

EVENTS OF 1812

General Events of 1813

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 1813. By Isaac Bickerstaff. [Providence, Rhode Island](#): John Carter.

[Lemuel Capen](#) was the author of an anonymous pamphlet “Memorial of the Proprietors of the New South Meeting-house in Dorchester to the Ministers of the Boston Association.”

[Joseph Wolff](#) commenced to master Arabic, Syriac, and Chaldæan in addition to his Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.

[Caroline](#) was denied access to her daughter Princess Charlotte, her father George monopolizing her education.

William Weston turned down an offer to become chief engineer on the [Erie Canal](#). Benjamin Wright accepted the post.

The Seneca Lock Navigation Company was incorporated and secured the rights from The Western Inland Lock Navigation Company to improve navigation on the Seneca River.

CANALS

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→ (William) E(dmonstone) Aytoun was born in Edinburgh, [Scotland](#).

At the age of 18 Fanny Wright took her sister Camilla and fled from their legal guardian.



[David Livingstone](#) was born in Blantyre, [Scotland](#).

Professor Robert Hamilton₁ of [Marischal College and University](#)'s ESSAY ON THE NATIONAL DEBT exposed the economic fallacies involved in Prime Minister Pitt's policy of a sinking fund.

TWO OR THREE ROBERT HAMILTONS

→ [Nicholas Marcellus Hentz](#) began the study of medicine at the Hôpital d'instruction des armées du Val-de-Grâce in Paris.

J. Garcin issued *LE VRAI PATINEUR, OU PRINCIPES SUR L'ART DE PATINER AVEC GRACE*, the first French book on figure [skating](#). Skating on two edges had been imported into France during the reign of Louis XIV and was being practiced by the *Gilets Rouges*, élites named for the red waistcoats they wore on the ice. Garcin, a fervent *Gilet Rouge* inspired by ballet, had learned all the known skills and experimented with jumping, pirouettes, and skating backwards, always practicing artistic presentation. Neglecting nothing in striving for aesthetic deportment, he preached unity of facial expression with body movement. He introduced the Turtle Dove and the Garland, primitive pair movements in which skaters touched hands as in the Salutation described by Robert Jones in 1772. Unlike Jones, Garcin considered backward skating vital, and he described the backward outside and inside edges.

→ [Charles Turner, Jr.](#) was defeated for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

→ [William Hazlitt](#) was taken on as the parliamentary reporter for [The Morning Chronicle](#), a gazette with Whig leanings (he would however condemn with enthusiasm the antics of all political parties). He would also be writing such articles for [The Examiner](#), the Radical journal edited by [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#). To bring in some additional income he would also submit pieces to other journals, such as the [Edinburgh Review](#), [The Yellow Dwarf](#), and the [London Magazine](#). In addition to politics he was able to write on art, drama, and literature.

→ In about this year, at the age of 17, [Karl Theodor Christian Friedrich Follen](#) matriculated as a student of theology at the University of Gießen.

In Stockholm, with the support of the French general who had in 1810 been elected Crown Prince of Sweden, Pehr Ling established a Royal Central Institute of Gymnastics. "Swedish gymnastics" would become a required part of the education of Swedish military officers, and in 1836 Ling, a noted fencer, would create for the Swedish Army a manual of bayonet-fighting.

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→ The 5th London edition of the [Reverend John Foster](#)'s ESSAYS IN A SERIES OF LETTERS, ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: ON A MAN WRITING MEMOIRS OF HIMSELF. ON DECISION OF CHARACTER. ON THE APPLICATION OF THE EPITHET ROMANTIC. ON SOME OF THE CAUSES BY WHICH EVANGELICAL RELIGION HAS BEEN RENDERED LESS ACCEPTABLE TO PERSONS OF CULTIVATED TASTE (Eventually a subsequent edition of this would be in the personal library of Henry Thoreau).

JOHN FOSTER'S ESSAYS

→ [Thomas Harwood](#) gave up trying to make a go of the grammar school at Lichfield. Henceforward he would reside in a house of his own in Lichfield.

→ [Reverend James Fordyce, D.D.](#)'s ADDRESSES TO THE DEITY (Boston: Printed and sold by J.T. Buckingham).

→ [John Gardner Wilkinson](#) was sent by his guardian to Harrow School.



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 [John Farmer](#) (1789-1838)'s A FAMILY REGISTER OF THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD FARMER, OF BILLERICA, IN THE LINE OF THE YOUNGEST BRANCH OF HIS FAMILY. Concord, New Hampshire: Printed by George Hough for John Farmer, 1813. Description: 12 p. Notes: Descendants of Edward Farmer (ca. 1640-1727) of Billerica, Mass. Shaw & Shoemaker, 28483. Microopaque. New York: Readex Microprint, courtesy of A.A.S., 1977. 1 microopaque; 23 x 15 cm. (Early American imprints. Second series; no. 28481). Photographed from an annotated copy. This would be republished at Concord in 1824 and then reprinted at Hingham in 1828. [Note that this John Farmer (1789-1838) is a different person from the mapmaking John Farmer (1798-1859).]



➡ [Professor Augustin Pyramus de Candolle](#)'s *THÉORIE ÉLÉMENTAIRE DE LA BOTANIQUE*, in which he coins the term "taxonomy."

BOTANIZING

[Michel Eugène Chevreul](#) discovered [margaric acid](#) (the "g" was hard as in "glycemic index" for this was after the Greek μαργαρίτης or μάργαρον on account of the material's pearly appearance).

➡ [Alexander Buttman](#) was born, a son of [Professor Philip Karl Buttman](#).

➡ [Christian C.J. Bunsen](#) travelled in [South Germany](#) with William Backhouse Astor, son of John Jacob Astor, and then turned to the study of the religion, laws, language, and literature of the Teutonic races. He had been able to read Hebrew since childhood and was working on his Arabic at München, on his Persian at Leiden, and on his Norse at Copenhagen.

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

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY

➡ [Professor Adam Ferguson](#) LL.D., F.R.S.E. Late Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh; member of the Royal Academy at Berlin, of the Royal Academy at Florence, of the Etruscan Society of Antiquaries at Cortona, and of the Arcadia at Rome's THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRESS AND TERMINATION OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC. A NEW EDITION, IN FIVE VOLUMES. REVISED AND CORRECTED. WITH MAPS (Edinburgh: Printed for Bell & Bradfute. Sold by F.C. & J. Rivington, Cadell & Davies, Longman & Co. J. Murray, T. Hamilton, and T. Underwood, London).



- THE ROMAN REPUBLIC, I
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- [James Hogg](#)'s long poem THE QUEEN'S WAKE.
- [John Lauris Blake](#) was licensed to preach by the [Rhode Island](#) Association of Congregational Ministers.
- Samuel Staples was born.
- [Horace Hayman Wilson](#) prepared an English rhymed version of the Sanskrit text of a lyrical poem by [Kalidasa](#), THE *MĒGHA DŪTA*, OR, CLOUD MESSENGER: A POEM, IN THE SANSKRIT LANGUAGE BY KALIDASA, WITH TRANSL. IN ENGLISH VERSE (Calcutta, 1814).
- [Thomas Bell](#) relocated from Poole to London for training as a dental surgeon.
- [Alexander Bryan Johnson](#)'s AN INQUIRY INTO THE NATURE OF VALUE AND OF CAPITAL: AND INTO THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT LOANS, BANKING INSTITUTIONS, AND PRIVATE CREDIT (published for the author by John Forbes).
- The [Reverend Wilkes Allen](#) recorded a donation of \$49 to pay for new furnishings for the pulpit, etc., and a donation of \$27 for a new suit of clothes, by Mrs. Baldwin, Rhoda Parker, and others.
- [Friend Stephen Grellet](#) visited Newgate Prison and was shocked at the conditions among the male prisoners. Then he asked to visit the female prisoners and discovered that their conditions were even worse. He told [Friend Elizabeth Fry](#) about this, and she discovered that 300 women were huddled together, along with their children, in two wards and two cells. They were forced to sleep without bedding or nightclothes, on the floor. They were cooking and washing in the same cell in which they slept. Those just arrested were thrown in with those already convicted. She would initially establish a school and a chapel in the prison, with compulsory [sewing](#) and Bible-reading, and eventually she would create a system of supervision by matrons and monitors.
- In London, [Washington Allston](#) published THE SYLPHS OF THE SEASONS, WITH OTHER POEMS (which would be republished in Boston, Massachusetts later during that year).

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Thomas Hearne's and [John Aubrey](#)'s LETTERS WRITTEN BY EMINENT PERSONS IN THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES: TO WHICH ARE ADDED, HEARNE'S JOURNEYS TO READING, AND TO WHADDON HALL, THE SEAT OF BROWNE WILLIS, ESQ., AND LIVES OF EMINENT MEN, BY JOHN AUBREY, ESQ: THE WHOLE NOW FIRST PUBLISHED FROM THE ORIGINALS IN THE BODLEIAN ... (Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown). This edition is not good, but it would be what was available in [Waldo Emerson](#)'s library for consultation by [Henry Thoreau](#). (A more complete transcript is to be found in the Rev. Andrew Clark's edition of 1898, BRIEF LIVES CHIEFLY OF CONTEMPORARIES SET DOWN JOHN AUBREY BETWEEN THE YEARS 1669 AND 1696, created from manuscripts in the Bodleian Library of Oxford University and printed by the Clarendon Press.)

- [JOHN AUBREY'S LIVES I](#)
- [JOHN AUBREY'S LIVES II](#)
- [JOHN AUBREY'S LIVES II](#)

Material from this 1813 edition would find its way into [A WEEK ON THE CONCORD AND MERRIMACK RIVERS](#) and into [Thoreau](#)'s 1843 essay on [Sir Walter Raleigh](#).



[SIR WALTER RALEIGH](#)

[Aubrey](#) says [of [Sir Walter](#)], "He was no slug; without doubt had a wonderful waking spirit, and great judgment to guide it."



A WEEK: Some hours seem not to be occasion for any deed, but for resolves to draw breath in. We do not directly go about the execution of the purpose that thrills us, but shut our doors behind us and ramble with prepared mind, as if the half were already done. Our resolution is taking root or hold on the earth then, as seeds first send a shoot downward which is fed by their own albumen, ere they send one upward to the light. There is a sort of homely truth and naturalness in some books which is very rare to find, and yet looks cheap enough. There may be nothing lofty in the sentiment, or fine in the expression, but it is careless country talk. Homeliness is almost as great a merit in a book as in a house, if the reader would abide there. It is next to beauty, and a very high art. Some have this merit only. The scholar is not apt to make his most familiar experience come gracefully to the aid of his expression. Very few men can speak of Nature, for instance, with any truth. They overstep her modesty, somehow or other, and confer no favor. They do not speak a good word for her. Most cry better than they speak, and you can get more nature out of them by pinching than by addressing them. The surliness with which the woodchopper speaks of his woods, handling them as indifferently as his axe, is better than the mealy-mouthed enthusiasm of the lover of nature. Better that the primrose by the river's brim be a yellow primrose, and nothing more, than that it be something less. Aubrey relates of Thomas Fuller that his was "a very working head, insomuch that, walking and meditating before dinner, he would eat up a penny loaf, not knowing that he did it. His natural memory was very great, to which he added the art of memory. He would repeat to you forwards and backwards all the signs from Ludgate to Charing Cross." He says of Mr. John Hales, that, "He loved Canarie," and was buried "under an altar monument of black marble — — with a too long epitaph"; of Edmund Halley, that he "at sixteen could make a dial, and then, he said, he thought himself a brave fellow"; of William Holder, who wrote a book upon his curing one Popham who was deaf and dumb, "he was beholding to no author; did only consult with nature." For the most part, an author consults only with all who have written before him upon a subject, and his book is but the advice of so many. But a good book will never have been forestalled, but the topic itself will in one sense be new, and its author, by consulting with nature, will consult not only with those who have gone before, but with those who may come after. There is always room and occasion enough for a true book on any subject; as there is room for more light the brightest day and more rays will not interfere with the first.

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JOHN AUBREY

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 Following the death of Dr. Benjamin Rush, [Professor Benjamin Smith Barton](#) became chair of the theory and practice of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.



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According to a marriage announcement in the Liverpool Mercury etc of Liverpool, England for April 30, 1813, repeated verbatim in the Aberdeen Journal of Aberdeen, Scotland for May 26, Wednesday, 1813, lately in Paris two Captains of the military had been married to one another. These two captains were named Louis Lefevre and Marie Thoreau. The announcement explains: “It appears that Captain L[efevre] commanded a company in Spain, and several times would have been taken prisoner by the British, &c. during battles, and at one time would have been drowned, but for the boldness and exertions of Mademoiselle T[horeau] who had entered the army in disguise to save her brother, who had been drafted, whose constitution was too weak to bear camp fatigues, and whose appearance she greatly resembled. She had been in the service several years, and had been made a Lieutenant for her activity and bravery; had received many wounds, but her sex was not discovered until she received a wound in the breast, of which Captain L[efevre] apprised Soult [Nicolas Jean-de-Dieu Soult, 1st Duc de Dalmatie, a Marshal of the Empire of Bonaparte commonly known as “the Hand of Iron”], when she was raised to the rank of Captain. Capt. L[efevre] full of gratitude and admiration, solicited her hand, and they were both permitted to retire upon half pay.”

FEMINISM



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→ The Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance damned not only [rum](#), but all of the “kindred vices, profaneness and gambling” and beseeched members to “discourage... by ... example and influence, every kind of..... immorality.”

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

During this period retailers’ and distillers’ licenses would bear a federal tax, although beginning in 1818 the industry would begin to enjoy a tax-free era which would endure until 1862.

In England, by this point [Thomas De Quincey](#) had become a “faithful and confirmed [opium](#)-eater” with a decanter of [laudanum](#) always by his elbow.



*Very truly yours,
Thomas De Quincey.*

His relations with [William Wordsworth](#) became strained. He courted Margaret Simpson, daughter of a Lake District farmer.

→ [Zachariah Allen](#) and [Joel Hawes](#) graduated from [Brown University](#) in [Providence, Rhode Island](#).

Zachariah would go back to his family’s industrial pursuits and eventually would become a trustee of the university. Joel would study theology at Andover and make of himself a lifelong pastor of a flock.

➡ [John Warner Barber](#), age 15, apprenticed himself to an engraver of [East Windsor, Connecticut](#) named Abner Reed who was proclaimed to be “the father or at least the step-father of early American banknote printing.”



EAST WINDSOR, CONN.

➡ Ice [hockey](#) was being played in Bury Fen.

➡ [King Charles I](#) had been interred in the vault of [King Henry VIII](#) at Windsor Castle, but the location of these coffins had been long forgotten. In this year they were rediscovered and so Sir Henry “Bone Collector” Halford, the royal surgeon, was able to perform an autopsy. He pocketed the cleanly sliced 4th cervical vertebra of England’s decapitated monarch and, for the following three decades, would be intriguing dinner guests by offering them table salt out of the cavity of this human bone.

DIGGING UP THE DEAD

➡ Charles Didbin had a stroke. He would linger for awhile.

➡ The *Puffing Billy* was constructed, the locomotive which is now on display at the Science Museum in London and which is the oldest still in existence. [WHERE IS ILLUSTRATION?]

➡ W(illiam) E(dmonstoune) Aytoun was born in Edinburgh.

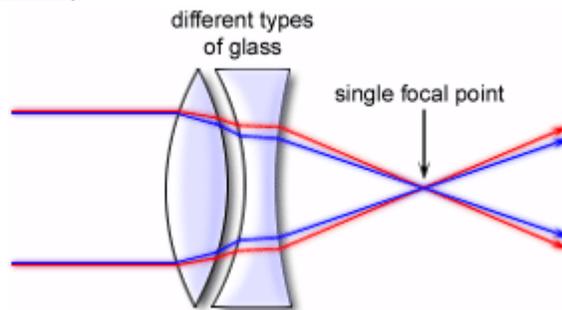
➡ The various experiments in electrical telegraphy had been to this point so disappointing, that a satirical poem was created:

Electrical telegraphs all must deplore,
Their service would merely be mocking;
Unfit to afford us intelligence more
Than such as would really be shocking.

➡ The 1st steam ferry between Manhattan and Brooklyn went into service. Robert Fulton's steam ferryboat *York* went into service on the North River and East River of New-York. (Is this two reports of the same thing, or two different things?)

➡ David Livingstone was born in Blantyre.

➡ The optical refractor [telescope](#), redeemed from its initial problem of chromatic distortion, was by this point coming to dominate [astronomy](#).



HISTORY OF OPTICS

➡ Doctor [George Parkman](#) sailed from England home to [Boston](#), full of plans for the benevolent treatment of American lunatics. Once he was back in his magnificent mansion, he would install a printing press in a back room in order to publish two different medical journals. He would be intimately involved in the creation of McLean's Asylum for the Insane in Somerville, Massachusetts, but would not be chosen as its first superintendent. There was a crisis of misunderstanding due to his having made a down payment on a structure for use as the asylum and due to his having commented in one or another meeting of the officials that he intended to find a way to raise the balance of the money needed to complete the purchase. What he meant was that he was going to solicit the remainder of the funds among his richie-rich contacts, but what he was conveniently taken to mean by the new board of supervisors was that he himself intended to donate all the money. In fact all he would do would be provide a piano and an organ for the use of the inmates.

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The British were in the process of impressing some 2,500 American sailors captured on the high seas into the British Navy for the duration of the hostilities with their former colony, as was permissible then under British naval law, and were faced with the problem of what to do with those “crimped” seamen felt to be unsuitable for one reason or another for such involuntary servitude. It was, evidently, possible for a seaman to declare that he refused to fight against his own country. The authorities began moving some of these American sailor prisoners of war they were collecting from the prison hulks on the mudflats of Plymouth, Chatham, and Portsmouth harbors to their dour granite prison complex for French prisoners of war near the mist-enshrouded village of Princetown on the stark Devonshire moor. First building #4 there, and eventually a total of five of the seven three-story stone barrack structures, would welcome the Americans as French soldiers were repatriated or otherwise dispensed with. These citizens were available for prisoner exchange, but the US had no system for seizing numbers of British subjects for use in such hostage swaps.¹ Thus some 20,000 Americans, order of magnitude, would wind up scattered in various British custodial institutions from Nova Scotia to the Cape of Good Hope. Despite the fact that the war with England was being said to be prosecuted at least in part over the issue of such citizen impressment, and despite the fact that this war would end in 1814 in a negotiated peace, the sailors would be retained there until well into 1815 simply because at the end of the war the American government displayed no interest whatever in the repatriation of such citizens-at-risk.²

IMPRESSMENT



[Nathaniel Hathorne](#) injured his foot playing ball, causing a lameness which for two years and four months would prevent regular school attendance. During this period he would be taught at home by [Joseph Emerson Worcester](#) (who would later become well-known as a lexicographer).



1. There was no parole for a black sailor, except, of course, in the case of a paroled white officer's valet.

2. Further research may or may not reveal that, for racist reasons, virtually all black American sailors would first be remanded automatically by the British naval officials to this facility, and then would be repatriated last, by the American transportation agencies, to their home country. In there because not desired, staying there because not desired.

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➡ At the age of 19 the accomplished English Romantic poet Felicia Dorothea Browne married Captain Alfred Hemans.

FELICIA DOROTHEA HEMANS

➡ His General Repository journal a failure, Andrews Norton became librarian of Harvard College and continued his study of contemporary German scholarship.

Harvard awarded the Reverend Thaddeus Mason Harris its degree of S.T.D.

➡ In this year Isabella (Sojourner Truth) would have been approximately 16 years old.

➡ In Illinois in this year it was determined that if any black Americans were to seek to establish residency — they were to be subjected to repeated public lashings until this brought about the desired change in their persuasion.



➡ Dr. James Cowles Prichard, in writing of “mixed” or “intermediate” persons in RESEARCHES INTO THE PHYSICAL HISTORY OF MAN, published in London, veered toward applying the term “hybrid” in the context of the question of human fertility while still insisting that all the races of humans were of the same human species.³

3. Historically valuable if without scientific merit, this book has been re-issued as of 1973 by the U of Chicago P as edited by George W. Stocking.



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 Although reared as a Six-Principle [Baptist](#), [Adin Ballou](#) was, with his whole family, during this year converted in a Christian Connexion revival. Adin wanted to go to college but his father wished him to run the family farm. Inspired by a vision of his deceased brother Cyrus, whose specter pressed him to “preach the Gospel of Christ to your fellow-men” or “the blood of their souls will be required at your hands,” Adin felt called to the ministry. His father suggested in response that he remain on the farm, while pastoring at the local meetinghouse part-time.⁴

David Benedict’s *A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE [BAPTIST](#) DENOMINATION IN AMERICA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD* (London: Printed by Lincoln & Edmands, No. 53, Cornhill, for the Author).

[READ THE FULL TEXT](#)

[RHODE ISLAND](#)

 The [War of 1812](#) was an unpopular cause in [Rhode Island](#), which as a nautical state expected to bear the brunt of what was expected to be a largely naval war. A privateer, while being fitted out in [Providence](#), was therefore cut loose from its dock during the night, and scuttled, by unknown private citizens. The governor of the state, William Jones, floated trial balloons about the possibility of secession from the new federal union of American states. The state General Assembly appointed a committee to determine whether Rhode Island’s acceptance of [the Constitution](#) of the United States of America might be declared to have been in fact invalid, and therefore null.

During this war a prison hulk would be moored in the harbor, and British prisoners of war would be kept there.

Documents associated with the “[War of 1812](#)”:

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There is a way to make an effective distinction between the “American War of Independence,” on the one hand, and the “[War of 1812](#),” on the other, although this continuation of conflict between the former American continental colonies and their British homeland is commonly distinguished by historians merely as “the 1st and 2d Anglo-American wars.” In the initial phase of the conflict in the late 1770s and early 1780s, the offer of freedom made by the British forces to Patriot-owned slaves had been contingent only upon their absconding and successfully reaching British lines. At the winding-down of this initial conflict, the British authorities therefore did not return any of these fugitives to their American slavemasters, and did not provide any compensation to the American slavemasters for the loss of their slave property. The American owners were assuming that this would of course happen, and the cease-fire treaty that ended this phase of the conflict had allowed for this to happen — but nevertheless it had not happened. However, by way of a radical distinction between the two phases of the conflict, as part of the post-[War of 1812](#) peace settlement the British authorities would compensate American slavemasters for slaves who had obtained British protection. (What an interesting way this is to distinguish between the two phases of the conflict!)

4. In fact the son, by that time a Universalist, would at first preach in Bellingham, Massachusetts and other communities near the family farm.



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At the Hazard fulling mill on the Saugatucket River in Peace Dale in [South Kingstown, Rhode Island](#), a power loom went into operation. Later, the Narragansett Cotton Manufacturing Company would allege that this was the 1st power loom to be operated successfully in America.

In Waltham, the Boston Manufacturing Company mill was built (this is now the Francis Cabot Lowell housing complex).

Also, in Waltham, the Boies Paper Mill was purchased, and was converted by Francis Cabot Lowell into a [cotton](#) textile mill.

Phineas Whiting and Josiah Fletcher began a [cotton](#) mill near the present day Lower Locks of Lowell MA.



A WEEK: Already, as appears from the records, "At a General Court held at Boston in New England, the 7th of the first month, 1643-4." - "Wassamequin, Nashoonon, Kutchamaquin, Massaconomet, and Squaw Sachem, did voluntarily submit themselves" to the English; and among other things did "promise to be willing from time to time to be instructed in the knowledge of God." Being asked "Not to do any unnecessary work on the Sabbath day, especially within the gates of Christian towns," they answered, "It is easy to them; they have not much to do on any day, and they can well take their rest on that day." - "So," says Winthrop, in his Journal, "we causing them to understand the articles, and all the ten commandments of God, and they freely assenting to all, they were solemnly received, and then presented the Court with twenty-six fathom more of wampom; and the Court gave each of them a coat of two yards of cloth, and their dinner; and to them and their men, every of them, a cup of sack at their departure; so they took leave and went away." What journeyings on foot and on horseback through the wilderness, to preach the Gospel to these minks and muskrats! who first, no doubt, listened with their red ears out of a natural hospitality and courtesy, and afterward from curiosity or even interest, till at length there were "praying Indians," and, as the General Court wrote to Cromwell, the "work is brought to this perfection, that some of the Indians themselves can pray and prophesy in a comfortable manner." It was in fact an old battle and hunting ground through which we had been floating, the ancient dwelling-place of a race of hunters and warriors. Their weirs of stone, their arrowheads and hatchets, their pestles, and the mortars in which they pounded Indian corn before the white man had tasted it, lay concealed in the mud of the river bottom. Tradition still points out the spots where they took fish in the greatest numbers, by such arts as they possessed. It is a rapid story the historian will have to put together. Miantonimo,- Winthrop, - Webster. Soon he comes from Montaup to Bunker Hill, from bear-skins, parched corn, bows and arrows, to tiled roofs, wheat-fields, guns and swords. Pawtucket and Wamesit, where the Indians resorted in the fishing season, are now Lowell, the city of spindles and Manchester of America, which sends its cotton cloth round the globe. Even we youthful voyagers had spent a part of our lives in the village of Chelmsford, when the present city, whose bells we heard, was its obscure north district only, and the giant weaver was not yet fairly born. So old are we; so young is it.

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OLIVER CROMWELL

 Prepared by [Gilbert White](#) of Selborne's nephew John White, the 3rd edition of the Reverend's [THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF SELBORNE](#).⁵

All nature is so full, that the district produces the greatest variety which is the most examined.

– [Gilbert White](#)'s THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF SELBORNE, as quoted on page 4 of William Least Heat-Moon's PRAIRYERTH (A DEEP MAP) [Boston MA: Houghton Mifflin, 1991].

Speaking of nature being full, the 5-acre pond north of the city of New-York, that used to be called "The Collect," that had been rimmed by slaughterhouses and had then become a cesspool, was at this point packed solid. There wasn't any water, even foul water, anymore. The area was finally ready to do service as our nation's worst slum.

 A lead bullet shattered Andrew Jackson's left shoulder and lodged there. It would remain in his body for some two decades, producing chronic health problems such as irritability, paranoia, severe mood swings, and kidney failure, until it would be surgically removed in 1832 and the dissolved lead burden in his body would be able to decrease.

 In New-York, burial south of Canal Street was prohibited.

 Mary Pickersgill was paid \$405.⁹⁰ for [sewing](#) a 30-foot by 42-foot American flag, to be displayed above Fort McHenry. Since the flag in question is still in existence, at the Smithsonian Institution, we can count its stitches and estimate how well-paid Mary's piecework was. The flat has about 1,700,000 stitches, which means that we paid Mary about a penny for each 42 hand stitches, and if she could make each stitch in about three seconds, then we were paying her about 30 cents an hour. (That was damn fine wages in those days, especially for a woman — fact is, it is quite a bit more than we need to pay nowadays, taking into account inflation, to get little Cambodian girls to stitch away at the uppers of our Nike tennis shoes!)

 In about this year the Crandall family of Hope Valley near Hopkinton, [Rhode Island](#), the family which included [Prudence Crandall](#) and [Reuben Crandall](#), relocated to Plainfield, Connecticut.

 Although Connecticut had long before passed a law abolishing slavery, and although that law had specified that newborns would be free and all others were to be [manumitted](#) when they reached the age of 25 — or by this year of 1813 at the latest — and although this might indicate to some unwary readers that slavery would have ended in Connecticut effectively at the very least by this point in time, indicating that when the captives of the [La Amistad](#) arrived in that state's prison system as pawns in the [international slave trade](#), they would be arriving in a state that knew nothing of human slavery — such an appreciation would unfortunately be entirely inaccurate. In fact Connecticut's "gradualistic approach" to the elimination of human [enslavement](#) would never emancipate any enslaved females who had been over 21 years of age at the time of the law's passage, or any enslaved males who had been over 25! Thus there still would remain according to the US Census, even as late as 1840, a small number of slaves in Connecticut. This state actually would not be clear of slavery until death would come to the last of its slaves — "free at last" in the Year of Our Lord 1848!

(The discerning reader will note the use of exclamation points above, indicating amazement.)

5. 1813; 1993: THE NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF SELBORNE, 1813 edition: facsimile with an introduction by P.G.M. Foster. London: The Ray Society. Series title: Ray Society (Series); no. 160.



"It is simply crazy that there should ever have come into being a world with such a sin in it, in which a man is set apart because of his color – the superficial fact about a human being. Who could **want** such a world? For an American fighting for his love of country, that the last hope of earth should from its beginning have swallowed slavery, is an irony so withering, a justice so intimate in its rebuke of pride, as to measure only with God."



– Stanley Cavell, MUST WE MEAN WHAT WE SAY?
1976, page 141

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→ [Friend Luke Howard](#)'s classification scheme for clouds appeared in Dr. Thomas Ignatius Maria Forster's RESEARCHES ABOUT ATMOSPHERIC PHAENOMENAE.



They also appeared in this year in Thomas Thomson's [Annals of Philosophy; or, Magazine of Chemistry, Mineralogy, Mechanics, Natural History, Agriculture and the Arts.](#)

“When the cirrus is seen in detached tufts, called Mare’s Tails, it may be regarded as a sign of wind.” “Of the cloud ... the other part remains cirriform.” –Obviously, we need to figure out whether, and if so when, [Henry Thoreau](#) consulted such derivative presentations.

[Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) would use Friend Luke’s classification scheme in his weather journals — and



would dedicate four poems to him. Apparently unaware of the slightly earlier and more elaborate classification scheme by Jean-Baptiste de Monet de Lamarck, he would praise this Quaker meteorologist as “the first to hold fast conceptually the airy and always changing form of clouds, to limit and fasten down the indefinite, the intangible and unattainable and give them appropriate names.” Goethe would write one of these four poems between 1817 and 1821 and first publish it in 1822. He would in 1827 insert this among his collected poems in the section “God and world”:

Atmosphäre/Howards Ehrengedächtnis⁶



Wenn Gottheit Camarupa, hoch und hehr,
Durch Lüfte schwankend wandelt leicht und schwer,
Des Schleiers Falten sammelt, sie zerstreut,
Am Wechsel der Gestalten sich erfreut,
Jetzt starr sich hält, dann schwindet wie ein Traum,
Da staunen wir und traun dem Auge kaum;

Nun regt sich kühn des eignen Bildens Kraft,
Die Unbestimmtes zu Bestimmtem schafft;
Da droht ein Leu, dort wogt ein Elefant,
Kameles Hals, zum Drachen umgewandt,
Ein Heer zieht an, doch triumphiert es nicht,
Da es die Macht am steilen Felsen bricht;
Der treuste Wolkenbote selbst zerstiebt,
Eh er die Fern erreicht, wohin man liebt.

Er aber, Howard, gibt mit reinem Sinn
Uns neuer Lehre herrlichsten Gewinn.
Was sich nicht halten, nicht erreichen läßt,
Er faßt es an, er hält zuerst es fest;
Bestimmt das Unbestimmte, schränkt es ein,
Benennt es treffend! — Sei die Ehre dein! —
Wie Streife steigt, sich ballt, zerflattert, fällt,
Erinnre dankbar deiner sich die Welt.

In honour of Mr. Howard

When Camarupa, wavering on high,
Lightly and slowly travels o'er the sky,
Now closely draws her veil, now spreads it wide,
And joys to see the changing figures glide,
Now firmly stands, now like a vision flies,
We pause in wonder, and mistrust our eyes.

Then boldly stirs imagination's power,
And shapes there formless masses of the hour;
Here lions threat, there elephants will range,
And camel-necks to vapoury dragons change;
An army moves, but not in victory proud,
Its might is broken on a rock of cloud;
E'en the cloud messenger in air expires,
Ere reach'd the distance fancy yet desires.

But Howard gives us with his clearer mind
The gain of lessons new to all mankind;
That which no hand can reach, no hand can clasp,
He first has gain'd, first held with mental grasp.
Defin'd the doubtful, fix'd its limit-line,
And named it fitly. — Be the honour thine!
As clouds ascend, are folded, scatter, fall,
Let the world think of thee who taught it all.

