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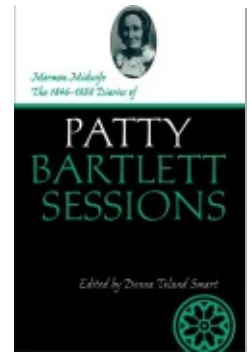
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APPENDIX THREE: Braiding School Minutes

The following minutes are sandwiched between Patty's recollections and the last years of her diary entries in Diary 7.

Oct.-24-1868 Patty Sessions I have been to find some one to braid straw

Nov= 9 sister Ruth Free came and commenced a school at my house.—Ten scholars.

Nov= 18 Sister Free finished her school. The girls have learnt well

19 Sisters [Olive H.] Walker [Adah] Phipin and [Sophia] Tripp¹ came to my house wished me to take charge of the braiding school and continue it at my house as long as I felt willing to ^do^ so. And also to take care of the braid and straw.

Nov= 20 I have been to many stores to find some s[t]raw splitters found none that would do. I then engaged a man to make some ten. I bought a box to keep the braid and straw ^in^

Nov= 25 I have been to the relief society. Sister Walker motioned that I presided over the S[t]raw Braiding, and that the school remained At my house. It was seconded, and a vote taken which was unanimous.

Dec 3 1868 1 oclock P M the ^school^ opened agreeable to apointment prayer by Mrs Patty Sessions spent the time in braiding then ajourned at 4. P M to meet again on satd 19 Singing Lo the gentile chain is broken prayer by Mrs. Patty Sessions.

Dec 9 We went to the relief society I was caled on to go round as a commite on this block.-Caled Betsey [Birdenow] to teach the straw Braiding a vote taken which was unanimus

1. Olive Walker, Roxana Sophia Tripp, and Julia Phippen were the presidency of the sixteenth ward Relief Society from 1868 to 1873.

Mond. Dec 14.-1868**Dec=****14.-1868** I went round on this block to see the sisters**16** we quilted a quilt a quilt for Cordelia Ziderland**30** I went round the block again saw the sisters found them feeling well**Jan 2= 1867** I attended the relief society they ^voted^ me in as one of the committee to attend the block No 10 on which I live**Dec 19 ^1868^** School met agreeable to appointment. opened by singing Now we'll sing with one accord & Prayer by Mrs Patty Ses= the minutes of the last school read and excepted adjourned untill next Satd Dec. 26 Singing hark ye mortals Prayer by Mrs Patty Sessions**Dec 26** School opened agreeable to appointment singing Farewell all earthly honor &c prayer by Mrs P Sessions. minutes of the last school read and excepted spent the time in braiding adjourned untill Jan= 7 1869 on satd. singing an angel from on high prayer by P S**Jan, 7-1869** School opened agreeable to appointment singing Farewell all earthly honor prayer by P S but few present read the minutes of the last school they were excepted spent the time braiding adjourned untill Jan-16 1869 singing Lo the gentile chain is broken Prayer by Mrs Patty Sessions**Jan.-16****1869** School met agreeable to appointment Opened by singing Lo the gentile chain is broken. Prayer Mrs P Sessions The minutes of the last school was read and excepted spent the time in braiding very agreeable. Ajournd to meet again at the same place at 1-oclock sat^ur^day next Singing Arise my soul arise &c**Jan 23** School met agreeable to appointment I was not Present but few there they spent the time braiding.**1869****Feb= 4th** School met again ^I not present^ spent the time in braiding untill I came home I closed by prayer and singing Lo the gentile chain is broken**Feb= 13** School met agreeable to appointment singing Arise my soul Arise &c ^Prayer by Patty Sessions^ spent the time very agreeable in braiding and singing Ajournd to meet again on Satd next 1 oclock P M singing Away with our fears &c Prayer by Patty Sessions**Feb 20 ^1869^** school met agreeable to appointment singing Hark ye Mortals List be still &c Prayer by Sister P Sessions spent the time in braiding adjourned to meet Feb= 27-1869 by singing Farewell all earthly honors &c Prayer by sist Patty Sessions**Feb= 27 ^1869^** I was gone School met but four present braided and adjourned to meet March 4th**1869**

March 4th School met agreeable to apointment quite a number presant they felt well braided good and seemed enerjectic ajourned to meet again
 March 13 I was presant but feeble and sick

March 13–1869 School met agreeable to appointment a good turnout four that never had been before the school was opened by singing Hark ye mortals List be still prayer by Patty Sessions sisters Free and Mousley presant we spent the time very agreeable in braiding &c ajourened by singing Arise my soul arise &c Prayer by sister P Sessions to meet again
 March 20th

March 20 ^1869^ School met agreeable to apointment Opened by singing Now weel sing with one accord Prayer by Patty Sessions singing We thank the Oh God for a Prophet &c quite a number presant spent the time in braiding the minutes of the last meeting read and accepted by a unanimous vote ajo^u^rned by singing Oh ye mountains high &c prayer by Mrs Patty Sessions. to meet again March 27

March

27 1869 school met agreeable to appointment singing Arise oh Glorious Zion &c Prayer by sister P Sessions Singing Now well sing with one acord &c the minutes of the last meeting read & accepted ajourned to meet again
 April 10 singing Come let us anew &c Prayer by sister P Sessions

April 10

March 10

1869 School met agreeable to the apointment opned ^by singing come come ye saints &c prayer by Patty Sessions spent the time in braiding very agreeable the minutes of the last school was read and accepted ajourned to meet again next satd April 17 singing Arise my soul arise &c prayer by Patty Sessions

Unaccountably the minutes end, and Patty begins the last years of her diaries.