

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1893.

A great day for Center Street, and one to be remembered by all families who reside on the section of the Street from Cumberland to Congress St. The opening of a branch of the Electric Street Rail road from State St Harlows Corner

up Harlow to Cumberland up Cumberland to Center up Center to Congress St. within 109 feet south of my homestead

which is the second lot from Congress St north on the west side of Center St. A deal having been made by the Electric Water Power to save their charter to head off the Old Town Orono & Bangor Electric Co it became necessary

co to extend a branch as far north as Congress St or lose their charter so a new company got control of the Electric water Powers plant & immediately prepared to build the above branch & about the last of April the collected sleepers rails & poles and placed them

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Hampden for 6 cents more we can go from  
congress st to the Irish burying ground 2 miles for  
6 cents more or we can go from congress st to Pearl  
St 1 1/2 miles for 6 cents more.

The car they run now is an old car no 14 & is painted  
blue, center st track runs as smooth as a steel rail on  
the main central R Road The trips 15 or 4 an hour gives no  
time at each terminus only to reverse the trolley wire & reverse  
the seats. it takes 9 minutes to run up & 6 down making 15 min  
utes. They propose now to make the trip 20 minutes instead  
of 15 so as to make transfers from all 4 lines at west Market  
Square.

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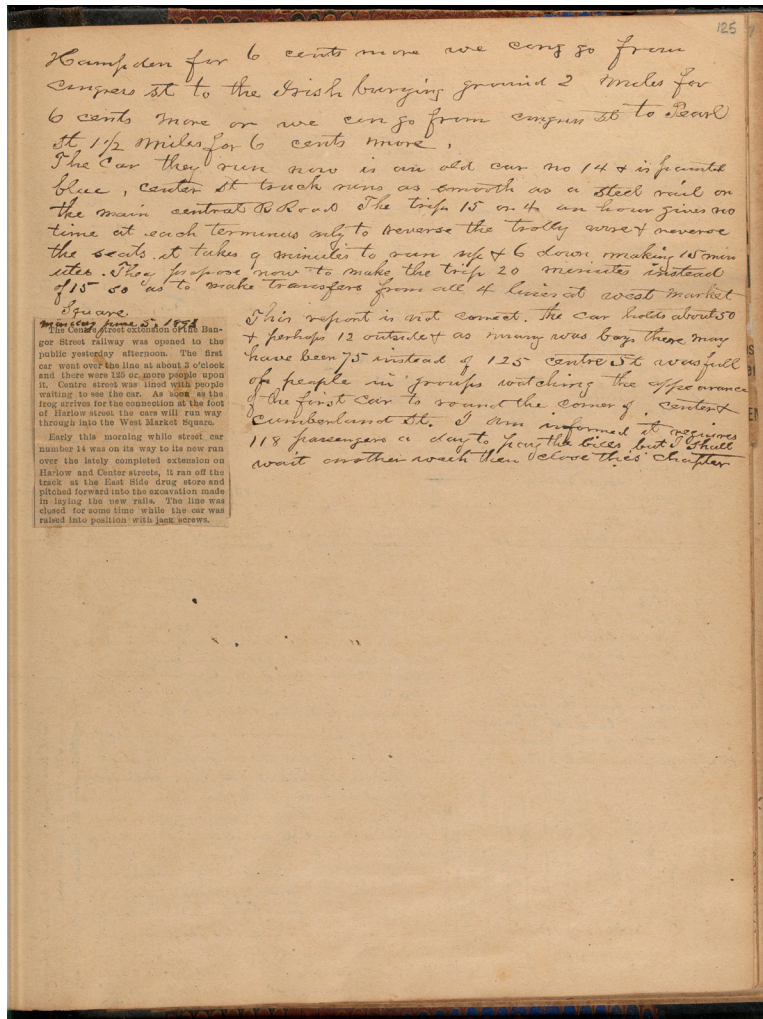
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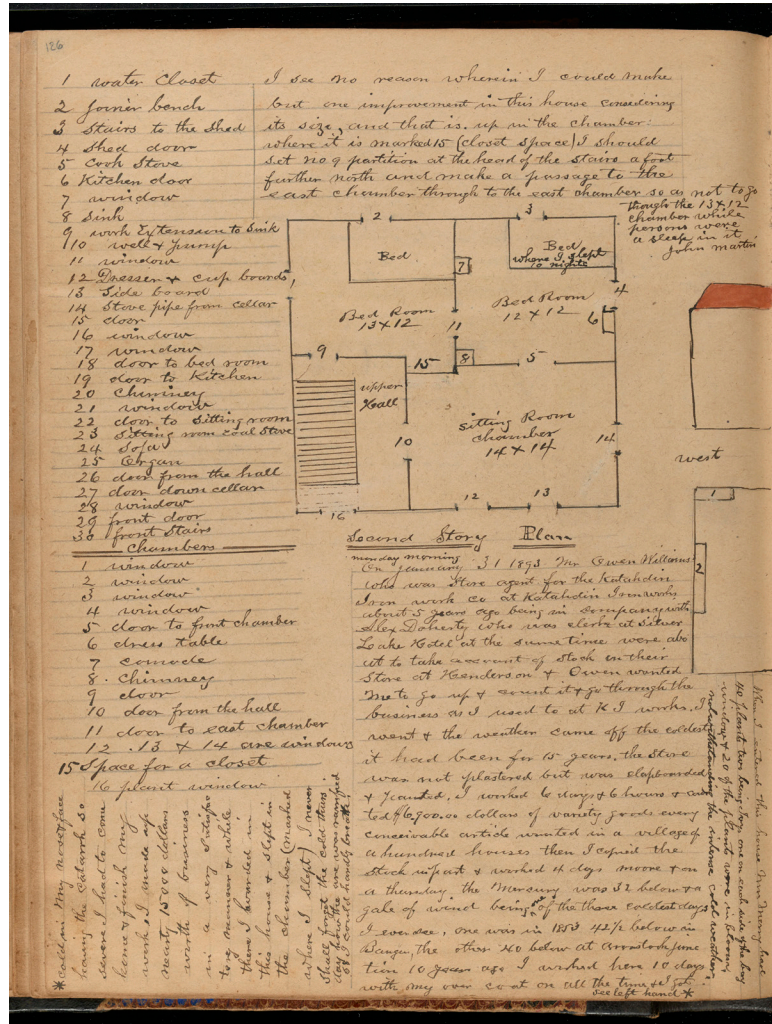
The Centre Street extension of the Ban-  
gor Street railway was opened to the  
public yesterday afternoon. The first  
car went over the line at about 3 o'clock  
and there were 123 or more people upon  
it. Centre street was lined with people  
waiting to see the car. As soon as the  
frog arrives for the connection at the foot  
of Harlow street the cars will run way  
through into the West Market Square.

Early this morning while street car  
number 14 was on its way to the new run  
over the lately completed extension on  
Harlow and Center streets, it ran off the  
track at the East Side drug store and  
pitched forward into the excavation made  
in laying the new rails. The line was  
closed for some time while the car  
was raised into position with jack screws.

[At right]

