

DIARY OF HENRY SHELDON**1863**

January 1: There has been a severe battle raging for 2 days at Murfreesburgh Ten in which our forces have thus far had the worst of it but Resencranz was never whipped and we expect he will yet come out victor. The year has been ushered in in all the mildness of an April day. Mr. W. A. Short, Goldsmith for the last 2½ years occupied a window in My Store has taken him a wife and goes to Washington the residence of his Mother. Was Married to Miss Sarah Hopkins the Daughter of my Old Professor.

Note: Ten abbreviation for Tennessee.

5: Monday thanks be to god our army has been victorious at Murfreesboro tho at a great sacrifice of life said to be the hardest fought battle of the war thus far, our forces have also beat the enemy at Holly Springs Miss and Genl Sherman has engaged the enemy at Vicksburgh.

Note: Miss abbreviation for Mississippi.

Note: This is the entire record for the year 1863. The next entry that follows in the diary is dated January 1, 1864. There is no indication that the diary record skips nearly all of 1863. The possibility exists that Henry Sheldon may have used another diary to record the rest of 1863.