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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.

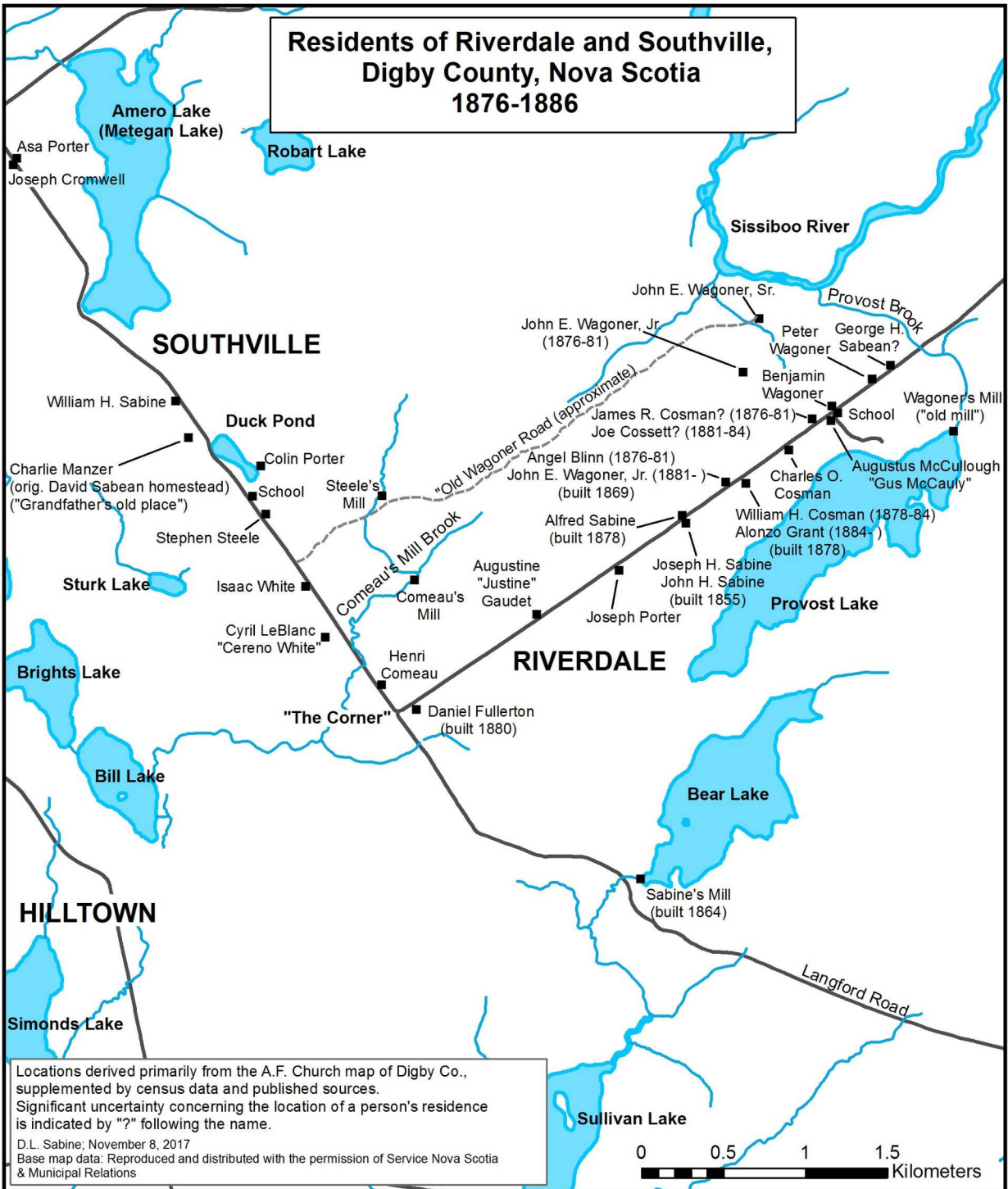
John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

- 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.

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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.

**Sunday, January 1st, 1888**

W. S. Commenced snowing this afternoon and turned to rain. I have been very sick today. Well, it is the beginning of another year. I hope it may pass as pleasantly as the old one.

Bell Sabine married today

**Monday, January 2nd, 1888**

W. SE. Rained all day. I am a little better, but still quite ill.

**Tuesday, January 3rd, 1888**

W. N. Cold again. I am feeling a good deal better today  
W.H.S- came at noon with a load of boards for our camp and hovel. I went with our team to help him take them down in the woods but at the foot of the big hill the sled broke so we had to leave our load and come back.  
Cornelia was baptized and joined the Campbelites today. I did not expect anything better of her.

**Wednesday, January 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. WH & I got our boards down today, hauled some stones for the fireplace, and covered the roof of our Camp.

**Thursday, January 5th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but very Cold. W.H.S. & I began clearing our main road. I am not able to work this week but work is so pressing.

**Friday, January 6th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine again.  
WHS & I clearing road.

**Saturday, January 7th, 1888**

W. SE. Fine till towards night when a storm of snow began.  
WHS & I clearing road We began this morning at Geo. Cosmans field and tonight were nearly across to Dick's road which we are to follow to the lake. I came home nearly dead tonight – tired and sick.

**Sunday, January 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. It softened a little last night, but did not rain. I have been very sick today with a cough and head-ache.

**Monday January 9th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine, but cold. I am about the same.

**Tuesday, January 10th, 1888**

W. SE. Snow-storm. I am a little better today.

**Wednesday, January 11th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine – but cold. W.H.S came here at noon and stayed around here the rest of the day.

**Thursday, January 12th, 1888**

W. NW. Very cold – coldest of the season yet. I am getting better slowly

**Friday, January 13th, 1888**

W. SE. Cold – snowing a little tonight. This afternoon I went down to the camp and got a saw and some nails.  
W.H.S- Came tonight.

**Saturday, January 14th, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful day. Rained a little in the night.  
W.H.S. & I worked at our hovel – got the roof most on tonight.  
W.H.S & Lydia are here tonight.

**Sunday, January 15th, 1888**

W. SE. Began raining at noon. Winnie Sabine came this forenoon, and is here yet tonight. WHS & Lydia went home after dinner

**Monday, January 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine, but very Cold. Geo. M. went out with the team. Father is partly laid up with a lame foot. This forenoon I made an axe handle. W.H.S came in with some

more boards for our hovell, and this afternoon we went down and finished boarding our hovell. Winnie has been here all day. Bell Sabine was married on New Years day

#### **Tuesday, January 17th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Winnie Sabine stayed here last night, and today Roxy went out with her. They went through the woods visiting the Steam mill. W.HS & I finished our hovel. I went down to the Corner and met Roxy tonight. Chattie came in today

#### **Wednesday, January 18th, 1888**

W. SE. Snowing and blustering. A.M. I mended Leslie's boot. P.M. I made some book shelves for our kitchen. Little Lennie was taken sick tonight

#### **Thursday, January 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast and blustering. About six inches of snow have fallen – the most yet this Winter. Geo. Manzer helping Basil Amero start logs. I went down to our Camp – made a door finished Caulking, and fixed things up generally Lennie has been very sick today

#### **Friday, January 20th, 1888**

W. NW. Blowing a gale and very cold. Father and I worked in the shop. I made a back tongue for the wagon sled. Father making a pair of runners for a long sled. Tonight I went out to W.H.S's intending to go to Weymouth tomorrow. Lennie is most well again.

#### **Saturday, January 21st, 1888**

W. N. Blowing and very cold. It was so cold I did not go to Weymouth today. I stayed to W.H.Ss till afternoon, and then came home by the Steam mill.

#### **Sunday, January 22nd, 1888**

W. N. Very Cold day. All of us at home.

#### **Monday, January 23rd, 1888**

W. N. Cold. A.M. I cut some drags of wood and in the afternoon hauled them.

#### **Tuesday January 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Cold – Snowed about three inches last night. George Manzer and Alf Cosman went up and got two loads of meadow hay today I cut firewood. Tom Sabine & Ruth Cosman were married today.

#### **Wednesday, January 25th, 1888**

W. NW. Cold. George Manzer & I getting up fire wood.

#### **Thursday, January 26th, 1888**

W. SE. Terrible snow storm and gale – turned to rain at night. Geo. M & I went up to the meadow and got two loads of hay. We had a blue time.

#### **Friday, January 27th, 1888**

W. NW. Snowing and blowing. Father & George at the mill. I began a "Dutch yoke". W.H. Sabine and Lydia came in today. Chattie spent the afternoon here.

#### **Saturday, January 28th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine, but Cold. I went to Weymouth with W.H. Sabine's horse & Sleigh Lydia went with me. I went to see about getting some money, but did not succeed.

#### **Sunday, January 29th, 1888**

W. N. Quite fine. All of us at home.

#### **Monday, January 30th, 1888**

W. NW. We were to move in the woods today, but I did not get my yoke done in time. I got ready to start in the morning. W.H.S. stayed here tonight.

#### **Tuesday, January 31st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine, but Cold. We moved in the woods today. This afternoon WHS & I looked out another road to haul across to the steam mill.

**Wednesday, February 1st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but Cold Today W.H.S. Herbie & I cleared a road to haul across to Howard Steele's upper pond and tonight we got one turn of logs down.

**Thursday, February 2nd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine – Began logging in earnest. F. helped us some. Hauled 31 logs

**Friday, February 3rd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Hauled 41 logs today. Father was with us. Our camp smokes badly.

**Saturday, February 4th, 1888**

W. S. Very cold – but looking like a storm. Hauled 28 logs – making a hundred this week. Glad to get home tonight and see my Roxy and children. Roxy went to Weymouth with Alex (the mail) She had a good Sleigh ride, and got herself a new dress.

**Sunday, February 5th, 1888**

W. S. Raining most all day. W.H.S. & Lydia here this evening.

**Monday, February 6th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. We went in the woods again today – this afternoon. I broke my axe handle and came home again tonight.

**Tuesday, February 7th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I made an axe handle this forenoon and after dinner went again to the forest.

**Wednesday, February 8th, 1888**

W. S. Quite warm and looking like rain, but did not. W.H.S, Herbie and I logging again. I came home tonight

**Thursday, February 9th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. All of us logging again.

**Friday, February 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but Cold Logging again.

**Saturday, February 11th, 1888**

W. SE. Snowed a little last night and this after noon raining. We hauled till noon and then moved home. Eugenie Cosman spent the day here.

**Sunday, February 12th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful. The trees are so completely loaded with ice that they are beautiful to behold. I never saw anything to Compare with it. The branches of the cherry-trees laid on the ground from the weight of ice. This afternoon the sun is shining brightly and the scenery is beautiful beyond discription.

**Monday, February 13th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went in the woods again today. Roxy went down with me to the Camp on my load of hay, and from there she went out to W.H.S.–

**Tuesday, February 14th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine and warm. This afternoon the snow and ice melted on the treetops and came down in such torrents of water that we cleared out of the woods. I went out with W.H.S and stayed all night with him.

**Wednesday, February 15th, 1888**

W. NE. Snowing some. All of us logging.

**Thursday, February 16th, 1888**

W. N. Fine but awful cold. Logging again

**Friday, February 17th, 1888**

W. NW. [Sowy] and nasty Logging again.

**Saturday, February 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Logging Tonight we have 364 logs landed on the pond Last night Annie was taken very ill. They

sent for Mother and the doctor This morning she was so low that they thought her dying – but she is better now. Uncle Billy and Aunt Minerva came tonight.

**Sunday, February 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went down in the morning to see Annie; She is better. W.H.S came in this afternoon and took Roxy up the road sleigh riding

**Monday, February 20th, 1888**

W. SE. Looking like a storm. We moved in the woods again today and got two turns down. Annie is getting better

**Tuesday, February 21st, 1888**

W. S. Rained very heavily all night and till noon. Herbie went home this morning with his team. In the afternoon W.H.S & I cleared a road, then he went home. I chopped till night.

**Wednesday, February 22nd, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day All of us logging again Mr Spencer was in where we were at work.

**Thursday February 23rd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine again. Logging again. Old Robert Manzer died today. Eddie Graham is very sick. Annie is getting quite smart. Mother is staying there this week

**Friday, February 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. All of us Logging. I had such a pain in my head tonight that I came home. Rev Mr Parker is having quite a Reformation in Tuskett

**Saturday, February 25th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Father went down in the woods today. I did not go. I have a terrible pain in my head – an attack of my neuralgia probably.

**Sunday, February 26th, 1888**

W. SE. Rained all day all of us at home.

**Monday, February 27th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Did not move in the woods today, I am not able to go. W.H.S. was here today. I went with him up to Alpha Marshall's to get a Deed witnessed. In the afternoon he and father went down and cleared a road.

**Tuesday, February 28th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine – but cold. Father, W.H.S & Herbie logging This afternoon I mend a pair of boots for Leslie.

**Wednesday, February 29th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F & W.H.S. in the woods. I had a bad spell of pain in my head this forenoon. P.M. I mended Harold's boots.

**Thursday, March 1st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine, but cold This is been a terrible day for me. Such a pain as I have had in my head! I have been neary crazy. F. has been in the woods with W.H.S–. W.H.S– is here tonight

**Friday, March 2nd, 1888**

W. N. Cold. Father in the woods. I am better today but sick enough yet.

**Saturday, March 3rd, 1888**

W. NE. Cloudy all day snowing a little tonight I am worse again today Can hardly bear the pain tonight.

**Sunday, March 4th, 1888**

W. N. Cloudy. I am feeling better today. Lydia and Winnie were here awhile this afternoon. There is a baptism today at Tuskett. Several persons have gone from this settlement.

**Monday, March 5th, 1888**

W. N. Overcast.  
Father logging. I am getting better.

**Tuesday, March 6th, 1888**

W. N. Overcast. F. in the woods. I have been mending the childrens old boots and shoes.

**Wednesday, March 7th, 1888**

W. NE. Overcast. Winnie Sabine came in this morning. She is going to stay a few days and help Roxy on her dress. I have been cobbling some when I Could sit up.

**Thursday, March 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. I have been mending shoes. I am taking advantage of the situation by mending up old shoes enough to last the children all Summer. Mr Spencer is here this evening. He is canvassing for a Temperance Book. George Manzer was baptized today. There is a great Stir in Tusket.

**Friday, March 9th, 1888**

W. N. Fine. I finished up all the old shoes today. F. Logging.

**Saturday, March 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F & W.H.S in the woods. I have been cutting firewood. Winnie went home today. The boys went with her down to the camp

**Sunday, March 11th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. All of us at home.

**Monday, March 12th, 1888**

W. NE. Overcast.  
We did not go in the woods today. This afternoon I went down to the Steam mill.

**Tuesday, March 13th, 1888**

W. E. Snowing all day A very disagreeable day indeed

**Wednesday, March 14th, 1888**

W. NE. Snowing a little We went in the woods again today. I am not as well as I was before I was sick. Harold, Les & Josie took some presents up to Eddie Graham

**Thursday, March 15th, 1888**

W. NE. Quite fine.  
All of us logging again.

**Friday, March 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine warm day – Logging again.

**Saturday, March 17th, 1888**

W. NW. Squally. Father repairing the mill. W.H.S. & I logging

**Sunday, March 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. Dan spent the day here.

**Monday, March 19th, 1888**

W. N. Quite cold but fine. W.H.S, H. & I worked in the woods.

**Tuesday, March 20th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine till most night when it began raining. W.H.S. Herbie. F & I in the woods.

**Wednesday, March 21st, 1888**

W. S. Drizzling rain all day I spent a sad night in the camp with pain in my head It was so severe this morning that I came home.  
W.H.S & Herbie hauled today. W.H. Sabine came up tonight.

**Thursday, March 22nd, 1888**

W. SW. Cleared off fine and warm. Father, W.H.S. and I went down this afternoon to see if the hauling had “broken up”. We found Herbie at the camp. We concluded to “haul” again and got down a couple of turns this afternoon

**Friday, March 23rd, 1888**

W. SW. Squally.  
All of us logging.  
Mother had an ill turn this morning – heart disease.

**Saturday, March 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold W.H.S. H. & I logging.  
My head has been feeling very badly today.

**Sunday, March 25th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold All of us at home. I have been half sick with pain in my head. I fear another attack of Neuralgia.

**Monday, March 26th, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful day W.H.S. Herbie & Father in the woods I am down again with neuralgia and could not go in the woods.