Stratus

When o'er the silent bosom of the sea
The cold mist hangs like a stretch'd canopy;
And the moon, mingling there her shadowy beams,
A spirit, fashioning other spirits seems;
We feel, in moments pure and bright as this,
The joy of innocence, the thrill of bliss.
Then towering up in the darkening mountain's side,
And spreading as it rolls its curtains wide,
It mantles round the mid-way height, and there
It sinks in water-drops, or soars in air.

Cumulus

Still soaring, as if some celestial call
Impell'd it to yon heaven's sublimest hall;



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High as the clouds, in pomp and power arrayed,
Enshrined in strength, in majesty displayed;
All the soul's secret thoughts it seems to move,
Beneath it trembles, while it frowns above.

Cirrus

And higher, higher yet the vapors roll:
Triumph is the noblest impulse of the soul!
Then like a lamb whose silvery robes are shed,
The fleecy piles dissolved in dew drops spread;
Or gently waft to the realms of rest,
Find a sweet welcome in the Father's breast.

Nimbus

Now downwards by the world's attraction driven,
That tends to earth, which has upris'n to heaven:
Threatening in the mad thunder-cloud, as when
Fierce legions clash, and vanish from the plain;
Sad destiny of the troubled world! but see,
The mist is now dispersing gloriously:
And language fails us in its vain endeavour—
The spirit mounts above, and lives forever.

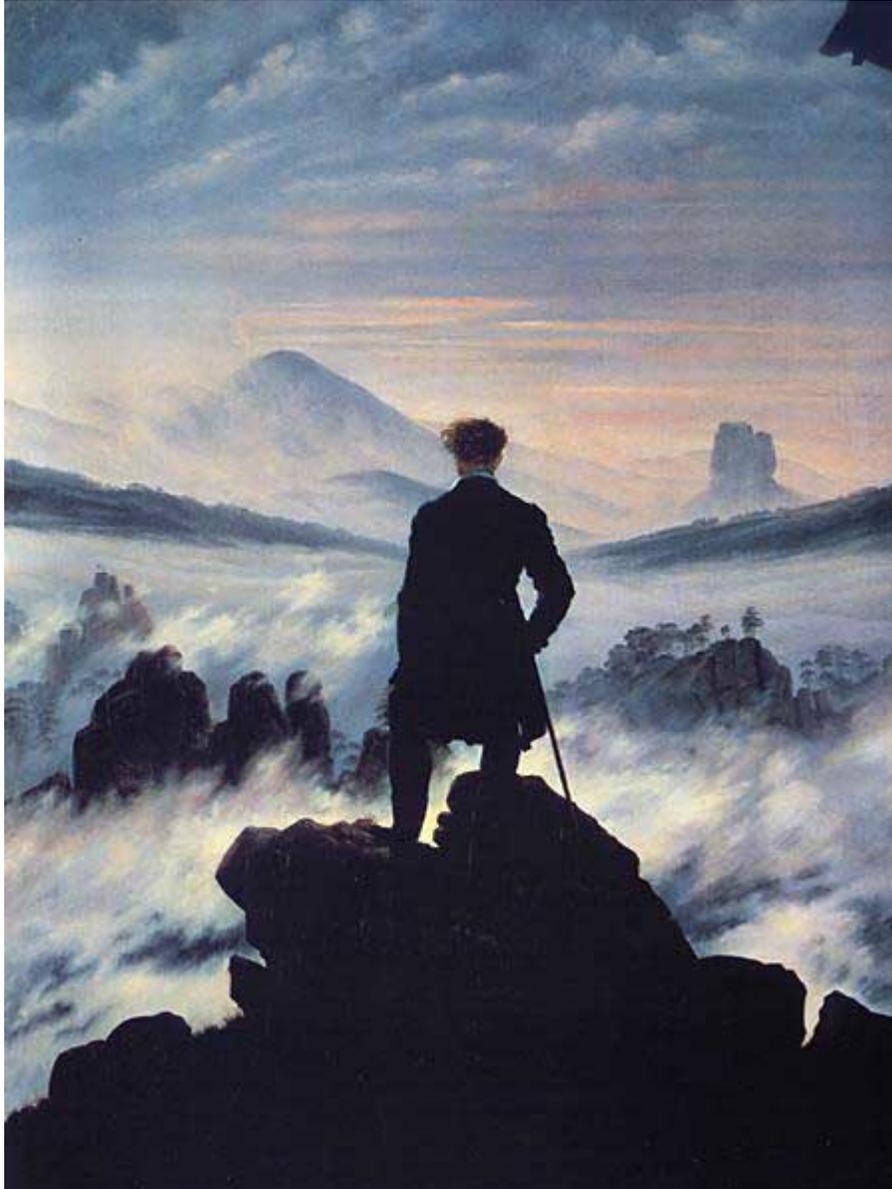
Among painters, J.M.W. Turner,



John Constable,



and Caspar David Friedrich



would rely on [Friend Luke Howard](#)'s classification scheme in their depictions of clouds.

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➔ [Ann Preston](#) was born as a birthright [Quaker](#) in West Grove, Pennsylvania, the oldest daughter and 2d of nine children of Friend Amos Preston, a recorded minister of the West Grove Meeting, and Margaret Smith Preston. The family, which was intimate with Public Friend [Lucretia Mott](#), was abolitionist and supported the women's rights movement. Friend Ann would attend a Friends school in West Grove and later a Friends boarding school in West Chester.



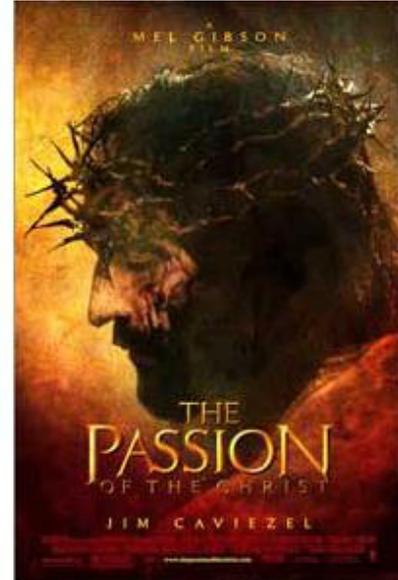
➔ [Joanna Southcott](#) was put on notice by a Spirit that in the 65th year of her age she would by the "power of the Most High" give birth to a man-child, to be known as the Shiloh, who would "rule the nations with a rod of iron." During this year and the following one, publication of her THE BOOK OF WONDERS.

MILLENNIALISM



As she imagined and re-imagined the Passion of Christ, [Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich](#) became bedridden. Soon she was exhibiting a row of scratches about her head, and then crosses impressed upon her breast, and then bleeding stigmata on her hands and feet. She was examined by a vicar-general and three physicians.

We can understand how someone can become fixated on the details of Jesus's life just at the point at which events spun out of control, as this sort of fixation occurs even in our own enlightened postmodern era:



According to the enlightened view, offered during this year, of a divinity professor, the Reverend John T. Kirkland, who was also the president of [Harvard College](#), the Pope of Rome was **not** to be equated in any simplistic manner with the Biblical "Man of Sin."

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 Frederick Pursh's *FLORA AMERICAE SEPTENTRIONALIS KALMIA LATAFORIA*.

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BOTANIZING



 Dr. Robert Morrison and Dr. W. Milnes undertook a task they would not complete until 1823, a translation of the New Testament into [Chinese](#) characters.

White Lotus rebels trained in *ch'uan fa* and armed with knives and iron bars attacked the town of Tsao, near Beijing. Finding that the town watchmen were armed with muskets, they retreated through the far gate of the town. Some of these rebels were able to penetrate the Forbidden City, but there Prince Mien-ning and his cousin Mien-chih had fowling pieces and used these to kill at least four, while with their swords accounting for several others.

➡ By the end of this year France had 334 plantations of sugar beets and had manufactured 35,000 tons of [beet sugar](#). However, by the end of this year [Napoléon Bonaparte](#), advocate of French sweetness, had been defeated by a cabal of rancid foreigners at the “Battle of the Nations” near Leipzig.

SWEETS
WITHOUT
SLAVERY

➡ Since the United States and the British were at war, General Andrew Jackson took Pensacola in Florida in order to drive out the British who had been there under Spanish protection.

➡ Harriet Ann Jacobs was born in Edenton, [North Carolina](#). Despite the fact that her grandmother Molly Horniblow would be [manumitted](#) as of 1828, the little girl would, since she was a little girl, remain [enslaved](#), her tender years “protected” by slavery (yes, this was the logic). Both her parents would die while she was still a child.

➡ David Thompson completed the manuscript of his famous “Map of America between Latitude 40 and 70 North and Longitude 80 and 150 West.”

CARTOGRAPHY

➡ In an early manifestation of Afrocentrism, Chancellor of the Kingdom Pompée Valentin, Baron de Vastey, one of King Henri Christophe’s principal advisers, has celebrated the completion of Haiti’s “Sans Souci” palace and the Royal Church adjacent to it in Milot during this year in the following words: “These two structures, erected by descendants of Africans, show that we have not lost the architectural taste and genius of our ancestors who covered Ethiopia, Egypt, Carthage, and old Spain with their superb monuments.”

➡ In regard to events of approximately this year, [Waldo Emerson](#) would reminisce in his journal on February 22-24, 1839:

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➡ The first brick residence in Amherst, Massachusetts was constructed at 280 Main Street, by a VIP name of Samuel Fowler Dickinson, a founder of Amherst College. It was to be known as The Mansion. After this structure had aged somewhat, it would house Dickinson’s grand-daughter Emily Dickinson. Since the house is still in use as a faculty residence, to get in to see Emily’s room and her white dress you will need to make prior arrangements by phoning (413)542-2321.

➡ From this year into 1814, US forces would be erecting on the island of Nukahiva in the Marquesas Islands a fort intended to protect three prize ships we had captured there from the British.

US MILITARY INTERVENTIONS

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 Archway Road in [London](#) opened.

 The [London](#) Philharmonic Society was founded.

 Germaine de Staël arrived in [London](#) to be lionized.

 In [London](#), work began on Regent's Street.

 Sweden renounced its participation in the [international slave trade](#).

Date	Slave-trade Abolished by
1802	Denmark
1807	Great Britain; United States
1813	Sweden
1814	Netherlands
1815	Portugal (north of the equator)
1817	Spain (north of the equator)
1818	France
1820	Spain
1829	Brazil (?)
1830	Portugal

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→ [John James Audubon](#) observed an overflight of American Passenger Pigeons, [Ectopistes migratorius](#) that required three days to pass overhead:

The air was literally filled with pigeons. The light of the noonday was obscured as by an eclipse.



Audubon, observing the bird, would note the swiftness with which it could soar, even approaching 100 kilometers per hour.



[W]hen an individual is seen gliding through the woods and close to the observer, it passes like a thought, and on trying to see it again, the eye searches in vain; the bird is gone.

During this year the Audubon family moved back to Henderson.

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➡ A news item relating to the development of ELECTRIC WALDEN technology: Joseph-Nicephor Niépce began his experiments with the *camera obscura* that had been devised in 1589 ➡ by Giovanni Battista della Porta, to determine whether by some technique it might become possible to fix permanently the image thrown on a screen through the lens placed over the pinhole of that device. His attention had been attracted to this possibility through the recent invention by Senefelder of lithography — and the eventual result would of course be what we know now as photolithography. His apparatus, and some of its early asphaltum products, are now French national treasures stored in the museum of his native town, Châlon-sur-Saône.

➡ Robert Dale Owen's THE FORMATION OF CHARACTER.

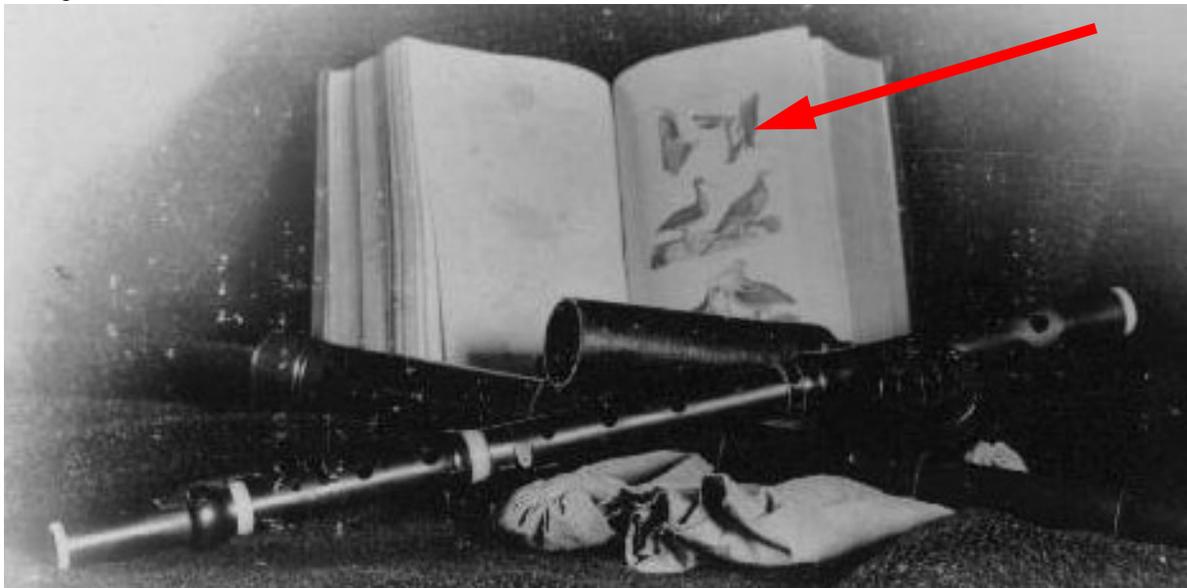
The 1st essay of the four essays in his A NEW VIEW OF SOCIETY, OR, ESSAYS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE FORMATION OF THE HUMAN CHARACTER, AND THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE (the publication would not be complete until 1816).

READ THE FULL TEXT

➡ In England, an 8-year-old boy who had been forced into a still-hot chimney over a brewery stove that had just been extinguished, to clean its soot, became stuck and was slowly roasted to death. (A law would of course be passed. Eventually, in Disney's MARY POPPINS, the actor Dick Van Dyke would lead a delightful troop of such besooted chimney sweeps across the rooftops of London, singing "Chim-chim-chimney, chim-chim-chimney, chim-chim-chiree.")

➡ In [London](#)'s Haymarket Theatre, and on Westminster Bridge, gas lights were introduced.

➡ Alexander Wilson died upon the publication of the 7th volume of his quarto AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGY; OR, THE NATURAL HISTORY OF BIRDS OF THE UNITED STATES, but with the 8th and final volume ready to go to press.



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➡ Frederick Marryat served in the West Indies on the *Espiègle*.



➡ [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) lectured on literary and aesthetic topics and wrote “On the Principles of Genial Criticism.”

➡ Lewis Downing began the manufacture of coaches in [Concord, New Hampshire](#).

HISTORY OF CONCORD NH

7-year-old [Joseph Smith, Jr.](#) contracted [typhoid fever](#) and the infection settled in a leg, which required surgery. He would have a slight limp.

[Salma Hale](#) relocated from Walpole to [Keene, New Hampshire](#).

Republication of the initial volume of the [Reverend Jeremy Belknap](#), D.D.’s 3-volume THE HISTORY OF [NEW-HAMPSHIRE](#). COMPREHENDING THE EVENTS OF ONE COMPLETE CENTURY AND SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM THE DISCOVERY OF THE RIVER PASCATAQUA TO THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY (Boston: Bradford and Read). A copy of this would find its way into the personal library of [Henry Thoreau](#), and he would copy from it into his Indian Notebook #11.⁷

NEW-HAMPSHIRE, I

7. The original notebooks are held by the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York, as manuscripts #596 through #606. There are photocopies, made by Robert F. Sayre in the 1930s, in four boxes at the University of Iowa Libraries, accession number MsC 795. More recently, Bradley P. Dean, PhD and Paul Maher, Jr. have attempted to work over these materials.



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A WEEK: Meanwhile, having passed the Horseshoe Interval in Tyngsborough, where the river makes a sudden bend to the northwest, – for our reflections have anticipated our progress somewhat, – we were advancing farther into the country and into the day, which last proved almost as golden as the preceding, though the slight bustle and activity of the Monday seemed to penetrate even to this scenery. Now and then we had to muster all our energy to get round a point, where the river broke rippling over rocks, and the maples trailed their branches in the stream, but there was generally a backwater or eddy on the side, of which we took advantage. The river was here about forty rods wide and fifteen feet deep. Occasionally one ran along the shore, examining the country, and visiting the nearest farm-houses, while the other followed the windings of the stream alone, to meet his companion at some distant point, and hear the report of his adventures; how the farmer praised the coolness of his well, and his wife offered the stranger a draught of milk, or the children quarrelled for the only transparency in the window that they might get sight of the man at the well. For though the country seemed so new, and no house was observed by us, shut in between the banks that sunny day, we did not have to travel far to find where men inhabited, like wild bees, and had sunk wells in the loose sand and loam of the Merrimack. There dwelt the subject of the Hebrew scriptures, and the Esprit des Lois, where a thin vaporous smoke curled up through the noon. All that is told of mankind, of the inhabitants of the Upper Nile, and the Sunderbunds, and Timbuctoo, and the Orinoko, was experience here. Every race and class of men was represented. According to Belknap, the historian of New Hampshire, who wrote sixty years ago, here too, perchance, dwelt "new lights," and free thinking men even then. "The people in general throughout the State," it is written, "are professors of the Christian religion in some form or other. There is, however, a sort of **wise men** who pretend to reject it; but they have not yet been able to substitute a better in its place."

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A WEEK: Unlike the Concord, the Merrimack is not a dead but a living stream, though it has less life within its waters and on its banks. It has a swift current, and, in this part of its course, a clayey bottom, almost no weeds, and comparatively few fishes. We looked down into its yellow water with the more curiosity, who were accustomed to the Nile-like blackness of the former river. Shad and alewives are taken here in their season, but salmon, though at one time more numerous than shad, are now more rare. Bass, also, are taken occasionally; but locks and dams have proved more or less destructive to the fisheries. The shad make their appearance early in May, at the same time with the blossoms of the pyrus, one of the most conspicuous early flowers, which is for this reason called the shad-blossom. An insect called the shad-fly also appears at the same time, covering the houses and fences. We are told that "their greatest run is when the apple-trees are in full blossom. The old shad return in August; the young, three or four inches long, in September. These are very fond of flies." A rather picturesque and luxurious mode of fishing was formerly practised on the Connecticut, at Bellows Falls, where a large rock divides the stream. "On the steep sides of the island rock," says Belknap, "hang several arm-chairs, fastened to ladders, and secured by a counterpoise, in which fishermen sit to catch salmon and shad with dipping nets." The remains of Indian weirs, made of large stones, are still to be seen in the Winnipiseogee, one of the head-waters of this river. It cannot but affect our philosophy favorably to be reminded of these shoals of migratory fishes, of salmon, shad, alewives, marsh-bankers, and others, which penetrate up the innumerable rivers of our coast in the spring, even to the interior lakes, their scales gleaming in the sun; and again, of the fry which in still greater numbers wend their way downward to the sea. "And is it not pretty sport," wrote Captain John Smith, who was on this coast as early as 1614, "to pull up twopence, sixpence, and tweldepence, as fast as you can haul and veer a line?" – "And what sport doth yield a more pleasing content, and less hurt or charge, than angling with a hook, and crossing the sweet air from isle to isle, over the silent streams of a calm sea."

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JOHN SMITH



New England was continuing to refuse to support the war against England. Of the \$16,000,000 war loan (about \$1,600,000,000 in today's money) secured by the national government of the United States of America in that year, from all of New England only \$75,000 had been obtained.

[James Foord](#) became Registrar of Deeds for Norfolk County, Massachusetts.



Friend [Edward Hicks](#), by this point a full-fledged traveling minister of the [Religious Society of Friends](#), left off painting to try his hand at farming.



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Although Elbridge Gerry had reached an advanced age, was in frail health, and was living under threat of poverty, he nevertheless served as vice president in the administration of President [James Madison](#). Well, but what does a veep have to know except how to hold still for long periods and yet appear to be still breathing?



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Prexy

Veep

1789-1797	George Washington	of [No party	John Adams	1789-1797
1797- 1801	John Adams	Federalist	Thomas Jefferson	1797- 1801
1801-1809	Thomas Jefferson	Democratic- Republican	Aaron Burr George Clinton	1801-1805 1805-1809
1809-1817	James Madison	Democratic- Republican	George Clinton [No “Veep”] Elbridge Gerry [No “Veep”]	1809-1812 April 1812-March 1813 1813-1814 November 1814-March 1817
1817-1825	James Monroe	Democratic- Republican	Daniel D. Tompkins	1817-1825
1825-1829	John Quincy Adams	Democratic- Republican	John Caldwell Calhoun	1825-1829
1829-1837	Andrew Jackson	Democrat	John Caldwell Calhoun [No “Veep”] Martin Van Buren	1829-1832 December 1832-March 1833 1833-1837
1837-1841	Martin Van Buren	Democrat	Richard M. Johnson	1837-1841
1841	William Henry Harrison	Whig	John Tyler	1841
1841-1845	John Tyler	Whig	[No “Veep”]	1841-1845
1845-1849	James Knox Polk	Democrat	George M. Dallas	1845-1849
1849-1850	Zachary Taylor	Whig	Millard Fillmore	1849-1850
1850-1853	Millard Fillmore	Whig	[No “Veep”]	1850-1853
1853-1857	Franklin Pierce	Democrat	William R. King [No “Veep”]	1853 April 1853-March 1857
1857-1861	James Buchanan	Democrat	John C. Breckinridge	1857-1861
1861-1865	Abraham Lincoln	Republican	Hannibal Hamlin Andrew Johnson	1861-1865 1865
1865-1869	Andrew Johnson	Democrat / National Union	[No “Veep”]	1865-1869

➡ After studying law for years in [Concord](#) under the tutelage of Samuel Hoar and Thomas Heald, Nathan Brooks was admitted to the Middlesex Bar. He would begin his practice from an office on Lexington Road, but later he would share a building on Main Street with Samuel Hoar, and in 1833 would relocate to the new Concord Bank building, the one which still stands on Main Street.

➡ Several British naval officers, prisoners of war under parole, resided in [Concord](#).

➡ President James Monroe appointed surveyor Andrew Ellicott as professor of mathematics at West Point Military Academy.

The “Walton War,” a boundary dispute over a piece of the Cherokee territory referred to as the “Orphan Strip” and unwanted by South Carolina, had been fought between residents of Georgia and [North Carolina](#). In anger, a constable had been murdered. The North Carolina militia had won two battles, and there had been casualties. Then there had been mediation, and an actual independent survey of this real estate — and Georgia lost again.



Now they’ve inscribed a boulder, in hope that this sort of foofaraw won’t happen again.

In the southwest part of Lincoln, Massachusetts, in this same year, a pine stump on the side of a hill was being designated as a landmark in the construction of a deed. Almost half a century later, on April 5, 1859 while surveying a woodlot, [Henry Thoreau](#) would be able to base his lot lines on what still remained, of that old pine stump:



April 5, 1859: In running a line through a wood-lot in the southwest part of Lincoln to-day, I started from an old pine stump, now mostly crumbled away, though a part of the wood was still hard above ground, which was described in his deed of 1813 (forty-six years ago) as a pine stump. It was on the side of a hill above Deacon Farrar’s meadow.

As I stood on a hill just cut off, I saw, half a dozen rods below, the bright-yellow catkins of a tall willow just opened on the edge of the swamp, against the dark-brown twigs and the withered leaves. This early blossom looks bright and rare amid the withered leaves and the generally brown and dry surface, like the early butterflies. This is the most conspicuous of the March flowers (i.e. if it chances to be so early as March). It suggests unthought-of warmth and sunniness. It takes but little color and tender growth to make miles of dry brown



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woodland and swamp look habitable and home-like, as if a man could dwell there. Mr. Haines, who travelled over the lots with us this very cold and blustering day, was over eighty. "What raw, blustering weather!" said I to my employer to-day. "Yes," answered he. "Did you see those two sun-dogs on Saturday?" They are a pretty sure sign of cold and windy weather.

 The Honorable Samuel Hoar of Lincoln was elected to the Senate. He would serve until 1816.

 Walter Thom's PEDESTRIANISM.

 Susan Fenimore Cooper was born, a daughter, obviously, of [James Fenimore Cooper](#). The family home was in Cooperstown, New York. Her writings would include:

- ELINOR WYLLYS; OR, THE YOUNG FOLK AT LONGBRIDGE. A TALE, BY AMABEL PENFEATHER
- RURAL HOURS, BY A LADY (1850)
- RHYME AND REASON OF COUNTRY LIFE; FROM FIELDS OLD AND NEW (1854)
- COUNTRY RAMBLES, OR JOURNAL OF A NATURALIST IN ENGLAND, WITH NOTES AND ADDITIONS (1855)
- THE SHIELD, A NARRATIVE
- MOUNT VERNON AND THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA

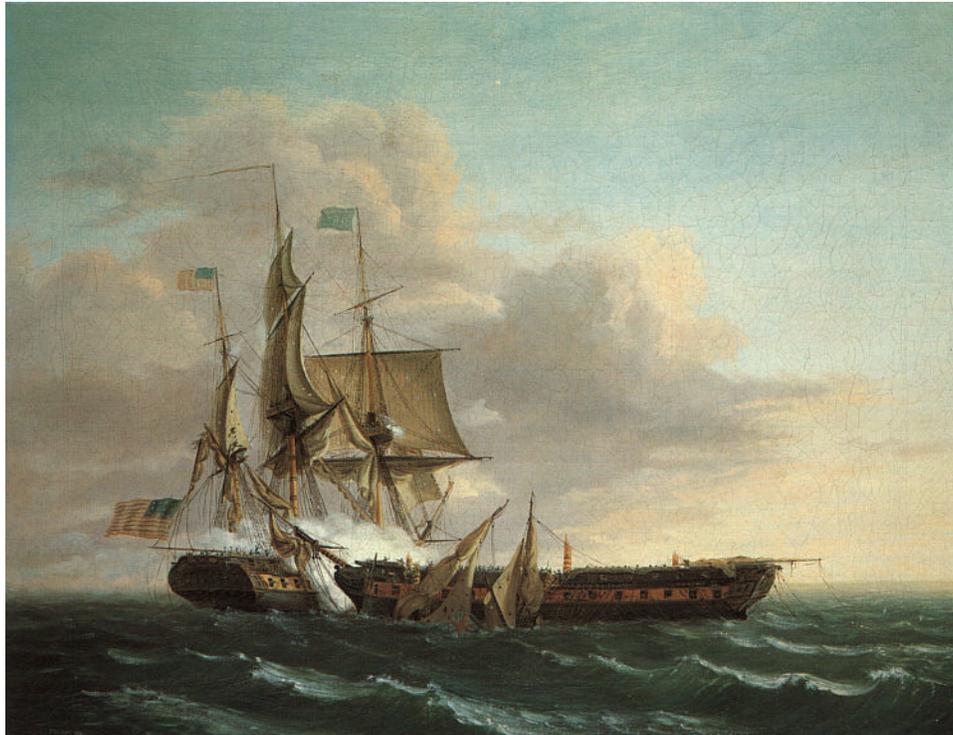
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 The USS *Constitution* underwent a needed overhaul at the US Navy Yard in Boston.



The engagement of August 18, 1812 between the *Constitution* and the *Guerriere* was portrayed by Thomas Birch:



While blockaded in the Elizabeth River, the frigate USS *Constellation* participated in the battle of Craney Island, helping to defend Norfolk, Virginia from capture by the British.

 The Grand Freemason Lodge was founded.

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons



The Spanish ship *Sagunto* was shipwrecked near Smuttynose Island in the Isles of Shoals.

TIMELINE OF ACCIDENTS



Reviewing the French edition of [Jeremy Bentham](#)'s THEORY OF PUNISHMENTS, Henry Peter Brougham agreed that:

- Legal punishment has but two legitimate aims: deterrence and reparation.
- The harm the punishment does to the convict must be greater than the advantages that had been gained by way of the crime.
- If the crime was an incident in a habitual occupation, the punishment should be in proportion to the probable benefit obtainable from such a long-term practice.
- The more uncertain it is that a criminal practitioner will be caught and punished, the harsher the punishment should be.
- The harm done to the convict by the punishment should be proportional to the harm the offender had done to others.
- There should be judicial discretion to allow for differing circumstances.
- Since some offenders are to be returned to society while others are to remain separated from society, there should be at least two types of custody, with separate facilities.
- Imprisonment is preferable to banishment or exile, which provide little equality and no example to deter others.
- Imprisonment, unlike banishment, exile, or transportation, is variable in degree, reformatory, remissible, profitable, and exemplary. All these advantages are displayed in Bentham's proposed Panopticon. It offers constant surveillance of inmates, wholesome regimen, control by the operating contractor, profitability, deterrence, and likely reformation.
- [Capital Punishment](#) should apply only to the worst cases.



a couple of damn smart dudes who figured it all out in their heads on the basis of first principles





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WOMEN HANGED IN ENGLAND DURING 1813

Date	Name	Age	Place of execution	Crime
29/03	Ann Arnold		Ipswich	Murder
31/03	Catherine Geran		Limerick	Burglary
02/04	Catherine Donovan		Cork (Gallows Green)	Murder
05/04	Sarah Fletcher	19	Horsemonger Lane, Surrey	Child Murder
23/04	Edith Morrey		Chester	Murder of husband
06/08	Azubah Fountain		Lincoln Castle	Murder
06/09	Elizabeth Osborne	20	Bodmin	Arson
29/12	Christian Sinclair	60	Edinburgh	Murder of child

 [Percy Bysshe Shelley](#)'s A VINDICATION OF NATURAL DIET.

 At about the age of 19, [Matthew Calbraith Perry](#) was promoted from Midshipman to Lieutenant.

 [Boston](#) boys Samuel Joseph May, Caleb Cushing who would become a Democratic politician, Samuel Atkins Eliot who would become mayor of Boston, 13-year-old [George Bancroft](#) who would become a national historian and Secretary of the Navy, [George Barrell Emerson](#) who would become an educational reformer, and [David Lee Child](#) who would become a radical abolitionist, were matriculants at [Harvard College](#).

Before entering [Harvard](#), [George Barrell Emerson](#) had undergone a few weeks of preparation at Dummer Academy in Byfield, New Hampshire. He would concentrate in mathematics and Greek. He had been taught the Linnaean system of classification by his father and it would appear that right after getting settled in his dorm room, he visited the botanic garden in order to ply Professor William Peck there with questions about plants he had noticed during his boyhood in his hometown of Wells that he had been unable to identify.

[George Ticknor](#) was admitted to the Massachusetts bar, and opened a law office in [Boston](#).

[Professor Sylvestre François Lacroix](#)'s *TRAITÉ ÉLÉMENTAIRE D'ARITHMÉTIQUE, A L'USAGE DE L'ÉCOLE CENTRALE DES QUATRE-NATIONS* (A Paris: Chez M^{me} veuve Courcier, Imprimeur-Libraire pour les Mathématiques, quai des Augustins, n^o 57).

 In this year Dr. Benjamin D. Bartlett, son of Samuel Bartlett, Esq., born in [Concord](#), who had graduated from [Harvard College](#) in 1810, returned to Concord to practice medicine. He would relocate to Bath, Maine, in 1816.

In addition, in this year, Nathan Brooks began a practice of law in [Concord](#).

John L. Tuttle of [Concord](#) was Middlesex County Treasurer.

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

In [Concord](#), John Buttrick continued as Town Treasurer.



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

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

In [Concord](#), Thomas Wheeler was a Selectman.

John Brown, son of the local farmer Samuel Brown, graduated from [Harvard](#) and for one year would be the schoolmaster of [Concord](#)'s grammar school. He would study physic, but would relinquish this profession and become a merchant near Buffalo, New York.