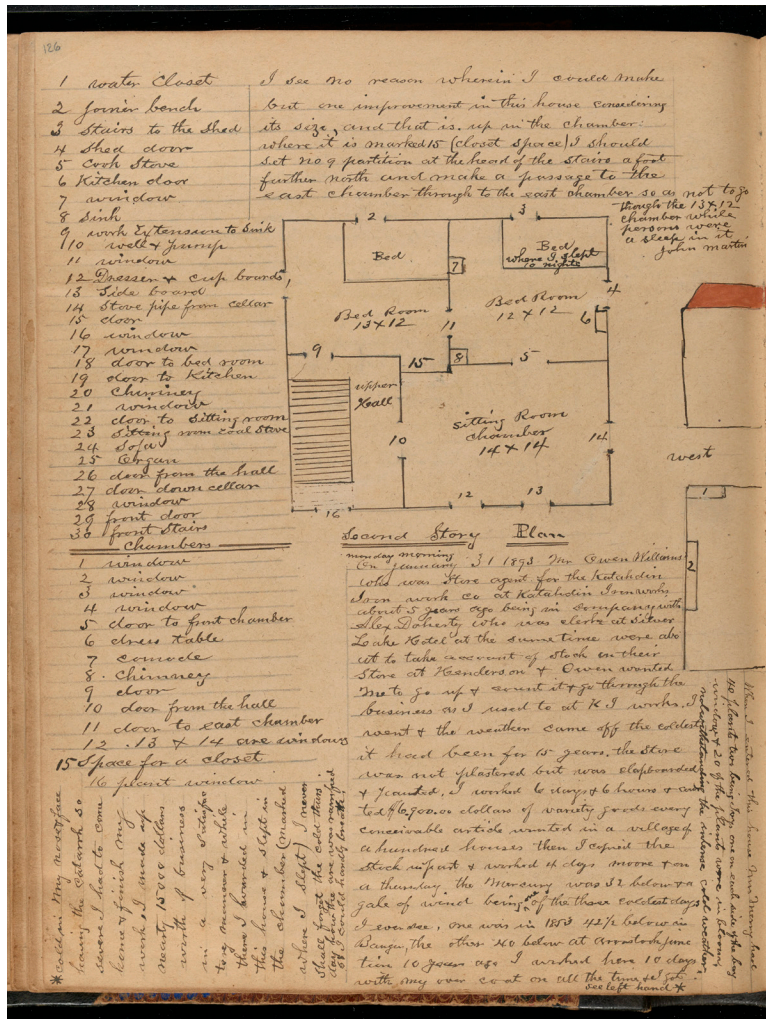
This report is not correct. the car holds about 50  
& perhaps 12 outside & as many was boys there may  
have been 75 instead of 125 centre st was full  
of people in groups watching the appearance  
of the first car to round the corner of center &  
cumberland st. I am informed it requires  
118 passengers a day to pay the bills but I shall  
wait another week then close this chapter.





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[At right]

I see no reason wherein I could make but one improvement in this home considering its size, and that is up in the chamber where it is marked 15 (closet space) I should set no 9 partition at the head of the stairs a foot further north and make a passage to the east chamber through to the east chamber so as not to go through the 13x12 chamber while persons were a sleep in it

John Martin

[Illustration]

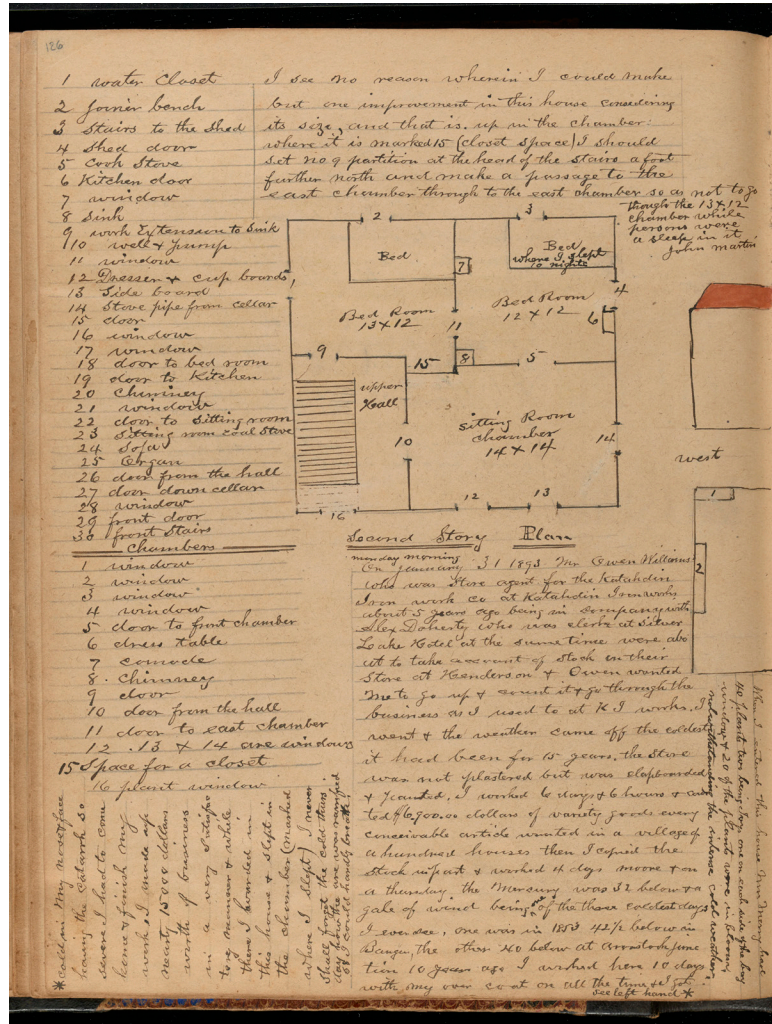
Second Story Plan

Monday Morning

On January 31 1893 Mr Owen Williams who was Store agent for the Katahdin Iron work co at Katahdin Iron works about 5 years ago being in company with Alex Doherty who was clerk at silver Lake Hotel at the same time were abo ut to take account of stock in their store at Henderson & Owen wanted Me to go up & count it & go through the business as I used to at K I works. I went & the weather came off the coldest it had been for 15 years, the Store was not plastered but was clapboarded & painted. I worked 6 days & 6 hours & counted \$6,900.00 dollars of variety goods every conceivable article wanted in a village of a hundred houses then I copied the stock in part & worked 4 days more & on a thursday the Mercury was 32 below & a one

gale of wind being ^ of the those coldest days

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I ever see. one was in 1853 42 1/2 below in Bangor, the other 40 below at Aroostook junction 10 years ago I worked here 10 days with my over coat on all the time & I got

See left hand \*

[ Sideways at left]

\*cold in My nose & face

having the catarrh so

severe I had to come

home & finish my

work. I made up

nearly 15000 dollars

worth of business

in a very Satisfac

tory manner & while

there I boarded in

this house & slept in

the chamber (marked

where I slept) I never

shall forget the cold thurs

day how the are was rarrified

& I could hardly breathe.

[Sideways at right]

When I entered this house Mrs Merry had

40 plants two being Ivys one on each side of the bay

window & 20 of the plants were in bloom,

notwithstanding the intense cold weather.



Plan of Alden Merrys House as it appeared January 31 1893 Brownville junction Henderson Maine, cost including the Lot, building erected in 1891 all painted papered and outside windows to every window for nine hundred dollars and one hundred dollars of his own work which is the Most & best house I ever see for \$1000, dollars. John Martin, [Illustrations]

#### Ground Plan

I have drawn a plan of the above house for the following reasons First to show young Men who are beginning to live on their own account

that all the comforts which a house of this cost & size can be made

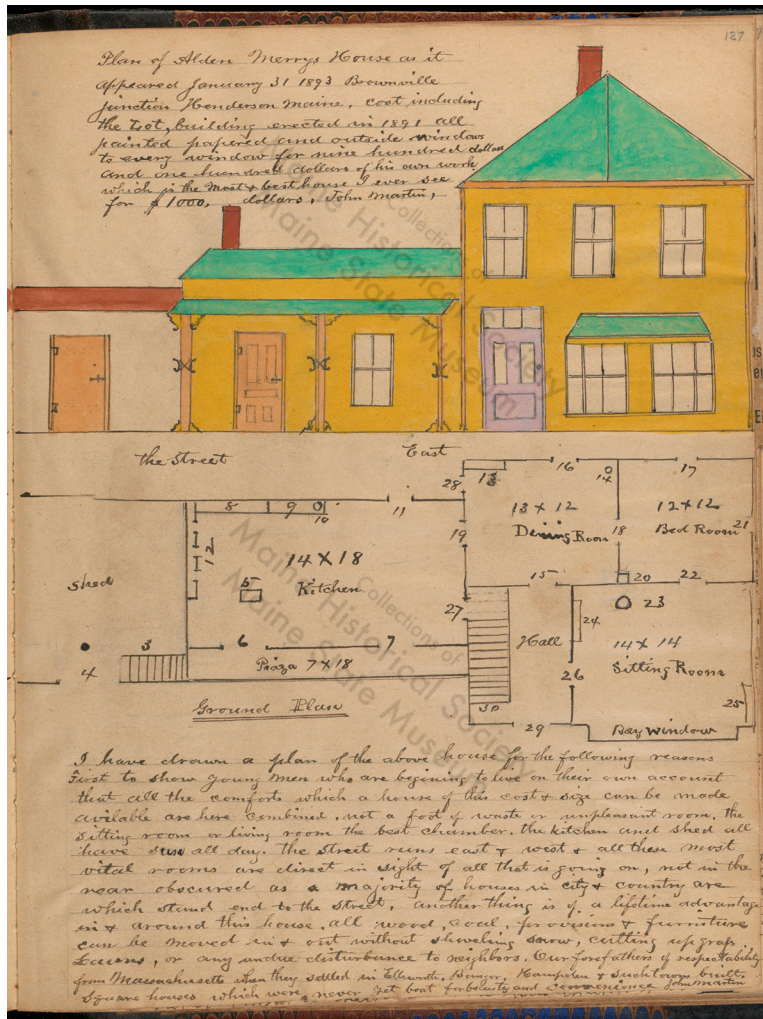
available are here combined, not a foot of waste or unpleasant room. the

