afternoon went with him to Middletown to see the family of my deceased cousin & his own Sister. we found them in a comfortable Situation, & I have no doubt but the dear old woman has gone to rest. She has been a woman of a very exemplary life & meek in spirit & if she had not known the support of religion I think she could not have been borne up under the many & complicated trials that have Awaited her expecially in the latter part of her life. She died about 10 OClock last evening - After tea I walked to Saml Thurstons & set there a while & then home

 November 19, Monday: Piano Concerto no.1 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Mannheim, with the composer himself at the keyboard, on what might well be his 24th birthday.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 19 of 11// It has been a day of some feeling for which I desire to be thankful.

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➡ November 20, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 20 of 11 Mo// I had some conversation with a young man this forenoon (E W L) which was Somewhat to the relief of my mind Brother D R was present & spake to my help - D seems to be well engaged & I hope that both he & I may know & increase in Wisdom. -I regret that I cannot attend the funeral of my dear Cousin Alice Gould which is this Afternoon, but as it rains fast & I cannot Walk & as my wife thinks her self not fit to go I think I cant afford to hire an horse for myself The funeral I understood from those that was there, was large & well conducted - Aunt Patty Gould went with Abigail Robisnson in the Chaise. -

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➡ November 21, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 21 of 11 M 1810// The usual rounds, & the mind in a the usual frame - I am a poor lean creature -

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➡ November 22, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 22 of 11 Mo// A Silent meeting, but to me a pretty good one In the last (preparative) R M suggested the convenience of having an Horse which was submitted to the considerations of the Moy [Monthly] Meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 23, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 23 of 11 Mo// Sister Ruth spends the day with us - My feelings have been very lifeless, if I attempt to turn the mind inward it seems as if I could feel nothing of good. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ November 24, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 24th of 11 Mo// I have this morning been dipt into feelings which are good, & I hardly tell any thing that gave rise to them, only on a sudden I felt them arise - Times & seasons are not at our command, we cannot command one good

thought or raise one heart felt sigh for help, only as we are assisted by the Spirit of Truth, And Oh! saith my Soul at this time may I be more favor'd with ability to press forward for the mark of the prise & high Calling, for with my continued leanness & poverty I am Sick -Well there must be a cause that good is thus withheld that cause is within mine own heart, it is for the want of an inward labor when thus brought into feeling, to dwell under it - My H & Sister R spent the day at Jonathan Dennis's - I went & spent the evening & at the usual time of coming home we concluded to stay all night.

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 November 25, Sunday: Captain [Paul Cuffe](#) began his 1st voyage from [Westport](#) to Freeport, Sierra Leone in his 69-ton *Traveller*.

In [Newport, Rhode Island](#), Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 25th of 11 Mo // We breakfasted at Jonathans & then came home & prepared for meeting - At Meeting D Buffum broke Silence which has not been broken for many weeks before, he spake lively to the necessity of a religious life - Between meetings my dear father came up to see us & mentioned that he felt much fatigued with the walk, but thought that he felt as it was very pleasant, as perhaps it might noon [soon?] Snow & he should not come again very soon if ever -Our Afternoon meeting was silent, after which I visited the Work & Alms Houses - Set most of the evening at home -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 26, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 26 of 11 Mo// The usual rounds at trade but this Afternoon & evening the mind has been brought into a feeling exercise on acct of a difficult case that exists in Society & desires begotten in my heart that it may be rightly ended - My H set the evening at Neighbor Towles

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 27, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 27th of 11th M 1810// My H & Sister Joanna Spent the Afternoon at D Buffums. Brother D & myself took tea with them & at night they came home in the Chaise & we continued the evening which was an agreeable one. J Dennis was also there -

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November 28, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 28th of 11 Mo// Pretty much the usual rounds - the mind under exercise which I hope may prove proffitable. -

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November 29, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 29th of 11 Mo// In our first meeting Cousin Anne Greene appeard in testimony twice Our friend D Buffum was also engaged in testimony & I thought I never heard neither with more Authority -

In the last (Moy [Monthly] Meeting) we were much favor'd untill the last subject came before us which was an exercising one indeed, but I can say my mind was favord with a calm thro' the whole & I dont know that the enemy got any hold of my mind during the whole trial for which I desire to be thankful It was the subject of the contested overseer - Anne Anthony & her Son & daughter dined with us & in the evening I went over to Thos Robinsons a little while.-

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November 30, Friday: [Oliver Fisher Winchester](#) was born in [Boston](#), son of Samuel Winchester and Hannah Bates Winchester.

