

Elizabeth A. "Lizzie" Young 1905 Diary

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- I would also like to thank Jack and Betty Butler for their assistance with compiling the family history, for allowing me to photograph their lovely home, and for hours of interesting conversation.
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Meet the Morrill Family

Morrill Family Tree

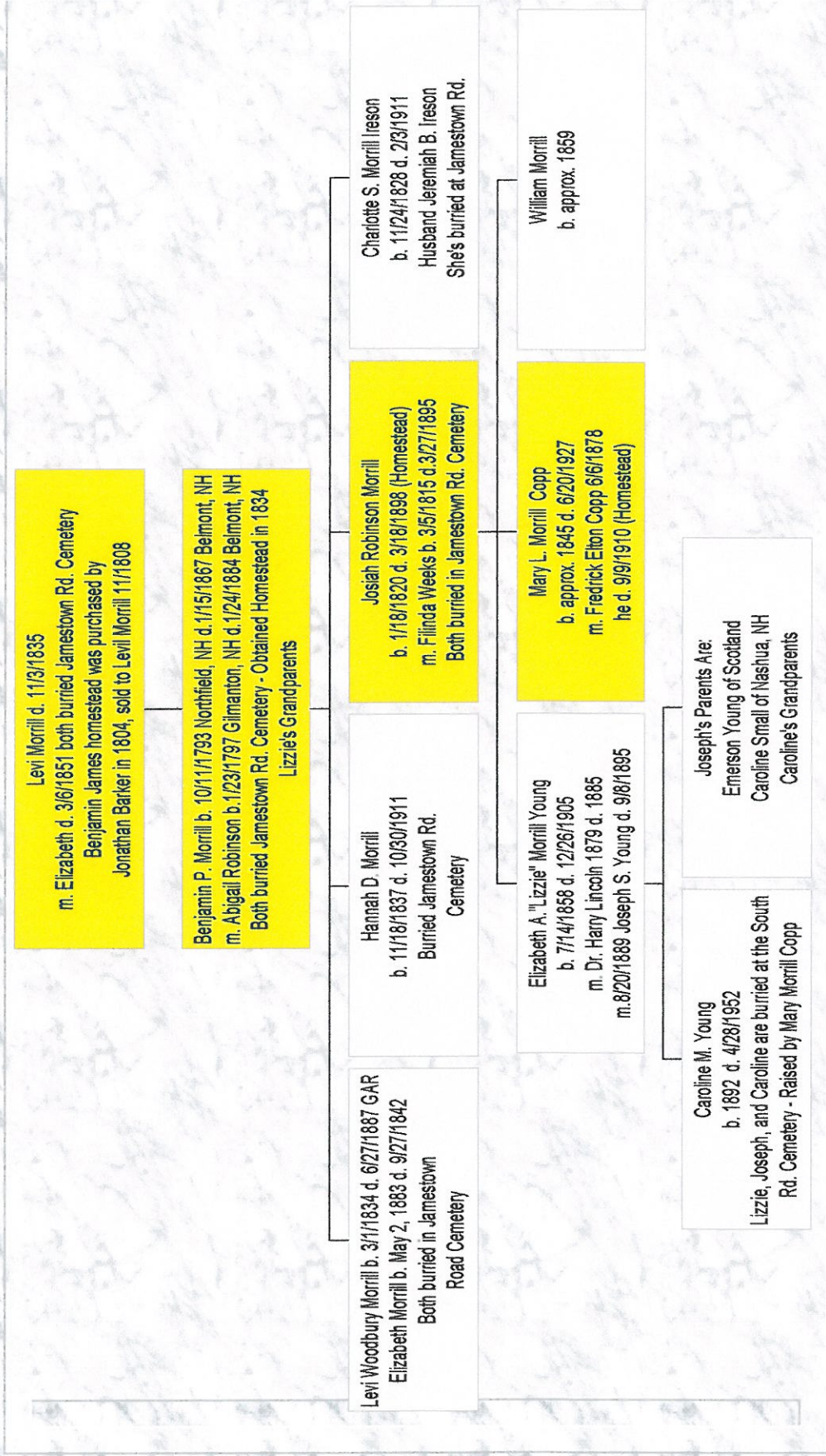


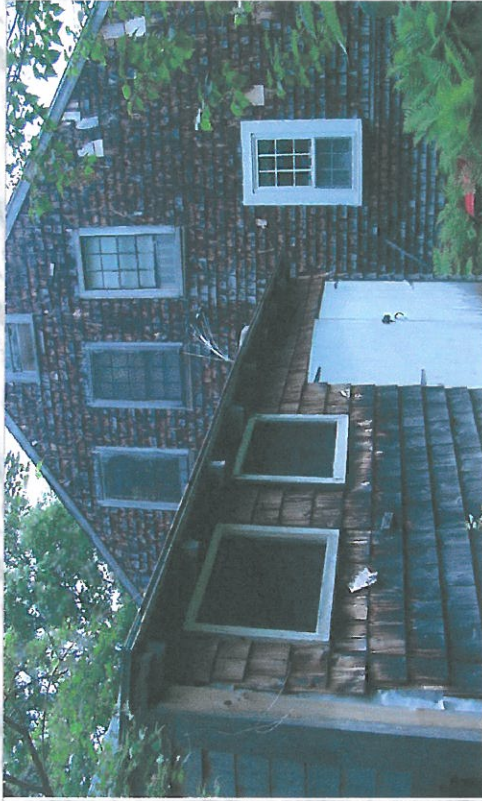


Photo above of the BENJAMIN JAMES Homestead later known as the Morrill Homestead. Seen in Photo are Mary Morrill Copp, Caroline Young, and Frederick Copp.

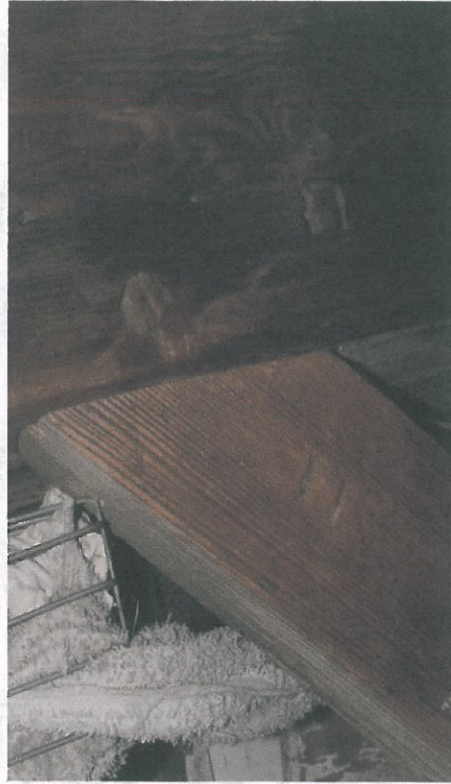
BENJAMIN JAMES Homestead purchased by Jonathan Barker in 1804, Revolutionary Soldier, Levi Morrill purchased the property in 1834 giving the property to his son Benjamin and Abigail Morrill in 1834. The property then went to Josiah Robinson Morrill and Filinda Weeks who had three children Mary, William, and Elizabeth "Lizzie" all of whom were born in the house. Josiah Morrill passed the property to his daughter Mary Morrill Copp and her husband Frederick. Around 1927 or shortly after Mary's death the property was owned by Fred Currier. Mr. Currier sold the property to a Mr. Wellsman in 1939. Today the property is owned by Jack and Betty Butler who purchased the home in the 1970's. *(Photo Courtesy Jack & Betty Butler)*

Benjamin James House
Morrill Family Homestead

Photo's taken 5/25/2004



Welcome... Come on in... through the shed we go...
Beams are number to assure a proper fit to their mates.....



