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# Sabine Diaries Project

Our goal is to transcribe and publish over 40 years of diaries written by John Henry Sabine. We also hope to publish a Sabine Family History book that will include all of the descendants of the Sabine family of Riverdale, Nova Scotia.

Visit [www.sabinediaries.com](http://www.sabinediaries.com) to learn more about the project.

We need your help. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Join our Facebook group
- Subscribe to our email list
- Tell us about your branch of the Sabine family
- Help us transcribe the Sabine Diaries
- Share your family history research
- Send us old Sabine photos

You can contact the project leaders (Benjamin Sabine and David Watson) by emailing [info@sabinediaries.com](mailto:info@sabinediaries.com).

# Introduction

Thank you for your interest in the Sabine Diaries. Written by my Great Great Grandfather John Sabine beginning on his 23rd birthday in 1876, they capture the comings and goings of everyday life in the Sabine homestead in Riverdale, Digby County, Nova Scotia.

For many years the diaries have laid in wait in the Sabine homestead for a time when technology would enable their proper birthing into the modern age. Crowdsourcing made this project more feasible and its undertaking less daunting. Certainly, resources for the project were minimal and although we endeavoured to minimize errors, errors there will likely be. Oft times John's writing became illegible or the pages were damaged. Our incomplete knowledge of the surroundings and neighborhood inhabitants at the time have likely led to mistaken transcriptions, particularly the transcription of names.

I hope that many generations to come will appreciate the words penned by John Henry Sabine as they offer a rare glimpse into country life in Southwestern Nova Scotia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Benjamin Ian Sabine

# Background

The story of the Sabine family of Riverdale, Nova Scotia and their descendants begins in the year 1762 when Jeremiah Sabin (great grandfather of Joseph Sabean) arrived in Nova Scotia from Maine. He was one of the founders of the village of Weymouth. His son Willoughby was one of the founders of the Sissiboo Baptist Church, and Willoughby's son David settled in Southville in 1835.

David's son Joseph was granted his first parcel of land in Riverdale on June 19, 1847. Lot 1166 consisted of 111 acres located next to Provost Lake. He paid twelve pounds, two shillings, and ten pence. Joseph built a log cabin on this land in 1848, and began living there in 1849 (the same year he married Ruth McNeill). In 1855, Joseph built a homestead for their growing family (the home that Keith Sabine lives in today).

A story passed down through the generations tells us that Joseph left the homestead to his daughter-in-law Roxanna upon his death. He didn't get along with his son John and thought he was lazy.

Joseph Sabean and Ruth McNeill had the following children:

- Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 – 1934)
- **John Henry Sabean (1853 – 1920)**
- Alfred E. Sabean (1855 – 1929)

John Henry Sabean was born on 19 Oct 1853 in Riverdale, Nova Scotia. He died on 15 Jun 1920. He married Roxanna Ring, daughter of Samuel Ring and Mehitable Saxton on 25 Dec 1877. Roxanna was born on 23 Oct 1853 in Barton, Nova Scotia. She died on 10 Oct 1954 in Riverdale, Nova Scotia.

John was a farmer, lumberman, and postmaster. He started writing his diary on his 23rd birthday in 1876. John was born with his last name spelled Sabean, but sometime during his life he changed the spelling to Sabine. John ran the first post office as early as 1885 from the homestead.

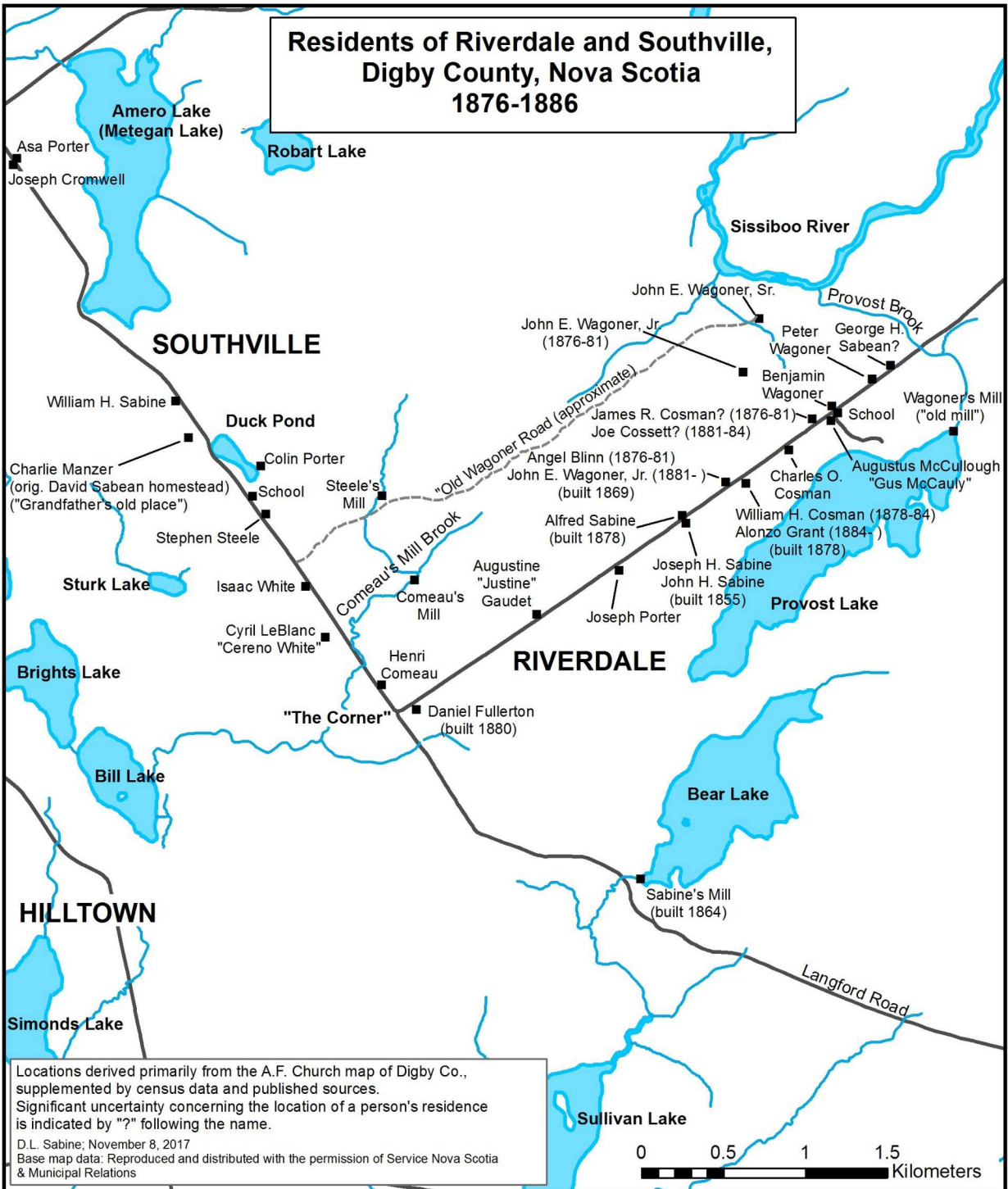
John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

- Harold Fullerton Sabine (1878 – 1957)
- Leslie Herbert Sabine (1880 – 1953)
- Joseph Willard Sabine (1882 – 1959)
- Leonard Tilley Sabine (1884 – 1949)
- John Bernard Sabine (1886 – 1985)
- Percy Reginald Sabine (1888 – 1965)
- Stella Mildred Sabine (1891 – 1968)
- Ethel Ring Sabine (1894 – 1990)



c. 1909 photo of Roxanna and Phoebe standing in front of the Sabine homestead in Riverdale, Nova Scotia. It was built by Joseph Sabean in 1855.

## Residents of Riverdale and Southville, Digby County, Nova Scotia 1876-1886



Locations derived primarily from the A.F. Church map of Digby Co., supplemented by census data and published sources. Significant uncertainty concerning the location of a person's residence is indicated by "?" following the name.

D.L. Sabine; November 8, 2017  
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## Residents of Riverdale and Southville (1876-1886)

The following is a list of people who lived in Riverdale and Southville during the years 1876-1886. The list only includes family members known or strongly suspected to have lived in each house during the 1876-1886 period of John's diaries. They are not full family lists. Any older children who married and moved out before 1876, or younger children born after 1886, are not included.

### RIVERDALE

#### Daniel Fullerton

+ Annie Minerva (Sabine) (McAlpine) Fullerton  
Charles Scott McAlpine  
Alice Miriam Fullerton  
Lottie Rebecca Fullerton  
Lydia Fullerton  
Frederick William Fullerton  
Frank Stanley Fullerton

#### Augustine "Justine" Gaudet

+ Mary Deatil (?) Gaudet  
John Baptiste Gaudet  
Mary Gaudet  
Elizabeth Agnes Gaudet  
Margaret Gaudet  
Valentine Gaudet  
Emma M. Gaudet  
Adace Gaudet

#### Joseph H. Porter

+ Anne (Gilliland) Porter

#### Joseph H. Sabine

+ Ruth (McNeill) Sabine  
Annie Minerva (Sabine) McAlpine (to 1880)  
Charles Scott McAlpine (to 1880)  
John Henry Sabine  
+ Roxanna (Ring) Sabine  
Harold Fullerton Sabine  
Leslie Herbert Sabine  
Joseph Willard Sabine  
Leonard Tilley Sabine  
John Bernard Sabine  
Alfred L. Sabine (to 1878)

#### Alfred L. Sabine

+ Charity Alice (Grant) Sabine

#### William H. Cosman

+ Lillian Zilpha (Thurber) Cosman

#### Alonzo Grant

+ Nancy Jane "Janey" (Cosman) Grant

#### Angel M. Blinn

+ Natalie (?) Blinn  
Michael Job Blinn  
Jane E. Blinn  
James E. Blinn

#### Charles Oliver Cosman

+ Sarah Samantha (Wagoner) Cosman  
Nancy Jane "Janey" Cosman  
Harris William Cosman  
+ Cornelia (Ring) Cosman  
Grace Cosman  
Samuel Ivan Cosman  
Sarah Bell Cosman  
Alfred Charles Cosman  
Jesse Albert Cosman  
Eugenie Bell Cosman  
Sarah Cosman  
Howard H Cosman

#### James Rufus Cosman

+ Maria Ellen (McAlpine) Cosman  
Ruth Hanna Cosman  
John Cosman  
Ernest N. Cosman  
Cora Bell Cosman

#### Joe Cossett

#### Benjamin Wagoner

+ Margaret Ann (Cosman) Wagoner  
Magretta Gray "Gret" Wagoner  
Margaret Alice Wagoner  
Addie Francis Wagoner  
Mira Wagoner  
Carrie B. Wagoner  
Lizzie Leah Wagoner  
Benjamin Wagoner

#### Augustus McCullough "Gus McCauly"

+ Bethelda "Thel" (Wagoner) McCullough  
Warren C. McCullough  
Hattie May McCullough  
Margaret Ivy "Maggie" McCullough  
Benetta Blanche "Nettie" McCullough



**Peter Wagoner**

+ Mary Eliza (VanTassel) Wagoner.  
 Annie Jane Wagoner  
 Isaiah Wagoner  
 Bertha May Wagoner  
 Robert Rainford Wagoner  
 Daisy Iretta Wagoner  
 Nancy Emmeline Wagoner  
 Stephen Crawford Wagoner  
 Violet S. Wagoner

**George Henry Sabean**

+ Eliza Ann (Arrowsmith) Sabean  
 Charles Oliver Sabean  
 Georgiana Ann Sabean  
 Phoebe Eleanor Sabean  
 Thomas B. Sabean  
 Ada Grey Sabean  
 Lucy Sabean

**John Edward Wagoner, Jr**

+ Elizabeth Eleanor (White) Wagoner  
 Alexander Campbell Wagoner  
 Isaac W. Wagoner  
 Albert Daley Wagoner

**John Edward Wagoner, Sr**

+ Nancy (Johns) Wagoner  
 Ceretha Annie (Wagoner) Graham  
 + Albert Graham  
 Alma Graham  
 Eddie Graham  
 James Wagoner  
 Clarinda Swift  
 Benjamin Wesley Swift

*(Clarinda and Ben Swift are grandchildren of John Edd. Sr and Nancy Wagoner, by their daughter Roulina Wagoner and John Wesley Swift)*

**SOUTHVILLE****Henri-Augustin Comeau**

+ Rosalie Bathilde (Belliveau) Comeau  
 Margaret Comeau  
 Madeline Comeau  
 Joseph Henry Comeau

**Cyril LeBlanc (“Ceren White”)**

+ Anna Collette (Saulnier) LeBlanc  
 Capit LeBlanc  
 Adelaide LeBlanc  
 Marie A. LeBlanc  
 Francis Edwin “Frank” LeBlanc  
 Thérèse LeBlanc  
 Anselme LeBlanc  
 Raymond LeBlanc  
 Agnes LeBlanc

Charles B. LeBlanc  
 Benjamin D. LeBlanc  
 Marie L. “Eliza” LeBlanc

**Isaac White**

+ Sarah (Sabean) White  
 Waitre E. “Waitie” White  
 Obed Walter White  
 William I. “Willie” White  
 Charles Randall White

**Stephen Steele**

+ Rachael (McAlpine) Steele  
 Stephen A. Steele  
 + Elizabeth (Barnes) Steele  
 Emma Lee Steele  
 Jessie Lynn Steele  
 Margaret Ann “Maggie” Steele  
 William Wentford Steele  
 James Howard Steele  
 Sadie Sarah Alma “Sadie” (Steele) Journey

**Colinwood “Colin” Porter**

+ Mary Ann (Henderson) Porter  
 David Alexander Porter  
 Ruth Augusta Porter

**Charles Edward Manzer**

+ Mary Elizabeth (Barr) Manzer

**William Henry Sabine**

+ Lydia Jane (Steele) Sabine  
 Judson Sabine  
 Winnifred Sabine  
 Herbert Sabine  
 John Milton Sabine  
 Sarah Alice “Sadie” Sabine  
 Gertrude Maude Sabine  
 Flossie H. Sabine

**Asa Norman Porter**

+ Melissa (Weaver) Porter  
 William Christopher Porter

**Charles Joseph M. Cromwell**

+ Maria (Falls) Cromwell  
 Joseph Henry Cromwell  
 William Henry Cromwell  
 George Edward Cromwell  
 Edward Byron Cromwell  
 Mary Louisa Cromwell  
 James Leonard Cromwell  
 Martha Augusta Cromwell  
 John Cromwell

# Transcription

You will notice spelling and grammatical errors in our transcription of John's diary. We have attempted to preserve these from the original diary to keep our transcription authentic.

We've also likely made some errors transcribing John's writing. Our errors are due to various reasons: John's penmanship, physical damage to the page over time, and John's use of colloquialisms that do not translate easily today.

We tried to balance project perfection with project completion, and therefore could not spend large amounts of time trying to determine every single word that was difficult to transcribe. Because we are attempting to transcribe so many years of diaries, we feel it is important to keep the project moving along and not get bogged down on one or two words that are difficult to read.

We've endeavoured to use a system whereby the reader can quickly discern which text remains uncertain: any word within [brackets] is based on an educated guess. Occasionally, even a guess is not possible, and in these instances we've used [illegible] to denote such text.

**Saturday, January 1st, 1887**

W. S. Rained all night and all day. We now enter upon another year. The past has been marked by great blessings, but what the new shall reveal is yet a mystery. But I begin it [tausting] – this is all. It has rained all day. Harris Cosman helped me thresh oats.

**Sunday, January 2nd, 1887**

W. S. Rained all night and until noon; then shifted and snowed. Roxy, Leslie, Josie, Bernie & I spent the day at Cornelia's

**Monday, January 3rd, 1887**

W. NW. Quite fine – a little snow on the ground. Father and I shod the oxen.

**Tuesday, January 4th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F. cutting wood I began a pair of boots for Leslie.

**Wednesday, January 5th, 1887**

W. NW. I have been at work at Leslie's boots when I could sit up – a part of the time I was obliged to lay down from a pain in my back. Annie came up this morning to spend the day – She is going to stay all night

**Thursday, January 6th, 1887**

W. E. Snowing all day – fell about eight inches. Father went to the mill to saw, but the storm was so bad that he came home. I got the boots almost done. Roxy spent the day over at Chattie's.

**Friday, January 7th, 1887**

W. NW. Quite fine.

Father sawing. I finished Leslie's boots this morning. This afternoon I planed out some pieces for hand-sled runners for the boys

**Saturday, January 8th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. Father sawing. I Cut fire wood all day. This afternoon this quiet atmosphere was very much startled by the sudden appearance of the Post Office Inspector. He is on a tour of inspection through the Province. However, he was very mild and departed leaving me with a very good opinion of him. We were again startled by the sad intelligence that old Mrs Wagner was dead – had died tonight. Jasper White died a few days ago. Roxy went down to Mrs. Wagner's and helped "lay her out"

**Sunday, January 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but cold. Father went to prayer meeting this morning and stayed out all day. Roxy went this evening to hear Mr Spencer preach

**Sunday, January 9th, 1887**

W. N. Cloudy and cold. Father went out to meeting this morning and remained out till after evening meeting.

**Monday, January 10th, 1887**

W. S. This morning snowed a little – turned to rain for a couple of hours, then came around cold again. F & I made the coffin for Mrs Wagner. Father made the rough coffin and I made the other. This morning we covered it Today Roxy & Chattie did some sewing for them. It will not be long before this work will have to be done for all of us. Leslie began to wear his new boots last Saturday, and before night he cut one of them which has caused him

much grief. Harold made a sled the other day to haul wood on. He made a rick too which is represented below. (see sketch in hand-written entry)

**Tuesday, January 11th, 1887**

W. N. Fine, but cold.

This Ben Wagner came early for the coffin. Chattie, Roxy and I went down with him. We placed the remains in the coffin. After I came home [ ] engraved the plate for the coffin.

This afternoon the burial took place. Mr and Mrs Spencer were here to dinner. They went to the funeral. Mother went with them. Father and I went. This evening there was a meeting at W.H.S.s at which the building of a meeting house was Considered. They Could not agree to a site.

**Wednesday, January 12th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. Mother and I stayed at W.H.S.s last night I came home this morning but mother is going to remain till tomorrow.

Father starting lumber from the mill.

**Thursday, January 13th, 1887**

W. N. Cold. Father and I went to the mill this morning and fixed the water-wheel. I sawed the remainder of the day.

**Friday, January 14th, 1887**

W. SE. A fearful sleet storm. Father and I hauled firewood. Charles T. Cromwell sawing.

**Saturday, January 15th, 1887**

W. NE. Overcast.

A.M. I mended my larakins P.M. F & I hauling wood.

**Sunday, January 16th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but cold Roxy and I walked out to prayer-meeting this morning. Roxy came home and W.H.S. & I spent the day at Annie's.

**Monday, January 17th, 1887**

W. N. Overcast and Cold. Father went to Weymouth with a load. I have been to the mill sawing. Stormy.

**Tuesday, January 18th, 1887**

W. N. Cold. I have been sawing today. Father started a load of scantling from the mill. I attended meeting-house meeting again tonight at W.H.S.s at which no further progress was made.

**Wednesday, January 19th, 1887**

W. N.W. Fine – but Cold Father took out a load of scantling. I stayed at W.H.S.s last night, and today have been sawing. I am intending to stay nights at the mill this week.

**Thursday January 20th, 1887**

W. S. Fine this morning, but Clouded over and looking like a storm. I stayed at the camp last night. Chat. Thomas and Dick Robart are staying there. Father started out a load of Deals and Scantling

**Friday, January 21st, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day. Rained some in the night. I have been sawing.

Father went out with a load.

**Saturday, January 22nd, 1887**

W. SE. Overcast. I sawed this morning till W.H.S- came to the mill, when I got C.T. to saw and WH & I went back to the rear of the mill lot to look for a chance to haul timber.

Father came to the mill and he and C-T. edged boards.

**Sunday, January 23rd, 1887**

W. SW. Foggy all day.

Father went out to meeting and did not Come home till night We heard that Letitia Wanson has lately died.

When I came home last night I found Roxy and all the children sick with Colds. Harold was better, as he was the first one taken.

**Monday January 24th, 1887**

W. SW. Foggy – warm with heavy wind – The snow going very fast. Father has been to the mill. I made an axe handle and fixed my larakins

The children are all better today except Lennie and Bernie. Chattie is very sick with toothache.

**Tuesday, January 25th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine – snowed about two inches last night.

Father went to the mill this morning. I went with the team to the mill and cut out and hauled some poles for a hovel I hauled some fire-wood to the Camp. The children are all better but Lennie He is very sick this morning. I going to stay to the mill tonight.

**Wednesday, January 26th, 1887**

W. S. Rainy in the morning but snowed in the afternoon. I stayed at the mill last night, and sawed today. Tonight I came home to see how the sick ones are. Father is sick with a pain in his side. Bernie is the sickest one now.

**Thursday, January 27th, 1887**

W. N. Snowed some again last night. I went to the mill this morning. It has been a cold day. Lennie better

**Friday, January 28th, 1887**

W. SW. Very cold last night. I nearly froze in the camp. I have been sawing today

**Saturday January 29th, 1887**

W. S. Soft all night and blowing a gale. Blowing fearfully all day. I have been sawing. When I came home tonight I found them all better.

**Sunday, January 30th, 1887**

W. E. Foggy all day. All of us at home.

**Monday, January 31st, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful fine day. I have been sawing. I went out to W.H.S.s tonight. He paid me \$2.00, and there is \$1.62 cts due me yet from W.H.S. Mrs Jim Doucet died on Friday. Bernie was very sick all night.

**Tuesday, February 1st, 1887**

W. N. Snowed a little last night. I stayed at W.H.Ss last night, and went to the mill this morning. Father was there. C. Thomas and Dick Robart came at noon to saw. I gave the mill up to them and this afternoon I got a few dead trees on Basil.

**Wednesday, February 2nd, 1887**

W. NE. Fine but very Cold I started three loads of lumber from the mill

**Thursday, February 3rd, 1887**

W. SE. Rain Mist. W.H.S. & I began building a hovel at the mill.

**Friday, February 4th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine.

WHS & I stayed at the mill last night, and this morning began work again on the hovel. By an unlucky maneuver, I stuck the axe in my leg near the Knee. Though not a bad cut it was in a bad place & I left the work and Came home. W.H.S. is here to tea.

**Saturday, February 5th, 1887**

W. N. Cold wintry day. Father took a load of boards to E. Rice. My leg is better today. I mailed a letter to Mr Goodspeed, enclosing \$1.50 for Messenger and Visitor for the current year.

**Sunday, February 6th, 1887**

W. SE. Snowing all day  
All of us at home.

**Monday, February 7th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but cold.  
Father hauled some firewood today. Mr Vail called today He is canvassing for the coming election.

**Tuesday, February 8th, 1887**

W. SE. Fine this morning but began snowing towards night, and now (10 oclk) is raining. Father took a load of Pine boards to E. Rice. We were going over to Mr Spencer's to donation tonight but the storm prevented. My cut leg is getting better.

**Wednesday, February 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Rained all night.  
Leslie has got to the head of his class, and is delighted at it.

**Thursday, February 10th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I worked at a Couple of sleds which I am making for the boys.  
Father is not able to do anything. Mother spent the day at Annie's.

**Friday, February 11th, 1887**

W. NE. Raining and freezing all. This afternoon shod the hand sleds.

**Saturday, February 12th, 1887**

W. N. Cold – snowed a little this morning. I finished the boys sleds, and this evening I painted them. Sears Mullen and his wife came tonight. Cornelia's children are sick & Roxy is down there tonight. There has been a terrible R.R. smashup in vermont recently. About sixty persons killed.

**Sunday, February 13th, 1887**

W. N. Overcast and very Cold. Sears and his wife went away before noon. WHS & Lydia came in to tea and spent the evening. My cut leg is getting better fast.

**Monday, February 14th, 1887**

W. W. Beautiful day, but Cold Father starting lumber from the mill.

**Tuesday, February 15th, 1887**

W. S. Snow till towards night when it turned to rain I have been cutting wood all day. Father was very sick all night and today with a pain in his side.

**Wednesday, February 16th, 1887**

W. NE. Foggy– I cut some drags of wood in the woods. The boys have been at school Father is a little better

**Thursday, February 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Snow squalls this morning – then cleared off beautifully. I took a load of pine boards to E. Rice (846 ft good lumber & 44 ft refuse.

There is a terrible excitement at Weymouth about the Coming Dom. election

**Friday, February 18th, 1887**

W. NW. Cold but fine. A.M. I hauled fire-wood. P.M. I started a load of boards from the mill.

**Saturday, February 19th, 1887**

W. W. Rained all night and drizzling all day. I cut wood

**Sunday, February 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine day.

Harris Cosman is here this evening. Roxy has been sick two or three days.

**Monday, February 21st, 1887**

W. N. Fine. I took a load of boards to E. Rice.

**Tuesday, February 22nd, 1887**

W. SW. Fine – Snowed a little this afternoon  
Election Day. WH & I were officers at Saint Bernards district no. 9. The poll was held at Mrs Edward White's. The excitement is fearful. Mr Vail, liberal, and John Campbell, conservative, are [the] candidates. Mr Campbell [beat] Vail by a majority of 116. Father and Alf were out to Weymouth.

It was late when I came home tonight.

**Wednesday, February 23rd, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. This afternoon I moved to the mill to go logging. Herbie Sabine moved in also.

**Thursday, February 24th, 1887**

W. SE. A fearful storm of snow rain and sleet this afternoon. W.H. Sabine came to the mill this morning and this afternoon We made a beginning at our logging  
Mother was up to Mr Cosman's visiting.