sitting room or living room the best chamber. the kitchen and shed all

have sun all day. the street runs east & west & all these most vital rooms are direct in sight of all that is going on, not in the rear obscured as a majority of houses in city & country are which stand end to the street, another thing is of a lifetime advantage

in & around this house. all wood, coal, provisions & furniture can be moved in & out without shoveling snow, cutting up grass Lawns, or any undue disturbance to neighbors. Our forefathers of respectability

from Massachusetts when they settled in Ellsworth, Bangor, Hampden & such towns built square houses which were never yet beat for beauty and convenience John Martin



Ellsworth as it was

before & at the time I was born  
I have preserved an account of a reporter of the  
Bangor Daily News March 3 1899 & shall give by  
own recollections several items which may be of  
interest to my children & others in future references  
[Left column]

#### THE CITY OF ELLSWORTH.

The city of Ellsworth was settled first in 1763 by a small party of young men who came from New Hampshire and Saco, exploring along the coast of Maine in a small vessel, entered Union river and first anchored off what is now Weymouth Point. They then explored the river and finally concluded to build a settlement. The next spring they came up the river to where the foundry now stands and landing at this point built a fire by the side of which was cooked the first meal, by the daughter of Benjamin Milliken, who afterward became the wife of Isaac Lord, an early pioneer. Here they made a settlement in the very site of the city of Ellsworth. Fourteen of the settlers had families and were principally sea faring men. They were Benjamin Joy, Benj. Milliken, Jonathan Fly, John Turner, D. Treworgy, Asa White, Wm. Weymouth, Simon Tarbox, Isaac Smith, Jos. Fernald, James Milliken, Benj. Davis. A survey was made in 1763 and 10 townships were laid out, 5 each on the east and west side of Union river. The first house was built by Jonathan Fly on the lot known as the "Dutton" lot, which at that time extended to the river where Fly and several of his family lie buried. The first schooner built at Ellsworth was the "Susan and Abigail," in 1778, and while commanded by Captain Smith, who was engaged in coasting trade she was captured and destroyed by the British during the war of 1812. At one time Ellsworth was called New Bowdoin and was incorporated by the Legislature of Massachusetts as Ellsworth February 26, 1800. The petition for incorporation was referred to the general court Feb. 6, 1798, but slumbered two years. In 1820 a paper was published in Ellsworth by Charles Lowell, called the Independent Courier. In 1784 Rev. John Ugrahart came here and preached for a short time and the next year as the people desired to have a settled minister he was recalled and remained until 1793. In 1802 Rev. Peter Noyes, a Congregational minister, came and was the first settled minister in Ellsworth. He built a small school house and taught private school for many years. Col. Metcalf Jordan in 1783 was appointed the first collector of customs for Frenchman's bay, and held the office until his death. Mr. Jordan was the grandfather of Hon. John A. Peters, Chief Justice of Maine. February 26, 1800 Ellsworth was incorporated as a city and has been since 1838. Ellsworth is a progressive city, has a fine system of water works, electric lights, handsome public buildings, fine buildings, elegant private residences,

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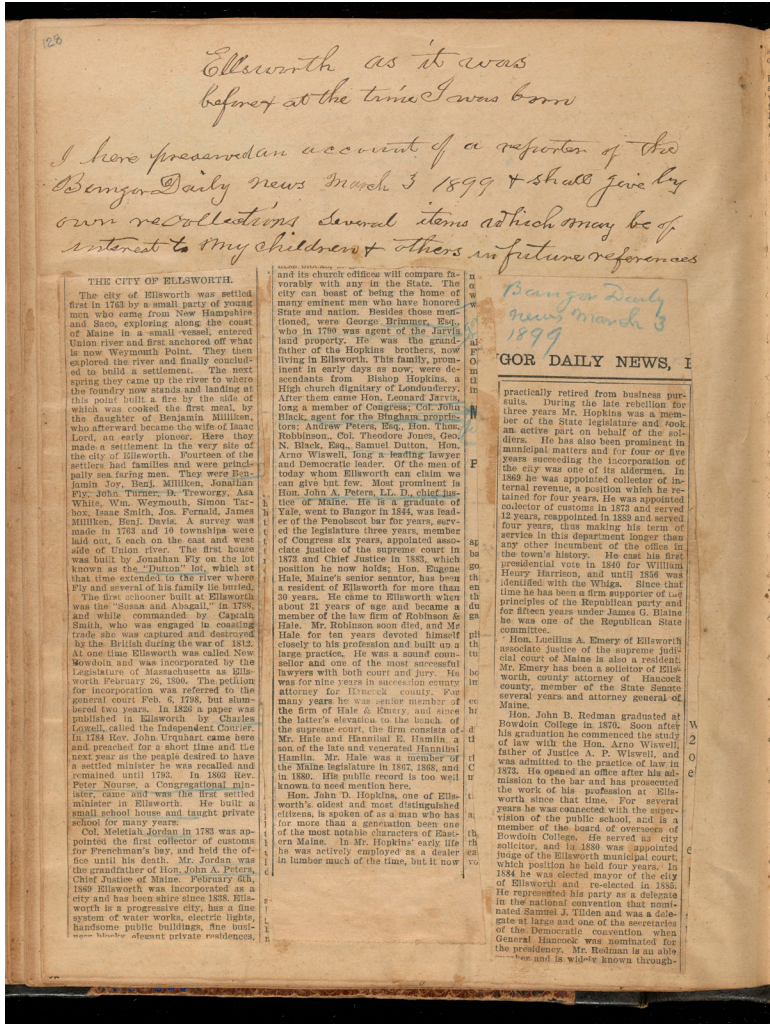
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Hon. John B. Redman graduated at Bowdoin College in 1870. Soon after his graduation he commenced the study of law with the Hon. Arno Wiswell, father of Justice A. P. Wiswell, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1872. He opened an office after his admission to the bar and has prosecuted the work of his profession at Ellsworth since that time. For several years he was connected with the supervision of the public school, and is a member of the board of overseers of Bowdoin College. He served as city solicitor and in 1880 was appointed judge of the Ellsworth municipal court, in which position he held four years. In 1884 he was elected mayor of the city of Ellsworth and re-elected in 1886. He represented his party as a delegate in the national convention that nominated Samuel A. Tilden and was a delegate at large and one of the secretaries of the Democratic convention when General Hancock was nominated for the presidency. Mr. Redman is an able lawyer and is widely known throughout