Carl Maria von Weber drew up statutes for the Harmonische Verein in Darmstadt — an organization to promote new musical works.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6 30 of 11 Mo// The mind reflective on divers important subjects In the eveng Brother D R Set with us our time was principlly spent in reading Letters of R Shackletons &c - My dear father keeps about but his health is very low & seems hardly able to Set up, tho' still he sets on the board and works considerable I think & feel much about him. -

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→ Winter: After a visit to neighbors in the valley, [Sarah Bishop](#) went back toward her snowy ridge and evidently died of exposure on the way up. The supposition was that she slipped while clambering over some rocks. The body would be discovered, and interred without a marker at the Episcopal Church cemetery in North Salem, New York.

HERMITS

→ Late in the year: Following the death of his youngest daughter, Princess Amelia, [King George III](#) of England was once again overcome by his affliction. This time there would be no return from the insanity and to the horror of the nation his embarrassment of a son [George, Prince of Wales](#) would need to be appointed regent, to carry on after a fashion the royal duties.

DECEMBER

→ December: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) made a trip to Sunium.

Publication of ST. IRVYNE, [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s 2d Gothic novel.

→ December 1, Saturday: Mexican revolutionaries captured the Pacific port of San Blas.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 1st of 12 M 1810// Father seems more comfortable than yesterday - This afternoon the committee in the difficult case at our last Moy [Monthly] Meeting met, the result was trying, & the agreed to meet next day.

→ December 2, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 2 of 12 M // This morning before meeting by a miss step I fell down Stairs & how ever it happened I cannot tell but I came head foremost came very near putting my shoulder out hurt my arm, nearly slipped out both my knee pans scraped both shins & strained the cords in my right instep very much - I got on my feet & felt myself much bruised & felt very faint but took some safron drops & felt better, went to meeting & dined at my fathers with my Wife -in the Afternoon went to meeting again tho' very sore, particularly my knees & when meeting broke was scarcely able to rise, walked home, took tea & set the evening at reading, at betime took some Salts had my bed warmed & got into it - & was thankful I was no worse, tho' more hurt than I have been in Years -



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 December 3, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 3 of 12 M 1810// I continue better of my hurt of yesterday, & feel thankful it is no worse - Sister Mary spent the day with us & Brother D set the evening -

 December 4, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 4th of 12 M // It has been a very Stormy day & when i came to the Shop I did not return home untill evening & dined at my fathers. When I went home found my dear H & Sister Mary who continues with us has been pretty well thro' the day -

 December 5, Wednesday: President [James Madison](#) got up on a platform so he could be seen (he was shorter than our Senator Paul Wellstone) and addressed both houses of the federal Congress.

"Among the commercial abuses still committed under the American flag, ... it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil." HOUSE JOURNAL (reprint of 1826), 11th Congress, 3d session, VII. 435.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVE TRADE

W.E. Burghardt Du Bois: Undoubtedly, the Act of 1807 came very near being a dead letter. The testimony supporting this view is voluminous. It consists of presidential messages, reports of cabinet officers, letters of collectors of revenue, letters of district attorneys, reports of committees of Congress, reports of naval commanders, statements made on the floor of Congress, the testimony of eye-witnesses, and the complaints of home and foreign anti-slavery societies.

"When I was young," writes Mr. Fowler of Connecticut, "the slave-trade was still carried on, by Connecticut shipmasters and Merchant adventurers, for the supply of southern ports. This trade was carried on by the consent of the Southern States, under the provisions of the Federal Constitution, until 1808, and, after that time, clandestinely. There was a good deal of conversation on the subject, in private circles." Other States were said to be even more involved than Connecticut.⁴⁰ The African Society of London estimated that, down to 1816, fifteen of the sixty thousand slaves annually taken from Africa were shipped by Americans. "Notwithstanding the prohibitory act of America, which was passed in 1807, ships bearing the American flag continued to trade for slaves until 1809, when, in consequence of a decision in the English prize appeal courts, which rendered American slave ships liable to capture and