**Friday, February 25th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but very Cold WHS, Herbie & I logging.

**Saturday, February 26th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but Cold. Logging again. We have hauled 51 logs thus far which we Consider a good beginning.

**Sunday, February 27th, 1887**

W. S. Shifted to NW. Another snow and rain storm last night and today.

**Monday, February 28th, 1887**

W. N. Very Cold.

Herbie and I went to the mill today and cut up and rolled our logs into the pond. W.H.S. & Dan F. went to Weymouth to John Campbell's Declaration.

**Tuesday, March 1st, 1887**

W. N. Cold. WHS Herbie and I logging. Sam White began sawing his logs.

**Wednesday, March 2nd, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. WHS Herbie & Logging  
Sam W. finished sawing his logs. He had 1980 feet.

**Thursday, March 3rd, 1887**

W. SE. Fine – thawed a little and looking like rain tonight.  
W.H.S. H. & I. logging

**Friday, March 4th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine – windy & cold Rained a little in the night. Logging again. Obed White began sawing his logs. Harold and Leslie launched their new sleds last Monday They go to school now. I came home tonight

**Saturday, March 5th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but very Cold. I went to the mill again this morning. I came home last night for hay. They boys – Hal & Les – went with me today. They stayed in the Camp the most of the day, but were up in the wood for a Couple of turns. Roxy went to Weymouth with the mail today

**Sunday, March 6th, 1887**

W. SE. Snowing a little all day. Mother went out to prayer meeting this morning and stayed till evening. I have been home all day

**Monday March 7th, 1887**

W. SE. Quite fine. I moved some hay to the mill again tonight. Herbie and I Cut some wood for night.

**Tuesday, March 8th, 1887**

W. SE. Looking like rain. W.H.S. & Leonard Cromwell who is to help us this week, came to the mill this morning and we all proceeded to the bush where we did a good day's work

**Wednesday, March 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but cold. Logging again.

**Thursday, March 10th, 1887**

W. NE. Looking like a storm Logging. Father came in

the woods and helped us today Roxanna down to Annie's and spent the day.

**Friday, March 11th, 1887**

W. NE. Terrible snow storm. I came home last night. We worked in the woods till noon when the storm became so severe that we discharged Len. Cromwell, and came home ourselves. [Snowed] about 9 inches.

**Saturday, March 12th, 1887**

W. NE. Raw and misty. A.M. I mended Hal's mocasin. P.M. I made an axe handle. H. W. Beecher is at the point of death. The President has at last signed the "Edmunds Retaliation" Bill, and great excitement prevails

**Sunday, March 13th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. Scot has been here all day. Nothing else to note. We are all as well as usual. We got the sad news that Eath Ring has broken his ankle.

**Monday, March 14th, 1887**

W. N. Beautiful day. Father and I hauling firewood. Boys at School

**Tuesday, March 15th, 1887**

W. NE. Overcast and soft. I hauled two loads of lumber from the mill Father hewed a stick for a sled tongue.

**Wednesday, March 16th, 1887**

W. NE. Misty. We moved to the mill again today. I went there before noon and W.H.S. not coming I went up the lake and got three sticks for sled tongues. Mother spent the day at Annie's. A spectacle agent called here this morning



**Thursday, March 17th, 1887**

W. NE. Soft, snow and rain coming all day very disagreeable. Logging.

**Friday, March 18th, 1887**

W. NE. Misty and soft. W.H.S. Herbie & I logging. I came home tonight

**Saturday, March 19th, 1887**

W. NE. Overcast & soft. Logging again. We finished today and moved home tonight. We have hauled about 300 logs. Yesterday we cut and hauled a big pine that stood by the road.

Henry Ward Beecher is dead. He died the eighth. I received a postal tonight from Alfred Perry

**Sunday, March 20th, 1887**

W. NE. Overcast.  
All of us at home.

**Monday, March 21st, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day.  
John Godat and I took between six and seven hundred feet of Spruce boards down to Victor White at Beliveau's Cove where we thought to get a cask of molasses, but when we got there the molasses was all gone, so we got the worth of our boards in sugar and came home again. We had a hard day of it as the roads were as bad as they could possibly be. It was about Eleven O'clock when I got home, and I do not know as I was ever so completely "used up" before.

**Tuesday, March 22nd, 1887**

W. SE. Cloudy till noon raining till night.  
This afternoon Father & I went across the lake and began

logging into Bear Lake. We hauled two "turns", and came home. Storming terribly tonight. Harold and Leslie go to school. They have each won three rewards Cards for keeping at the head of their classes.

Josey seems to be slow about learning. His mother, the other day, in trying to impress upon his memory the letter G. told him it was what they said to the oxen. When he came to the letter in his next lesson he said it was "haw". Mrs George Mullen of Tusket is dead.

**Wednesday, March 23rd, 1887**

W. NW. Soft Snow squalls and very disagreeable. I wrote several Deeds. Alpha Marshall was here Collecting school taxes. I paid him One dollar being my tax for 1886.

**Thursday, March 24th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day F & I logging over the lake Scot helping us  
Mother visiting at Cornelia's

**Friday, March 25th, 1887**

W. SE. Raining most all day. F. Scot & I hauled logs in the forenoon P.M. Father went out to Sam Whites & got some molasses.

**Saturday, March 26th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but windy and very Cold. Father Scot & I logging.

**Sunday, March 27th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but cold. Roxy and I with the two babies spent the day at Cornelia's. Dan & Annie with their children spent the day here.

**Monday, March 28th, 1887**

W. SE. Raining most all day. In the forenoon F. Scot &

I hauled logs. In the afternoon I made a gate to go in the fence through where a path leads to the new barn.

**Tuesday, March 29th, 1887**

W. NW. Stormed till noon In the afternoon I wrote a Deed for Alf that of that lot over the lake. In the evening Alpheus Marshall came up and saw that Deed with another for Alf (his house lot) and one for me of the other lot over the road, "signed Sealed & delivered"

**Wednesday, March 30th, 1887**

W. N. Overcast and Cold Snowed about four inches during last night.  
This afternoon F & I went over the lake and cut logs.

**Thursday, March 31st, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day but Cold. Father & I logging.

**Friday, April 1st, 1887**

W. E. Fine. Father cutting logs. I took a load of Deals to Campbell's - 900 ft. I got two Bbls meal (price 3.50)

**Saturday, April 2nd, 1887**

W. NE. Blowing a gale with a severe sleet storm. Father and were in the woods hauling logs till noon. Leonard Cromwell got four bushels of potatoes at 40 cts.

**Sunday, April 3rd, 1887**

W. N. Quite fine.  
All of us at home untill evening when Father & Mother went out to meeting.  
W.H. Sabine came here this afternoon and stayed to tea

**Monday, April 4th, 1887**

W. S. Mild - with slight showers. A.M. Father & I went

back on the Mosely road and cut some windfalls. In the afternoon we went over with the team and hauled a couple of turns. Tonight I bargained with Alf for his house and field for [250.00]

**Tuesday, April 5th, 1887**

W. S. Raining in afternoon. F & I logging

**Wednesday, April 6th, 1887**

W. N. Snowed a little this morning, then cleared off. Father & I cutting logs

**Thursday, April 7th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day, but cold. F & I logging.  
Poor little Bernie is sick tonight

**Friday, April 8th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day.  
F & I logging. Baby Bernie is very sick tonight. It is his first sickness.

**Saturday, April 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine and very warm F & I logging. Bernie is no better. I got a copy of the Metropolitan.

**Sunday, April 10th, 1887**

W. W. Glorious Spring day Father and Mother spent the day at Annie's.  
Bernie seems to be a little better.

**Monday, April 11th, 1887**

W. NW. Another fine day Father and I finished logging. We have hauled two hundred logs.  
Charlton Prime is here tonight. We got one of the oxen in the lake tonight. Bernie is better

**Tuesday, April 12th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but windy and cold. Father went to Tusket to see Chas. Thomas about sawing for us. I went to the mill and hauled a few old trees off Basil Amero's land. I brought out a load of manure as far as Dan's where the road was so soft I had to leave it. Harold and Josey went with me. It is the first time Josey has been to our mill. Janey Cosman spent the day here. Mother & Roxy are making a large mat. Bernie is getting most well.

**Wednesday, April 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Clear and windy A.M. I went down to the Corner and brought home the load of manure I left last night. Father went over the lake and cut some boom stuff. P.M. We boomed the logs.

**Thursday, April 14th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. I went to the mill, hauled some more logs off Basil making 21 in all. I brought home another load of manure. Harold spent the day at Annie's.

**Friday, April 15th, 1887**

W. NW. Glorious day.  
I have been choring around Jossie went to school today for the first in the way of regular attendance.  
Annie spent the afternoon here. Dan was here tonight to tea. Hal has fixed up a cart with a pair of "spoke" wheels Scot gave him yesterday. He is very happy. I received a letter from G.D. Campbell this morning asking me to come and make arrangements with him about entering his establishment as a clerk. Another thing to worry me. Bernie is as well as ever.

**Saturday, April 16th, 1887**

W. SE. Looking like a storm. I took a load of pine boards to Ed Rice. I got a barrel of flour. I was over to see Mr Campbell and partly agreed to enter his establishment as a

clerk. He offered me \$300 a year. I am undecided as to what to do in the matter. If I can succeed in getting board cheap enough, & can hire a good man by the year to assist in the work at home. Roxy is quite ill tonight

**Sunday, April 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Partially overcast but pleasant. Roxy is very sick today. This afternoon I went out to Dr. Barnaby and got some medicine for her. Dan Fullerton took me out.

**Monday, April 18th, 1887**

W. NE. Father went to the mill and filed the saw and got ready for sawing. In the afternoon I took a cruise over the woods down to the Northward. Roxy is a little better Annie Jane came here to work.

**Tuesday, April 19th, 1887**

W. NE. As miserable a day as ever passed over the earth Snowing, hailing and blowing. Father hauled some fire wood. I footed it to Weymouth to see the doctor for Roxy He says she is doing well. She is better tonight. I took dinner with Mrs Randall. She is going to let me stop with her while I am in Mr Campbell's employ

**Wednesday, April 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but cold.  
Father & I began sawing our x1 logs. Roxy is quite smart.

**Thursday, April 21st, 1887**

Father sawing. Leonard Cromwell helping him. A.M. I made a lounge for Mother. P.M. I repaired some broken chairs.  
Roxy has sat up all day.

**Friday, April 22nd, 1887**

W. N. Fine. Father sawing. Scot helping him. I finished

fixing chairs and did some other work. I thought of going to WHS's tonight, but did not.

Roxy can keep up all day now. I and delighted to see her doing so well.

#### **Saturday, April 23rd, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. I made a pair of shoes for Harold but they were so small that he Could not wear them. I will buy him a pair out of the Store. Poor little fellow I felt sorry to see him Cry when the shoes hurt his feet, but he shall have a pair

#### **Sunday, April 24th, 1887**

W. SE. Showery. I went out to W.H. Sabine's this forenoon. I stayed there till after tea when he and I went down on the "Line" to meeting. Mr Spencer preached. After meeting we went to David Barrs to stay all night. I am on my way to Weymouth to begin service at Mr Campbell's. It was sad indeed to say goodbye to wife and babes, but in this hard world partings will Come.

#### **Monday, April 25th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine again This morning W.H.S. & I walked down to the Bridge. I reported myself at the Establishment of G.D. Campbell and began service. It is a new epoch in my life. I have started out on many ventures and have as many times been defeated by Circumstances. Ill health has generally been the Cause. My health is still delicate and I Cannot tell what day or hour I shall be obliged to abandon it.

#### **Tuesday, April 26th, 1887**

W. SE. Terrible storm of wind, rain, and snow. We stored 250 bbls of meal yesterday and today have been storing flour. The work is hard and if this had to be repeated day after day I would make my bundle tonight, but it will be easier after today. An American brig went ashore at New Edinburgh today.

#### **Wednesday, April 27th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day We finished storing the flour this forenoon and this afternoon I have had it very easy. If Douglas Campbell would stay at his home all would be well, but, Alas! he issues from his lair like a lion and woe to the unfortunate Creature that chances to be in his path. I sent a note to Little Roxy tonight. I wish the note had sent me, but I will yet see her and my heart shall rejoice

#### **Thursday, April 28th, 1887**

W. SE. Fine this forenoon Overcast till night. This forenoon we unloaded a car. P.M. I have not been doing much. I am sick today.

#### **Friday, April 29th, 1887**

Rained heavily all day. Ned Hogan & I have been in the warehouse where a large number gathered, and had I not felt so miserable would have passed a very good day.

#### **Saturday, April 30th, 1887**

W. S. Overcast and dreary. I have been about the store all day. Received a letter from Roxy, (a short letter but still from Roxy my little treasure. She might have written more, but I perhaps she had not time. I know her will was good.

#### **Sunday, May 1st, 1887**

W. N. Overcast till noon then cleared off. I spent the forenoon in my room reading. This afternoon I went up to Mr Prime's where I stayed until after tea.

I am very unwell but feel better than yesterday. I wish I were home tonight if it were only long enough for a kiss, but I will see my Roxy in less than a week if all is well. Town life is disgusting. I love quietude & seclusion

**Monday, May 2nd, 1887**

W. NW. Glorious day. This is been a very busy day but as I am feeling better I have had a very good time. It is as always; when I am well and can addapt myself to do my work or what is passing around me I am Comparatively happy, but to be sick – to feel Crushed in spirit; discouraged, despondent, is terrible. But I thinking of my little Roxy tonight.

**Tuesday, May 3rd, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. This day has not passed away as pleasantly as some days which I have seen. But there is an influence that sweetens every moment, even those of the severest toil or trouble and that is remembering my beloved Roxy and dear little ones at home. Every day brings me nearer the happy meeting.

**Wednesday, May 4th, 1887**

W. W. Blowing heavily.  
Ed Hogan and I have been Counting lumber most all day. I wrote to Roxy darling. I am quite smart now. I gave Alf an order on Campbell's for \$11.00 payment for his stove.

**Thursday, May 5th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine again. Edd & I have been at the station Counting lumber all day. We had John Alride helping pile.  
I got one of the dearest letters today from my Roxy. What a blessing in this rugged bitter world to have one true bosom all your own.

**Friday, May 6th, 1887**

W. NW. Another glorious day. I have been engaged variously today, and am not tired tonight. Only one more day! Only one more day! Tomorrow night at this time if nothing happens I will see my wife and babies

**Saturday, May 7th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Today has passed without any notable events Mother Came out with the mail and I accompanied them home where I found Roxy and the babies all well and glad to meet me. Father was out to Edd Rice's with a load of boards (Pine)

**Sunday, May 8th, 1887**

W. W. Slight shower this morning. Cleared away I spent the day with my dear wife and Children Mrs Randall, through a mistake took a dose of amonia, thinking it her cough medicine. It has nearly killed her. It was about eleven oclock this morning. W.H. Sabine has been at our house this evening.

**Monday, May 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Sorrow treads upon the heels of joy, and this morning I pointed my toes towards Weymouth again. I drove our team as far as W.H.S.s this morning he is to have it to haul out a load of Campbell's store timber. The workmen began to put up Campbell's new store, or rather addition, today. How very, very sad it was to leave my little Roxy this morning! No one knows how I hate to be from her side even for a day.

**Tuesday, May 10th, 1887**

W. NW. Lovely again. I have passed a miserable day! I have a very sore and lame arm, and a sore hand, and these infirmities together with a little home-sickness which I must Confess to and some other discouragement, have nearly made an end of me.

**Wednesday, May 11th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. The "Ashton" came in this morning and discharged a lot of freight – Guano – We stored that away, and the rest of the day have been engaged variously I received a dear little letter from my Birdie today wherin

she speaks of loneliness. What a precious thought to know that that sweet one is missing me.

**Thursday, May 12th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but windy and very cold. Loading the "Ada John" with dimension stuff. I have been counting her cargo and have nearly frozen to death. About the middle of the afternoon I was taken sick and had to leave the wharf

**Friday, May 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. I have been confined to the house from illness John E. W- started for the Neck with a load of trees

**Saturday, May 14th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine- A.M. I counted lumber for the "Ada" but was not able to work and came home this afternoon with "Eck". I found all hands well, and F & W.H.S. packing trees.

**Sunday, May 15th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. Father and Mother went out to meeting and spent the day away I am no better

**Monday, May 16th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine- Finished packing trees. W.H.S Came in this afternoon and got seven boxes of trees which he is going to take to the station tomorrow with our team. Geo. M. fixing fence

**Tuesday, May 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine- F & Geo. fixing fence. I have been very sick today. Alf came in tonight from Tugging town where he moved a few days ago

**Wednesday, May 18th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine  
F & Geo. mending fences Alf hauling stones for us

**Thursday, May 19th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F. Geo & Alf hauling stones

**Friday, May 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F. Geo. & Alf Ploughing.

**Saturday, May 21st, 1887**

W. W. Father laid up with a lame back. Geo M. went to Weymouth with Alf's team for him. I gave him an order on E. Rice for four dollars Alf & I ploughing. Through the past week Roxy has been cleaning up the other house. I have been helping her what I could

**Sunday, May 22nd, 1887**

W. SW. Cloudy & Dark. W.H.S. & Lydia came in and spent the day.

**Monday, May 23rd, 1887**

Geo M. & I finished breaking the sod back of the new Barn, and cross-ploughed it. Father is making a harrow. Mrs Spencer and Lizzie spent the afternoon here.

**Tuesday, May 24th, 1887**

Overcast. George M. hauling out manure. I began planting. Hal, Les & Josey have been dropping.

**Wednesday, May 25th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. Geo. hauling manure - the boys and I planting

**Thursday, May 26th, 1887**

W. SW. Rained all night. The first rain we have had in May.

J.E. Wagner got back from delivering trees last night I went out to W.H.S's today where he & I fixed up our tree accounts. Father & Geo. planting

**Friday, May 27th, 1887**

W. SW. Showery.  
All hands planting.

**Saturday, May 28th, 1887**

W. SE. Raining heavily. Roxy & I have been at work fixing up in the other house.

**Sunday, May 29th, 1887**

W. W. Cloudy till afternoon then cleared off. I went out to W.H.S's in the afternoon and stayed till after meeting. Roxy came out in the evening

**Monday, May 30th, 1887**

W. E. Overcast F. G. & I planting potatoes.  
John Campbell, our representative to Ottawa, who died very suddenly last week was buried today. Wm Seely of Brighton died lately

**Tuesday, May 31st, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day.  
I have been starting deals from the mill – hauled four loads – 3100 ft of x1 lumber. F & Geo. finished planting.

**Wednesday, June 1st, 1887**

W. NW. Fine day. I went out with a load of Deals to Campbell's Roxy went out with me.  
We got a set of dishes, and some other things for our

house keeping. Father & Geo. sawing.

**Thursday, June 2nd, 1887**

W. SW. Showery in the forenoon Father and George hauled up a shingle log. P.M. Geo & I ploughing.

**Friday, June 3rd, 1887**

W. SW. Overcast and warm A.M. F & I sowed oats Geo. harrowing. P.M. I grafted some trees in the Nursery.  
Heavy thunder storm this evening.

**Saturday, June 4th, 1887**

W. NE. Dull in forenoon, then cleared off. Geo & I ploughed & sowed a piece of oats in the orchard, &c.  
Roxy spent yesterday at Annie's.

**Sunday, June 5th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Roxy & I with the babies spent the afternoon at Harris's

**Monday, June 6th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. Geo Manzer took our team to his house this morning to put in his planting. He took 3 bbls of potatoes. F & I planted some cow-corn and some pease.  
Mrs Gates had a little girl buried today

**Tuesday, June 7th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I have been sick all day and did nothing but plant some pole beans. Father splitting shingles.  
Geo. brought the oxen home tonight. Roxy has been moving her things over to the other house most all day

**Wednesday, June 8th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. I harrowed a piece of "sod" in the orchard where we are to plant beans We – F & I – then furrowed

it and I began hauling out manure. We moved tonight, and had supper for the first time in her own house W.H. Sabine got supper with us and is going to stay all night

**Thursday, June 9th, 1887**

W. NE. Showery in the forenoon. P.M. I hauled out manure and father planting beans. The children are all sick with Colds. We are as happy as “punch” in our own house; but it is with a feeling of sadness that I moved out of the house that for so many years has been my home, but it is still my home and will always Continue to be

**Friday, June 10th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. I finished putting out manure and tonight we made some rows for vegetables.

**Saturday, June 11th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine and warm A.M. Father & I mended the pasture fence. P.M. We finished planting our “garden stuff”

**Sunday, June 12th, 1887**

W. W. Fine – Cooler. All of us at home. Leslie and Josie went up to Sunday school. Scot was here to dinner. Dan & Annie were up this afternoon.

**Monday, June 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. A.M. F– Geo. Manzer & I built a raft for crossing the lake to and from our work clearing burnt-land. Harold and Leslie went out to WH.S.s this forenoon for some squash seed. P.M. F. Geo & I went over the lake to the burnt land and began work.

**Tuesday, June 14th, 1887**

W. NE. Blowing a gale. We commenced the burnt-land fence this morning but it being such a good time to “burn” we piled brush and set fire till noon. P.M. We laid the bottom logs of the fence of this side of the burnt land

**Wednesday, June 15th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. We layed the bottom of the fence on the W. side of our burnt land and got a part of it done.

**Thursday, June 16th, 1887**

W. S. Blowing a gale and rained in afternoon. We have been working at the fence. Edgar Cosman was in with fresh fish

**Friday, June 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. We finished the fence on the southern side of the burnt-land.

**Saturday, June 18th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day. We finished fence except the line fence, and this afternoon began heaping. Harold, Leslie and Josie went over on the raft with us to the burnt-land and stayed all day

**Sunday, June 19th, 1887**

W. SW. Beautiful day. This afternoon Roxy & I with our children spent the afternoon at H– Cosmans.

**Monday June 20th, 1887**

W. SE. Rained a little this morning. Working in the burnt land. I was sick this forenoon so I did not do much. Roxy is down to Cornel’s tonight. She is sick



**Tuesday, June 21st, 1887**

W. NW. Fine.

F. Geo. & I with Jos. Porter assisting us, made the line fence between our burnt lands Scot also helped us. Today is the Queens jubilee It is the fiftieth anniversary of her reign. All the young people of the settlement have gone to Digby where there is to be a great "time". Cornelia had a boy born last night.

**Wednesday, June 22nd, 1887**

W. S. Overcast and Showery F. Geo & I finished the burnt land, – that is finished heaping. We have fenced and heaped three acres in eight days which we consider quick work.

**Thursday, June 23rd, 1887**

W. S. Overcast and sultry. Father making a burnt-land harrow. Geo hoed the cow-corn then he and I went to the mill and piled up a lot of boards The boards are what we sawed of the x1 logs are as follows – 3009 sp. 1502 pine 540 skoots.

**Friday, June 24th, 1887**

W. S. Raining all day. I have been sick and not done much. We have been having plenty of strawberries lately. Poor little Bernie is sick tonight.

**Saturday, June 25th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. F & Geo went to the mill and hauled some hemlock logs to make dam plank. Mother went to Weymouth with the Mail Bernie is well as ever again. I am sick today Got \$17.85 cts from A. Perry tonight

**Sunday June 26th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. Father and Mother went out the settlement and spent the day, going to meeting in the evening. I did

not go. I had a sore foot that I could not get my shoe on. Roxy went out tonight. Harris spent the afternoon here

**Monday, June 27th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. F. Geo & I working on the road doing our "Statute labour" D. Fullerton is overseer and we worked by his house.

**Tuesday, June 28th, 1887**

W. N. Quite fine. I took a load of Deals to Weymouth. Got a Bbl of flour for the Other house. Harold and Leslie went with me. They had a good time. They visited the steam mill of H.E. Oakes – Saw a tug-boat towing a vessel, Hal had a sail in a boat, and many were the strange things they saw. F & Geo. burnt the heaps in the burnt land.

**Wednesday, June 29th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. Father in the burnt land tending the heaps. Geo & I sawing some studding for Dr. Ellison's house.

**Thursday, June 30th, 1887**

F & Geo working on the road for Money with Dan for money. I have been sawing. It has been a fearful hot day. The ther. stood at 110 in the shade. A terrible thunderstorm tonight – as heavy as I ever heard

**Friday, July 1st, 1887**

W. SW. Fine and very warm Geo & I working on the road with Dan. F and Mother went over to Mr Spencer's to a pic nic.

**Saturday, July 2nd, 1887**

W. W. Beautiful Day, but very warm. Father and George began sowing and harrowing the burnt land. I am half sick and have not been doing much. We have been greatly

“afflicted” with company today.

Uncle Billy Specht and aunt Minerva, Lucy and her new husband – Jim Trefry. Alf and Chattie and tonight Roxy’s Mother and Father came. This afternoon we went straw berrying.

#### **Sunday, July 3rd, 1887**

W. SW. Fine and very warm Our friends all went away today. The Campbelite Quarterly Meeting is in full blast today, but there is no preacher but Mr Gates. For certain good reasons I am not going to have anything to do with them. W.H. Sabine was here awhile tonight.

#### **Monday, July 4th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F. harrowing burntland. Geo. M. not here. I went to the mill in the afternoon to saw. Took provisions to Stay a Couple of days

#### **Tuesday, July 5th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine.  
F & Geo. in burnt land. I have been sawing.  
Waity and her Bill were in here today

#### **Wednesday, July 6th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. F. & Geo. finished the burnt-land. They have put two acres in oats and one in turnips. I have been sawing. I finished the studding. I came home tonight.