**Tuesday, March 27th, 1888**

W. SE. Sleet storm. I have spent a terrible night and am no better today. W.H.S. H & Father hauled today – and finished the thousand logs!!! At the first of February when we began hauling we talked over the possibilities and probabilities of the prospect and thought if we had extra weather and extra luck we might by the last of March get a thousand logs, but the probability was that if we got 600 we would do very well, but we’ve out-stripped all expectations and tonight have over 1000 logs. But it has been a remarkable Winter. There has not been any time over a foot of snow on, and since we have been logging not so much as that, and there has been the least snow fall this Winter that I ever knew in one Winter. There has also been scarcely any storms. Roxy got her big mat done tonight

**Wednesday, March 28th, 1888**

W. S. Drizzling rain.  
Another bitter night and day of pain. I feel a little better tonight.

**Thursday, March 29th, 1888**

W. S. Drizzling rain. This forenoon my head was bad, but since noon I feel better.

**Friday, March 30th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Father starting lumber from the mill.  
Annie spent the day with Mother.

**Saturday, March 31st, 1888**

W. Variable snowing most all day.  
Tonight Roxy and I went out to W.H.S’s. Annie Jane is going to stay with the children.

**Sunday, April 1st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Roxy & I stayed to W.H.S’s till after tea when we came home. WHS & Lydia accompanying us as far as the Steam mill.

**Monday, April 2nd, 1888**

W. NE. Heavy snow storm In the forenoon Father went down to the “hovel” where we were logging and got a load of manure.

**Tuesday, April 3rd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Father & I hauling fire-wood from below Alf’s little field.

**Wednesday, April 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I took a load of Sp boards to Edd. Rice. I took over a thousand I bought Harold a pair of braces for 18 cts. They are his first braces – he is tickled over it.



**Thursday, April 5th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went out again taking over 800 ft of Deals to Campbell. I got a bbl of flour and one of meal. I got a pair of braces for Leslie for 12 cts. He is immensely pleased.

**Friday, April 6th, 1888**

W. S. Raining. I did nothing but Some cobbling. In the afternoon father helped WH.S- fix the mill.

**Saturday, April 7th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Father and I hauling logs over the lake; we put in 28.

**Sunday, April 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day All of us at home.

**Monday, April 9th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F & I logging. When I came home tonight I found Roxy very sick.

**Tuesday, April 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine again. F & I logging. Roxy is still very sick. Annie Jane came here to stay with her awhile.

**Wednesday, April 11th, 1888**

W. SE. Cloudy – blustering snow storm in afternoon F & I finished logging We have got a hundred. Roxy is better. Leslie has been up to Peter Wagner’s to spend his birth day. He is eight years old. He got [seven] cards.

**Thursday, April 12th, 1888**

W. NE. Cloudy & raw  
In the afternoon Father and I went over the lake and sowed some grass seed in the burnt land, we went also and boomed our logs. Comming off of Bear lake I got in. I will keep from the lakes the rest of the Spring

**Friday, April 13th, 1888**

W. NE. Snowing and disagreeable. I cleaned out the cellar &c.  
Clark Mosely was here all the forenoon and to dinner.

**Saturday, April 14th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. I went to Weymouth today to see that vagabond – Dug Campbell about the steam mill. I fear I am to have trouble with him yet. I was very tired when I got home tonight. Poor little Roxy is “poorly” yet.

**Sunday, April 15th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. All of us at home

**Monday, April 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. A.M. F & I went to the mill to saw, but WHS & Herbie came there too to saw, so F & I came home. P.M. We cut some fence poles.

**Tuesday, April 17th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. A.M. I hauled some poles to mend fence. P.M. F & I cut some more poles. Palfrey, a jewelry pedlar is stopping at the other house

**Wednesday, April 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Snow squally this forenoon. I have been hauling poles all day. F has been cutting some.

**Thursday, April 19th, 1888**

W. NE. Quite fine. A.M. We have been doctoring a sick cow whis having trouble in calving. P.M. F & I picking up stones. The boys helped us some.

**Friday, April 20th, 1888**

W. NE. Fine. F & I picking stones. In the afternoon F went to the mill to fix the booms. I picked up stones.

**Saturday, April 21st, 1888**

W. Variable. Misty. In the forenoon Father & I picked up stones. In the afternoon Father went to the steam mill taking Hal Les. and Josey to see the mill. I have been cutting grafts.

Yesterday morning W.H.S & I had a talk with John Edd about going into partnership in the Nursery business. He seems quite inclined.

**Sunday, April 22nd, 1888**

W. W. Cloudy till noon, then cleared off. We are all of us at home. Dan & Annie spent the afternoon at the other house

**Monday, April 23rd, 1888**

W. W. Fine but looking like a storm. F & I fixing fence

**Tuesday, April 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Snowed 4 or 5 inches last night and today is a regular Winter day. I have been working in the Shop

**Wednesday, April 25th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. F went to the mill to saw. A.M. I cut some fence poles. At noon W.H.S & Lydia came. They brought us a clock. P.M. I helped W.H.S. in the B.S. Shop.

**Thursday, April 26th, 1888**

W. W. Beautiful day.  
Father at the mill. We digged a trench to straighten the brook for driving logs above the Steam mill.  
This is been Examination Day at School. Roxy was up in the afternoon. Harold and Leslie got each a little box with a pencil and rule in it. Josie got a five cent piece of silver. Poor Old Tom Wilson the lousy peddler who has travelled these roads for years died the other day.

**Friday, April 27th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine and very warm I took a load of pine boards (568 ft) to E. Rice. F. at the mill. Alf came in today

**Saturday, April 28th, 1888**

W. W. Fine and warm.  
F & I sawing. I am about half sick tonight.  
Geo. Taylor Mullen is at the other house tonight.

**Sunday, April 29th, 1888**

W. W. Overcast with slight showers. Father went to Tusket to meeting with Taylor. I am half sick with a cold.

**Monday, April 30th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. F. at the mill. He sawed the dog and brought the saw home. Alf came in again.

**Tuesday, May 1st, 1888**

W. SE. Raining with thunder. F & I fixed the mill saw &c. I went down to Annie's tonight

**Wednesday, May 2nd, 1888**

W. NE. Cold. Father at the mill. I am getting better. I worked in the Shop.

**Thursday, May 3rd, 1888**

W. N. Fine. A.M. I hauled fence poles to fix the fence. P.M. I started two loads of plank from the mill Father sawing.

**Friday, May 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold I took a load of plank to Geo Hoyt (965 ft) I got some seed oats.

**Saturday, May 5th, 1888**

W. SW. Slight showers I made a fence around the strawberries.  
WH & Lydia Sabine came here tonight.

**Sunday, May 6th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day WH & Lydia & Roxy & I took a walk in the afternoon down to the lake.

**Monday, May 7th, 1888**

W. N. Fine. We began driving our logs today Father and I were there Roxy and the little boys were there in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, May 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. F & I driving logs again, but did not get done.

**Wednesday, May 9th, 1888**

W. S. Foggy – raw and cold. W.H.S– John Edd & I grafting trees. In the afternoon F. was down helping them drive, but they did not get done.

**Thursday, May 10th, 1888**

W. S. Quite fine until towards night when there some slight showers.  
Father and I went to the Steam mill to move or pile lumber, as they began sawing for us today.  
Roxy and Lydia Sabine went to Weymouth today to meet our little girl who was to come down from the Children's Home at Hillfoot Farm Aylesford today by train. She was there and they brought her in. W.H. Sabine brought her and Roxy in from his house. She seems to be a nice little girl from what I have yet seen of her. Her name is Rosa Ann Kerr, and she is one of the orphan children Miss Stirling brought out from Scotland this Spring. Her native place was Edinburgh. We have adopted her as our own and it remains to be seen how the prospect will work.

**Friday, May 11th, 1888**

W. S. F & I went to the steam mill to haul lumber. We worked till noon when the rain drove us home. In the afternoon I made pips.

**Saturday, May 12th, 1888**

W. SE. Overcast and windy. Father & I hauling lumber at the steam mill.  
Old Mr Colin Porter, an aged resident of this place, died suddenly in his field today.

**Sunday, May 13th, 1888**

W. SE. Showery. Scot has been here today

**Monday, May 14th, 1888**

W. SE. Rained in the forenoon. P.M. I went out to W.H.S's and he and I pulled apple trees till night.

**Tuesday, May 15th, 1888**

W. SE. Showery all day I stayed at W.H.S's all night. Harris Cosman came out to help me move lumber today but she shut down for Mr Porter's funeral so we went to that instead. This afternoon Harris went to the mill and got a load of box boards and W.H.S & I loaded up a load of trees to come in to this Nursery to pack. I came home tonight

**Wednesday, May 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast.  
Yesterday Father assisted by Alf Marshall & Scot pulled trees. This forenoon F. W.H.S. Marshall & I pulled trees. M– [left] at noon. P.M. F. WHS & I began packing trees

**Thursday, May 17th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. W.H.S. F. & I packing trees. Yesterday we Sent J.E. Wagner to French town to sell a load of trees. Yesterday Harris & Scot started lumber at the Steam mill, and they have been there today W.H.S. Father & I packing trees.

**Friday, May 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Harris all day & Scot 1/2 day at the Steam mill.  
F. WHS & I at the trees. J.E.W. Came home tonight from French town.  
He gave me \$4.45 cts

**Saturday, May 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Scot & H at the steam mill.  
F. WHS & I packing trees.

**Sunday, May 20th, 1888**

W. W. Fine day. All of us at home

**Monday, May 21st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine day.

We have been packing trees today. Lydia Sabine helped us. Father went to Lewis tonight and got a cart. Harris at the Steam mill with our team this afternoon starting lumber

**Tuesday, May 22nd, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. We loaded up and started John Edd off with a load of trees. Scot and Milton at the steam mill

**Wednesday, May 23rd, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful cool day. I took four boxes of trees to the Station today – 1 for Granville, the others for Broad Cove, Digby &c I got a Bbl of Flour and bbl of meal from Edd Rice Scot & Milton at the steam mill with W.H.S's team. F & W.H.S. packing trees.

**Thursday, March 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. We finished packing trees yesterday and today I took out four boxes – 2 to the Station and two to go to Sandy Cove. W.H.S. & Milton at the Steam mill (Scot working here)

**Friday, May 25th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Father began planting – Scot helping him. W.H.S. & I piling lumber at the Steam mill.

**Saturday, May 26th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. Scot went to the Steam mill to pile lumber, but the mill did not go. F & I plowing & planting. W.H.S. & Lydia came in tonight.

**Sunday, May 27th, 1888**

W. SE. Cloudy. W.H.S. & Lydia went home this morning. An old peddler by name of Traverse stayed over at the other house last night. Yesterday morning Mrs Arthur

Marshall presented her lord with a pair of babies

**Monday, May 28th, 1888**

W. SE. Looking like rain F & I planting. Mr & Mrs Spencer have been here part of the day. Mother went out to W.H.S's with them.

**Tuesday, May 29th, 1888**

W. SE. Showery all day. I hauled out two loads of manure, the rest of the day have been writing up an article on Weymouth.

**Wednesday, May 30th, 1888**

W. S. Overcast. Father & I went around the lake to our burnt land and sowed & harrowed a piece where we had turnips last year. We put oats in it.

**Thursday, May 31st, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine.

A.M. I have been hauling out manure. Father planting Harold went to the steam mill this forenoon and got a pair of moccasins of mine. This afternoon Leslie went out to W.H. Sabine's and took a note for me. P.M. I have been ploughing. Harold teamed for me It is his first experience in that line

**Friday, June 1st, 1888**

W. [Illegible] E. Rained till noon [\_\_\_ast] till night. A.M. I [illegible] pips. P.M. I ploughed [Harold] and Josie drove [illegible] team for me by turns [illegible] will remember today [illegible] well as I remember [illegible] first day that I drove [illegible] a plough. W.H.S- was [here] this afternoon

**Saturday, June 2nd, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day.

I have been hauling out manure. Father and the boys dropping and planting Harold and Leslie have planted some this year.

**Sunday, June 3rd, 1888**

W. NW. Another fine day. The cherry-trees are now in full bloom and the woods are looking beautiful. Poor little Eddie Graham who has been a great sufferer from acute rheumatism, died this morning. Harold is very much grieved over the loss of his school mate. Annie is sick again.

Dan came home from up the Bay tonight where he has been Caulking. Mrs Geo. M. White of Digby died on the 27th of last month. She has been an invalid for a number of years, but has borne her suffering as only a Christian can

**Monday June 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Glorious day! I have made a Coffin for poor little Eddie. Arth. Marshall came and worked in my place. He hauled out manure, and Father and the boys planting.

**Tuesday, June 5th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Father planted till. I hauled out one load of manure, and took the coffin up to Alpha Marshalls. In the afternoon Father, Roxy, Harold, Leslie and I went out to the funeral

**Wednesday, June 6th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. A.M. I finished the potato piece back of the barn and in the afternoon Harold, Leslie Josie & I – for they all help team by turns – ploughed a piece in the orchard.

**Thursday, June 7th, 1888**

W. S. Overcast in the forenoon. Rained till night. I hauled out some manure in the forenoon and this afternoon I wrote an article for the Weymouth Times. Mother was taken very sick last night in the night. W.H.S. came and got a bushel & half of potatoes

**Friday, June 8th, 1888**

W. NE. Overcast. Planting. Mother is about the same

**Saturday, June 9th, 1888**

W. SW. Quite fine.

I took a load of boards out to E. Rice. 706 feet of my load were boards of Alf's. I paid a Bill of \$5.97 for Philip Amero to E. Rice which mother owed him. Harold and Leslie went out with me. I bought 1/8 of the S. mill today

**Sunday, June 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day.

Annie and Scot spent the day here. Dan here to tea. Mother was worse this morning, but is better tonight

**Monday, June 11th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. A.M. I picked up some stones. P.M. I went down to the steam mill and to WHS– Old man Chandler was here to dinner today

**Tuesday, June 12th, 1888**

Fine I took a load of deals (1034) to G.D. Campbell. Menetta Weaver came in with me. She is going to stay here with us awhile. Mother is better

**Wednesday, June 13th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. Planting vegetables & Beans.

**Thursday, June 14th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. We finished planting today – Beans &c. Mother keeps getting better

**Friday, June 15th, 1888**

W. S. Rained all night and showery today. F & I put in oats

**Saturday, June 16th, 1888**

W. SE. Showery. I planted my pips today and we finished putting in the oats.

**Sunday, June 17th, 1888**

W. W. Fine day. All of us at home. W.H.S & Lydia came in this afternoon.

**Monday, June 18th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. F. sawing. I went out with a load today of steam mill boards – 1034 feet – I think. I took them to Campbell.

**Tuesday, June 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. This forenoon W.H.S. & I were at the steam mill to see if there was a prospect of getting the rest of our logs down. P.M. I went to the mill and started out a couple of loads. F. at the mill

**Wednesday, June 20th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. I took a load of deals to Campbell

**Thursday, June 21st, 1888**

W. W. Showery. F & I sawing.

**Friday, June 22nd, 1888**

W. W. F & I sawing

**Saturday, June 23rd, 1888**

W. SW. F. sawing. I took a load of Deals & boards to GD Campbell. It has been a fearful hot day – the hottest I ever drove a team on the road. Roxy went out with me this morning as far as W.H.S's and she and Lydia went over to Mr Spencer's in the afternoon. Tonight I went out to W.H.S– I bought a suite of clothes for myself this week. The Disciple meeting house was raised today

**Sunday, June 24th, 1888**

W. NE. Overcast – with showers Roxy, Bernie & I spent the day at WHS's & came home tonight.

**Monday, June 25th, 1888**

W. SE. Raining. Father mended a cart-wheel and I repaired my shoes.

**Tuesday, June 26th, 1888**

W. N. Cold and shower tonight. W.H.S & I at the steam

mill with our teams. We are having a frame sawn for F.W. Journey and we are starting it down to W.H.S.s. F. is sawing

**Wednesday, June 27th, 1888**

W. N. Fine. I stayed at W.H.S's last night and today he and I finished hauling down the timber Alf, who came in yesterday, has been helping F. saw today.