40. Fowler, HISTORICAL STATUS OF THE NEGRO IN CONNECTICUT, in LOCAL LAW, etc., pages 122, 126.



condemnation, that flag suddenly disappeared from the coast. Its place was almost instantaneously supplied by the Spanish flag, which, with one or two exceptions, was now seen for the first time on the African coast, engaged in covering the slave trade. This sudden substitution of the Spanish for the American flag seemed to confirm what was established in a variety of instances by more direct testimony, that the slave trade, which now, for the first time, assumed a Spanish dress, was in reality only the trade of other nations in disguise."⁴¹

So notorious did the participation of Americans in the traffic become, that President Madison informed Congress in his message, December 5, 1810, that "it appears that American citizens are instrumental in carrying on a traffic in enslaved Africans, equally in violation of the laws of humanity, and in defiance of those of their own country. The same just and benevolent motives which produced the interdiction in force against this criminal conduct, will doubtless be felt by Congress, in devising further means of suppressing the evil."⁴² The Secretary of the Navy wrote the same year to Charleston, South Carolina: "I hear, not without great concern, that the law prohibiting the importation of slaves has been violated in frequent instances, near St. Mary's."⁴³ Testimony as to violations of the law and suggestions for improving it also came in from district attorneys.⁴⁴

The method of introducing Negroes was simple. A slave smuggler says: "After resting a few days at St. Augustine, ... I agreed to accompany Diego on a land trip through the United States, where a *kaffle* of negroes was to precede us, for whose disposal the shrewd Portuguese had already made arrangements with my uncle's consignees. I soon learned how readily, and at what profits, the Florida negroes were sold into the neighboring American States. The *kaffle*, under charge of negro drivers, was to strike up the Escambia River, and thence cross the boundary into Georgia, where some of our wild Africans were mixed with various squads of native blacks, and driven inland, till sold off, singly or by couples, on the road. At this period [1812], the United States had declared the African slave trade illegal, and passed stringent laws to prevent the importation of negroes; yet the Spanish possessions were thriving on this inland exchange of negroes and mulattoes; Florida was a sort of nursery for slave-breeders, and many American citizens grew rich by trafficking in Guinea negroes, and smuggling them continually, in small parties, through the southern United States. At the time I mention, the business was a lively one, owing to the war then going on between the States and England, and the unsettled condition of affairs on the border."⁴⁵

The Spanish flag continued to cover American slave-traders. The rapid rise of privateering during the war was not caused solely by patriotic motives; for many armed ships fitted out in the United States obtained a thin Spanish disguise at Havana, and transported thousands of slaves to Brazil and the West Indies. Sometimes all disguise was thrown aside, and the American flag appeared on the slave coast, as in the cases of the "Paz,"⁴⁶ the

41. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 32.

42. HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 435.

43. HOUSE DOCUMENT, 15th Congress 2d session, IV. No. 84, page 5.

44. See, e.g., HOUSE JOURNAL (reprinted 1826), 11 Congress 3 session, VII. page 575.

45. Drake, REVELATIONS OF A SLAVE SMUGGLER, page 51. Parts of this narrative are highly colored and untrustworthy; this passage, however, has every earmark of truth, and is confirmed by many incidental allusions.



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"Rebecca," the "Rosa"⁴⁷ (formerly the privateer "Commodore Perry"), the "Dorset" of Baltimore,⁴⁸ and the "Saucy Jack."⁴⁹ Governor McCarthy of Sierra Leone wrote, in 1817: "The slave trade is carried on most vigorously by the Spaniards, Portuguese, Americans and French. I have had it affirmed from several quarters, and do believe it to be a fact, that there is a greater number of vessels employed in that traffic than at any former period."⁵⁰

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 5th of 12 M // Pretty dilligently occupied at trade, in the evening wrote to my Aged friend Jos Bringhurst.-

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December 6, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 6th of 12 M Our Meeting was Silent, & a season of a little Life to me, at least I felt it to arrise a little in my mind for which I desire to be thankful – My H spent the Afternoon & evening at E Hosiers & I took tea with her –

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December 7, Friday: Theodore Schwann, physiologist, was born.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 7 of 12 M // My mind has been much occupied respecting an enlargement of my buisness. Many plans suggest themselves, but which or whether any different from my present, is best to persue I am unable to determine. I wish to be directed arightly & feel the danger there is in lanching out largely into the concerns of the World, I know that a wordly disposition is the bane of religious life, but my present buisness is scarce sufficient to bring the Year reputably about, & I think it better indevoavor to apply myself a little closer to the concerns of life than be negligent with respect to a competent maintainance – I believe I can say from experience that we may apply our selves closly to buisness & yet not have our minds buried in the earth being dilligent in buisness, fervant in Spirit serving the Lord –
But Oh that I may not plead an easy excuse for Gain. I think if I know my own heart I can honestly say, I do feel a very anxious Solicitude, to be a Sincerely religious Man & have lived on Small means a long time because I could be as much as possible unincumbered with many worldly cares, but it seems necessary

46. For accounts of these slavers, see HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, pages 30-50. The "Paz" was an armed slaver flying the American flag.