NEW "HARVARD MEN"

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
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	

JOHN BROWN [of [Concord](#)], son of Samuel Brown, was graduated [at [Harvard](#)] in 1813. He studied physic, but relinquished the profession, and became a merchant near Buffalo, New-York.⁸

Town Clerks of [Carlisle](#)

Zebulon Spaulding	1780-1784
Asa Parlin	1785-1802; 1806-1808
John Jacobs	1803, 1809-1812, 1826
Jonathan Heald	1804-1805
Jonathan Heald, Jr.	1813-1814, 1818-1820
John Heald	1815-1817, 1821-1825, 1827-1829
Cyrus Heald	1829—

News items relating to the development of ELECTRIC WALDEN technology:

- After swearing his workmen to secrecy and making it well worth their while to cooperate, and declaring as well that if a man leaked any information to competitors he would fine him £100, [John Walter II](#) of [The Times](#) in Printing House Square in London began to sneak in the component parts of two double presses developed by Frederick Koenig onto the printing floor which were going to be operated **by the power of steam**.



Would this be a wise investment for the industry? –Or would this destroy the craft, which had always relied upon a labor force which was not only highly skillful but also totally muscular? It would take almost two years to get these beasts to pumping, so they could find out. While the craftsmen were holding their tongues — the officers of the corporation were holding their breath.



- A stereotyping process was being introduced into the US that substituted a single piece of metal, a plate which could hold up when used in the new machine presses, for blocks of moveable type, and woodblock engravings, which would not hold up for extended press runs (actually, John Muller had stereotyped pages in Leyden in 1690). A block of type set into a typecase, and an engraving made on wood, would be placed in a mold, and a single metal cast would be made of the faces of the font characters and of the carved wood surface. First the face of the type would be thoroughly oiled, so that the Plaster-of-Paris of the mold would not adhere to the metal surface. The Plaster-of-Paris, mixed to the consistency of cream, is poured over the face of the type (in newspaper work, moistened sheets of soft paper, and paste, were frequently used rather than Plaster-of-Paris). When it has set the plaster mold is raised from the type, and hardened in the heat of an oven. The original type could then be broken apart and sorted back into the typesetter's font case, a process first pioneered by the goldsmith William Ged in Edinburgh in 1725. The mold is placed face down on a plate of iron in a cast iron pan, or cover, and is dipped into a bath of molten type-metal, which runs into the spaces left in the cover, and fills every portion of the mould. The dipped mold is allowed to

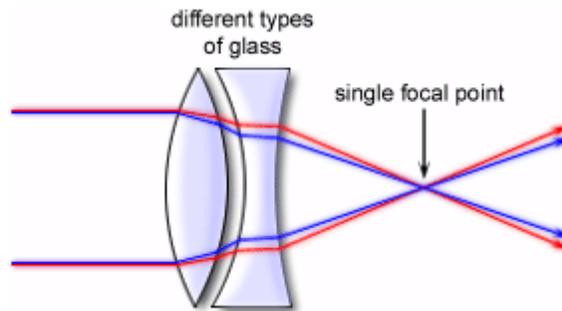
8. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:....](#). Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
 (On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study. On July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



cool, and then it is re-dipped. This dipping and cooling process continues so as to allow the gradual and equal contraction of the metal. A picker and re-graver then works the surface over, to remove any imperfections. If there is a correction to be made in the spelling of a word, or something of that nature, the error could be cut out, with ordinary type soldered into the resultant hole. The result is a stereotype page. If the page is for use in a flat press, it is flat, but if it is made for a cylinder press, it is made in a curved form known as a "turtle." The edges are then trimmed in a machine; in another machine the back of the plate is shaved or planed to the desired thickness and to make the printing surface perfect level. The plate is then screwed onto a block of wood that brings the surface to the same elevation as ordinary type. This process avoided the expense of keeping in type works for which there was a constant demand, and also the cost of recomposition. It reduced the inventory of founts of type in the composing room. As each signature of a book was completed, the font could be broken up and put back into the type cases. It sometimes would permit the printing of copies of the same work on two or more presses at the same time. It sometimes would permit the simultaneous issuing of a work in two or more different localities. Soon there would be stereotype facilities in New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia, as well as in other cities. [In the farmhouse in which I grew up in Indiana, our coal room in the basement was lined with old newspaper stereotype cardboard, on which I could read advertisements from many years earlier, by the use of a candle and a mirror, so I learned very early what a stereotype was.]



The optical refractor [telescope](#), redeemed from its initial problem of chromatic distortion, was by this point coming to dominate [astronomy](#).



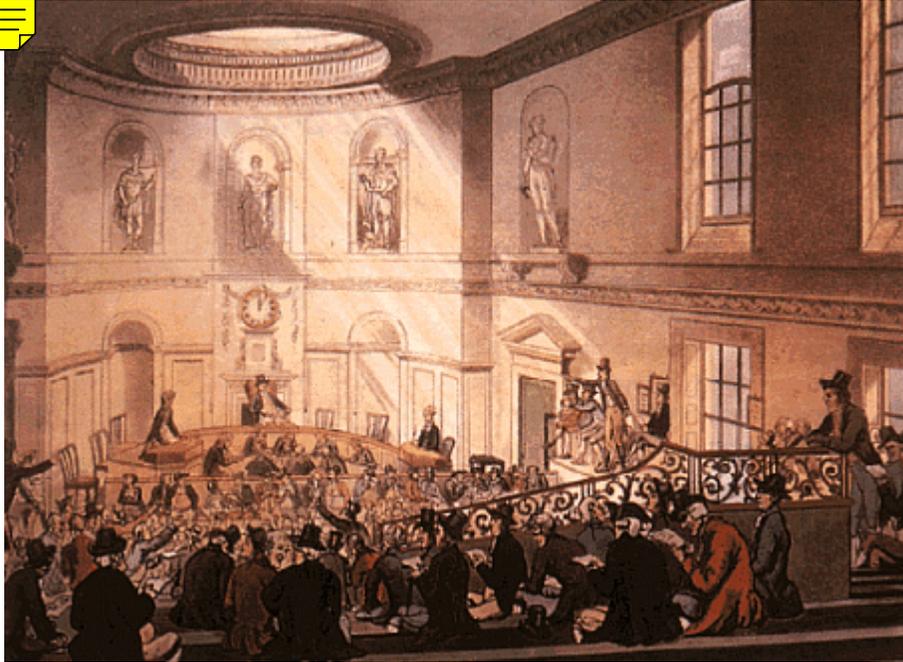
HISTORY OF OPTICS

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The Indian trade monopoly of the East [India](#) Company was abolished.



F.R.S. Bradley's "The Science of Good Husbandry; or The Economics of Xenophon" was published in an edition by J. Walker, entitled XENOPHON. MINOR WORKS. VIZ., MEMOIRS OF SOCRATES; THE BANQUET; HIERO, OR THE CONDITION OF ROYALTY; AND ECONOMICS, OR THE SCIENCE OF GOOD HUSBANDRY. TRANS. FROM THE GREEK BY SEVERAL HANDS.

The initial volume of a revised critical edition of an old warhorse, [ANTHOLOGIA GRAECA](#) AD FIDEM CODICIS OLIM PALATINI NUNC PARISINI EX APOGRAPHO GOTHANO EDITA ..., prepared by [Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Jacobs](#), appeared in Leipzig (other volumes would appear in 1814 and 1817).

ANTHOLOGIA GRAECA

(My working assumption, for which I have no evidence, is that this is likely to have been the unknown edition consulted by [Henry Thoreau](#), from which he would obtain [Plutarch](#) materials plus quotes from [Crates of Thebes](#) and Simonides's "Epigram on [Anacreon](#)" that he would recycle in [A WEEK](#).)

A WEEK: Plutarch says that "Plato thinks the gods never gave men music, the science of melody and harmony, for mere delectation or to tickle the ear; but that the discordant parts of the circulations and beautiful fabric of the soul, and that of it that roves about the body, and many times, for want of tune and air, breaks forth into many extravagances and excesses, might be sweetly recalled and artfully wound up to their former consent and agreement."

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PLUTARCH

A WEEK: A book should contain pure discoveries, glimpses of *terra firma*, though by shipwrecked mariners, and not the art of navigation by those who have never been out of sight of land. **They** must not yield wheat and potatoes, but must themselves be the unconstrained and natural harvest of their author's lives.

"What I have learned is mine; I've had my thought,
And me the Muses noble truths have taught."

We do not learn much from learned books, but from true, sincere, human books, from frank and honest biographies. The life of a good man will hardly improve us more than the life of a freebooter, for the inevitable laws appear as plainly in the infringement as in the observance, and our lives are sustained by a nearly equal expense of virtue of some kind.

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CRATES OF THEBES

A WEEK: Here was that "pleasant harbor" which we had sighed for, where the weary voyageur could read the journal of some other sailor, whose bark had ploughed, perchance, more famous and classic seas. At the tables of the gods, after feasting follow music and song; we will recline now under these island trees, and for our minstrel call on

ANACREON. "Nor has he ceased his charming song, for still that lyre,
Though he is dead, sleeps not in Hades."
— Simonides' Epigram on Anacreon.

I lately met with an old volume from a London bookshop, containing the Greek Minor Poets, and it was a pleasure to read once more only the words, Orpheus, Linus, Musaeus, — those faint poetic sounds and echoes of a name, dying away on the ears of us modern men; and those hardly more substantial sounds, Mimnermus, Ibycus, Alcaeus, Stesichorus, Menander. They lived not in vain. We can converse with these bodiless fames without reserve or personality.

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ANACREON

 Mary Russell Mitford's NARRATIVE POEMS ON THE FEMALE CHARACTER, and her "Our Village" sketches, appeared in Lady's Magazine with great success.

 George Gordon, Lord Byron's THE GIAOUR and THE BRIDE OF ABYDOS were sensational successes; THE WALTZ (anonymous) was printed privately.

In Rotherham, Lord Byron met Ebenezer Elliott.

 Robert Southey's LIFE OF NELSON.



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-  [James Henry Leigh Hunt](#) was imprisoned for libel (until 1815).
-  Prussia declared war on France.
-  The French were defeated by Blucher at Wahlstatt.
-  The French won a victory over an allied army at Dresden.
-  The French were expelled from Holland, upon the return of William of Orange.
-  [Mexico](#) declared its independence.
-  The last gold guinea coins were minted in England. (In 1815, the nation would establish a gold standard for its currency which would enable it to discontinue the minting of this inherently problematic coin.)
-  The waltz conquered European ballrooms.
-  Sweden agreed to abolition upon obtaining the island of Guadeloupe from the British.
-  The “Improved Order of Red Men” was in this year initiated, according to a description provided in a later timeframe by Fred. J. Smith of [Providence, Rhode Island](#):

This organization, known as the Improved Order of Red Men, is a fraternal and benevolent institution, of purely American origin. The exact date of its origin is not known, as evidence can be traced back to a period previous to the Revolution. But documents in possession of the Great Council of the United States tell us that in the year 1813, a society of Red Men was formed at Fort Mifflin, on the Delaware River, then garrisoned by American troops; after peace was declared, members of the society became widely scattered, but being much impressed with the customs and habits, also the pleasant memories of its existence, formed new Societies, under the same laws and with the same intentions of the Society of Fort Mifflin. In the year 1835 we find many council fires kindled throughout the country, and in May of the same year, delegates from different jurisdictions convened at Baltimore, and adopted substantially the Ritual, Laws, and Regulations that govern it to-day. Since which time the organization is known as the Improved Order of Red Men. Its growth has been slow but sure, until now nearly every State in the Union contains Tribes and Great Councils, in full fellowship with the Great Council of the United States. The order is founded on the manners and customs of the Indian Race, and its Ritual perpetuates the memory of the forms and religious ceremonies peculiar to that unfortunate people. They believe in a Great Spirit who governs the world, so any one joining this Order much declare his belief in the Great Spirit, the Creator



and Preserver of the universe. The subordinate branches or primary assemblies of the Order are denominated Tribes. The Ritual is divided into four Degrees: Adoption, Hunter's, Warrior's and Chief's; and for beauty and originality they are unsurpassed. The Supreme Body of a State is known by the title of Great Council of the United States. The forms, ceremonies and lectures used in the adoption of members and conferring of degrees are interesting and instructive, and free from anything frivolous or disagreeable. The meetings are held for the transaction of business of a moral, benevolent and charitable character, and everything partaking of levity, or political or sectarian tendencies, is excluded therefrom.

Its objects are to promote among men the exercise and practice of the true principles of benevolence and charity; the care and protection of the Widow and Orphans and the cultivation of friendly relations among mankind, in short the Motto -"Freedom, Friendship and Charity"- indicates quite clearly the objects and aim of the Brotherhood, whilst the preservation from oblivion of much that relates to one of the declining Races of mankind, and which will prove interesting to the student and antiquarian, may not be considered unimportant results of the organization, and it now has an existence in more than 35 jurisdictions; in some of these it equals the strongest of kindred societies in zeal and prosperity, and in many of them has a nucleus both healthy and promising.

The Order is not very strong in the Eastern States. It was first introduced into Rhode Island on the 4th day of September, 1871, at which time instituted King Philip Tribe No. 1, at Olneyville, when the following Chiefs were raised up to their respective stumps: Sachem, Sr. Sagamore, Jr. Sagamore, Chief of Records, Keeper of Wampum, First Sanop, Second Sanop, Guard of the Wigwam, Guard of the Forest.

The Tribe increased rapidly in membership and in a very short time numbered over a hundred members.

Canonicus Tribe No. 2, of Phenix, also Miantonomah Tribe No. 3, of Providence, was instituted the following year. On the 5th day of August, 1872, Great Inchoonie William B. Eckert, assisted by Morris H. Gorham, instituted the Great Council of the State at Miantonomah Wigwam No. 41, Weybossett Street, when the following Great Chiefs were raised up to their respective stumps:

Great Prophet, John L. Perrin.

Great Sachem, W.V. Slocum.

Great Sr. Sagamore, Andrew McKenzie.

Great Jr. Sagamore, N.R. Tilton.

Great Chief of Records, H.B. Winslow.

Great Keeper of Wampum, A.R. Sherman.

Great Sanop, S. R. Nicholas.

Great Guard of Forest, H.L. Howard.

Great Guard of Wigwam, -----

Shortly after the institution of the Great Council the following tribes were instituted: Wampanoag No. 4, of Pawtucket; Narragansett No. 5, of Natick; and Red Jacket No. 6, of Newport. In 1874 Wamsutta Tribe No. 7, was instituted, but owing to the financial depression of the times they did not prosper, and in 1876 they surrendered their Charter to the Great Council.

There is [are] six Tribes in the State at the present time (1878) with a membership of a little less than four hundred, the most prosperous of which is King Philip No. 1, of Providence,



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Canonicas No. 2, of Phenix, and Narragansett No. 5, of Natick.
The following are the present Great Chiefs of the Great Council
of the State:

Great Prophet, Fred. J. Smith, No. 1
Great Sachem, Hiram L. Howard, No. 4.
Great Sr. Sagamore, H.C. Burdick, No. 6.
Great Jr. Sagamore, Fred A. Knight, No. 3.
Great Chief of Records, John Wells, No. 5.
Great Keeper of Wampum, O.D. Tillinghast, No. 5.
Great Sanop, John Gallington, No. 1.
Great Mishenawa, A.E. Spencer.
Great Guard of Wigwam, S.A. Ballou.
Great Guard of Forest, Earl Fenner.

JANUARY

 January: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#)'s 2d stay at Eywood. With [Lady Oxford](#) departing for the continent, her fling with Byron was of course a thing of the past (but she didn't know that).

Augusta moved into a set of rooms at St. James's Palace in London.

 January: The American General Winchester was taken at Detroit by General Proctor, with 600 other prisoners. An attack on Ogdensburg by the British forces failed of success. On the 27th April the Americans landed at York, and burnt and destroyed the whole town, and afterwards proceeded to Niagara. Towards the close of May the whole Niagara frontier was in their possession. General Proctor captured about this time an additional 600 Americans on the Miami river. At Burlington Heights the Americans were on the 6th June defeated by Lieut.-Col. Harvey, and driven back to Fort George, and the Niagara frontier again restored to the British troops. An attack upon Sacket's harbour by Sir George Prevost completely failed of success, and became one of the charges against the military conduct of that general. On the 3rd June two vessels were captured at Isle aux Noix by Lieut.-Col. Taylor, and in July Black Rock and the barracks at Plattsburgh were destroyed by the British troops. On the 10th September Commodore Perry captured the whole British force on Lake Erie under Captain Barclay, which was followed by the partial defeat of General Proctor the 5th October near Detroit. These disasters compelled the British commander to fall back on Burlington Heights. In October the people of Lower Canada were called out to repel the American army then threatening to invade [Montréal](#) in two directions. General Hampton, with an army of 7,000 men, entered the province by the Chateauguay, on the banks of which his advance was met by the Canadian militia, under Lieut.-Col. De Salaberry, and defeated, and Hampton obliged to retire to Plattsburgh. General Wilkinson commenced his descent in November, on the 11th of which month Colonel Morrison, with about 800 men, attacked General Boyd at Chrystler's Farm, and drove them to their boats. The whole army retreated by the Salmon River to Plattsburgh and Sacket's harbour. Before the close of this season, the Americans had deserted the American frontier and burnt Newark, the British took Niagara, and General Riall destroyed Black Rock and Buffalo.

CANADA

 January: The Luddite insurrection was winding down, but in Nottinghamshire, in one last spurt of resistance, a last about 14 frames were broken. Meanwhile, Percy Bysshe Shelley was starting a fund for the children of the Luddite resisters.

Another expression of a Luddistic kind, also contemporary with



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the Luddites, was Romanticism, beginning with William Blake and William Wordsworth and George Gordon, Lord Byron particularly, who like the machine-breakers were repulsed by the Satanic mills and the getting-and-spending of the past. (The identity was so immediate for Byron at least that at one point he was even moved to write, "Down with all kings but King Ludd!") This Romanticism, and particularly its attachment to an unspoiled, machine-free nature, was echoed across the Atlantic by [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#), Edgar Allan Poe, and Herman Melville, among literary lions, and notably by [Waldo Emerson](#) and Henry David Thoreau and their great heir, John Muir. Muir, one feels, would have been a Luddite given half the chance, and there is in his tirades against the developers of the West – "These Temple destroyers, devotees of ravaging commercialism, seem to have a perfect contempt for Nature, and instead of lifting their eyes to the God of the mountains, lift them to the Almighty Dollar" – the taste of the acrid anger found in the Luddite letters. ...What purpose does this machine serve? What problem has become so great that it needs this solution? Is this invention nothing

but, as Thoreau put it, an improved means to an unimproved end?



 January 1, Friday: [Russian](#) troops crossed the Nieman in pursuit of the French.

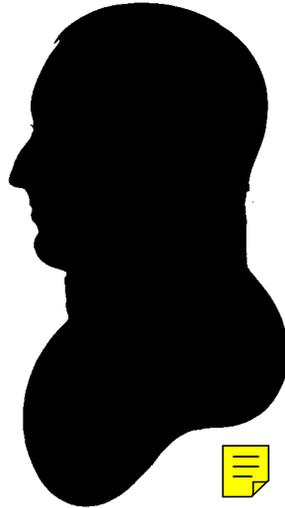
Carl Maria von Weber's cantata *In seiner Ordnung schafft der Herr* for solo voices, chorus and orchestra to words of Rochlitz was performed for the initial time, in Leipzig.

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

6th day 1st of 1st M 1813 / This Mornng rec'd a letter from Betsy Purinton & another from L L Clarke - My H spent the Day with our little boy at Aunt A Carpenters & this eveng I met with the

Directors of the A Benevolent Society at C J Tennys —⁹

RHODE ISLAND



The New Year never comes in but that I notice another Year of my life has rolled away & reflect that they will all rapidly fly away even should they be extended to the age of Man allotted by scripture, but the time no Man knows, therefore how great indeed is the necessity of a preparation for the solemn change. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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

7th day 2nd of 1st M / My dear Mother has been unwell for some weeks - I went in to see her at Noon & found her spirits much sinken & quite alarm'd about her situation I persuaded her to have the advice of a Physician but Doctr Easton being confined & she not being inclined to have any but him - I went to his house & stated her case to him as well as I could & received his advice & communicated it to her as well as I could & hope she will follow it - but if she does not get better soon I fear the case will work hard. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



January 3, Sunday: Allied troops retreating from Riga reached the comparative safety of Königsberg (Kaliningrad).

Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) departed München for Stuttgart to produce Wirth und Gast.

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

1st day 3 of 1 M / From the medicine which Mother has taken she is more relieved this eveng - In the forenoon Meeting H Dennis D Buffum & father Rodman bore testimony to the necessity of doing our Days work in the Day time - In the Afternoon father R had a

9. Stephen Wanton Gould Diary, 1812-1815: 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 11 for July 1, 1812-August 20, 1815; also on microfilm, see Series 7



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few words to communicate – My mind was much tried with insensibility but the Keeping close to the little; believe I was favor'd to experience a little quickening. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 4, Monday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) ordered King José of Spain (his brother) to evacuate Madrid and move north to Valladolid.

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

2nd day 4 of 1sr M / This has been a day of such great depression of spirits that I have been allmost good for nothing. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 6, Wednesday: French troops began to evacuate the Grand Duchy of Warsaw.

Wirth und Gast, oder Aus Scherz Ernst, a Lustspiel by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) to words of Wohlbrück, was performed for the initial time, in the Court Theater, Stuttgart. The presence of the composer didn't help the poor preparations and the opera did not fare well with the audience.

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

5th day 7th of 1sr M 1813 / This mornng my mind was refreshed with the arisings of life & I was in hopes a better meeting than I had tho I believe it was not the worst of times. – C R had a few words to communicate. – This eveng call'd to see Benj Reynolds who is very low I believe in a [consumption](#) tho' he may get about again, he sent for me from a regard he appears to have for me & I wish I had have found his mind more abstracted from the world. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 8, Friday: Three Luddites were [hanged](#) at York after the murder of William Horsfall, mill owner.

William T. Knapp was born to [John Leonard Knapp](#) and [Lydia Frances Freeman Knapp](#) at Llanfoist, near Abergavenny in Monmouthshire, England.

 January 10, Sunday: [William Jones](#) died at Norridgewock in [Maine](#) at the age of 40. His remains would eventually be relocated to the [Concord](#) South Burying Place.

WILLIAM JONES [of [Concord](#)], only son of Samuel Jones, was born September 15, 1772, and graduated [at [Harvard College](#)] in 1793. He read law with Jonathan Fay, Esq., and commenced practice in this town, but removed to Norridgewock, [Maine](#), about 1801. He was appointed, June 29, 1809, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Somerset, and on the 23d of April, 1812, clerk of all the courts in that county, and June 22, 1809, judge of Probate. While resident in [Concord](#) he delivered an oration on the 4th of July, 1795, which was published. May 12th of that year he was appointed Captain of a company of cavalry, and April 17, 1799, Major in the 15th regiment of the United States' army



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stationed at Oxford. On the 27th of March, 1806, after his removal to [Maine](#), he received a commission of Lieutenant-Colonel, and February 21, 1810, of Brigadier-General, in the militia of that state. He died at Norridgewock on January 10, 1813, aged 40. His remains were removed, and interred in Concord.¹⁰

**HERE ARE DEPOSITED
THE REMAINS OF
GEN. WILLIAM JONES.
BORN IN CONCORD
EDUCATED IN CAMBRIDGE
WAS A MEMBER OF THE BAR
IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
HE SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED TO
NORRIDGEWALK, MAINE
WHERE HE SUSTAINED
CIVIL & MILITARY OFFICES
AND THERE DEPARTED THIS LIFE
JAN. 10, AD 1813 AGE 40**

**“A STRIKING INSTANCE OF THE PURITY
OF MAN IN HIS BEST STATE”**

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

1st day 10th of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was silent - In the Afternoon I started at home to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & consider'd it my duty so to do - This eveng visited Benj Reynolds again & thought him better -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 January 11, Monday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) called for 100,000 new troops.

 January 12, Tuesday: Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Prague from Leipzig to find that he was being offered the post of Director of the Opera. He would eventually sign a 3-year contract with unlimited powers.

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

3rd 12 of 1 M / Oh! that I had money, how would my heart bound within me at relieving distress - My mind was much affected a few minutes ago by a young Woman who came into the shop & offered me a Watch for sale with this information that she had two children the youngest nine Months & very sick with a sore mouth, she had no wood nor money & her husband a Lieutenant in the Army & absent for many Months & uncertain when she shall hear from him. but Alass times are so streightened that it was our of my power to do any thing for her. - My heart is much larger than my purse it was willing, nay further than that it was pained at

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 January 13, Wednesday: [Russian](#) forces crossed the Vistula and entered Pomerania.

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

*5th day 14th of 1st M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended
Silence prevailed among us - to me it was a more than common
quiet & favor'd season some jostlings of the enemy but his power
was not great. – This eveng the Overseers of the poor met at our
house (Male & female) to consult several cases which require our
attention*

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 January 16, Saturday: 14 more Luddites were [hanged](#) at York.

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

*1st day 17 of 1st M / Our Mornng Meeting was pretty well attended
C R had a few words to communicate. – In the Afternoon Amos
Peasly & his companion were at Meeting & a very favor'd season
it was, Benj Fry the companion first spoke & rose a second time.
H Dennis & Father Rodman said a few Words, then Amos in a long
& excellent testimony, his companion rose again, then Amos
addressed the those that were under affliction & concluded the
Meeting in Solemn supplication. Making in all eight different
public appearances in the Meeting. Divine good seemed near & I
believe many Minds were Made to rejoice to find the fountain so
sweetly opened. the Meeting was not as large as could be wished
– My dear H was at Meeting -our kind neighbour Mary Briggs took
care of our little son while she went –
This eveng we rote to Uncle & Aunt Stanton –*

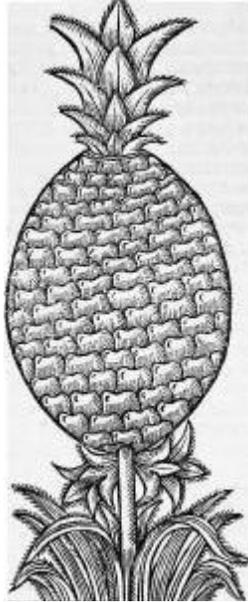
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 January 18, Monday: [Joseph Farwell Glidden](#) was born.

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ANOTHER HUMAN INFANT, NOT THE INVENTOR OF THE 1ST
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AT BEST, PLUS, AT THIS POINT NOBODY HAS ANY CLUE AS TO WHAT
SUCH A THINGIE AS “BARBED WIRE” MIGHT AMOUNT TO).**

➡ January 21, Thursday: [John Charles Frémont](#) was born in Savannah, Georgia.

In the diary of Francisco de Paula y Marin, counselor to King Kamehameha II, we find an entry mentioning the planting of pineapples (from the Caribbean) and oranges (from the Old World) in the island chain to which we now refer as the Hawaiian Islands.



Friend [Paul Cuffe](#) was named to the committee tasked to rebuild the local Friends' meetinghouse.

Completing a trip of 55 days, Lowell Mason arrived in Savannah, Georgia from his home in Medfield, Massachusetts.

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

5th day 21st of 1st M 1813 / It is just one Year this day since My dear Father departed this life - - The day I well remember & the sensations felt at the time has been renewed at this time. I feel his loss & expect I shall for years to come & perhaps to the end of my life. -

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➡ January 22, Friday: King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia relocated his court from Berlin, with its French troops, to Breslau (Wroclaw).

The Spanish cortes abolished the [Inquisition](#).

When British and Indians attacked the US garrison at Frenchtown on the River Raisin (Monroe County, Michigan), only about 100 escaped, with 400 being killed and 500 captured.

➡ January 23, Saturday: Drury Lane reopened, with a successful performance of [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#)'s REMORSE (previously called "Osorio").

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



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7th day 23rd of 1st M 1813 / This Afternoon Rode to [Portsmouth](#) on Thos Potters horse & clean'd his Clock which I finished in the evening & went from thence to Abraham Anthonys & staid all night -1st day [Sunday] Mornng Rose & found a severe snow storm however after eating breakfast with Abraham & his very agreeable family, I encountered the storm & went across to Cousin Zacheus Chases found the dear old Man recovering from a severe attack upon the lungs which I think has destroyed his future activity he seemed very tender & sweet in his Mind - The day proving very stormy I could neither go to Meeting nor come home in the Afternoon I consequently lodged there & 2nd day [Monday] Mornng rose early & got as far as Cardir Hazards farm in Middletown when the gun fired for day break & to Saml Thurstons when the Bell rung for sun rise, & home in good season to open shop - found My H & little son had been well in my absence but had a bad pain in her side this Morning

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 January 24, Sunday: Thirty of London's most eminent musicians, including Muzio Clementi, joined to form the Philharmonic Society.

 January 25, Monday: [Pope Pius VII](#) signed the Concordat of Fontainebleau, making important concessions to the [Emperor Napoléon](#).

 January 27, Tuesday: Il signor Bruschino, ossia Il figlio per azzardo, a farsa giocosa by Gioachino Rossini to words of Foppa after de Chazet and Urry, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Moisè, Venice.

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

5th day 28th of 12th M 1813 / Our meeting today was as well attended as our Moy [Monthly] Meetings usually are at this season of the year. There were many there whose faces I was glad to see, both among the Aged & Youth, & particularly our frd Richard Mitchell who Yesterday had a very narrow escape of his life, when on the Parade in a sleigh his horse took fright at a passing Drum & ran away, brought up against the Brick Market full but with his head & in his falling fell on Richd who was much hurt but was immediately bled & was comfortable today - the horse died in a few hours after, & Jacob Richardson & Benj Pearce narrowly escaped being crushed to Death by the horse & sleigh. - Our Meeting was a good one to me. -C R & H D had short testimonies in the first & in the last our buisness went on as well as could be expected. Osborn Mory was rec'd into Membership. - Philip Anthony Dined with us & I have very much to regret that My Dear H could not attend Meeting being unable to get any body that the child was acquainted with to stay with him in her absence.

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➡ January 29, Friday: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE by Jane Austen was published anonymously (the 1st version had been finished in 1797).

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

6th day 29 of 1st M / Sister mary Rodman fell this forenoon on the Ice & hurt her back exceedingly. – 7th day she is Better this Morning. –

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➡ January 30, Saturday: [George Gilfillan](#) was born at Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland, where the Reverend Samuel “Leumas” Gilfillan, his father, had been for many years the minister of a Secession congregation (his father would die during his early childhood).

SCOTLAND

➡ January 31, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 1st M / In the Mornng Meeting C R had a few words to communicate which were comfortable. – In the Afternoon we were Silent. – Brother D R & I went our to Saml Thurstons & took tea & set part of the eveng very agreeably –

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FEBRUARY

➡ February: The [Rhode Island](#) general assembly appointed a committee to consider whether this nation’s declaration of war on Great Britain had been in violation of the compact by which this colony had accepted [the US Constitution](#).

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➡ February: Master-Commandant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) was sent to serve under Commodore Isaac Chauncey at Sacket's Harbor, Lake Ontario.



➡ February: Over the next month U.S. Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike led a force of 600 soldiers in a winter march from the Saranac cantonment, near Plattsburgh, New York, to Sacket's Harbor, in preparation for a spring attack on the British. (Pike would be killed at the end of April while taking the fort of York at what is now [Toronto, Canada](#).)





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 February 3, Wednesday: The brothers John Hunt and Leigh Hunt were convicted and sentenced to a fine of £500 and two years in prison for publishing criticism of the Prince-Regent in the Examiner.