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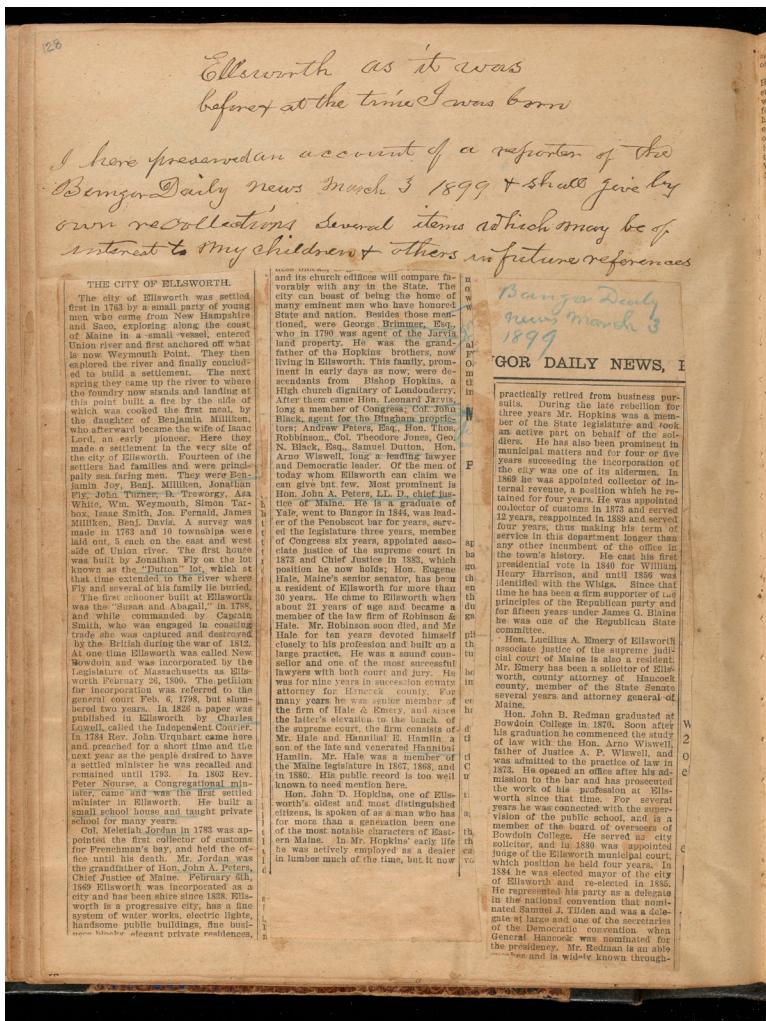
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N. Black, Esq., Samuel Dutton, Hon. Arno Wiswell, long a leading lawyer and Democratic leader. Of the men of today whom Ellsworth can claim we can give but few. Most prominent is Hon. John A. Peters, LL. D., chief justice of Maine. He is a graduate of Yale, went to Bangor in 1844, was leader of the Penobscot bar for years, served the legislature three years, member of Congress six years, appointed associate justice of the supreme court in 1873 and Chief Justice in 1883, which position he now holds; Hon. Eugene Hale, Maine's senior senator, has been a resident of Ellsworth for more than 30 years. He came to Ellsworth when about 21 years of age and became a member of the law firm of Robinson & Hale. Mr Robinson soon died, and Mr Hale for ten years devoted himself closely to his profession and built up a large practice. He was a sound counsellor and one of the most successful lawyers with both court and jury. He was for nine years in succession county attorney for Hancock county. For many years he was senior member of the firm of Hale & Emery, and since the latter's elevation to the bench of the supreme court, the firm consists of Mr. Hale and Hannibal E. Hamlin, a son of the late and venerated Hannibal Hamlin. Mr. Hale was a member of the Maine legislature in 1867, 1868, and in 1880. His public record is too well known to need mention here.

Hon. John D. Hopkins, one of Ellsworth's oldest and most distinguished citizens, is spoken of as a man who has for more than a generation born one of the most notable characters of Eastern Maine. In Mr. Hopkins' early life he was actively employed as a dealer in lumber much of the time, but it now

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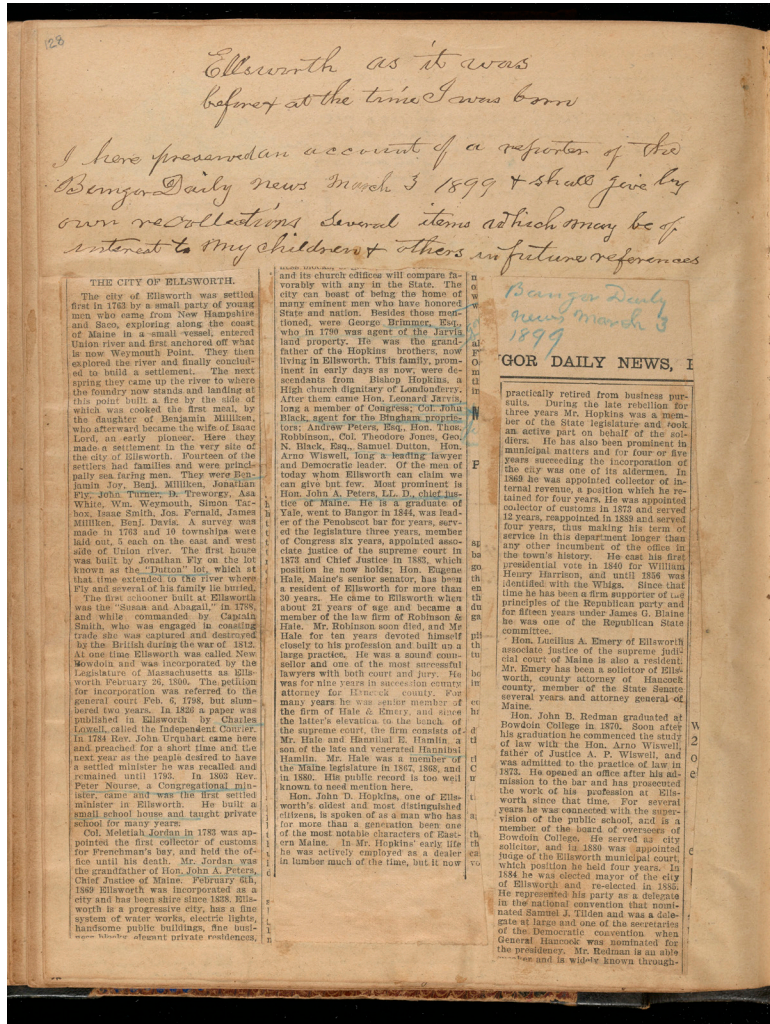
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This house was built by Col Black about 1831 & 1832 the grounds were aranged by Coln Black himself and will be observed that the projection on the South end was a counting room to transact the bus iness & contain the papers of the Bing ham purchase as no safe in the country was large enough to hold them & was built of wrought Iron hammered by D B Hinckley & Thomas n Egery then of Bucksport Since of Bangor the office was

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*This is a brick house with an iron office instead of a safe*

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from the  
by D. B. Kennedy  
& Thomas N. Gray  
then of Ellsworth  
of the office  
according to my recollection about 12 feet square  
signed to hold the valuable papers such as mortgages on the  
Company's land which had been sold by Col. Black &  
Col. Black a near neighbour was employed by Col. Black to  
do the writing and take care of the office at \$500 dollars a  
year from 9 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon.  
For 1831 and 2 Col. Black let a half acre of Col. Black  
trees between the house & the Surry road and a line of  
trees on the road, he had negro servant who drove  
his hack a span of chestnut horses (beauties) This  
negro dug the holes around the house also the  
half moon & the col done the siting & I held all the  
standard trees & his negro shoveled in the dirt, I  
was between 6 & 7 years old & so interested that I was on  
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Stone wall  
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Respectfully  
John Martin

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at Princes  
3 years & my board in his family, I took him up & on march 11<sup>th</sup> 1844 I took my bundle in my hand had my trunk packed to send up by the & at 7 a m I started on foot & traveled to Bangor & at 9 o'clock a m I was in the Store which had a very nice drawing of in my history book page 379 I worked 3 years as described & boarded in Princes family & had the north room in his nice Brick house see my history book page 341 a drawing of the house I now made a new bargain with Mr Prince for 350 dollars a year & use of horse & carriage not to exceed 10 dollars a year to use principally to ride down home to Hampden on Sunday to see my half brothers & my good & ever honored Mother God bless her blessed soule. I used to go down once a month & never has occasion to regret my visits I now worked on the above trade 7 years & a month making in all 10 years & a month during which time I was married to Clara Cary march 27 1850. now all the particulars are recorded in my history book page 341 and forward. I settled up with Mr Prince & in 24 hours I hired to keep books with my next door neighbour to go into the largest ship chandler store in New England under the firm name of Furber & Metcalf who purchased to stock of Pendleton & Ross who in addition to their immense stock had & conducted 9 vessels 3 steam tow boats & a 1/4 of the largest ship built in Bangor her name was the Bos phorus her burden 1445 tons cost 96 thousand dollars. I was then considered the best book keeper in Bangor & north of Bangor There is no doubt I Excelled. I staid with them 6 years & 7 months. I with them & Levi Murch kept the two largest sets of books in the state of maine, please look at my history book page 419 which gives a drawing of the 3 Stores I was in I have received a Salary of 600 dollars a year which in those days was a very high salary

Respectfully  
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## Little Mabelle Martins Death.