**Thursday, June 28th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. Milton and I went out with a load or loads of timber for Fen Journey Nettie went home today

**Friday, June 29th, 1888**

W. W. Beautiful day F & I sawing.

**Saturday, June 30th, 1888**

W. E. Showery. F. sawing I started to go to the Bridge but I could not find my oxen which were in the Chas. Green pasture, so this afternoon Roxy and I went to the Basket Sociable at Southville in aid of the new Disciple meeting House.

**Sunday, July 1st, 1888**

W. NE. Drizzly – all of us at home. Aunt Olive came today.

**Monday, July 2nd, 1888**

W. W. Fine. Father working on the road I started to go to Weymouth. I spent the forenoon hunting for the oxen in the region round about Woodville, and found them at last and got to W.H.S– at noon. In the afternoon Milton drove out my team with a load of Fen's timber and I helped W.H.S– on Henry Filleul's barn frame.

**Tuesday, July 3rd, 1888**

W. W. Fine. I stayed at W.H.S's last night, and this afternoon Milton and I went out each with a load of timber, being the last of it. Father working on the road.

**Wednesday, July 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. A.M. F & I ploughing potatoes. P.M. We began hoing.

**Thursday, July 5th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went to Weymouth with a load of steam mill boards to GD Campbell. Father hoing potatoes

**Friday, July 6th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F. sawing. A.M. I finished hoing potatoes below the house P.M. I started lumber from the mill.

**Saturday, July 7th, 1888**

W. SW. Rained awhile this morning. I went to Comeau's mill raising till noon. P.M. F at the mill. I was back to the burnt land.

**Sunday, July 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. This forenoon Roxy went with the boys up to Concert P.M. I was up to Social meeting

**Monday July 9th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F. sawing I took a load of Deals to Campbell. Harold and Leslie went out with me.

**Tuesday, July 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine & warm.  
A.M. F & I ploughed a piece of potatoes back of the barn. In the afternoon we had Harold and Leslie helped some. It is their first experience hoing.

**Wednesday, July 11th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went out again with a load of Deals to Campbell. Father hoing.

**Thursday, July 12th, 1888**

W. W. Showery. I worked in the steam mill. Father sawing. Thunder Showers last night

**Friday, July 13th, 1888**

W. SW. Quite fine.  
A.M. F & I ploughed a piece of potatoes in the orchard  
P.M. I started lumber from the mill. F. hoing

**Saturday, July 14th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day F. went out with a load of deals. Roxy Bernie & I went up the Bay with W.H.S's horse & carriage. We got up there about 2 oclk. Abbie came home from the States and arrived a little in advance of us

**Sunday, July 15th, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful  
We spent the day at Eath's very pleasantly

**Monday, July 16th, 1888**

W. NE. Fine. We came home this afternoon.

**Tuesday, July 17th, 1888**

W. NW. Very warm  
I took a load of Deals to GD Campbell. Harold and Leslie went out with me. Father hoing.

**Wednesday, July 18th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast.  
I rigged up my scythe and mowed a little. I am about half sick. F. finished hoing beans &c

**Thursday, July 19th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine.  
I took a load of Deals to G.D.C. Justine's team took out a load of Deals for us too. I am sick today

**Friday, July 20th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. I have done nothing but lie abed. I have been quite ill  
Father at work at the new cart wheels.

**Saturday, July 21st, 1888**

W. S. Showery. F. went down to Tugging town today and will not be back till Monday. I have not done much except some Chores. WHS & Lydia came in tonight.

**Sunday, July 22nd, 1888**

W. S. Cloudy all day  
All of us at home W.H.S & Lydia here with us

**Monday, July 23rd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. We had a heavy rain last night. I mowed some today. I came home tonight.

**Tuesday, July 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine & very warm F & I mowing.

**Wednesday, July 25th, 1888**

W.NW. Beautiful day.  
Gus McCauly helped us mow. We mowed and raked down on the hill

**Thursday, July 26th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine again. Mowing and raking.

**Friday, July 27th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. We hauled in two loads of hay this morning. P.M. I began to build a sort of boat to use in Crossing the lake to and from our field.

**Saturday, July 28th, 1888**

W. S. Rained.  
I worked some at my boat.

**Sunday, July 29th, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. Poor little Hal is about laid up with a stone-bruise on his heel. It is very bad – paining him so he cannot sleep.

**Monday, July 30th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. F. mowed a little. I went to a mowing “frolic” to Ben Wagner’s. Alf came in tonight

**Tuesday, July 31st, 1888**

W. S. Fine and very warm F & I finished mowing the field on the hill, and got it all in.

**Wednesday, August 1st, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. Heavy thunder shower in the night. Today F. Gus. & I mowed and raked Alf’s little burnt field  
Hal’s foot is better

**Thursday, August 2nd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. F. Gus & I mowing and raking

**Friday, August 3rd, 1888**

W. N. Fine. F. Gus. & I haying – Finished mowing and raking the orchard.

**Saturday, August 4th, 1888**

W. S. Rained this afternoon This forenoon We hauled all the hay from the orchard.

**Sunday, August 5th, 1888**

W. NE. Overcast.  
Dan and Annie Spent the day around here.

**Monday, August 6th, 1888**

W. E. Overcast. F & Gus worked in the hay. I was sick in the forenoon and did not work at the hay

**Tuesday, August 7th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. We did not work in the hay. I sold the old barn to Gus McCauly for \$20.00 We bargained today. I paid him \$10.00 Cash on his work today. I am unable to work today



**Wednesday, August 8th, 1888**

W. S. Partly fine. This forenoon I began tearing down the old Shed from the barn. P.M. F & I raked hay.

**Thursday, August 9th, 1888**

W. SE. Overcast.

A.M. I mowed a little P.M. I started a load of boards from the mill to take out tomorrow.  
Father is sick.

**Friday, August 10th, 1888**

W. N. Cleared off today I took a load of boards to E. Rice (975 feet sp boards & 20 feet Refuse) I got a Bbl of meal and 1 gal molasses. Father is better

**Saturday, August 11th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine

F. Gus & I working in the hay. Father is at work again though not well [ ].

**Sunday, August 12th, 1888**

W. S. Fine till towards night when it rained. All of us at home.

**Monday, August 13th, 1888**

W. S. Slight Showers all day. F. Gus & I finished mowing the rough field.

**Tuesday, August 14th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast and cold. WHS & I have been fixing up our Apple-tree Bills.

**Wednesday, August 15th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine day. WHS. stayed here last night. F & I mowing & raking. We finished the last of the level ground today.

**Thursday, August 16th, 1888**

W. SW. Quite fine. F & I at work in the hay

**Friday, August 17th, 1888**

W. S. Fine this morning Father, Harold Leslie and Daily Wagner went back blue-berrying. We took the team. We encountered one of the most terrible thunder storms that ever raged. We got a few berries and a complete soaking.

**Saturday, August 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast till noon then cleared off. Last night a bear killed a calf for Chas. Cosman near Alonzo's house in the field, and this afternoon Mr Cosman Father and I set a trap. This forenoon Harold, Leslie, Josie and Daley Wagner were blue-berrying in Mrs Wagner's pasture. They got "quite a lot" I got a letter tonight from Judson Sabine who is in California

**Sunday, August 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day. All of us at home. Dan took mother over to Aunt Lydia's; she is very low, and cannot live long

**Monday, August 20th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine again.

We have been variously engaged today – thinning out turnips – hauling swamp muck – mending shoes – hauling in hay &c. &c.

**Tuesday, August 21st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went out to assist in moving the Steam mill. We moved down a lot of stuff today. I hauled the engine, and just as we were about to land it my cart broke down. I am going to Stay to W.H.S's tonight

**Wednesday, August 22nd, 1888**

W. S. Rained heavily all night and this forenoon. P.M. WHS & I went to blue-berrying in John Wood's pasture. We got a good lot of berries

**Thursday, August 23rd, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. Moving the mill again. We Started the boiler today but could not get far with it for want of more team I stayed at W.H.S's last night.

Today father traded one of our two-year-old steers with Adam Hill for another of the same age but larger

#### **Friday, August 24th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. We moved the boiler down today, and now have it about all down.

Mother came home from Aunt Lydia's today. Lillie Mullen brought her in.

Father has been working at the cart wheels all the week.

#### **Saturday, August 25th, 1888**

W. W. Fine Rained all night F. made a cart axel today. I began a yoke

#### **Sunday, August 26th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. P.M. We all went out to hear Mr Spencer preach at Southville. I say – "all", but Roxy did not go. Harold, Leslie, Josie and Rosie went.

#### **Monday, August 27th, 1888**

W. S. Showery, with thunder I finished my yoke. Father finished the axel.

#### **Tuesday, August 28th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. I went to the Bridge with a load of planks for D. Campbell. I had 1060 ft. Alf. Came in today.

#### **Wednesday, August 29th, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. A.M. I began tearing the old Shingles off the Shed of the old barn. The boys helped me. They seemed to find it great sport. This afternoon I went around the lake and mowed a while

#### **Thursday, August 30th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. F & I mowed over the lake. Lydia Sabine and Willie White's wife spent the day here. I neglected to say that on Tuesday I took up a note at D. Campbell's and gave him a new note.

#### **Friday, August 31st, 1888**

W. W. Fine. F & I finished mowing the field over the lake and brought home a load of hay from there

#### **Saturday, September 1st, 1888**

W. S. Rained this afternoon. We would have finished haying over the lake had it not rained. We got one load home, but was obliged to leave the other. The boys were around there with us.

#### **Sunday, September 2nd, 1888**

W. W. Cleared up today  
Bernie is two years old today. He is a fine, smart little fellow. He can say almost everything.

#### **Monday, September 3rd, 1888**

W. W. Fine and warm.  
We got the last of the hay home from around the lake.

#### **Tuesday, September 4th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast.  
Father at work at the wheels. WHS & I removed a pile of edgings at the Steam-mill to enable us to get at the lumber

#### **Wednesday, September 5th, 1888**

W. W. Overcast.  
Milton Sabine and I took each a load of lumber (Scoots & pine) to Burke for his barn as follows 123 Pine for doors at \$8.00 – 1888 ft scoots at \$6.00 Father at work at the wheels.

#### **Thursday, September 6th, 1888**

W. N. Fine but raw. I mowed the Spring-field; or the swamp of that field, as the cattle destroyed the rest of it. Father at the wheels.  
Mother went out to W.H.S's tonight for a visit

#### **Friday, September 7th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day Heavy frost last night that killed everything that was killable. I raked the spring field and

tonight we hauled it in thereby finishing our haying except the meadow.

Winnie spent the day here

#### **Saturday, September 8th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast. I started five loads of lumber from our mill.

#### **Sunday, September 9th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast

This afternoon I went up to desciple meeting Josie went with me.

Herbie Sabine and Miss Bailey were here to tea

#### **Monday, September 10th, 1888**

W. W. Rained this forenoon P.M. Milton drove out my team with a load of stuff for Burke, as follows:- 430 ft of hemlock plank and about 740 ft of Scoots. I helped WHS & Herbie mow this afternoon

Father and Gus. are to go to the meadow tomorrow.

#### **Tuesday September 11th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine. Father and Gus McCauly went to the meadow this morning. I helped WHS mow till noon.

P.M. I got a load of slabs from the mill & then helped W.H.S- rake till night

#### **Wednesday, September 12th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. W.H.S & I starting lumber from the Steam mill.

#### **Thursday, September 13th, 1888**

W. W. Rained this forenoon but cleared off at noon.

W.H.S. & I took each a load of clear lumber and scoots to Weymouth for Jesse Barr He met us there and took charge of the lumber and paid us \$19.50 cts for it.

We ordered some printing done

#### **Friday, September 14th, 1888**

W. SW. Fine but raw and windy. W.H.S & I starting lumber from the Steam mill this afternoon. Aunt Betsey

Holmes came over the Bay today and got to W.HS's tonight

#### **Saturday, September 15th, 1888**

W. W. Beautiful day

I stayed at W.H.S's last night and today he and I started up lumber again from the Steam mill. When I came home tonight I found Roxy sick. Father was to the mill today.

Hal. Les. and Josie were with him

#### **Sunday, September 16th, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful day.

This is another important day in our little family history, as it has given us another little baby boy.

Yes, about midnight the wee little stranger made his appearance in this world of care and sin. Mrs Peter Wagner and Gamma were the only ones here. He is a fine little fellow – about average size, and looking strong. Dan and Annie were up to see the baby today

#### **Monday, September 17th, 1888**

W. S. Rained heavily till noon. P.M. Father hewed some sticks of Ship-timber for Dan. I have been clearing the trash out of the old barn. We heard today that old Mrs John Weaver is dead. Roxy is real smart Nettie Weaver is going to nurse her

#### **Tuesday September 18th, 1888**

W. SE. Overcast and showery I took a load of boards to G.D. Campbell – about 1000 feet. I took out the new cart wheels to get them tired. Roxy and the little baby are smart.

Aunt Betsey came in today

#### **Wednesday, September 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. A.M. F & I mended some chains &c. P.M. I moved out to W.H.S's to haul lumber. I started two loads up from [the] steam mill. Bernie is [sick] today.

#### **Thursday, September 20th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine day. I took a load out to G.D. Campbell about 1000 feet.

Father and Gus went up to the meadow to rake up the hay they mowed last week. I stayed at W.H.S's last night.

#### **Friday, September 21st, 1888**

W. SE. Quite fine. I took a thousand feet of boards to G.D. Campbell. I got a barrel of flour the price is to be \$5.75. I brought the cart wheels home which Moore tired. I also brought home the axels. It is Costly business, but we will have a good cart. Thus far it has cost as follows, apart from father's work – or the wood-work –

Oak rims–	\$3.75
Iron for tires–	\$6.15
Tiring wheels–	\$3.00
Welding axles–	\$1.70
Axels–	\$11.25
Bands for hubs	\$1.46
Bolts &c	\$3.20
	\$30.51

The blacksmith Bill is \$15.51. I paid Moore \$10.00 today on the bill. I found Bernie most well when I came home.

Mr & Mrs Spencer were in yesterday.

Mr Rouleau, the French missionary auctioned his effects at Weymouth today. He is to leave tomorrow for Quebec

#### **Saturday, September 22nd, 1888**

W. E. Raining most all day. I digged a few potatoes. I am sick with a cold. Mother got a letter from Alf today. He is over in Maine.

#### **Sunday, September 23rd, 1888**

W. Easterly. Rained heavily all night and most all day. It has been gloomy and disagreeable, very like the day the poet Longfellow discribes in the beautiful lines –  
“The day is cold and dark and dreary” &c

I am suffering from a severe cold which renders the situation most unpleasant. Jesse Cosman is here tonight to see Nettie, all scented and oiled. We have not yet decided on a name for our “wee” baby, but the talk of a number of names – such as “Earnest” “Percy”, “Charlie”, &c, but the name that we feel most favorable to is Willie, or Will Carleton, after its Mother favorite poet. It has a bad cold, and can scarcely get its breath.

#### **Monday, September 24th, 1888**

W. NW. Beautiful day.

A.M. Gampa hauled a load of slabs from the mill for wood. I began a pair of shoes for myself. The boys at school. P.M. I digged potatoes. Harold & Leslie went to the mill with the oxen and dump cart and got a load of deal ends and chips for fuel. It is the first time they have ever been away with the team unless accompanied by an older person. They had no bad luck and got home safely. Father went to the mill and sawed a couple of cart-tongues and sent home on the cart by the boys.

Prof Proctor, the distinguished astronomer, died recently at New York of yellow fever.

#### **Tuesday, September 25th, 1888**

W. W. Beautiful again

I have been variously engaged. F. digged some potatoes. The boys at school.

#### **Wednesday, September 26th, 1888**

W. SE. Rain accompanied by a terrific gale of wind I was taken sick in the night with a pain in my side in the region of my left lung, and today I cannot sit up

#### **Thursday, September 27th, 1888**

W. W. Fine again.

Father and Mother visited Mr and Mrs Spencer today. They are to move to Boston next week. I am better today and have cobbled some.