 February 4, Thursday: Austin Bacon was born in Natick, Massachusetts to Jonathan Bacon (1760-1844) and Submit Bacon (1771-1865).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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5th day 4th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was small but I thought favor'd to me however it was a season of life tho' towards the last of it was somewhat tried with roving. C R had a few words to communicate which felt savory. Many friends were absent at Providence to attend the Quarterly Meeting whom I have often thought of & should have been glad to have been with, but such are my circumstances & situation that I cannot do as my inclination leads

 February 5, Friday: Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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6th day 5th of 2nd M 1813 / My Mind has this Mornng been brought into sweet feeling for which I desire to be thankful Br D Rodman has returned from Quarterly Meeting & called to see us this evng & gave a very interesting acct of it, he said our beloved friend Micajah Collins was there & had good service also dear old John Casey. & several others – That Rowland Greene returned his certificate & gave a short but full & very affecting account of his journey into Ohio & parts thereaay. David said it was a favor'd season, & I have no doubt it was & that it will be blessed to many – he said many of our friends made affectionate inquirey me & my dear H which was very acceptable & cordial to our feelings.

 February 6, Saturday: Those who had met on January 24th met again in London and signed a manifesto and a set of laws for a “Philharmonic Society.” These signers included Muzio Clementi, Thomas Attwood, Vincent Novello, Johann Peter Salomon, and George Smart.

Gioachino Rossini's melodramma eroico Tancredi to words of Rossi and Lechi after Voltaire was performed for the initial time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice. Due to the illness of the two leading ladies, however, performance was discontinued in the middle of the 2d act (this play would not be performed in its entirety until February 12th).

Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

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7th day 6 of 2 M / I heard this Mornng that our late friend & faithful labour Elizabeth Mott departed this life at her late residence in Portsmouth Aged 84 Years & some months her Ministry I well remember when I was a child & the solidity of her deportment. She was a near relation to my father & was frequently to see him & Aunt Patty Gould which gave me frequent Opportunities of being in her company I may acknowledge this evng that it has been a precious Day to

me my mind has enjoyed a Sweet tenderness, for which I desire to be thankful

 February 7, Sunday: Russian forces occupied Warsaw.

A column of whites set out to destroy Alachua Seminole towns.



FLORIDA



"...the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions."

– Declaration of Independence



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

1st day 7 of 2 M / Rode this mornng to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the funeral of my Aged cousin & friend Elizabeth Mott. I went with Walter Cornell & got to the house in good season & proceeded to the Meeting house with the funeral where gathered a large concourse of people for the season of the Year & a meeting of great favor it was. Hannah Dennis first spoke then Abigail Robinson, then David Buffum, & then H Dennis again - all their testimonies were solemn & weighty & I have no doubt but that many were impressed with the solemnity of the occasion & the truths of the doctrined declared. – My Aged cousin Zacheus Chase has gotten so smart & comfortable that he was our to meeting today the first time in three Ms. I dined at Benj Motts which is the first time I was ever at his house.

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 February 8, Monday: Less than three weeks after his arrival in town, Lowell Mason began organizing a singing school in Savannah.

 February 9, Tuesday: King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia ended all deferments from military service.

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

3rd day of 2nd M / I have this Afternoon Visited the sick -Vizt My cousin Wm Borden & Joseph Tillinghast - Cousin Wllm has been long time confined but is getting Better slowly poor Joseph is just taken down with the Pirisnumony [?] & is in great distress - My heart deeply affected at the sight & I hope to improve by it

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

4th day 10 of 2 M / Notwithstanding my many trials I have to acknowledge & be thankful for a tender heart. I have been this day much tendered in spirit & I trust enjoyed a measure of the divine presence. -

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

5th day 11th of 2nd M / Our Meeting was rather small, but I thought in good measure favor'd C R had a few words to say -- Satan is continually buffeting me a circumstance took place this orng which I afterward regretted, wherein I manifested more temper than was becoming or warrantable. -

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 February 12, Friday: Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) learned that he had been appointed court composer to Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse-Darmstadt. The post had been secured for him by Georg Joseph Vogler.

James Dwight Dana was born to the merchant James Dana and Harriet Dwight Dana in Utica, New York.

[Ludwig van Beethoven](#) petitioned the estate of Prince Kinsky for a 2d time, to be paid his stipend at the revalued rate the Prince had agreed to before he died.

 February 13, Saturday: [Friend Elizabeth Fry](#) wrote to her children, John, nine years of age, William, seven years of age, and Richenda, five years of age:

I have lately been twice to Newgate to see after the poor prisoners who had poor little infants without clothing, or with very little and I think if you saw how small a piece of bread they are each allowed a day you would be very sorry. I could not help thinking, when there, what sorrow and trouble those who do wrong, and they have not the satisfaction and comfort of feeling among all their trials, that they have endeavoured to do their duty. I hope, if you should live to grow up, you will endeavour to be very useful and not spend all your time in pleasing yourself.

 February 14, Sunday: John Leighton Tuttle resigned and was replaced as postmaster of [Concord](#) by [John Keyes](#).

Alyeksandr Sergeyevich Dargomizhsky was born in Troitskoye, Tula District, south of Moscow, son of a wealthy landowner who was the illegitimate son of a nobleman, and Princess Kozlovskaya, a poet.

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

1st day 14th of 2nd M 1813 / I watch'd last night with Joseph Tillinghast who is very low & at times much lost in his Mind but at intervals quite rational & conversed on subject of a serious nature very properly He spake to me of the beauty of Brethren

*dwelling together in love & observed it was very precious – he said he had been much exercised for some Months past & had labor'd to have his mind settled on good things, & that from time to time in his life he had been much edified in reading friends writing & considered them very benefical to young people – he several times appear'd in prayer & thanksgiving for the Many favors vouchsafed. – & I was glad I passed the night with him –
I was so unwell in consequence of Watching that I did not attend Meetings today – & my dear H went all day –*

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

2nd day 15th of 2nd M / Called this eveng to see Jos Tillinghast found him very low & much distressed – but frequently calling on his Maker in a solemn manner & affecting to those Present. – he often desired to be released from his great distress of body but prayed for patience to the end. –

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 February 16, Tuesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

3rd day 16 of 2nd M / My H & little son spent the Afternoon at My Mothers. – In the eveng visited Jos Tillinghast again & found him no better –

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 February 17, Wednesday: Le séjour militaire, an opéra comique by Daniel-François-Esprit Auber to words of Bouilly and Mercier-Dupaty, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

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

5th day 18 of 2nd M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended but I believe a low time to most present as respected life. Jos Chalinor was present had a short but acceptable testimony C R also said a few Words. – In the preparative meeting David Rodman & I were proposed as overseers of the Poor for this ensuing Year & Anthony Shove was reported by Overseers as having married out of the order of society.

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 February 19, Friday: Andante e Rondo Ungarese for bassoon J.158 by Carl Maria von Weber, a reworking of a piece for viola, J.79, was performed for the initial time, in Prague.

 February 21, Sunday: La rosa bianca e la rosa rossa, a melodramma eroico by Simon Mayr to words of Romani after de Pixérécourt, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Agostino, [Genoa](#).

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

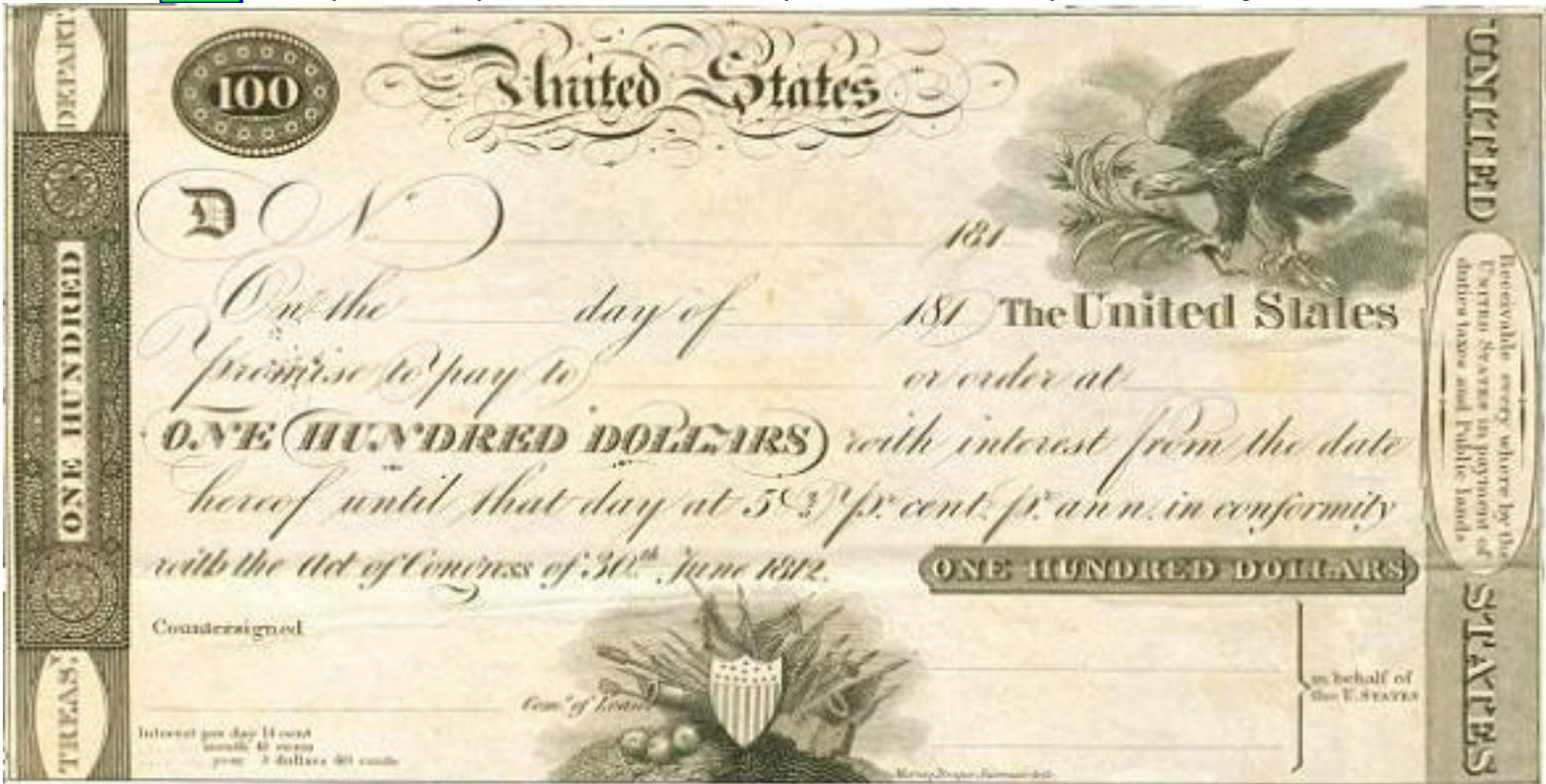
1st day 21 of 2 M / Our Meetings were pretty well attended In

the forenoon Lydia Almy & father Rodman had a few words to communicate - In the Afternoon father was again engaged to communicate a little - Meetings were poor a lean seasons to me - J Dennis & Wife dined with us. - After Meeting in the Afternoon Br D R & I visited the Work & Alms House. - My H went to meeting in the Afternoon while Sister Ruth took care of the little Boy -

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February 22, Monday: [The Reverend Thaddeus Mason Harris](#) delivered an address before the Washington Benevolent Society in Dorchester that would be printed in Boston by the firm of Joshua Belcher.

February 25, Thursday: A 2nd Issue of US Treasury Notes was authorized by our national congress:



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

5th day 25 of 2nd M / The Day being fair & pleasant & Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs being willing to take care of our little boy -I went with My H to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting which was a low time in some respects was a season of some instruction to my mind - We had much buisness but it went on to pretty good satisfaction considering some of it was a very affecting nature. -In the first meeting Father R had a few words to communicate We dined at R Mitchells & then rode home & found our son well.

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 February 26, Friday: [Adrien-Emmanuel Rouquette](#) was born in New Orleans, Louisiana (his father, from Bordeaux, had recently married a young Creole woman and established himself as a local wine merchant). The family would include four other children, two of whom would later become well-known Louisiana poets (for instance, Francois-Dominique Rouquette).

 February 27, Saturday: The [Shelleys](#) fled from Tremadoc, going first to Ireland to recover from a printer there the manuscript of THE ESDAILE NOTEBOOK.

“The Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Fund in Concord” came into existence as a legal entity. The initial board of trustees was Deacon [John White](#), Deacon [Francis Jarvis](#), and John L. Tuttle of [Concord](#).

FINANCES.— In the early ages of the town, several lots of land were reserved for the “public good,” and donations were made by individuals for the same purpose. Most of them, however, were disposed of without producing much permanent benefit, or accomplishing the wishes of the donor. Captain Timothy Wheeler,¹¹ in 1687, bequeathed to the Rev. Edward Bulkeley and the Rev. Joseph Estabrook, who were then the ministers of the town, 20s. apiece; and to the town about three acres of land, with a house standing on the same, to be improved, all but half an acre (which was “laid out to the training place” at the northwesterly end of the public common), “for the furtherance of learning and the support of a school in the said town.” This lot was that on which the grammar school-house now [1835] stands, and then embraced nearly all which would be included in a line drawn from the north side of the house recently built by Ephraim Merriam, to the brook and by the brook round to the Middlesex Hotel and the common. These premises were several years leased and the rents applied according to the wishes of the donor; but piece after piece was unfortunately sold, till the school-house lot was contracted to its present [1835] highly inconvenient dimensions. Captain Wheeler also bequeathed to the town 40 acres of woodland, “to be improved from time to time for the use and benefit of the ministers of the said town.” This was the present [1835] ministerial lot; and the people were long accustomed to hold a bee, when a sufficient quantity of wood for the minister’s annual consumption was drawn from this lot to his door.

The town directed, April 1, 1811, that the wood on this lot, and on one in [Carlisle](#), should be cut off and sold; and that pews should be erected on some vacant floor in the meeting-house, and also sold; and that the proceeds should be vested in the hands of trustees, as a ministerial fund. Their first report was made November 7, 1814, and shows the following results.

Proceeds of sales of wood on the ministerial wood-lot	\$2,566.13
Proceeds of sales of wood on a lot in Carlisle	364.27
Proceeds of sales of pews in the meeting house	1,365.55

Total on interest from January 1st, 1814 \$4,295.95

The first trustees were [John White](#), [Francis Jarvis](#), and John L. Tuttle; and they and their successors were incorporated by an

11. Captain TIMOTHY WHEELER died July 10, 1687 aged 86. He came to [Concord](#) in 1638, tradition says from Wales. Besides holding, at different times, most of the important trusts in various town affairs, he was captain of a military company, and represented the town *eighteen* years in the General Court, between 1653 and 1672. In all stations he appears to have conducted himself with great propriety. At his death he was possessed of a very respectable estate. His will, which is recorded in the Suffolk Probate Records, was dated the 1st of March next before his death. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Captain Thomas Brooks. They had no male issue. One of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Ebenezer Prout, some time clerk of the House of Representatives; and another, Rebecca, married James Minott, Esq., and was the ancestor of many distinguished individuals.



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act passed February 27, 1813, as "The Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Fund in Concord." This fund has since been accumulating; and it received the additional legacy of Humphrey Barrett,¹² in 1829, of \$500. No appropriations were made from it till 1830; and on the first of January, 1831, it amounted to \$11,431.45.

In 1732, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Whiting, James Minott, Jr., John Fox, and Samuel Heywood, to make sale of the common and ministerial land in the town, and vest the proceeds in other real estate. A "ministerial pasture and plow land," was accordingly bought west of the almshouse and some time used as a "perquisite" lot. During the Rev. Mr. Emerson's ministry, it was sold for £75, or \$250, and the annual interest, \$15, applied for the benefit of the minister. In consequence of losses sustained during the revolution, it became reduced to \$100 nearly. In 1819, the town voted that the minister should receive \$15, the original perquisite; and the balance \$9, has been annually raised by a tax.¹³

 February 28, Sunday: By the Treaty of Kalisch, Russia and Prussia allied themselves against France and the Rhenish Confederation.

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

1st day 28th of 2M 1813 / Last night I was on the volunteer town Watch & was not in condition to attend Meeting in the forenoon. In the Afternoon I went which was silent & a dull sleepy time to me

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 March: [Sam Houston](#) enlisted in the regular US army, as a private.

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

3rd day 2nd of 3rd M / My spirits are allmost below nothing today - from a complication of difficulties which I have been brooding over I feel as if I was of no Service in this world. -

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12. HUMPHREY BARRETT was the son of Lieutenant Humphrey Barrett, and died without issue, March 13, 1827, aged 75. Abel B. Heywood inherited, and lives on [1835], his real estate.

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➡ March 3, Wednesday: [William Whiting](#) was born in [Concord](#) to the carriagemaker [Colonel William Whiting](#) and Hannah Conant Whiting. This family descended from the [Reverend Samuel Whiting, D.D.](#), a non-conformist minister of Lincolnshire, England who came to this country in 1636. After preparation at the [Concord Academy](#) he would attend [Harvard College](#) (Class of 1833) and become an attorney at law.

In Stockholm an alliance was created between Britain and Sweden: in return for certain territorial considerations a Swedish army would march to Germany, to oppose the agendas of the French empire.

Master-Commandant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) arrived at the headquarters of Commodore Isaac Chauncey in Sacket's Harbor, Lake Ontario.



➡ March 4, Thursday: President [James Madison](#)'s 2d Inaugural Address.

French forces evacuated Berlin.

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

5th day 4 of 3rd M / Our meeting was a remarkable opportunity soon after I sat down my mind became sweetly cloathed with that which was precious in which I sat most of the Meeting & desire to be thankful. – about the Middle of the Meeting John Easton who has for sometime attended our Meetings under much exercise of Mind stood up & deliver'd something by way of a Prayer & preaching together which seem'd very inthusiastic & to appearance his mind was a little deranged. however I have no doubt he had many sympathisers in the Meeting. –D Buffum was



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engaged in the most lively & appropriate testimony I ever heard which was in substance as follows

*"Thy will Oh! Lord be done" was perhaps the highest Anthem every sung by men or Angels. - We may suppose that we have made considerable progress in the work of Religion & think ourselves resigned to the divine Will, yet when there are sacrifices required or we called upon to give up to some things which are very near to us there is a holding back - I have remembered these expressions "Say unto my people go forward which might be no very hard thing as the land of Canaan was in view before them, but I have also remember'd a very different case a trying situation in which they were placed, when the enemy was behind & the red sea before them, there were brought to a stand & the command was "Stand still Stand Still & see the Salvation of God. - having droped these few hints as they impressed my mind, I feel willing to leave them, desiring as I believe it attainable that we may labor for that state wherein we may **experimentally** say thy will be done O Lord in all things"*

This is but a very impefect sketch of what was said but it being so remarkably sweet & lively I withall toucing poor exercised Johns case, that I thought best to insert it according to my recollection: - C R then spake a few words to the moint & Meeting concluded. --

After Dinner I visited Dorcas Easton who is very in of the Perisnumony. -

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

6th day 5 of 3 M 1813 / Last eveng rec'd a very acceptable Letter from J D Ladd Dated Montpelier Virginia 2M 20 1813

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 March 6, Saturday: After abandoning Berlin, French forces reached Wittenberg to the southwest.

Carl Maria von Weber gave his first performance in Prague since becoming opera director. He enjoyed a good success; nevertheless he was not without enemies.

 March 7, Sunday: The Russian army began crossing the Elbe River and moving slowly toward the west.

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

1st day 7 of 3 M / In our forenoon Meeting father C R had a few words & then Hannah Dennis was pretty large in the Ministry -In the Afternoon C R was again concerned in few Words - In the eveng I called a little while to see Dorcas Easton & my H went to see Sister Joanna & Sister Sarah -

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 March 8, Monday: In Spain, a 4th regency was set up under Luis de Borbón y Villabriga, Cardinal de Toledo, to rule for King Fernando VII in opposition to the French.

The initial concert of the Philharmonic Society took place in Argyll Rooms, Regent St., London. Johann Peter Salomon was the “leader,” with Muzio Clementi at the piano.

Christopher Pearse Cranch was born in Alexandria, Virginia. His father was William Cranch (1769-1855), chief justice of the circuit court of the District of Columbia (1805-1855).

 March 10, Wednesday: In Linz while on his way from Bavaria to Vienna, Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) unexpectedly encountered Georg Joseph Vogler, and his old teacher informed him that he had been appointed as Court and Chamber Music composer by Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse-Darmstadt.

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

4th day 10 of 3 M / Last night I watched with Joseph Tillinghast he is very weak & low & it is wonderful that he lives as long as he has

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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

5th day 11 of 3 M / Our Meeting was a better time to me than some - - We had a few words from C R - John Weaver Dined with us -After Dinner in company with him & J Mitchell Visited, Anthony J Shove on acct of his having Married out of the order of Society. Our visit was hopeful & satisfactory & I was enabled to say more than I expected considering my poverty & leanness when I went.

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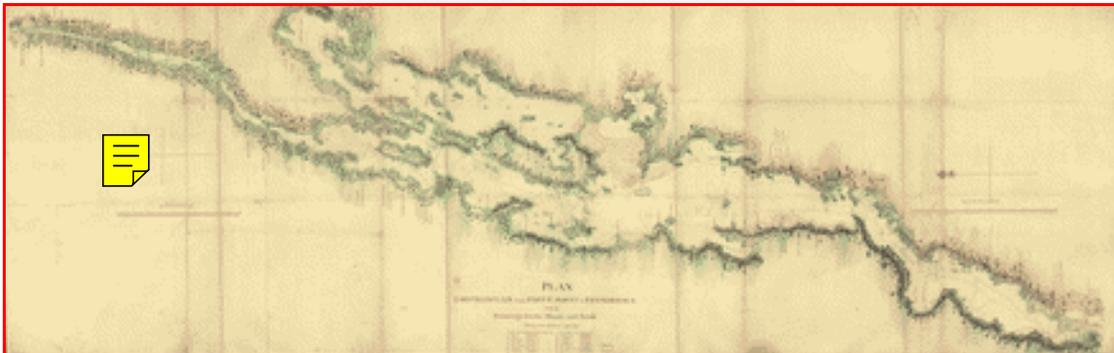
 March 12, Friday: French forces evacuated Hamburg.

Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) arrived in Vienna from Bavaria.

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➡ March 13, Saturday: After about four years of serious participation in Methodist worship, William Apess achieved his conversion experience. Later in the year he would run away to New-York and there enlist in a militia unit on its way to the Canadian front. He would serve as their drummer boy, mostly in and around Plattsburgh NY. He would be involved in several of the abortive expeditions that were organized against Montréal, and in the victorious Battle of Lake Champlain.



➡ March 14, Sunday: The US Congress obtained a \$11,000,000 war loan.

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

1st day 14th of 3 M / This forenoon Meeting D Buffum was concern'd in a very briefly & powerful testimony. - In the Afternoon C R was also concerned. - Joseph Tillinghast Died this Mornng about 10 Minutes before 7 OClock. -

3rd day 16 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Doctor Easton he was carried to his farm near the Beach & inter'd in the family burying ground the last interment in that ground was the Doctors sister which funeral I attended with my Dear Father he was constantly in my mind while I was there today which added not a little to the solemnity of my feelings. -

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➡ March 16, Tuesday: Prussia declared war on France.

➡ March 17, Wednesday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) departed from Madrid for the final time.

Samuel Wesley's Organ Concerto in B^b was performed for the initial time, in London, with the composer himself at the keyboard.

With the death of [Winthrop Faulkner](#) at the age of 39 in South Acton, the fulling mill at "Mill Corner" in South [Acton](#) was leased out until, in 1826, his son [Winthrop Emerson Faulkner](#) would come of age and be able to assume control.

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

4th day 17 of 3 M / Attended the funeral of Joseph Tillinghast which was attended with a good degree of solemnity & as large as could be expected considering the weather. -

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➡ March 18, Thursday: Russian troops occupied Hamburg — the independence of that city was restored.

David Melville of [Newport, Rhode Island](#) patented an apparatus for making [coal-gas](#).



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

5th day 18 of 3 M / Our Meeting Was small RR said a few Words in the last - three certificates were asked for Vizt Joseph Sisson his son Joseph & Solomon B Bess is to proceed in marriage engagements

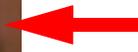
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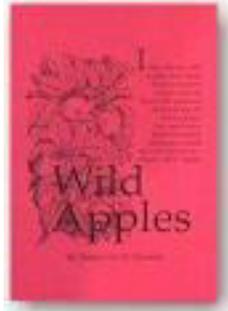
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March 19, Friday: A convention was signed by Russia and Prussia at Breslau (Wroclaw). It called for the expulsion of France from [Germany](#), the destruction of the Confederation of the Rhine, and an appeal for all the German princes to join them in this agenda. King Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia created the Iron Cross to be awarded to those who really got with the pro-Germany agenda and distinguished themselves in this campaign.



➡ March 20, Saturday: The [Concord](#) farmer Captain [Jonas Minott](#) used to roast wild apples in a long row on the hearth while the coals were still glowing. He would put a glass of milk on his nightstand to sip when he woke during the night.



On this particular morning, however, [Mary Jones Dunbar Minot](#), who would be [David Henry Thoreau](#)'s grandmother, found the glass still full of milk in the morning — and her husband Jonas dead at the age of 77 years 11 months. She would receive a portion of his house and grounds on the [Virginia Road](#) as part of the “widow’s thirds” of his estate. When they had married, the widow [Mary Jones Dunbar](#) had brought along several children from her previous marriage, to the Reverend [Asa Dunbar](#). [Henry Thoreau](#) would have this to say to his Journal on May 26, 1857 in regard to his mother [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#)'s childhood in the Virginia Road home:

My mother was telling me to-night of the sounds which she used to hear summer nights when she was young and lived on Virginia Road. The lowing of cows or cackling of geese or the beating of a distant drum, but above all Joe Meriam whistling to his team, for he was an admirable whistler. She says she used to get up at midnight and go and sit on the doorstep when all in the house was asleep and she could hear nothing in the world but the ticking of the clock in the house behind her.



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Of course, nowadays one would be likely to hear only the roar of military jets making practice takeoffs and landings at nearby Hanscom Airfield.

DUNBAR FAMILY

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

*1st day 21 of 3 M 1813 / In the forenoon Meeting Hannah Dennis appear'd in Supplication & Abigail Robinson & C Rodman in testimony
In the Afternoon Silent Meeting, after which visited the Work &*



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 March 23, Tuesday: French forces retreated to Valladolid.

 March 24, Wednesday: [Pope Pius VII](#) openly negated the Concordat of Fontainebleau he had signed on January 25th, by refusing to crown the Empress Marie-Louise and the Emperor [Napoléon I](#)'s son Napoléon-François-Charles-Joseph Bonaparte (the toddler had just celebrated his 2d birthday) as the King of Rome. "That was then, this is now."¹⁴

 March 25, Thursday: At Kalisch, the Russian General Kutuzov, in the names of Tsar Alyeksandr and King Friedrich Wilhelm, called on all [Germans](#) to rise against the French.

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

5th day 25 of 3rd M / In our first meeting father Rodman & Sarah Fish were concerned in testimony. - In the last (Monthly) we had much buisness some of which was an afflicting nature, Vizt two were disowned for incontinency & some other things, did not get along as could be wished, nothing, however but Uninimity prevailed among us which so far was comfortable - - James Tucker of Dartmouth & Sarah Fish published their intentions of Marriage with each other. -- My dear Cousin Zacheus Chase was at Meeting of which I was very glad. -

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 March 26, Friday: A Triumphant March for Kuffner's play Tarpeja by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) was performed for the initial time.

 March 27, Saturday: Nathaniel Currier, lithographer of Currier & Ives, was born.

Carl Maria von Weber arrived in Vienna to search for musicians and music for the Prague opera.

The Prussian ambassador in Paris delivered the declaration of war on France.

A combined Russian-Prussian force occupied Dresden after it was evacuated by the French and the King of Saxony.

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

7th day 27 of 3rd M / This Afternoon I crossed the ferrys to Narragansett & reached cousin Peleg Gardiners in season to take tea with them, after which took cousin Lewis's horse & rode to cousin John Hazards where my buisness Lay - In riding up there mine ear was very pleasantly saluted with the singing of the Birds which occasioned a pleasing sensation of mind, before I reached his house I Saw two great fires one to the Westward & the other east on Boston Neck the one to the west was the largest I ever saw & had a very terrific appearance. It was on my cousin

14. We might be tempted to think of this as silly stuff. Bear in mind that to the emperor of the French it was not even a little bit silly. "Who does this pope think he is?"



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Hazards land, bushes &c which he was burning –

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

1st day morning after sleeping well, I arose found it a sever rains storm which continued all Day & eveng with great violence so that none of us could go to meeting the day however was spent very pleasantly & I trust instructively as both cousin John & his Wife & Nathan were very interesting in conversation & I did what I could to render myself agreeable. –

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 March 29, Monday: The [Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris](#) delivered a discourse at Dorchester at the funeral of Moses Everett, Esq. This would soon be printed in Boston by the firm of Joshua Belcher.

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

2nd day Mornng - Arose early, took breakfast with cousin Hazard then rode to the ferry found no boat there & went up to cousin Gardiners sat a little while with them & returned again to the ferry accompanying 'd by cousin Lewis crossed both ferrys comfortably & reached home by 12 OClock finding My dear Wife & little son in good health, & my buisness & concerns as I left them. –

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 Spring: [John Leonard Knapp](#) and [Lydia Frances Freeman Knapp](#) moved from Llanfoist in Monmouthshire to Alveston in South Gloucestershire, England.

In America, a published broadsheet included the comment “If [Uncle Sam](#) needs, I’ll be glad to assist him.” This is the first known occasion on which the figure “Uncle Sam” made an appearance in print, representing perhaps the United States of America as a nation, or perhaps its military (Samuel Wilson, a Troy, New York meatpacker, had been stamping barrels of pork and beef intended for consumption by the US forces with “US”).

The lady on the following screen has prepared herself, according to this spring’s fashion, for an evening at the opera:

 Spring: William Jones of Pennsylvania replaced Paul Hamilton as US Secretary of the Navy. The American Navy had the strongest squadron on Lake Ontario. With the return of campaigning weather along the Niagara Frontier, the United States forces went on the offensive. With Kingston regarded as too heavily defended by the British forces, the American campaign would concentrate on the capture instead of the weakly defended town of York. They would hard press the British forces in Upper [Canada](#).

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APRIL

➡ April: [William Wordsworth](#) received a government patronage position as Distributor of Stamps for Westmorland County.

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➡ April 1, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 1 of 4 M 1813 / Our Meeting was well attended C R had a few words to deliver – It was the dulllest of season with me, tho' life in no great dominion.

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April 3, Saturday: When French troops attacked the Russians near Möckern east of Magdeburg, they were beaten off. The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) decided to order the conscription of 170,000 more men.

➡ April 4, Sunday: The British placed a 90-day embargo on all vessels in US harbors.

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

1st day 4 of 4 M 1813 / Meeting this Mornng was well attended & C R spake a few words. A season of leanness to me – In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of the little boy while my H went to Meeting Towards night took a pleasant walk down town with Br D R & went into the old house which belonged to my father & tho' it is greatly in ruins I could retrace the places which I so much loved to be in when I was a boy & lived with my Dear Aunt Paty Gould. The rooms below & chambers above all look very natural & recall to my mind many juvinile scenes, when innocency sat an my brow, & if at any time a wrong thing was done conscience awakening conscience, would step in to my little mind & not leave it untill all was attoned for. –

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➡ April 5, Monday: The [Shelleys](#) returned to London.

April 6, Tuesday: At the Paris Opéra, *Les abenceráges, ou L'étendard de Grenade*, an opéra lyrique by Luigi Cherubini to words of Jouy after Florian, was performed for the initial time. The premiere was attended by the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), with his wife a day before departing to rejoin the French army. It was moderately successful.