47. Said to be owned by an Englishman, but fitted in America and manned by Americans. It was eventually captured by H.M.S. "Bann," after a hard fight.

48. Also called Spanish schooner "Triumvirate," with American supercargo, Spanish captain, and American, French, Spanish, and English crew. It was finally captured by a British vessel.

49. An American slaver of 1814, which was boarded by a British vessel. All the above cases, and many others, were proven before British courts.

50. HOUSE REPORTS, 17th Congress 1st session, II. No. 92, page 51.



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that something further be done to get daily bread, & I am now trying to fix upon the Safest way of enlarging my buisness -

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 December 8, Saturday: [Elihu Burritt](#) was born in New Britain, Connecticut.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 8th of 12th M 1810// The mind occupied on various Subjects & this evening a little life is raised. I hope that I may be favord to see & feel aright, both as repescts spirituals & temporals, & not blunder into any thing without duly weighing the consequences

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 December 9, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 9 of 12 M // Our meetings were Silent, in them there was in my mind a Strong contest between the World & the Master. The latter of which I wrestled hard against, but whenever there was the least relaxation of watchfulness, it would come up against me with boldness, but I cannot call them bad meetings as there was not that hardness which I so often feel to my Sorrow & wounding -We spent the evening at brother D Rs very agreeably. Edw Lawton was also there -

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 December 10, Monday: Bentheim and Holstein-Oldenburg were annexed by France.

Lüneburg was attached to the Kingdom of Westphalia.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 10th of 12 M // Nothing material to insert - In the evening neighbor Vinson & Wife set with us -

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 December 11, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 11 of 12 M // Mt Mother & Wife set the Afternoon at Thos Robinsons. I took tea & set the evening with them, & while Setting there my mind was lead into reflections of a Serious nature, particularly that there was several aged people present, & we none of us, knew whoe turn might be first to be summoned to our long home, it it pretty certain that a few more revolving Suns will bring the aged to a conclusion in this World & yet they may live to see us that are younger, first in our graves Our visit was pleasant & instructing -

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December 12, Wednesday: Lucien Bonaparte, brother of the French emperor, and his wife, having been captured by the British while attempting to escape to the United States, were brought into the harbor of Plymouth, England.

Mary Ann Thoreau Billings was born to Caleb Callender Billings and Nancy Thoreau Billings. She would get married with Charles Lowell of Bangor on October 2, 1834.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

4th day 12 of 12 M // The day has passed pretty much with the usual rounds, except that I dined at Aunt A Carpenters as the weather was Stormy -

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December 13, Thursday: Napoléon annexed the north coast of Germany (Bremen, Hamburg, Lübeck, Aremberg, Münster) to France in an attempt to tighten his blockade against Britain. Parts of the Kingdom of Westphalia were also annexed by France.

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

5th day 13 of 12 M // I staid away from Meeting, as a man that was going many miles off wanted his Watch clean'd & was to call for it while meeting was setting, but as it happened I might have gone, he did not come untill the Middle of the Afternoon, & I may now say that I believe, there is nothing lost by dedication of heart to the good cause - I got the Watch done time enough to have gone to meeting, & ought to have gone -

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December 14, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

6th day 14th of 12 M 1810// The day passed as usual. In the evening my mind was refreshed & quickened with life by reading in the journal of our Ancient friend Stephen Crisp, for which I feel thankful - Sister Ruth spent the night with us

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December 15, Saturday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

7th day 15 of 12 M // Sister Ruth Staid with us last night & part of this forenoon - This morning when I came down to the Shop I saw much people around the Watch house, & on enquiry found a Woman had been taken there, who was apparently crazy & had beaten & bruised old Abram Easton a black man. she lived with



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him in the house late the property of Old Gideon Wanton. he lays dangerously ill of his bruises & she is confind in Jail. --