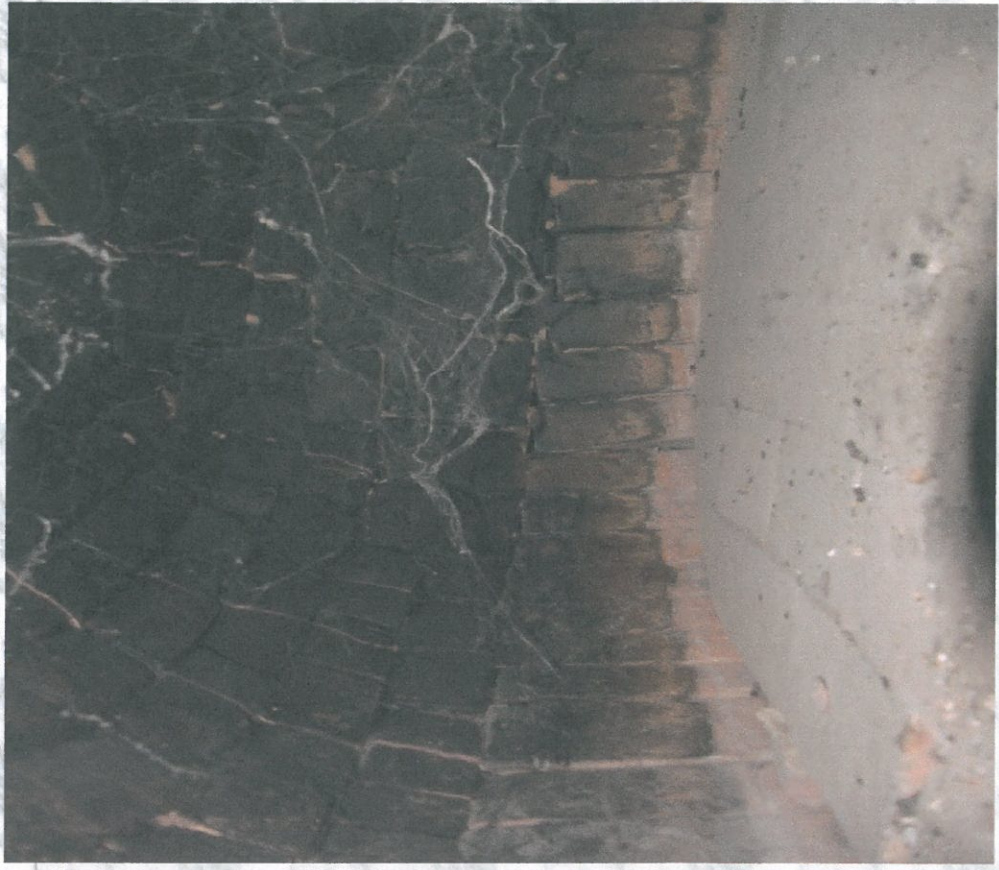
Yes...sir...ree...even writing on the walls.....



Not everything is square...you could find a closet almost anywhere....
in living room...guest room or even the hall way.....



To the kitchen... and right into the oven....



Elizabeth A. “Lizzie” Young

Excerpts from her 1905 Diary

Friday, January 5, 1905 (10 degrees)

Cold and blustering snowing a little in the morning. Mr. Judkin's did not feel well and as Carol had already been out of school I did not insist on her going as we did not know how the roads were. Mr. Judkin's went down to Fred's. Asa came up said they were not going to break the roads till the roller got around. I basted a lining into a log cabin quilt which Mary made for me years ago, and got it finished and did some other sewing together in the evening. Maude and Phil Poland and Mr. and Mrs. Waddell walked from East Tilton as we did not get the mail yesterday and there was trouble with the telephone wires. The girls stopped at the Foster's and Mr. Judkin's went over after them. I got them supper and made them comfortable. Maude and Phil slept at Angie's. Cleared off cold at night so it was 5 below zero.



Picture above taken from the Town of Belmont 1950 Annula Town Report.

Monday, January 9, 1905 (12-42-20 degrees)

Fair. Sunny. Mammie and Maude went to Laconia on the train from East Tilton walked over. Mr. Judkin's went after them. Asa butchered Mr. Judkin's hogs. The rest helped him. Mr. Waddell went to Asa's after one of them while Mr. Judkin's was milking. They cut and drew up some wood. I wrote my newspaper letters in the evening.

Friday, January 13, 1905 (20-42-10 at 5 o'clock-0 at 9 o'clock degrees)

Cloudy cleared off nice toward night. Mr. Judkin's went to East Tilton to draw coal for Charlie Durgin. Phil took care of the barn work, got in wood too. Mr. Waddell and Frank went Fishing. They came home about 3 he and Mrs. Waddell went to Laconia on the 4 o'clock train to be gone overnight.

Thursday, January 19, 1905 (32-48-38 degrees)

Dark and Cloudy and windy most of the have cleared off nice. I repaired a coat, finished trimming my red flannel waist with frier stitch and french knobs in black silk. Phil went to Laconia Maude and Mammie did the work. Mr. Judkin's had a cold and Ed and the girls took care of this barn all but the milking. Little Ned Blanchard died this morning. Carol came up again at night.

Friday, January 20, 1905 - (20-10 degrees)