#### **Thursday, July 7th, 1887**

W. SW. Overcast. Geo & I sawing. I went out to W.H.S’s tonight and he & I concocted a bargain to get Dr. Allison’s barn frame. I am very tired tonight.

#### **Friday, July 8th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine and very warm. A.M. Geo & I plowed potatoes Father hoing. P.M. I did some chores and then

went to the mill and started out a load of studding. Hal. and Les. went with me. I took them bathing in the flume, and they rode from the Corner home on the oxen’s heads. Leslie said it was like the Arabs riding camels across the deserts. They will not forget today. F & G. hoing

#### **Saturday, July 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day Father hoing potatoes. Geo. M. took a load of studding down to Dr. Allison.  
Roxey & I with Lennie and Bernie went up the Bay. When we got to Weymouth I found a free train was to go to Digby and return whereby Mr Jone’s friends might attend the Nomination which was to be today.  
Roxie and I took the wool to the mill. Then Roxie and the babies went on up the Bay and I boarded the train for Digby. I spent a very enjoyable day. Jones and Robichau where the candidates. Besides these there were a number of speakers as follows – Lawer Munroe Lawyer Mills of Annapolis. J. W. Langley of Halifax and Uncle John McNeill. Roxiy met me at the train at North Range, and took me down to Eath’s.

#### **Sunday, July 10th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. We spent the day at Eath’s.

#### **Monday, July 11th, 1887**

W. SE. Overcast – rain in the afternoon. Roxie and I took dinner at Wm Gavil’s and in the afternoon started for home. When we got to Kinney town a rain storm over took us so we drove down to Alf’s and Chattie’s. F & Geo hoing

#### **Tuesday, July 12th, 1887**

W. NE. Quite fine. Little Bernie was sick all night He was Croupy and we were scarred badly, but he is better this morning.  
We started for home. We got the wool, – or rolls – from the mill – Journeay’s – paying them for this and last year’s

carding. We got home about noon. F & Geo were hoing. I helped them till night

#### **Wednesday, July 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F & Geo hoing W.H.S & I began cutting timber for a barn frame for Dr. Allison. We were chopping on the mill-lot.

#### **Thursday, July 14th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. A.M. F & I shoed one of the oxen. P.M. Geo & I with WHS were hauling in some of our barn timber.

#### **Friday, July 15th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F & Geo. began mowing. W.H.S & I stayed in the mill last night and today we have been cutting some more timber stuff.

#### **Saturday, July 16th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. Election Day I took another load of timber down to Dr. Allison. Father went out with the mail. I got a new grind stone.

#### **Sunday, July 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. All of us at home all day except the "boys" who went to Sunday School. This afternoon we all went over to the other house as Dan and Bessie Fullerton, his sister, were there. Poor little Bernie has had a bad cold ever since we came from up the Bay

#### **Monday, July 18th, 1887**

W. SE. Overcast. WHS & I finished hauling in our timber stuff. We thought it would take us another day but we got through tonight. He came home with me. F & Geo. haying.

#### **Tuesday, July 19th, 1887**

W. NE. Fine. F & Geo haying. WHS & I went over to the head of the lake and towed a beech log down to where our timber stuff was; we then wedged up our sticks and towed them to the mill. We began sawing tonight. Harold came to the mill tonight and is going to stay with me at the camp. W.H.S- went home. It is Harold's first experience in "Camping out". Jones, the Liberal Conservative has gained the election by a majority of 33 over Robichau

#### **Wednesday, July 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. WHS & I sawing timber. F & Geo haying

#### **Thursday, July 21st, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. F & Geo at the hay. WHS & I sawing

#### **Friday, July 22nd, 1887**

W. SW. Sawing & haying

#### **Saturday July 23rd, 1887**

W. S. Fine. WH & I sawing F & Geo finished the level ground. Billy Dunkley & Abbie Ring came here tonight.

#### **Sunday, July 24th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. Mother went down the River with Alf last night. Today Roxy & I with our friends Billy and Abbie spent the day at Cornelia's.

#### **Monday, July 25th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. F mowing. Geo. Manzer has gone home to cut his hay and expects to be gone three days. W.H.S & I have been sawing.

**Tuesday, July 26th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. F. mowing. WHS & I finished sawing our timber today. Mother is sick with a Cold.

**Wednesday, July 27th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. Father and I went to the mill and sawed a couple of hardwood logs and sluiced the chips. Harold, Leslie & of Josie went with us. Mother is in a very bad state of health. She has a terrible Cough.

**Thursday, July 28th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. Geo. came back this morning. He and Father working in the hay. I have a very lame wrist. This afternoon I helped Alf haul in hay. Mr & Mrs Spencer, WH Sabine and Lydia and Mrs Jno Grant spent the afternoon here.

Yesterday as a poor pedlar was making his slow way up through the "Nigger road", a villanous scoundrell hid in the woods & fired two shots at him. He escaped without injury. The affair has caused quite a sensation.

Mother is no better.

Lucinda Haight is dead. She died about a week ago. Leo Amero is also dead. He died in Boston about a fortnight ago.

**Friday, July 29th, 1887**

W. SW. Partially fine. F. G & I mowing and raking in the rough field. Mother is no better. Father gave Alonzo his deed tonight.

**Saturday, July 30th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine and very warm. We finished mowing the rough field and got it all in.

Alf finished his hay and went home today.

**Sunday, July 31st, 1887**

W. S. Fine and hot.

Mother is not much better. I sent out yesterday and got her a bottle of Cherry Pectoral and a bottle of Putner's Emulsion.

This afternoon Roxy & I went up to see Charley Sabine, who is very low.

**Monday, August 1st, 1887**

W. N. Fine and extremely hot. Geo. F. & I mowed the new field by the spring field and raked the greater part of it. Mother seems to keep about the same.

**Tuesday, August 2nd, 1887**

W. NE. Fine and hot again. A.M. Geo & I mowing in the Spring field. Father making brush fence. P.M. Mowing and raking. Yesterday was a dark day in W.H.S's Calendar. He had an ox die and got his leg broken or cracked, It caused by a kicking horse. I wish every horse in the province were dead.

Mother is about the same

**Wednesday, August 3rd, 1887**

W. NE. Fine, but Cooler. Finished mowing the Spring field. P.M. Father went out to see W.H.S-

George Wagner came along yesterday and wanted me to take a share in a steam saw-mill. I'm quite anxious.

Mother is better today.

**Thursday, August 4th, 1887**

W. N. Fine Day. We finished haying today, and it has been one of the most remarkable seasons for haying ever known. There has not been one drop of rain on our hay. It rained some on Sunday, but we had no hay out that day.

**Friday, August 5th, 1887**

W. S. Quite fine. Father Geo & I mowed for W.H.S–  
Mother is getting better.

**Saturday, August 6th, 1887**

W. S. Overcast – raining tonight, and never was a rain so  
welcome. G. F & I helping W.H.S in his hay.

**Sunday, August 7th, 1887**

W. NE. Fine. This afternoon Harold, Leslie & I went up  
to Communion Meeting. Roxy went up to see Charley  
Sabine.

**Monday, August 8th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine day. F. & Geo. helping W.H. Sabine.  
Harold and I went back on the burnt-land to look for  
blueberries, but found none

**Tuesday, August 9th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. This morning Father, Geo. and I went up to  
cut the meadow.  
We got there at noon and mowed till night

**Wednesday, August 10th, 1887**

Wednesday. W. NW. We mowed this forenoon P.M.  
George was sick and could not work. F & I raked.

**Thursday, August 11th, 1887**

W. S. Thundered this morning and a few drops of rain  
fell. This forenoon F & I finished mowing. Geo sick and  
did not work. P.M. We raked. Geo was better and helped  
us.

**Friday, August 12th, 1887**

W. SE. Raining. We put up a stack and then came out.  
Justine and Joe Nat was to our camp this morning. W.H.  
Sabine is here tonight. He has been here a Couple of days

**Saturday, August 13th, 1887**

W. NE. Rained all night but cleared up today. Geo  
Manzer went home this morning; he is unable to work.  
WHS– has been here most all day. I repaired my boots.

**Sunday, August 14th, 1887**

W. W. Beautiful day.  
All at home, till afternoon when Roxy and I went up to  
see Charley Sabine. He keeps failing all the time.

**Monday, August 15th, 1887**

W. W. Fine again. Father and George went up to finish  
the meadow. Our ox being lame I went to look for a team  
to go out with, and engaged Dan's to go out with  
tomorrow. I then came home and did some Chores  
around. The boys went to school again today, vacation  
being over.

**Tuesday, August 16th, 1887**

W. W. Fine and Cool.  
I went to Weymouth with a load of Deals. I took over  
twelve hundred feet. I got a bbl of flour – price \$5.00 and  
am to have at the rate of \$8.00 for the Deals. Mr Campbell  
agreed to give me \$8.50 per M. for the rest of our Deals if  
we haul them this week. I promised to haul them. W.H.  
Sabine went out with me. His broken leg turned out to be  
only a bruise, and is most well.

**Wednesday, August 17th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine.  
George Manzer and F– got home from the meadow

yesterday noon. Today George has been starting out lumber from the mill. Father, W.H.S. & I began framing Allison's barn at the mill.

WHS & I are going to stay at the mill nights

#### **Thursday, August 18th, 1887**

W. SE. Cloudy. Began raining towards night George M. took a load of Deals to G.D.C.

Scot took out a load for us too. F- W.HS & I framing.

#### **Friday, August 19th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. Rained all night. George cutting cordwood. F. repairing a cart-wheel. W.H.S & I framing. Tonight Geo. Wagner & Dan Fullerton came to the mill to see what we were to do concerning the Steam mill. We decided to go to Weymouth tomorrow and see Mr Campbell and make arrangements, so I came home. Dan came up with me.

#### **Saturday, August 20th, 1887**

W. S. Fine. F tired the Cart wheel. I went to Weymouth with J.E. Wagner WH Sabine went out with us. Mr S. D. Fullerton Geo. Wagner & I had a conference with Mr C- and decided to go on with the mill. We dined at the hotel (Mr Goodwin's) I walked home where I arrived about half past ten very tired.

#### **Sunday, August 21st, 1887**

W. NE. Looked like rain in the morning but cleared up. Roxy & I were down to Harris's awhile this afternoon. Roxy Harris & I went out to hear Mr Spencer preach this afternoon evening. Geo. Weaver preached his first sermon at Woodville tonight.

#### **Monday, August 22nd, 1887**

W. S. Fine till noon - rained till night. Geo. M. took a load of spruce boards to Ed. Rice and got himself a Bbl of

flour. F. WHS & I work on the barn frame at the mill. The boys at school.

#### **Tuesday, August 23rd, 1887**

W. SW. Partially overcast and very sultry. WHS & I stayed at the mill last night, and today father, he & I worked at the frame We all came home tonight. Geo. Manzer Cutting Cordwood.

#### **Wednesday, August 24th, 1887**

W. SE. Overcast till noon. Raining heavy till night. Father went over the lake to see the burnt-land. Geo. M. starting lumber from the mill. A.M. I layed abed, not being well. P.M. WHS & I looked over Alf's lot of land down here. We got a complete soaking. He was here to dinner. He bought J.E. Wagner's steers. Mr Godfrey of Yarmouth, an Organ agent was here tonight. The school inspector was in today. We moved over in our own house again yesterday. We have been staying at the other house while mother was sick, but now she can take care of herself now.

#### **Thursday, August 25th, 1887**

W. SE. Raining all day. This forenoon I began a pair of shoes for George. This afternoon we went to the mill. Geo & Herbie started out each a load of timber. Father, W.H.S & I did a little at the frame.

#### **Friday, August 26th, 1887**

W. NW. Cleared off this morning fine. We finished the frame today and got it all started out. This forenoon Father and George hauled slabs and fixed the mill road WHS & I stayed at the mill last night.

**Saturday, August 27th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. George took a load of lumber down the river. I went out to Weymouth this morning with the mail. We held another Conference at Mr Campbell's office today in reference to the proposed steam saw mill. We decided to go on with it. W.H. Sabine and I got dinner at Mrs Randall's. Harris Cosman and a number of others started for Boston tonight. I saw them off on the train.

WHS & I went down the River to Alf's tonight. Father and the boys have been over the lake to the burnt land today pulling weeds. The boys helped row the raft over.

**Sunday, August 28th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day.

WHS & I stayed to Alf's till after dinner, when WHS. went to meeting and I went to Willoughby's and stayed till after tea when Alf brought us part of the way home in his carriage. Lydia and Winnie Sabine were here tonight to tea. Roxy was up to see Charley Sabine today. He is very low.

Annie & Dan spent the day here. Roxy is not very well tonight.

Professor O. S. Fowler, the great Phrenologist, is dead

**Monday, August 29th, 1887**

W. NE. Fine and cool. Geo. took a load of timber down the River.

Father went to the mill and hewed a stick for a "head block" for the mill. I have been shoemaking

**Tuesday, August 30th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. Father & Geo. cutting cord wood. I finished George's shoes. Alf came in tonight

**Wednesday, August 31st, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. George & Herbie took the last of the barn

timber down the river. Father and I went to the mill and began work. We first damed the pond and then began pulling down the flume. We are going to give the mill a general repairing.

Roxy and Bernie spent the day at Annie's. I came from the mill by the road – got my tea at Annie's and came home with Roxy

**Thursday, September 1st, 1887**

W. SW. Beautiful day. F. G & I went to the mill to work at the flume. The boys (Hal & Les.) came to the mill at noon with the word that the parties who were to purchase the Steam mill were to meet at W.H.S's to discuss business this afternoon so I came home, got ready and Dan Fullerton went down to W.H.S's. We went to the Temperance Club in the evening. As W.H.S– did not get in from Weymouth in time we did not say much about the mill. W.H.S– has been overseeing the raising of Dr. Allison's barn today. W.H.S and George Wagner were sent by us to see mills at the South Range. They started Monday and got back Wednesday night. Alf went home today

**Friday, September 2nd, 1887**

W. SW. Fine again.

Father, George & I at the mill. We got new posts in the flume today. Winnie Sabine and Annie Kate spent the day here. W.H. Sabine is here to our house tonight.

**Saturday, September 3rd, 1887**

W. SW. Rained this morning. F & Geo went to the mill. In the forenoon I stayed at home and W.H.S– wrote me a couple of Mortgages – one for Jacob Wyman and the other for Alf. In the afternoon I went to the mill. In the evening W.H.S. John Ed & I adjusted our apple-tree accounts.

### **Sunday, September 4th, 1887**

W. W. Fine day. Lily Cosman spent the day here. In the evening Roxy and I went up to see Charley Sabine.

### **Monday, September 5th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. Father and George at the mill. I went out with a load of boards for Ed. Rice. I had on 1075 ft – partly pine.

Roxy went to Weymouth too. She went out with W.H.S– in a carriage. Alf and Chattie were there and we went to the Recording Office and Roxy and I signed a Mortgage to Jacob Wyman for two hundred dollars. I have bought Alf's place & the Mortgage is to Wyman instead of Alf. Alf & Chattie came in to WH Sabine tonight where we gave Alf another Mortgage for the other \$200.00 Maggie Wagner kept house for us

### **Tuesday, September 6th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine again. F. & Geo. digging potatoes. At W.H.S– we held a steam mill meeting and decided to go on with the mill. We heard yesterday that Steel's boys had bought a mill, and this fact put us out somewhat, and we met last night to reconsider the matter. They decided to send me out to report to Dug. Campbell So I went out with Alf and Chattie this morning Douglas did not receive our new proposition very favorably so I left discouraged. I left a Mortgage and Deed at the recording office (The Deed to me of the land) I paid the recorder \$4.50 being the Amt. in full of demand against me for his service. I got my trunk &c from Mrs Randalls. I came in with Alf on his truck he came in to help on the mill this week.

### **Wednesday, September 7th, 1887**

W. S. Rained all the forenoon. George and Alf went to the mill. Father and I down to Dan's where W.H.S. was helping D. repair a pair of cart-wheels; we spent the forenoon in planning about our mill. In the afternoon F

went to the mill and I came home. We concluded to make one more attempt at the mill, by organizing a new company and that we would go out tomorrow and see what we could do. So I went out to W.H.S's tonight to be on hand to start in the morning

### **Thursday, September 8th, 1887**

W. SW. Rained this morning but cleared off. I stayed at W.H.S's last night and today He and I with Dan started for Weymouth. We went out the darkey road. Dan went down to the Bridge and WHS went up to see the Melanson boy's, thinking as they owned a large amount of timber they would like be likely to take an interest in a mill. We interviewed Alfred Melanson at whose house we dined. He did not seem disposed to build with us, so went down to the Bridge & saw Wm Goodwin at H Oake's mill, talked with him about mill, and he made up his mind to take a part if his son Frank would join him. In the mean time Dan had seen Douglas and found him in good spirits We all then repaired to his office, canvassed the matter and determined to go on with the mill as soon as the shares could be adjusted. We then came home getting our teas at W.H.S's This forenoon Alf & George were over the lake looking for ash. P.M. They & Father were to the mill

### **Friday, September 9th, 1887**

W. NE. Fine. George went out taking a load of boards to Edd. Rice. In the forenoon Father Alf & I mowed a couple pieces of oats; in the afternoon we went over the lake to see the burnt land and there digged potatoes till night. It is Harold's birth day. He stayed home from school to spent it. He made some cider by pounding apples in a barrel. Roxy & I gave him for a birth day gift a nice picture called the "First Attempt." Old David Grant came in tonight.

### **Saturday, September 10th, 1887**

W. S. Raining. Alf & old David went home this



afternoon. Geo. Manzer has been away today. I spent the forenoon in bed, and this afternoon have been mending my shoes. F- shaved some shingles. Roxy mailed a letter to Eva Ring. Roxy & I have been planning for a long time to make them a visit at W.H.S's, so tonight we are to go. We have secured Lily Cosman to stay with the children and keep house. We do not know how poor little Bernie will make out, but he is a good little chap and Lilly will take good care of them.

#### **Sunday, September 11th, 1887**

W. NW. Most glorious day. Roxy and I spent the day at W.H.S's. In the afternoon we took a walk over to the old place where grandfather used to live. Father and Mother have been up to see Charly Sabine.

#### **Monday, September 12th, 1887**

W. SE. Fine. We finished digging and barrilling up 11 bbls of potatoes for market. In the afternoon we raked up and hauled in a couple of loads of oats. W.H.S- Mr Gates and Geo. Wagner came here this afternoon to consult again about the steam mill. The idea now is to join with the Steel boys and have but one mill. W.H.S- is here tonight. Lillie spent the day here. I picked a barrel of Dady apples today to take out tomorrow.

#### **Tuesday, September 13th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine and very warm. I took to Weymouth a load of potatoes (11 bbls) and 1 Bbl of apples all of which I sold to G.D. Campbell. Harold & Leslie went out with me. They came in with Stephen Wagner and I expect had a good time. They went on the rock bog and picked cranberries and it would be hard to tell what they did not do. W.H. Sabine stayed here last night and went out along with me this morning. He had a great notion to give up the steam mill and back out, owing to some domestic difficulties but he thought better of it and sent Herbie out

with a letter to me to the Bridge saying that if I had told the parties that he had dropped out that I could correct it. I am very tired tonight.

Old Aunt Martha McNeill, of North Range, is dead. F & Geo at the mill.

#### **Wednesday, September 14th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. Father & Geo. at the mill. I have been digging some potatoes to take to the Bridge to pay B.L. Oakes for a barrel of flour I got from him yesterday. Mother down to Annie's. Alf came in to dig his potatoes.

#### **Thursday, September 15th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I intended to have gone to Weymouth but it rained all night and wet the potatoes. F. G. & I at the mill. I came home before night and digged a few more potatoes and gathered a Couple of Bbls of apples. Little boy Bernie was sick all night and has been restless & uneasy all day. The boys have been at school. Cornelia & Lillie have been here all the afternoon.

#### **Friday, September 16th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. F & George at the mill. I went to Weymouth with a load of potatoes and apples - five Bbls of potatoes for B.L. Oakes and two bbls of spice apples, One of which I sold Ed. Rice for \$1.50 - the other to Muse for \$1.25 cash. George Wagner who has been to Yarmouth to see Burrell & Johnson concerning our Steam mill was at the Bridge yesterday and he, Howard Steel & I consulted together and decided to order a mill that is to cost \$2150. We sent a letter to Burrell & Johnson ordering the mill. The Steel boys are to have one half, D. Campbell, W.H.S. & I one eighth each, & G Wagner & Mr Gates an eighth between them. Little Bernie is about the same. His throat is swollen badly

**Saturday, September 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F & Geo. at the mill. They hewed a stick for a plate for the mill. The old plate has rotted. In the forenoon I hauled two loads of slabs from the mill for firewood. The boys going with me. In the afternoon I picked two bbls of apples. Hal. and Les. and Josey Cut the Cow-Corn. They cut it good, and found it great fun. Hal. & Les. used sickles, and Josey used the "Shoe-knife". It was amusing to see them going into it. Bernie is quite sick. Roxy has to hold him most all the time

**Sunday, September 18th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful Day. All of us at home until night when we all went to meeting at Southville but mother who came over and stayed with the babies. Harold and Leslie went out with us. Mr Spencer preached a good sermon from Isaiah 41 and 17 & 18 verses. Little Bernie is about the same.

**Monday, September 19th, 1887**

W. W. Beautiful day – Wind blowing fresh. Father & Geo. M fixing a road to get to our burnt-land over the lake. I have been gathering apples. I gathered the Crab apples &c. Bernie is better.

**Tuesday, September 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine again. F & Geo. working on the road they were at yesterday. I took out a load of cord wood for Dan. I owed him the hauling of two loads. As he owes me he gives me the wood. I took out three bbls of apples – two to go to E.M. Nichols at Yarmouth and one for D. Campbell. Bernie is better. Hal & Les have bad Colds.

**Wednesday, September 21st, 1887**

W. S. Fine. F & Geo digging potatoes. Herbie Sabine & I went to the mill and prepared some sticks to use in the Nursery. We took our team. Bernie is most as well as ever.

**Thursday, September 22nd, 1887**

W. S. Rained heavily this forenoon. I went out with a load of cord wood for Dan. I owed D– the hauling and he gave me the wood on his debt. I took 7 feet. Aunt Sally Ann (Uncle Neil McNeill's wife–) died last night

**Friday, September 23rd, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. Poor Charley Sabine died this morning. Father & I made the coffin today. W.H.S– who came in to work in the Nursery, assisted us in our work.

**Saturday, September 24th, 1887**

W. NE. Overcast & raw. Rained some this afternoon. Father and mother went up the Bay today. They went out in the mail, and are to take the train at Weymouth. W.H.S. & I worked in the Nursery when the weather permitted. Geo. left this morning

**Sunday, September 25th, 1887**

W. SW. Misty. Charley Sabine was buried this forenoon. Mr Gates officiated. We took the three youngest children to Cornelia's and left Hal. & Les. here to keep house. Roxy & I stopped to Annie's on our way home and got dinner.

**Monday, September 26th, 1887**

W. SW. Beautiful day. I have been fixing fence, gathering apples &c. today. Hal & Les have bad colds

**Tuesday, September 27th, 1887**

W. W. Fine day. Hazy & glorious – just the typical days of sweet September – the leaves are changing to every hue and are too lovely for my pen to describe. A.M. I cut the beans. P.M. I hunted for the Cows which got out of the pasture. I did not find them. An old tramp came along

tonight and alarmed the natives somewhat. Cornelia was so scared that she came up here with her children to stay all night. Geo. M. came back again tonight. Alf came here tonight.

#### **Wednesday, September 28th, 1887**

W. SW. Beautiful.  
Geo. Manzer has spent the day hunting the Cows. He found them tonight.  
W.H.S. & I worked in the Nursery, clearing out the suckers. Father came home from up the Bay tonight

#### **Thursday, September 29th, 1887**

W. SW. Lovely Day.  
F & Geo digging potatoes. WH & I worked in the Nursery

#### **Friday, September 30th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine day. F & Geo digging potatoes. Alf, who has been in and finished digging his potatoes, went home this morning.  
I went out to W.H.S's & he & I worked in the Nursery  
Tonight a Basket Social was held at Mrs McAlpine's to assist in finishing the new Episcopal Church Roxy went, accompanying W.H.S. & Lydia, who went with the colt and team. We had a steam mill meeting at Howard Steels this evening and arranged to prepare a bed for the mill next week (Oct 11) Roxy has had a good time.

#### **Saturday October 1st, 1887**

W. S. Fine – looking like rain tonight. WHS & I worked in the Nursery at Southville. Tonight he & I went to W.H.S's mill and prepared some stacks for the nursery. He brought me in tonight with his colt. Father & George have been getting some coal-pit wood. Mrs Burton died the other day. She was a Good woman

#### **Sunday October 2nd, 1887**

W. S. Overcast & gloomy All of us at home. Little baby Bernie is not very well.

#### **Monday, October 3rd, 1887**

W. SW. Misty. F & Geo covered the Coal-pit.  
WHS & I worked in the Nursery. I am not well

#### **Tuesday, October 4th, 1887**

W. S. Rained till noon WHS & I cobbling up stairs. I have been fixing my old boots, & W.H.S– mending an old shoe for Roxy. George Manzer & the boys shelling beans in the rough room of our house across the road In the afternoon F & Geo finished digging our patch of potatoes in the orchard and Geo. hauled several loads of swamp mud. WHS & I worked in the Nursery

#### **Wednesday, October 5th, 1887**

W. SW. Foggy this morning but cleared off lovely.  
Father is choring around. Geo. hauling swamp mud.  
W.H.S & I working in the Nursery here We have done all that we intend doing this fall.  
There is to be an excursion to Yarmouth Exhibition tomorrow, and W.H.S, Roxy, & I talked the thing up and decided to go, so tonight Herbie came in with his colt and Roxy & I went out there to be on hand to Start early in the morning. Maggie Wagner is to keep house for us.