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December 16, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 16 of 12 M // Last night old Abraham Easton Died, as I came down to go to meeting I was warn'd to attend as one of the Jury of inquest at 11 OClock, which deprived me of Meeting in the forenoon - We found a bruise on the left side of his forehead about two inches above his eye quite dinted in by which it appeard his Skull was broken, another place appeard cut over his right eye but not so deep a bruis as the other, his right jaw was much Swollen, & his right ear was cut thro', Our verdict was that he came by his Death by those bruses by some person unknown -

*At meeting in the Afternoon we had a Silent meeting, after which I visited the work & Alms Houses in company with R Taylor & D Rodman - I set the evening at home & rote to Micajah Collins -
- This evening Brother Isaac was Married to Sarah W Hammet
Daughter of Nathan Hammet, by Caleb J Tenny*

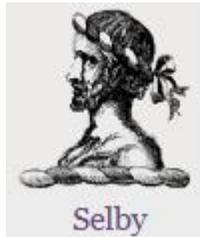
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➡ December 17, Monday: [Professor Carl Phillip Gottfried von Clausewitz](#) got married with [Countess \(Gräfin\) Marie Sophie von Brühl](#).

[Prideaux John Selby](#) got married in Northumberland with Tabitha Lewis Mitford (AKA “Lewis Tabitha”), daughter of Bertram Mitford of Mitford Castle. This union would produce in about 1813 Lewis Marianne Selby in Bamborough, Yorkshire who would marry Major Luard Selby, R.A., in about 1816 Frances Margaret Selby who would marry the Reverend Edmund Antrobus, and in about 1818 Lady Jane Selby who would marry Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart. There never being any male issue, this branch of the Selby family, five members of which had been knighted by King James I, would become extinct upon his death and no-one any more would be able to make use of its distinctive coat of arms, with “Barry of Eight or and sable; crest a Saracen’s head proper, with a wreath around the temples, knotted behind or and sable” (lately truncated to only the eight bars of alternating gold and black minus this politically incorrect “Saracen’s head”):



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 17 of 12 M // Read this evening in the journal of our Ancient friend David Hall, by which my mind was a little quickened with life

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➡ December 18, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 18 of 12 M // Attended the funeral of Old Mary Anthony In the 86th Year of her Age. She was a presbiterian, her father & Mother & two of her Sisters were Members of our Society. She was inter'd in the upper burying ground in friends meadow field –

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 December 19, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 19 of 12 M // We have this day had a meeting with brother Isaac & his Wife at My fathers. it is the first time I ever saw her & it is remarkable that She nearly exactly answers the Idea I had receivd in a Dream the night that they were Married. She has the same cast of countenance, but is a little Differently Dressed. -I have felt my mind introduced into a feeling exercise & concern that I may renew the Watch that thereby become an example of Sobriety, & by Life & conversation become a preacher of Righteousness. Oh that the truth may reach to the hearts of the people, as I now feel I can say I long that my heart may be renewd before the Lord - -

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 December 20, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20th of 12 M 1810// A Silent meeting & some of our friends absent waiting for the Corpse of Philip Chases Wife to Little Compton where it is to be inter'd tomorrow. She died at Tamany Hill farm where she has lived 2 years past - In the Preparative meeting we had no buisness for the Moy [Monthly] Meeting but raised a little money to purchase an Iron basin to Set on the Stove with water for the benefit of the head, a pair of tongs &c.
This evening father Rodman recd a letter from Uncle Wm Mitchell at Nine Partners informing that Joseph Rodman was in that vicinity & had met with a Severe bruse in his leg & had been very like to Die, but was a little better. If a thorough reformation was wrought in his mind it would be a mercy to him if he was removed from time for the danger of a relapse into former wickedness would be very great -*

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 December 21, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*6th day 21 of 12 M // We were in expectation of Brother Isaac & Wife to take tea with us, but the wet weather prevented their coming
Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening with us. -*

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December 22, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 22 of 12 M // My Mind has been reflecting on various Subjects, among which is the necessity of keeping the mind in a State of Watchful care, so regulated as not to be ruffled at the petty incidents of life, for I believe we are often rendered very unhappy from circumstances which in themselves will weigh nothing in the scale of trials. I have often found myself much annoyed by them to the dimunition of my spiritual Strength, they may be compared to the little foxes which nip the buds of life, but they are little things & may by attention be kept out from the enclosure of our mind -.