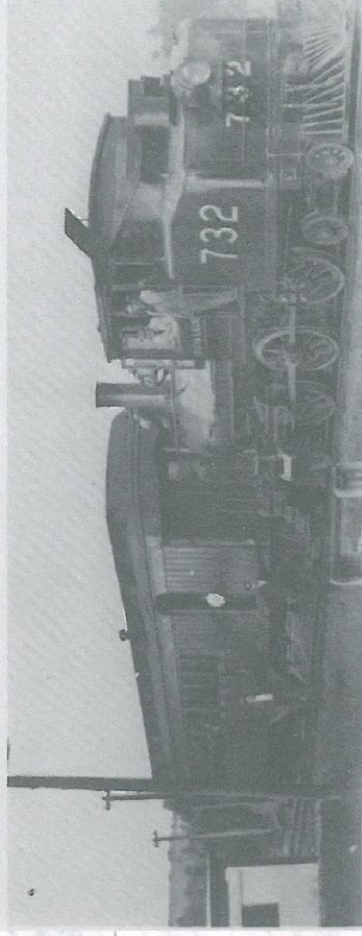
Pleasant. Mr. Judkin's carried the men over to the cove fishing. Maude and Mammie went with them for a ride. Carrie came up and said Neddie Blanchard was to be buried at 10 o'clock but it was too late for me to go then. Maude and Mammie carried me to the station to go to Meredith 8 or 10 got on at East Tilton and 16 more at Winnisquam. Teams carried us to the hall had oysters for dinner. Had a large company to the Grange Meeting. Mrs. Gilman read my paper "Taking an account of Stock." Had a good meeting in the evening. I stopped at Aaron Clough's got to bed at 2. Mr. Judkin's carried the Polands and Waddells to Tilton to a game of basketball.

Saturday, January 21, 1905 (10 degrees)

Snow squally but quite pleasant most of the day. Had a nice visit with Mrs. Clough and Maude Bryant in the forenoon. Mr. Clough brought me to the station. Mrs. Gilman came on the train with me. Mr. Judkin's met me at East Tilton. Carol had come home about half past 10. The girls had dinner ready. I did not have to do anything till supper time when I made some biscuits and doughnuts.

Monday, January 30, 1905

6 below zero. Went up to 24 and down to 10. Carol went to school. Mr. Judkin's, Phil, and Maude to Laconia. Fred Currier drove up with Elenora. Mrs. Foster came in the afternoon. Had a letter from Orange Judd Co. with 60 cents for article "When eggs are scarce," which I sent in November (1904). Carol came up and stayed all night.



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Friday, February 3, 1905 (4 below-28-4 above degrees)

Mr. Judkin's went to the creamery but came home without the milk. The main water pipe was frozen so they could not get water for the boiler in the separator. Had a letter from Maude. They got there all right. Had a package of pictures. I had sent for the papers too. School closed but it was too cold for me to go away from the house. Jimmie brought the milk at night. Mr. Judkin's went out after it. I worked on his quilt and other sewing. Wrote in the evening. Six visitors in school.

Thursday, February 9, 1905 (16-30-24 degrees)

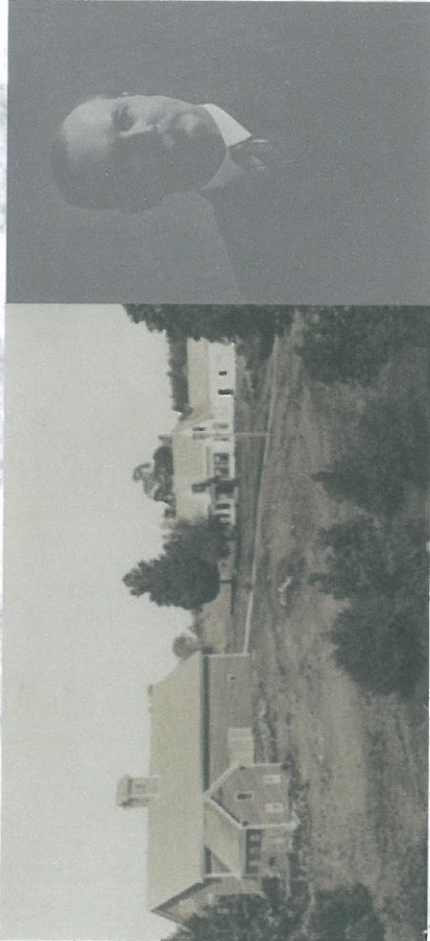
Snow Storm. Warmer so I could do a little work in the pantry. Made biscuits and apple pie. Sewed some on skirts for Carol and on cross stitching an apron which May gave me for Christmas blue and white checkered gingham. Sent some work down to Carol by Frank. Crochet work and sewing. The roller came in over the roads with the horses. Harvey, Ed Blaisdell, and another man. Kings Daughter day but stormed so no one could go. Wrote to Mr. L. W. Judkins in the evening. (Mrs. A. J. Young's birthday 62)

Friday, February 17, 1905 - (12-32-26)

Cloudy. Will Mackenzie came after Angie to take care of Fannie who has a touch of pneumonia. It was windy and disagreeable. The wind blew in the cracks in the doors and every where possible. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer called for some reading and brought back some in the afternoon. I was so sleepy and stupid and grippy that Carol Bundled me up on the lounge with shawls and hot soap stones and I stayed there till most supper time. Frank came up after some things for Alice and brought the paper. Asa and Fannie are comfortably sick. Dr. coming again Sunday.