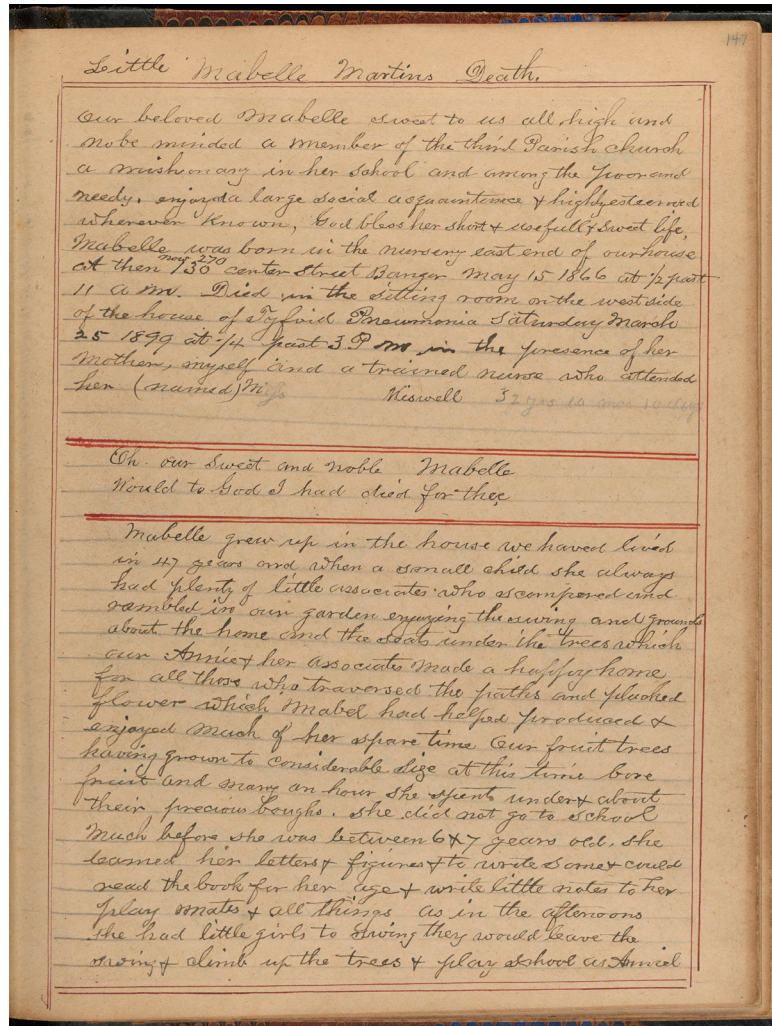
Our beloved Mabelle sweet to us all high and noble minded a member of the third Parish church a missionary in her school and among the poor and needy, enjoyed a large social acquaintance & highly esteemed wherever known, God bless her short & usefull & sweet life. Mabelle was born in the nursery east end of our house

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at then 130 ^ Center Street Bangor May 15 1866 at 1/2 past 11 a m. Died in the sitting room on the west side of the house of Tyfoid Pneumonia Saturday March 25 1899 at 1/4 past 3 P M in the presence of her Mother, myself and a trained nurse who attended her (named) Miss Wiswell 32 yrs 10 months 10 days.

Oh our Sweet and Noble Mabelle  
Would to God I had died for thee

Mabelle grew up in the house we have lived in 47 years and when a small child she always had plenty of little associates who scampered and rambled in our garden enjoying the swing and grounds about the home and the Seats under the trees which our Annie & her associates made a happy home for all those who traversed the paths and plucked flower which Mabel had helped produced & enjoyed much of her spare time Our fruit trees having grown to considerable size at this time bore fruit and many an hour she spent under & about their precious boughs. she did not go to school much before she was between 6 & 7 years old. she learned her letters & figures & to write some could read the book for her age & write little notes to her play mates & all things as in the afternoons she had little girls to swing they would leave the swing & climb up the trees & play school as Annie





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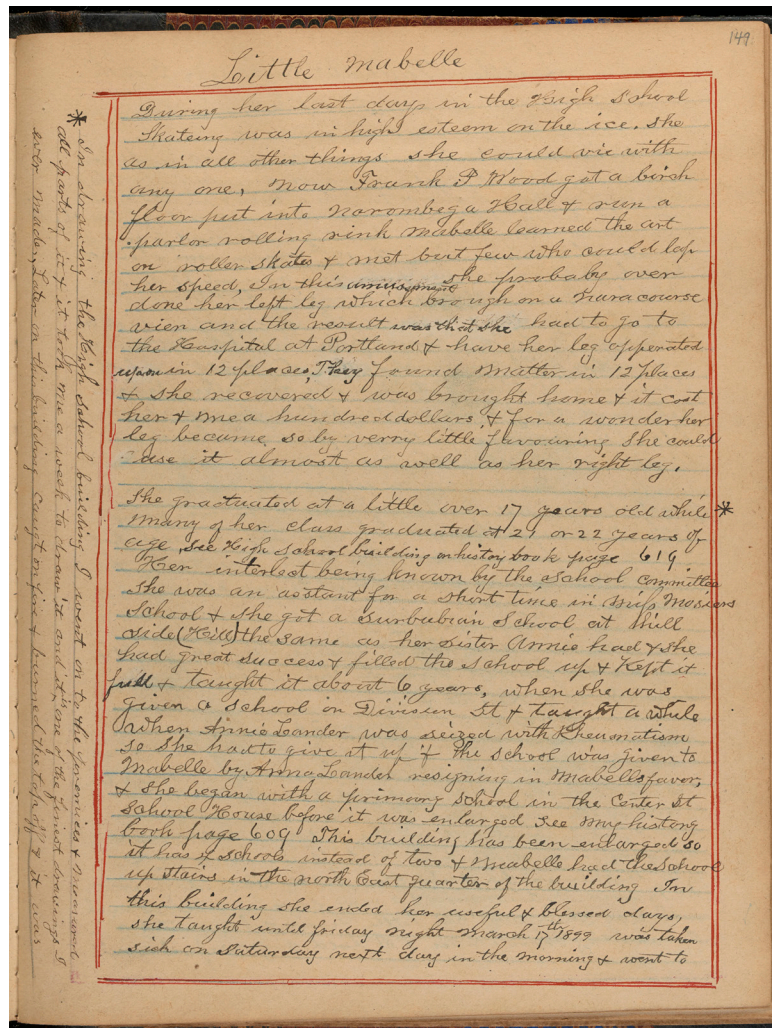
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She graduated at a little over 17 years old while \* many of her class graduated at 21 or 22 years of age, see High School building on history book page 619 Her interlect being known by the school committee she was an asstant for a short time in miss Mosiers School & she got a Surbubian School at hill side (Hill) the same as her sister Annie had & she had great success & filled the school up & kept it full & taught it about 6 years, when she was given a school in Division St & taught a while when Annie Lander was seized with Rheumatism so She had to give it up & the school was given to Mabelle by Anna Lander resigning in Mabels favor, & she began with a primary school in the Center St School House before it was enlarged see my history book page 609 This building has been enlarged so it has 4 schools instead of two & Mabelle had the school up stairs in the north East quarter of the building. In this building she ended her wonderful & blessed days. She taught until friday night March 17<sup>th</sup> 1899 was taken sick on Saturday next day in the morning & went to

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Her mother kneeled down near the dear child's head & took hold of her left wrist & I kneeled down by the side of her mother & took Mabelle's right wrist & my body was full of grief as also was her mother. I cannot express our grief it was heart breaking poor dying child as she was speechless I made no remarks I could hardly contain myself her mother passed through the same as I did. She lay on her back her head bolstered up, her hair was combed as usual & she did <sup>not</sup> show paleness & her flesh was so hot all over her arms her hands were as warm as though she was alive she now breathed shorter her mother stepped into the dining room & the nurse was beside me I am some deaf & I put my ear to her cheek & I could but little breath & she ceased breathing at 1/4 past 3 P.M. her hands arms & body were at a strange heat a long time after she ceased breathing. The nurse closed her eyes and Mabelle's left side of her lower lip dropped down this being the part affected. The nurse took a flannel cloth & rolled up hard & put it under her chin & her lip very soon came back in its place. Then Mabelle looked exactly as though she was asleep calmly & nobly, not a flush on her face, but life looking. Although she was no more her spirit was among the angels.