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

5th day 8 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended & C R had a few words to communicate - It seem'd like a season of favour of which my mind partook in a comfortable degree. -

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 April 9, Friday: [Moll Pitcher](#), a resident of Lynn, Massachusetts, died. Her name would enter local language as the generic reference to necromancy in the 19th Century, as shown in this extract about a masquerade party at Brook Farm from *THE BLITHEDALE ROMANCE* (emphasis added):¹⁵

Among them was an Indian chief, with blanket, feathers and war-paint, and uplifted tomahawk; and near him, looking fit to be his woodland-bride, the goddess Diana, with the crescent on her head, and attended by our big, lazy dog, in lack of any fleeter hound. Drawing an arrow from her quiver, she let it fly, at a venture, and hit the very tree behind which I happened to be lurking. Another group consisted of a Bavarian broom-girl, a negro of the Jim Crow order, one or two foresters of the middle-ages, a Kentucky woodsman in his trimmed hunting-shirt and deerskin leggings, and a Shaker elder, quaint, demure, broad-brimmed, and square-skirted. Shepherds of Arcadia, and allegoric figures from the Faerie Queen, were oddly mixed up with these. Arm in arm, or [page 815] otherwise huddled together, in strange discrepancy, stood grim Puritans, gay Cavaliers, and Revolutionary officers, with three-cornered cocked-hats, and queues longer than their swords. A bright-complexioned, dark-haired, vivacious little gipsy, with a red shawl over her head, went from one group to another, telling fortunes by palmistry; **and Moll Pitcher, the renowned old witch of Lynn, broomstick in hand, showed herself prominently in the midst, as if announcing all these apparitions to be the offspring of her necromantic art.** But Silas Foster, who leaned against a tree near by, in his customary blue frock, and smoking a short pipe, did more to disenchant the scene, with his look of shrewd, acrid, Yankee observation, than twenty witches and necromancers could have done, in the way of rendering it weird and fantastic.

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

6th day 9 of 4 M / Went on buisness to Connanicut with Saml Thurston & after we have completed it, we called and made a comfortable little visit to cousin Joseph Greene & found them all pretty WELL -

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15. Note that in 1825 William Blake had illustrated the allegoric figures from Edmund Spenser's *THE FAERIE QUEEN*.

April 11, Saturday: [William Jewett Pabodie or Peabody](#) was born to Jane Jewett Pabodie or Peabody, 2d wife of William Pabody or Peabody.¹⁶

 April 12, Sunday: Caspar Carl Beethoven, seriously ill with [tuberculosis](#), signed a document appointing his brother [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) guardian over his son Karl in the event of his death.



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

1st day 12th of 4th M 1813 / Our Meeting the forenoon was well attended C R had a short communication & D B a lengthy one & very lively. In the Afternoon it was again well attended & silent -This eveng I visited Thos Robinson & went into the chamber to see his Wife who is sick & sat a little while with her very agreeably. Abigail read an interesting letter from her Sister Morton to me from David Sands -

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 April 15, Thursday: In West Florida, which was Spanish territory, on authority given by the US Congress, General Wilkinson with 600 soldiers seized Mobile Bay. The small Spanish garrison elected not to put up a fight. After this the US would advance, toward the east into disputed territory to the Perdido River, as projected in 1810.

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

5th day 15 of 4 M / Our Meeting was well attended and comfortable Hannah Dennis & father Rodman appear'd in testimony quite lively & savory. - In the Afternoon attended the funeral of cousin Wm Borden he was the only male first cousin living in [Newport](#) which my Mother had he was 66 Years of Age & buried in friends burying ground

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 April 16, Friday: The 1st mass-production factory started up in the manufacture of that greatly needed object, the pistol. (Every year we find a new way to kill you — and yet some folks will claim there to be no such thing as progress!)

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) departed from Paris on his way to rejoin his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt.

A letter from little [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#), when he was about ten years old, to his aunt [Mary Moody Emerson](#), provided an account of one of his days:—

Boston, April 16, 1813.
Dear Aunt,—I am much obliged to you for your kind letter. I mean now to give you an account of what I do commonly in one day, if

16. The father had been born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 2, 1773 and would die there on May 14, 1864. He had initially married with Henrietta Gladding but after giving birth to five children she had died on July 1, 1803. He had remarried on October 18, 1807 with Jane Jewett (March 10, 1771-March 23, 1846) who had already at this point given birth to two children.



that is what you meant by giving an account of one single day in my life. Friday, 9th, I choose for the day of telling what I did. In the Morning I rose, as I commonly do, about 5 minutes before 6. I then help Wm. in making the fire, after which I set the table for Prayers. I then call mamma about quarter after 6. We spell as we did before you went away. I confess I often feel an angry passion start in one corner of my heart when one of my Brothers gets above me, which I think sometimes they do by unfair means, after which we eat our breakfast; then I have from about quarter after 7 till 8 to play or read. I think I am rather inclined to the former. I then go to school, where I hope I can say I study more than I did a little while ago. I am in another book called Virgil, and our class are even with another which came to the Latin School one year before us. After attending this school I go to Mr. Webb's private school, where I write and cipher. I go to this place at eleven and stay till one o'clock. After this, when I come home I eat my dinner, and at two o'clock I resume my studies at the Latin School, where I do the same except in studying grammar. After I come home I do mamma her little errands, if she has any; then I bring in my wood to supply the breakfast room. I then have some time to play and eat my supper. After that we say our hymns or chapters, and then take our turns in reading Rollin, as we did before you went. We retire to bed at different times. I go at a little after eight, and retire to my private devotions, and then close my eyes in sleep, and there ends the toils of the day.... I have sent a letter to you in a Packet bound for Portland, which I suppose you have not received, as you made no mention of it in your letter to mamma. Give my love to Aunt Haskin and Aunt Ripley, with Robert and Charles and all my cousins, and I hope you will send me an answer to this the first opportunity, and believe me, I remain your most dutiful Nephew,

R. Waldo Emerson.

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

6th day 16 of 4 M / The times on which we have fallen are indeed distressing and alarming. I see & feel it every Day - but what has excited my feeling particularly at this time is this Afternoon a sharp & successive fireing was heard from Fort Wolcot & the first time 3 Guns fired in succession which is a signal of Alarm at the approach of the English which affrighted many people & for the first time since the war startled me a little, it all however proved to be nothing more than that they were exercising their men & Guns - I think however such fireing is injudicious & a few Afternoons ago when a British ship chased a vessel within the Reef she fired sharply & affrighted a poor Young Woman the Wife of — Marvel who was near her lying in so the she went into fits & labor pains & died in a few hours. Oh the hevvy Guilt that will lay on the heads of those who are the Authrs of this most wicked War. —

➡ April 17, Saturday: The “widow’s thirds” dower pertaining to [Mary Jones Dunbar Minot](#), widow of the deceased Captain [Jonas Minott](#), were on this day specified to include the east chamber on the second floor of the Minot home on [Virginia Road](#) in [Concord](#). (This is the room in which, later, her grandchild [David Henry Thoreau](#) would be born.)

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Such documents typically leave nothing unspecified. The widow would have the “front room & chamber & Garret over it in the east end of the House and one half of the front entry in common and the bed room in the north westward of the House and the celler under the front room as far north as the cellar window then running west in a parrelel line with the front of the House to the west side of celler with a priveledge to pass and repass to it and a priveledge in the kitchen and sinkroom equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ part in common.”

She had explicit permission to make use of the back door (evidently the front door was to be off limits). Her dower would include use of the back yard and its well, and “one half of the wood & Chaise house & ... laying and cutting wood in the wood yard east of the House the door yard in front and at the west end of the House.”

➡ April 18, Easter Sunday: James McCune Smith was born [enslaved](#) in [New York](#).

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

1st day 18th of 4th M 1813 / I staid from Meeting this mornng for my H to go & took care of the little boy the while. In the Afternoon I attended Father Rodman appear'd in Supplication & a short testimony. After meeting D Rodman & I went out to Saml Thurstons took tea & spent the evening very agreeably & may I not add proffitably for the precious Life was near both at Meeting this Afternoon & in setting with my friends this evening

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April 21, Wednesday: The [Reverend Manasseh Cutler](#)'s A DISCOURSE, DELIVERED IN SALEM, BEFORE THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF SALEM AND ITS VICINITY, ON THE ANNIVERSARY, APRIL 21, 1813 (Joshua Cushing).

BIBLE SOCIETY OF SALEM

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

5th day 22 of 4th M / Our Meeting was well attended C R & H D appear'd in testimony – All the queries were Answered in the Preparative Meeting & no other buisness appeared

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ April 23, Friday: In Philadelphia, [Benjamin Say](#) died.

Stephen Douglas, the “Little Giant” who would debate Lincoln, was born.

➡ April 25, Sunday: When the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) rejoined his army, or what was left of it, at Erfurt, can you imagine how glad these guys were to see him again?

The Bavarian government announced its neutrality.

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

1st day 25 of 4 M / Yesterday & today I have been quite unwell with a pain seated in my shoulders thro' to my stomach which has prevented my going to meeting today.

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➡ April 26, Monday: U.S. ships sailed out of Sacket's Harbor headed for York (later [Toronto](#)), Canada and arrived offshore there later in the day. Aboard the flagship USS Madison, newly-appointed Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike wrote a letter of instructions to his wife, just in case he should get killed.



Good thing he did do that, as he would in fact get killed!

➡ April 27, Tuesday: The campaign on Lake Ontario had begun earlier this month when United States naval vessels sailed from Sackets Harbor on the eastern end of the lake. On board the men-of-war was an army commanded by Major General Henry Dearborn. On this day Brigadier General Zebulon Montgomery Pike and General Dearborn took York ([Toronto](#)), capital of Upper [Canada](#). The defender, Roger Hale Sheaffe, blew his ammunition depot, killing General Pike and 13 other invaders, and retreated to Kingston. The US troops then torched a number of the public buildings.

The squadron would cross Lake Ontario to the mouth of the [Niagara River](#), link up with the troops already assigned to the Niagara Frontier, and prepare for an attack on Fort George.

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 April 28, Wednesday: Prince Mikhail Illarionovich Kutuzov, commander of the Russian armies in Europe, died of natural causes in Bünzlau (Boleslawiec, Poland).

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

4th day 28 of 4 M / About 9 OClock this morning the town was in general Alarm in consequence of an English Frigates approaching the harbours Mouth & finaly has run in between Conanicut & Boston Neck The Military company are now in Motion some going one way & some another. & what will be the Issue I know not perhaps before night we shall see & know more about it. - I can not say but that I have felt some purturbation of mind but have indeavor'd to labor for quiet & have been favor'd in good measure with it. -

It now appears that the Frigate above mentioned chased the ship in not far from the South ferry, which appears was the Ship Whampoa of N York from France who -- she found it impossible to avoid a broadside from the Frigate ran on shore, the Frigate came to Anchor & sent Arm'd boats, which took & set fire to the Whampoa but by exercions of the People on shore was extinguished & much of the cargo will be saved. - great Alarm was excited in many Minds in consequence of this circumstance but no lives lost that we yet learn. -

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 April 29, Thursday: Jacob Frederick Hummel of Philadelphia received a patent for a “varnish of elastic gum to render water-proof” shoes and other things (this was the initial US patent for a rubber product).

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

5th day 29 of 4 M / Went to [Portsmouth](#) with my H to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. - C R spake in the first - In the last we had much buisness among which were two requests for Membership which was comfortable but we had some other circumstances which render'd it a deeply exercising, yea, even Afflicting time to me - We dined at Cousin Z Chases & when we came [home] we found our dear little boy had not been well this afternoon

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 April 30, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 30 of 4 M 1813 / Our dear little Son slept quietly until 12 OClock last night, then awoke with violent puking & a relax which followed him closely till 3 OClock in the morning when it subsided & I went to bed but his Mother sat up with him the remainder of the Night. he seems relieved & revived this Morning but whether he is essentially better I am unable to determine in my own Mind. -

Our little boy has been much better thro' the day & the Doctor thinks him doing well. - for which I desire to be thankful

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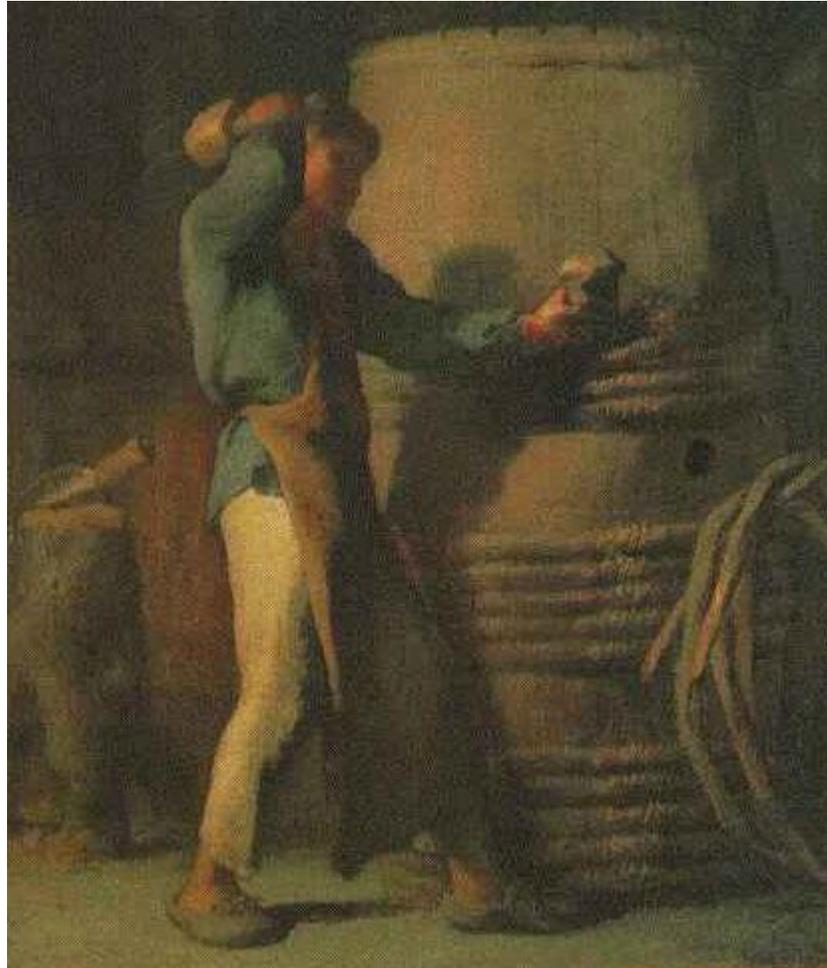
**MAY**

 May: 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), Peter Wheeler, who lived in the house which in 1876 would be the residence of Nathan Stow, who had been an exporter of packed and salted beef and pork to the West Indies, died during this month at the age of 58:

David Loring made lead pipe at the site of Warner's pail factory [from] about 1830 to after 1847. Nathanael Munroe made 8-day clocks on the dam. He had eight hands [employees] to help him. He removed to [Baltimore](#) about 1818. Lemuel Curtis made time pieces, [and] wall clocks, on the dam. He moved to Burlington about 1820. Benjamin R. Haggar made seaman's compasses in a building on the spot where Mrs. Barber now (1876) lives. He moved to [Baltimore](#) about 1818. Peter Wheeler exported beef and pork, packed and salted, to the West Indies until his death in May 1813, aged 58. He lived in the house now occupied by Nathan Stow. Andrew Edwards made organs in a shop where William Monroe afterwards made [pencils](#). H. David Hubbard made [pencils](#) previously in an old shop on the north corner of Walden and Heywood streets next east of Mr. [John] Vose's tan yard. Major James Barrett and Jonathan Hildreth made bellows for family use and sold them in [Boston](#), 1822. Nathan Barrett carried on coopering and sent a large quantity of barrels to Boston and Brighton for the beef and pork packers. Stephen Wood had a tan yard on the mill dam. John Vose had one on Walden St. near Heywood St. next to the pond. Stephen Barrett also on his farm near the Carlisle line.... Mr. Joshua Jones drew wire in his shop by use of the trip hammer wheel. Small rods were drawn through steel plates with holes successively smaller until he reached the desired size. At the same time Mr. Jones made cut nails, cutting [them] by machine from the end of iron plates of proper thickness and width. Then these header pieces were put into a vice with a [indecipherable] and the upper end pounded by hand and a head made.



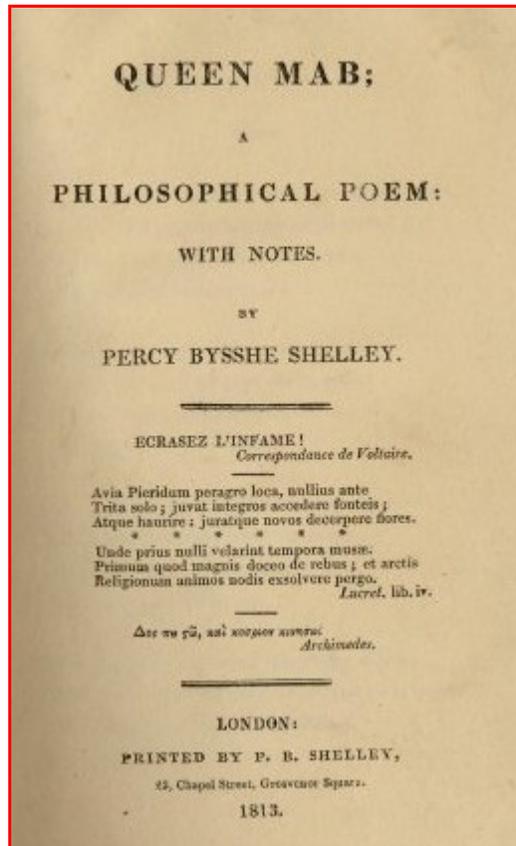
 May: Lewis Downing, Senior, then 21 years of age, came to Concord, New Hampshire from Lexington, Massachusetts and opened a wheelwright shop on the spot now occupied by the first house this side of Dr. Carter's house, on the corner of Main and Washington streets. He had learned his trade of an older brother, who succeeded his father in the same business, in Lexington. After his apprenticeship of four years, he worked one year as a journeyman in Charlestown, Massachusetts before his removal to Concord, New Hampshire. The capital with which he started business consisted of \$125, \$75 of which was spent for a set of tools. He commenced building common wagons with the body fastened down to the bind axle, then referred to as buggies. For the first year he worked alone. He usually made the woodwork for two wagons and then took them to the New Hampshire State Prison to be ironed—one woodwork paid for the ironing of the other one—and then painted them himself. For these wagons he found a ready sale at \$60 each. The first wagon he built was sold to the late Dr. Samuel Morrill of [Concord, New Hampshire](#). After the first year business so increased that he employed two hands, which number was afterwards increased according to the exigencies of business.



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→ May: QUEEN MAB; A PHILOSOPHICAL POEM: WITH NOTES. BY [PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY](#), a long poem celebrating the merits of republicanism, atheism, vegetarianism, and free love (according to E.P. Thompson, it was the notes to this poem that communicated the early philosophical anarchism of Godwin to the Chartists).



→ May: Robert Fulton launched the Paumanok Long Island Sound steamer *Fulton*.

→ May 2, Sunday: At Lützen southwest of Leipzig, Russian and Prussian troops attacked the French. The battle, a limited gain for the Emperor [Napoléon I](#), cost 30,000-40,000 men their lives. Arthur Schopenhauer fled a Berlin that had come under threat (he would find refuge for a short time in Weimar and then, after quarreling with mommy, withdraw to nearby Rudolstadt).

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

1st day 2nd of 5 M 1813 / Our Meetings were pretty well attended & both silent ??? meeting in the Afternoon David Rodman & I took a little walk in the common burying ground before tea. -

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 May 4, Tuesday: The Piano Concerto by Samuel Wesley was performed for the initial time, at his benefit in London.

 May 5, Wednesday: Søren Aabye Kierkegaard was born in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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

4th day 5th of 5 M 1813 / How has blindness & superstition been foster'd in the minds of the Weak & credulous of allmost all Ages of the World I have listened with attention to several Anecdotes related by my Mother at breakfast table this Morning. she said that just before the Lexington fight in the revolutionary War Aun Molly Wanton went to Hanover in Mass State to visit Aunt Joselin & while there the country was in an Alarm with a remarkable Phanonmenon lately appear'd in — garden who lived in the neighborhood the Phenomen was Red Cabage a thing never seen nor heard of before in that Part of the country. The Opinions of many old men & women were taken on the subject who all agreed that it was ominous & presaged Blood in great effusion. one morning in came a neighbour with the Awful story of "Have you heard what has been seen in neighbor — garden?" the answer was No. The story was told, & Aunt Molly heard it with attention & reply'd why my father has the seed of red Cabage & plants them every year they are much used at R I as Pickle. This greatly abated the horror attendant on Many minds, but she said they seemed Allmost sure it could not be admitted as a very extrordinary affair. -

She also related a story which her Grandmother used to tell soon after the first settlement of this Country before the lands were much cleared Mushrooms were not seen as at this Day at which time a large cap with a remarkable Prominence were fashionable among the Women about that time Mushrooms first appeared which so affrighted them that those caps soon went out of fashion, from the notion that Mushrooms looked like them & were sent as a warning of some hevly judgement soon to await the inhabitants of this country. This has Also been the day of the General Election & much stir as usual & great flocks of Children Passing the Streets — My mind has been on a low key from a sense of the depressed state of things in the World & what they may reduce me & every body else besides me in this town in Particular. Surely things never was more gloomy. -

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 May 8, Saturday: French troops entered Dresden.

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

7th day 8th of 5th M 1813 / Our friends on third day last went

to [Greenwich](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting & yesterday & today being very stormy, Wind very high & the rain decending in meere torrents They have not yet got down & I hardly think they will until tomorrow. It would have been very pleasant to me to have gone up & attended the Meeting but this detention of two days longer than common would have been irksome. When Friends went up I wrote a few lines to our frd Rowland Greene.

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May 9, Sunday: The Reverend [Thomas K. Fessenden](#) died at the age of 74 in Walpole after being minister there for 46 years.

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

1st day 9th of 5thM / I staid at home this forenoon to take care of our little boy while my H went to Meeting & soon after she had taken her seat she says our friends came in who had just got down from [Greenwich](#) – C Rodman, H Dennis, A Sherman and L Almy all offered testimonys. – In the Afternoon Sister Ruth took care of John & my H & I went to Meeting together – C Rodman appear'd in supplication & D Buffum in a favor'd testimony & a very good Meeting it was to me After which I went to the Alms House where I saw several men very sick who had been taken Prisoners by the English & returne'd to this country in a Cartael arrived a few days ago, poor things my heart was deeply touched for them. They are far from their friends & in a very suffering condition. one of them has a wife & four children in [Portsmouth](#) N Hampshire. –

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May 10, Monday: When the anti-French alliance abandoned Dresden the King of Saxony realized he was going to need to get all buddy-buddy with the emperor [Napoléon I.](#)

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

2nd day 10th of 5 M / I was informed that one of the Men I saw at the Alms House yesterday, died this morning, poor creature I can feel much for his friends, having had a brother who died from home.

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May 11, Tuesday: [Richard Henry Dana](#) got married with Ruth Charlotte Smith in the St. John's Church of [Providence, Rhode Island.](#)¹⁷

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

3rd day 11 of 5 M 1813 / My Mind has this mornng been dipt into sweetness & several subjects have been ruminated upon which have been pleasant, & at such times the language is 'Lord evermore give us of this bread, ['] but such is the propensity of frail human nature that it is not at all times food convenient for us, from our repeated errings we are brought to Poverly & allmost ready to conclude that we have past the day of grace & this Poverty is designed to bring us to a sense of our dependance & to chastise us for omissions & comissions, offensive in the

17. They would create [Richard Henry Dana, Jr.](#), Ruth Charlotte Dana, Edmund “Ned” Trowbridge Dana, and Susan Dana.



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Divine sight, but my heart has been made thankful this morning under a fresh evidence that the good hand is yet with me & will continue with me unto the end if faithful to what is from season to season manifested by the Witness of truth in the heart –

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May 12, Wednesday: “Behold, how good and joyful” for three voices and organ by Samuel Wesley to words of Psalm 133 was performed for the initial time, at the installation of the Duke of Sussex as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of All England (Masonic).

A cartel was arranged, for exchange of POWs between Great Britain and the United States of America.

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

4th day 12 of 5th M / My Mind has again this Day been favor'd with good feelings for which I desire to be thankful. The precious sweetness has arisen much to my comfort & confirmation in the efficacy of truth

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May 13, Thursday: British and Spanish forces under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) began their final offensive in the “Peninsular War” to liberate Spain from its French overlords. Austria would join in the alliance against France.

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

5th day 13 of 5 M / Our Meeting was Silent & a season of some favor to me. – This Afternoon recd a very Acceptable letter from Micajah Collins of Lynn, which I answer'd this evening

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May 14, Friday: Detlev, Count Einsiedel became prime minister of Saxony.



May 16, Sunday: Lord William Bentinck, British Minister in Sicily, informed King Joachim Murat that Great Britain will favor his remaining King of Naples until another kingdom might be found for him.

In Vienna, Johann Nepomuk Hummel got married with a vocalist, Elisabeth Röckel.

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

1st day 16 5 M / Tho' much unwell I rode this morning to [Portsmouth](#), on horse back before Meeting called at Cousin Zacheus Chases, found Shadrack very sick (I think) in a rapid decline, he may perhaps live sometime & get smart again. – Then went to Meeting which was Silent but I believe a favor'd season to some minds I dined with Benj Pearce & then went to visit Joseph Fish in company with Richard Mitchell & Jonathon Dennis, being appointed for that purpose in consequence of his request to be received into membership - we found him according to our feelings in a religious frame of Mind & acquainted with the Cross

of Christ & my mind was encouraged with a prospect of his future usefulness in society. -We took tea with him - On my way home I stoped a little while at the Widow Shermans - then Rode along pleasantly in company with Jonathon

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➡ May 20, Thursday: French troops attacked a Russian/Prussian force near Bautzen east of Dresden, and captured the town (each side lost about a quarter of its soldiers, killed or wounded).

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

*5th day 20 of 5 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended,
& silent
In the Preparative Meeting Certificates were requested for Geo.
B Robinson & Anthony Chase. -*

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➡ May 21, Friday: After several days of fighting at Bautzen, the Russians and Prussians were forced to withdraw but managed to do so in good order (some 40,000 casualties remained to litter the terrain).

➡ May 22, Saturday: Wilhelm Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, the 9th child of Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Wagner, a police actuary, with Johanna Rosine Pätz Wagner, daughter of a baker (the putative father would die; it seems likely that this infant was the illegitimate offspring of the actor and playwright Ludwig Geyer who would officially soon become the boy's stepfather).

A cannonball narrowly missed the [Emperor Napoléon](#) killing instead General Kirgener and the emperor's closest confidant, General Gérard-Christophe Duroc. The Emperor, shaken, called off pursuit of the Russians he had defeated on the previous day.

The British and Portuguese began a new offensive in Spain.

L'italiana in Algeri, a dramma giocoso by Gioachino Rossini to words of Anelli, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro San Benedetto, Venice. The work met with great enthusiasm.

➡ May 24, Monday: Le prince troubadour, ou Le grand trompeur de dames, an opéra comique by Etienne-Nicolas Méhul to words of Duval, was performed for the initial time, at the Théâtre Feydeau, Paris.

➡ May 25: [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)'s 10th birthday.





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 May 25-26: The American cannon of [Fort Niagara](#) and its new detached batteries, assisted by gunfire from the fleet, silenced the batteries of Fort George. The British fort, a wooden structure, burned to the ground.

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

4th day 26 of 5 M 1813 / The Mind is this mornng brought a little down, as into the valley of humiliation from a sense of my many defects, which tho' I am often sensible of, seem a little more depressing than common. -

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 May 27, Thursday: That morning the American fleet was at anchor off the mouth of the [Niagara River](#). After a final cannon bombardment, boats filled with troops headed for the shoreline. By the end of the day they were in possession of the smoldering remains of Fort George and the remnants of the British forces were in full retreat westward along the shore of Lake Ontario. For the first time the river mouth had fallen entirely into American hands. (The American forces would fail to follow up on this advantage, and the British forces would be regrouped to fight another day.)

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

5th day 27 of 5 M / Our Meeting was very small. I believe there were not 40 women which made a very small Moy [Monthly] Meeting - The first was silent - & in the last we had a considerable buisness, which we got along with pretty well - Joseph Fish & Richard Kilson were received into membership - & James W Gould was disowned. Owing to its being a very Rainy Day we had no company at Dinner & was the reason of the Meeting being very Small -

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May 29, Saturday: France again annexed Hamburg.

When news of the French victory at Bautzen reached Vienna, Count von Metternich persuaded the Emperor Franz to remove to the castle at Gitschin (Jicin) roughly halfway between the [Emperor Napoléon](#) and Tsar Alyeksandr.

At Sackets Harbor on Lake Ontario near Watertown, New York, United States forces repelled a British attack.

 May 30, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 30 of 5 M / In consequence of my having been for sometime quite unwell I was bled this forenoon which has prevented my attending Meeting today. I understood however that there was considereble preaching both fornoon & Afternoon. -This eveng feeling pretty Smart called to see my friend Mary Tillinghast

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June: Burgos had been besieged by the forces of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington but in October 1812 the French forces there had been relieved. At this point Wellington finally captured this Spanish city.

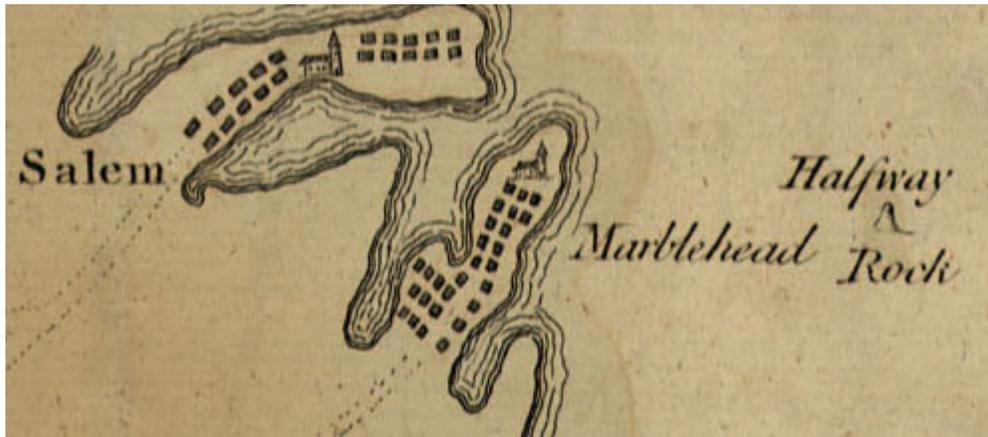


June 1, Tuesday: Évariste Régis Huc was born in Caylus, France.

French troops occupied Breslau (Wroclaw) and Katzbach.

Austrian Emperor Franz and Count von Metternich, on their way from Vienna to Gitschin, ran into the Russian Count Nesselrode looking for them. The Russians wanted Austria to commit to their cause. Franz told him that he would side with Russia in the absence of a favorable peace agreement with the Emperor Napoléon I.

Off the port of Marblehead MA there was an engagement between the HMS Shannon and Captain James Lawrence’s USS Chesapeake. Although the Chesapeake was being defeated by the Shannon, the seriously wounded Captain bravely advised his crew “Don’t give up the ship.” (This has been painted as really a nice story, but it wasn’t but fifteen minutes later that the crew struck the ship’s colors — and he would die of his wounds.)



Friend Stephen Wanton Gould wrote in his journal:

3rd day 1 of 6 M / I have today been more engaged than is pleasant at the election of town Officers - Father Rodman was candidate for town Treasurer which naturally occasioned considerable

anxiety & consequently exertion to Stimulate his friends to give him a vote & my labor was not wholly without effect, for he succeeded by a majority of more than 70 votes. -which insures him a comfortable living for the coming Year. -

The spirit of party is a bane to all true Religion but a becoming care to have our Councils to consist of men that will be likely to do justice to their constituents as far as their knowledge extends, is in my opinion the duty of every good citizen, for truly when the "Wicked rules the Land does Mourn." for I truly have seen it, & experienced it, to my full conviction. -

5th day 2 of 6 M / Our Meeting was rather Small, but I believe a season of favor to many Minds Sarah Tucker late Fish appeared in a lively testimony I have no doubt to the comfort of some afflicted minds present. -

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 June 2, Wednesday: The [Emperor Napoléon](#) and Tsar Alyeksandr agreed to a ceasefire.