Saturday, February 18, 1905 (14-40-6 degrees)

Pleasant out a high wind and the snows blowing. Thawed rooms. Carol helped do the morning work. I helped her a little about dinner. She and Mr. Judkin's went after a load of wood. I had another stupid spell in the afternoon but sewed awhile. Bayside Mill burned at Lakeport 200 thrown out of employment.



E.C. Bean Residence on Dearborn Street circa 1909 Postcard

Tuesday, March 14, 1905 (8-60-17 degrees)

Pleasant. Town Meeting. Carol went with Mr. Judkin's to Lyford's and with Grace to school in Miss Kimball's room. Had a fine time. Angie took care of the farm at noon. I had a nap in the afternoon. Frank came in the evening to talk over Town Meeting business.

Saturday, March 18, 1905 (18-50-30)

Frank worked here in the forenoon. He and Mr. Judkin's went to school meeting. Fred Currier re-elected. Freddie Currier came up with a note for us to go but of course I couldn't. Carol kept house for May to go with the Currier's. Fred went to ride as he does everyday nearly now. Angie and Carol washed the floor and I staid in with Alice in the forenoon. Angie helped me awhile in the afternoon.

Tuesday, March 28, 1905 (32-60-49)

Pleasant. Carol took the letters to the mail box and went to Fred Curriers sap camp. Churned in the afternoon. I got the cream ready for Mr. Judkin's did the churning and Mrs. Foster came and worked over the butter. Carrie and Guy came up they had a good time playing in the barn after Carol got her dishes and other work done. Mrs. Blanchard came in a few minutes.

Saturday, March 4, 1905 (24-60-12 degrees)

Pleasant. President Roosevelt inaugurated at Washington. Col. and Mr. E.C. Bean went from Belmont. Mr. Judkin's went to Tilton and I rode to Mays and stayed till he came back. It grew cold and windy before night, but I was wrapped up so I did not feel the cold. Carol had fires and helped him do the barn early. Did not try to write or read. Mrs. Plummer brought the mail and Fannie came into May's.

Monday, April 3, 1905 (26-50-30)

Pleasant. Cloudy in the afternoon. Sap ran fast from the few trees Carol had tapped. Carol went to May's with the milk and stayed with Fred till May went to East Tilton. Frank Prescott drove for her. Carol had to gather sap twice. I wrote a paper "The Making of a Christian his food," for C.E. Meeting tomorrow night.

Friday, April 28, 1905

Pleasant. Windy. There was a fire on the plain which went through Mr. Brown's timber lot at the top of the sand hill and into Orrin's. The Belmont Fire Alarm sounded and a lot of men came from the village. Mr. Judkin's and Orrin went down. Carol and Carrie went and got some Mayflowers.

Thursday, May 4, 1905

Pleasant. Mr. Judkin's worked at Fred's getting out manure. Had a nice call from Mr. Harris our minister at the village. Mr. Blanchard and some of the children have spinal meningitis or spotted fever which is around in sort of an epidemic. I finished Sadie Homan's letter.

Tuesday, May 30, 1905

Pleasant. Shower in the night. Memorial Day. Mr. Judkin's went to East Tilton in the morning. Lemule Copp came to see Fred. Carol was going to the cemetery but I fell and hurt me so she went to Mr. Foster's. Georgia came up and stayed the afternoon and night. Telephone for Dr. Wells. No bones broken or out of joint. Thigh badly sprained.

Wednesday, May 31, 1905

Pleasant. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Rickert came. Fannie Twombly and Dr. Wells said he found me as comfortable as he expected, but I can not move much yet. Mrs. Plummer stayed with me all night. May came up in the forenoon.

Sunday, June 4, 1905

Pleasant. May came up in the afternoon. Mrs. Plummer called. Kate Gilman, May Bennett, and Mrs. Vickery came while they were here. Mrs. Gilman brought me \$15.00 from the Ponomra Grange Friday, the amount of my pay for reporting for the present year. Ethel Jewett the new reporter suggesting it instead of paying it to her. Mortah Frost came with \$8.00 from the Christian Endeavors and a bottle of Elderberry wine from his father and mother. All brought flowers. Truly the lord provides. Angie stayed in till 12. Carol went to Carrie's while May was here.