#### **Friday, September 28th, 1888**

W. S. Fine till noon – rained heavily the rest of the day. Father drove 12 bbls of potatoes to G.D. Campbell also a Bbl of apples to Jos. Ethier. Father got a complete soaking. I have been down sick again today W.H.S is here tonight fixing up our Bills to send out

#### **Saturday, September 29th, 1888**

W. W. Fine day. I was very sick all night and all day today. I got a letter tonight from Judson Sabine.

**Sunday, September 30th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine, but gloomy day for me as I am very sick. Roxy is well again as ever, and so is the baby. We have decided to call him Percy

**Monday, October 1st, 1888**

W. N. Fine but Cold. I spent a terrible night last night with pain in side. I am very much better today. Father has been putting the boxes or pipes in the new cart wheels. Tonight I am fixing up a Bill of labor on the old mill bed to send in to Dug. Campbell. It is as follows –

23 1/2 days work @ 1.00	\$23.50
Six “ Team “ @ 1.00	6.00
400 ft Plank @ 470 per M.	1.88
	\$31.38

This afternoon Hal, Les & Joe went to the mill with the team and got another load of blocks for wood.

**Tuesday October 2nd, 1888**

W. S. Showery. Father was going to Weymouth, but the rain prevented. I am getting better. Harris Cosman raised [his] house today.

**Wednesday, October 3rd, 1888**

W. S. Rained heavily all day. I mended Leslie's shoes. This afternoon WH Sabine & Mr Gates were here to Consult me in reference to the Steam-mill.

**Thursday October 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but raw and Cold. W.H.S. & I went to Weymouth with carriage. I took up a Note at the Bank for GD Campbell, and gave another for \$225.00. I also paid my taxes to Mr Butler the Amount being 20.93 cts

**Friday, October 5th, 1888**

W. SW. Looking like rain I stayed at W.H.S.s last night. Today he & I visited the Steam-mill at Woodville I came home this afternoon. I found Leonard and Josie Sick when I got home. They are better this evening.

**Saturday October 6th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. Lennie & Josie are all right this morning. I finished my shoes and got a load of slabs from Wagner's mill. They say that Will Steel is to be married today

**Sunday October 7th, 1888**

W. S. Partly clear and very warm W.H.S & Lydia came in this afternoon. Nettie went home yesterday. I gave her \$2.00

**Monday, October 8th, 1888**

W. S. Rained very heavy all night and all day. WH & Lydia here all day. I began a pair of shoes for Josie. I am not very well.

**Tuesday, October 9th, 1888**

W. SW. Showery. WHS & Lydia went home this morning. Father & I have been making irons for the cart.

**Wednesday, October 10th, 1888**

W. NW. Showery  
We worked again in the b.S. Shop this forenoon and this afternoon I worked at Josie's shoes.

**Thursday, October 11th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine  
F & I mowed Oats all day – a piece back of the barn and a piece in the orchard. We had a paring party at our house tonight.

**Friday, October 12th, 1888**

W. SE. Beautiful day. F & I mowed a piece of oats over the lake. Winnie & Sadie Sabine stayed here all night and have been here all. We had a paring party over home tonight, and got three barrels pared – a good evenings work. Bernie is sick today.

**Saturday, October 13th, 1888**

W. SE. Raining all day. Well, it looked discouraging this morning when the rain began. We had a lot of oats fit to go in but it Cannot be helped now. Bernie is very sick today I have helped take care of him all day.

**Sunday, October 14th, 1888**

W. S. Showery all day. All of us at home. Bernie is better

**Monday, October 15th, 1888**

W. W. West. Fine day. We got in a load of oats out of the orchard I gathered some apples & did other chores.

**Tuesday October 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. We got a load of oats from back of the lake and one from the field home.

**Wednesday, October 17th, 1888**

W. SE. Rained heavily all night and all day. I have been sick and did not do much.

**Thursday, October 18th, 1888**

W. Showery. Thundered and rained heavily all night. I have been pulling down the old barn. Father went out to W.H.S.s and got some paint and oil.

**Friday, October 19th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I painted our new cart. P.M. I gathered apples, and raked and hauled in a load of oats from the orchard

**Saturday, October 20th, 1888**

W. S. Rained all night all day. I have been building a wheel-barrow. Tonight I went to a tea-meeting the Campbelites held in their new Meeting-house They made about \$20.00.

**Sunday October 21st, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. All of us at home. This afternoon, Roxy went up to Cornelia's taking baby Percy with her. It is the first time she has had him out.

**Monday, October 22nd, 1888**

W. N. Overcast, squally and cold. I, with the team worked on the Wagner mill-road for Dan Fullerton.

**Tuesday, October 23rd, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold. I took a thousand feet of Spruce boards to E. Rice. I got a Bbl of Flour. Flour has raised in price from \$4.50 to \$7.00 & 8.00. Roxy, with Bernie & Percy spent the day down to Annie's.

**Wednesday, October 24th, 1888**

W. E. Overcast & Showery in the afternoon. Roxy & Winnie started for Barton to have a lot of bad teeth extracted. In the forenoon I went up the road and brought home a dump-cart that I got broken down on Monday. I brought home a quarter of beef which I bought from Alpha Marshall. It is the "hind" quarter of a heifer – weighs 92 lbs. He has six cts. per lb. for it. This afternoon F & I got the last of the oats home from around the lake. Roxy took baby Percy with her, and is not coming home till Sunday night.

**Thursday, October 25th, 1888**

W. N. Clearing off. Snowed some in the night. A.M. F & I digging potatoes. P.M. F. digging. I put another coat of paint on the new cart, and finished the afternoon in gathering apples.

**Friday, October 26th, 1888**

W. NE. Beautiful day. Father digging. Hal & Les & I have been gathering apples Josie has been at school.

**Saturday, October 27th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast but pleasant Father finished digging the

piece of potatoes at the West of the house. There were 55 bushels – a good yield.

Father says they were the best potatoes he ever digged. The boys and I have been gathering apples. I got a note from Roxy tonight. She is a W.H.S. and is looking for me out to spend tomorrow. I think I shall go, as Ada W. has come to stay with the children. She (Roxy) says in her note that she got her teeth (7) out of all right. I am so eager to see her that I can scarcely wait till we meet. Our little children. Roxy left little baby Percy with Lydia while she was up the Bay.

#### **Sunday, October 28th, 1888**

W. SW. Overcast till noon when a terrible storm of rain and wind came up. Roxy, Percy & I spent the day at W.H.S's. Mr Gillis, who is repairing the engine, spent the day at W.H.S. We had a good time. We intended to go home tonight but the storm prevented.

#### **Monday, October 29th, 1888**

W. W. Terrible rain storm last night which continued till noon. We stayed last night at W.H.S's. I came home before noon, but Roxy stayed till afternoon and Lydia brought her in. I have been gathering apples till night. We found the children all right when we got home.

#### **Tuesday, October 30th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but raw. I gathered apples till noon. P.M. I went up to the school examinations Eugenia Cosman it is not to teach any more here. Yesterday was a notable day for the town. Chute Mullen and Annie Jane were married, and Cornelia “borned” a big boy-baby.

#### **Wednesday, October 31st, 1888**

W. SW. Fine till noon. Showery till night. We had a digging “frolic” today. Our friends as follows came and helped us – W.H.S & Milton. Scot McAlpine. Daley Wagner. Jesse & Howard Cosman. Jim Spiddle and Stephen Wagner. They digged and put in all the potatoes back of the barn – about 80 bushels. It was a good help for us. May Wagner is married too, they say.

#### **Thursday, November 1st, 1888**

W. SW. Very pleasant – Rained most all night. I hauled two loads of slabs from W's mill – one for us and one for the other house. Father has been picking apples. I took Lennie up to the mill this afternoon. It is the first time he has ever visited a saw-mill. Harris was sawing and Lennie fairly jumped with delight to see the saw go.

#### **Friday, November 2nd, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful day. Father has been gathering apples. Robbie Wagner & Chute Mullen digged the potatoes in the orchard. I gave them each a barrel of apples for the day's work. I have been gathering apples. Old Mr David Graham of Centreville died this week. He was a fine old man. Harold & Leslie went down to Annie's and helped Scot pull turnips. Fred Wagner has been here all day & he and Josie have had great times.

#### **Saturday, November 3rd, 1888**

W. SW. Blowing a gale, and this evening raining heavily. Father has been gathering apples in the garden. I took a load of boards (partly Pine & partly Spruce) to Tom Rice. I got a Bbl of meal &c. I paid Nettie Weaver \$7.50 tonight. Winnie Sabine & Miss Bailey Came in today. They are at our house this evening. I got a great “soaking” before I got home.

#### **Sunday, November 4th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but quite Cold. Winnie & Miss Bailey spent the day here. Herbie Came in this afternoon. They were all here to tea and then went home.

#### **Monday, November 5th, 1888**

W. W. Fine. I moved out to W.H.S-'s to start lumber from the steam-mill. In the afternoon W.H.S. & I started up some lumber. Father is finishing gathering the apples. This evening Annie had a little paring party. Herbie, Milton, Winnie, Sadie, Miss Bailey and I were there. We pared a barrel of apples. I gave Annie two barrels of apples this fall.

**Tuesday, November 6th, 1888**

W. SW. Showery. WH & I went to the steam-mill. We put on our loads and just started when my new painted cart-tongue broke. We then put about thirteen hundred ft on W.H.S's cart & putting both yoke of oxen on it I went to Weymouth to Campbell's with a load of sp. boards In the mean time W.H.S- hunted up a tree for a cart tongue which we cut and put on the load and took down to W.H.S's, and in the afternoon while I was gone to the Bridge he worked on my tong - very kind of him- I took up a note at G.D.C- John Chandler who used to stay here with us was married today at Weymouth.

**Wednesday, November 7th, 1888**

W. SW. A.M. WHS & I finished the cart-tong and this afternoon we started two turns of lumber from the steam mill again. I came home tonight.

**Thursday, November 8th, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. I went to Weymouth with a load of apples, - 7 Bbls. I sold them to G.D.C. & Co. as follows 4 bbls at \$1.50 & the others were to be paid for as they were sold. I bought some things for Roxy & the babies

**Friday, November 9th, 1888**

W. SE. Terrible rain storm. I have been at W.H.S's all day

**Saturday, November 10th, 1888**

W. SE. Still raining heavily I came home at noon, & found all well.

**Sunday, November 11th, 1888**

W. W. Clearing off. All of us at home. Little Josie is sick this afternoon

**Monday, November 12th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. I went out to WHS's this forenoon. P.M. W.H.S. Herbie & I took boards out of the water at the Steam mill and piled it up. We piled our lumber over the brook last Spring, and the saw-dust damed the water

above the pile and the water came up among the boards about two feet. I am going to stay at WH.Ss tonight

**Tuesday, November 13th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine. W.H.S & I have been taking our lumber from the water and piling it up. I started two loads for floor boards up from the Steam mill to take out tomorrow.

**Wednesday, November 14th, 1888**

W. SW. Quite fine. I took 1000 ft of flooring out for Robie Graham. I put it on E. John's wharf. W.H.S. & Lydia Came in with me tonight. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day, & they are to spend it with us

**Thursday, November 15th, 1888**

W. S. Overcast - raining tonight. It is Thanksgiving today, but we have worked. I have been putting up a load of apples and potatoes for the fisherman. A.M. F. & W.H.S. pulled the turnips We had about 25 bushels.

**Friday, November 16th, 1888**

W. NW. Rained all night Clearing off today. I took a load of apples and potatoes to Weymouth. The fishermen from whom I got [fisk] on Tuesday agreed to take my produce and pay me cash for it today, but they would not stick to their bargain and left it on my hands. I sold a bbl of winter apples to GD Campbell for \$1.75, 1 bbl apples to Thos. Rice for \$1.25 - 3 bbls apples to Mrs Lovitt at \$1.25 per bbl and 1 bbl potatoes to Burrill & Co. for \$1.10 W.H.S went out with me. He took a load of boards which we sold to the Fisherman

**Saturday, November 17th, 1888**

W. NW. Snow squalls till noon then cleared off. I stayed at W.H.S's last night, and today he & I have been piling lumber at the steam mill again.

**Sunday, November 18th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold. All of us at home.



Roxy and I took a walk this afternoon down in Cerine's woods this afternoon.

Little baby Percy can laugh a little now, but he don't seem to grow as he ought. He is real well and as good as a baby can be.

#### **Monday, November 19th, 1888**

W. SE. Looking like rain.

The boys cut up a load of edgings and put in the rough room for kindlings. I have been Choring around. PM I went down to the camp & got the pick which has been there since last winter.

#### **Tuesday, November 20th, 1888**

W. N. Fine but Cold.

F & I rafting logs on this side of Bear-lake. We got about sixty down.

This is Leonard's birth-day He is four years old. He has a very sore toe tonight. Mrs Morehouse began School again on Monday. Harold, Leslie & of Josie went today. Rosa is not going till after hollidays

#### **Wednesday, November 21st, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold

A.M. we prepared shoes for the oxen. P.M. We finished rafting logs on this side of the lake.

#### **Thursday, November 22nd, 1888**

W. N. Cold – with snow flying I fear our log rafting is done for the season. This forenoon we shod the oxen. PM I loaded a load of boards to take out tomorrow. I put on 268 ft of planks & boards which Alf. left here in the yard.

W.H. Sabine is here tonight.

#### **Friday, November 23rd, 1888**

W. NE. Fine, but Cold. I took a load of boards to Thos. Rice (1022 ft)

He gives \$8.00 per M.

I got a bbl of meal and one of flour, 6 galls molasses 4 gals Kerosene Oil, a bag of salt from Edd Rice.

#### **Saturday, November 24th, 1888**

W. SE. Quite fine & mild. A.M. we butchered the pig. I was variously engaged this afternoon.

#### **Sunday, November 25th, 1888**

W. NE. A severe snow & wind storm began about noon today and tonight is very fierce. It will likely turn to rain as it is hailing now (bed-time)

#### **Monday, November 26th, 1888**

W. E. The storm turned to rain during the night and today the wind has blown a gale with rain. The snow is about all off again tonight.

Scot has been here all day. I have mended his boots. He is going to stop with us a while

#### **Tuesday, November 27th, 1888**

W. SE. Overcast. Scot began service here at \$10.00 per month A.M. he & father went to raft logs but the ice was not all out of the lake. P.M. we hauled firewood

#### **Wednesday, November 28th, 1888**

W. S. Overcast and warm. F & Scot went to the mill. I made a storm-door for our house, but had not time to hang it. I am going out to W.H.Ss tonight to be on hand to go to the S. mill tomorrow.

#### **Thursday, November 29th, 1888**

W. SE. Still warm and overcast. When I got to W.H.S.s last night I found that he and Milton were fighting fire at his mill. About seven Oclock I took a lantern and went down. I found them with their hands full to keep the mill from burning. Charley Manzer was helping them. Manzer and Milton soon came home and I remained with W.H.S– all night. We subdued the fire after a hard struggle Father and Scot have been at the mill sawing and rafting logs. This forenoon W.H.S and I were down to the steam mill. P.M. I went to his mill and helped him burn slabs. I feel badly used up today

**Friday, November 30th, 1888**

W. SE. Overcast.

F & Scot sawing. WHS & I at the Steam-mill, shingling &c.

**Saturday, December 1st, 1888**

W. NW. Still overcast and mild. F & Scot at the mill. WHS & I working at the Steam mill. Mother went to Weymouth with the mail. Harold and Leslie yoked the oxen today put them on the cart and hauled some brush and chips. It was the first time they have yoked the oxen.

**Sunday, December 2nd, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast – snowed a little last night, all of us at home. Mother caught a bad Cold yesterday.

**Monday, December 3rd, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. F & Scot at the mill. I hung the Storm door in the forenoon and tonight I went out to W.H.S's again as I want to work at the S- mill tomorrow.

**Tuesday, December 4th, 1888**

W. E. Squalls of snow. I went to the steam mill to put in some window frames, but they being short of hands I helped pile lumber. Geo. Wagner who is boss there now wants me to work in the mill all the week. I may stay a day or two. I came up to W.H.S's again tonight.

**Wednesday, December 5th, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. I worked in the Steam-mill again today. I helped edge. I went up to Geo. Wagner's tonight.

**Thursday, December 6th, 1888**

W. NE. Sprinkling rain. I worked in the Steam mill again today. I "tail-Stocked". I came up to WHS's tonight.

**Friday, December 7th, 1888**

W. NW. Quite fine. I Came home this morning to get

ready to go to Weymouth tomorrow. I put up a bbl of N. Spy apples for Geo. Hoyt, and got ready and went out to W.H.S's again tonight. Winnie Sabine has been in here all the week sewing for Mother and Roxy.