She layed on a bed made on the large Damask sofa in the sitting room near the west window her head towards the Dining room door, & a Mrs Jenkins who lived once in this tenement & had a little <sup>girl</sup> die in the same room came to assist my wife because we assisted her in her hours of trial & Mrs Eliza Henderson who came to render assistance were here nearly three days. Mrs Jenkins & the nurse prepared Mabelle to be laid out & we sent for Mr Hunt the undertaker to come & see what was necessary to do & bring a bier. He came & she was laid out in our parlor being the Southeast room next to the street & Mrs Jenkins & Eliza Henderson watched the first & second nights also fumigated the sitting room

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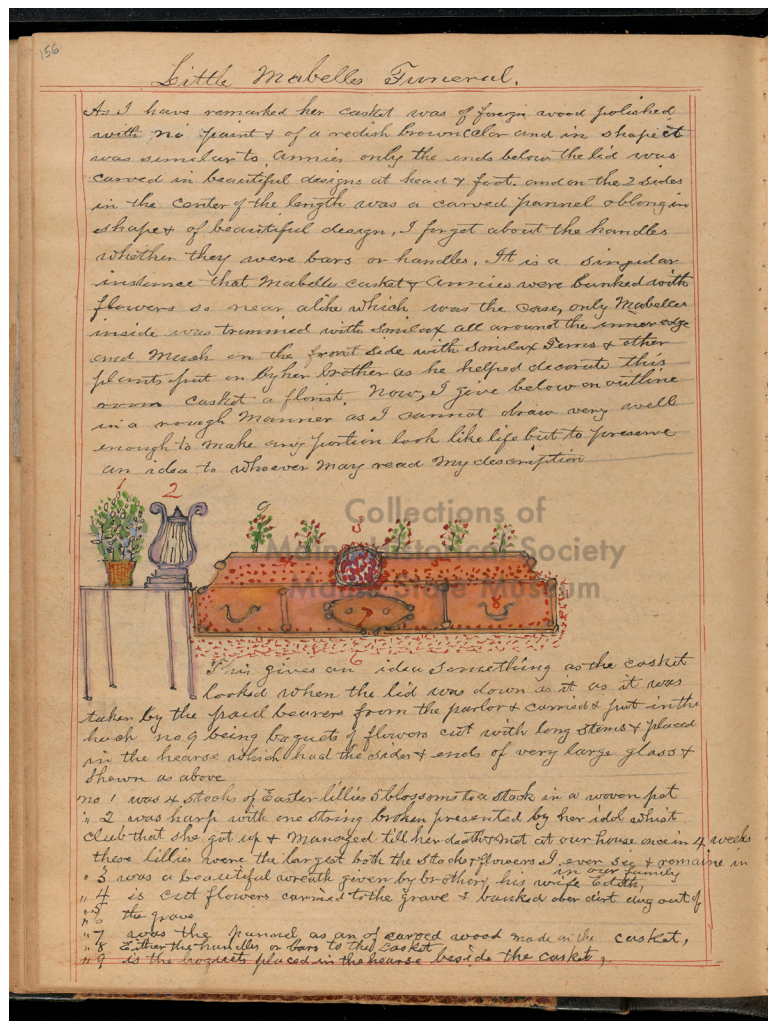
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[Illustration]

This gives an idea something as the casket looked when the lid was down as it as it was taken by the paul bearers from the parlor & carried & put in the hack no 9 being boquets of flowers cut with long stems & placed in the hearse which had the sides & ends of very large glass & shown as above.

no 1 was 4 stocks of Easter lillies 5 blossoms to a stock in a woven pot  
" 2 was harp with one string broken presented by her idol whist club that she got up & managed till her death & met at our house once in 4 weeks  
these lillies were the largest both the stocks & flowers I ever see & remaine in  
V

in our family

- " 3 was a beautiful wreath given by brother & his wife Edith,
- " 4 is cut flowers carried to the grave & banked over dirt dug out of
- " 5
- " 6 the grave
- " 7 was the pannel as an of carved wood made in the casket,
- " 8 Either the handles or bars to the casket
- " 9 is the boquets placed in the hearse beside the casket.

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Anna Lander & her sister

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but was sick & could not come. The Polo quartette came  
& sang. I being a little deaf I could not understand  
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dining room was about full & Ediths best room was com-  
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Girls (God bless them) were about the front door & gate.  
Mr Lemuel Nichols central stables furnished the hacks  
and I think we had 6 persons to a hack  
The Paul bearers had 1 stone

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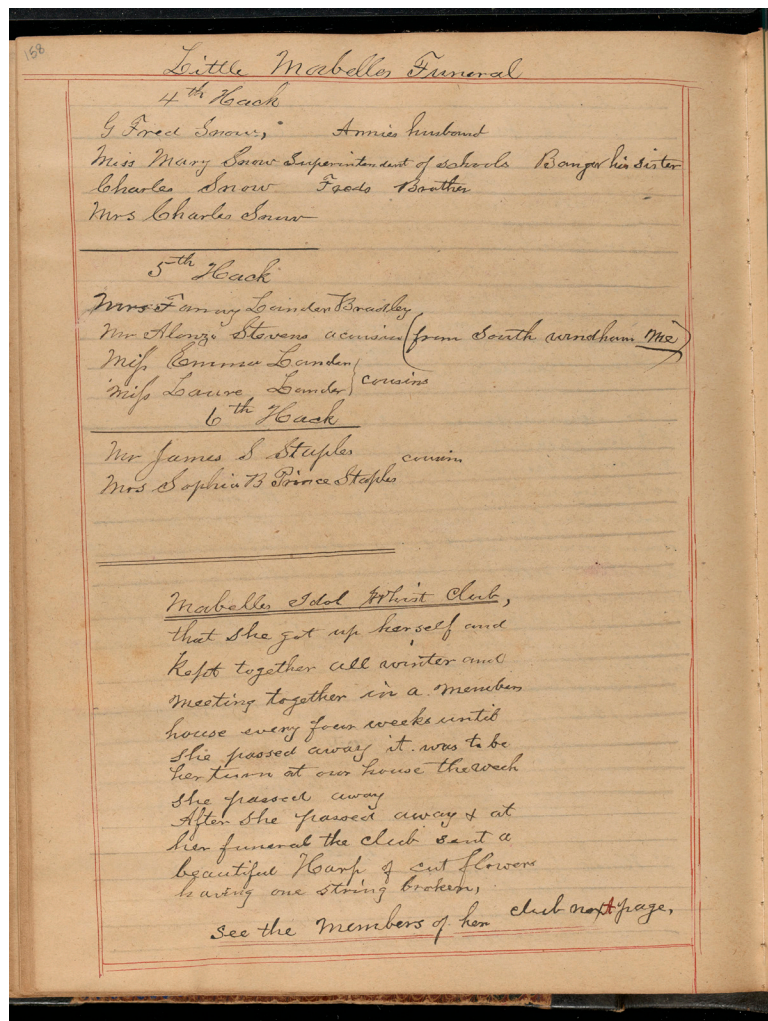
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4th Hack

G Fred Snow, Annie's husband

Miss Mary Snow Superintendent of schools Bangor his sister

Charles Snow Fred's Brother

Mrs Charles Snow

5th Hack

Mrs. Fanny Lander Bradley

Mr Alonzo Stevens a cousin (from South Windham Me)

Miss Emma Lander}

Miss Laura Lander} cousins

6<sup>th</sup> Hack

Mr James S Staples

cousins

Mrs Sophia B. Prince Staples

Mabelles Idol Whist Club,

that she got up herself and  
 kept together all winter and  
 meeting together in a members  
 house every four weeks until  
 she passed away it was to be  
 her turn at our house the week  
 she passed away

After she passed away & at  
 her funeral the club sent a  
 beautiful Harp of cut flowers  
 having one string broken.

See the Members of her club next page.

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- 2 Mr & Mrs W. C. Williams, Everet St
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- 1 Miss Susie Bean,   norfolk St at O C Beans
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had such a care over its weekly meetings,  
always providing ones place who may be  
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freshments such as Ice cream Lemon punch oranges  
peeled, sliced & sugared candies of several sort, three  
or four kinds of cakes & sometimes coffee.