Tuesday, June 20, 1905

Cloudy and damp not quite so chilly as yesterday. Three weeks since I was hurt. Can raise my hip and move it round more and bend my knee. Mrs. Foster came in. Grover and Frank were here to dinner. Dr. Well's came in the afternoon. Had not been here for two weeks says I am better now than he thought I would ever be, but I had better stay in bed a week or two longer. He thinks I am a lucky woman to come out of it as well as I have. In the time I wrote Democrat and Journal Trans. letters and begun one to Mrs. Buswell. Angie and Frank went home with Mrs. Blanchard.

Friday, June 30, 1905

Pleasant cool 48 degrees in the morning. Hot with a good breeze in the afternoon. I shirred the ruffle and seemed it on a pink skirt for Carol. Seemed the longest I have in one day for a month. Made a little tating, wrote a little. Carol went into school as it was the last day. Angie came in while she was gone. Carol went to the graduating exercises of the Belmont Grammar School with Fred Currier and Elenora and Carrie Foster. Stayed with Carrie all night. Mrs. Blanchard stayed with me. There were four graduates. Lena Hall, Lena Johnson, Clarence Bryant, and Walter Eastman.



1887 Village Grammar School

Friday, July 7, 1905

Pleasant. I sewed on Mr. Judkin's quilt. Fannie brought up the National Magazine. Georgia Hill and Minnie Cram came to see me in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Strock came from East Tilton with some cake and flowers from the Kings Daughter and the report of the entertainment Thursday evening for the papers. They made \$10.00.

Wednesday, July 19, 1905

Pleasant. There was a shower in the morning just enough to wet the hay. Mr. Judkin's and Grover began to cut the hay at Fred Copp's. Came home at noon and finished getting in his hay. Carl helped get it in. May came up with Nettie Sanborn of Laconia and her niece Clara's girl. Mrs. Blanchard and Angie went blueberrying so I sat up over four hours again. Got quite tired. I began a crocheted collarette in white germentown for Lois to take to Lakeport for a sample. George Elkins died in the morning about 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, August 23, 1905

Pleasant. Mr. Judkin's went to work on the meadow. Angie went to May's in the morning then came back to be with me. May came up to say that she and Carol could ride with Jimmie and Addie to the Old Home Celebrations at the village. Angie got the supper today. They had a good time. Shurburn Weymouth, James C. Lyford, and others spoke. They saw May and Thomas Wells. Carol brought the mail, a red cushion top I had sent for, a dressing sock pattern, and papers.

Monday, August 28, 1905

Pleasant cool. Thermometer at 40. Mr. Judkin's was planning for an Early dinner to go to the meadow and Carol got the shelled beans. I helped shell them. Angie had been in after the washing. Carol found the chamber on fire about half past 7. Mr. Judkin's and Angie tried to help put it out but could not. Carol went to Mr. Foster's. Carrie telephoned for more help. Angie got me and my chairs out. They saved my trunk and diaries and quite a lot of Carol's and my clothing. Lost books, my frun silk wedding dress, white boots etc. Mr. Adam's brought me to May's. I sat on the pizazza and staid up till 2 o'clock. then did not get up again. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Rickert called and Mr. Tilton's wife and Gladys, Fannie and Georgia were in. I slept in the cot bed in the parlor. Carol in lounge. Mr. Judkin's came to dinner and supper and brought down my trunk and some milk. Mr. Judkin's saved the barn and the other house, hay, grain, and garden stuff. I wrote to the Union and Aunt H.

Thursday, August 31, 1905

Pleasant. I had a pain in my side which troubled me some. Sat up three or four hours. Mr. Everett the insurance agent came and adjusted the insurance \$200 on house \$125 on contents. Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. and Miss Carr, Mrs. Merrill, and Mrs. Sturtevent came in afternoon. Eva and Betsey after they went away. Carol and Carrie went to East Tilton.

Wednesday, September 20, 1905

Cloudy still. I crocheted on some socks for Mrs. Johnson and finished a letter to Mrs. Auyer. Mr. Judkin's went to the village. Eva brought grapes and peaches. Harry Lord came in the evening with Mr. Judkin's glasses which he had fitted. Carrie came with Carol from school. Dr. Wells came says I shall live till spring. left medication for cough.

Saturday, October 7, 1905

Pleasant. May walked to East Tilton stopped at the cemetery. Carol unpacked my trunk and rearranged things which had been misplaced. Mrs. Plummer and Addie Hill came in. Dr. Wells was here. Carol and Carrie went to the woods after some toothache root for Fred.