**Saturday, December 8th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but Cold. I took a load of lumber to Campbell – 600 feet Sp 400 feet pine. I took up a note and gave another. I took Hoyt a bbl of apples for \$2.25. I got a side of leather from Lin Journey, and a pair of mocasin bottoms for which I am to pay 75 cts. W.H.S. & Lydia came in with me tonight.

**Sunday, December 9th, 1888**

W. E. Cloudy & Cold. WHS & Lydia here all day They went home tonight.

**Monday, December 10th, 1888**

W. E. Cloudy & Cold.  
A.M. We butchered a cow – the Ben Wagoner heifer.  
P.M. We hauled some fire wood. Scot is going to work for Dan the rest of the week.  
W.H. Sabine had the misfortune to Cut his wrist very badly today.

**Tuesday, December 11th, 1888**

W. SE. Looking like rain Father at the mill. P.M. I layed in bed being sick P.M. Roxy & I cut up our beef. I was going out to see WHS – if it had not Stormed

**Wednesday, December 12th, 1888**

W. NW. Heavy gale with rain last night. Came around cold today I made a pair of lasts and cut out a pair of boots for one of the boys – Harold.  
Tonight I went out to see W.H.S-

**Thursday, December 13th, 1888**

W. NW. Cold. I came home from WHS's this morning and this afternoon started two loads of boards from the mill. F sawing.

**Friday, December 14th, 1888**

W. NW. Cold as Greenland. I went out to W.H.S's with my load last night, and today Milton drove out my team taking a load of boards – Spruce – about a thousand feet to Ed. Rice. I stayed at W.H.S's and help him cut up his beef &c

**Saturday, December 15th, 1888**

W. NW. Fine but cold. Milton drove out my team again today taking a load – about 800 feet of pine S– mill lumber to Campbell for me. I helped Herbie get up firewood. I came home tonight.

**Sunday, December 16th, 1888**

W. SW. Soft but pleasant. Harris & Cornelia with their children spent the day here. W.H.S came in tonight.

**Monday, December 17th, 1888**

W. S. Began raining in the night with a heavy gale and Continued all day. Scot and Father at the mill. I have been working at Hal's boots. WHS– here fixing up tree accounts.

**Tuesday, December 18th, 1888**

W. SW. Showery all day. W.H.S went home this morning. I have been Cobbling. F & Scot sawing.

**Wednesday, December 19th, 1888**

W. NW. A “dust” of snow fell last night and the ground stiffened a little. Scot and Harold began breaking up a piece of sod back of the black-S-shop I have been cobbling.

**Thursday, December 20th, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast but mild. Scot & Hal. finished ploughing. I cut Hal's boots too small and could not “last” them, so today I make a pair of boots for Leslie and finished the boots for him. I must here say a word for dear little Percy. He is the best little baby we have had yet. He never cries at all, but just eats and sleeps all the time.

**Friday, December 21st, 1888**

W. W. Overcast but mild. Father and Scot sawing. I took a load of Dam. Plank to Geo J. Hoyt – about 950 ft. I bought Hal. a pair of boots, and he and Leslie each a pair of Acme skates for Xmas presents. I got other goods for the season, prominent among which was a “big” lamp for Mother.

Harold has been to the mill today with Gampa and Scot. Gampa has not been well of late. He is troubled with dyspepsia

**Saturday, December 22nd, 1888**

W. N. Very cold day. Father and Scot sawing. I made Lennie a pair of shoes. I did not get them done till nine O'clock.

Roxy is baking mince pies and preparing for Christmas. Mr Benjamin Wagner is having a severe illness from gatherings in his head. The doctor was in today.

**Sunday, December 23rd, 1888**

W. SW. Fine and pleasant. All of us at home. Rosa went up to meeting this afternoon.

Little Lennie is badly afflicted with a gathering on one of his fingers. He cries half of the time.

**Monday, December 24th, 1888**

W. SW. Beautiful day F. & Scot at the mill. I have been shoe-making Uncle Eath. Ring came today with a gig and and Old nag. It is Christmas eve and the house is all up in heaps with the bustle of preparation.

Aunt Lydia Mullen died yesterday after a terrible illness. She is to be buried tomorrow.

**Tuesday, December 25th, 1888**

**Christmas Day**

This day of all days dawned clear and beautiful Not a cloud excepting now and then – or rather here and there – a fleecy form that seemed like white-robed Angels hovering over the happy earth!

It has been the most beautiful day of the season – so warm that it has been comfortable without fires and open doors Bright and early, and without the children knowing anything of the pleasant excursion that had been planned

for them, we were up and making preparations for the day.

Fearing that something might hinder us from going we did not let the children know of it till this morning. Little Lennie has had a very sore finger which he jammed in the sewing machine, & which gathered badly. We did not know but this would prevent our going, but this morning it was better. We put the written invitations in their stockings, and they danced for very joy when they realized their purport.

The sun had only risen when we started with the oxen and cart, and about nine O'clock we arrived at W.H.S's. What a pleasant day we had! The children will never forget it. In their stockings this morning Hal. & Les. each had a pair of skates. Rosa a Hood and a book – Josie a box of paints and a book, and Lennie a book. Each of the boys had a new Cap. I gave Mother as a Xmas present a large lamp, and Father a book – “Ben Hur”.

#### **Wednesday, December 26th, 1888**

W. SW. Another beautiful warm day. We stayed at W.H.S's last night and came home this morning. P.M. I started two loads of lumber from the mill and went down to W.H.Ss on my way to Weymouth tomorrow. Scot and the boys have been picking up stones this afternoon Dan & Annie & their children spent the day at Mother's yesterday

#### **Thursday, December 27th, 1888**

W. S. Showery. I went to Weymouth with a load of boards to Ed Rice. I got a Bbl of Flour and some molasses The road was the worst I ever saw it. I started with 700 and had to leave part of my load on the way. I was very tired when I got home tonight. Father & Scot have been to the mill.

#### **Friday, December 28th, 1888**

W. W. Quite fine. Scot & I sawing. Hal. Les. & Josie Came to the mill in the afternoon. Father is quite sick.

#### **Saturday, December 29th, 1888**

W. NW. Snow squalls in the forenoon – then cleared off. Scot & I sawing.

#### **Sunday, December 30th, 1888**

W. NW. Overcast but pleasant W.H.S & Lydia were here to tea and this evening Roxy & I went with them up to see Ben Wagner who is very ill.

#### **Monday, December 31st, 1888**

W. S. Rained all day, or in the afternoon. W.H.S. & Lydia did not go home till night. In the forenoon Scot & Harold hauled some wood. Harold drove the team. It is about his first experience in hauling wood.

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## Original Diary

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## Journal &amp; Diary.

January 1st  
Sunday.

N. S. Commenced snowing this afternoon and turned to again. I have been very sick today. Well, it is the beginning of another year. I hope it may pass as pleasantly as the old one. Well, Saline married today.

Monday Jan 2

N. S. E. Rained all day. I am a little better, but still quite ill.

Tuesday Jan 3rd

Went cold again. I am feeling a good deal better today. N. H. S. Came at noon with a load of boards for our camp and horse. I went with one team to help him take them down in the woods but at the foot of the big hill the sled broke so we had to leave our load and come back. Carmelia was captured and joined the Campbells today. I did not expect anything better of her.

Wednesday Jan 4

Went to beautiful day. N. H. S. gave me boards down tonight. Today hauled some stones for the fireplace and covered the roof of our camp.

Thursday Jan 5th

N. S. W. Fine but very cold. N. H. S. began clearing our main road. I am not able to work this week but work is so pressing.

Friday Jan 6

N. S. W. Fine again. N. H. S. & I clearing road.

Saturday Jan 7

N. S. E. Fine till towards night when a storm of snow began.

N. H. S. & I clearing road. We began this morning at Geo. Cosmow's field and tonight were nearly across to Rick's road which we are to follow to the lake. I came home nearly dead tonight - tired and sick.

Sunday Jan 8

N. S. W. Quite fine. It rained a little last night, but did not rain. I have been very sick today with a cough and head-ache.

Monday Jan 9

N. S. W. Quite fine, but cold. I am about the same.

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Tuesday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Snow storm  
I am a little better today.

Wednesday Jan 11

N. N. W. Fine but cold.  
N. H. S. came here in noon  
and stayed around here  
the rest of the day.

Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Very cold - coldest  
of the season yet. I am  
getting better slowly.

Friday Jan 13

N. S. E. Cold - snowing a  
little tonight. This afternoon  
I went down to the camp  
and got a saw and some  
nails. N. H. S. - came tonight.

Saturday Jan 14

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
Rained a little in the  
night - N. H. S. & I worked  
at our house - got the roof  
most on tonight.  
N. H. S. & Lydia are here  
tonight.

Sunday Jan 15

N. S. E. Began raining  
at noon. Minnie Sabine  
came this forenoon, and  
is here yet tonight. N. H. S.  
& Lydia went home after  
dinner.

Monday Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Fine but very cold.  
Geo. M. went out with the  
team. Lotta is partly laid  
up with a lame foot. This  
forenoon I made an axe  
handle. N. H. S. came in  
with some snow boards for  
our house, and this after-  
noon we went down and  
finished boarding our  
house. Minnie has been  
here all day. Bill Sabine  
was married on New  
Years day.

Tuesday Jan 17

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
Minnie Sabine stayed  
here last night and today  
Peggy went out with her  
They went through the woods  
visiting the Steam mill.  
N. H. S. & I finished our  
house. I went down to the  
corn and set hoxy  
tonight. Lotta came today.

Wednesday Jan 18

N. S. E. Sunny and  
blesting. A. M. I mended  
Lettie's hat. P. M. I made  
some book shelves for  
our kitchen. Little Lennie  
was taken sick tonight.

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Thursday Jan 19  
N. N. N. Overcast and  
blustering. About six  
inches of snow have  
fallen - the most yet  
this winter. Geo. Manjo  
taking Bass & Amie.  
Start logs. I went down  
to our Camp - made a door  
finished calking, and  
fixed things up generally.  
Lennie has been very  
sick today.

Friday Jan 20  
N. N. N. Blowing a gale and  
very cold. Father and I  
worked in the shop. I rode up and got two loads  
a back tongue for the wagon  
sled. Father making a pair  
of runners for a long sled. I cut fir wood.  
Tonight I went out to  
W. H. to introduce to  
to Myquith tomorrow.  
Lennie is most well again.

Saturday Jan 21  
N. N. Blowing and very  
cold. It was so cold I  
did not go to Myquith  
today. I stayed to W. H.'s  
till afternoon and then  
came home by the Steam  
Mill.

Sunday Jan 22  
N. N. Very cold day.  
All of us at home.

Monday Jan 23  
N. N. Cold. A. M. I  
cut some drag wood  
and in the afternoon  
hauled them.

Tuesday Jan 24  
N. N. Cold - Snowed  
about three inches last  
night. George Manjo  
and Alf. Leisman went  
up and got two loads  
meadow hay today.  
I cut fir wood.  
John Sabine & Kate  
Leisman were married  
today.

Wednesday Jan 25  
N. N. N. Cold.  
George Manjo & I got  
up fir wood.

Thursday Jan 26  
N. S. E. Terrible snow storm  
and gale - turned to rain  
at night. Geo. Manjo went  
up to the meadow and got  
two loads of hay. I had  
a blue time.



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Friday Jan 27

N. A. W. Snowing and blowing. Hatched George at the mill. I began to "Dutch" logs. W. H. Sabine and Lydia came in today. Schattie spent the afternoon here.

Saturday Jan 28

N. A. W. Snow, but cold. I went to Weymouth, with W. H. Sabine's horse & sleigh. Lydia went with me. I went out to see about getting some money, but did not succeed.

Sunday Jan 29

W. H. Sabine fine. All quiet at home.

Monday Jan 30

N. A. W. No wind to snow in the woods today, but I did not get my spoke done in time. I got ready to start in the morning. W. H. S. stayed here tonight.

Tuesday Jan 31

N. A. W. Snow, but cold. We moved in the woods today. This afternoon W. H. S. & I looked out another road to haul across the Steam mill.

Wednesday Feb 1st

N. A. W. Snow but cold. Today W. H. S. Martin & I cleared a road to haul across to Howard Stule's upper pond and tonight we got one turn of logs down.

Thursday Feb 2

N. A. W. Snow. Began logging in earnest. It helped us some. Hauled 31 logs.

Friday Feb 3

N. A. W. Snow. Hauled 41 logs today. Father was with us. Our camp smoke is bad.

Saturday Feb 4

W. S. Very cold but looking like a storm. - Hauled 28 logs - making a hundred this week. Glad to get home tonight and see my Rosy and children. Rosy went to Weymouth with Alva (the mail). She had a good sleep and got herself a new dress.

Sunday Feb 5

W. S. Raining most all day. W. H. S. & Lydia here this evening.

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Monday Feb 6

N. N. W. Fine. We went in the woods again today - this afternoon. I broke my axe-handle and came home again tonight.

Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine. I made an axe-handle this forenoon and after dinner went again to the forest.

N. S. Quite warm and looking like rain. but did not. W. H. L. Hubie and I logging again. I came home tonight.

Wednesday Feb 8

N. N. W. Fine but Cold. All of us logging again.

Friday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine but Cold. Logging again.

Saturday Feb 11

N. S. S. Snowed a little last night and this after noon raining. We packed till noon and then made home.

Engene Coeman spent the day here.

Sunday Feb 12

N. N. W. Beautiful. The trees are so completely loaded with ice that they are beautiful to behold. I never saw

anything to compare with it. The branches of the cherry-trees lie on the ground from the weight of ice. This afternoon the sun is shining brightly and the scenery is beautiful beyond description.

Monday Feb 13

N. N. W. Fine. I went in the woods again today. Rony went down with me to the camp on my load of hay and from there she went out to W. H. L.

Tuesday Feb 14

N. N. W. Fine and warm. This afternoon the snow and ice melted on the tree tops and came down in such torrents of water that we cleared out of the woods. I went out with W. H. L. and stayed all night with him.

Wednesday Feb 15

N. N. E. Snowing some. All of us logging.

Thursday Feb 16

N. N. Fine but awful Cold. Logging again.

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Friday Feb 17

W. A. W. Snow and made  
Logging again.

Saturday Feb 18

W. A. W. Fine. Logging  
Tonight we have 364  
logs landed on the pond.

Last night Annie was  
taken very ill. They sent  
for Mother and the doctor.

This morning she was  
so low that they thought  
her dying - but she is better  
now. Uncle Billy and  
Aunt Minerva came to  
night.

Sunday Feb 19

W. A. W. Fine. I went  
down this morning  
to see Annie. She is  
better. W. H. S. came  
in this afternoon and  
took Roy up the road.  
Stigh riding.

Monday Feb 20

W. S. C. Looking like a storm.  
We moved in the woods  
again today and got  
two turns down.  
Annie is getting better.

Tuesday Feb 21

W. S. Rained very heavily  
all night and till noon.  
Hertie went home this  
morning with his team.  
In the afternoon W. H. S. &  
cleared a road thru the  
snow home. I chopped  
till night.

Wednesday Feb 22

W. A. W. Beautiful day.  
All of us logging again.  
Mr Spence was in when  
we were at work.

Thursday Feb 23

W. A. W. Fine again.  
Logging again. Old Robert  
Manger died today.  
Eddie Graham is very sick.  
Annie is getting quite smart.  
Mother is staying here  
this week.

Friday Feb 24

W. A. W. Fine. All of us  
Logging. I had such  
a pain in my head  
yesterday that I came  
home. Rev Mr Parker  
is having quite a  
Reformation in Lusk.

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Saturday Feb 25

W. N. W. Fine.

Father went down in the woods today. I did not go. I have a terrible pain in my head an attack of my neuralgia probably.

Sunday Feb 26

W. S. E. Rained all day all of us at home.

Monday Feb 27

W. N. W. Fine.

Did not snow in the wood today. I am not able to go. W. H. S. was here today. I went with him up to Alpha Marshalls to get a Dead Pitmened. In the afternoon he and father went down and cleared a road.

Tuesday Feb 28

W. N. W. Fine - but cold.

Father, W. H. S. & Willie logging. This afternoon I mended a pair of boots for Leslie.

Wednesday Feb 29

W. N. W. Fine. I & W. H. S. in the woods. I had a bad spell of pain in my head this forenoon. Plum I mended Harold's boots.

Thursday Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. but cold. This has been a terrible day for me. Such a pain as I have had in my head! I have been nearly crazy. I have been in the woods with W. H. S. W. H. S. is here tonight.