 June 4, Friday: The opposing armies in Germany agreed to an armistice at Pleiswitz, which would be extended to August 10th.

 June 6, Sunday: At Stoney Creek, the American invaders of [Canada](#) were attacked and defeated by British forces. 50 American soldiers and 400 Indians were taken prisoner. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

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

1st day 6 of 6 M 1813 / Our Meetings were silent except a few words from a friend in the Afternoon - After tea took a pleasant Walk round the hill with D Rodman & on my return was informd of the Arrival in the Harbour of Uncle Stanton in the Ship Pacific from Lisbon I immediately came down Street & found him at Mothers & was very glad to see him. I went with him to the Ship & spent an hour for the first time I was ever on board a Ship that floated. -

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 June 8, Tuesday: Robert Fulton signed a covenant with his wife's brother-in-law William Cutting for the lease of two steam ferries on the East River of New-York.

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

5th day 10 of 6 M / At meeting CR was concerned in testimony - the Meeting was to me a pretty good time for which I desire to be thankful

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

7th day 12 of 6 M / Yearly Meeting has this Day commenced at



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Portsmouth friends are Now coming into town but much fewer in numbers than I ever before saw them, & I suppose there will be but few here to what we have had in years past. –

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

1st day Our forenoon Meeting was unusually small owing I suppose In great Measure to peoples not coming in from [Portsmouth](#) as usual on 7th day night & the Mornng being very rainy & the weather very cold for the season The Meeting was very much favor'd with quiet & the current of Gospel testimony. – first in supplication by Ann Shipley then by Mary Clisby [?] then Henry Hull in a loving testimony as perhaps was ever delivered in our Meeting house. then Eliza Coggeshall in a sound good testimony & H Hull concluded in solemn supplication. – In the Afternoon Henry Hull again in testimony with life & power inviting the Youth to godliness of life & conversation. Then L Cofggeshall with good Authority. text "the fool saith in his heart there is no God." –

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June 14, Monday: [William Henry Farquhar](#) was born in York, Pennsylvania. This family was from Scotland. [Friend](#) Amos Farquhar, the father, a cotton manufacturer who had turned to farming and teaching school, had been born in 1768 as a great-grandson of Allen Amos Farquhar, the original immigrant of 1721, and his marriage with Friend Mary Elgar Farquhar had begun in 1795. William had a brother Charles Farquhar, Sr. who would become a physician in Alexandria, Virginia, and a brother Benjamin Hallowell Farquhar, so named in honor of a Quaker educator in Alexandria, who would get married with Mary W. Kirk.

The 1st Treaty of Reichenbach was signed between Great Britain and Prussia (this called for Britain to pay a substantial subsidy to maintain the Prussian army, in return for the Principality of Hildesheim being ceded to Hanover).

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

2nd day Our Meeting opened this mornng under a very solemn covering. Short testimonies from Abel Thomas Henry Hull & Enoch Dorland - Much feeling was excited at the reading of the Epistles especially those from London. – Wm Rotch Junr in a weighty feeling manner proposed the attention of the Meeting to the distresses of the people in the eastern country on acct of provision, which was refer'd for future consideration. – 2nd Afternoon - The state of society as represented In the Answer to the Queries was gone into & many feeling & weighty remarks were made by H Hull & E Dorland & others. – The Accounts from the several Quarterly Meetings gave information of six appelants[?] two of whom appear'd this Afternoon & committees appointed to hear the parties. – Wm Almy opened a concern that the Meeting should present a petition to the general government which took much hold of the Meeting but from the advanced state of it was refer'd to a future sitting - - the meeting adjourned to 3 OClock tomorrow Afternoon. –

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➡ June 15, Tuesday: The 2d Treaty of Reichenbach was signed between Great Britain and Russia (Britain was to pay a substantial subsidy to Russia to maintain its army in Europe, and a fleet).

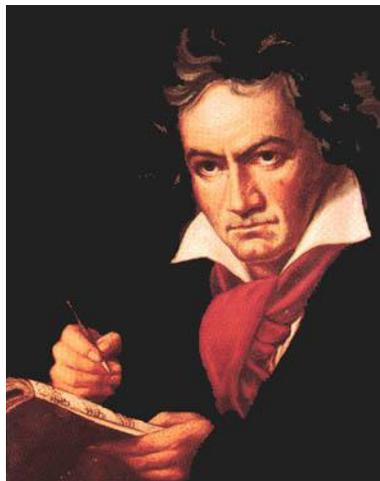
➡ June 19, Saturday: The United States of America declared war upon Great Britain. On this auspicious occasion [James Duncan Graham](#) became a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point.



In a long career of service in the military he would make himself so useful that he would never have a shot fired at him in anger.

Count von Metternich of Austria, Baron Karl Hardenberg and Wilhelm von Humboldt of Prussia, and Count Nesselrode of Russia worked out in a stormy session at Ratiborzitz what would be the 3d Treaty of Reichenbach — which on June 27th they would all sign.

➡ June 21, Monday: British forces under [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) defeated a French force at Vitoria southeast of Bilbao, forcing them into a retreat in disarray over the Pyrenees. The battle would inspire [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) to compose the symphony “Wellington’s Victory.”



➡ June 22, Tuesday: Major-General Alexander Beatson completed his term as governor of [St. Helena](#) and was succeeded by Colonel Mark Wilks.

➡ June 23, Wednesday: [Harriet Westbrook Shelley](#) gave birth to [Ianthe Shelley](#).

[Mrs. Laura Secord](#) walked a dozen miles through Black Swamp and up the steep escarpment of the Niagara, from Queenston, Ontario, Canada to the British encampment at St. Davids, to warn General James FitzGibbon that the Americans under Colonel Charles Boerstler were about to attack this outpost.



Rebecca Jane Billings was born to Caleb Callender Billings and [Nancy Thoreau Billings](#). She would get married with Deacon George Augustus Thatcher of Bangor on October 1, 1832, her husband outliving her until December 1, 1885. Her tombstone, in the Mount Hope Cemetery of Bangor, Maine, bears the inscription “REBECCA J. BILLINGS / wife of / GEORGE A. THATCHER / Born June 23, 1813 / Died Oct. 27, 1883.”

➡ June 24, Thursday: Henry Ward Beecher was born in Litchfield, Connecticut (8th of the Reverend Lyman Beecher’s 13 children, brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe).

At Beaver Dams in Ontario, the American invaders of [Canada](#) were again attacked and defeated by British forces. The American troops would soon be buttoned up in the forts at the mouth of the [Niagara River](#).

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

5th day 24th of 6thM / This Mornng took Chaise & rode with my dear wife & little son to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting. left John at Anne Anthonys & went to Meeting A Sherman H Dennis Obadiah Davis & Parker Halls wife were concernd in testimony & a precious Meeting it was to me. We had much Buisness in the last Meeting some of which worked unpleasantly to my mind we dined at Anne Anthonys & came home early & found Uncle & Aunt Stanton had Arrived last eveng from [Providence](#). – I can best remark that in riding to [Portsmouth](#) this mornng in observing the fields in a very flourishing state & the Clover yealding a rich perfume my mind was humbled under a sense of the Goodness of God & the small returns poor rebellious man is making

for the Beauties received at his hand - I thought did but our conduct arise in as sweet insense before him as does his inanimate part of the creation in what a different stall would our minds be in How sweet & clean would they be - On observing large fields of Whiteweed [?] I could but breath forth the Prayer "Oh Lord keep thy fields White unto harvest" I remember Anne Greene expressed those words in Supplication in our Meeting some Years ago & they particularly struck my Mind at the time & the feelings were sweetly renew'd this Morning

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June 25, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 25 of 6 M / I find that I quite misunderstood the observations of a friend in Meeting Yesterday which drew some remarks from me which were immproper & on reflection today leaves an incomfortable savor. - I believe my remarks were to hasty, & it is poor consolation to say, it is not the first time I have missed - I hope however that by being humbled under it, the effect may tend to deepen me in experience & make me more cautious in future.

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June 26, Saturday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, Austrian Count von Metternich had an intensive negotiation with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) and pushed four points of mediation: the dismantling of the Duchy of Warsaw, the enlargement of Prussia, the return of the Adriatic provinces to Austria, and the renewed independence of Hamburg and Lübeck. At the conclusion of nine hours of fruitless bargaining the Emperor would threaten war.

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

7th day 26 of 6 M / This Aftemoon rec'd a few lines from L E Clarke giving us the affecting news of the Decease of our Dear & much lov'd Cousin John Hazard of North Kingston after a lingering [consumption](#) of several Months. Lewis state that he died in sure & certian hope of the Life to come, that Peter Hoxie observed to him just before the close "The Master is nigh to uphold & John thou'd whn knowest it" he bowed his head in the Affirmation tho' nearly Speechless. - My exercise has been today somewhat uncommon. Soon after I came down to the shop a hevvy depression came over my mind which continued till I went to dinner, when I went home my H told me that Sister Eliza & Mary Briggs had carried our little John to [Portsmouth](#) which served only to increase my previous apprehensions that something was going to happen & would happen to him however this soon wore off but I become more & more distressed in spirit. about the Middle of the Aftemoon brother Isaac came in with the account of Cousin Hazards Death. Soon after which it seemed to pass my mind with a degree of Sweetness "Surely the bitterness of Death is Past." & the exercise gradually wore off & I am inclined to believe that my mind was thus Dipt into sympathy with my dear cousins in N Kingston, tho' at the time I knew not what it was for - for I am sure had I lost a very near relation, my mind would not have been brought under closer sufferings -

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June 27, Sunday: The 3d Treaty of Reichenbach was signed by Austria, Prussia, and Russia, with Austria pledging that it would declare war on France by July 20th should the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reject Count von Metternich's offer of mediation (the deadline was to become August 10th).

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

1st day 27 of 6 M / I attended Meeting this forenoon which was not the worst of seasons to me. - In the Afternoon I staid at home to take care of John while my dear H went to meeting - - In the eveng I walked our to D Buffums to wait on Ruth home. -

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June 28, Monday: King José I of Spain (Joseph Bonaparte) left Spanish soil for the final time.

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

*2nd day 28th of 6 M / This has been a peculiar Day of my life. In the forenoon my mind was under exercise for what I knew not. it seemed however as if my spirit was continually under pressure & I was glad to feel my heart tender, feeling it as a renew'd pledge of the extendings of Divine goodness. - As I came down from Dinner & as I was walking across from the Shop to go into my mothers I saw a young man look at me with a familiar countenance & looked at him a second time & recognized the looks of my long loved & very dear friend **ISAAC AUSTIN**. I staped up to him & took him by the hand & asked him into the shop where we sat down together for more than three hours. This meeting was very unexpected & very affecting to both our Minds. we have not seen each other for nearly Seven years. In the interim whereof many & great changes have taken place, & tho' I have been preserved from grose wickedness, yet, ah! poor thing the round of wickedness he has since been, I feel myself humbled under a sense of my own failings & feel no disposition to boast over him, since I saw him he has been confined nearly five years in the State Penitentiary at Richmond Virginia & is just released & on his way to [Nantucket](#) - I was glad yea my spirit bowed in humble thankfulness to find him a true Penitent & seeking his fathers house both his earthly & his heavenly fathers house with great apparent sincerity - Early in life while I was an apprentice I form'd an acquaintance with him which increased untill he undertook buisness for himself when I was obliged from occurences too obvious to relinquish a part of my confidence, but the love that I had felt for him was too strong to be eradicated from my heart & with all his faults there was something in him which made me love him much, he soon failed in trade & went from here & settled in Abany [Albany?] opened trade again & committed greater enormities than hi?? & went off privately & was finally taken up in Richmond & committed to the Penitentiary, for what exactly I was never informd - but seeing him today my love was very tenderly renew'd for him, for beyond all doubting in my mind he has known the ways of Truth with great clearness & his heart was early visited with the Day Spring from on high, & many times in our early youth have we sat together &*



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spoke of the Lords dealings with us in a manner which both abundantly confirm'd me that he has been made Acquainted with the Lords dealing & now after all his rounds of folly & disipation to see him while Youth still sits on his brow, so humble & contrite in spirit is matter of great rejoicing & consolation. – My heart was exceedingly tender'd at the interview & was a season which I shall never forget while I remember any thing – he went from here & has gone on board a vessel in the harbour intending for [Nantucket](#) this eveng

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



June 29, Tuesday: While the allied forces were closing in around San Sebastián on the Bay of Biscay, in the Théâtre Feydeau of Paris, *Le nouveau seigneur de village*, an opéra comique by Adrien Boieldieu to words of Creuzé de Lesser and Favières, was performed for the initial time (it's like they didn't know they were being snuck up on).

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

3rd day 29th of 6 M 1813 / My dear Isaac did not sail last night & has been on shore again this Morning & spent some time in my shop renew'd tender love springs in my heart towards him, his situation excites my sympathy & my pitty beyond any words which I have at command to express them in Uncle & Aunt Stanton spent the afternoon with us, also Mother & Sister Sally

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



June 30, Wednesday: At the French headquarters near Dresden, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) signed off on Count von Metternich's four conditions: he accepted the armed mediation of Austria, he accepted a meeting of all belligerents at Prague with negotiations to be completed at least by August 10th, and he accepted a suspension of all military activity until August 10th.

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

5th [sic] day 30 of 6 M / I saw My Beloved Isaac this morning walking the deck of the vessel in the harbour thro' a spy glass, the sight of tho' thus far moved my heart with pitty & compassion, –I well knew him by his gate & his cloathing & I could even discern his features thro' the glass which I had. –

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SUMMER 1813



Summer: Sarah Alden Bradford (Sarah Alden Bradford Ripley) and Abba [Alcott?] attended a series of lectures by Professor William Dandridge Peck of the [Harvard College botanical](#) garden.

JULY

→ July/August: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was in London.

→ July-November: Arthur Schopenhauer wrote his dissertation *ÜBER DIE VIERFACHE WURZEL DES SATZES VOM ZUREICHENDEN GRUNDE*.¹⁸

→ July: The [Shelleys](#) were at Bracknell, with the Newton-Boinville circle.

→ July: When war had broken out with England, we had no warships on Lake Erie. By this point six war vessels had been completed at the shipyard near Erie, Pennsylvania. These would be joined by others from Buffalo. A group of Erie women headed by Margaret Foster Steuart made a flag for Master-Commandant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) prior to the sortie of his squadron from Presque Isle Bay enroute to Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island, [Ohio](#) and the flag bore the words of Captain James Lawrence of the USS *Chesapeake* which had in the previous month been defeated by HMS *Shannon* off Boston, “Don’t give up the ship.”



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July: At [Trinity College of Cambridge University](#), [George Waddington](#) was named as the Davies's University Scholar, and for his poem "[Columbus](#)" he was named as the 1st Chancellor's Gold Medallist (Prince William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester and Edinburgh, in his capacity as Chancellor of Cambridge University, presented this gold medal to him, and then on Commencement Day he would be asked to read his poem aloud in it entirety at the Senate House).

WADDINGTON'S COLUMBUS

- 1813 — [George Waddington](#), for "Columbus."
- 1814 — William Whewell, for "Boadicea."
- 1815 — Edward Smirke, for "Wallace."
- 1816 — Hamilton Sydney Beresford, for "Mahomet."
- 1817 — Chauncy Hare Townshend, for "Jerusalem."
- 1818 — Charles Edward Long, for "Imperial and Papal Rome."
- 1819 — Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, for "Pompeii."
- 1821 — Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, for "Evening."
- 1823 — Winthrop Mackworth Praed, for "Australasia."
- 1824 — Winthrop Mackworth Praed, for "Athens."
- 1825 — [Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton](#), for "Sculpture."
- 1827 — Christopher Wordsworth, for "The Druids."
- 1828 — Christopher Wordsworth, for "Invasion of Russia by [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)."
- 1829 — Alfred, 1st Baron Tennyson, for "Timbuctoo."
- 1831 — George Stovin Venables, for "Attempts to find a North West Passage."
- 1842 — Henry James Sumner Maine, for "Birth of the Prince of Wales."
- 1844 — Edward Henry Bickersteth, for "The Tower of London."
- 1845 — Edward Henry Bickersteth, for "Caulbul."
- 1846 — Edward Henry Bickersteth, for "Caesar's Invasion of Britain."
- 1852 — Frederic William Farrar, for "The Arctic Regions."
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July 1, Thursday: Import duties were doubled by the US Congress.

The trade monopoly of the East India Company was abolished.

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

5th day 1 of 7 M 1813 / My buisness was such that I omitted meeting & in this instance as in allmost all others it proved of no advantage to me as I could have done all that was necessary before & the man did not call in meeting time as expected for his Watch - We spent the Afternoon & took tea at Aunt A Carpenters with Uncle & Aunt Stanton.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



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

6th day 2nd of 7 M / I have been to day much Afflicted with the Tooth Ach, & have felt allmost good for nothing.

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→ Our national birthday, Sunday the 4th of July: [Nathaniel Hawthorne](#)'s, or [Hathorne](#)'s, 9th birthday.

CELEBRATING OUR B-DAY

4,000 of our slaves would be able to depart from their American servitude by way of an arrangement with the Royal Navy during the [War of 1812](#). On the face of it, this was the largest [emancipation](#) between the revolution in Haiti in the 1790s and the British colonial abolition of the 1830s (though the emancipation in New York state on July 4, 1827 is a possible contender). These freedom fighters began to leave American waters left in this month and the last would have departed by April 1815. Just under 1,000 would settle in Trinidad, with the remainder settling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — apart from a few who would wind up in Bermuda and a score or so who would reach England.

[Joshua Barney](#) proposed a plan for the defense of Chesapeake Bay.



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

1st day 4 of 7 M / I staid from Meeting this forenoon for my H to go & took care of our little boy – In the Afternoon went - M Morton preached & C R Prayed – Walked out with D R to J Dennis & took tea & set the eveng very agreeably. –

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

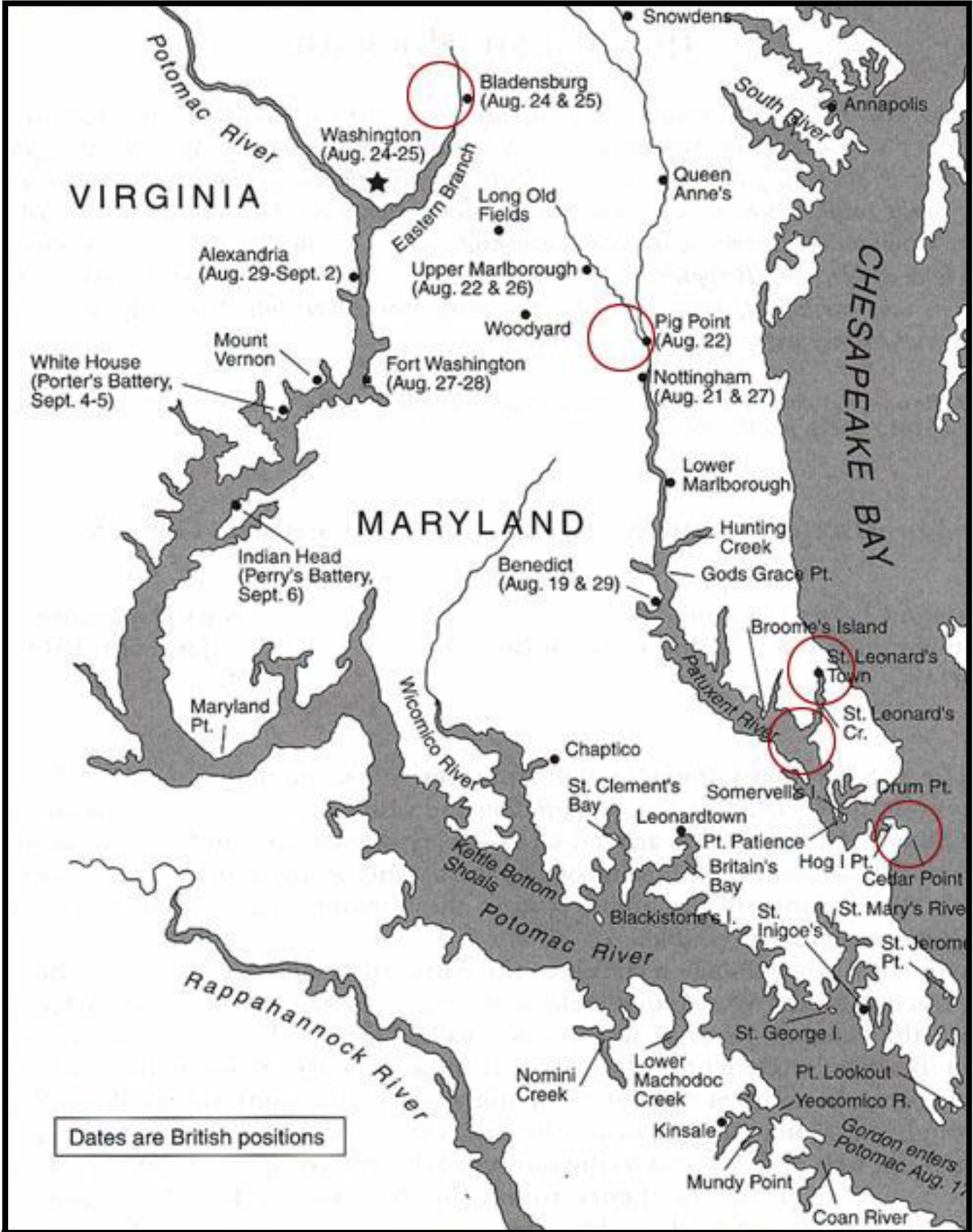
2nd day 5 of 7 M / We all [??] Uncle & Aunt Stanton, Isaac & Sally, Mother & My H & little John took tea with Aunt Patty Gould

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→ July 6, Tuesday: [Granville Sharp](#) died.

“EMANCIPATION IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIES”: Granville Sharpe filled the ear of the judges with the sound principles, that had from time to time been affirmed by the legal authorities. “Derived power cannot be superior to the power from which it is derived.” “The reasonableness of the law is the soul of the law.” “It is better to suffer every evil, than to consent to any.”

July 10, Saturday: Since he had been unable to gain concessions from Britain and Russia in regard to the status of Norway, King Frederik of Denmark renewed his alliance with the Emperor [Napoléon I](#).



 July 11, Sunday: Antonio Cano Manuel y Ramírez de Arellano replaced Pedro Gómez-Labrador Avelo as First Secretary of State of the resistance government of Spain.

Joseph Bonaparte was removed as commander in chief of French armies in Spain.

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

*1st day 11 of 7 M / Attended Meetings In the forenoon D Buffum was concern'd in testimony from the text "Righteousness exalteth a Nation but sin is a reproach to my People" father R also had a few words to communicate - In the Afternoon father was again concern'd
Uncle & Aunt Stanton & Mother, Dined with us & took tea. -At tea we had the Addition of Mother Rodman & Sister Ruth*

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 July 12, Monday: First recorded "12th of July" sectarian riots in Belfast, [Ireland](#).

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

2nd day 12 of 7 M / An Account was rec'd last night of the probability of a Cessation of hostilities between this country & England & the hope is considerably Strengthened by further intelligence this eveng, & mine heart had leap'd with gratitude at the pleasing prospect - not that I see any great pecuniary advantage that I should particularly derive even in case of a peace, but Oh by the Millions of treasure & the rivers of Blood that hath been lost by this very Wicked & very impolitic War, & over all & above all the Guilt that fall on our once peaceful happy Country in consequence of it, is sufficient to make a heart capable of it shudder as the very thought. -

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 July 13, Tuesday: Johann Friedrich Peter died in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the age of 67.

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

*5th day 15th of 7th M 1813 / The report of an Armistice yesterday is much doubted today - as there is no confirmation of it from Boston by this evengs Mail - Alass! how long shall this state of tribulation continue. -
Our Meeting was small & silent but quiet & favor'd -*

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 July 17, Saturday: Fort Michilimackinac was captured by the British.

With the British placing a small squadron on Lake Erie, Master-Commandant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) would be given the rank of Commodore and placed in command of American forces on Lake Erie — where we had no naval presence whatever. The materials to construct our warships—iron, cannon, anchors, ropes and supplies—would need to be portaged a great distance to Noah Brown's shipyard near Erie, Pennsylvania. Six war vessels would be completed by July 1813 and then these would be joined by others from Buffalo.



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

1st day 18 of 7 M / At last Moy [Monthly] Meeting the case of Solomon Lawton was refer'd on acct of Jonathon Dennis & myself & today we went to [Portsmouth](#) to pay him a visit, which we did after meeting. He treated us respectfully, but we could not feel that we gained an entrance for the Truth in his heart, yet we are encouraged to hope that after many days the bread may be found returning on the Waters – We felt the satisfaction of having labor'd in love & faithfully according to the Ability rec'd –

I rode out with Jon & before meeting stoped at P Lawtons Dined at B Freeborn's Visited Solomon at his fathers & took tea at cousin Z Chases.–

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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

4th day 21 of 7 M / We have for several weeks past had the very Acceptable company of Uncle John Stanton & Aunt Martha from N York which we have enjoyed much & this Mornng they have left us for their home - They went to Narragansett Intending to take the Stage thro New London - My Mother went with them to Narragansett intending to spend some time with our friends & relations there. & I crossed the ferry to Connanicut & saw them across the Island.

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They are very affectionate relations to me, having manifested a disposition to do much for my advantage & will no doubt to me make proof of their disposition should occasion offer. –*

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 July 22, Thursday: On the island of Barbados, after a hurricane, 18 were dead and an additional 8 were missing.

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

5 day 22 of 7 M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but I believe attended with a degree of favor. – My cup was not made to overflow but I was thankful under a sense that I was a partaker of the small measure Vouchsafed. –

In the last Preparative a certificate was requested for John Carl Junr [Earl?] Williams Directed to Scipio [New York]

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 July 22, Thursday/23, Friday: On the islands of Dominica, Martinique, and St. Christopher in the Caribbean, the barracks at Morne Bruce were leveled, with a number of persons killed, wounded, or blown from the cliff into the sea. On the island of St. Christopher shipping was driven ashore.

 July 23, Friday: Lieutenant-Colonel John Leighton Tuttle of [Concord](#), Massachusetts, a paymaster for the US troops invading [Canada](#) during the [War of 1812](#), was murdered during a payroll robbery at Watertown near Sacket's Harbour, [New York](#).

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➡ July 25, Sunday: After a siege of almost a month, British troops attacked the French defenders of San Sebastián — but were thrown back.

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

1st day 25 of 7 M / Our Meeting this Afternoon was small but I thought was under a good degree of favor. After it D R & I went out to Saml Thurstons & took tea - - I did not go to meeting in the forenoon being in the mornng under the necessity of Drinking some Salt Water - so I staid at home & took care of John, while my H went. -

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➡ July 26, Monday: On the island of Bermuda, 60 vessels were stranded in the harbor of St. George.

HURRICANES



According to an article in the Liverpool Mercury etc of Liverpool, England for August 20, Friday, 1813, under the headline “Total Defeat of SOULT on the Confines of France,” on the “26th July” “Lieuts. Kelley and Thoreau” of the 40th Foot, 1st batt.” had been wounded “slightly.”

LIEUTENANT JOHN THOREAU



➡ July 27, Tuesday: In the first fighting of the Creek War, whites attacked Creek Indians at Burnt Corn Creek in Alabama. The whites then ran off, and managed to outrun their pursuers.

➡ July 28, Wednesday: When French troops attempting to advance towards Pamplona attacked an allied (Great Britain/Portugal/Spain) army blocking their path, they were unable to make any headway.



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

5th day 29 of 7 M / Our first Meeting was nearly silent. A friend was concerned in a few words – The last (Monthly) was long & much buisness before us which we got along with to pretty good satisfaction. – Sarah Tucker late Fish obtained liberty to visit the Quarterly Meetings of Sandwich Salem & Falmouth. – Uncle Benj Freeborn & wife & Benj Mott & Geo Dennis Dined with us –

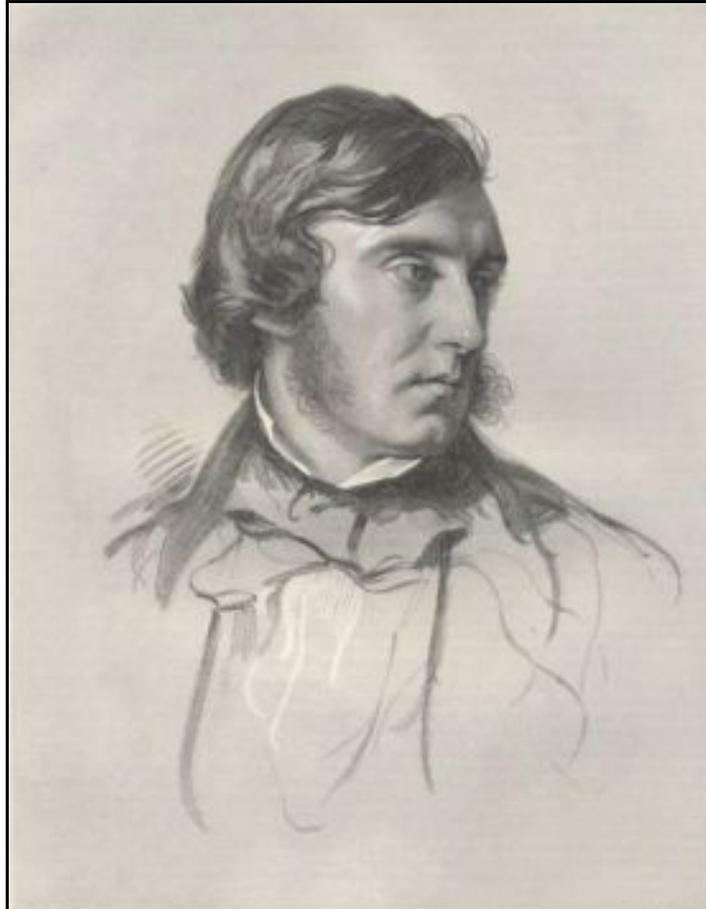
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 July 30, Friday: In the Peninsular War, the allied soldiers who had stood against the French two days earlier went on the attack, and were able to push the French back at Sorauren north of Pamplona.

[Friend Daniel Ricketson](#) was born “to a modest competence” so as to never need to work for a living. Born into the [Quaker](#) family of Joseph and Anna Thornton Ricketson and thus considered a “birthright” Friend, he would be educated at Friend’s Academy in [New Bedford](#) and [Henry Thoreau](#) would habitually address him as “Friend Ricketson” even before the point in late adult years at which he would become a “convinced” Friend. He would be a lifelong intimate of [George William Curtis](#). In his adult years he would characterize himself as



“an ordinary looking person”: his hair was sandy brown, his full beard reddish brown, his eyes hazel, and at five foot three inches in height, he was distinctly “altitude impaired.” As if this altitude impairment were not enough of an affliction, his left eye would become “from an injury received in my youth, defective in vision and slightly smaller than my right one.”

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As he would appear (or as he would have liked to appear, this portrait being idealized) at the age of 25:



 July 31, Saturday: British soldiers and their native allies attacked Fort Stephenson (Menominee County, Michigan), but were repulsed.

On the island of Jamaica, a number of vessels were sunk or stranded in the harbor of Port Royal (also, on this day, there was an earthquake).

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AUGUST

➡ August: [Sam Houston](#) was promoted to Ensign and was transferred to the US Army's 39th Infantry Regiment.

➡ August: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) tried unsuccessfully to defeat the Allies in Germany, with a major battle at Dresden.

➡ August: A Caribbean hurricane killed 3,000 on the island of Martinique.



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Early August: Early in the month, the blockading British squadron pulled away from Erie, Pennsylvania, giving Master-Commandant [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) time to get his new ships over the sand bar and out into the open waters of Lake Erie. Perhaps a quarter of Perry's crewmen were black.