Saturday, October 21, 1905

Fair but very windy. Mr. Judkin's carried Carol and Mrs. Gallagher to Laconia. They went to Lakeport on the Electrics. Had a nice time. I finished a sweater collar for Mrs. Gallagher and one for May to send to her mother and the leg an one for Mrs. Thurston. They got some blue yarn and Mrs. Foster some red. have ten more orders ahead. Fred got me some veal off the butcher. Mr. Judkin's got some lamb, bananas etc.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1905

Pleasant. Warner. Mr. Judkin's and Carol went to the village got some medicine for Phil. They went up home. Mr. Judkin's came and got the cot bed. Phil had Dr. Abbott who calls it tonsillitis. Carol went up and helped pick apples. Blanchard's building burned about 11 o'clock. Charlie set the hay a fire.

Friday, November 3, 1905

Pleasant. Mrs. Ethel Jewett called in the afternoon. She is teaching on Ladd Hill and was visiting the school. Carol went up to see Maude after school. Maude sent me some squirrel stew. Mrs. Foster came in with some things she got from Laconia. I had to send for more yarn as Eva is going tomorrow. Finished two black collars with white silk finish.

Saturday, November 4, 1905

Rain in the night and forenoon. Cleared off in the afternoon. Carol sick in the morning. Did not do much for the day. We have plenty of wood, plenty to eat, and enough work to do. So we are not as badly off as some. I picked over some boxes, and my work basket and cut some stock collars in the forenoon. In afternoon crocheted a little but did not make a whole collar. Read some. Mrs. Fogg came in with Fannie. First heavy snow squall in forenoon.

Sunday, November 18, 1905

Pleasant. Mr. Judkin's came after the Sunday papers. Mrs. Plummer, Fannie, and Orlando Fogg's wife came in. Carol sold some pins she had sent her to sell. She did not go to church as she heard there was to be no Sunday school on account of the funeral of Mr. Harmon Seavey who died in Gray's store Friday.

Sunday, December 17, 1905

Pleasant. Carol did not go to church. Dana and Addie came. Had a nice visit. Annie has some lovely froes a long coat. I did up some Christmas bundles in the morning.

Monday, December 18, 1905

Pleasant. Mrs. Crockett and Nannie Pease came. I was not so well had neuralgia in night and nervous collapse in the morning. Had to give up all work. Carol stayed up with me most all night. Had to rub me quite a lot. Susie and Blanch sent nice presents and Marion Crockett sent a box. May and Carol did the newspaper writing.

Tuesday, December 19, 1905

Pleasant. Warmer. The Dr. was here was a little surprised to find me quite as flat. Left more medicine. Georgia stayed all night. I am going to try to get some one to come help. Sent to Tilton for some things by Addie. Mrs. Plummer was in.

Wednesday, December 20, 1905

Pleasant. I felt much better. Georgia gave me medicine, rubbed me when needed, so I rested well. Mrs. Chase and Fannie were in. Brought a jacket and some cloths from Mrs. Ed Bean.

CONCLUSION

Elizabeth A. "Lizzie" Morrill Young died on December 26, 1905, six days after her last entry in her 1905 diary. Her Daughter Caroline M. Young was 14 at the time of her death, and moved in with her Aunt Mary L. Morrill Copp. Lizzie's 1906 diary had already been prepared for entries upon the coming of the new year 1906, although she never lived long enough to write that first entry, her daughter did write in the diary approximately 6 months later.

Lizzie had a good education for this time period, she attended writing school in the village of Belmont, NH, when her family briefly moved she attended New Hampton Institute, and graduated at Lynn High School in Massachusetts in 1877. She earned a living by being a reporter for several organizations, newspapers in Laconia, Pittsfield newspapers, and other papers throughout. She was dedicated to the Pomona Grange, Edited the Ladies Department of "The Snowflake," was a very active in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), and a member of the Kings Daughters. Lizzie would also sew, quilt, repair clothing, and crochet for others in order to provide for her daughter Caroline who lost her father Joseph S. Young at the age of 3. Lizzie also worked for Joe Judkin's as his housekeeper for eight years, following the death of his wife and daughter.

History of Jamestown Road Cemetery and the Morrill Family Plots

Some of the Morrill Family was originally buried on the homestead property. In the late 20's mid 30's they were moved to Jamestown Road Cemetery. It is said that a group of farmers in the area of the homestead petitioned to move the graves so they could continue to work the crops in the fields. When moved, all the stones were replaced, and original stones left on the property.



The Jamestown Road Cemetery land was purchased from George and Phebe Elkins by the directors in 1860. It is located on the west side of Jamestown Road in Belmont, NH. (Phebe was the mother of George.)

On 23 Dec. 1859 in Upper Gilmanton, NH A.P.B. Currier, Nathan F. Foster, Richard Sanborn, and their associates formed themselves into a corporation whose object would be to provide, hold, and keep in repair suitable ground and other conveniences for the burial of the dead.

