

Diary Entries for 1880

by

Charlotte Thorn Lewis

Charlotte Thorn Lewis (1823-1916) was the daughter of Isaac Thorn and Mary Woolley. She was born in Bordentown, New Jersey. In 1848, she married Enoch Lewis (1821-1902). They were reform activists and were friends of many of the most prominent reformers of the day including William Lloyd Garrison, Jane Addams, and Susan B. Anthony. This tradition of involvement in reform politics was continued by their children. Enoch Lewis was General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad 1860-1866 and Purchasing Agent for the company from 1866-1893. In 1880, the family lived at 224 Green St. in Philadelphia. In 1886, they moved to a new house at 3405 Powelton Ave.

Charlotte kept the diary in simple composition notebooks from 1880 until 1913. It was made available by her great-great-grandson, Richard Burnham Lewis.

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Jan'y 1850

June 1853

1880

January 1st.

Theodore came and passed with us the first day of the new year - always pleasant to see him come, ever sad to part with the dear good boy.

Various New Year's calls - Young folks adjourned to the theatre in the evening - Dr Bradley with them.

4th. I went to see how Mrs Dr Williams was - she has Pneumonia & her husband is in India.

January

Tuesday 13th - Snowy till evening. May & I went to hear Prof Fiske of Harvard lecture on Americas Place in History, he was very interesting giving us the conditions of the different powers of Europe at the date of the discovery of this continent and showing what circumstances led to it.

Saturday 17th
Anna went to Brooklyn to visit at John Chadwick's

17 May & I went in the evening to hear Susan B. Anthony on the Ballot for woman

18th Sunday.

Theodore came to breakfast and left at night

H. J. & Bess came to tea

19th. Mary and I called on G. M. Jones Mrs Burleigh, Miss Grew, George Parry. Mr Geo Howard of Springfield called after tea. E. May & Lottie went to N.C. Club Tea

Sunday

Jan 4th Mr & Mrs Turner here to tea.

5th Stephen Parrish and Bessie spent the evening with us - enjoyed them.

Robert & Saml Shoe maker of German town came to see

Lottie & she had gone to N. Phila. for the night.

Mrs Nussey of Orange called in the morning

6th. In bed again - slight attack of old head trouble.

7th Came out to tea S. Lewis here.

January

8th Thursday - out to dinner

Friday - out again as usual

Saturday - Rode in Park - mild & dry.

Huldah came to tea Enoch went to Washington with Dr Furness who will preach there tomorrow

11th Sunday

Archer Turner came to tea and went to church with May.

E. got home at mid night from N. u

January

20th Tuesday

E. May & I heard
Prof. Fiske on French
and Spanish inva-
sion of America

22nd May came home
with diptheritic
sore throat.

26th E & I took tea
with A. Justice
then E. went to party
at Mr Remont's.

Settled there too -
Anna had Miss
Bare and Mattie
downing to tea and
George took them to
the Oratorio of Sam-
son.

27th E & I went to
Mr Fiske's lecture
on French and Span-
ish invasion of
America.

28th I dined at
mother's. E. & Sarah
and the Ferris & G.
B. took tea with us
on this Anna's 21st
birth day.

29th May & I called
on Mrs Brown & Con-
ners & E. Patton.

30th. I went to
demonstration class
at Cooking School
in the afternoon.
Mr Howard took
tea with us last evening.

Friday 6th - came
from lecture and
found C. Longstreth
E. Lewis & A. B. to din-
ner. Children went
to Art class and
Theodore left for Alto-
na at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

7th - Beautiful weath-
er after the cold
spell & snow storm.

9th at lecture

10th Prof. Fiske's last
lecture - very interesting
summing up and
most hopeful view
of the future of our
country.

At M. Ex

11th Wednesday
Anna & I went to
Prof. Stillis. lecture

14th May & I made
various calls in Ft. Phil-
E. went to New York yet-
Friday & returned this
evening. Jennie Ellwell
of Brooklyn Geo & Annie
B. took tea with us.

15th Sunday - Snowing
Lottie went to Mary
Stull's yesterday - we
miss each one from
the home circle.

I wrote our boy - how
delightful it would
be to have him at
home and yet I fear
our circle will grow

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smaller instead of
ever having all at
home together again.
Wrote Lucretia Mott to
thank her for copies of
her "Discourse on Woman"
which she sent Sister
Mary & me through
Sarah Pugh -
she had written her
name & message of
love on them.

16th down town in the
afternoon & E & I went
to N. C. Club awhile
in the evening while
the girls were all at
the Opera of Somnam
Lulu.

17 Beautiful Spring
like weather.

Mr & Mrs May & Mrs
Ames took tea with us
- a delightful evening.

18 Mr Edward Lewis & Page
called.

19 - Called on Mrs Young
about the home.

20 - Very busy in the morning
went up to Charles J
in the afternoon & called
at Mr Lewis.

Children at Opera last
night & at lecture to
night. Cold - 23° a 7 a.m.

Saturday 21st

Huldah called.

Theodor came at 7:30 p.m.

March 1880

Sunday 22nd. Mrs & Miss Ames were expected to stay with us - instead G. A. & E. B. came to dinner & tea as the rest of their family was at Atlantic City.

Monday Dr Sudley dined with us - Theodore left at night for Altoona 25th. Called at Peiris and went over to Edna Lewis - met Mrs Ames coming here.

26th Lucetia Justice dined with us, Mrs Conrad called.