#### **Thursday, October 6th, 1887**

W. NW. Quite fine. W.H. Sabine, Lydia, Roxy & I went to Yarmouth today. We have had a jolly time. We left our team at Mrs– Randall's, boarded the special excursion train at about eight O'clock, and after a glorious ride of fifty miles through a forest ablaze with the richest colorings of Autumn we arrived at Yarmouth about 11 O'clock. We arranged that we should spend the day “doing” the town, and visit the Exhibition in the evening.

We first visited the Cemetery where we spent an hour or two eating our luncheon. We then went to town, and paraded Main Street, where the novelty of the gorgeously decorated dry goods windows struck Lydia very strongly. We then went down to the steam Boat wharf where we spent an hour, and then taking Water Street visited the Burril Johnson Iron Works, where Mr Johnson Courteously showed us through the Machine Shop &c. Unfortunately the hands were "off" for a half day & we could not see the machinery in operation. We saw portions of our mill in an unfinished state which is undergoing construction in this establishment. We visited the Old Burying ground where a fountain was playing. We then visited the organ factory of Chute Hall & Co. where we were kindly shown around. It then being about night we went to the exhibition which was very entertaining. At nine we boarded the train for home arriving at Weymouth about One O'clock and got to W.H.S's about three O'clock. We spent a very pleasant day. I took up a Note of \$26.60 at Mr G.D. Campbell's for Alf. Sabine thus paying that Amt On our house.

#### **Friday, October 7th, 1887**

W. SW. Beautiful day  
Roxy and I stayed at W.H.S. Last night, and this morning Milton brought us in with the colt. We found the babies all well. George took out a load of cord wood. This afternoon I have been cobbling.

#### **Saturday, October 8th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. Father make a cart-tongue. Geo Manzer went to Lewistown. I have been fixing my boots.

#### **Sunday, October 9th, 1887**

W. SW. Lovely day. All of us at home except the boys who went to Sunday School. This evening Father & I went up to Disciple service

#### **Monday October 10th, 1887**

W. SW. Glorious day. Geo. came back tonight. Father fixing a cart wheel I have been cobbling part of the day. This afternoon I have been picking up and gathering apples. We were looking for mother home tonight but she has not come.

#### **Tuesday, October 11th, 1887**

W. S. Rained all day.  
In the forenoon I made a pair of lasts to make Josie shoes on. In the afternoon I began a pair of shoes for Josie. George has been shelling beans and Father working at the bellows.

#### **Wednesday, October 12th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but raw.  
Father "drew" the coal-pit. George and I mowed oats in our burnt land over the lake. We have two acres of oats there. It is very green having been sown on the second of July. It is very stout, but so green and the season so late that we hardly know what to do with it, but we will cut it down and haul it home green and do the best we can with it. We looked for mother home last Monday and she did not come, so we are uneasy think she perhaps may be sick. She is down to Tugging-town.

#### **Thursday, October 13th, 1887**

W. SW. Slight showers. George and I raked oats all day, and father hauled out two loads. We tired a Cart wheel this morning.

#### **Friday, October 14th, 1887**

W. SW. Quite fine. Geo & I finished mowing the oats and raked a little. Father hauled home three loads. In school Harold was "graded" today – put in the "4th Book" and into Geography & spelling.

**Saturday, October 15th, 1887**

W. N. Fine, but windy & cold Father hauled home two loads of oats from the burnt-land I raked oats till about two o'clock when I came home, and we gathered apples till night. Geo. M. has been spreading out the oats in the orchard. Hal, Les & Josie were around the lake with us. They made a fire and roasted turnips. Mother came home tonight Alf brought her home. Mrs Albert McNeill died very suddenly the other day. Fen Journeay was married last Tuesday.

**Sunday, October 16th, 1887**

W. W. Fine Day.  
Roxy and I went out to hear Mr Spencer tonight. Father went out in the afternoon.  
The boys were at Sunday school today.

**Monday, October 17th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but windy We finished raking the oats and got the last of them hauled around Old Mr Chandler was here to dinner.

**Tuesday, October 18th, 1887**

W. S. Rained all day.  
Father and George went around the lake this morning and got the last load of oats. I said in yesterday's record that we got the last of the oats around, but it was one of my many mistakes. This afternoon I worked at Josie's shoes. George mended his shoes.

**Wednesday, October 19th, 1887**

W. W. Overcast till noon then cleared off lovely. My Birthday again. I am thirty four years old today, and thus the years go on.  
"Tomorrow, tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in the petty pace from day to day".  
I finished Josie's shoes today. Father and George have

been grading up the ground behind the new barn. Roxy, Harold, Leslie and I went down to Aunt Annie's tonight with the Cart taking a Bbl of apples with us which we helped Annie pare.

**Thursday, October 20th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I have been gathering apples all day Father and Geo. starting up cord wood and working among the oats which we have spread here in the orchard. Cornelia has been here today and Roxy has been helping her Cook for a Deciple Basket Sociable. We moved over in our own house again today.

**Friday, October 21st, 1887**

W. NE. Rainy. In the forenoon Geo & I shelled beans. P.M. I began to make Mother a sink. Geo. hauled a load of Slabs from the mill. Father made an axe-handle. Little Bernie stood alone last Wednesday for the first time.

**Saturday, October 22nd, 1887**

W. NW. Hail squalls.  
Geo. went out with a load of wood. Father has been choring around. A.M. He & I fixed up a lot of fence that blew down in the wind last night  
This afternoon Father gathered apples. I worked a little at the sink.  
Tonight, Roxy, Cornelia and I went to Woodville to a Deciple Basket Sociable The proceeds of which is to aid in a meeting house the foundation of which is just laid. We had a very good time. They made about \$25.

**Sunday October 23rd, 1887**

W. NW. Very fine day. WH Sabine spent the afternoon and evening with us. The boys were at Sunday School.

**Monday October 24th, 1887**

W. S. Began raining about 10 o'clock and continued all

day. We had all our Oats spread out in the orchard not dreaming of rain. A part of our steam mill Came up on the train Friday and today we were to go and move it in, but as our oats were in such danger, I went down and bargained with Dan to go and help haul it in. The rest of the party went, but he loafed around W.H.S's and did not go, as it subsequently turned out. But we went into the oats and got two loads in when the rain came in such quantities that we had to give it up. In the afternoon I began to make a sink for Mother in the old house. I went out to WH Sabine's tonight

#### **Tuesday, October 25th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but Cold.

Election Day! to elect a member for the seat vacated by H. M. Robichau last Summer at the time of the Dom.

Election. The candidates today were said H.M. Robichau, Lib. and Doucett, Conservative. Robichau beat with the majority of 178. W.H.S was presiding officer at no 9 St. Bernards, and I was poll Clerk. I went to W.H.S's last night and today he & I went to election. F & Geo. got up the rushes.

#### **Wednesday October 26th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day.

I don't know what Father and George were doing, but I went to Weymouth and hauled in my share of the mill, Or it was this way:- I went out and helped W.H.S- shingle on Campbell's warehouse, & Herbie drove out the team.

#### **Thursday, October 27th, 1887**

W. W. Fine day. Geo Manzer worked for himself today on his house which he has bought and he is to work for himself all this week. He had our team today to haul some stuff for himself. Father & I went to the mill and began repairing the old water-wheel. The school examination came off today. I would like to have gone, but could not take time. Roxy went. Hal recited a poem about the boy who was so given to Counting – beginning

“Have you heard the terrible tale  
Of Nicholas Perkins Poppingale” &c

Leslie said a little poem he learned from a paper, and Josie said a piece the teacher learned him, but as I cannot understand a single word of it when he recites it I cannot give it here.

#### **Friday, October 28th, 1887**

W. SW. Still fine. Father & I at work at the water wheel.

#### **Saturday, October 29th, 1887**

W. SW. Most delightful day! Father at the mill all day. In the forenoon I hauled a load of slabs from the mill. The boys went with me. In the afternoon I went to the mill to help father on the water wheel. Hal, Les, & Josie went with me. WHS. & Lydia came in tonight.

#### **Sunday October 30th, 1887**

W. N. Fine. WHS & Lydia spent the day here. Father and mother spent the day at Annie's and went to Mr Spencer's meeting tonight. Poor little Hal has the toothache very bad tonight, so Roxy & I did not go to meeting.

#### **Monday, October 31st, 1887**

W. N. Beautiful day again George took out a load of wood for us. Father has been Cobbling, and I with the rest of the gang commenced to build the “bed” for our steam mill.

#### **Tuesday, November 1st, 1887**

W. N. Fine – but windy & cold. At work at the steam mill. Father was there and helped us yesterday.

#### **Wednesday, November 2nd, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day

Father and I working at the steam mill. Mary Gates married today at Saint John.

#### **Thursday, November 3rd, 1887**

W. NW. Fine again. Father & I working at the steam mill.

#### **Friday, November 4th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine and warm. I have been working at the steam mill. Father did not go today. He pulled the beets.

#### **Saturday, November 5th, 1887**

Rained a little in the night today the wind is NW. and cloudy and cold. I got a load of planks & slabs from our mill and took down to the steam mill. Hal. & Les. were to Annie's while I was at the mill. On Thursday last the portable steam saw mill at the South Range was burned It must be a heavy loss to the owners. John Edd. came home from Canvassing and Collecting. He collected I think \$76.00. He kept \$10.00 giving us \$66.00 which we divided

#### **Sunday, November 6th, 1887**

W. N. Snow squalls. In the afternoon Roxy & I took a walk out through the woods to where we have been preparing a bed for our mill. We found WHS- & Lydia there who accompanied us home and spent the evening. Mrs John McAlpine died today. She was a tyrant in her household, and her death, like that of other tyrants, will not likely be greatly lamented even buy her nearest relatives.

#### **Monday, November 7th, 1887**

W. SW. A beautiful day. A.M. Father hauled a load of slabs for firewood. In the afternoon father & I went around the lake and pulled a load of turnips. The boys are at school.

#### **Tuesday, November 8th, 1887**

W. SW. Warm and fine. Father and I, assisted by Harold and Leslie, pulled and got home fifty bushels of turnips. Hal. & Les. went into the business with a zest only possible to boyhood. They pulled nearly as many turnips as I did. Poor little Josie wanted to go, but had a bad Cough and was not able.

#### **Wednesday November 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. I am down sick with a Cold. Alf came in last night, and he and Father are making shoes for the oxen.

#### **Thursday, November 10th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, but Cold. In the forenoon F & Alf shod the oxen. P.M. They pulled turnips. I was very sick yesterday but feel a little better today

#### **Friday, November 11th, 1887**

W. S. Rained all the forenoon I am about the same. Little Lennie was taken sick in the night and is very ill today. He has a fever. W.H.S. came here and spent the afternoon. He brought \$12.50 when J.E.W. had just collected, and we divided it.

#### **Saturday, November 12th, 1887**

W. NW. Raw and squally Alf went home this morning. I paid him \$13.40 making up \$50.00 which I have paid him on the place this fall. I am a little better, but Lennie is worse. He is very sick tonight.

#### **Sunday, November 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Overcast. Poor little Lennie is very sick today. This afternoon I got John Edd to go and bring Mrs Gates here to see if she could do anything for him. She came – gave him a sweat

&c. Jessie Cosman took her home this evening. Charlie White has been here most all the afternoon.

#### **Monday, November 14th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine day. Lennie is a little better. Father, George and the boys pulling turnips. Leslie got tired of it at noon and came home at noon. Hal stayed till night and Gampa says he worked well. This afternoon I took a stroll down over the rears of these lots.

#### **Tuesday, November 15th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. A.M. F. & George gathered the cabbage. P.M. G. F & I pulling turnips Lennie is getting better.

#### **Wednesday, November 16th, 1887**

W. SW. Fine. Pulling turnips I went around to the burnt land and pulled turnips in the forenoon. We finished pulling today, and had about 220 bushels – a remarkable crop under circumstances. This afternoon I cut some stove wood down in the woods. Josie was with me and piled it up as I cut it. Lennie keeps getting better.

#### **Thursday, November 17th, 1887**

##### **Thanksgiving Day.**

W. NW. Overcast. Father and George hauling turnips and tops home. Roxy was to spend the day out to W.H.S.s, but her housekeeper failing she gave up going, so I went going out across the woods by the steam-mill. When they found that Roxy was not coming They dispatched Milton with the team and Sadie for a housekeeper that Roxy might come to dinner at Least. She came and Milton brought her home again this afternoon. Lennie is getting quite smart Josie has had ear-ache all night. Mother spent the day at Annie's. Annie is sick. Scot left Dan's today and came up here tonight

#### **Friday, November 18th, 1887**

W. W. Fine. A.M. F. Geo. Scot and I butchered the hog In the afternoon I digged around some of my appletrees. Geo and Scot went around the lake and got a load of turnip tops.

#### **Saturday, November 19th, 1887**

W. SE. Fine this forenoon Rained this afternoon. George went out with a load of Cordwood, Father went out too. It rained so tonight that father stayed at W.H.S.s. W.H. Sabine & I have been tracing out the lines down here where we are to log this winter.

#### **Sunday, November 20th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. W.H.S. stayed here last night. The boys went to Sunday School today. I began a new poem Lennie is most as well as ever. Lennie's birthday.

#### **Monday, November 21st, 1887**

W. S. Showery. Geo did not Come today. Father cut up the pig. Scot & I built a shed over our back door here to throw wood in. Dan & Annie came up tonight and Coaxed Scot home again. J.E.W. brought \$18.25. He collected \$18.50, keeping 25 cts.

#### **Tuesday, November 22nd, 1887**

W. NW. Fine.  
WH Sabine & I looking out a road to haul logs down to Amero lake. F & G booming logs over the lake.

#### **Wednesday, November 23rd, 1887**

W. SW. Fine  
I have been working at the Steam mill.  
Only W.H.S Will Steel & I were at work.



**Thursday, November 24th, 1887**

W. N. Fine but cold. I stayed at W.H.S.s last night and he & I & Geo Cosman worked at the Steam mill. We have decided to get a man to boss the works before we go on further. W.H.S- came in with me tonight.

**Friday, November 25th, 1887**

W. SE. Snowing and raining all day – though moderately. WHS & I were intending to clear logging roads, but instead we went and rafted our logs. Geo cutting cord wood.

**Saturday, November 26th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. A.M. F & Geo mending the plow. P.M. Geo hauled some wood. I mended my boot &c. Tonight we had a basket Sociable at the Southville school-house for Mr Spencer. There was a goodly gathering for a bad night and the receipts were \$11.10cts. Father and Mother and Roxy and I went. Mira Wagner stayed with the children.

**Sunday, November 27th, 1887**

W. SE. Showery. All of us at home. Little Bernie walked across the kitchen floor for the first time. He is a nice little boy. Last Friday Lennie struck him on the head with a hammer. The swelling soon went away but ever since he has looked dull out of his eyes and seems dumpish. I fear it has done him serious injury. I have heard of such things.

**Monday, November 28th, 1887**

W. SW. Overcast but mild I went out to work on the steam mill. WHS- was there and in the afternoon Mr Estey came who is to direct the work. George Manzer was not here today The boys have been at School

**Tuesday, November 29th, 1887**

W. NW. Cold and windy Rained heavily last night. I worked on the mill bed today. George took a load of clap-boards and clear lumber to Burke. Alf came in tonight

**Wednesday, November 30th, 1887**

W. N. Cold as Greenland with a little snow flying We went out to Weymouth and brought in our boiler We started in the night with five yokes of oxen. The boiler was on wheels We unloaded it off the car and got it in without much trouble; four yoke of Cattle hauling it. I brought a load of other stuff and Howard Steel's horse brought a load too. We got it as far as WHS where I put up for the night. The Tusket fellows had bad luck with their boiler getting broke down at Geo. Barrs. I was almost tired to death when I got in tonight as well as cold and hungry.

**Thursday, December 1st, 1887**

W. NW. Bitter Cold. I stayed at W.H.S's last night, and this morning we were to move the boiler down, but found the hubs of the wheels, which were cast-iron, cracked, so Howard Steel went to work to put some boards on them. WHS- Herbie and I hauled the other stuff down, and I stayed out to help haul the boiler, but Howard did not get the boards on time enough, so I came home leaving the oxen at W.H.S's. Josie had the first pocket in his pants today and he is tickled about it Harris Cosman got home from the States yesterday.

**Friday, December 2nd, 1887**

W. N. Fine but Cold  
I went out this morning and we moved the Boiler from W.H.S's to the mill site. I then came home bringing a load of wood. P.M. I helped father haul wood.

**Saturday, December 3rd, 1887**

W. SW. Overcast – shower towards night. Geo Manzer left this morning saying he was sick. Alf, who has been here all the week, went home this morning. I have been at work at the Steam mill.

**Sunday, December 4th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine, all of us home. W.H.S- & Lydia came in and spent the evening Scot spent the evening here too.

**Monday, December 5th, 1887**

W. SW. Overcast, but mild I have been at work at the steam mill. We got the Carriage agoing today. This will be a memorable day in Harold's callendar He and Leslie went down in the woods to get some hemlock bark for mama to colour with. The ground was icy, and as he hewed the bark his foot slipped and the axe came in contact with his leg near the knee cutting a gash about one inch in length and quite deep. Poor Hal thought he was going to die but he is getting on all right, as the wound is not painful.

**Tuesday, December 6th, 1887**

W. NW. Overcast and quite cold. I have been at work at the steam mill. We got the edging and trimmer table together and hung the saw. It now begins to look like a mill. Harold amuses himself by making scrapbooks, and writing Composition. I am quite well for me Now days.

**Wednesday, December 7th, 1887**

W. N. Fine, but quite cold. Geo Wagner & I went out and brought in the engine &c for our mill. I only got as far as W.H.S.s tonight I got Hal a pair of boots today

**Thursday, December 8th, 1887**

W. S. Snowed a little in the morning and turned to rain. I stayed at W.H.S.s last night and this morning I hauled my

load of Stuff up to the mill spot and worked with my team till noon I then came home F & George repairing the mill.

**Friday, December 9th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. F & Geo at the mill repairing. I have been at work at the Steam mill. Mr Gillis, from Yarmouth, was there today assisting putting up the Engine. Uncle John McNeill has broken his leg. I took out a barrel of apples yesterday and sold to Muse for \$2.00

**Saturday, December 10th, 1887**

W. S. Fine. F & Geo at the mill A.M. I hauled a Couple of loads of wood. Harris helped me. In the afternoon I did some chores around. Roxy went out to W.H.S's this morning with John E. W. I went out this evening. We got Annie [Jane] to keep house.

**Sunday, December 11th, 1887**

W. S. Overcast – began raining at noon and continued all the afternoon. Roxy, Bernie and I spent the day at W.H.S.s

**Monday, December 12th, 1887**

W. S. Rained heavily all night and till noon – very heavy rain. We stayed to WHS.s till afternoon when W.H.S. brought Roxy home with the Carriage

**Tuesday, December 13th, 1887**

W. NW. Beautiful day. I have been at the Steam mill. F & Geo. sawing. We started the Engine today It seems to work well.

**Wednesday, December 14th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine day. I was sick this forenoon. This afternoon I went to W.H.Ss They tried to saw a log in the Steam mill today but the saws would not work, so they

took them out to Weymouth and sent them to Yarmouth tonight.

**Thursday, December 15th, 1887**

W. S. Overcast and looking like rain. I stayed at W.H.Ss last night and this forenoon I helped him butcher a hog and this afternoon he and I went to Weymouth to look for money to pay for our steam mill. I got the promise of some. We did not get to W.H.S's till late last evening.

**Friday, December 16th, 1887**

W. S. Rained heavily all night and drizzling all day. I stayed at W.H.S. last night, and came home this morning. F & George butchered the cow today.

**Saturday, December 17th, 1887**

F cut up the beef. I was at the Steam mill

**Sunday, December 18th, 1887**

W. S. Showery. In the afternoon Father and I went to the mill and got the logs back in the boom again which had got out.

**Monday, December 19th, 1887**

W. S. Foggy. A.M. I mended Leslie's boots. P.M. I went down and worked at the Steam mill. Mr Johnson Came in tonight.

**Tuesday, December 20th, 1887**

W. NE. Showery. I have been at the Steam mill today. Mr Johnson from whom we got the Steam mill and whom came in last night from Tusket last night, was on hand today and got the saw going so we sawed a Couple of logs tonight.

**Wednesday, December 21st, 1887**

W. NW. I went to Weymouth today afoot to look for money to pay for the mill & after several unsuccessful attempts, I landed at Alf's tonight.

**Thursday, December 22nd, 1887**

W. NW. Quite fine.  
I left Alf's this morning & turned my steps homeward I called on Charley Jones, Mrs Dwight Jones, Miss Charlotte Jones without success, and at noon got to James John's where I dined. He had no money so I came on. The Disciples were to have a basket Sociable at the Southville school-house in aid of their meeting house so I stayed out to it. I came up to the Steam mill where we sawed a few logs – the mill did good work. We had a very pleasant time at the sociable. Roxy was there and father and mother. Mrs John Edward and her boys stayed with our children

**Friday, December 23rd, 1887**

W. N. Quite fine but Cold W.H Sabine and I went to Weymouth with his horse. I was again looking for money. I made a number of calls getting dinner at Wm Baker's. After dinner I went down to Basil Amero's but Could get none from him. I at last succeeded in partly making a bargain with Ed Rice for money. I came home tonight  
Mr John Dunkley, our old and respected friend of Barton died today very suddenly. He went to tend some rabbit snares and not returning at the usual time a search was made, when he was found dead near his snares. Mr Ambrose Potter another respected man of Plympton, died suddenly this week.

**Saturday, December 24th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I have been at the steam mill all day. We have sawn considerable today.  
W.H.S. & Lydia came in tonight to spend Xmas with us.

**Sunday, December 25th, 1887**

**Christmas**

W. NW. Beautiful day. This is our first Xmas in our own home, and a pleasant one it has been. W.H.S & Lydia have been with us all day. They went out to meeting this evening. Mr Spencer preached his last sermon tonight (for a time at least) W.H.S- made Roxy a nice present of a beautiful album.

**Monday, December 26th, 1887**

W. NW. Fine. I went out to the steam mill this morning to work but W.H.S. & I concluded to work at our Camp so we repaired to the forest and laid the foundation of our Camp.

**Tuesday, December 27th, 1887**

W. E. Looking like storm but turned out a fine day WH Sabine working at our camp. Father helped us in the afternoon. Got the Camp logged up ready for the roof

**Wednesday, December 28th, 1887**

W. SE. Fine. W.H.S & I began our hovel. Looking like a storm.

Cornelia's little baby, about six months old, died this morning about 2 o'clock. W.H.S stayed here last night

**Thursday, December 29th, 1887**

W. SW. Snowed and rained a little last night, but fine today. W.H.S & I caulked our Camp today and worked a little at our "hovel".

**Friday, December 30th, 1887**

W. NW. Snow squalls all day. W.H.S & I at our "hovel" I am unwell – getting a Cold. W.H.S stayed here last night.

**Saturday, December 31st, 1887**

W. NW. Cold as Greenland. Did not work at the Camp & "hovel".

Father at the mill where he has been most all the week. I tried to haul some wood today, but after getting up three drags, had to give it up as I am sick with a cold. And now again Another year ends.

It has had its dark days, but there have been many bright ones. Our little home Circle remains unbroken and we are all in average health. My darling little wife gets dearer and dearer as the years go on.

What a jewel I possess in that little woman. I knew she was a darling when I married her, but I never knew that there could be so much goodness in a human being until my acquaintance with my precious Roxy. Every day reveals some new depth of virtue, discovers some new excellence unknown before. If there ever was an angel in human form it is she; and I thank heaven for this darling wife – one of the rarest gifts in its power to bestow.

## Original Diary

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Saturday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

W. S. Rained all night and all day. We now enter upon another year. The past has been marked by great blessings, but what the new shall reveal is yet a mystery. But I begin it trusting - this is all. It has rained all day. Harris Cooman helped me thresh oats.

Sunday Jan 2

W. S. Rained all night and until noon, then shifted and snowed. Rony, Leslie, Josie, Bernice & I spent the day at Carnelia's.

Monday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

W. N. W. Quite fine - a little snow on the ground. Father and I shod the oxen.

Tuesday Jan 4

W. N. W. Fine. In cutting wood I began a pair of boots for Leslie.

Wednesday Jan 5

W. N. W. I have been at work at Leslie's boots when I could sit up - a part of the time I was obliged to lay down from a pain in my back. Annie came up this morning to spend the day - she is going to stay all night.

Thursday Jan 6

W. E. Snowing all day - fell about eight inches. Father went to the mill to saw, but the storm was so bad that he came home. I got the boats almost done. Coxy spent the day over at Chatter's.

Friday Jan 7

W. N. W. Quite fine. Father sawing. I finished Leslie's boots this morning. This afternoon I planned out some pieces for head-sted runners for the boys.

Saturday Jan 8

W. N. W. Fine. Father sawing. I cut fire wood all day. This afternoon the quiet atmosphere was very much startled by the sudden appearance of the Post Office Inspector. He is on a tour of inspection through the Province. Tomorrow, he was very smiling and departed leaving me with a very good opinion of him. We were again startled by the sad intelligence that old Mrs. Wagner was dead - had died tonight.