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December 23, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 23 of 12 M // At meeting H Dennis preached & D Buffum rose with her subject & improved upon it with much feeling In the afternoon Silence prevailed, my mind in both meetings was roving, but it seem'd as if a little life was underneath -between meetings I stoped with the committee that purpose to hear the testimony that they have prepared concerning our frd Mary Mitchell, & think it a very suitable One - After meeting D Rodman & myself went out to Saml Thurstons, took tea & Set the evening very agreeably & I trust not unprofitably -

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December 24, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd day 24 of 12 M 1810// My wife spent the Afternoon at Brother J Rodmans, I took tea with them & set part of the eveng -Also in the evening I visited Brother Isaac & Wife having this day Commenced house keepers in the Widow Potters House in Clarke Street. -

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December 25, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 25 of 12 M // Last evening we hear'd some heavy Guns fired & were at a loss to know the meaning of them. This morning it proves that a large armed Spanish Brig or a Brig owned by Americans under Spanish covering was cast away on Brentons reefe. She fired about 7 OClock in the eveng about 5 Guns, & in five minutes after the last gun was fired the Masts went off & lay in that condition untill about 12 OC at night & then went to peaces the people 21 in number got on deck, eleaven of them were washed of & drown'd including the Captain Mate & Super Cargo, the other 10 reached shore about 5 OC this morning & are

now at a house in the neck in a very brused condition It appears that She was fitted out for the purpose of going to Africa for Slaves, but has been thus brought up. It appears to me that the divine hand is very pointedly turned against that traffic & will continue to work against them untill a thorough stop is made

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December 26, Wednesday: Raùl di Créqui, a melodramma serio by Simon Mayr to words of Romanelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 26th of 12 M // Nothing material. The mind not very lively, & the usual rounds of each day of my life - I had however forgotten to say the Brother Isaac & Wife, My mother & Sister RR set the afternoon & evening with us -

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December 27, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 27 of 12 M // Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the M Mtg The first was silent in the last we succeeded in appointing all the overseers which were proposed for [Newport](#). The determination of which has occasioned much execrise, as one of them was opposed by a certain individual possessing more Will than Grace. A testimony concerning our friend Mary Mitchell was presented & refered to next meeting - We dind at cousin Z Chases - In riding out this morning I know not when I suffer'd more with the Cold -

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December 28, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 28th of 12 M 1810// In the eveng Set a little while at Rowse Taylors. My mind rather on a low key. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

December 29, Saturday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

7th day 29 of 12 M // Went this morning to Narragansett on buisness; took an horse from couisn P Gardiners & Rode to cousin J Hazards where my buisness lay & there staid all night -

 December 30, Sunday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer), Carl Maria von Weber, and three others founded a private musical association, the Harmonischer Verein, in Darmstadt.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day // Rode with Lewis Clarke to South Kingston lower meeting house were I found an agreeable meeting & was all owing to my measure comforted - Return'd to J Hazards & dined, then crossed the Ware & took teas with cousin Casey then rode to Cousin P Gardiners & lodged. -

 December 31, Monday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

2nd// About 1// 2 past 2 OClock this morning I was awoked as with a "voice long & loud" & a stamping over my head which before I was fairly awake thought it was my cousin L Clarke who Slept in the chamber above me, but when I was fairly out of dose, I found my head much affected with a ringing - I concluded I was hag-ridden & thought I would turn over & it would soon go off, but in a few minutes I felt an uncommon feeling in my head as if my blood was running into it & pressing upward from my feet & legs attended with a numbness, & had three turns of this kind which quite alarm'd me & I was ready to conclude & do still believe I was threatened with an Apoplectic fit - I awoke some of the family who readily & kindly came to me & administer'd a little medecine, but I could get no more sound sleep for as Soon as I verged toward sleep this rising & numbness would come on & It would awake me in a fright. I attribute it to fulness of habit dining late riding much more on horse back than common & drinking Some Strong tea the evening before - all the day I felt my head much out of order - In the morning I found the wind was high & a driving snow storm & was unable to get home or go abroad. -



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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

- Remark by character "Garin Stevens"
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST



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General Events of 1810

SPRING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SUMMER	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
FALL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WINTER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER

Following the death of [Jesus Christ](#) there was a period of readjustment that lasted for approximately one million years.