Friday Mar 2

W. N. Cold. Father in the woods. I am better today but sick enough yet.

Saturday Mar 3

W. N. E. Cloudy all day. Snowing a little tonight. I am worse again today. I can hardly bear the pain tonight.

Sunday Mar 4

W. N. Cloudy. I am getting better today. Lydia and Winnie were here awhile this afternoon. There is a baptism today at Jesket. Several persons have gone from this settlement.

Monday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

W. N. Overcast. Father logging. I am getting better.

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Tuesday Mar 6  
N. N. Concast. I in  
the woods. I have been  
mending the Childrens  
old boots and shoes.

Wednesday Mar 7  
N. N. E. Concast.  
Ninnie Sabine came in  
this morning. She is  
going to stay a few days  
and help Rosy on her  
dress. I have been  
cobbling some when I  
could sit up.

Thursday Mar 8  
N. N. N. Quite fine.  
I have been mending  
shoes. I am taking  
advantage of the situation  
by mending up old shoes  
enough to last the children  
all summer. Mr Spencer  
is here this evening.  
He is canvassing for  
a Temperance Book.  
George Manzer was out  
today. There is a  
great stir in Instab.

Friday Mar 9  
N. N. Fine. I finished  
up all the old shoes  
today. In Logging.

Saturday Mar. 10  
N. N. N. Fine. I have been  
in the woods. I have been  
cutting fire wood. Winnie  
went home today. The boys  
<sup>went with her</sup>  
<sub>down to the</sub>

Sunday Mar 11  
N. N. N. Beautiful day.  
All of us at home.

Monday Mar 12  
N. N. E. Concast.  
We did not go in the woods  
today. This afternoon I  
went down to the Steam  
mill.

Tuesday Mar. 13.  
N. E. Snowing all day  
A very disagreeable day  
indeed

Wednesday Mar 14  
N. N. E. Snowing a little  
We went in the woods again  
today. I am not as well  
as I was before I was  
sick. Harold, his 7 year old  
brother went up to Eddie Braden

Thursday Mar 15  
N. N. E. Quite fine.  
All of us logging again.

Friday Mar 16  
N. N. N. Fine warm  
day - Logging again

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Saturday Mar 17  
N. N. W. Squally. Father  
repairing the mill. W. H. S.  
& I logging

Sunday Mar 18  
N. N. W. Fine but cold  
& wind spent the day here.

Monday Mar 19<sup>th</sup>  
N. N. Quite cold but fine.  
W. H. S. & I worked in the  
woods.

Tuesday Mar 20  
N. S. W. Fine till most  
night when it began rain-  
ing. W. H. S. & I worked  
in the woods.

Wednesday Mar 21  
N. S. Dripping rain all day  
I spent a sad night in the  
camp with pain in my head.  
It was so severe this morning  
that I came home.  
W. H. S. & Herbie hauled to-  
day. W. H. Sabine came  
up tonight.

Thursday Mar 22  
N. S. W. Cleared off fine  
and warm. Father, W. H. S.  
and I went down this  
afternoon to see if the hauling  
had "broken up." We found  
Herbie at the camp. We  
concluded to "haul" again  
and got down a couple  
of turns this afternoon

Friday Mar 23  
N. S. W. Squally.  
All day no logging.  
Mother had an ill turn  
this morning - heart  
disease.

Saturday Mar 24  
N. N. W. Fine but cold  
W. H. S. & I logging.  
My head has been feeling  
very bad today.

Sunday Mar 25  
N. N. W. Fine but cold  
All day at home. I have  
been half sick with pain  
in my head. I fear  
another attack of neuralgia.

Monday Mar 26  
N. S. W. Beautiful day  
W. H. S. & Herbie in  
the woods I am down  
again with neuralgia and  
could not go in the woods.

Tuesday Mar 27  
N. S. E. Sleet storm.  
I have spent a terrible  
night and am no better  
today. W. H. S. & Father  
hauled today - and  
finished the thousand  
logs!!! At the first of  
February when we began  
hauling we talked over

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the possibilities and probabilities of the prospect, and thought if we had extra weather and extra luck we might by the last of March get a thousand logs. But the probability was that if we got 100 we would do very well, but we've outstripped all expectations and might have over 1000 logs. But it has been a remarkable winter. There has not been at any time over a foot of snow on, and since we have been logging not so much as that, and there has been the least snow fall this winter that I ever knew in our winter. There has also been scarcely any storms. Roy got his big mat done tonight.

Wednesday Mar 28  
N. S. Drizzling rain. Another bitter night and day of rain. I feel a little better tonight.

Thursday Mar 29  
N. S. Drizzling rain. This forenoon my head was bad, but since noon I feel better.

Friday Mar 30  
N. N. W. Beautiful day. Father starting lumber from the mill. Ammie spent the day with mother.

Saturday Mar 31  
N. Variable snowing most all day. Tonight Roy and I went out to N. H. S. Ammie and I are going to stay with the children.

Sunday April 1st  
N. N. W. Fine. Roy & I stayed to N. H. S. till after tea when we came home. W. W. & Lydia accompanying us as far as the Steam cutter.

Monday April 2nd  
N. N. W. Heavy snow storm. In the forenoon the storm went down to the level where we were logging and put a load of manure.

Tuesday Apt 3rd  
N. N. W. Fine. Father & I hunting fire wood from below Alf's little field.

Wednesday Apt 4  
N. N. W. Fine. I took a load of Sp boards to Ed. Rice. I took over a thousand I bought board a pair of braces for 18¢. They are his first braces he's tackled over.

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Thursday Apt 5<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. I went out again taking over 800 ft of Deals to Campbell. I got a bbl of flour and some of meal. I got a pair of braces for D. Dish for 12<sup>cts</sup>. He is summoned, pleased

Friday Apt 6<sup>th</sup>

W. S. Raining. I did nothing but some cobbling. In the afternoon father helped W. W. in the mill.

Saturday Apt 7<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. Father and I hauling logs over the lake, we put in 28.

Sunday Apt 8<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Beautiful day. All of us at home.

Monday Apt 9<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. I got logging. When I came home tonight I found Roy very sick.

Tuesday Apt 10<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Fine again. I got logging. Roy is still very sick. Annie Jane came to stay with us while

Wednesday Apt 11<sup>th</sup>

W. S. S. cloudy - blustering snow storm in afternoon. I finished logging. We have got a hundred. Roy is better. Lestis has been up to Peter Wagner's to spend his birth day. He is eight years old. He got some cards.

Thursday Apt 12<sup>th</sup>

W. N. E. Cloudy or raw. In the afternoon father and I went over the lake and sowed some grass seed in the burnt land. we went also and boomed our logs. Coming off of Bear Lake I got in. I will keep from the lake the rest of the Spring.

Friday Apt 13<sup>th</sup>

W. N. E. Snowing and disagreeable. I cleaned out the cellar &c. Mark Mosely was here all the forenoon and dinner.



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Saturday Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> 1888

N. N. W. Quite fine. I went to Weymouth today to see that vagabond - Doug Campbell about the clear mill. I fear I am to have trouble with him yet. I saw a very fine when I got home tonight poor little Roy is "poody" yet.

Sunday Apr 15

N. N. W. Fine. All of us at home

Monday, Apr. 16

N. N. W. Fine. A. M. I went to the mill to saw, but W. H. S. & H. is came there too to saw, so I did not come home. P. M. We cut some fence poles.

Tuesday Apr 17

N. S. W. Fine. A. M. I hauled some poles to sawed fence. P. M. I cut some more poles. Ralphy is feeding the other horses in the stable.

Wednesday Apr 18

N. N. W. Snow squall this forenoon. I have been hauling poles all day. I have been cutting some.

Thursday Apr 19

N. N. E. Quite fine. A. M. We have been doctoring a sick cow which having trouble in calving. P. M. I picked up stones. The boys helped us some.

Friday Apr 20

N. N. S. Fine. I & I picked up stones. In the afternoon I went to the mill to fix the boxes. I picked up stones.

Saturday, Apr. 21

N. Variable. Windy. In the forenoon Father & I picked up stones. In the afternoon Father went to the steam mill taking I & Al. Les. and Josy to see the mill. I have been cutting grafts.

Yesterday morning W. H. S. & I had a talk with John Edd about going into partnership in the nursery business. He seems quite inclined.

Sunday Apr 22

N. N. Cloudy till noon, then cleared off. We are all of us at home. Dan & Annie spent the afternoon at the other house.

Monday Apr 23

N. N. Fine but looking like a storm. I & I fixing fence.

Tuesday Apr 24

N. N. W. Snowed 4 or 5 inches last night and today is a regular winter day. I have been working in the shop.

Wednesday Apr 25

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I went to the mill to saw. A. M. I cut some fence poles. At noon W. H. S. & I came. They brought us a clock. P. M. I helped W. H. S. in the B. S. Shop.

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Thursday April 26

N. N. Beautiful day.  
Father at the mill. We rig-  
ged a trench to straighten  
the brook for driving logs  
about the Deane mill.

This has been Examinations  
Day at School. Roy was  
up in the afternoon. Harriet  
and Peter got each a little  
iron with a pencil and wrote  
in it. John got a five cent  
piece of silver.

Poor old Tom Wilson  
the lousy peddler who has  
traveled these roads for  
years did the other day.

Friday April 27

N. S. N. Fine and very warm  
I took a load of pine boards  
(512 ft) to S. Rice. Sr. at the  
mill. Alf came in today.

Saturday April 28

N. N. Fine and warm.  
No sawing. I am about  
half sick tonight.  
Geo. Taylor Muller is at  
the other house tonight.

Sunday April 29

N. N. Overcast with slight  
showers. Father came to  
Tusket to meeting with  
Taylor. I am half sick  
with a cold.

Monday April 30

N. N. W. Quite fine. Sr. at  
the mill. He sawed the log  
and brought the saw home.  
Alf came in again.

Tuesday May 1st

N. S. E. Raining with  
thunder. Sr. fixed  
the mill saw. Sr. I went  
down to Annistown.

Wednesday May 2

N. N. E. Cold. Father at the  
mill. I am getting  
better. I worked in the  
shop.

Thursday May 3

N. N. Fine. After I  
handed fence poles to  
fix the fence. Mr. J  
started two loads of  
plank from the mill  
Father sawing.

Friday May 4

N. N. N. Fine but cold  
I took a load of plank to  
Geo Hoyt (765 ft) I got  
some seed oats.

Saturday May 5

N. S. N. Slight showers  
I made a fence around  
the strawberries.  
N. H. & Lydia Saline  
came here tonight.

Sunday May 6

N. N. N. Beautiful day  
N. H. & Lydia & Mary & C.  
took a walk in the after-  
noon down to the lake.

Journal of May

Monday May 7th  
N. N. Finn. He began  
driving our logs today  
Scottie and I were there  
Rory and the little boys  
were there in the afternoon.

Tuesday May 8th  
N. N. N. Beautiful day.  
I & I driving logs again  
but did not get done.

Wednesday May 9th  
N. S. Foggy - saw and cut  
N. H. L. - John & I grafting  
trees. In the afternoon  
L. was down helping them  
drive but they did not  
get done.

Thursday May 10th  
N. S. Quite fine until  
towards night when there  
some slight showers.  
Father and I went to the  
Steam mill to move or pile  
lumber. as they began  
sawing for us today.  
Rory and Lydia Sabine  
went to Weymouth today  
to meet our little girl who  
was to come down from  
the children's Home at  
Hillfoot Farm Aylesford.  
Today by train. She was  
there and they brought her  
on. W. H. Sabine brought  
her and Rory in boat

his house. She seems  
to be a very nice little  
girl from what I have  
yet seen of her. Her name  
is Rosa Ann Kerr, and  
she is one of the orphan  
children Miss Stirling  
brought out from  
Scotland this Spring.  
Her native place was  
Edinburgh. We have  
adopted her as our own  
and it remains to be  
seen how the project  
will work.

Wednesday May 11th

Friday May 11th  
N. S. I & I went to the  
steam mill to haul  
lumber. We worked till  
noon when the rain  
drove us home. In the  
afternoon I made tips.

Saturday May 12th  
N. S. E. Overcast and windy  
Father & I hauling lumber  
at the steam mill.  
Old Mr Colin Potts, an  
aged resident of this place  
died suddenly in his field  
today.

Sunday May 13th  
N. S. S. Showy. Scot has  
been here today.

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Monday May 14

N. S. E. Rained in the forenoon. P. M. I went out to N. H. S. and he and I pulled apple trees till night.

Tuesday May 15

N. S. E. Showy all day. I stayed at N. H. S. all night. Harris's bossman came out to help me move lumber today but she shut down for Mr. Peter's funeral so we went to that instead. This afternoon Harris went to the mill and got a load of box boards and N. H. S. & I loaded up a load of trees to come in to this nursery to pack. I came home tonight.

Wednesday May 16

N. N. W. Breeze. Yesterday Iathie assisted by Alf Marshall & Seal pulled trees. This forenoon H. N. H. S. Marshall & I pulled trees. In afternoon N. H. S. & I began packing trees.

Thursday May 17

N. N. W. Fine. N. H. S. & I packing trees. Yesterday we sent L. S. Wagoner to Frenchtown to get a load of trees. Yesterday Harris & Seal started lumber at the Steam Mill, and

they have been there today. N. H. S. Factor & I packing trees.

Friday May 18

N. N. W. Fine. Harris all day & Seal 1/2 day at the Steam Mill. H. N. H. S. & I at the trees. J. S. W. came home tonight from Frenchtown. He gave me \$4.45 etc.

Saturday May 19

N. N. W. Fine. Seal & I at the Steam Mill. H. N. H. S. & I packing trees.

Sunday May 20

N. N. Breeze day. W of us at home.

Monday May 21

N. N. W. Fine day. We have been packing trees today. Lydia Sabie helped us. Arthur went to Lewis tonight and got a cart. Harris at the Steam Mill with our cans this afternoon starting tonight.

Tuesday May 22

N. S. E. Fine. We loaded up trees. Yesterday Harris & Seal started lumber at the Steam Mill, and

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Wednesday May 23

N. N. W. Beautiful Cool day. I took four boxes of trees to the Station today - 1 for Granville, the others for Broad Cove, Leigh etc I got a bill of Flour and bill of meal from Edd Rice Scot & Milton at the steam mill with N. H. S. team. I & N. H. S. packing trees.

Our old peddler by name of France stayed over night at the other house last night. Yesterday morning Mrs Virtue Marshall sent her boy with a pair of babies

Monday May 28

N. S. E. Looking like rain. I & I planting. Mr & Mrs Spencer have been here part of the day. Mother went out to N. H. S. with them.

Thursday May 24

N. N. W. Fine. We finished packing trees yesterday and today I took out four boxes - 2 to the Station and two to go to Sandy Weymouth. N. H. S. Milton at the steam mill <sup>sent working</sup> here

Tuesday May 29

N. S. E. Showy all day. I hauled out two loads of manure. The rest of the day have been writing up an article on

Friday May 25

N. N. W. Fine. Father began plowing - Scot harrowed a piece where we were. N. H. S. & I piling lumber at the steam mill.

Wednesday May 30

N. S. E. Breeze. Father & I went around the lake to our burnt land and sowed & had turnips last year. We put oats in it.

Saturday May 26

N. S. W. Fine. Scot went to the steam mill to pile lumber, but the mill did not go. I & I plowing & planting. N. H. S. Lydia came in tonight.

Thursday May 31

N. N. W. Quite fine. I have been planting potatoes. Mother planting Harold went to the steam mill this forenoon and got a pair of occasions of mine. This afternoon Leslie went out to N. H. Sabin and took a note for me. P. M. I have been plowing. Harold learned plowing. It is his first experience in that

Sunday May 27

N. S. E. Cloudy. N. H. S. Lydia was home this morning

Journal - Monday

Monday June 1st  
W. E. Rained till noon  
just till night 11 M. I  
a p.m. P. M. I ploughed  
old and Jessy drove  
team for me by turns  
will remember today  
well as I remember  
first day that I drove  
plough. W. H. S. was  
in this afternoon

Saturday June 2  
W. H. N. Beautiful day.  
I have been hauling out  
manure. Father and the  
boys dropping and planting  
Harold and Lizzie had  
planted some this year.