Jasper White died a few days ago. Rony went down to Mrs. Wagners and helped lay her out.

Sunday Jan 9

W. N. W. Fine, but cold. Father out to prayer meeting this morning and stays out all day. Rony went this evening to hear Mr. Spicer preach.

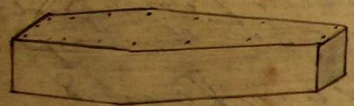
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Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Cloudy and Cold.  
Father went out to meeting this morning and remained out till after evening meeting.

Monday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

P. M. This morning snowed a little - turned to rain for a couple of hours, then came around cold again. F & I made the coffins for Mrs Wagner. Father made the rough coffin and I made the other.



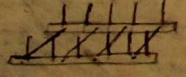
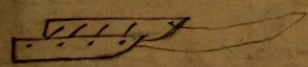
This evening we covered it. Today Rosy & Chattie did some sewing for them. It will not be long before this work will have to be done for all of us.

Sadie began to wear his snow boots last Saturday, and before night he cut out one of them which has caused him much grief.

Father made a sled the other day to haul wood on.



F & I made rick too which is represented below.



Tuesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Fine but cold. This Ben Wagner came early for the coffin. Chattie, Rosy and I went down with him. We placed the remains in the coffin. After I came home engraved the plate for the lid.

This afternoon the burial took place. Mr and Mrs Spencer were here to dinner. They went to the funeral. Weather went with them. Father and I went. This evening there was a meeting at N. W. S. at which the building of a meeting house was considered. They could not agree to a site.

Wednesday Jan 12.

P. M. Fine. Weather and I stayed at N. W. S. last night. I came home this morning but weather is going to remain till tomorrow. Father starting lumber from the mill.

Thursday Jan 13

P. M. Cold. Father and I went to the mill this morning and fixed the water wheel. I saved the remainder of the day.

Friday Jan 14

P. M. A fearful sleet storm. Father and I hauled firewood. Charles & Leonard sawing.

Saturday Jan 15

P. M. B. Overcast. A. M. I mended my tarapino. P. M. F & I hauling wood.

Sunday Jan 16

P. M. Fine, but cold. Rosy and I walked out to prayer-meeting this morning. Rosy came home and N. W. S. & I spent the day at Amos.

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Monday Jan 16

N. N. Overcast and cold. Father went to Weymouth with a load. I have been to the mill sawing. Stormy

Tuesday Jan 17

N. N. Cold. I have been sawing today. Father started a load of scantling from the mill. I attended a meeting house meeting again tonight at W. H. S. at which no further progress was made.

Wednesday Jan 18

N. N. W. Fine but cold. Father took out a load of scantling. I stayed at W. H. S. last night and today have been sawing. I am intending to stay nights at the mill this week.

Thursday Jan 19

N. S. Fine this morning but clouded over and looking like a storm. I stayed at the camp last night. What. Howard and Dick Rabat are staying there. Father started out a load of poles and scantling.

Friday Jan 21

N. N. W. Beautiful Day. Rained some in the night. I have been sawing. Father went out with a load.

Saturday Jan 22

N. S. Overcast. I sawed this morning till W. H. S. care to the mill, when I got W. H. S. to saw and W. H. S. went back to the rear of the mill lot to look for a chance

to haul timber.

Father came to the mill and he and G. S. edged boards.

Sunday Jan 23

N. S. W. Foggy all day.

Father went out to meeting and did not come home till night. We heard that Letitia Hanson has lately died.

When I came home last night I found Roy and all the children sick with colds. Harold was better, as he was the first one taken.

Monday Jan 24

N. S. W. Foggy - warm with heavy wind. The snow going very fast. Father has been to the mill. I made an axe handle and fixed my karakins.



The children are all better today except Bennie and Bessie. Letitia is very sick with toothache.

Tuesday Jan 25

N. N. W. Fine - snowed about two inches last night. Father went to the mill this morning. I went with the team to the mill and cut out and hauled some poles for a novel. I hauled some firewood to the camp. The children are all better but Bennie is very sick this morning. I going to the mill tonight.



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Wednesday Jan 26  
N. S. Raining in the morning but snowed in the afternoon. I stayed at the mill last night and sawed today. Tonight I came home to see how the sick ones are. Father is sick with a pain in his side. Burmie is the sickest one now.

Thursday Jan 27  
N. N. Snowed some again last night. I went to the mill this morning. It has been a cold day. <sup>Burmie</sup> <sup>father</sup>

Friday Jan 28  
N. S. N. Very cold last night. I nearly froze in the camp. I have been sawing today.

Saturday Jan 29  
N. S. Soft all night and blowing a gale. Blowing fearfully all day. I have been sawing. When I came home tonight I found them all better.

Sunday Jan 30th  
N. E. Foggy all day. All of us at home.

Monday Jan 31st  
N. N. W. Beautiful fine day. I have been sawing. I went out to W. H. S. tonight. He paid me \$2.00 and there is \$1.62 due me yet from W. H. S. Mrs Jim Bonnet died on Friday. Burmie was very sick all night.

Tuesday Feb 1st  
N. N. Snowed a little last night. I stayed at W. H. S. last night, and went to the mill this morning. Father was there. G. Thomas and Dick Rabart came at noon to saw. I gave the mill up to them and this afternoon I cut a few dead trees on Basil.

Wednesday Feb 2  
N. N. E. Fine but very cold. I started three loads of lumber from the mill.

Thursday Feb 3  
N. S. E. Rain Mist. W. H. S. is began building a hoovel at the mill.

Friday Feb 4  
N. N. W. Fine. W. H. S. stayed at the mill last night and this morning began work again on the hoovel. By an unlucky manœuvre I struck the axe in my leg near the knee. Though not a bad cut it was in a bad place & I left the work and came home. W. H. S. is here & <sup>led</sup>

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Saturday Feb. 5

N. N. Cold wintry day.  
Father took a load of boards to E. Slice. My leg is better today. I mailed a letter to Mr Goodspeed, enclosing \$1.50 for Mission and Visitor for the current year.

Sunday Feb 6th

N. S. E. Snowing all day  
All of us at home.

Monday Feb 7

N. N. Snow but cold.  
Father hauled some firewood today. Mr Pail called today. He is canvassing for the coming election.

Tuesday Feb 8

N. S. E. Fine this morning but began snowing towards night and now (week) is clearing. Father took a load of pine boards to E. Slice. We were going over to Mr Spruce's to a donation tonight but the storm prevented. My cut leg is getting better.

Wednesday Feb 9

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
Rained all night.  
Leslie has got to the head of his class and is delighted at it.

Thursday Feb 10

N. N. W. Am. I worked at a couple of sleds which I am expecting for the boys.  
Father was not able to do anything.  
Mother spent the day at Ann's

Friday Feb 11th

N. N. E. Raining and freezing all. This afternoon had the hand sleds.

Saturday Feb 12

N. N. Cold. Snowed a little this morning. I finished the boys sleds and this evening I painted them. Sears, Mother and his wife came tonight. Cornelia's children are sick & Roy is down this tonight. There has been a terrible B. K. smashup in Vermont recently. About sixty persons killed.

Sunday Feb 13

N. N. Overcast and very cold.  
Sears and his wife went away before noon. Mrs & Lydia came in to tea and spent the evening. My cut leg is getting better fast.

Monday Feb 14

N. N. Beautiful day, but cold.  
Father starting lumber from the mill.

Tuesday Feb 15

N. S. Snowed till towards night when it turned to rain. I have been cutting wood all day. Father was very sick all night and today with a pain in his side.

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Wednesday Feb 16  
 W. W. Foggy - I cut some  
 logs of wood in the woods.  
 The boys have been at school  
 weather is a little better

Thursday Feb 17  
 W. N. W. Snow & squall this  
 morning - then cleared off  
 beautifully. I took a load of  
 pine boards to C. Rice (84 ft  
 good lumber & 44 ft refuse.  
 There is a terrible excitement  
 at Weymouth about the coming  
 of our election.

Friday Feb 18  
 W. W. W. Cold but fine.  
 a.m. I hauled fire wood.  
 P.M. I started a load of boards  
 from the mill.

Saturday Feb 19  
 W. W. Rained all night and  
 drizzling all day. I cut wood

Sunday Feb 20  
 W. N. W. Fine day.  
 James Levenson is here this  
 evening. He has been  
 sick two or three days.

Monday Feb 21  
 W. N. W. Fine. I took a load  
 of boards to C. Rice.

Tuesday Feb 22  
 W. S. W. Fine - Snow a little  
 this afternoon

Election Day. W. H. & I were  
 officers at St. Bernard's district  
 No 9. The poll was held at Mrs  
 Edward White. The excitement  
 is fearful. Mr. Cail liberal and  
 Mr. Campbell Conservative are  
 candidates. Mr. Campbell  
 at Cail by a majority of  
 W. H. & I were

W. H. Father and Alf were  
 out to Weymouth.  
 It was late when I came  
 home tonight.

Wednesday Feb 23  
 W. N. W. Fine. This  
 afternoon I moved to the  
 mill to go logging. Herbert  
 Sabine moved in also.

Thursday Feb 24  
 W. S. E. A fearful storm of  
 snow - came and shut this  
 afternoon. W. H. Sabine came  
 to the mill this morning  
 and this afternoon we made  
 a beginning at our logging  
 weather snags up to Mr. Cosman  
 visiting.

Friday Feb 25  
 W. N. Fine but very cold  
 W. H. Sabine & I logging

Saturday Feb 26  
 W. N. Fine but cold  
 Logging again. We have  
 hauled 57 logs thus far  
 which we consider a good  
 beginning.

Sunday Feb 27  
 Wind. I shifted to N. W.  
 Another snow and con-  
 storm last night and  
 today.

Monday Feb 28  
 W. N. Very cold.  
 Herbie and I went to the  
 mill today and cut up and  
 rolled our logs into the pond  
 W. H. & I went to Weymouth  
 to John Campbell's Declaration.

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Tuesday Mar 1st 1887  
W. N. Cold. W. A. S. & Hubie  
and I logging. Sam White  
began sawing his logs.

Wednesday Mar 2nd  
W. N. W. Fine but Cold.  
W. A. S. Hubie & Logging  
Sam W. finished sawing  
his logs. He had 1200 ft.

Thursday Mar 3rd  
W. S. E. Fine - showed a little  
and looking like rain tonight  
W. A. S. & Hubie logging

Friday Mar 4th  
W. N. W. Fine - windy & cold  
Rained a little in the night  
Logging again. Obed White  
began sawing his logs.

Gerald and Estlin launched  
their new sleds last Monday  
They go to school now  
I came home tonight

Saturday Mar 5th  
W. N. Fine but very cold.  
I went to the mill again this  
morning. I came home last  
night for day. My boys -  
Hal & Gus - went with me today

They stayed in the camp the  
last of the day but were  
up in the wood for a couple  
of hours. They went to  
Frymouth with the mail  
today

Sunday Mar 6th  
W. S. E. Snowing a little all  
day. Weather shut out to  
Frymouth morning this morning  
and stayed all evening.  
I have been home all day

Monday Mar 7  
W. S. E. Quite fine.  
I moved some hay to the mill  
again tonight. Hubie and I  
cut some wood for night.

Tuesday Mar 8  
W. S. E. Looking like rain.  
W. A. S. Leonard Cromwell who  
is to help us this week came  
to the mill this morning and  
we all proceeded to the bush.  
we all proceeded to the bush  
work

Wednesday Mar 9  
W. N. W. Fine but cold.  
Logging again.

Thursday Mar 10  
W. S. E. Looking like a storm  
Logging. Father came in the  
wood and helped us today.  
Rosanna drove to Annis  
and spent the day.

Friday Mar 11  
W. N. E. Terrible snow storm.  
I came home last night.  
We worked in the woods till  
noon when the storm began  
to snow that we discharged  
Ben Cromwell, and came  
home ourselves. Snow  
about 9 inches.

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Saturday Mar 12

N. N. E. Raw and misty. A. M. I mended Hales machine. P. M. I made an axe handle.

A. W. Beecher is at the point of death. The President has at last signed the "Edmunds Retaliation" Bill. and great excitement prevails.

Sunday Mar 13

N. N. Fine. Seat has been here all day. Nothing else to note. We are all as well as usual. We got the sad news that Cash King has broken his ankle.

Monday Mar 14

N. N. Beautiful day. Father and I hauling fire wood. Boys at school.

Tuesday Mar 15

N. N. E. Overcast and soft. I hauled two loads of lumber from the mill. Father found a stick for a sled tongue.

Wednesday Mar 16

N. N. E. Misty. We moved to the mill again today. I went there before noon and P. M. got coming. I went up the lake and got three sticks for sled runners. In the afternoon I went to Sumner. A spectacle called meeting morning.

Thursday Mar 17

N. N. E. Soft snow and rain commencing all day very disagreeable. Logging.

Friday Mar 18

N. N. E. Misty and soft. P. M. S. Huber logging. I came home tonight.

Saturday Mar 19

N. N. E. Overcast & soft. Logging again. We finished today and moved home tonight. We have hauled about 300 logs.

Yesterday we cut and skidded a big pine that stood by the road. Henry Ward Beecher is dead. He died the night. I received a postal tonight from Alfred Perry.

Sunday Mar 20

N. N. E. Overcast. All done at home.

Monday Mar 21st

N. N. W. Beautiful day. John Sadat and I took between six and seven hundred feet of Spruce boards down to Victor White at Rufin's Cove where we thought to get a cask of Molasses but when we got there the molasses was all gone so we got the ends of our boards in Inger and came home again. We had a hard day of it as the

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Roads were as bad as they could possibly be. It was about eleven o'clock when I got home, and I do not know as I was ever so completely "used up" before.

Tuesday Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>

N. S. E. cloudy till some raining till night.

This afternoon Father & I went across the lake and began logging into Bear Lake. We hauled two "turns" and came home.

Storming terribly tonight. Harold and Destin go to school. They have each won three awards for keeping at the head of their classes.

Joscy seems to be slow about learning. His mother the other day is trying to impress upon his memory the letter G. told him it was what they said to the men.

When he came to the letter in his next lesson he said it was "haw". Mrs George Mullin of Tustat is dead.

Wednesday Mar 23

N. N. W. Soft snow squalls and very disagreeable.

I wrote several Deeds. Alpha Marshall was here collecting School taxes. I paid him one dollar being my tax for 1886.

Thursday Mar 24

N. N. W. Beautiful day. H & I logging on the lake.

Scot helping us. Mother visiting at Carnelia's.

Friday Mar 25

N. S. E. Rainy most all day. H. Scot & I hauled logs in the forenoon.

P. M. Father went out to Sam White & got some molasses.

Saturday Mar 26

N. N. W. Fine but windy and very cold. Father Scot & I logging.

Sunday Mar 27

N. N. W. Fine but cold. Rosy and I with the two cabins spent the day at Carnelia's. Dan & Annie with their children spent the day here.

Monday Mar 28

N. S. E. Raining most all day. In the forenoon H. Scot & I hauled logs. In the afternoon I made a gate to go in the fence through which a path leads to the new barn.

Tuesday Mar 29

N. N. W. Stormed till noon in the afternoon I wrote a Deed for Alf of that lot on the lake. In the evening Alpha Marshall came up and saw that Deed made for Alf. This concluded one for one of the other lot on road, signed Scot & Debus.

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Wednesday Mar 30

N. N. Overcast and cold  
Snowed about four inches  
during last night.  
Spent afternoon F & I went over  
the lake and cut logs.

Thursday Mar 31

N. N. N. Beautiful Day  
but cold. Father & I logging.

Friday, April 1st

N. C. Fine. Father cutting  
logs. I took a load of Olat  
to Campbell's - 900 ft. I got  
two Bbls Meal (Price 3.50)

Saturday April 2nd

N. N. E. Blowing a gale with  
a severe West storm. Father  
and were in the woods hauling  
logs till noon. Leguarch  
fermented got four bushels of  
potatoes & 100 lbs  
Sunday April 3rd

N. N. Quite fine.

All of us at home until  
evening when Father & Mother  
went out to skating.

W. H. Sabine came here  
this afternoon and stayed  
to tea.

Monday April 4

N. S. Mild - with slight  
showing. A. M. Father & I  
went back on the Mosley  
road and cut some wind-  
falls. In the afternoon  
we went over with the  
team and hauled a  
couple of turps. Tonight  
I bargained with Alf for  
his house and field for  
250.00

Tuesday April 5

N. S. Raining in after-  
noon. F & I logging

Wednesday April 6

N. N. Snowed a little this  
evening then cleared off.  
Father & I cutting logs

Thursday April 7

N. N. W. Beautiful day, but  
cold. F & I logging.  
Poor little Bernie is sick  
tonight

Friday April 8

N. N. W. Beautiful Day  
F & I logging. Baby Bernie  
is very sick tonight. It  
is his first sickness.

Saturday April 9

N. N. W. Fine and very warm  
F & I logging. Bernie is  
better. I got a copy of the  
Metropolitan.

Sunday April 10

N. N. Glorious Spring day  
Father and Mother spent  
the day at Aunty's.  
Bernie seems to be a little  
better.

Monday April 11

N. N. W. Another fine day  
Father and I finished  
logging. We have hauled  
two hundred logs.  
Charlotte Dingo is here tonight.  
We got one of the oxen in the  
lake tonight. Bernie is better.

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Tuesday April 12

N. N. W. Low but windy and cold. Father went to see Lewis Thomas about sawing for us. I went to the mill and hauled a few old trees off Basil Amersland. I brought out a load of manure as far as Dan's where the road is so soft - I had to leave it. Harold and Josey went with me. It is the first time Josey has been to our mill. Nancy Cosman spent the day here. Mother & Roy are making a large end. Bernice is getting most well.

Ann spent the afternoon here. Dan was here tonight to tea. Hal has fixed a cart with a pair of "spoke" wheels. Scott gave him yesterday. It was very happy. I received a letter from G. D. Campbell this morning asking me to come and make arrangements with him about venturing into his establishment as a clerk. Another thing to worry me. Bernice is as well as ever.

Wednesday April 13

N. N. W. Clear and windy. A.M. I went down to the corner and brought home the load of manure I left last night. Father went over the lake and cut some boom stuff. P.M. We boomed the logs.

Saturday April 16  
N. S. E. Looking like a storm. I took a load of pine boards to Ed. Rice. I had a barrel of flour. I was over to see Mr. Campbell and partly agreed to enter his establishment as a clerk. He offers me \$3.00 a year. I am undecided as to what to do in the matter. If I can succeed in getting board cheap enough I can hire a good man for the year to assist in the work at home. Roy is quite ill tonight.

Thursday April 14

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I went to the mill hauled some more logs off Basil making \$1 in all. I brought home another load of manure. Harold spent the day at Annie's.

Sunday April 17  
N. N. W. Partially overcast but pleasant. Roy is very sick today. After noon I went out to Mr. Barnard and got some medicine for him. Dan & Arthur took me out.

Friday April 15

N. N. W. Stormy day. I have been cherishing around. Josey went to school today for the first in the way of regular attendance.

Monday April 18  
N. N. E. Father went to the mill and filed the saw and got ready for sawing. In the afternoon I took a cruise over the woods down to the Narrows. Roy is a little better. Annie Jane came here work.



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Tuesday April 19

N. N. C. As miserable a day as ever passed over the earth. Snowing, hailing and blowing. Father hauled some fire wood. I posted it to Weymouth to see the doctor for Nony. He says she is doing well. She is better tonight. I took dinner with Mrs Randall. She is going to let me stop with her while I am in Mr Campbell's employ.

Wednesday April 20

W.M. Fine but cold. Father & I began sawing our 11 logs. Nony is quite smart.

Thursday April 21

Father sawing. Benard Cerronwell helping him. P.M. I made a lounge for Mother. P.M. I repaired some broken chairs. Nony has sat up all day.

Friday April 22

N. N. Fine. Father sawing. I sat helping him. I finished making chairs and did some other work. I thought of going to W.M. tonight but did not. Nony can keep up all day now. I am delighted to see her doing so well.

Saturday April 23

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I made a pair of shoes for Harold but they were so small that he could not wear them. I will buy fine a pair out of the store. Poor little fellow I felt sorry to see him cry when the shoes kept his feet. But he shall have a pair.

Sunday April 24

N. N. E. Fine day. I went out to Mr. Sakin's this forenoon. I stayed there till after tea when he and I went down on the "Line" to meeting. Mr. Spencer preached. After meeting we went to David Barr's to stay all night. I am on my way to Weymouth to begin service at Mr. Campbell's. It was sad indeed to say goodbye to wife and babes. But in this hard world partings will come.

Monday April 25

N. N. Fine again. This morning (17 1/2 S. S.) walked down to the Bridge. I departed myself at the establishment of G. D. Campbell and began service. It is a new epoch in my life. I have started out on many ventures and

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have as many times  
 been defeated by dis-  
 circumstances. My health  
 has generally been the  
 cause. My health is  
 still delicate, and I  
 cannot tell what day or  
 hour I shall be obliged to  
 abandon it.

Friday April 26  
 N. S. C. Terrible storm of  
 wind rain and snow.  
 We stored 250 bbl. of meal  
 yesterday and today have  
 been staving flour. The  
 work is hard and if this  
 had to be repeated today after  
 day I would make any  
 bundle tonight, but it will  
 be easier after today. An  
 American brig went ashore  
 at New Edinburgh today.

Saturday April 27  
 N. N. N. Beautiful day  
 We finished staving the  
 flour this forenoon and  
 this afternoon I have had  
 it very easy. If Douglas  
 Campbell would stay at  
 his home all would be  
 well, but alas! he leaves  
 from his lair like a lion  
 and goes to the unfaithful  
 Creation that chooses to be  
 in his path. I sent a  
 note to Little Rosy tonight.  
 Wish the note had sent me  
 but I will get her and  
 my heart shall rejoice

Thursday April 28  
 N. S. C. Fine this forenoon  
 Overcast till night. This fore-  
 noon we unloaded a car.  
 P.M. I have not been doing  
 much. I am sick today.

Friday April 29  
 Rained heavily all day  
 Had Argan & have been  
 in the warehouse where a large  
 number gathered, and had  
 I not felt so miserable would  
 have passed a very good  
 day.

Saturday April 30  
 N. S. Overcast and dreary  
 I have been about the store  
 all day. Received a letter  
 from Rouse's short letter  
 but still from Rosy my  
 little treasure. She ought  
 have written more, but I  
 perhaps she had not time  
 I know her will was good.

Sunday May 1st 1887  
 N. S. Overcast till noon  
 then cleared off. I spent  
 the forenoon in my room  
 reading. This afternoon  
 went up to Mr James's where  
 I stayed until after tea.  
 I am very unwell but feel  
 better than yesterday. I  
 wish I were home tonight  
 if it were only long enough  
 for a kiss, but I will see  
 my Rosy in less than a  
 week if all is well.  
 My own life is disgusting.  
 I love quietude & seclusion

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Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Glorious day  
 This has been a very  
 busy day but as I am  
 getting better I have had  
 a very good time. It is  
 as always, when I am  
 well and can adapt my  
 self to my work or what  
 is passing around me  
 I am comparatively happy  
 but to be sick - to feel  
 crushed in spirit - des-  
 couraged, despondent, is  
 terrible. But I thinking of  
 my little Roxy tonight.

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Beautiful day  
 This day has not passed  
 away as pleasantly as  
 some days which I have  
 seen. But there is an in-  
 fluence that devotes every  
 moment even those of the  
 severest toil as trouble and  
 that is remembering my be-  
 loved Roxy and seeing little  
 ones at home. Every day  
 brings me nearer the happy  
 meeting.

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Blowing heavily.  
 Ed Fagan and I have  
 been counting lumber most  
 all day. I wrote to Roxy  
 darling. I am quite small  
 now I gave Alf an  
 order on Campbell for  
 \$11.00 payment for his stove.

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Fine again  
 Edd & I have been at the  
 Station counting lumber  
 all day. We had John  
 Strick helping pile.  
 I got one of the dearest  
 letters today from my  
 Roxy. What a blessing  
 to have one true bosom  
 all your own.

Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Another glorious  
 day. I have been engaged  
 seriously today and am  
 not tired tonight. Only one  
 more day! Only one  
 more day! Tomorrow  
 night - at this time if nothing  
 happen I will see my  
 wife and babies

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
 Today has passed with-  
 out any notable events  
 Mother came out with  
 the mail and I accom-  
 panied them home where  
 I found Roxy and the  
 babies all well and glad  
 to meet me. Father was  
 out to Edd Pices with a  
 load of boards (Pine)

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Sunday May 8  
 N. N. Slight shower this morning. Cleared away I spent the day with my dear wife and children Mrs Randall, through a mistake took a dose of Ammonia thinking it her cough medicine. It has nearly killed her. It was about eleven o'clock this morning. W. A. Sabine has been at our house this evening.

Monday May 9  
 N. N. W. Beautiful day. Sorrow treads upon the heels of joy, and this morning I pointed my toes toward Weymouth again. I drove my team as far as W. A. this morning he is to haul it to haul out a load of Campbell's store timber. The workmen began to put up Campbell's new floor, or rather addition today. How very very sad it was to leave my little Coxy this morning. No one knows how I hate to be from her side even for a day.

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Lousy again. I have passed a miserable day. I have a very sore and lame arm, and a sore hand, and these infirmities together with a little home-sickness which I must confess to and some other discouragements have nearly made an end of me.

Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. Fine. The Veston<sup>11</sup> came in this morning and discharged a lot of freight - Drums - We stared that away and the rest of the day have been engaged variously. I received a dear little letter from my Biddy today wherein she speaks of loneliness. What a precious thought to know that that sweet one is missing me.

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Fine, but windy and very cold. Loading the "Cedar poles" with dimension stuff. I have been counting the cargo and have nearly frozen to death. About the middle of the afternoon I was taken sick and had to leave the wharf.

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Friday May 13

W. H. W. Fine but Cold.  
I have been confined to  
the house from illness.  
John E. W. started for the  
Neck with a load of trees

Saturday May 14

W. H. W. Fine - a.m. I  
counted lumber for the "Ada"  
but was not able to work  
and came home this  
afternoon with "back". I found  
all hands well and "H" &  
W. H. S. packing trees.

Sunday May 15

W. H. W. Fine. Father and  
mother went out to meeting  
and spent the day away.  
I am no better

Monday May 16

W. H. W. Fine - finished  
packing trees. W. H. S. came  
in this afternoon and got  
seven boxes of trees which  
he is going to take to the  
Station tomorrow with our  
team. Geo. M. fixing fence

Tuesday May 17

W. H. W. Fine - "H" & Geo. fixing  
fence. I have been very  
sick today. Alf came in  
brought from Tugging town -  
where he moved a few days  
ago

Wednesday May 18

W. H. W. Fine  
"H" & Geo. mending fences  
Alf hauling stones for us

Thursday May 19

W. H. W. Fine. "H" & Geo. alf  
hauling stones

Friday May 20

W. H. W. Fine. "H" & Geo. alf  
ploughing.

Saturday May 21

W. H. W. Father laid up with  
a lame back. Geo. M.  
went to Weymouth with  
Alf's team for him. I  
gave him an order on  
E. Rice for four dollars  
"H" & I ploughing.

Through the past week  
Roxey has been cleaning  
up the other houses. I have  
been helping her what I  
could

Sunday May 22

W. H. W. Cloudy & dark.  
W. H. S. & Lydia came in  
and spent the day.

Monday May 23

Geo. M. finished break-  
ing the sod back of the  
New Barn and cross-  
ploughed it. Father is  
making a narrow.  
Mrs. Spencer and Lizzie  
spent the afternoon here.

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Tuesday May 24

Overcast. George & M.  
hauling out manure.  
I began planting. Hal  
& George have been  
dropping.

Wednesday May 25

W. S. Showery. Geo.  
hauling manure - the boys  
and I planting.

Thursday May 26

W. S. W. Rained all  
night. The first rain we  
have had in May.  
J. E. Wagner got back from  
delivering trees last night.  
I went out to W. S. S.  
today where he set fixed  
up our tree accounts.  
Father & Geo. planting.

Friday May 27

W. S. W. Showery.  
All hands planting.

Saturday May 28

W. S. E. Raining heavily.  
Boxy & I have been at  
work fixing up in the  
other house.

Sunday May 29

W. W. Cloudy till afternoon  
then cleared off. I went  
out to W. S. S. in the after-  
noon and stayed till  
after meeting. Boxy came  
out in the evening.

Monday May 30

W. E. Overcast. H. G. I finished  
planting potatoes.  
John Campbell, our representa-  
tive to Ottawa who died very  
suddenly last week was  
buried today. Mrs. July of  
Brighton died lately.

Tuesday May 31

W. W. Beautiful day.  
I have been starting deals  
from the mill - hauled of four  
loads - 3100 ft. of 21 lumber.  
H & Geo. finished planting.

Wednesday June 1st

W. A. W. Fine day. I went out  
with a load of deals for Campbell's  
Boxy went out with me.  
We got a set of dishes and  
some other things for our house  
keeping. Father & Geo. sawing.

Thursday June 2

W. S. W. Showery in the forenoon.  
Father and George hauled up  
a shingle log. P. M. Geo. & I  
ploughing.

Friday June 3rd

W. S. W. Overcast and warm.  
A. M. Geo. & I sowed oats  
& Geo. harrowing. P. M. I  
grafted some trees in the  
nursery. Heavy thunder  
storms this evening.

Saturday June 4

W. W. Dull in forenoon then  
cleared off. Geo. & I ploughed & sowed  
a piece of oats in the orchard. He  
Boxy spent yesterday at Annie's.

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Sunday June 5  
W. N. W. Beautiful day  
Went to visit the babies  
Spent the afternoon at  
Harris's

Monday June 6  
W. S. W. Fine. Geo. Manful  
took our team to his home  
this morning to put in  
his planting. He took 3  
bbls of potatoes. He & I planted  
some cow-corn and some  
peas. Mrs. Galt had 9  
little girls buried today

Tuesday June 7  
W. N. W. Fine. I have  
been sick all day and  
did nothing but plant  
some pole beans. Father  
splitting shingles.  
Geo. brought the oven  
home tonight. His  
wife has been moving  
her things over to the  
other house most all day

Wednesday June 8  
W. S. W. Fine. I harrowed a  
piece of "land" in the orchard  
where we are to plant beans  
W. H. & I then furrowed it  
and I began hauling out  
manure. We moved tonight  
and had supper for the  
first time in our own house.  
W. H. Sabine got supper with  
us and is going to stay  
all night

Thursday June 9  
W. S. W. Showery in the  
forenoon. P. M. I hauled  
out manure and father  
planted beans. The children  
are all sick with Colds.  
We are as happy as "punch"  
in our own house; but it is  
with a feeling of sadness  
that I moved out of the  
house that for so many  
years has been my home  
and will always continue  
to be

Friday June 10  
W. W. Fine. I finished  
putting out manure and  
tonight we made some  
rows for vegetables.

Saturday June 11  
W. N. W. Fine and warm  
A. M. Father & I mended  
the pasture fence. P. M.  
We finished planting our  
"garden stuff"

Sunday June 12  
W. W. Fine - Cool.  
All of us at home. Lillian  
and Josie went up to  
Sunday School. Scott was  
here to dinner. Dan &  
Annie were up this after-  
noon.

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Monday June 15

M. N. W. Fine. A.M. 7-  
Geo. Manzer & I built a  
raft for crossing the lake  
to and from our work  
clearing burnt land.  
Harold and Lizzie went  
out to W. H. S. this forenoon  
for some squash seed.  
P.M. H. Geo. & I went over  
the lake to the burnt land  
and began work.

Tuesday June 16

N. N. E. Blowing a gale.  
We commenced the burnt-  
land fence this morning  
but it being such a good  
time to "burn" we piled  
brush and set fire till  
noon. P.M. We layed  
the bottom logs of the  
fence of this side of  
the burnt land.

Wednesday June 15

N. N. Fine. We layed the bottom  
of the fence on the W. side of  
our burnt land and got a  
part of it done.

Thursday June 16

N. S. Blowing a gale and  
rained in afternoon. We  
have been working at the  
fence. Edgar Cooman was  
in with fresh fish.

Friday June 17

N. N. W. Fine. We finished  
the fence on the Southern  
side of the burnt land.

Saturday June 18

N. N. W. Beautiful Day.  
We finished fence except  
the line fence, and this  
afternoon began heaping.  
Harold, Lizzie and Josie  
went over on the raft  
with us to the burnt-land  
and stayed all day.

Sunday June 19

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
This afternoon Roy & I  
with our children spent  
the afternoon ~~hour~~ at H-  
Coopers.

Monday June 20

N. S. E. Rained a little  
this morning. Working  
in the burnt land. I  
was sick this forenoon  
so I did not do much.  
Roy is down to carnals  
tonight. She is sick.

Tuesday June 21

N. N. W. Fine.  
H. Geo. & I with Jos. Porter as-  
sisting us, made the line  
fence between our burnt-lands.  
Scott also helped us.  
Today is the Queens jubilee  
It is the fiftieth anniversary  
of her reign. All the young  
people of the settlement have  
gone to Digby where there  
is to be a great "victory".  
Carmelia had a boy born last  
night.



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W. S. Concast and Shenny  
F. Geo & I finished the burnt land  
that is finished heaping.  
We have firmed and heaped three  
acres in eight days which we  
consider quick work.

Thursday June 23

W. S. Concast and Sully.  
Father making a burnt land  
harrow. Geo had the Cow-Corn  
then he and I went to the mill  
and piled up a lot of boards.  
The boards are what we saved  
of the X1 logs are as follows—  
3009 Sp. 1502 pine 540 Spots.

Friday June 24

W. S. Raining all day  
I have been sick and  
not done much. We have  
been having plenty of straw-  
berries lately. Poor little Bernie  
is sick tonight.

Saturday June 25

W. N. Sime. F & Geo went  
to the mill and hauled  
down hemlock logs to make  
dam plank. Mother went  
to Weymouth with the mail.  
Bernie is well as ever  
again. I am sick today.  
Got \$1785 do from A.  
Perry tonight.

Sunday June 26

W. N. Sime. Father  
and Mother went out  
the Settlement and spent  
the day, going to meeting  
see the coming. I  
did not go. I had a sore  
throat that I could not  
get my throat open. Rosy  
went out tonight. Harris  
spent the afternoon here.

Monday June 27  
W. N. Sime. F. Geo & I.  
working on the road  
doing our "Statute Labor"  
D. Gulletton is over  
and we worked by his  
house.

Tuesday June 28

W. N. Sime. I  
took a load of Deals to  
Weymouth. Got a Bbl of  
Flour for the other house.  
Harold and Legie went  
with me. They had a good  
time. They visited the  
Steam mill of H. E. Oakes.  
Saw a tug-boat towing a  
vessel. It had a deck  
in a boat, and many  
were the strange things they  
saw. F & Geo burnt the  
heaps in the burnt land.

Wednesday June 29

W. N. Sime. Father in  
the burnt land tending the  
heaps. Geo & I sawing down  
studding for Dr. Allison's  
Barn house.

Wednesday June 30

Thursday June 30  
F & Geo working on the  
road for money and down  
for money. I have been  
sawing. It has been a  
terrible hot day. The ther.  
stood at 110 in the shade.  
A terrible thunder storm  
tonight as heavy as I ever heard

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Friday July 1st  
N. S. W. Fine and very warm  
Geo. & I working on the road  
with Dan. Hand & Mother  
went over to Mr Spencer's  
to a picnic.

Saturday July 2nd  
N. S. W. Fine and very warm  
Geo. & I working on the road  
with Dan. Hand & Mother  
went over to Mr Spencer's  
to a picnic.

Sunday July 3rd  
N. S. W. Fine and very warm  
Our friends all went away  
today. The Campbellite  
Quarterly Meeting is in  
full blast today, but  
there is no preacher, but Mr  
Gates. For certain good  
reasons I am not going  
to have anything to do  
with them. W. H. Sabine  
was here awhile tonight.

Monday July 4th  
N. S. W. Fine. Geo. M. not here.  
I went to the mill in the after-  
noon to saw. Got provisions  
to stay a couple of days

Tuesday July 5th  
N. S. W. Fine.  
Geo. & I in burnt land. I  
have been sawing.  
Natty and her Bill were  
in lake today

Wednesday July 6th  
N. S. Showery. Geo. & I  
finished the burnt land.  
They have put two acres  
in oats and one in turnips  
I have been sawing. I  
finished the studding. I  
came home tonight.

Thursday July 7th  
N. S. W. Overcast. Geo. & I  
sawing. I went out to  
W. H. & bought and he & I  
concocted a bargain to get  
Dr. Allison's barn frame.  
I am very tired tonight.

Friday July 8th  
N. S. W. Fine and very warm  
A. M. Geo. & I plowed potatoes  
Father going. P. M. I did  
some charrs and then went  
to the mill and started out  
a load of studding. H. A.  
and Lee, went with me.  
I took them bathing in  
the flume, and they rode  
from the Carnie home on  
the oxen's heads. Jesse  
said it was like the Arabs  
riding Camels across the  
deserts. They will not go  
yet today. Geo. & I going

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Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Beautiful Day  
Ladies going potatoes.  
Geo. M took a load of studding  
down to Dr. Allison.  
Rosie & I with Lennie and  
Bernie went up the Bay.  
When we got to Raymond  
I found a free train was  
to go to Ditch and return  
whereby Mr. Jones' friends  
might attend the nomination  
which was to be today.

Rosie and I took the wool  
to the mill. Then Rosie and  
the babies went on up the  
Bay and I boarded the  
train for Ditch. I spent a  
very enjoyable day. Jones  
and Rakichan were the  
candidates. Besides these  
there were a number of speakers  
as follows - David Murray  
Lawyer Mills of Annapolis.  
J. W. Lynch of Halifax  
and Wheel John McNeill.  
Rosie met me at the train  
at North Range and took me  
down to Catho.

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. We spent the  
day at Catho.

Monday July 11

W. S. C. Overcast - rain in  
the afternoon. Rosie and I  
took dinner at Mrs. Govils  
and in the afternoon started  
for home. When we got to Kinn  
there a rain storm overtook  
us so we drove down to Ruffs  
and Challis. I & Geo. home

Tuesday July 12

W. N. W. Quite fine. Little  
Bernie was sick all night  
He was Croupy and we  
were scared badly, but he  
is better this morning.  
We started for home. We got  
the wool - or rolls - from the  
mill - Journeys - paying  
them for this and last  
year's carding. We got home  
about noon. I & Geo. were  
hoing. I helped them till night

Wednesday July 13

W. N. W. Fine. I & Geo. home  
W. H. S. I began cutting a  
timber for a beam frame for  
Dr. Allison. We were chopping  
on the mill - lot.

Thursday July 14

W. S. W. Fine. A. M. I & J  
shred one of the corn. P. M.  
Geo & I with W. H. S. were hauling  
in some of our beam timbers.

Friday July 15

W. N. W. Fine. I & Geo.  
began mowing. W. H. S. I & J  
stayed the mill last night  
and today we have been  
cutting some more timber  
stuff.

Saturday July 16

W. N. W. Fine. Election Day  
I took another load of timbers  
down to Dr. Allison. Geo. &  
I went out with the mail.  
I got a new grind stone.

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Sunday July 17  
 N. N. W. Line. All of us  
 at home all day except the  
 "Boys" who went to Sunday  
 School. This afternoon we  
 all went over to the other  
 house as Dave and Bessie  
 Fullerton, his sister, were  
 there. Poor little Bernie has  
 had a bad cold ever since  
 we came from up the Bay.

Wednesday July 20  
 N. N. W. Line. H & Geo  
 sawing timber. H & Geo  
 haying.

Thursday July 21  
 N. S. W. Line. H & Geo at the  
 hay. W & S sawing

Friday July 22  
 N. S. W. Sawing & haying

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>  
 N. S. E. Coxeast. W & S  
 finished hauling in our  
 timber stuff. We thought it  
 would take us another day  
 but we got through tonight.  
 Geo came home with me.  
 H & Geo. haying.

Saturday July 23  
 N. S. Line. W & S sawing  
 H & Geo finished the level  
 ground. Billy Dunkley  
 & Abbie Ring came here  
 tonight.

Tuesday July 19  
 N. N. E. Line. H & Geo haying  
 W & S went over to the  
 head of the lake and found  
 a buck log down to where  
 our timber stuff was; we  
 then wedged up our sticks  
 and towed them to the mill.  
 We began sawing tonight.  
 Harold came to the mill  
 tonight and is going to stay  
 with me at the camp.  
 W. D. S. went home.

Sunday July 24  
 N. S. Showay. Mother went  
 down the river with Alf.  
 Today, Ross &  
 Abbie spent the day at Carnes.

Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. W. Line. S. Showay.  
 Geo. Mager has gone home  
 to cut his hay and expects  
 to be gone three days.  
 W. D. S. & I have been sawing.

It is Harold's first ex-  
 perience in "Camping out".  
 Jones the Liberal Conservative  
 has gained the election by a  
 majority of 93 over Robins.

Tuesday July 26  
 N. S. W. Line. F. moving.  
 W & S finished sawing our  
 timber today. Mother is sick  
 with a cold.

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Wednesday July 27  
 N. S. W. Fire. Father and I went to the mill and sawed a couple of hardwood logs and sluiced the chips. Harold Leslie & Josie went with us. Mother is in a very bad state of health. She has a terrible Cough.

Thursday July 28  
 N. S. W. Fire. Geo. came back this morning. He and Father working in the hay. I have a very lame wrist. This afternoon I helped Alf haul in hay.

Mr Mrs Spencer, J. W. Sabine and Lydia and Mrs. Jos. Grant. Spent the afternoon here.

Yesterday as a poor pedlar was making his slow way up through the "kigger road" a willanous "Crown's Drill" hid in the woods & fired two shots at him. He escaped without injury. The affair has caused quite a sensation.

Mother is no better. Lucinda Haight is dead. She died about a week ago. Leo Amos is also dead. He died in Boston about a fortnight ago.

Friday July 29  
 N. S. W. Partial Fire. J. G. & I mowing and raking in the rough field. Mother is no better. Father gave Blomps his and Louisa.

Saturday July 30  
 N. S. W. Fire and very warm. We finished mowing the rough field and got it all in. Alf finished his hay and went home today.

Sunday July 31  
 N. S. Fire and hot. Mother is not much better. I sent out yesterday and got her a bottle of Cherry Pectoral and a bottle of Putners Emulsion. This afternoon Rosy & I went up to see Ch. & S. Sabino, who is very low.

Monday Aug 1st  
 N. S. Fire and extremely hot. Geo. & I mowed the new field by the spring. I did and raked the greater part of it. Mother seems to keep about the same.

Tuesday Aug 2  
 N. S. Fire and hot again. A. M. Geo. & I mowing in the spring field & Father raking brush fence. P. M. mowing and raking. Yesterday was a dark day in N. H. S. Calendar. He had an ex die and put his leg broken or cracked. It caused by a kicking horse. I wish every horse in the Province were dead. Mother is about the same.

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Wednesday Aug 3

W. N. E. Fine, but Cool.

Finished mowing the Spring field. P.M. Father went out to see W. N. S.

George Dapner came along yesterday and wanted me to take a share in a steam saw-mill. I'm quite anxious. Mother is better today.

Thursday Aug 4

W. N. Fine Day. We finished haying today, and it has been one of the most remarkably seasons for haying ever known. There has not been a drop of rain on our hay. It rained some one Sunday, but we had no hay out that day.

Friday Aug 5th

W. S. Quite fine. Father & I mowed for W. N. S. Mother is getting better.

Saturday Aug 6

W. S. Overcast, raining at night, and moon was a fair so welcome. G. & J. helping W. N. S. in his hay.

Sunday Aug 7th

W. N. E. Fine. This afternoon Harold Leath & I went up to Communion Meeting. Percy went up to see Charley Sabins.

Monday Aug 8th 1884

W. N. W. Fine Day. G. & J. helping W. N. Sabins. Harold burnt land to look for blueberries, but found none.

Tuesday Aug 9

W. N. Fine. This morning Father Geo. and I went up to cut the meadow. We got there at noon and mowed till night.

Wednesday Aug 10

Wednesday W. N. W. We mowed this forenoon. P.M. George was sick and could not work. G. & J. raked.

Thursday Aug 11

W. S. Thundered this morning and a few drops of rain fell. This forenoon G. & J. finished mowing. Geo. sick and did not work. P.M. We raked. Geo. was better and helped up.

Friday Aug 12

W. S. E. Raining. We put up a stack and then came out. Justin and Joe Nat was to our camp this morning. W. N. Sabins is here tonight. He has been here a couple of days.

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Saturday Aug 15

N. S. Rained all night but cleared up today. Mr Manzer went home this morning, he is unable to work. Mrs L. has been here most all day. I repaired my boots.

Sunday Aug 14

N. N. Beautiful day. All at home, till afternoon when Rossy and I went up to see Charley Sabine. Joe keeps fainting all the time.

Monday Aug 15

N. N. Fine again. Father and George went up to finish the meadow. Our ox being lame I went to look for a team to go out with, and engaged Dan's to go out with tomorrow. I then came home and did some charrs around. The boys went to school again today, vacation being over.

Tuesday Aug 16

N. N. Fine and Cool. I went to Weymouth with a load of Deals. I took over twelve hundred feet. I got a set of slow-price  $\$5.00$  and am to have at the rate of  $\$8.00$  for the Deals. Mr Campbell agreed to give me  $\$8.50$  per M. for the rest of our Deals, if we haul them this week. I promised to

haul them. W. H. Latham went out with me. His broken leg turned out to be only a bruise, and is most well.

Wednesday Aug 17

N. S. N. Fine.

George Manzer and I got home from the meadow yesterday noon. Today George has been starting out lumber from the mill. Father, W. H. S. & I began framing Allison's barn at the mill. Mrs L. & I are going to stay at the mill nights.

Thursday Aug 18

N. S. E. Cloudy. Repairing rainier towards night. George W. took a load of Deals to S. D. Co. Scott took out a load for us too. F. W. H. & I framing.

Friday Aug 19

N. N. Fine. Rained all night. George cutting good wood. I repairing a cart wheel. W. H. S. & I framing. Tonight Geo. Wagon & Dan Sutherland came to the mill to see what we were to do concerning the Steam mill. We decided to go to Weymouth tomorrow

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and see Mr Campbell  
and make arrangements.  
So I came home. Care  
came up with me.

Saturday, Aug 20  
W. S. Lino. I tried the  
cart wheel. I went to  
Wymount with J. E. Wagner  
Mr Sabin went out with  
us. Mr S. D. Lullator  
Geo. Wagner & I had a  
conference with Mr C  
and decided to go on  
with the mill. We dined  
at the hotel (Mr Godwin)  
I walked home when I  
arrived about half past  
ten very tired.

Sunday, Aug 21  
W. S. L. Looked like rain  
in the morning but cleared up.  
Rory & I were down to  
Farris a while this after-  
noon. Rory Farris & I went  
out to hear Mr Spencer  
reach this afternoon evening.  
Geo. Weaver preached his first  
sermon at Woodville tonight.

Monday, Aug 22  
W. S. Lino till noon - rained  
till night. Geo. M. took a load  
of spruce boards to Ed. Rice  
and got himself a set of flour.  
Mr W & S & I at work on the  
beam frame at the mill.  
The boys at school.

Tuesday, Aug 23  
W. S. L. Partially overcast and  
very sultry. Mr S & I stayed at  
the mill last night and today  
gathered he & I worked the frame  
We all came home tonight.  
Geo. Manya Cutting Cordwood.

Wednesday, Aug 24  
W. S. L. Overcast till noon.  
Raining heavy till night  
Father went over the lake to see  
the burnt-land. Geo. M. Starting  
lumber from the mill.  
A. M. I layd abed not being  
well. P. M. Mr S & I looked  
over Alf's lot of land down  
here. We got a complete soak-  
-in. He was here to dinner.  
He bought J. E. Wagner's sters.  
Mr Godwin of Yarmouth, con-  
-organ agent was here tonight.  
The short Inspector was in  
today. We moved over in our  
house again yesterday.  
We have been staying at the  
Arthur house while Mother was  
sick, but now she can take  
care of herself now.

Thursday, Aug 25  
W. S. L. Raining all day.  
This forenoon I began a pair  
of shoes for George. This after-  
-noon we went to the mill.  
Geo. & I started out each a  
load of timber. Father, Mr S & I  
did a little at the frame.



Friday Aug 26

M. N. W. cleared off this morning fine. We finished the frame today and put it all started out. This forenoon Father and George hauled stabs and fixed the mill road. Mr. Lo S. stayed at the mill last night.

Saturday Aug 27

M. N. W. Beautiful day. George took a load of timber down the river. I spent most of the morning with the mail. We held another conference at Mr. Campbell's Office today in reference to the proposed Cham saw mill. Mr. Meade to go on with it. W. B. Sabine and I got dinner at Mrs. Randall's. Harris Cosman and a number of others started for Boston tonight. I saw skins off on the train.

Mr. Lo S. went down the River to Alf's tonight. Father and the boys have been over the lake to the burnt land today pulling cords. The boys helped cow the raft over.

Sunday Aug 28

M. N. W. Beautiful day. Mr. Lo S. stayed to Alf's till after dinner. When Mr. Lo S. went to meeting and I went to Willoughby's and stayed till after tea when Alf brought up part way home in his

carriage. Lydia and Ann Sabine were here tonight to tea. Rony was up to see Charly Sabine today. He is very low. Annie & Dan spent the day here. Rony is not very well tonight. Prof. C. S. Fowler, the great Phrenologist, is dead.

Monday Aug 29

M. N. W. Fine and cool. Geo. took a load of timber down the River. Father went to the mill and hewed a stick for a "head block" for the mill. I have been shoe making.

Tuesday Aug 30

M. N. W. Fine. Father & Geo. cutting cord wood. I finished George's shoes. Alf came in tonight.

Wednesday Aug 31st

M. N. W. Fine. George & Father took the last of the barn timber down the river. Father and I went to the mill and began work. We first damed the pond and then began putting down the flume. Mr. Lo S. is going to give the mill general repairing. Rony and Burin spent the day at Annie's. I came from the mill by the road - got my tea at Annie's and came home.

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Thursday Sept 1st

N. S. W. Beautiful day. L. S. & I went to the mill to work at the flume. The boys (Hal & Les.) came to the mill at noon with the word that the parties who were to purchase the Steam mill were to meet at N. H. S. to discuss business this afternoon.

So I came home, got ready and Dan Sullerton came down to N. H. S. We went to the Temperance Club in the evening. As N. H. S. did not get in from New mouth in time we did not say much about the mill. N. H. S. has been pursuing the raising of Dr. Allison's barn today. N. H. S. and George Wagner were sent by us to see mills at the South Range. The started Monday and got back Wed. night. Alf went home today.