-Kurt Vonnegut, THE SIRENS OF TITAN



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STUDIES OF THE DECADE 1810-1820

politics and economics:

- William Freehling: THE ROAD TO DISUNION, volume 1
- Charles Sellers: THE MARKET REVOLUTION.

cultural and intellectual history

- Lewis Perry: INTELLECTUAL LIFE IN AMERICA
- Lewis Perry: BOATS AGAINST THE CURRENT
- Henry May: THE ENLIGHTENMENT IN AMERICA
- Henry Steele Commager, THE EMPIRE OF REASON: HOW EUROPE IMAGINED AND AMERICA REALIZED THE ENLIGHTENMENT
- Robert Ferguson: THE AMERICAN ENLIGHTENMENT

social and cultural history:

- Henry Adams: HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES during the Administrations of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison

overviews from the Constitution to the Civil War:

- Robert H. Wiebe: THE OPENING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY: From the Adoption of the Constitution to the Eve of Disunion (Random House, 1984) (three short transitional chapters on the period)
- Perry Miller: THE LIFE OF THE MIND IN AMERICA: From the Revolution to the Civil War (Harcourt, 1965)
- Vernon L. Parrington: MAIN CURRENTS IN AMERICAN THOUGHT (Harcourt, 1927) (volume 2: THE ROMANTIC REVOLUTION, 1800-1860)

overview of the Zeitgeist:

- Jack Larkin: THE RESHAPING OF EVERYDAY LIFE: 1790-1840 (Harper, 1988)
- Morton J. Horwitz: THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN LAW, 1780-1860 (Harvard, 1977) (uses the evolution of the law, especially as seen in the decisions of state courts in the north, as a way of measuring intellectual and cultural changes in the whole society)

anecdotal surveys:

- Page Smith: THE SHAPING OF AMERICA: A People's History of the Young Republic (McGraw-Hill, 1980)
- Steven Watts: THE REPUBLIC REBORN: War and the Making of Liberal America, 1790-1820 (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins UP, 1987) (a richly documented study which offers dozens of case studies and snapshots of life in the early republic)
- Daniel A. Cohen, ed.: THE FEMALE MARINE AND RELATED WORKS: Narratives of Cross-Dressing and Urban Vice in America's Early Republic (Amherst: U of Massachusetts P, 1997)
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- Morton J. Horwitz: THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICAN LAW, 1780-1860 (and see the highly critical review by John Phillip Reid in TEXAS LAW REVIEW, 1977)
- James Willard Hurst, LAW AND THE CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY UNITED STATES (Madison: U of Wisconsin P, 1956)
- Lawrence M. Friedman's A HISTORY OF AMERICAN LAW, 2d ed. (NY: Simon & Schuster, 1985)
- G. Edward White (with Gerald Gunther): THE MARSHALL COURT AND CULTURAL CHANGE, 1815-1835 (NY: Macmillan, 1988; abr. ed., NY: Oxford UP, 1990) (a volume of the Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States)
- William E. Nelson, AMERICANIZATION OF THE COMMON LAW: THE IMPACT OF LEGAL CHANGE ON MASSACHUSETTS, 1760-1830 (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard UP, 1975; reissue, with



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new foreword, Athens: UP of Georgia, 1994) (for a more moderate and enlightening take on the Horwitz approach to this period)

- R. Kent Newmyer, SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JOSEPH STORY: STATESMAN OF THE OLD REPUBLIC (Chapel Hill: U of North Carolina P, 1985).

Some basics:

- Gaillard Hunt: AS WE WERE: LIFE IN AMERICA 1814 (1914(?), republished in 1993 by Berkshire House Publishers, originally titled LIFE IN AMERICA ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO; new edition with introduction by Jack Larkin)
- Jark Larkin: THE RESHAPING OF EVERYDAY LIFE
- Selden L. Whitcomb: CHRONOLOGICAL OUTLINES OF AMERICAN LITERATURE (1894, republished in 1970 by Burt Franklin, Inc) (lists major literary works in or about America for each year from 1607 to 1894, alongside British and foreign literature. Susanna Rowson, Royall Tyler, **WILLIAM WALKER**, and Frederick Douglass don't make the cut however popular and influential their writings were in their lifetimes)
- J. C. Furnas, THE AMERICANS, 1587-1914 (?)
- Daniel J. Boorstin, THE AMERICANS: THE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE

miscellaneous:

- Charles Sellers: THE MARKET REVOLUTION: JACKSONIAN AMERICA 1815-1846
- Gordon Wood: RADICALISM IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (goes up to the 1820s)