Sunday June 3  
W. H. N. Another fine  
day. The Cherry-trees are  
now in full bloom and  
the woods are looking  
beautiful. Poor little Eddie  
Graham who has been a  
great sufferer from  
Rheumatism died this  
morning. Harold is very  
much grieved over the  
loss of his school mate.  
Annie is sick again.  
Dan came home from  
up the Bay tonight where  
he has been calling.  
Mrs Geo. W. Whit. of Digh  
died on the 27 of last month  
She has been an invalid for  
a number of years, but has  
borne her suffering as  
only a Christian can.

Monday June 4  
W. H. N. Glorious day!  
I have made a Coffin for  
poor little Eddie. Art. H.  
Marshall came and  
worked in my place. He  
hailed out manure and  
Father and the boys planting

Tuesday June 5  
W. H. N. Beautiful day.  
Father planted till. I hauled  
out one load of manure and  
took the coffin up to Alpha  
Marshall. In the afternoon  
Father, Roy, Harold Lizzie  
and I went out to the farm

Wednesday June 6  
W. S. N. Fine. P. M. I finished  
the potato piece back of the  
farm and in the afternoon  
Harold Lizzie Jessie & I - for  
they all help team by turns -  
ploughed a piece in the orchard

Thursday June 7  
W. S. Overcast in the forenoon.  
Rained till night. I hauled  
out some manure in the fore-  
noon and this afternoon I  
wrote an article for the  
Waymouth Times. Mother  
was taken very sick last  
night in the night W. H. S. came  
and set a bushel of potatoes

Friday June 8  
W. N. Overcast. Planting  
Mother is about the same.

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Saturday June 9

N. S. W. Light fine.  
I took a load of boards out to  
E. Rice. 766 ft of my load were  
boards of Alps. I paid a Bill  
\$45.00 for Philip Amers to  
E. Rice which makes over him  
Harold and Leslie went out  
with me. I bought 1/2 of the S. Mill  
today

Sunday June 10

N. N. W. B. Antip day.  
Assie and Seal spent the  
day here. I am here to tea  
Mother was worse this  
morning, but is better tonight

Monday June 11

N. S. Showery. A.M. I  
picked up some stumps.  
P.M. I went down to the  
Steam mill and to Mrs  
Old man Chandra was  
here to dinner today

Tuesday June 12 Fine

I took a load of deals (1034)  
to E. Campbell. Menella  
Meaver came in with me.  
She is going to stay here with  
us while Mother is better.

Wednesday June 13

N. N. W. Fine. Planting  
vegetables & Beans.

Thursday June 14

N. S. W. Fine. We finished  
planting today. Beans &  
Mother keeps getting better

Friday June 15

N. S. Rained all night and  
Showery today. It is put in oats

Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Showy. I planted  
my sips today and we  
finished putting in the  
oats.

Sunday June 17

N. N. Fine day. All of  
us at home. W. H. S. &  
Lydia came in this after-  
noon.

Monday June 18

N. N. Fine. S. Sawing.  
I went out with a load of  
steam mill boards - 10 by  
12 - I think. I took them  
to Campbell.

Tuesday June 19

N. N. W. Fine. This fore-  
noon W. H. S. & I went at  
the steam mill to see if  
there was a prospect of  
getting the rest of our logs  
down. P. M. I went to  
the mill and started out  
a couple of loads. <sup>at</sup> the mill

Wednesday June 20

N. N. Fine. I took a load  
of deals to Campbell

Thursday June 21

N. N. Showy. S. & I  
Sawing.

Friday June 22  
N. W. S. & L. Sawing.

Saturday June 23  
N. S. W. S. Sawing. I took a load of Deals & boards to W. Deane's mill. It has been a fearful hot day - the hottest I ever drove a team on the road. Roy went out with me this morning as far as N. H. S.'s and she and Lydia went over to Mr Spencer's in the afternoon. Tonight I went out to N. H. S. - I bought a suit of clothes for myself. <sup>The recipe meeting</sup> this in W. home was raised today.

Sunday June 24  
N. E. Overcast - with showers. Roy, Benji & I spent the day at N. H. S.'s & came home tonight.

Monday June 25  
N. S. E. Raining. Harker mended a cart wheel and repaired my shoes.

Tuesday June 26  
N. N. Cold and Showery tonight. N. H. S. & I at the Straw mill with our teams. We are having a frame saw for S. N. Journey and we are starting it down to N. H. S.'s. S. is sawing

Wednesday June 27  
N. N. Fine. I stayed at N. H. S.'s last night and today he and I finished hauling down the timber. Alf. who came in yesterday has been helping S. saw today.

Thursday June 28  
N. S. W. Fine. Willow and I went out with a load or loads of timber for S. N. Journey today. Nettie went home today.

Friday June 29  
N. N. Beautiful day  
S. Sawing.

Saturday June 30  
N. E. Showery. S. sawing. I started to go to the Bridge but I could not find the keys. Iron pasture. So this afternoon Roy and I went to the Beech Soliable at Southville in aid of the new Decifer meeting house.

Sunday July 1  
N. N. Drizzle - all day. No at home. Aunt Olive came today.



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Monday July 2

N. W. Line. Father working on the road I started to go to Weymouth. I spent the forenoon hunting for the oven in the region round about Woodville, and found them at last and got to W. H. S. - at noon. In the afternoon Milton drove out my team with a load of Lewis timber and I helped W. H. S. - on Henry Hill's barn frame.

Tuesday July 3

N. W. Line. I stayed at W. H. S.'s last night, and this afternoon Milton and I went out each with a load of timber, being the last of it. Father working on the road.

Wednesday July 4

N. W. W. Line. A. M. 4:30 ploughing potatoes. P. M. We began hoing.

Thursday July 5

N. W. W. Line. I went to Weymouth with a load of steam mill boards to G. D. Campbell. Father hoing potatoes.

Friday July 6

N. W. W. Line. S. Sawing. A. M. I finished hoing potatoes below the house. P. M. I started lumber from the mill.

Saturday July 7

N. S. W. - Rained awhile this morning. I went to Leonard's mill raising till noon. P. M. At the mill. I was back to the burnt land.

Sunday July 8

N. W. W. Beautiful day this forenoon. Roy went with the boys up to Leonard's P. M. I was up to Social meeting.

Monday 9

N. W. W. Line. S. Sawing I took a load of deals to Campbell. Harold and Leticia went out with me.

Tuesday July 10

N. W. W. Line. S. Sawing. 9. A. M. I & D ploughed a piece of potatoes back of the barn. In the afternoon we had Harold and Leticia helped sow. It is this first experience hoing.

Wednesday July 11

N. W. W. Line. I went out again with a load of deals to Campbell. Father hoing.

Thursday July 12

N. W. Showay. I worked in the steam mill. Father sawing Thomas Shows last night.

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Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
W. S. W. Fine.  
I & J ploughed a piece  
of pasture in the orchard  
E. D. L. Justin's team took  
to M. I started lumber from  
the mill. A. hoing

Thursday July 19  
W. S. W. Fine.  
I took a load of Deals to  
Justin's team took  
a load of Deals for  
us too. I am sick today

Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>  
W. W. W. Beautiful day  
I went out with a load  
of Deals. Ray, Burns &  
home up the Bay with  
W. H. S's horse & carriage.  
We got up there about 2 o'clock  
Abbie came home from the  
State and arrived a little  
in advance of us

Friday July 20  
W. S. Showery. I have done  
nothing but lie abed. I  
have been quite ill  
Father at work at the  
new Cart wheels.

Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>  
W. S. W. Beautiful  
We spent the day at Bath  
very pleasantly

Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>  
W. S. Showery. I went  
down to Tuffington today  
and will not be back till  
Monday. I have not done  
much except some Chous.  
Mrs S & Ly did come in  
tonight.

Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>  
W. N. E. Fine. We came  
home this afternoon.

Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
W. S. Cloudy all day  
All of us at home W. H. S. by  
fire with us

Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>  
W. W. W. Very warm  
I took a load of Deals to  
E. D. Campbell. Harold and  
Lester went out with me.  
Father hoing

Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
W. W. W. Fine. We had a  
heavy rain last night.  
I moved some today.  
I came home tonight.

Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>  
W. S. W. Overcast.  
I rigged up my scythe and  
mowed a little. I am about  
half sick. I finished hoing  
lumber &c

Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>  
W. W. W. Fine & very warm  
I. S. mowing.

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Wednesday July 25-

P.M. Beautiful day  
Gus. M<sup>c</sup>Cl only helped us  
mow. We mowed and  
raked down on the hill

Thursday July 26

P.M. Fine again.  
Mowing and raking

Friday July 27

P.S. Showery. We hauled  
in two loads of hay  
this morning. P.M.  
I began to build a  
part of boat to use in  
crossing the lake to  
and from our field.

Saturday July 28

P.S. Rained  
I worked some at my  
boat.

Sunday July 29

P.W. Quite fine.  
Poor little Hal is about  
laid up with a stone -  
Arnie on his feet. It  
is very bad - paining  
him so he cannot  
sleep.

Monday July 30

P.W. Fine. I mowed  
a little. I went to a  
mowing "frolic" to Ben  
Wagners. Alf came in  
tonight

Tuesday July 31

P.S. Fine and very warm  
I & Alf finished mowing the  
field on the hill, and got  
it all in.

Wednesday Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

P.M. Beautiful day.  
Heavy thunder shower in  
the night. Today G. Gus.  
& I mowed and raked Alf  
into burnt field  
Hals foot is better

Thursday Aug 2

P.M. Fine. G. Gus & I  
mowing and raking

Friday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

P.M. Fine G. Gus. & I  
raking - finished mowing  
and raking the orchard.

P.S. Rained this afternoon  
This forenoon we hauled  
all the hay from the orchard

Sunday Aug 5

P.W. Overcast  
Dan and Annie spent  
the day around here.

Monday Aug 6

P.E. Overcast I & Gus worked  
in the hay. I was sick in the  
forenoon and did not work  
at the day

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Tuesday Aug 7th

N. S. Showery. He did not work in the hay. I sold the old barn to Gus McCaughy for \$20.00 He bargained today. I paid him \$10.00 Cash on his work today. I am unable to work today.

Sunday Aug 12

N. S. Fine till towards night when it rained. All of us at home.

Monday Aug 13

N. S. Slight Showers all day. G. Gus & I finished mowing the rough field.

Tuesday Aug 14

N. S. W. Clear and cold. W. S. I have been fixing up our Apple-tree Bells.

Wednesday Aug 15

N. N. W. Fine day. W. S. Stayed here last night. G. & I mowing & raking. We finished the last of the load ground today.

Thursday Aug 16

N. S. W. Light fine. G. & I at work in the hay.

Friday Aug 17

N. S. Fine this morning. Father, Harold Lister and Daily Wagner went back blue-burying. We took the team. We encountered one of the most terrible thunder storms that ever raged. We got a few berries and a Corn-Mite soaking.

Wednesday Aug 8th

N. S. Partly fine. This forenoon I began tearing down the old shed from the barn. P. M. I stacked hay.

Thursday Aug 9

N. S. E. Breeze. A. M. I mowed a little. P. M. I started a load of boards from the mill to take out tomorrow. Father is sick.

Friday Aug 10th

N. N. E. cleared off today. I took a load of boards to E. Rice (975 ft Sp boards & 20 ft Ripper) I got a Peck of meal and 4 gal Peasants. Father is better.

Saturday Aug 11

N. N. W. Light fine. G. Gus & I working in the hay. Father is at work again, though not well.

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Saturday Aug 18  
P.M. Overcast till noon  
then cleared off. Last night  
a bear killed a calf for  
Chas. Cosman near Cloughs  
house in the field, and this  
afternoon Mr. Cosman father  
and I set a trap. This fore-  
noon Harold, Lestie, Josie  
and Daley Wagner were  
blue-berrying in Mrs Wagner's  
pasture. She got quite a lot  
I got a letter tonight from  
Anderson Saline who is  
in California

Sunday Aug 19  
P.M. Beautiful day.  
All of us at home. Dan  
took mother over to Aunt  
Lydia's. She is very low, and  
cannot live long

Monday Aug 20.  
P.M. Fine again.  
We have been variously  
engaged today - thinning  
out turnips - hauling  
swamp muck - mending  
hoses - hauling in hay, &c.

Tuesday Aug 21  
P.M. Fine. I went out to  
assist in moving the Stearns  
mill. We moved down a  
lot of stuff today. I hauled  
the engine and just as we  
were about to load it my  
art broke down. I am going  
to stay to W.H. S's tonight

Wednesday Aug 22  
P.M. Rained heavily all night  
and this forenoon. P.M. Mill  
I went blue-berrying in  
John Wood's pasture. We got a  
good lot of berries

Thursday Aug 23  
P.M. Fine. Moving the  
mill again. We started the boiler  
today but could not get far  
with it for want of more steam  
I stayed at W.H. S's last night.  
Today father loaded one of our  
two-year-old sters with Adam  
Hill for another of the same age  
but larger

Friday Aug 24  
P.M. Fine. We moved the boiler  
down today, and now have  
it about all down.  
Mother came home from Aunt  
Lydia's today. Lillie Muller  
brought her in.  
Father has been working at  
the cart wheels all the week.

Saturday Aug 25  
P.M. Fine Rained all night  
I made a cart axle today. I  
began a job

Sunday Aug 26  
P.M. Fine. We all went  
out to hear Mr Spencer preach at  
Southville. I say - "all" but Rosy  
did not go. Harold, Lestie, Josie  
and Rosy went.

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Monday Aug 27

N. S. Showy with thunder  
I finished my yoke. Father  
finished the Axel.

Tuesday Aug 28

N. W. Linn. I went to the  
Bridge with a load of planks  
for D. Campbell. I had 1060  
ft. Alf. Carr in today.

Wednesday Aug 29

N. W. Linn fine. A.M.  
I began tearing the old  
shingles off the Shed of the  
old barn. The boys helped  
me. They seemed to find it  
great sport. This afternoon  
I went around the lake and  
mowed a while.

Thursday Aug 30

N. W. Linn. Got mowed  
over the lake. Lydia Sabine  
and Milkie Whites wife spent  
the day here. I neglected to  
say that on Tuesday I  
took up a note at D. Campbell's  
and gave him a new  
note.

Friday Aug 31st

N. W. Linn. Got finished  
mowing the field over the  
lake and brought home a  
load of hay from there.

Saturday Sept 1

N. S. Rained this afternoon  
We would have finished  
haying over the lake had it  
not rained. We got one load  
home, but was obliged to  
leave the other. The boys  
were around there with us.

Sunday Sept 2

N. W. Cloud up today  
Bernie is two years old  
today. He is a fine smart  
little fellow. He can say  
almost everything.

Monday Sept 3

N. W. Fine and warm  
We got the last of the hay home  
from around the lake.

Tuesday Sept 4

N. S. W. Overcast.  
Father at work at the wharf.  
W. H. S. removed a pile of  
edgings at the steam-mill  
to enable us to get at the  
lumber.

Wednesday Sept 5

N. W. Overcast.  
Milton Sabine and I took  
each a load of lumber (Setts  
pins) to Burke for his team  
as follows 123 pins for doose  
at \$8.00 188 ft Setts \$6.00  
Father at work at the wharf.

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Thursday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>  
 W. W. Fine but saw. I mowed  
 the Spring field, or the swamp  
 of that field, as the cattle  
 destroyed the rest of it.  
 Father at the wharves.  
 Mother went out to W.H.S.  
 bought for a visit

Friday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>  
 W. W. W. Beautiful day  
 heavy frost last night  
 that killed everything that  
 was tender. I raked the  
 Spring field and tonight  
 we hauled it in thirty  
 finishing our haying  
 except the meadow  
 Winnie spent the day here

Saturday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 W. S. W. Overcast I started  
 five loads of lumber from  
 our mill.

Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 W. S. W. Overcast  
 this afternoon I went  
 up to accept meeting  
 Josie went with me.  
 Herbie Sabine and Nip  
 Bailey were here to tea

Monday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 W. W. Rained this forenoon  
 P.M. Milton drove out my  
 team with a load of stuff  
 for Burke, as follows:-  
 4 30 ft. of hemlock plank  
 and about 740 ft. of Scots.  
 I helped W.H.S. & Herbie  
 now this afternoon  
 Father and Gus are to go to the  
 meadow tomorrow.

Tuesday Sept 11  
 W. S. W. Fine. Father and  
 Gus McCooly went up the meadow  
 this morning. I helped W.H.S.  
 mow till noon. P.M. I got a  
 load of slabs from the mill &  
 then helped W.H.S. rake till  
 night

Wednesday Sept 12  
 W. S. Showy. W. H. S. & I  
 starting lumber from the Steam  
 mill.