August 1, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 1 of 8 M 1813 / In our Meeting this Mornng Anne Greene & D Buffum were concern'd in Public testimony - In the Afternoon C R had a few words - both of them & particularly the morning were favord Seasons to me. -

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

5th day 5 of 8 M / Br David Rodman & I took a carriage & Carried our Wives & Sisters to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Quarterly Meeting we stoped a little while before Meeting at P Lawtons where we had the company for a little while of Our Venerable & very interesting friend [Moses Brown](#) of [Providence](#) his conversation was amusing informing & edifying -- The first that Broke Silence in the Public Meeting was Peter Hoxie, the next James Greene then Mary Morton then C Rodman & then John Casey to whom the weight of service fell, but according to my capacity of Judging all that were concern'd in Public appearance were favor'd & particularly Dear old John Casey - - In the last meeting Our buisness went on pretty well & the London printed



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*Epistle for the present Year was read, & was very excellent. – Our Dear friend J Casey concluded the Meeting in a very solemn & impressive prayer to the Lord for the three classes of Mankind, The Aged, Middleaged & Youth
We Dined at Anna Anthonys & rode home toward night - father Rodman was taken Faint in the Carriage & Obligated to get out for some time & then ride very slowly home. –*

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 August 6, Friday: The forces of Simón Bolívar entered Caracas, Venezuela.

 August 7, Saturday: In Caracas, Simón Bolívar declared the Second Republic of Venezuela.

Paulina Kellogg was born in Bloomfield, New York.

PAULINA WRIGHT DAVIS

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

1st day 8th of 8 M 1813 / Wm Almy Attended our forenoon Meeting & appeared in testimony & Supplication much to our satisfaction & edification C R Also said a few words & the London Epistle for last Year was read. – Wm Almy attended a Meeting at [Portsmouth](#) appointed by him at 4 OClock –Our Afternoon Meeting was Short & Silent

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 August 10, Tuesday: Finding no basis for peace, the Congress of Prague closed. Austria had come to be firmly in the allied camp.

 August 12, Thursday: After secretly rearming, Austria declared war on France, joining the coalition of Great Britain, Russia, Prussia, Sweden, and the [German](#) principalities.

Carl Maria von Weber began rehearsals for the initial production in Prague with his reconstituted company: Gaspere Spontini's *Fernand Cortez*. This would be the first of 62 operas Weber would produce in Prague.

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

*5th day 12 of 8 M / Attended Meeting C R & H Dennis appear'd in agreeable testimonys
My Mind has been much in sympathy with a poor dear young woman Wife of Edw Stanhope who hath for about two years been afflicted with a dreadful sore leg & it increased in size untill it measured 27 inches round with the most excruciating pain, all applications that could be thought of were made but none afforded even temporary relief for several months past & it was at length concluded that there was no chance for her life but Ampitation which has been this forenoon perform'd by Dr. Turner.*

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➡ August 13, Friday: Austrian rule was restored in Carinthia.

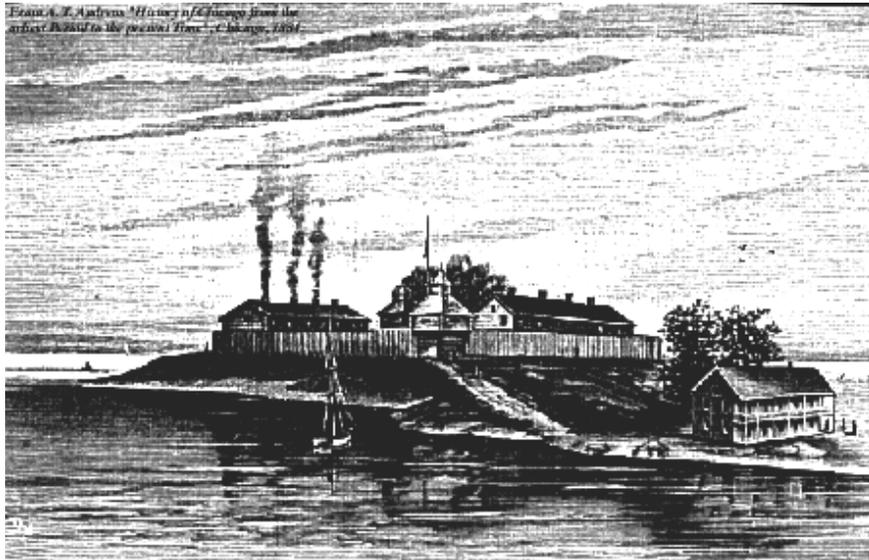
Captain David Porter's *Essex* captured the British sloop *Alert*.

Mr. [Walton Felch](#) of [Rhode Island](#) as Proprietor entered for copyright his manuscript "A *Dissertation on Fire*, or, Inquiries and Reflections concerning the operations of the Laws of Nature — By Philosophers."

➡ August 14, Saturday: The *Argus*, on which [Uriah Phillips Levy](#) was a supernumerary sailing master, had captured more than 20 British vessels in the English Channel when it itself was boarded, its captain was killed, and its crew, including Levy, were taken prisoner.

WAR OF 1812

➡ August 15, Sunday: Fort Dearborn, at what was to become [Chicago](#), had been surrendered to the British. The evacuees were massacred by the Native American allies of the British.



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

1st day 15th of 8th M / Our Meetings have been Silent today except a few words in the forenoon by C R — Towards night took a walk down to the garden & into the Clifton burying ground where many of our relations lay buried both Goulds & Wantons & Rodmans; & the graves of my Grandfather & Grandmother Wanton & have lately had made up & some stones put to dissignate them by, they are close to the Mouth of the Vault on the West side between that & the grave of their son Michael which has an head & foot stone letterd. — I know very well know that there is no great use in dissignating graves, but there is a decency which is becoming, & which I think friendly & other people ought to attend to. —

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➡ August 16, Monday: Fort Detroit was captured by the British.

Wilhelm Richard Wagner was christened in the Thomaskirche, Leipzig.

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➡ August 19, Thursday: The US frigate *Constitution* under Issac Hull captured the British frigate *Guerriere*.

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

5th day 19 of 8 M / Sister Ruth & Eliza went this mornig to Providence intending to go from there to Lynn & Salem to attend their approaching Quarterly Meeting. – Our Meeting this day was as well attended as usual & to me a degree of favor was extended. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

➡ August 20, Friday: [Joshua Barney](#) was appointed as acting master commandant.



From this point until May 1814, he would be outfitted a flotilla of barges and gunboats.

Creek Indians overran Fort Mimms in Baldwin County, Alabama. Only 50 of the 500 defenders escaped.

➡ August 21, Saturday: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) stayed at Aston Hall, and began an affair with Lady Frances Webster.

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

1st day 22 of 8 M / In our forenoon meeting D B was concerned in a short & lively testimony -- In the Afternoon C R Said a few Words -- Sister Mary & Ruth Freeborn took tea with us. – In the eveng our little John was taken very ill with a puking but was relieved by bed time

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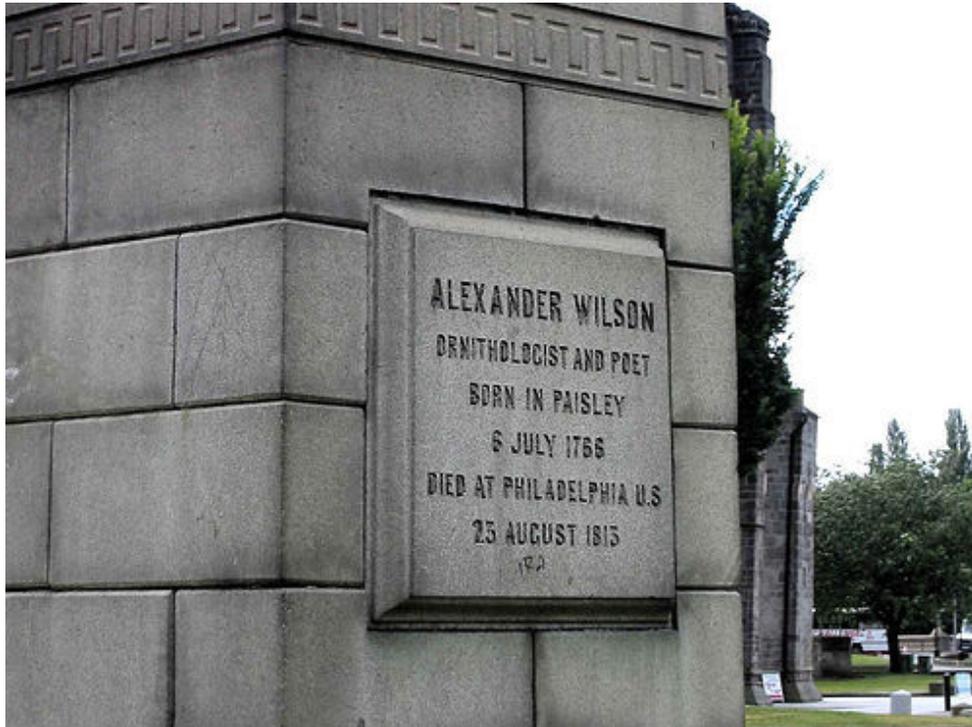
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➡ August 23, Monday: Troops of the anti-French alliance reached the outskirts of Dresden.

Prussian troops ousted the French from Grössbeeren just south of Berlin.

[Alexander Wilson](#) died after debilitating himself during a successful attempt to kill a rare bird.



The dyfentery, his former foe, refumed its deadly affaults, and after a few days illnefs, notwithstanding all that medical fcience and ardent friendfhip could effect, Wilfon expired. The immediate caufe of the final attack, as related by one of his American friends when on a vifit to Scotland, was fstrikingly characteriftic of the man. While he was fitting in the houfe of a friend, engaged in lively converfation, he fuddenly chanced to catch fight from the window of fome bird of a rare fpecies, which he had long been in fearch of. In a moment he flew from his feat, ran out and commenced the chafe, followed his game, fwam acrofs a river over which it had flown, fired at and killed it, and bore it back in triumph. But he had caught cold from the imprudent expofure, and, in a few hours, fatal fymptoms enfued, which fpeedily terminated his exiftence.

➡ August 26, Thursday: [Benjamin West](#) died.

The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) entered Dresden. Since it held a 2-to-1 majority, the Austrian army went on the attack, but then a French counterattack was successful. Although the Allies made initial advances the French eventually regained all lost territory. Then when French troops attempted to pursue Prussian contingents over the Katzbach River, the troops in flight turned desperately and defeated them.

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

5th day 26 of 8 M 1813 / This Morning under no small discouragement I set out to Walk to [Portsmouth](#) to attend our Moy

[Monthly] Meeting our little boy being complaining My H was not easy to leave him – When I had Walked as far as Middletown Town House Deacon Wm Tilley took me into his carriage & carried me as far as Mitchells shop which was a great relief I then traveled on & got to the House of our late friend Holder Almy with comparative ease & remembered the Account of Peter Gardiner that his "Master would give him hind feet" my reflections in the Walk was very pleasant & encouraging – took some refreshment before meeting -Went to meeting where we sat in silence & to me it was a good time, in the last I found it more my place to be still & make but few remarks on the buisness but towards the close a little jostle took place, but I dont know that much Damage was done, or at least my condition I thought was not injured – After Meeting David Shove & Mary Sherman received liberty to consumate their Marriage & a Meeting appointed tomorrow Afternoon at 3 OClock for the purpose - And Job Baker & Eunice Anthony published their intentions of Marriage with each other. – After Meeting Joseph Wilbour took me into his Chaise & brought me home, we stoped by the Way at Cundals Mills & I dined at Rich Mitchells & Joseph & Isaac Mitchells – On my return found my H & John as well as when I left them which was cause of thankfulness & they occaisoined some thoughtfulness at leaving them for only that short time. –

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 August 27, Friday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#), newly reinforced, took the initiative at Dresden and the Allied forces were forced to withdraw towards Bohemia. The Dresden fighting produced 48,000 casualties.

 August 28, Saturday: Lydia Very of Salem MA gave birth and named her infant after its father, her first cousin and common-law husband, the captain of the privateer *Montgomery*, [Jones Very](#).

 August 29, Sunday: Some allied troops being pursued by the French counterattacked at Priestena, Bohemia south of Dresden, and managed to beat off the pursuers.

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

1st day 29th of 8th M / In our Mornng Meeting CR appeared in testimony. In the Afternoon we were silent - Solomon B Boss went home with me & took tea sat the eveng & staid all night. –

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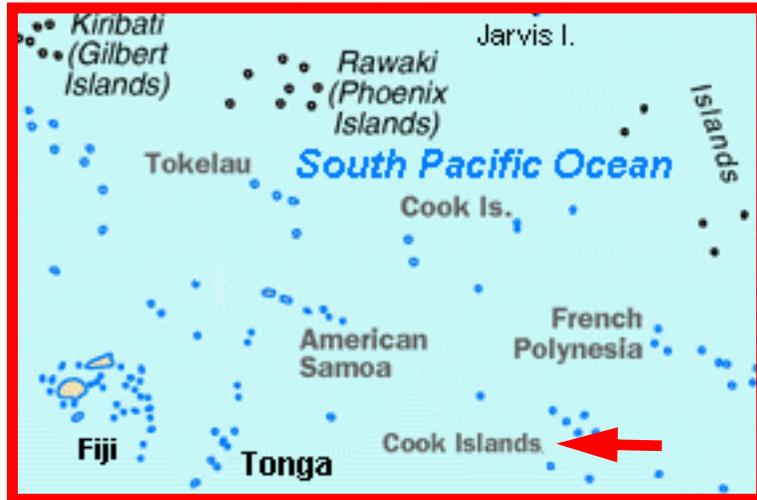
 August 30, Monday: Red Stick Creeks attacked Fort Mims, killing several hundred whites and mestizo Creeks.

Quite by accident the Allies found themselves surrounding some French units at Priestena, obliging the French commander and 13,000 soldiers to surrender.

 August 31, Tuesday: After a 2-month siege, British and Portuguese forces captured the French fortress at San Sebastián near the French border. This accomplished, the soldiers ran amok in the town, murdering, raping and looting civilians with their officers powerless to interfere.

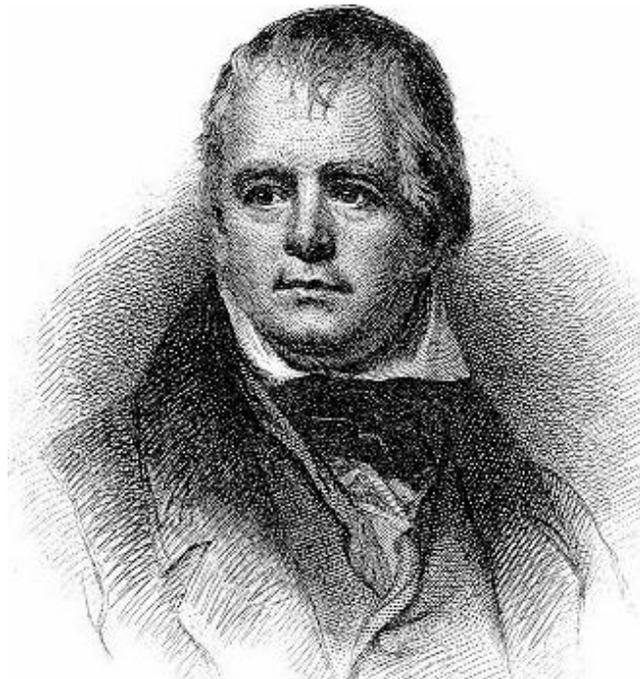
SEPTEMBER

➡ September/October: The 1st official European sighting of Rarotonga in the [Cook Islands](#), by the *Endeavour*.



➡ September: A massacre of white settlers at Fort Mims, Mississippi Territory, by the Creek brought Andrew Jackson back into the field.

➡ September: [Walter Scott](#)'s THE VISION OF DON RODERICK, ROKEBY, and THE BRIDAL OF TRIERMAIN.



[Robert Southey](#) was anointed [Poet Laureate](#) to the Royal Family of England after [Scott](#) declined that honor.

➡ September 1, Wednesday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 1 of 9 M 1813 / The Month commences with depression of Spirits indeed there is hardly any Prospect looks promising. my buisness Dull & very little Money fall in my Way – Our little son seems to be unwell & I think in addition to the difficulty of his eye teeth which are now coming through, I believe he has the hooping cough coming on - Ah poor little fellow, trouble is commensurate with Our existence & if his life should shortly terminate there is this consolation that his troubles will end with his life –

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➡ September 2, Thursday: [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) met [Madame de Staël](#).

➡ September 3, Friday: Russia was supporting Sweden's claim to Norway, so Denmark declared war on Russia.

➡ September 5, Sunday: William Hildreth of [Concord](#) died.

Mary R. Pratt was born to Mary Field Pratt and the [Reverend Enoch Pratt](#).

There was an encounter off Monhegan Island in Maine waters between the USS *Enterprise* and HMS *Boxer*. It was all so very picturesque. We can be sure that somebody made points by being exceedingly manly or something.



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

1st day 9 M 5th 1813 / We had a Short testimony in the forenoon Supplication in the Afternoon. – Our dear little son has been quite indisposed for several days & this Afternoon we gave him an emmetic which operated favorably in the evening. –

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 September 6, Monday: Swedes and Prussians trapped a French army near Dennewitz southwest of Berlin, pushing it back with heavy losses. There were some 17,000 casualties.

 September 7, Tuesday: Lewis Tappan and Susan Aspinwall, daughter of William and Susan Aspinwall, were wed.

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

4th day 9M 8 / Since dinner my Mind has been affected in a way which it hath not for a number of Years & indeed I do not recollect that my feelings were ever similarly arrested at a similar sight. – it was at seeing a poor miserable object of a Man singing an heroic Song of the revolution with his Wife sitting by, & a parcle of Boys & Men standing at the corner of the Brick Market – there was something in his countenance so depraved & his manner so corrupt that my heart was greatly affected with the sight & a prayer arose for his reformation. –

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 September 9, Thursday: A treaty was signed at Töplitz bringing Austria in as an equal participant with Russia and Prussia against France. All sides pledged 60,000 troops.

Georg Friedrich Heinrich Fürst zu Waldeck und Pyrmont replaced Georg Fürst zu Waldeck und Pyrmont as Prince of Waldeck and Pyrmont (George II replacing George I).

Carl Maria von Weber conducted his initial performance with the Estates Theater in Prague, a performance of Spontini's *Fernand Cortez*.

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

5th day 9 of 9M / Our Meeting was attended by most of our members who are able to get out & was I think a pretty comfortable gathering

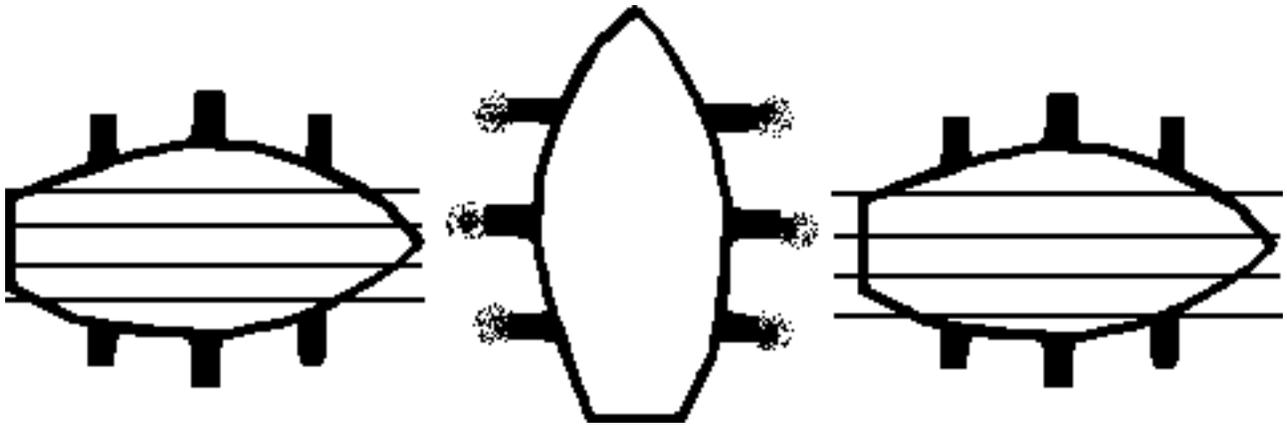
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September 10, Friday: Off the island of Put-in-Bay, [Ohio](#), the American fleet on Lake Erie engaged the small British squadron commanded by Captain Robert Barclay, RN. Commodore [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) was aboard his flagship USS *Lawrence*, which came to be heavily damaged by British fire. Perry's "spaniel dog" had been stowed in the china cabinet in the wardroom of the *Lawrence* and was howling incessantly. One of the gun captains was torn in half by a 24-pound ball. Lieutenant of Marines John Brooks, struck in the hip by a cannonball, was pleading to be finished off but found no-one willing to pull the trigger on him. Carrying his battle flag emblazoned with the injunction of Captain James Lawrence "Don't give up the ship," Perry, wearing a plain jacket so as not to identify himself, transferred by a small boat with a hole in its side half a mile to the nearby USS *Niagara*. By great good luck he was able to perform the perfect maneuver known as "crossing the T," in fact the only nautical maneuver in which a sailing ship may deliver damage to another ship without receiving damage in return, passing the *Niagara* between the bow of one British vessel and the stern of another in such manner that, while neither of these ships were able to direct a broadside at him, his own broadsides were simultaneously delivering "raking fire" to the full length of those enemy vessels:



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Within fifteen minutes the British surrendered. Perry reboarded the heavily damaged *Lawrence* to receive Captain Barclay's surrender and penned the now-famous man's man sentiment "We have met the enemy and they are ours."



(Indeed the enemy were ours, for Perry would be able to bring each and every vessel of that British squadron into port as a prize of the US, with the proceeds of sale to go into the pockets of the American participants in the Battle of Lake Erie. Perry would be promoted to Post-Captain.)



(While this battle was taking place on Lake Erie, Senecas of the southern tier assembled to protect Anna Church, who was alone at Angelica while her husband was trapped in Europe by the war.)

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

6th day 10 of 9 M / My Mind is far from being in an elevated condition on the other hand depression is very much my portion -Oh that in all situations my hope & trust may be Steadfastly on the Lord. -

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

1st day 12th of 9th M / Our Mornng meeting was large & quiet & I thought favord Mary Morton appeard in a Solemn supplication & H Dennis in testimony In the Afternoon we were Silent but I thought a good degree of favor was extended -

After meeting walked with Br D R & took tea with Saml Thurston

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→ September 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16 of 9 M / Our Meeting was silent but well attended, & I thought a good degree of favor was extended --

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→ September 17, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 17 of 9 M / My Mind has for several weeks been perplexed about Moving from our present habitation which is in every respect very agreeable to us, our neighbours very kind & affectionate & our rooms very pleasant - but the house annexed with my shop being vacant & to be had for a few Dollars more than what we now give, has proved a temptation & it seems now pretty much concluded on that we move in a few weeks, not however without much regret at leaving our neighbors who are Wm Briggs's family & have ever proved very kind & affectionate to us. -

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→ September 19, Sunday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 19 of 9 M 1813 / I staid from meeting this forenoon to take care of John for my H to go - She told me that it was a favord meeting - D Buffum M Morton & H Dennis appeared very sweetly in testimony. - In the Afternoon I went - Silence prevailed & I thought a pretty good Meeting - towards Night took a pleasant Walk with Br D Rodman. -

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→ September 22, Wednesday: Denmark declared war on Sweden, because of its claim to Norway.

→ September 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23 of 9 M / Our Meeting was well attended & to me a very comfortable season - soon after I took my seat life sweetness & tenderness arose in my mind which frequently moistened mine eyes with tears, & while thus sitting the substance of a testimony once delivered in our Meeting house by our leams[?] came very fresh & sweetly into my mind "Every true servant will be occupied in his Masters service or Watching at the door of the tabernacle until he appear." which continued at times thro' the whole sitting, & Mine heart was rejoiced to find that the good spirit was still with me, & did arise this day greatly to my comfort & has continued near this Afternoon - Our friend Anne Greene was over from Connanicut & had a precious little testimony to deliver. -

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 September 24, Friday: André-Ernest-Modeste Grétry died in Montmorency, Seine-et-Oise, at the age of 72.

A DISCOURSE PREACHED BEFORE THE MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON FEMALE ASYLUM, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1813, AT THEIR THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY. BY [THADDEUS M. HARRIS](#), D.D. MINISTER OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN DORCHESTER. [ONE LINE FROM HOSEA] (Boston: Russell, Cutler & Co.).

 September 25, Saturday: As Cossacks approached Kassel, King Jérôme Bonaparte of Westphalia led a small contingent against them and managed to chase them off. However, when afterward reinforcements didn't appear, he needed to flee.

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

1st day 26 of 9 M / Our Meetings were silent but good seasons to me - After meeting with Br D Rodman & J Sherman walked out to J Dennis & took tea - Brother Isaac Is very sick I found him this evening much worse than he has been with a fever - This mornng The Frigate President arrived in the harbor & in the evening went up the river this circumstance I consider a great calamity to this town as the Probability is that We shall be under a rigorous blockade by the British Last eveng James Irish was Drowned in Coddingtons Cove he had been to Prudence after grapes with John Chase & [] Sherman a lad about 13 Years of age - they landed John Chase at his shore & the other two were carrying the boat to James Chases boat house - a flow of Wind upset them but by exercion they righted her again but she soon overset again & Irish perished the boy held on to the boat & after an hour or two drove on shore almost exhausted but saw the light at Jonathan Dennises house & with great difficulty just as they were going to bed they very humanely administered to his necessitys & soon recovered him so that he could give an account of himself -

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 September 29, Wednesday: United States forces reoccupied Detroit.

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

4th day 29th of 9th M 1813 / This Day Brother Isaac & I have enter'd into an agreement in much love respecting the settlement of our late dear fathers estate - The Will left it in four parts to be divided at the Decease or second Marriage of our dear Mother. - The decease of Brother David left it in three, that is, between Isaac James & myself - The personal Estate he gave to mother of course is at her disposal & the real estate which was only dividable by fathers Will Consisted of the House & lot in which he lived & an old house & lot at the lower end of Thames Street which he purchased of John Tracy & a lot in Gidley Street which he purchased of Phineas Gilbert & has been called the Gilbert Garden. - The estate was in debit rising 1200 Dollars - Brother Isaac sometime past went to Boston when Brother James was there & purchased his right of one third in the estate which left it only dividable between him & me & Isaac has now agreed to give me the Old house & lot & the Gilbert Garden & fifty Dollars to quit claim to the house & lot up town & he to cancell all the debits, the principle part of which is due to him for

building the addition to the house in which father lived & which he & mother now occupies. – The Inventory amounted to a little rising 400 Dollars including the House & leased lots which was purchased of Deborah Garrison for our Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould to live in - none of which we consider as belonging to us, but to Mother who has the right of Disposal - Thus we have come to know our particular right & proportion of the estate in reversion of after Mother without any Difficulty & in great Brotherly harmony which I pray may ever exist between us.

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 September 30, Thursday: After being abandoned by their King Jérôme Bonaparte, Westphalian troops surrendered Kassel to the invading Russians. The victors dissolved the Kingdom of Westphalia and removed this absent monarch from authority. Meanwhile, in flight, Jérôme reached the Rhine River and safety.

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

5th day 30th of 9th M 1813 / Our Meeting was small but thirteen women attended owing to the weather being exceedingly stormy - yet we held Monthly Meeting & in the first Job Challinor preached with acceptance in the last our buisness labor'd exceedingly owing to the womens committee not sending their report respecting the clearness of Eunice Anthony to preceed in marriage with Job Baker in consequence of which the Meeting was adjourned till One OClock tomorrow at [Portsmouth](#) - Antipas Chase & Susanna Hicks dined with us having this day published their intentions of Marriage with each other. –

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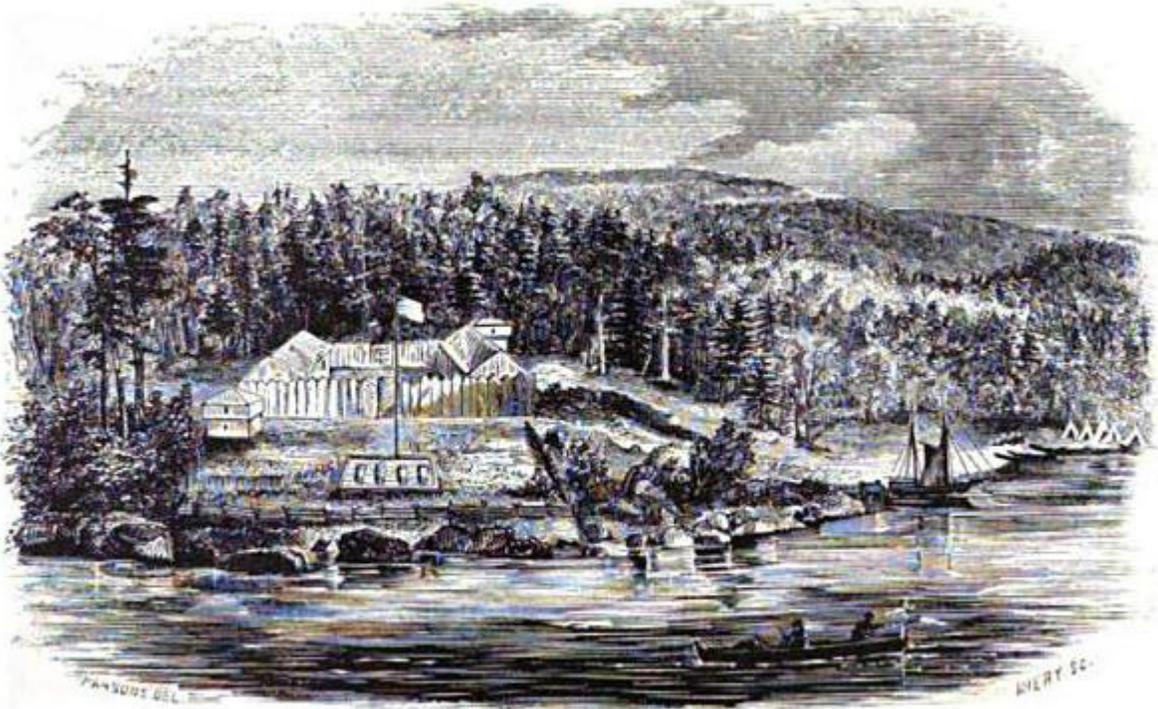
 Fall: The American forces at [Fort Niagara](#) and its surrounding emplacements had been depleted by a transfer of troops to the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The defense of the [Niagara River](#) frontier was being left largely to the [New York](#) militia.

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OCTOBER

October: There being a prospect of war with Britain, it became necessary for John Jacob Astor to rescue his investment by selling Fort Astoria to the North West Company. [Gabriel Franchère, Fils](#), out of a job, would need to return overland to [Montréal](#).



Astoria, as it was in 1813

→ October: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) returned to Aston Hall.

The Websters visited Newstead Abbey.



From this month into April of the following year, [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) lectured in Bristol, England on [Milton](#), [Cervantes](#), taste, [Shakespeare](#), education, the French revolution, and [Napoléon](#).

→ October: Murray published [Madame de Staël](#)'s *DE L'ALLEMAGNE* in French and English.

→ October: [Napoléon Bonaparte](#) tried unsuccessfully to defeat the Allies in Germany, with a major battle at Leipzig.

A [St. Helena](#) library was established through the patronage of Governor Colonel Mark Wilks.

ST. HELENA THE HISTORIC

→ October 1, Friday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

6th day 1 of 10 M 1813 / In understood by a friend that attended the adhourment that the young friends were reported clear & a meeting was appointed in the Afternoon at which they solemnized their Marriage. -

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

7th day 2 of 10 M / This Afternoon Brother Isaac & I have concluded the buisness between us & passed Deeds - which puts to an end between us all concern of our late Dear fathers estate, we each know our share in reversion from Mother - I have the two lots down town & he has the homestead. -

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 October 3, Sunday: At Wartenburg, Prussian troops inflicted heavy losses on the French.