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page concerning her sickness and death which  
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& high esteem her many traits of character  
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Mabelle

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This was written by  
Miss Mary S. Snow the  
piece that was printed  
She thought everything of  
Miss Snow

Monday

March 26, 1899.

DEATH OF MISS MARTIN

Much Esteemed Young Lady Passes

Away on Saturday.

The many friends of Miss Mabelle Martin will be deeply pained to learn of her death which took place at her home on Center street on Saturday afternoon after a brief illness of one week, of typhoid-pneumonia.

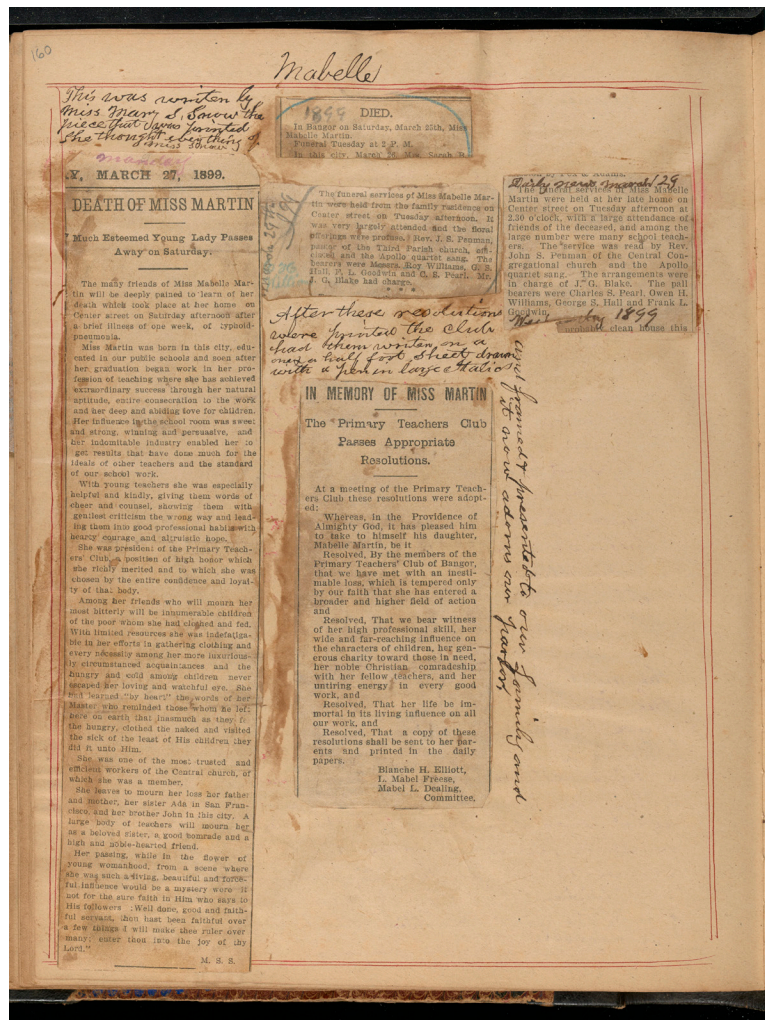
Miss Martin was born in this city, educated in our public schools and soon after her graduation began work in her profession of teaching where she has achieved extraordinary success through her natural aptitude, entire consecration to the work and her deep and abiding love for children. Her influence in the school room was sweet and strong, winning and persuasive, and her indomitable industry enabled her to get results that have done much for the ideals of other teachers and the standard of our school work.

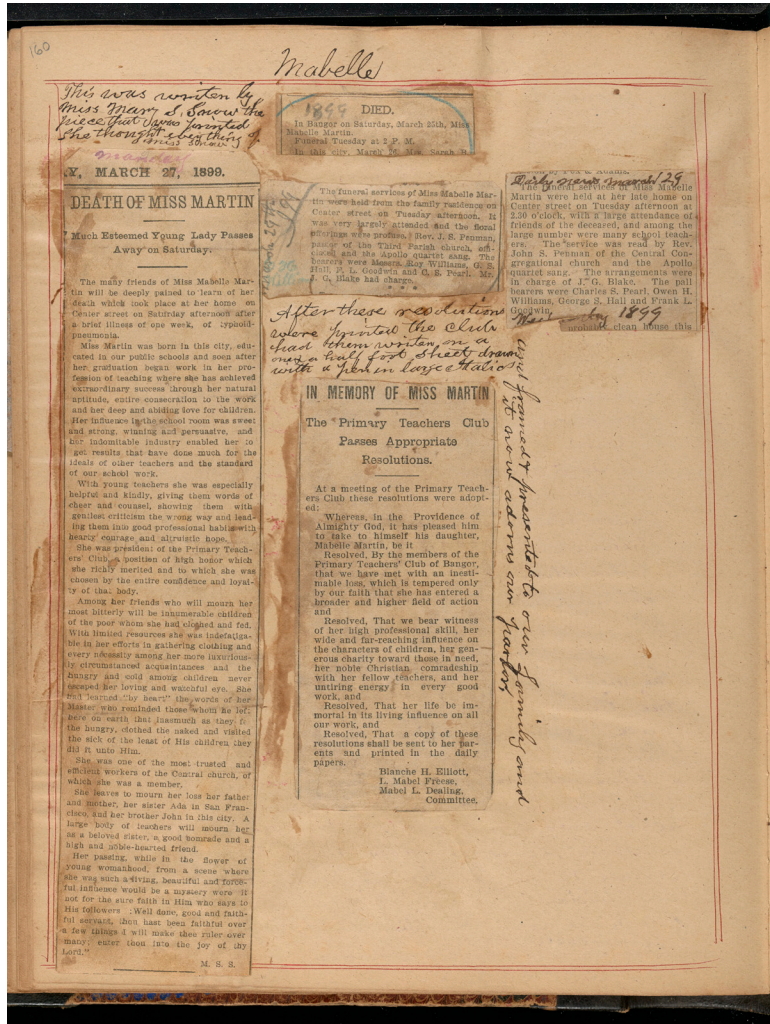
With young teachers she was especially helpful and kindly, giving them words of cheer and counsel, showing them with gentlest criticism the wrong way and leading them into good professional habits with hearty courage, and altruistic hope.

She was president of the Primary Teachers Club, a position of high honor which she richly merited and to which she was chosen by the entire confidence and loyalty of that body.

Among her friends who will mourn her most bitterly will be innumerable children of the poor whom she had clothed and fed. With limited resources she was indefatigable in her efforts in gathering clothing and every necessity among her more luxurious-

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ly circumstanced acquaintances and the hungry and cold among children never escaped her loving and watchful eye. She had learned "by heart" the words of her Master who reminded those whom he left here on earth that inasmuch as they fed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited the sick of the least of His children they did it unto Him.

She was one of the most trusted and efficient workers of the Central church of which she was a member.

She leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, her sister Ada in San Francisco and her brother John in this city. A large body of teachers will mourn her as a beloved sister, a good comrade and a high and noble-hearted friend.

Her passing, while in the flower of young womanhood, from a scene where she was such a living beautiful and forceful influence would be a mystery were it not for the sure faith in Him who says to His followers: Well done, good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

M. S. S.  
[Center column]  
1899 DIED.

In Bangor on Saturday, March 25th Miss Mabelle Martin.

Funeral Tuesday at 2 P. M.