Friday Sept. 2

N. S. W. Fine again. Father, George & I at the mill. We got new posts in the flume today. Winnie Sabino and Annie Keato spent the day here. N. H. Sabino is here to our house tonight.

Saturday Sept 3rd

N. S. W. Rained this morning. L. & Geo went to the mill. In the forenoon I stayed at home and N. H. S. wrote me a couple of mortgages - one for Jacob Wymann and the other for Alf. In the afternoon I went to the mill. In the evening N. H. S. John Gold & I adjusted our apple tree accounts.

Sunday Sept 4th

N. N. Fine day. Little business spent the day here. In the evening Roy and I went to see Charley Sabino.

Monday Sept 5

N. N. Fine. Father and George at the mill. I went out with a load of boards for Ed. Rice. I had one 1075 ft - partly pine. Roy went to Weymouth too. She went out with N. H. S. - in a carriage. Alf and Chattie were there and we went to the Recording Office and Roy and I signed a mortgage to Jacob Wymann for two hundred dollars. I have bought Alf's place & the mortgage is to Wymann instead of Alf. Alf & Chattie came in to Mt Sabino tonight where we gave Alf another mortgage for the other \$200.00 Maggie Wagner left home tonight.

Tuesday Sept 6

N. A. W. Snow again. To day digging potatoes. At W. A. S. we had a steam mill meeting and decided to go on into the mill. We heard yesterday that Stull's boys had bought a mill, and this fact put us out somewhat and we met last night to reconsider the matter. They decided to send me out to report to Prof. Campbell.

So I went out with Alf and Chas this morning. Douglas did not receive our new proposition very favorably so I left a Mortgage and Dad at the Recording Office (The Debt to me of the land) I raised the recorded \$4.50 being the amt. in full of demand against me for his service. I got my trunk & C. from Mrs. Pondalls. I came in with Alf on his truck. He came in to help on the mill this week.

Wednesday Sept 7

N. S. Rained all the forenoon. George and Alf went to the mill. Father and I down to Dan's where Mr. W. was helping D. repair a pair of Cart wheels, we spent the forenoon in planning about our mill. in the afternoon I went to

the mill and I came home. We concluded to make one more attempt at the mill, organizing a new Company and that we would go out tomorrow and see what we could do. So I went and to W. A. S. tonight to be on hand to start in the morning.

Thursday Sept 8

N. S. W. Rained this morning but cleared off. I stayed at Mr. S's last night and took He and I with Dan started for Weymouth. We went on the dark road. Dan went to the Bridge and Mr. Melanson went up to see the boys, thinking as they owned a large amount of timber they would be likely to take an interest in a mill. We interviewed Alfred Melanson whose house we dined. He did not seem disposed to build with us. I went down to the Bridge. Saw Mr. Goodwin at Oakes mill, talked with him about mill, and he made up his mind to take a part if his son Frank would join him. In the mean time Dan had seen Douglas and found him in good spirits. We all then repaired to his office, canvassed the matter and determined to go on in the mill as soon as the share could be adjusted.

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We then came home getting our teas at night. This forenoon Alf & George were over the lake looking for ash. P.M. They started to the mill.

Friday Sept 9th

W. S. C. Linn. George went out taking a load of boards N. N. W. Edd. Rice. In the forenoon Father Alf & I mowed a couple of acres of oats, in the afternoon we went over the lake to see the burnt land and then dug potatoes till night. It is Harold's birth day. He stayed home from school to spend it. He made some cider by pounding apples in a barrel. Rosy I gave him for a birth day gift - a nice picture. Called the "First Attempt." Old Dorrit Grant came in tonight.

Saturday Sept 10th

W. S. C. Linn. Alf & old David went home this afternoon. Geo. Wagner has been away today. I spent the forenoon in bed, and this afternoon have been mending my shoes. I should have some shingles. Rosy mailed a letter to Eva King. Rosy & I have been planning for a long time to make them a visit at W. S. C. So tonight we

are to go. We have secured Lily Cosman to stay with the children and keep house. We do not know how poor little Bernie will make out, but he is a good little chap and Lily will take good care of them.

Sunday Sept 11

Most glorious day. I spent the day in the afternoon. In the afternoon we took a walk over to the old place where grandfathers used to live. Father and Mother have been up to see Leharly Sabine.

Monday Sept 12

W. S. C. Linn. We finished digging and barreling up 11 tubs of potatoes for market. In the afternoon we packed up and hauled in a couple of loads of oats. W. S. C. Mr. Bates and Geo. Wagner came here this afternoon to consult again about the steam mill. The idea now is join with the Stub boys and have but one mill. Mr. S. is here tonight. Lillie spent the day here. I picked a lot of Dady apples today to take out tomorrow.

Journal of [unclear]

Tuesday Sept 13

W. S. W. Line and very warm  
 I took to Weymouth a load of  
 potatoes (1 bbl) and 1 bbl of  
 Apples all of which I sold  
 to E. D. Campbell. Harold &  
 Leslie went out with me. They  
 came in with Stephen Wagner  
 and I expect had a good time.  
 They went on the rock bog and  
 picked Cranberries and it would  
 be hard to tell what they did  
 eat do. W. H. Sabine stayed  
 here last night and went out  
 along with me this morning.  
 He had a great notion to fix  
 up the Steam mill and back  
 out owing to some domestic  
 difficulties but he thought better  
 of it and sent Harlin and  
 me letters to me to the Bridge  
 saying that if I had told  
 the parties what he had dropped  
 out that I could carry it.  
 I am very tired tonight.  
 Old Aunt Martha McNeill,  
 of North Range, is dead.  
 I shall see the mill

and has been restless  
 uneasy all day. The boys  
 have been at school.  
 Lillian & Little have been  
 here all the afternoon.

Friday Sept 16

W. N. Line. I & George at  
 the mill. I went to Weym  
 with a load of potatoes  
 and Apples - five bbls of  
 potatoes for B. L. Cakes and  
 two bbls of Spice Apples and  
 which I sold Ed. Rice for  
 \$1.50. He wishes to nurse for  
 \$1.25 Cash. George Wagner  
 who has been to Yarmouth  
 to see Purrit & Johnson  
 concerning our Steam mill  
 was at the Bridge yesterday  
 and he Howard Stub & I  
 consulted together and  
 decided to order a mill  
 that is to cost \$250. We  
 sent a letter to Purrit  
 ordering the mill. The Stub  
 Boys are to have one half.  
 D. Campbell, W. N. S. D. own  
 eighth each, & G. Wagner &  
 Mr. Gates an eighth between  
 them. Little Bernie is  
 about the same. His throat  
 swollen badly

Wednesday Sept 14

W. S. Showery. Father & I  
 the mill. I have been digging  
 some potatoes to take to the  
 Bridge to pay B. L. Cakes for  
 a barrel of Flour I got for him  
 yesterday. Mother down to Amos's  
 to dig his potatoes

Saturday Sept 17

W. N. W. Line. I intended to have  
 gone to Weymouth but it rained  
 all night and wet the potatoes.  
 F. S. & I at the mill. I came home  
 before night and digged a few  
 more potatoes and gathered a  
 couple of bbls of Apples. Little  
 Bernie was sick all night

W. N. W. Line. I & Geo.  
 at the mill. They received a  
 stick for a plate for the  
 mill. The old plate has  
 rattled. In the forenoon I  
 hauled two loads of Sticks  
 from the mill for fire

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The boys going with me. In the afternoon I picked two bbls of apples. Hal, and Les, and Josy cut the Cow-corn. They cut it good and found it great fun. Hal & Les used sickles and Josy used the "Shic-knife". It was amusing to see them going into it. Bernie is quite sick. Rosy has to hold him most all the time.

Sunday Sept 18

N. Y. M. Beautiful Day. All of us at home until night when we all went to meeting at Southville but mother who came over and stayed with the babies. Harold and Leslie went out with us. Mr. Spencer preached a good sermon from Isaiah 41 and 17 & 18 verses. Little Bernie is about the same.

Monday Sept 19

N. Y. Beautiful day - Wind blowing fresh. Father & Geo. fixing a road to get to our burntland over the lake. I have been gathering apples & gathered the Crab apples. Bernie is better.

Tuesday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>  
N. Y. M. Fine again. F & Geo. working on the road they were at yesterday. I took out a load of cord wood for Dan. I owed him the hauling of two loads. As he owed me he gives me the wood. I took out three bbls of apples - two to go to E. M. Nichols at Yarmouth and one for D. Campbell. Bernie is better. Hal & Les. have had Colds.

Wednesday Sept 21

N. S. Fine. F & Geo. digging potatoes. Artie Sabine & I went to the mill and prepared some stacks for use in the Nursery. We took our team. Bernie is most as well as ever.

Thursday Sept 22

N. S. Rained heavily this forenoon. I went out with a load of cord wood for Dan. I owed D. the hauling and he gave me the wood on his debt. I took 7 ft.

Aunt Sally Ann (Uncle Neil M-Mills wife) died last night.

Friday Sept 23

N. S. M. Fine. Poor Charley Sabine died this morning. Father & I made the Coffin today. W. H. S. who came in to work in the Nursery, assisted us in our work.

Saturday Sept. 24

N. N. B. Overcast & raw.  
Rained some this afternoon.  
Father and mother went up the Bay today. They went after the mail, and we to take the train at Newmouth. W. H. S. & I worked in the Nursery when the weather permitted. Geo. left

Sunday Sept. 25

N. S. W. Windy. Whalley Sabine was buried this forenoon. Mr. Bates officiated. We took the three youngest children to Cornelia's and left Hal & Geo. here to keep house. Roy & I stopped to Annie's on our way home and got dinner.

Monday Sept. 26

N. S. W. Beautiful day. I have been fixing fence, gathering apples &c. today. Hal & Geo. have had colds.

Tuesday Sept. 27

N. N. Fine day, hazy & glorious - just the typical days of sweet September - the leaves are changing to every hue and are too lovely for my pen to describe. a.m. I cut the beans. p.m. I hunted for the Cows which got out of the pasture. I did not find them. An old tramp came along tonight and alarmed the natives somewhat. Cornelia was

so scared that she came up here with her children to stay all night. Geo. W. came back again tonight. Alf came here tonight.

Wednesday Sept. 28

N. S. W. Beautiful. Geo. Manger has spent the day hunting the Cows. He found them tonight. W. H. S. & I worked in the Nursery, clearing out the suckers. Father came home from up the Bay tonight.

Thursday Sept. 29

N. S. W. Lousy Day. I & Geo. digging potatoes. W. H. S. worked in the Nursery.

Friday Sept. 30

N. S. W. Fine day. I & Geo. digging potatoes. Alf who has been in and finished digging his potatoes, went home this morning. I went out to W. H. S. & he & I worked in the Nursery. Tonight a Basket Society was held at Mrs. McAlpine to assist in finishing the new Episcopal Church. Roy went accompanying Mrs. & Lydia who went with the cart and team. We had a steam mill meeting at Howard Stubs this evening and arranged to prepare for the mill next

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week (Oct 11) Rosy has had a good time.

Saturday Oct 1st

N. S. Fine looking like rain tonight. W.A.S. & I worked in the Nursery at Southwite. Tonight he & I went to W.H. Lo mill and prepared some stacks for the nursery. He brought me in tonight with his Colt. Father & George have been getting some coal-pit wood. Mrs Burton died the other day. She was a good woman.

Sunday Oct 2

N. S. Borecast & gloomy. All of us at home. I note baby Bernie is not very well.

Monday Oct 3

N. S. W. Misty. I & Geo covered the coal-pit. W.A.S. & I worked in the Nursery. I am not well.

Tuesday Oct 4

N. S. Rained till noon. W.A.S. & I cobbling up stairs. I have been fixing my old boots, & W.A.S. mending an old shoe for Rosy. George Manja & the boys shelling beans in the rough room of our house across the road.

In the afternoon I & Geo finished digging our patch of potatoes in the orchard and Geo hauled several loads of swamp mud. W.A.S. & I worked in the Nursery.

Wednesday Oct 5

N. S. W. Foggy this morning but cleared off lovely. Batching choring around. Geo hauling swamp mud. W.A.S. & I working in the Nursery here we have done all that we intend doing this fall. There is to be an excursion to Yarmouth Exhibition tomorrow, and W.A.S., Rosy & I talked the thing up and decided to go. So tonight Bertie came in with his Colt and Rosy & I went out there to be on hand to start early in the morning. Maggie Wagner is to keep house for us.

Thursday Oct 6th

N. S. W. Quite fine. Dr. D. Sabine, Lydia, Rosy & I went to Yarmouth today. We have had a jolly time. We left our team at Mrs. Randall's, boarded the special excursion train at about eight o'clock, and after a glorious ride through fifty miles through a forest ablaze with the rich colorings of Autumn



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we arrived at Yarmouth about 11 o'clock. We arranged that we should spend the day "doing" the town and visit the Exhibition in the evening. We first visited the cemetery where we spent an hour or two eating our luncheon. We then went to town and passed Main Street, where the woods of the gorgeously decorated dry goods windows struck Lydia very strongly. We then went down to the Steam Boat wharf where we spent an hour and then taking water Street visited the Burzil Johnson Iron Works, where Mr Johnson courteously showed us through the Machine Shop &c. Unfortunately the hands were off for a half day so we could not see the machinery in operation. McDaw (partner) of our Mill in an unfinished State which is undergoing construction in this establishment. We visited the Old Burying ground where a fountain was playing. We then visited the Organ factory of White Hall & Co. where we were kindly shown around. It then being about night we went to the exhibition which was very interesting. At nine we boarded the train

for home arriving at Yarmouth about one o'clock. We spent a very pleasant day. I took up a Note \$24.00 at Mr. E. D. Campbells for Alf. Saline thus paying that Rent. On our house.

Friday Oct 7th

N. S. N. Beautiful day. Row and I stayed out N. S. N. last night and this morning Milton brought us in with the coll. We found the babies all well. George took out a load of Cord wood. This afternoon I have been cobbling.

Saturday Oct 8

N. S. N. Fine. Father made a Cart tongue. Geo Mcmurray went to Deerstown. I have been fixing my boots.

Sunday Oct 9th

N. S. N. Lovely day. All of us at home except the boys who went to Sunday School. This evening Father & I went up to Deacons Service.

Monday Oct 10

N. S. N. Terrible day. Geo. came back tonight. Father fixing a cart wheel. I have been cobbling part of the day.

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This afternoon I have been picking up and gathering apples. We were looking for mother home tonight but she has not come.

Tuesday Oct 11th

W. S. Rained all day.

In the forenoon I made a pair of casts to make Jossie sport on. In the afternoon I began a pair of staves for Jossie. George has been chelling beans and Father working at the bellows.

Wednesday Oct 12

W. N. Fine but raw.

Father "drew" the coal-pit. George and I mowed oats in our burnt land over the lake. We have two acres of oats there. It is very green having been sown on the second of July. It is very stout but so green and the season so late that we hardly know what to do with it, but we will cut it down and haul it home green and do the best we can with it. We looked for mother home last Monday and she did not come, so we are uneasy think she perhaps may be sick. She is down to Lugging town.

Thursday Oct 13

W. S. W. Slight showers.

George and I raked oats all day and father hauled out two loads. We find a cart wheel this morning.

Friday Oct 14

W. S. W. Quite fine. Geo & I finished mowing the oats and raked a little. Father hauled home three loads. In school Harold was "graded" today - put in the "Book" and into Geography & Spelling.

Saturday Oct 15

W. N. Fine. But windy & cold. Father hauled home two loads of oats from the burnt land. I raked oats till about two o'clock when I came home, and we gathered apples till night. Geo. M. has been spreading out the oats in the orchard. Hal, Leo & Jossie were around the lake with us. They made a fire and roasted turnips. Mother came home tonight. Alf. brought her home. Mrs. Albert McMill did very suddenly the other day. Gen. Journey died the other was married last Tuesday.

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Sunday Oct 16  
N. N. Fine Day.  
Rosy and I went out to hear Mr Spencer tonight. Father went out in the afternoon.  
The boys were at Sunday School last today.

Monday Oct 17th  
N. N. W. Fine but windy  
We finished taking the Oats and got the last of them hauled around Old Mr. Leander was here to dinner.

Tuesday Oct 18th  
N. S. Rained all day.  
Father and George went around the lake this morning and got the last load of oats. I said in yesterday's record that we got the last of the oats around but it was one of my many mistakes.  
This afternoon I worked at Josie's shoes. George mended his shoes.

Wednesday Oct 19  
N. N. Forecast till noon then cleared off lovely.  
My Birthday again. I am thirty four years old today, and thus the years go on.

Tomorrow tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in the petty pace from day to day. I finished Josie's shoes today. Father and George

have been grading up the ground behind the new barn. Rosy, Harold, Leslie and I went down to Aunt Annie's to take with the cart taking a box of apples with us which we helped Annie pack.

Thursday Oct 20  
N. N. W. Fine. I have been gathering apples all day. Father and Geo. starting up cord wood and working among the oats which we have spread here in the orchard. Cornelia has been here today and Rosy has been helping her Cook for a Deciple Basket Sociable. We moved over in our own house again today.

Friday Oct 21  
N. N. E. Rainy. In the forenoon Geo & I shelled beans. P.M. I began to make mortar a sink. Geo. hauled a load of slabs from the mill. Father made an oat bundle. Little Bernice stood alone last Wednesday for the first time.

Saturday Oct 22  
N. N. W. Hail squalls  
Geo. went out with a load of wood. Father has been charring around. Co. M. he found up a lot of fence that blew down in the wind last night.

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up in afternoon Father gathered apples. I worked a little at the sink.

Sought. Rosy, Larned and I went to Woodville to a Deceitful Basket Society. The proceeds of articles is to aid in a meeting house the foundation of which is just laid.

We had a very good time. They made about \$25.

Sunday Oct 23

N. N. W. Very fine day. W. H. Sabine spent the afternoon and evening with us. The boys were at Sunday School.

Monday Oct 24

N. S. Began raining about 10 o'clock and continued all day. We beat all our Oats spread out in the orchard and many of them were ruined. A part of our steam mill came up on the train Friday and today we were to go and move it in, but as our Oats were in such danger I went down and bargained with Dan to go and help haul it in. The rest of the party went, but he loafed around W. H. S. and did not go, as

it subsequently turned out. But we went into the Oats and got two loads in when the rain came in such quantities that we had to give it up. In the afternoon I began to make the old house. I went out to Mr. Sabine's tonight.

Tuesday Oct 25  
N. S. Fine but cold.

Election Day! to elect a member for the seat vacated by H. M. Robichau last summer. Sumner at the time of the Dem. Election. The Candidates today were said H. M. Robichau, Lib. and Donnell, Conservative. Robichau beat with a majority of 278. W. H. S. was Presiding Officer at No. 2 St. Bernard's and I was Ball Clerk. I went to W. H. S. last night and today he and I went to election. It & Geo. got up the rushes.

Wednesday Oct 26

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I don't know what Father and George were doing, but I went to W. H. S. and planted in my share of the mill. It was this way. I went out and helped W. H. S. shingle on Campbell's warehouse. Artie drove the team.

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Thursday Oct 27

W. N. Fine day. Geo Manger worked for himself today on his house which he has bought and he is to work for himself all this week. He had our teams today to haul some stuff for himself. Father & I went to the mill and began repairing the old water wheel.

The school examination came off today. I would like to know how Roy went. Hal recited a poem about the boy who was so given to counting - beginning "How you heard the terrible tale of Nicholas Perkins Poppingal" &c. Leticia said a little poem he learned from a paper and Josie said a piece the teacher learned him. But as I cannot understand a single word of it when he recites it I cannot give it here.

Friday Oct 28

W. S. W. Still fine. Father & I at work at the water wheel.

Saturday Oct 29

W. S. W. Most delightful day! Father at the mill all day. In the forenoon I hauled a load of slabs from the mill. The boys went with me. In the afternoon I went to the mill to help father on the water wheel. Hal, Des, Josie went with me. W. H. & Lydia came in tonight.

Sunday Oct 30

W. N. Fine. W. H. & Lydia spent the day here. Father and mother spent the day at Dennis and went to Mr Spencer's meeting to see the new mill. Poor little Hal has the toothache very bad tonight, so Roy & I did not go to meeting.

Monday Oct 31

W. N. Beautiful day again. George took out a load of wood for us. Father has been cobbling, and I with the rest of the gang commenced to build the "bed" for our steam mill.

Tuesday Nov 1

W. N. Fine - but windy & cold. He worked at the steam mill. Father was there and helped.

Wednesday Nov 2

W. N. W. Beautiful day. Father and I working at the steam mill. Mary had married today at 5 o'clock.

Thursday Nov 3

W. N. W. Fine again. Father & I working at the steam mill.

Friday Nov 4

W. S. W. Fine and warm. I have been working at the steam mill. Father did not go today. He pulled the beam

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Saturday Nov 5

Rained a little in the night today the wind is N.W. and cloudy and cold. I got a load of planks & slabs from our mill and took down to the steam mill. Hal & Les. were to Annis while I was at the mill. On Thursday last the portable steam saw mill at the South Range was burned. It must be a heavy loss to the owners, John C. Ed. I came home from canvassing and collecting. He collected I think \$76.00. He kept \$10.00 giving us \$66.00 which we divided

Sunday Nov 6

N. N. Snow squalls. In the afternoon Rocky & I took a walk out through the woods to where we have been preparing a bed for our mill. We found Mrs Lydia Stone who accompanied us home and spent the evening. Mrs John McElpine died today. She was a tyrant in her household, and her death, like that of other tyrants, will not likely be greatly lamented even by her nearest relations.

Monday, Nov 7

N. S. W. A beautiful day. A. M. Father hauled a load of slabs for firewood. In the afternoon Father & I went around the lake and pulled a load of turnips. The boys are at school.

Tuesday Nov 8

N. S. W. Warm and fine. Father and I assisted by Harold and Leslie, pulled and got home fifty bushels of turnips. Hal & Les. went into the business with a zest only possible to boyhood. They pulled nearly as many turnips as I did. Poor little Jessie wanted to go, but had a bad cough and was not able.

Wednesday Nov 9

N. N. W. Fine but cold I am down sick with a cold. Alf came in last night and he and Father are making shoes for the oxen.

Thursday Nov 10

N. N. W. Fine, but cold. In the forenoon F & Alf chod the oxen. P.M. They pulled turnips. I was very sick yesterday but feel a little better today

Friday Nov 11

N. S. Rained all the forenoon I am about the same. Little Jennie was taken sick in the night and is very ill today. He has a fever. W. P. S. came here and spent the afternoon. He brought \$12.50 when J. S. W. had just collected, and we divided it.

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Saturday Nov 12

N. N. W. Breeze and squally  
 Alf went home this  
 morning. I paid him  
 \$13.40 making up \$50.50  
 which I have paid him  
 on his place this fall.  
 I am a little better, but  
 Lennie is worse. He is  
 very sick tonight.

Sunday Nov 13

N. N. W. Overcast.

Poor little Lennie is very  
 sick today. This afternoon  
 I got John Edd to go and  
 bring Mrs. Gales here to see  
 if she could do anything  
 for him. She came - gave  
 him a sweat etc. Jessie  
 Coeman took her home  
 this evening. Charlie  
 White has been here most  
 all the afternoon.

Monday Nov 14

N. N. W. Fine day. Lennie  
 is a little better. Father,  
 George and the boys pulling  
 turnips. Leslie got tired  
 of it at noon and came  
 home at noon. Hal stayed  
 till night and Gampa says  
 he worked well. This after-  
 noon I took a stroll down  
 and the rear of these lots.

Tuesday Nov 15

N. S. Showy. A. M. F. George  
 partitioned the cabbage. P. M.  
 G. & S. pulling turnips  
 Lennie is getting better.

Wednesday Nov 16

N. S. W. Fine. Pulling turnips  
 I went around to the burnt  
 land and pulled turnips in  
 the forenoon. We finished  
 pulling today, and had about  
 220 bushels - a remarkable  
 crop under circumstances.  
 This afternoon I cut some  
 stove wood down in the  
 woods. Josie was with me  
 and piled it up as I cut it.  
 Lennie keeps getting better.

Thursday Nov 17

Thanksgiving Day.

N. N. W. Overcast.

Father and George heading  
 turnips and tops home.  
 Rosey was to spend the  
 day out to W. H. S. but  
 her housekeeper failing  
 she gave up going. So I  
 went going out across the  
 woods by the steam-mill.  
 When they found that Rosey  
 was not coming they dis-  
 patched Milton with the team  
 and Sadie for a housekeeper  
 that Rosey might come to  
 dinner at least. She came  
 and Milton brought her  
 home again this afternoon  
 Lennie is getting quite small  
 Josie has had ear-ache  
 all night. Mother spent the  
 day at Annis. Dinnie is  
 sick. Seat left Dan's today  
 and came up here tonight

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Friday Nov 18

N. W. Line. A.M. In Geo. Seat and I butchered the hog. In the afternoon ~~forenoon~~ afternoon I dug around some of my apples. Geo and Seat went around the lake and got a load of turnips-tops.

Saturday Nov 19

N. S. E. Line this forenoon. Rained this afternoon. George went out with a load of cordwood, Hatcher went out too. It rained so tonight that Father stayed at W.H.S. W.H. Sabine & I have been tracing out the lines down here where we are to log this winter.

Sunday Nov 20

N. S. Showay. W.H.S. stayed here last night. The boys went to Sunday School today. I began a new poem. Lennie is most as well as ever. Lennie's birthday.