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

1st day 3 of 10 M / In consequence of having scraped the skin from off my heal & being quite lame with it I staid at home from Meetings.

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 October 4, Monday: At the Schubert home in Vienna, two works by Franz Schubert were performed for the initial time for the nameday of the composer's father: "Kantata zur Namensfeier des Vaters D.80 for male voices and guitar to words of the composer," and "String Quartet in D, D.74."

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

3rd day 5 of 10 M / We have this Day removed from our very comfortable & agreeable accomodations in Spring Street owned by Jethro Briggs & occupied in the lower part by his son Wm & family -Into the house to which my Shop is attached where I have said before we shall be comfortable in some respects but not so much so on some others - We leave our dear Neighbors with much regret we had lived on such intimate terms with tham that they really claim a great share of our affections. -

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[Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) resigned as commander in chief of the Spanish army.

In the “Battle of the Thames” or Moraviantown, east of Chatham in Ontario, United States forces under General William Henry Harrison, victor at the battle of Tippecanoe (Keth-tip-pe-can-nunk), Indiana, who had crossed the Detroit River in pursuit of British General Proctor, captured Ft. Malden south of Detroit at the entrance to Lake Erie.



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Shawnee headman Tecumseh was shot dead and General Procter fled.

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Here is the death of Tecumseh as it has been depicted in a Brumidi frieze on the rotunda of the US Congress:



The body was skinned and the white soldiers made nice forget-me-not straps for their straight razors (not depicted). A friend carried the bones off and, it seems, buried them on an island, but upon the death of this friend, the location of the burial was lost.¹⁹

THE MARKET FOR HUMAN BODY PARTS



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

5th day 7 of 10 M / This forenoon I calculated to go to Meeting till within a few minutes before the time when my Wood came which I thought would overlay my time so as to prevent - but I afterwards found as I allmost uniformly have that I might have gone to meeting & nothing have differd by it. -

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19. They must have been a little disappointed! Because, as [Herodotus](#) noted, death knowing not color, no matter what hue human skin is while it is adorning a living human being, when our skin has been cured and dried it uniformly becomes just another piece of whitish stuff.

British, Portuguese, and Spanish forces led by [Arthur Wellesley, Viscount Wellington](#) crossed the Bidassoa River from the Iberian Peninsula into France.²⁰



The Iron Duke pissing in the Bidassoa?



October 8, Friday: By the Treaty of Ried, Bavaria left the Confederation of the Rhine and joined the Allies against France.

[Perry Davis](#) got married with Ruth Davol, daughter of Pardon Davol and Priscilla Davol, a member of the same [Baptist](#) church and “kindred in spirit, as may be inferred from the fact, that on the evening of their wedding day, both bride and groom attended and actively participated in the exercises of a meeting for prayer and conference, held at the residence of one of the deacons of the church.”

20. Entering the French homeland like this was a really, really big deal — making a legitimate comparison of the French emperor with the German *Führer*, this must have felt something like our crossing of the Rhine River during WWII. So, did the Iron Duke piss in the Bidassoa the way General Patton would piss in the Rhine?

Together they not only travelled the path of "the life which now is," but that "also of the life which is to come," along which, as the sequel shows, "the happiest of their kind whom gentle stars unite," they pleasantly journeyed, sharers in each others' sorrow, and mutual helpers of each others' joy. For a period of nearly thirty years their course of life seemed, in one view, to flow in rugged channels, with whirls and eddies. Clouds of sorrow thickened around them. Adverse winds impeded their progress. The multiplied anxieties of sickness, destitution and pinching want, at times legion-like darkened their pathway; and "bowed down by weight of woe," with the man of ancient times, they could look up to the eternal throne, and cry out to Him who sits thereon, "All thy waves and thy billows have gone over us."

 October 10, Sunday: At 8PM, Giuseppe Fortunio Francesco Verdi was born at Le Roncale near Busseto northwest of [Parma](#), eldest of two children born to Carlo Verdi, a tavern owner, with Luigia Uttini, daughter of tavern owners.

Juan O'Donóju O'Ryan was named First Secretary of State (Prime Minister) of Spain.

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

1st day 10 of 10 M 1813 / In consequence of indisposition I staid from our forenoon Meeting - but my H went, & told me that D Buffum & A Robinson preached sweetly - In the Afternoon I went, had a good Meeting - father R said a few words. -

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 October 12, Tuesday: By the Treaty of Gulistan, Russia acquired northern Azerbaijan from Persia.

In Berlin, a setting of Psalm 23, Gott ist mein Hirt, for solo voices and chorus by Meyer Beer (Giacomo Meyerbeer) was performed for the initial time.

 October 13, Wednesday: In the *Wiener Vaterländische Blätter*, Johann Nepomuk Maelzel's invention of a new "chronometer" was announced. The device, an early metronome, was being endorsed by several composers, including [Ludwig van Beethoven](#).

 October 14, Thursday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) entered Leipzig at the head of 200,000 men. "It ain't over 'till it's over." Bavaria declared war on France.

There was a ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela at which Simón Bolívar was awarded the title "El Libertador."

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

5 day 14 of 10 M / Our meeting was large as usual, silent & I thought a pretty good time. - Wm L Burling late of N York is now here. -

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



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6th day 15 of 10 M / Wm Burling & L L Clarke took tea with us & Wm set the evening in addition came Sisters Ruth, Eliza, Joanna & Rebecca - Br David & John who made a very agreeable circle

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 1st half of October: Mrs. [Cynthia Dunbar Thoreau](#) became pregnant for the 2d time.

JOHN THOREAU

DUNBAR
FAMILY

THOREAU
GENEALOGY

 October 16, Saturday: Allied (Austrian/Prussian/Russian) forces began an attack on the French near Leipzig. Allied advances in the morning dissipated by noon, followed by a French counterattack that was checked in turn.

 October 17, Sunday: During a lull in the fighting at Leipzig both sides were reinforced.

Fernando de Salerna replaced Juan O'Donjú O'Ryan as First Secretary of State of Spain.

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

1st day 17 of 10 M / In our Morning meeting D Buffum was much favord in testimony - Illustrated the passage of Felix trembling before Paul & apply'd it to the condition of an individual or individuals present In the Afternoon we were silent. -

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 October 18, Monday: Allied forces made encircling advances at Leipzig but the French held on to increasingly untenable positions. Two Saxon units defected to the Allies.

The principal shareholders of the Boston Manufacturing Company met for the first time. They would soon build, in Waltham, Massachusetts, the 1st integrated factory.

 October 19, Tuesday: When the French began to pull their forces out of Leipzig, a rear guard was supposed to held off the advancing Allies. However, a corporal who had been left in charge of destroying the causeway out of the city got nervous and blew it up while French troops were still crossing over it. This trapped the rear guard in the city where it would eventually be obliged to surrender. Total casualties in the Battle of the Nations at this point mounted to some 92,000, not to consider thousands of civilian casualties in and around Leipzig. Wurttemberg and the rest of the Confederation of the Rhine joined the Allies against France. Saxony was occupied. Prussian troops occupied Frankfurt-am-Main. The French empire east of the Rhine was obliterated.

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

3rd day 19 of 10 M / I have been much occupied today in attending to the pulling down of the house which falls to me After Mother It was with much reluctance that I consented to its being taken Down as it was the place of my Youth, where I lived very hapily with my dear Aunts Patty Mary & Hannah Gould & spent many pleasant hours, & in going over it this morning recognized the various corners in which I played & Kept my pretty things in those Days, which were days free from care & trouble, & it is

*no small test of feelings to see it taken our of sight. – here many would think I have evinced weakness, & perhaps I may, but the scenes of my youth were pleasant & on them I love to reflect & I do not feel that there can be much harm in it - -
In consequence of the extreme rottenness of the building I have been long sensible that it could never be enjoyed again as an habitation, or even as a store & The boys were daily carrying it off peace by peace. –*

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 October 20, Wednesday: King Friedrich August of Saxony was arrested in Leipzig by the allies. He would be transported to Berlin by the Prussians and held at the castle of Friedrichsfelde.

The Emperor Franz awarded, to Count Klemens Lothar von Metternich, the Austrian Foreign Minister, the title of Prince.

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

*5th day 21 of 10 M / Attended Meeting but a dull time to me. –
A Short testimony by father Rodman – Jona Dennis & Solomon B
Boss dined with us - - - Sister Ruth took tea & set the evening*

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 October 22, Friday: [Maria Louisa Sampson](#) was born in [Plymouth](#), Massachusetts.

The Meerfeld Endowment, by Imperial decree, was awarded to Franz Schubert.

[Helen Louisa Thoreau](#)'s 1st birthday.

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

*6th day 22 of 10 M 1813 / Last Night I watched with David
Huntington & feel but Poorly today
We have this Afternoon finished pulling down the old house &
building the fence round the Lot. –*

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 October 23, Saturday: The Americans operating the Pacific Fur Company trading post in Astoria, Oregon turned the post over to their rivals in the British North West Company.

 October 24, Sunday: In Prague, incidental music for *Das österreichische Feldlager*, a play by Schmidt after Schiller, by Carl Maria von Weber, was performed for the initial time.

From this day until November 5th, Persia and Russia would be negotiating the Treaty of Gulistan of 1813 that would end of the Russo-Persian War by Persia (Iran) surrendering to Russia all territories to the north of Aras River.

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

1st day 24 of 10 M / In our Forenoon Meeting D Buffum was



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concerned in a very lively testimony, in the Afternoon we were silent. & both Meetings were unsettled seasons to my mind.-

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 October 25, Monday: [William Lewis Herndon](#) was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

On the Chateaugay River, British troops and their native allies defeated a United States force that actually outnumbered them 7 to 1. This forced the United States to abandon its invasion of Québec.

 October 26, Tuesday: Austrian forces defeated the French at Valsarno, thus returning Austrian arms to Italy.

At Chateaugay, Charles de Salaberry defeated an American invasion.

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

4th day 27 of 10 M / This forenoon was the funeral of Sam'l Elam it reached town about noon & the corps was carried to the Meeting house where was collected a considerable number of the great folks of the town & our friend David Buffum was concerned in a testimony which was pertinent & attended with power. - After Meeting the corps were enter'd in the burying ground near the Meeting house by the side of our late friend John Hadwen -

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 October 28, Thursday: An allied administration took over in Saxony and Stolberg-Wernigerode. A Prussian administration took over in Quedlinburg.

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

5th day 28 of 10 M / Rode with my H to [Portsmouth](#) & attended our Monthly Meeting. - - Dined at cousin Chases & rode home During the deliberations of this day a very exercising case occur'd - It seems that a certain friend has taken a dislike to me & thinks I have joined the party against him (as he calls it) but I believe there is no party except which wishes him all love & good Will & today he undertook to handle me in a very indirect & unhandsome manner - but I concluded it was best to take no notice of his remarks neither did any other friend & the Meeting ended very quietly. - This friend is very bitter in his spirit towards many friends & why he should be against me who never did him any harm in my life either in word or Deed, I know not - I feel nothing but love for him & hope he may yet experience the Strong man to be bound hands & feet in him -

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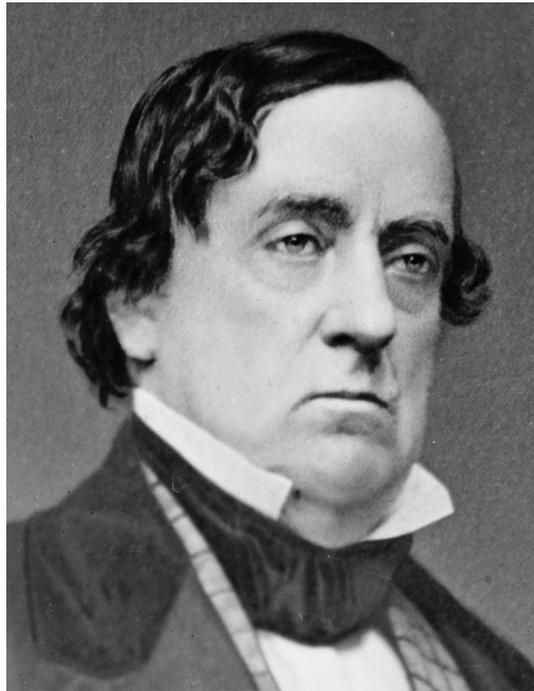
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→ October 29, Friday: [William Benjamin Carpenter](#) was born at Exeter in England, the 1st son of the [Unitarian](#) Reverend Dr. Lant Carpenter.

An allied occupation administration took over in Hannover and Hildesheim.

[Nicolò Paganini](#) performed for the 1st time at Milan's Teatro alla Scala, presenting the initial performance of his "Le streghe, variations on a theme from Süßmayr's Il noce di Benevento." During this visit to Milan he met the singer Antonia Bianchi of Como, Italy.

President [James Madison](#) appointed [Lewis Cass](#) as the Governor of the Michigan Territory to serve in that capacity whenever convenient (that is, with long periods of absence during which a Lieutenant Governor would take over), until 1831.



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

6th day 29 of 10 M / Rode out to the late residence of Saml Elam & met the Town Council, but the Witnesses to the Will not being present it was not Proved - The Object I had in going was to be engaged as an appraisor to the Estate - Wm Rotch having requested me to Act in that capacity. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

→ October 30, Saturday: An Austrian-Bavarian force that had placed itself at Hanau east of Frankfurt-am-Main, astride the line of French retreat, was decimated by the French forces.

An allied occupation administration took over in Brunswick. The Kingdom of Westphalia was dissolved. Wilhelm I resumed his throne as Landgrave of Hesse.

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

7th day 30 of 10 M 1813 / I have been quite seriously indisposed today with a cold which I have labored under with a sore throat -today the soreness of the throat has much increased - but I



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have kept about & been out some. –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 October 31, Sunday: French troops occupied Hanau.

The French garrison at Pamplona surrendered to the British and Portuguese.

NOVEMBER

 November: [Henri Benjamin Constant de Rebecque](#)'s *DE L'ESPRIT DE CONQUETE ET DE L'USURPATION DANS LEURS RAPPORTS AVEC LA CIVILISATION EUROPEENNE*, a political writing in opposition to [Napoléon](#), was published at Hanover.

 November/January: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was in London.

 November 2, Tuesday: The main French army reached Frankfurt-am-Main and comparative safety.

 November 3, Wednesday: In Alabama, United States troops attacked Tallussahatchee, a Creek village, killing 186 men, capturing 80 women and children, and burning native huts and crops.

 November 4, Thursday: Having abandoned the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) in Erfurt, King Joachim Murat reached Naples.

British Foreign Minister Viscount Castlereagh wrote directly to US President James Madison offering peace talks (he would accept).

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

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th days of the Week / I have been pretty much the whole of the time confined to the House with the most severe Cold & Cough attended with a considerable degree of inflammation on the Lungs, besides which I have been so hoarse I could scarcely speak – My Cough still holds on & I have some fever remaining, but I raise pretty freely & I feel in hopes that the greatest difficulty has passed by – I was not at Meeting on first day & have not been today, & had I been in health it was my intention to have gone to Swansea to have attended the Quarterly Meeting which is held there this Day
–

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Arthur Schopenhauer returned from Rudolstadt to his mother's home in Weimar.

By the Treaty of Gulestan signed on this day, Russia received all Persian territory north of the Aras River (this included Abkhazia, Dagestan, Baku, and Georgia).

 November 6, Saturday: Bremen was returned to the status of a free city.

The Duchy of Brunswick was restored. Duke Friedrich Wilhelm was returned to his throne.

The Electorate of Hannover being restored, Georg III (who was also King George III of England) was restored to that throne.

An allied occupation administration took over in Frankfurt-am-Main.

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

7th day 6 of 11 M 1813 / I have been better of my Cold for Yesterday & today, but I raise a great deal yet. Cough hard & have a shortness of Breath which is very tedious.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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

1st day 7 of 11 M / Attended Meeting this forenoon we had a short testimony & supplication of the merits of which, from my own state of Leanness I was no judge of – In the afternoon I staid at home for my H to go which she did & said meeting was silent.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 8, Monday: By the Frankfurt peace proposals, the Allies offer the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) borders on the Pyrenees and the Alps. Austria takes control of Venetia. Russian forces occupy East Frisia, Knyphausen and Jever.

 November 9, Tuesday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reached St. Cloud from the German front.

The allied administration in Osnabrück handed over power to an administration from Hannover.

The Tennessee militia defeated Creek Indians at Talladega, Alabama. 300 people were killed.

With the death of [Noah Webster, Jr.](#)'s father [Captain Noah Webster, Sr.](#), his name would become [Noah Webster, Esq.](#)

 November 10, Wednesday: An allied administration took over in Berg.

The Spanish cortes affirmed the rights of the nobility over their property, thus quashing any hope for land distribution.

Zur Namensfeier des Herrn Andreas Siller D.83 for solo voice, violin, and harp by Franz Schubert was performed for the initial time, in the Vienna home of the dedicatee.

 November 11, Thursday: The French garrison at Dresden surrendered to the Allies.

British troops defeated American forces at Chrysler's Farm, Montréal.

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

2nd 3rd, 4th & 5th Days / These Days have been occupied in taking an Inventory of the Personal Estate of Saml Elam at his late residence at [Portsmouth](#), Wm Rotch Junr was there, also Thos Arnold two days, whose company was very pleasant - conversation with Wm Rotch Junr was edifying & I may safely say that the time spent with him was to proffit both spiritually & temporally - - It Rained so hard on fifth Day that we could not come from [Portsmouth](#) to attend Meeting - but I rode home in the Afternoon with Wm Rotch Junr. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 13, Saturday: French troops attacked out of Bayonne again, but were routed by the allies.

An allied occupation administration took over in Essen.

 November 14, Sunday: The Emperor [Napoléon I](#) confessed to the French Senate that its Grand Empire was no longer in existence.

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

1st day 14 of 11 M 1813 / Attended Meetings which were seasons of favor but considerably obstructed by hindering things & endeavored however to keep up the contest pretty closely -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 15, Monday: Dutch citizens rose against their French occupiers.

 November 16, Tuesday: British ships began a blockade of Long Island Sound.

 November 17, Wednesday: The Dutch rebellion succeeded in expelling the French from their country.

 November 18, Thursday: In Alabama, United States troops from Fort Strother raided a settlement of Hillabee Indians at Ten Islands on the Coosa River. The soldiers were apparently unperturbed by the fact that the Hillabee were currently in peace negotiations with the United States. 60 were killed and 250 captured.

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

5th day 18th of 11 M / Our Meeting was pretty well attended & I believe was to some a season of favor - I[t] was however to me attended with Barrenness - & Poverty -

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 November 19, Friday: The allies agreed on a military plan for the invasion of France.

 November 20, Saturday: Hugues Bernard Maret, duc de Bassano replaced Pierre Bruno, comte Daru as Secretary of State (chief minister) of France.

 November 21, Sunday: King Wilhelm I of Hesse was restored to his throne.

Charles Turner Torrey was born in Massachusetts.

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

1st day 21 of 11 M / In our forenoon Meeting A Robinson & D Buffum appeared in testimony - Much to satisfaction - In the Afternoon we were silent - Meetings today were seasons wherein my mind was favord to keep up the warfare in a good degree - I walked out to Saml Thurstons with D Rodman took tea & set the forepart of the evening. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 23, Tuesday: An epidemic of [typhoid fever](#) in Leipzig, possibly caused by the dead and wounded from the Battle of Leipzig littering the streets of the city and suburbs (including the Gewandhaus), produced the death of acting Police Commissioner Carl Friedrich Wilhelm Wagner.

In 1813 several British naval officers, prisoners of war, resided in [Concord](#) on parole, some of whom were taken in the *Guerriere*. A number left here, November 23d, but their places were supplied by others the next day. Some of them were of distinguished families and scattered their wealth with liberal hands.²¹

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

3rd day 23 of 11 M / Last night David Rodman & I watched with David Huntington whose situation is very distressing -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 November 24, Wednesday: The allied occupation administration in Bentheim was handed over to Hanover.

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

5th day 25 of 11 M / Our Moy [Monthly] Meeting this Day held in town was silent - In the last we had but little buisness with which we proceeded in the love no Obstruction thereto appearing. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

21. [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 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.)

➡ November 28, Sunday: Simon Mayr's melodramma tragico Medea in Corinto to words of Romani ater Euripides was performed for the initial time, at Teatro San Carlo, Naples.

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

1st day 28 of 11 M / Our forenoon Meeting was silent & I thought favor'd in the Afternoon the funeral of D Huntington went to Meeting - C R said a few Words

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➡ November 29, Monday: French chemist Charles-Bernard Désormes and his son-in-law Nicolas Clément announced the discovery of Iodine to a meeting of the Imperial Institute (Iodine had actually already been discovered by accident by Bernard Courtois, a saltpeter manufacturer, during May 1811, but because he had had no money to further investigate what he had been able to produce, he had passed it along to Désormes and Clément, as well as to Louis-Joseph Gay-Lussac and André-Marie Ampère, and then Ampère had passed it on also to Humphrey Davy).

Whites and their Indian allies attacked Autosee, a Creek settlement on the south bank of the Talapoosa River. 200 were killed, and 400 homes burned.

➡ November 30, Tuesday: William of Orange returned to the Netherlands.

Charles-Valentin Morhange was born in Paris, the 2d child born to Alkan Morhange, proprietor of a boarding school, with Julie Abraham (all six of their children would become musicians, using their father's first name, Alkan).

WINTER 1813/1814

➡ Winter: Harvard College freshman Samuel Joseph May was attending a mathematics school conducted by the French Catholic priest, Father Francis Xavier Brosius, and there encountered a state-of-the-art educational tool, the "blackboard."

➡ Winter: Arthur Schopenhauer had conversations with [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) on color theory.

DECEMBER

➡ December: [George Gordon, Lord Byron](#) was writing THE CORSAIR.

➡ December: [Sam Houston](#) was promoted to 3rd Lieutenant.

[Charles Davies](#) arrived at the West Point Military Academy.

 December 1, Wednesday: In the Declaration of Frankfurt, the Allies stated their resolve to invade France.

The Duchy of Holstein-Oldenburg regained its independence. Part of northern Münster was attached to Oldenburg.

 December 2, Thursday: The County of Hanau was attached to Hesse-Kassel.

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

5th day 2nd of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting was silent & a season of some favor to me however, Wanderings of mind was trying but were not permitted wholly to run away with The Mind from best things –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 3, Friday: José Luyando replaced Fernando de Salerna as First Secretary of State of Spain.

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

1st day 5 of 12 M / Last night I watched with Thos G Hazard & have felt so hevvy today that I did not attend Meeting - went to bed early in the evening –

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 December 8, Wednesday: A benefit for wounded Austrian and Bavarian soldiers at the University of Vienna featured the initial performances of two works by [Ludwig van Beethoven](#): the Symphony no.7, and Wellington's Victory. The works created ecstatic applause and critical raves. The concert was so successful it would need to be repeated on December 12th. Wellington's Victory was directed by [Beethoven](#) with the assistance of Ignaz Moscheles and Antonio Salieri. The violins included Louis Spohr, Ignaz Schuppanzigh, and Joseph Mayseder. Playing bass drum were [Giacomo Meyerbeer](#) and [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#). Besides the works by [Beethoven](#) the concerts also included two marches, one by Jan Ladislav Dussek and the other by Ignace Joseph Pleyel — as performed by Mälzel's Mechanical Trumpeter with orchestral accompaniment. A good time was had by all.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

 December 9, Thursday: A chorus for a production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the initial time, in Prague.

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

5th day 9 of 12 M / Soon after I took my seat in Meeting my mind became settled & centerd in a favor'd frame And I can say it was a time of proffit for which I desire to be thankful –

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 10, Friday: British forces occupied Lucca.

French defenders of Bayonne attacked south against the British and Portuguese approaching the city.

Three battalions of Germans fighting with the French went over to the allies on orders of the Duke of Nassau.

Humphrey Davy sent a paper to the Royal Society of London describing the new substance found by Bernard Courtois, naming it “Iodine” after a Greek word meaning violet-colored.

 December 11, Saturday: The soprano Caroline Brandt arrived in Prague. She was the first outside musician hired by Carl Maria von Weber for his new company, and she was his future wife.

By the Treaty of Valençay, the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) reinstated Fernando VII to the Spanish throne.

 December 12, Sunday: Great Britain laid claim to the District of Columbia on the west coast of the North American continent (British Columbia), in opposition to a similar United States claim.

After three days of fighting against the British and Portuguese, French forces retreated back into Bayonne.

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

1 day 12 of 12 M / Our Meetings were pretty good seasons - in the forenoon D Buffum was concerned in a lively testimony - Silence in the Afternoon -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 13, Monday: [James Robert Ballantyne](#) was born at Kelso, [Scotland](#), a nephew of the Ballantyne brothers whose publishing debts would in 1826 so embarrassed [Sir Walter Scott](#).

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

2nd day 13 of 12 M / Rode to [Portsmouth](#) with Thos Hornsby to attend the Town Council we were appointed Appraisors to the Estate of Saml Elam & render'd in the Inventory which we had perviously taken - Wm Rotch Junn was there. - Our Ride tho' very cold was not was unpleasant as might have been expected -

 December 15, Wednesday: An offer of peace arrived in Paris from Russia, Austria, and Great Britain. Its condition was that in the future the Emperor [Napoléon I](#) was to remain inside the “natural frontiers” of France.

 December 16, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 16th of 12 M 1813 / Our Meeting to me was comfortable & I believe I can say it was good for me to be there. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 17, Friday: US President James Madison signed a new Embargo Act designed to halt exports, primarily with Canada. US merchant ships and goods were forbidden to leave port. Import of goods customarily produced in the British Empire (including rum) was banned. There was also a ban on most foreign ships in US ports.

 December 18, Saturday: [Moses Prichard](#) and [Jane Tompson Hallet Prichard](#) of Boston filed in the town of [Concord](#) a notice of intention of Marriage.

Most of the [New York](#) Militia, since their contracted terms of service had expired, had returned to their homes. British forces from [Canada](#) drove away the [New York](#) militiamen under General George McClure and recaptured the terrain of their Fort George, with anything still of value on that site being destroyed by the retreating Americans. For good measure General McClure ordered that the adjacent town of Newark (or Niagara-on-the-Lake) also be destroyed. The Canadian civilians of that district were to be left entirely without winter shelter. The militia regrouped on the [New York](#) side of the [Niagara River](#), at [Fort Niagara](#) and Buffalo.

 December 18, Saturday night: The new Teatro Re in Milan opened with a performance of Tancredi by Gioachino Rossini.

A British assault force of 562 crossed to the [New York](#) shore, invading the United States at a place called Five Mile Meadows. After a silent march down the River Road, at the village of Youngstown, they found the American pickets for the garrison inside local homes, sheltering from the cold. The British were able to make them all prisoners without the firing of a shot. [Fort Niagara](#) was only one more mile. There, the fort's commander, Captain Nathaniel Leonard, was away with his family in Lewiston, New York, and most of the garrison was asleep. The British, silently approaching the gate of the fort, saw it opening to allow a sentry detail to pass through. A British sergeant was able to leap forward and wedge the gate open with his body, and in a few moments the attackers were in possession of the gate. The attack was so sudden and so unannounced that only a few Americans of the "Red Barracks," and the 65-man guard detail manning the South Redoubt, were able to mount an organized resistance. First the Red Barracks was cleared at the point of the bayonet, then the British soldiers broke down the door of the South Redoubt and fought their way up two flights of stairs to finish the job. Out of [Fort Niagara](#)'s garrison of 433 soldiers, 65 had been killed and 15 wounded.

 December 19, Sunday morning: Captain Nathaniel Leonard arrived at the gate of [Fort Niagara](#) only to be surprised to encounter there British sentries rather than American ones (only his being a prisoner of war in [Canada](#) would prevent a courts martial). The British sallied out of the fort, torched the village of Youngstown, [New York](#), and continued up the River Road to drive away an American detachment at Lewiston, New York and torch that village as well (by the end of the year the British troops would have also put Manchester, Schlosser, Black Rock, and Buffalo to the torch).

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

1st day 19 of 12 M / I staid from meeting this forenoon to give my H an opportunity of going - In the Afternoon I went but had a rather a dry meeting - however It has been a day of no small favor - life has been near & my mind has been expanded in a manner a little uncommon on the subject of War as being inconsistent with the pure spirit of Christianity

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 20, Monday: Hanover annexed Bentheim, Osnabrück, and Lüneburg.

 December 21, Tuesday: Austrian troops occupied Basel, in violation of Swiss neutrality.

 December 22, Wednesday: Austrians and Bavarians crossed the Rhine River and laid siege to Hunigen (Huninge).

 December 23, Thursday: Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

5th day 23rd of 12 M / I thought our Meeting was favor'd & a degree of it was experienced in mine own particular but was much tried with rovings of mind. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 24, Friday: Robert Fulton displayed his plans for a steam frigate to prominent New-Yorkers such as Henry Dearborn, Cadwallader D. Colden, and Stephen Decatur.

 December 25, Saturday: At the Bay of Islands, the Reverend Samuel Marsden offered the 1st Christian service in New Zealand (this was the initial one of seven evangelizing missions that Marsden and his fellows would make there).

During [Christmas](#) celebrations at Fort Niagara, British troops and their native American allies attacked across the river from Canada. After 67 in the fort were killed, the United States forces surrendered.

[Mount Vesuvius](#) began three days of eruption: “Effusiva — Lava a W, attraversa il Fosso Bianco in direzione di Torre del Greco.”

 December 26, Sunday: Aureliano in Palmira, a dramma serio by Gioachino Rossini to words of Romani after Sertor, was performed for the initial time, in Teatro alla Scala, Milan. Unfortunately, the effort met with a cool reception.

British Foreign Secretary Viscount Castlereagh departed London for the continent.

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

1st day 26 of 12 M / We had a testimony in both our Meeting of the Merits of Which I presume not to judge - they were very barren Seasons to me. -

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

 December 28, Tuesday: The new Legislative Body of France demanded an end to the arbitrary authority of the Emperor and the reinstatement of political freedoms.

 December 29, Wednesday: Pressured by the presence of Austrian troops, the Swiss Diet revoked the 1802 Act of Mediation and restored the old constitution.

In the final vote to hire an organist, by the General Committee of the Foundling Hospital, Samuel Wesley tied for 3d place.



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December 30, Thursday: [Walter Savage Landor](#)'s LETTERS TO THE COURIER, SIGNED CALVUS (a pamphlet).

Hannover annexed Hildesheim.

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

5th day 30 of 12 M 1813 / I have concluded not to go to [Portsmouth](#) to attend the Moy [Monthly] Meeting & I have serious doubts whether the conclusion is right. The only excuse I can offer is that I was obliged to get up last night with a severe tooth Ach & slept but little sound sleep till after 3 O'clock - but my face is easy this Mornng & the day is very fine - this is the first time I have missed a Monthly Meeting in this Month since expiration of my Apprenticeship which is now eleven Years - I am however encouraged that I do not omit going easily - for it really occasions distress of mind & serious reflections. - The foregoing was written in the Mornng & from any thing I have gained in my buysness I might as well have been at [Portsmouth](#) - Nothing I have undertaken has prospered in my hands -I undertook to put a Crystal to a Watch & broke two in doing it -I have been to work on a watch all day & every thing seemed to work against me - however my mind has been tender & my spirit humble for which I desire to be thankful - With this day I complete my 32nd Year, which Also excites serious reflections

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS



December 31, Friday: Prussians and Russians commanded by Field Marshal Blücher crossed the Rhine River near Mannheim.

In raids over the previous week, native Americans allied to the British had destroyed Buffalo and 6 other western New York towns.

[Benjamin Wiley, Jr.](#) was born to [Keturah Green Wiley](#) and [Benjamin Brown Wiley](#).

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

6 day 31 of 12 M / Here completes this Year which seldom rolls round but that I feel sensible that another of my life is gone- Father & Mother Rodman spent the Afternoon & took tea with us

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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 1813

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



GO ON TO EVENTS OF 1814