In this city, March 26, Mrs. Sarah B

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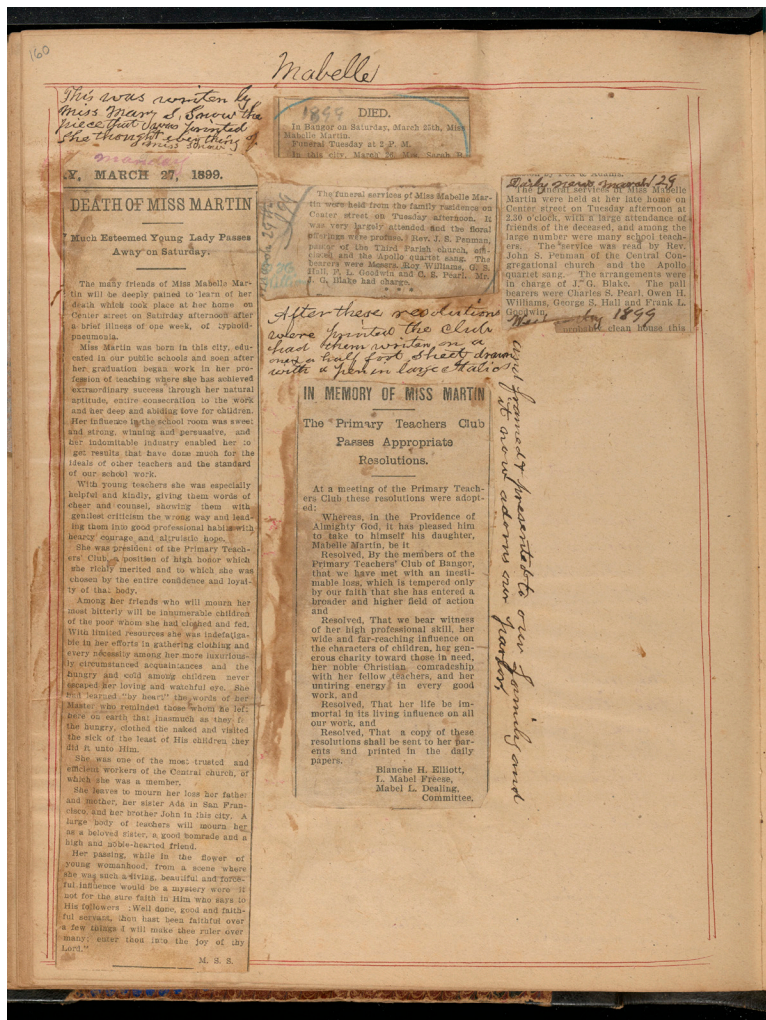
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The funeral services of Miss Mabelle Martin were held from the family residence on Center street on Tuesday afternoon. It was very largely attended and the floral offerings were profuse. Rev. J. S. Penman, pastor of the Third Parish church, officiated and the Apollo quartet sang. The bearers were Messrs. Roy Williams G. S. Hall, F. L. Goodwin and C. S. Pearl Mr J. G. Blake had charge.

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After these resolutions  
were printed the club  
had them written on a  
one & a half foot sheet drawn  
with a pen in large Italics  
[sideways at right]  
and framed & presented to our family and  
it now adorns our parlor.

In Memory Of Miss Martin  
The Primary Teachers Club  
PASSES APPROPRIATE  
RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Primary Teachers Club these resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in the Providence of Almighty God, it has pleased him to take to himself his daughter, Mabelle Martin, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Primary Teachers' Club of Bangor, that we have met with an inestimable loss, which is tempered only by our faith that she has entered a broader and higher field of action and

Resolved, That we bear witness of her high professional skill, her wide and far-reaching influence on the characters of children, her generous charity toward those in need, her noble Christian comradeship with her fellow teachers, and her untiring energy in every good work and

Resolved, That her life be immortal in its living influence on all our work, and

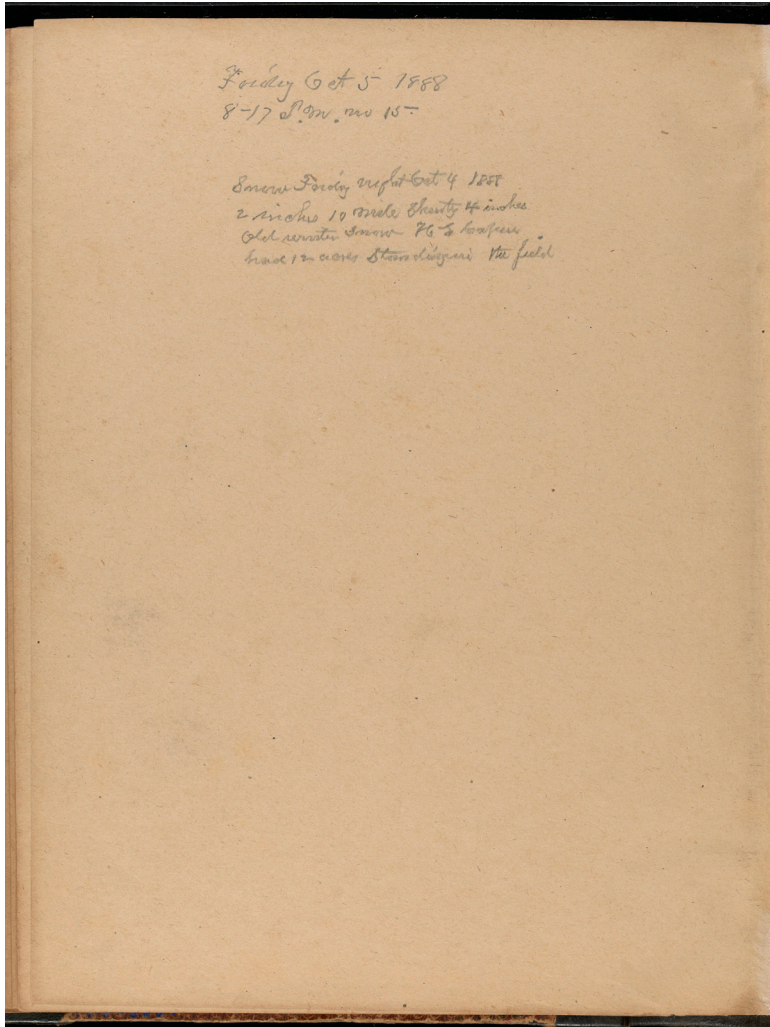
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions shall be sent to her parents and printed in the daily papers.

Blanche H. Elliott,  
L. Mabel Freese,  
Mabel L. Dealing,  
Committee.

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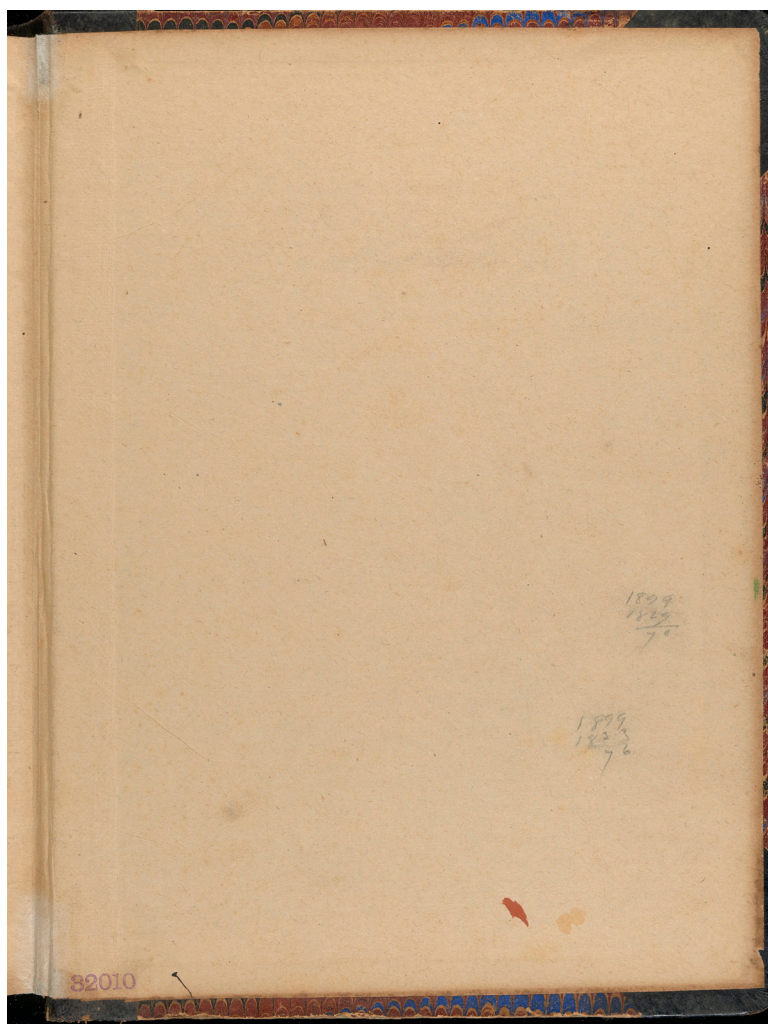
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