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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] Phippen and [Sophia] Tripp 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 straw 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 straw Braiding, and that the school remained at my house. It was seconded, and a vote taken which was unanimous.
Dec 3 1868 1 o'clock P M the school opened agreeable to appointment prayer by Mrs Patty Sessions spent the time in braiding then adjourned 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 unanimous

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 releif society they voted me in as one of the
commission 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 Sessions= the minutes
of the last school read and excepted adjourned until 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 until Jan= 7 1869 on
saturday 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 until 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.
Adjourned to meet again at the same place at 1-o'clock 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 until
I came home I closed by prayer and singing Lo the gentile chain is bro-
ken
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 Adjourned to meet again on Satd next 1 o'clock 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 appointment quite a number present they felt well braided good and seemed enerjectic adjourned to meet again March 13 I was present 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 present we spent the time very agreeable in braiding &c adjourned by singing Arise my soul arise &c Prayer by sister P Sessions to meet again

March 20th

March 20th 1869 School met agreeable to appointment Opened by singing Now well sing with one accord Prayer by Patty Sessions singing We thank the Oh God for a Prophet &c quite a number present 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 accord &c the minutes of the last meeting read & accepted adjourned 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 adjourned 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.