Monday Nov 21

N. S. Showay. Geo did not come today. Hatcher cut up the pig. Seat & I built a shed over our back door here to throw wood in. Dan & Annie came up tonight and coaxed Seat home again. J. S. W. brought \$18.25. He collected \$18.30. Hatcher 25

Tuesday Nov 22

N. A. W. Line. W.H. Sabine & I looking out a road to haul logs down to Annie's Lake. J. S. forming logs over the lake.

Wednesday Nov 23

N. S. W. Line I have been working at the Steam mill. W.H.S. will start work.

Thursday Nov 24

N. S. Line but cold. I stayed at W.H.S. last night and he & J. Geo. Crossman, worked at the Steam mill. We have decided to get a man to boss the works before we go on farther. W.H.S. came in with me tonight.

Friday Nov 25

N. S. C. Snowing and raining all day though moderately. W.H.S. & I were intending to clear logging roads, but instead we went and rafted our logs. Geo cutting cord wood.



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Saturday Nov 26

N. S. Showery. A. M. Geo  
mending the plow. P. M. Geo  
hailed some wood. I mended  
my boot etc. Tonight we had  
a basket Sociable at the  
Southville school-house for  
Mr Spencer. There was a  
goodly gathering for a lead  
night and the receipts were  
\$11.10 etc. Father and Mother  
and Rosy and I went.  
Mira Wagner stayed with  
the children.

Sunday Nov 27

N. S. Showery. All of us  
at home. Little Bernie  
walked across the kitchen  
floor for the first time.  
He is a nice little boy.  
Last Friday Lennie  
struck him on the head  
with a hammer. The  
swelling soon went away  
but ever since he has  
looked dull out of his eyes  
and seems dumpyish.  
I fear it has done him  
serious injury. I have  
heard of such things.

Monday Nov 28

N. S. W. Overcast but mild  
I went out to work on the  
steam mill. ~~W. S.~~ was  
there and in the afternoon  
Mr Estey came who is to  
direct the work. George  
Moupa was out here today  
The boys have been at school

Tuesday Nov 29

N. N. W. Cold and windy  
Rained heavily last night.  
I worked on the mill here  
today. George took a load  
of clap-boards and clear  
lumber to Burke.  
All came in tonight.

Wednesday Nov 30

N. N. Cold as Greenland  
with a little snow flying  
He went out to Weymouth  
and brought in our boiler  
We started in the night with  
five yokes of oxen.  
The boiler was on wheels  
We unloaded it off the  
car and got it in without  
much trouble; four yokes  
of cattle hauling it. I  
brought a load of other  
stuff and Howard Stuts  
horse brought a load too.  
We got it as far as W. S.  
where I put up for the night.  
The Basket follows had  
bad luck with this boiler  
getting broke down at

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Geo. Barrs. I was almost tired to death when I got in tonight as well as cold and hungry.

Saturday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
W. S. W. Overcast - snow towards night. Geo. Warrick left this morning, saying he was sick. Alf, who has been here all the week went home this morning. I have <sup>been</sup> at work at the Steam mill.

Thursday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
W. S. W. Bitter Cold. I stayed at W.S.'s last night and this morning we were to move the Boilers down but found the hubs of the wheels, which were East-iron cracked so Howard Stule went to work to put some bands on them.

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
W. N. W. Fine, all of us at home. Mrs. & Lydia came in and spent the evening. Scot spent the evening here too.

Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
W. N. Fine but Cold. I went out this morning and we moved the Boilers from W.S.'s to the mill site. I then came home bringing a load of wood. P.M. I helped father haul wood.

Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>  
W. S. W. Overcast but mild. I stayed out to help haul the Boilers but Howard did not get the bands on going today.

Other stuff down and I stayed out to help haul the Boilers. But Howard did not get the bands on going today.

This will be a memorable day in Harold's Calendar. He and Lizzie went down in the woods to get some hemlock bark for Mamma. The ground was icy and as he hauled the bark his foot slipped and the axe came in contact with his leg near the knee cutting a gash about one inch in length and quite deep. Poor Hal thought he was going to die but he is getting on all right as the wound is not painful.

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Tuesday Dec 6  
W. N. W. Overcast and quite cold. I have been at work at the steam mill. We got the logging and trimmer table together and hung the saw. It now begins to look like a mill. Harold amuses himself by making scrap books, and writing compositions. I am quite well for me now days.

Wednesday Dec 7  
W. N. Fine, but quite cold. Geo Wagner & I went out and brought in the engine for our mill. I only got as far as W. N. S. tonight. Got Hal a pair of boots today.

Thursday Dec 8  
W. S. Snowed a little in the morning and turned to rain. I stayed at W. N. S. last night and this morning I hauled my load of stuff up to the mill spot and worked with my team till noon. I then came home. H & George repairing the mill.

Friday Dec 9  
W. N. W. Fine. H & G. at the mill repairing. I have been at work at the steam mill. Mr. Kith's, from Yarmouth, was there today assisting putting up the engine. Uncle John McMill has broken his leg. I took out a box of apples yesterday and sold to Mrs. for \$2.00.

Saturday Dec 10  
W. S. Fine. H & G. at the mill. A. M. I hauled a couple of loads of wood. Harris helped me. In the afternoon I did some chow around. Roxy went out to W. N. S. this morning and John S. W. I went out this evening. We got dinner for the Kup house.

Sunday Dec 11th  
W. S. Overcast - began raining at noon and continued all the afternoon. Roxy, Bernie and I spent the day at W. N. S.

Monday Dec 12  
W. S. Rained heavily all night and till noon - very heavy rain. We stayed at W. N. S. all afternoon when W. N. S. brought Roxy home with the carriage.

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Tuesday, Dec 13

P.M. Beautiful day. I have been at the Steam mill & Geo Sawing. We started the engine today it seems to work well.

Sunday Dec 18

N. S. Showay. In the afternoon Father and I went to the mill and got the logs back in the brow again which had got out.

Wednesday Dec 14

P.M. Fine day. I was sick this forenoon. This afternoon I went to W.H.S. They tried to saw a log in the Steam mill today but the saw would not work, so they took them out to Weymouth and sent them to farmouth tonight.

Monday, Dec 17

N. S. Foggy. A.M. I mended Leslies boots. P.M. I went down Mr. Johnson came in tonight.

Tuesday Dec 17

N. S. Showay. I have been at the Steam mill today. Mr Johnson from whom we got the Steam mill, and whom I met last night from W.H.S. last night and this forenoon I helped him butcher a hog and this afternoon he and I went to Weymouth to look for money to pay for our Steam mill. I got the money today and got the saw going so we sawed a couple of logs tonight.

Thursday Dec 15

N. S. Overcast and looking like rain. I stayed at W.H.S. last night and this forenoon I helped him butcher a hog and this afternoon he and I went to Weymouth to look for money to pay for our Steam mill. I got the money today and got the saw going so we sawed a couple of logs tonight.

Wednesday Dec 16

P.M. I went to Weymouth to pay for the mill after several unsuccessful attempts. I landed at 10 P.M. tonight.

Saturday Dec 16

N. S. Rained heavily all night and drifting all day. I stayed at W.H.S. last night and came home this morning.

F & George butchered the cow today. W.H.S. of the tent, I was at the Steam mill

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Thursday Dec 22

M. N. W. Suite fine.

I left Alf's this morning & returned my steps homeward. I called on Charley Jones, Mrs Wright Jones, Miss Charlotte Jones without success, and at length got to James Johns where I dined. He had no money so I came on. The Deaf & dumb were to have a basket Sociable at the Southwicks school-house in aid of their meeting house here so I staid out to it. I came up to the Stone mill where we saved a few logs - the mill did good work. We had a very pleasant time at the Sociable. Rony was there and father and mother. Mrs John Edward and her boys staid with our children.

Friday Dec 23

M. N. Suite fine but cold. N. H. Sabino and I went to Myer's with his horse. I was again looking for money. I made a number of calls getting dinner at Mrs Baker's. After dinner I went down to Basil Combs but could get none from him. I at last succeeded in partly making a bargain with Edd Rice for money. I came home tonight.

Mr John Dinkley our old and respected friend of Barton died today very suddenly. He went to tend some rabbit snare and not returning at the usual time a search was made, when he was found dead near his snare. Mr Ambrose Pater another respected man of Plymouth died suddenly this week.

Saturday Dec 24

M. N. W. Fine. I have been at the Stone mill all day. We have saved considerable today. W. H. S. & Lydia came in tonight to spend Xmas with us.

Christmas

M. N. W. Beautiful day. This is our first Xmas in our own home and a pleasant one it has been. W. H. S. & Lydia have been with us all day. They went out to meeting this evening. Mr Spencer preached his last sermon tonight for a time at least. W. H. S. made Rony a nice present of a beautiful album.

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Monday Dec 26

M. A. W. Fine. I went out to the steam mill this morning to work but M. H. S. & J. Colm. decided to work at our camp so we repaired to the forest and laid the foundation of our camp.

Tuesday Dec 27

M. A. Looking like storm but turned out a fine day. M. H. & J. Colm. working about camp. Father helped us in the afternoon. Got the camp all rigged up ready for the roof.

Wednesday Dec 28

M. S. D. Fine. M. H. & J. began our home. Looking like a storm. Carnelia's little baby, about six months old died this morning about 10 o'clock. M. H. & J. stayed here last night.

Thursday Dec 29

M. S. M. Snowed and rained a little last night but fine today. M. H. & J. Colm. and camp today and worked a little at our "house".

Friday Dec 30

M. S. M. Snow squalls all day. M. H. & J. at our "house" but am unwell - getting a cold from it is she, and I thought M. H. & J. stayed here last night.

Saturday Dec 31

M. S. M. Cold as Iron-Land. Did not work at the camp & "house".

Father at the mill where he has been most all the week. I tried to haul some wood today, but after getting up three drags, had to give it up as I am sick with a cold. And now again another year ends.

It has had its dark days but there have been many bright ones. Our little home Circle remains unbroken and we are all in average health. My darling little wife gets dearer and dearer as the years go on.

What a jewel I possess in that little woman. I knew she was a darling when I married her, but I never knew that there could be so much goodness in a human being until my acquaintance with my precious Ray. Every day reveals some new depth of virtue, discovers some new excellence unknown before. If there ever was an angel in human form it is she, and I thank God for this darling wife - one of the rarest gifts in its power to bestow.

# List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit [www.sabinediaries.com/introduction](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

c-wood. (Cord wood)



John Henry Sabine (1853 - 1920), author of the Sabine Diaries.

Source: Bernard Mullen.





Roxanna Ring, wife of John Sabine.

Source: Bernard Mullen.



Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.



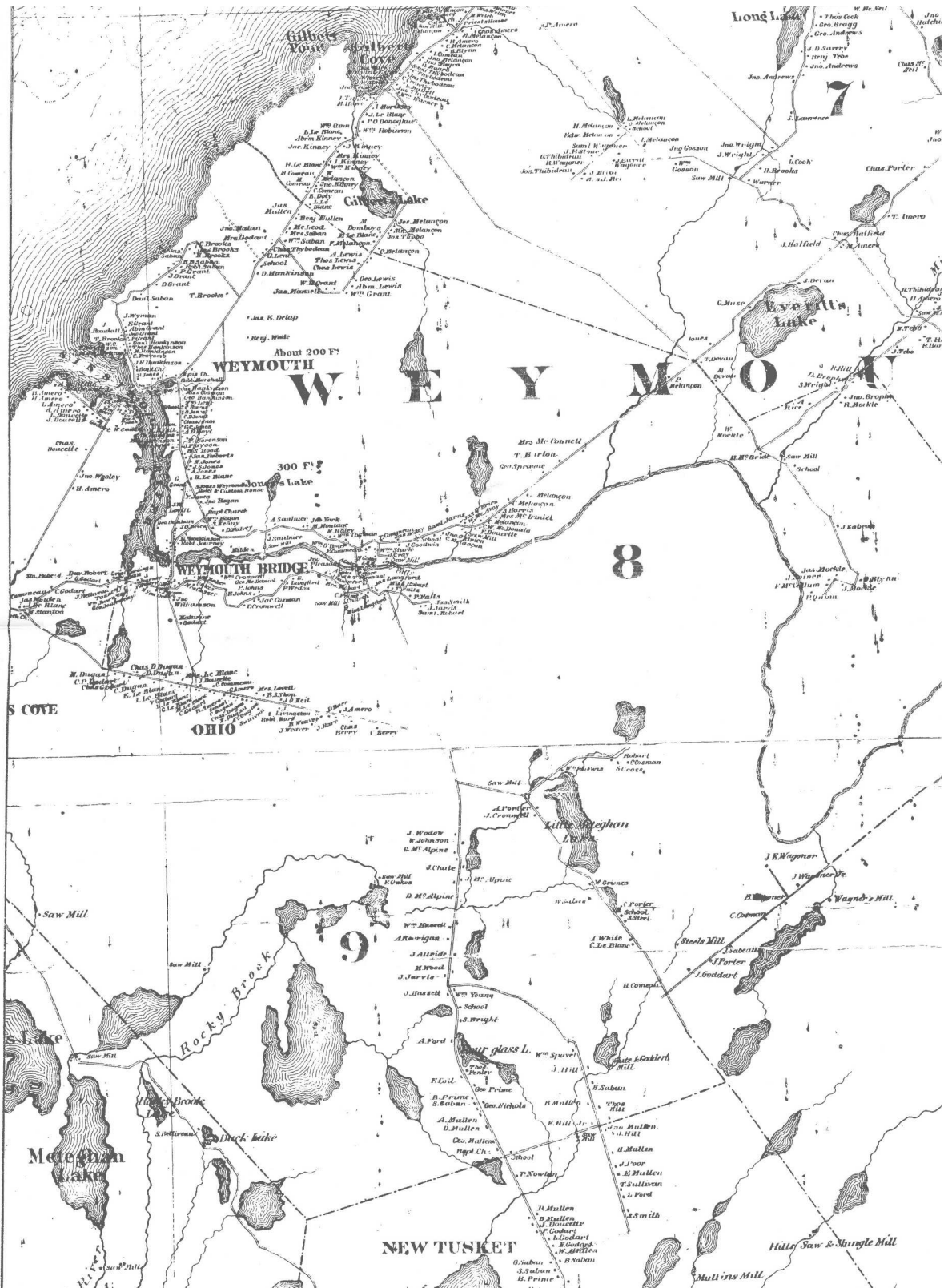
Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.

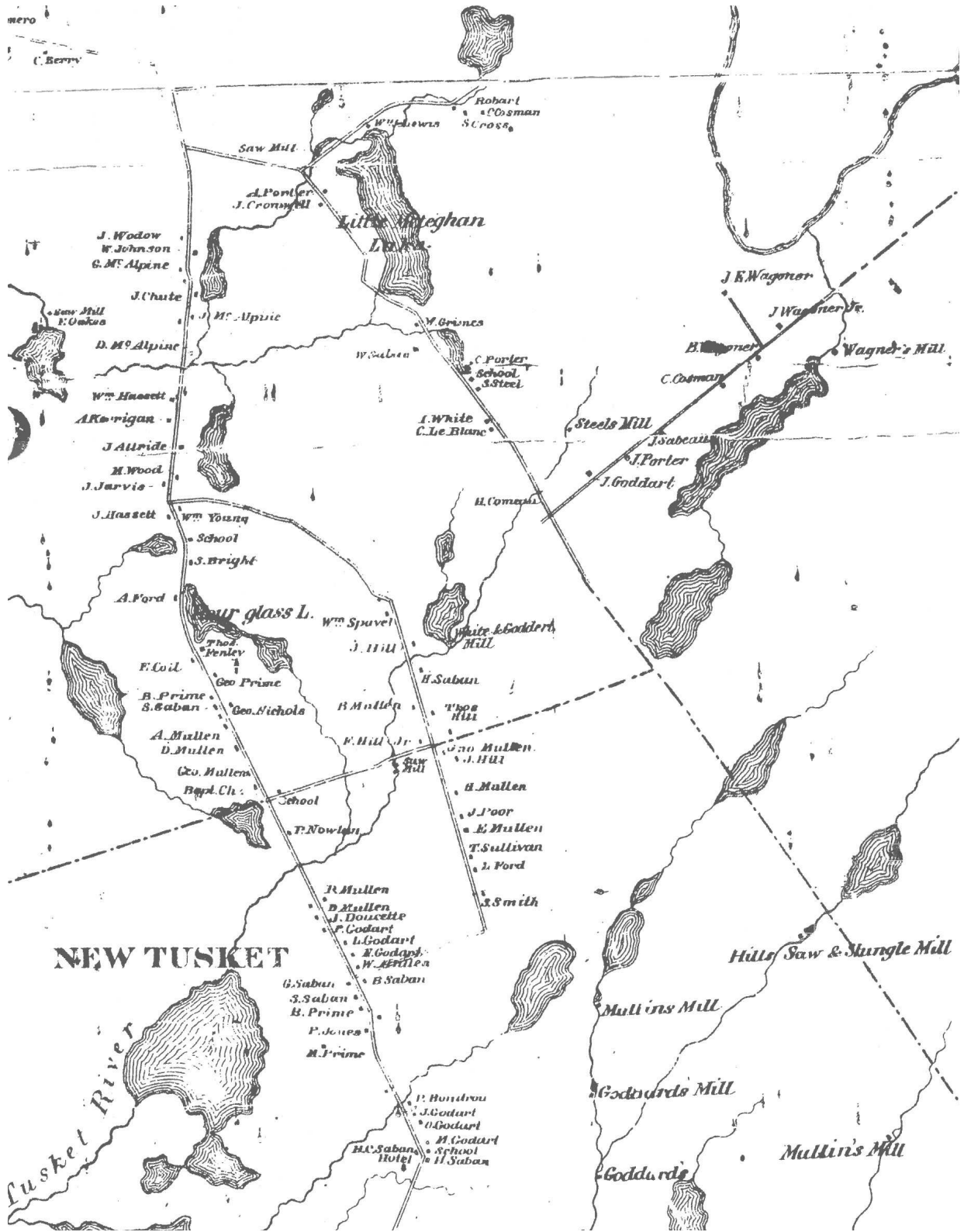


Wealthy Mehitable Saxton (1833 - 1929), mother of Roxanna Ring.

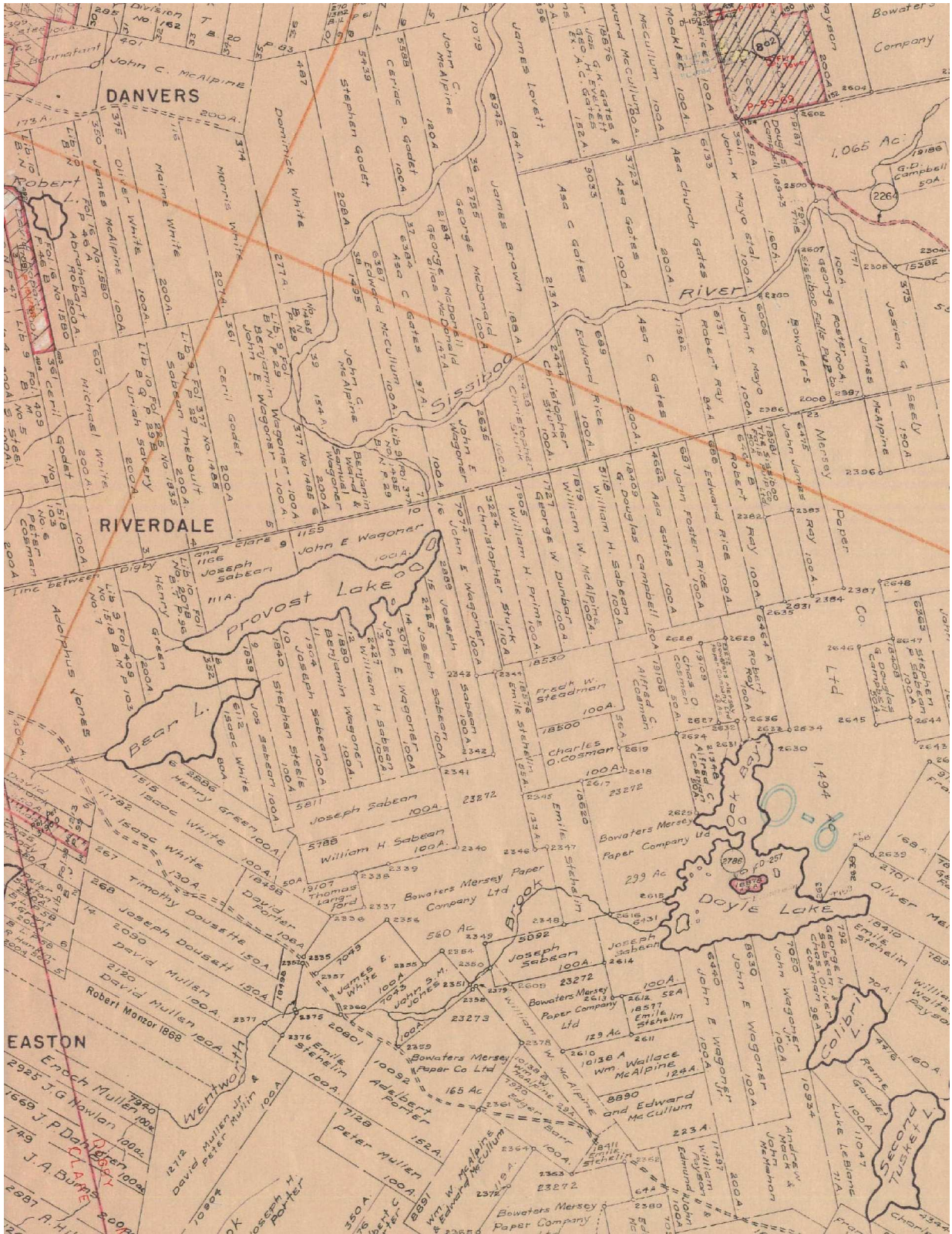
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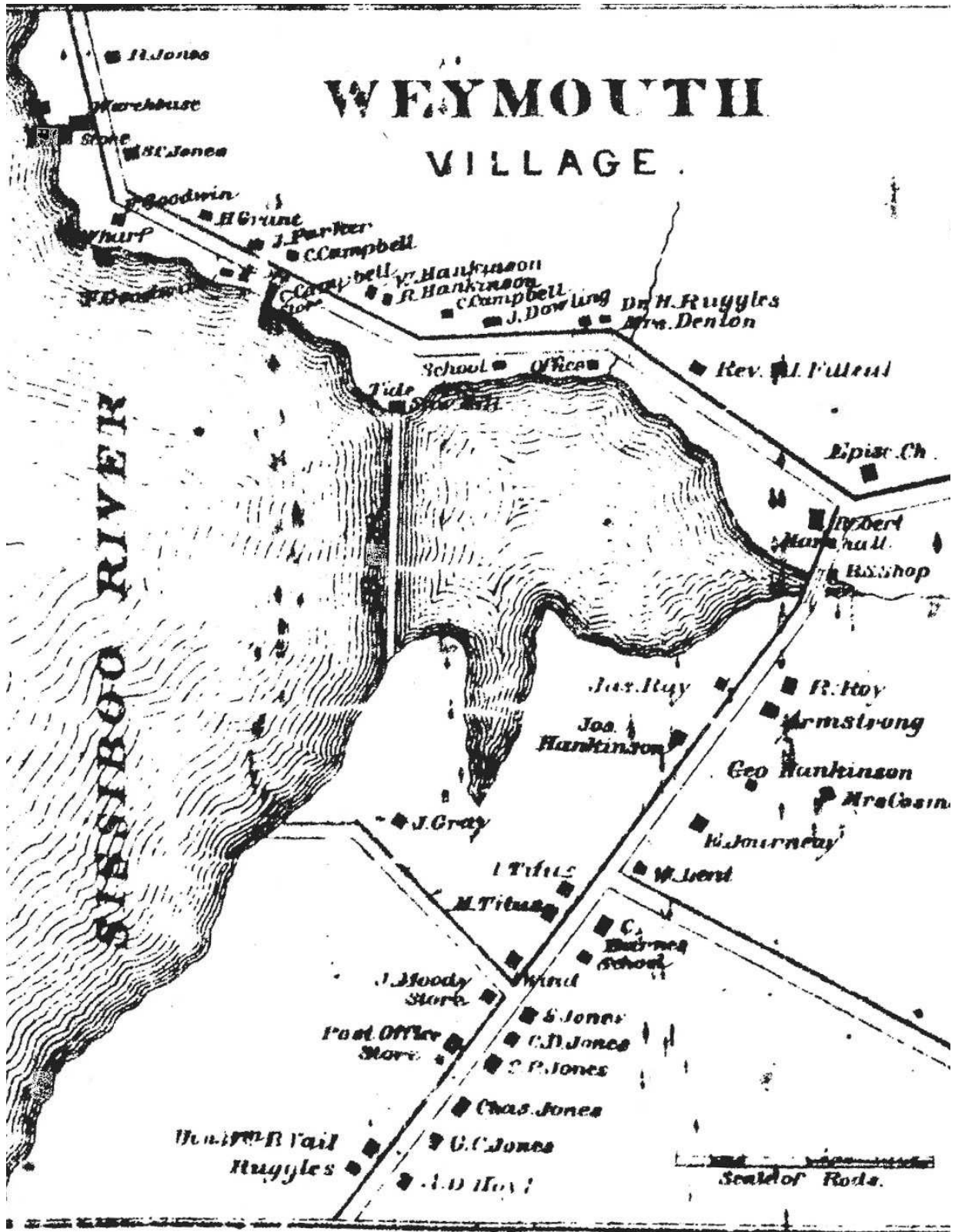
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Riverdale, Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia

















# THE SABINE DIARIES

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