Ellen Gilchrist lost her husband on Sunday - noble heroine - she

goes into her school again to-day.

March 1st

E & I spent the morning down town together. I dined at Mother's & called on Huldah,

2nd At M. C. Soc in the afternoon

3rd At N. C. Club in the afternoon.

4th At Proff Steller's lecture in the morning. Called on Mrs Morrell & on Mrs Lambert.

5th At Loan exhibition of paintings at Academy of Fine Arts & to the streets.

7th. Ther down. Mrs &
Mrs Ames dined with us.

Wednesday called
on Harry Casey
who is happy in
the prospect of Mother
hood. What a
millennium would
come if all prepared
so conscientiously
for the future citizen
of our Republic.

12th. Mr. Lough
lives with her Dad
Confidances - &
Mrs Chandler with
her heart burden
called.

Clara Holmes
came from the East
at 9 P.M. bright
& fresh - hope in

spring; the influence
such a presence
such a life will
leave behind her
is the most desi-
rable immortality

13th Clara went to
Lambertville to funeral
of her Aunt R. Williams
here at 8 P.M.

14th A pleasant
day - no visitors but
Clara & G.B. & Mary
& Anna.

Clara left on 11.45
P.M. train for Saranac
port

15th a week of
cloudy - snowy - cold
damp weather.

24th Wednesday
down town with
May & E. & Anna
buying wedding
presents for some
of persons.

26th Theodore came
to breakfast.

27th St. Sunday to
tea - games -

28th Theodore
left at night.

29th May & I
down town.

30th I was, out
a short time.

Stephen Talbot &
sister May here
to tea on Sunday
rained too hard for

Anna & Lillie Long
stuck to come all
expected -

Finished Bank
hard's Renaissance
in Italy - very
interesting - What
a change of reading
is Read's "Cloister
& The Hearth."

Lovely notes from
Emily Lewis and
Mary Whitney ac
knowledging clock
& ornaments by
Emily & Shakespeare
(in box) - by Mr. W.
& Browning (in box)

April, '82

2nd April dined at Mother's
3d Down town with Sotti
He got a source for her to
give Emily and two
transparent (morning &
evening prayer - after
Meyer von Bremen) for
Mr & Mrs Hawksworth
on the Golden wedding
day - 6th of April
Very stormy day.
Sunday 4th. E. & Lott
went to church.
In the afternoon E.
read to us Eher's
Orarda - story of Egypt
ian life &

a quiet - showery day.
Burkham & Miss Edish

Howe here in the evening.
5th Down town with
Lottai in the morning
Carrie came to dinner
to stay awhile for change
after meals.

6th. Took Carrie to the dress-
maker's. At 12 we saw Mary
Whitney married to Mr Alex
Outerbridge - then went to
the reception - a pleasant
time.

8th. Called at The Justice's
tomorrow he will be 39 years
old.

9th Kuldah dined with
us - Carrie & I walked
to the Park.

10th Took Carrie to the
Academy of Fine arts

14th Down town with
Anna

15th All at Emily Lewis'
wedding in the evening.
Mr May & Sr Furness
officiated. Bride looked
very lovely.

17th. E. went to Mr. Todd's
& returned at 10 1/2 P.M.

George & Anna went
& remained. Lottie
went yesterday - dined
with her father at hotel
to-day and goes to
Sackets to remain until
Tuesday. Eliza & Cecilia
Justice called yesterday
Hood Gulpin & the Burn
trains here on ^{last} the evening.

April 18th E. May & I
went to church & heard
a charming discourse
from Mr. Henry Channing
on the brotherhood of
man. Had a pleasant
chat with the Rev. Mr.
H. C. after church.
Wrote to Theodore. I wish
he loses these golden
opportunities to hear
the truths so finely
spoken.

May 2nd

E. Huldah & I went
to Altoona & return
ed on 4th.

A word came in the
evening of the sudden
death of L. C. Braslow for

April & October 1880

This sad event named on the previous page absorbed our thoughts until and our time was much occupied with preparations for our departure for Europe which took place on the 29th May - leaving Miss Cashcart and Sister Mary at our home with our two faithful girls Maria and Mary Shield.

In journal of next five months abroad, returned on the 21st October - found Mother Lewis ill - Sister Mary very unwell - This morn

in W. Phela - the Longtushs had over their blessed Mother's departure - ^{on} June 28th - I was this day 57 years old - received a tribute from the children of flowers and she a beautiful bas relief of "the Ages of Love" - designed by Thorwaldsen and manufactured at the noted works of widow Ipsen of Denmark -

The last of October Anna was taken very sick with Gas-tritis & May & I took care of her for some twelve days when

we procured a good
nurse in Miss S. Harris
a graduate of the Nurses
training school at the
Woman's Med. College,
Anna came down to
dinner on Thank's -
giving day when
Thos. A. B. aunt Sarah
and Carrie dined
with us.

On Christmas day
Anna & Sallie Sangstuck
E. Lewis & Carrie &
Maggie dined here
Theodor at home for
But few calls on
New Year's day -
streets much blocked
with snow.

Jan 3d. The 33d anni-
versary of our wedding
Edward and Lizzie
& Sarah were tea with
us - other friends dis-
appointed us but
we had a pleasant
evening.

4th. May & I at
Mr May's lecture
on the history of liber-
al Christianity -
dined at mother's
came home in a
snow storm.
6th. E. at home with
cold in back. Mrs
Whitney called.
Anna & I went to
Mr & Mrs Carters