The first meeting was held at the home of Benjamin Morrill (Benjamin James Homestead now home of Jack and Betty Butler) on 7 Jan. 1860 at 2:00 o'clock. Benjamin Morrill was elected president, A.P.B. Currier was elected secretary and treasurer, and six directors were elected. Nathan Foster, Richard Sanborn, William Durgin, John C. Foster, Benjamin Morrill and Augustus P.B. Currier.

Lots were sold and at the March 17, 1866 meeting, it was voted to build "a good fenced stoned wall, next to the highway with "good stone posts and an iron gate in the center of the same." this was done and is still there in good condition today along with the gate key.



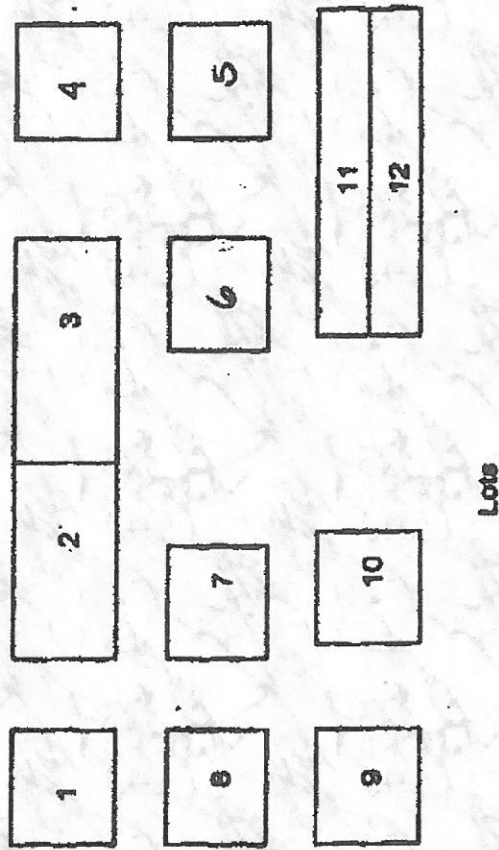
In order to pay for repairs and for the fence, it was voted to assess each lot holder \$10.00, six dollars of it to be paid within six months of the date of Jan. 22, 1876. Failure to do so forfeited the title and the lot could be sold to pay the demand.

On January 7, 1877, it was voted to sell the lots of delinquent owners and again on the following year on Jan. 5, 1878, it was so voted. The Association voted to buy such lots that didn't sell for enough to pay the assessments, and these were resold to the highest bidder at auction.

Lots #2, 4, 9, 10, and 12 were to be sold at auction. Lots #2*, 4*, and 9* sold for \$1.00 each. Lots #10 and 12 for \$5.00. George Elkins lot was sold for \$8.70, and Elder John Davis bought 100 square feet of lot #10 (near center) for \$7.00.

*Indicates the Association bought these lots to be resold. The owners neglected or refused to pay the assessment.

Jamestown Cemetery



It is interesting to note that most of the original owners of the lots or their descendants or relatives are buried in this cemetery, with the exception of lot #11. This is an Elkins lot, but there are 5 Westons buried in the lot, but there is no relationship to the owner of the lot. All other lots or graves, according to the records have been purchased by the inhabitants or their families.



LOT #5 MORRILL FAMILY PLOT those buried here are as follows:

- 30 - Josiah Robinson Morrill 1/18/1820 -3/18/1898
Filinda Weeks his wife 3/5/1815-3/27/1895
- 31 - Daniel G. Morrill died 7/1/1851
- 32 - Levi Morrill died 11/3/1835 AE 75
Elizabeth Morrill 4/6/1851 AE 86
- 33 - Benjamin P. Morrill 11/19/1818-7/7/1835 (post 37 GAR)
Daniel Morrill 3/28/1827-10/22/1854
Levi W. Morrill 3/1/1834-6/27/1887 GAR
- 34 - Elizabeth Morrill 5/2/1823-9/27/1842
Charlotte S. Morrill wife of Jeremiah B. Ireson 11/24/1828-2/3/1911
Hannah D. Morrill 11/18/1837-10/30/1911
- 35 - Abigail Robinson wife of Benjamin Morrill 1/23/1797-1/24/1884
Benjamin Morrill 10/11/1793-1/15/1867

*Reference from Cemetery Trustees Town of Belmont

South Road Cemetery Young Family Plot

Joseph S. Young, Elizabeth A. "Lizize" Young, and Caroline Young are buried at the South Road Cemetery in Belmont, NH.