Thursday Sept 13  
 W. W. Rained this forenoon  
 but cleared off at noon.  
 W. S. & I took each a load  
 of clear lumber and sent  
 to Myron for Jesse Bar-  
 ne sent us there and took  
 charge of the lumber and  
 paid us \$19.50 Ct. for it.  
 We ordered some printing on

Friday Sept. 14  
 W. S. W. Fine but raw and  
 windy. W.H.S. & I starting  
 lumber from the Steam mill  
 this afternoon. Aunt Betsey  
 Holmes came over the Bay  
 today and put to W.H.S. tonight

Saturday Sept 15  
 W. W. Beautiful day  
 I stayed at W.H.S. last night  
 and today he and I started up  
 lumber again from the Steam mill  
 when I came home tonight I found  
 Roy Sick. Father was to the  
 mill today. Hal. Les. and  
 Josie were with him

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Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
This is another important day in our little family history, as it has given us another little baby boy. Yes, about midnight the little stranger made his appearance in this world of care and sin. Mrs. Peter Wagner and Gammie were the only ones here. He is a fine little fellow - about average size and looking strong. Dan and Annie were up to see the baby today.

Monday Sept 17

N. S. Rained heavily till noon. P. M. Father hewed some sticks of ship-timber for Dan. I have been clearing the trash out of the old barn. We heard today that old Mrs John Weaver is dead. Rossy is real smart. Nettie Weaver is going to marry her.

Tuesday Sept 18

N. S. E. Overcast and showy. I took a load of boards to G. D. Campbell - about 1000 feet. I took out the new cart wheels to get them tired. Rossy and the little baby are smart. Aunt Betty came in today.

Wednesday Sept 19

N. N. W. Fine. A. M. Got mended some chains etc. P. M. I moved out to N. H. S. to haul lumber. started two loads up from Steam mill. Bernice is today.

Thursday Sept 20

N. N. W. Fine day. I took a load out to G. D. Campbell about 1000 feet. Father and I went up to the meadow to rake up the hay they mowed last week. I stayed at W. S. last night.

Friday Sept 21

N. S. E. Quite fine. I took a thousand feet of boards to G. D. Campbell. I got a barrel of flour the price is to be \$5.75. I brought the cart wheels home which were tired. I also brought home the axels. It is costly business, but we will have a good cart. Thus far it has cost as follows, apart from father's work - or the wood-work -

Oak rim	\$ 3.75
Iron for tires	6.15
Tiring wheels	3.50
Welding axels	1.70
Axels	11.25
Bands for hubs	1.46
Bolts etc	3.20
	<hr/> 30.51

The blacksmith bill is \$15.51 etc. I paid Moore \$10.00 today on the bill. I found Bernice most well when I came home. Mr & Mrs Spencer were in yesterday.

Mr Rouleau, the French Missionary auctioned his effects at Weymouth today. He is to leave tomorrow for Quebec.



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Saturday Sept 22  
 W. E. Raining most all day. I digged a few potatoes. I am sick with a cold. Mother got a letter from Alf today. He is over in Maine.

Sunday Sept 23  
 W. E. Early. Rained heavily all night and most all day. It has been gloomy and disagreeable, very like the day the poet Longfellow describes in the beautiful lines -  
 "The day is cold and dark and dreary"

I am suffering from a severe cold which under the situation more unpleasant. Jesse Casman is here tonight to see Nettie all scented and ailed. We have not yet decided on a name for our "wif" baby, but talk of a number of names - such as "Earnest", "Procy", "Charlie" &c. but the name that we feel the most favorable to is "Willie", or "Mill", "Leartleton", after its mother's favorite part. It has a lead cold and can scarcely get its breath.

Monday Sept 24  
 W. N. W. Beautiful day. A.M. Gampa hauled a load of slabs from the mill for wood. I began a pair of shoes for myself. The boys at school. P.M. I digged potatoes. Harold & Leslie went to the mill with the oxen and dump cart and got a load of deal ends and chips for fuel. It is

the first time they have ever been away with the team unless accompanied by an older person. They had no bad luck and got home safely. Father went to the mill and sawed a couple of cart-tongues and sent them on the cart by the boys. Prof. Proctor, the distinguished astronomer, died recently at New York of yellow fever.

Tuesday, Sept. 25  
 W. W. Beautiful again. I have been variously engaged. I digged some potatoes. The boys at school.

Wednesday Sept 26  
 W. S. E. Rain accompanied by a terrific gale of wind. I was taken sick in the night with a pain in my side in the region of my left lung. and today I cannot sit up.

Thursday Sept 27  
 W. W. Fine again. Father and Mother visited Mr and Mrs Spencer today. They are to move to Boston next week. I am better today and have cobbled some.

Friday Sept 28  
 W. S. Fine till noon - rained heavily the rest of the day. Father drove 12 bbls of potatoes to G. D. Campbell also a 1200 of apples to Jos. Ethier. Father got a complete soaking. I have been down sick again today. W. N. S. is here tonight fixing up and Bill to send out

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Saturday Sept 29  
 W. W. Fine day. I was  
 very sick all night and all day  
 today. I got a letter tonight from  
 Judson Patino.

Sunday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
 W. W. W. Fine, but a gloomy  
 day for me as I am very  
 sick. Percy is well again and  
 even and so is the baby. We  
 have decided to call him  
 Percy

Monday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>  
 W. W. Fine but cold.  
 I spent a terrible night  
 last night with pain in  
 side. I am very much  
 better today. Father has  
 been putting the boxes on  
 jipes in the new cart  
 school. Tonight I am  
 giving up a Bill of labor  
 on the old mill and to  
 send in to Dug. Campbell.  
 it is as follows—

13 1/2 days work @ 1.00	\$23.50
6 " Team " @ 1.00	6.00
400 ft Plank @ 4.70 per m.	1.88
	\$31.38

This afternoon Hal, Les, Joe  
 went to the mill with the  
 team and got another load  
 of blocks for wood.

Tuesday Oct 2  
 W. S. Showery. Father was  
 going to Weymouth but the  
 rain prevented. I am getting  
 better. Harris leaman raised  
 his house today.

Wednesday Oct 3  
 W. S. Rained heavily all  
 day. I mended Lisie's  
 shoes. This afternoon  
 Mr Labine & Mr Gales came  
 here to consult me in re-  
 ference to the Steam-mill.

Thursday Oct 4  
 W. W. Fine but raw  
 and cold. W. H. S. & S.  
 went to Weymouth with  
 carriage. I took up a  
 note at the Bank for  
 D. Campbell. and gave  
 another for \$225.00. I also  
 paid my taxes to Mr Butcher  
 the amount being \$0.93cts

Friday Oct 5  
 W. S. W. Looking like rain  
 I stayed at Mr. S. last  
 night. Today he & I visited  
 the Steam-mill at Woodville  
 I came home this after-  
 noon. I found Leonard  
 and Josie Sick when I  
 got home. They are better  
 this evening.

Saturday Oct 6  
 W. S. Showery. Lennie &  
 Josie are all right this  
 morning. I finished my  
 shoes and got a load of  
 slabs from Wagner's mill.  
 They say that Will Stubb  
 is to be married today

Sunday Oct 7  
 W. S. Partly clear and very warm  
 W. H. S. & Lydia came in this  
 afternoon. Nellie went home  
 yesterday. I gave her \$2.00

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Monday Oct 8

N. S. Rained very heavy all night and all day. W. & Lydia here all day. I began a pair of shoes for Josie. I am not very well.

Saturday, Oct. 13

N. S. Raining all day. Well, it looked discouraging this morning when the rain began. We had a lot of oats fit to go in but it cannot be helped now.

Tuesday Oct 9

N. S. W. Showy. W. & Lydia went home this morning. Father & I have been making iron for the cart.

Bernie is very sick today. I have helped take care of him all day.

Wednesday Oct 10

N. N. W. Showy. We worked in the V.S. Shop a load of oats and this afternoon I worked at Josie's shoes.

Sunday, Oct 14

N. S. Showy all day, all of us at home. Bernie is better.

Thursday Oct 11

N. N. W. Quite fine. F & I mowed oats all day - a piece back of the barn and a piece in the orchard. We had a paring party at our home tonight.

Monday, Oct 15

N. N. West. Fine day. We put in a load of oats out of the orchard and gathered some apples & did other chores.

Friday Oct 12

N. S. E. Beautiful day. F & I mowed a piece of oats over the lake. Winnie & Sabine stayed here all night and have been here all. We had a paring party on home tonight and got three barrels paid a good evening's work. Bernie is sick today.

Tuesday, Oct 16

N. N. W. Fine. We got a load of oats from back of the lake and one from the field home.

Wednesday Oct 17

N. S. E. Rained heavily all night and all day. I have been sick and did not do much.

Thursday, Oct 18

N. Showy. Thunder and rain. Rained heavily all night. I have been pulling down the old barn. Father went out to W. H. S. and got some paint and all.

Friday, Oct 19

N. N. W. Fine. I painted our new cart. P.M. I gathered apples and baked and hauled in a load of oats from the orchard.

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Saturday Oct 20th  
 W. S. Rained all night  
 all day. I have been building  
 a wheel-barrow. Tonight  
 I went to a tea meeting  
 the Campites held at  
 their new meeting-house  
 They made about \$20.00.

Sunday Oct 21  
 W. W. Quite fine.  
 All of us at home.  
 This afternoon, Rosy  
 went up to Bernice's  
 taking baby Percy with  
 her. It is the first time  
 she has had him  
 out.

Monday Oct 22  
 W. W. Overcast, squally  
 and cold. I with the  
 team worked on the Magna  
 Mill-road for Dan Fullerton.

Tuesday Oct 23  
 W. W. Fine but cold.  
 I took a thousand feet of  
 Spruce boards to E. Rice  
 I got a Bbl of Flour. Flour  
 has raised in price from  
 \$4.50 to \$7.00 or \$8.00.  
 Rosy with Bernice & Percy  
 spent the day down to  
 Anasies.

Wednesday Oct 24  
 W. E. Overcast & Showy  
 in the afternoon. Rosy &  
 Minnie started for Bartons  
 to have a lot of lead teeth  
 extracted. In the forenoon  
 I went up the road and

brought home a dump-cart  
 that I got broken down on  
 Monday. I brought home  
 quarters of beef which I  
 bought from Alpha Marshall  
 It is the "kind" quarters of a  
 steer - weighs 92 lbs. He has  
 six cts. per lb. for it.  
 This afternoon I got the  
 last of the oats home from  
 Around the lake. Rosy took  
 baby Percy with her, and is  
 not coming home till  
 Sunday night!

Thursday Oct. 25  
 W. W. Clearing off. Snowed  
 some in the night. A.M.  
 I & I digging potatoes. Mr.  
 L. digging. I put another  
 coat of paint on the new  
 cart, and finished the  
 afternoon in gathering apples.

Friday Oct 26  
 W. W. E. Beautiful day.  
 Father digging. Hal & I  
 I have been gathering apples.  
 Josie has been at school.

Sat. Oct. 27  
 W. S. W. Overcast but pleasant  
 Father finished digging the  
 piece of potatoes at the West  
 of the house. There were 53  
 bushels - a good yield.  
 Father says they were the best  
 potatoes he ever digged.  
 The boys and I have been  
 gathering apples. I put a note  
 from Rosy tonight. She is a W. S. S.  
 and is looking for me out to  
 spend tomorrow. I think I shall  
 go as Ada W. has come to stay.

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with the children. She (Rosy) says in her grate that she got her teeth (7) out all right - I was so eager to see her that I can scarcely wait till we meet. Our little children. Rosy left little baby Percy with Lydia while she was up the Bay.

## Sunday Oct 28

N. S. W. On east till noon when a terrible storm of rain and wind came up. Rosy, Percy & I spent the day at Mr. S's Mr. Ellis, who is up repairing the engine, spent the day at Mr. S's. We had a good time. We intended to go home tonight but the storm prevented.

## Monday Oct 29

N. W. Terrible rain storm last night - which continued till night-noon. We stayed last night at Mr. S's. I came home before noon, but Rosy stayed till afternoon and Lydia brought her in. I have been gathering apples till night. We found the children all right when we got home.

## Tuesday Oct 30

N. S. W. Fine but says I gathered apples till noon. I went up to the school examination. Eugenio Casman is not to teach any more here. Yesterday was a wretched day for the town. White Mullin and Annie Lane were married. and (Carruth) around "a big boy baby."

## Wednesday Oct 31

N. S. W. Fine till noon. Showery till night. We had a digging party today. Our friends as follows came and helped us - N. H. S. & Milton. Seal McAlpin Daley Wagner, Jesse Howard Casman, Jim Spiddle and Stephen Wagner. They dug and put in all the potatoes back of the barn - about 80 bushels. It was a good help for us. May Wagner is married too, they say.

## Thursday Oct Nov 1st

N. S. W. Very pleasant. Rain most all night. I hauled two loads of slabs from Mr's mill - one for us and one for the other house. Father has been picking apples. I took Lennie up to the mill this afternoon. It is the first time he has ever visited a saw-mill. Lennie's ears were dancing and Lennie fairly jumped with delight to see the saws.

## Friday Nov 2

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Father has been gathering apples. Robbie Wagner & White Mullin dugged the potatoes in the orchard. I gave them each a barrel of apples for the day's work. I have been gathering apples. Old Mr David Graham of Centerville died this week. He was a fine old man. Harold Decker went down to Annie's and helped Seal pull turnips. Fred Wagner has been here all day & he and John have had great time.

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## Saturday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. S. W. Blowing a gale, and this evening raining heavily. Father has been gathering apples in the garden. I took a load of boards (partly Pine & partly Spruce) to Lone Tree. I got a Bbl. of meal to the Bridge he worked on &c. I paid Nettie Moore \$7.50 tonight. Winnie Sabine & Miss Bailey came in today. They are at our house this evening. I got a great soaking before I got home.

with a load of sp. boards. In the mean time W. H. S. hauled up a tree for a cart tongue which we cut and put on the load and took down to W. H. S. and in the afternoon while I was gone to the Bridge he worked on my tongue - very kind of him. I took up a Dato Dr. S. A. to John Lehandier who used to stay with us was married today at Weymouth.

## Sunday Nov 4

N. S. W. Fine but quite cold. Winnie & Miss Bailey spent the day here. Herbie came in this afternoon. They were all here to tea and then went home.

## Wednesday Nov 7

N. S. W. A. m. W. H. S. finished the cart-tong and this afternoon we started two tiers of lumber from the Steam mill again. I came home tonight.

## Monday Nov 5

N. W. Fine. I moved out to W. H. S. to start lumber from the Steam-mill. In the afternoon W. H. S. started up some lumber. Father is finishing gathering the apples. This evening Annie had a little paring party. Herbie, Milton, Winnie, Sadie, Miss Bailey and I were there. We parred a barrel of apples. I got Annie two barrels of apples this fall.

## Thursday Nov 8

N. W. Quite fine. I went to Weymouth with a load of apples - 7 Bbls. I sold them to G. D. O. as follows: 4 bbls at \$1.50 & the others were to be paid for as they were sold. I bought some things for Rosy & the babies.

## Friday Nov 9

N. S. E. Terrible rain storm. I have been at W. H. S. all day.

## Tuesday Nov 6

N. S. W. Stormy. We put on our loads and just started when my new painted cart-tongue broke. We then put aboard the lumber from W. H. S. cart & putting both yoke of oxen on it I went to Weymouth to Campbell's

## Saturday Nov 10

N. S. E. Still raining heavily. I came home at noon & found all well.

## Sunday Nov 11

N. W. Clearing W. All goes at home. Little Josie is sick this afternoon.

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Monday Nov 12

N. N. W. Fine. I went out to W. S. Luther's forenoon. W. S. Luther & I took boards out of the water at the Steam mill and piled it up. We piled our lumber over the brook last Spring, and the saw-dust damped the water above the pile and the water came up among the boards about two feet. I am going to stay at W. S. tonight

Tuesday Nov 13

N. N. W. Fine. W. S. & I have been taking our lumber from the water and piling it up. I started two loads for floor boards up from the Steam mill to take out tomorrow.

Wednesday Nov 14

N. S. W. Light fine. I took two pt of flouring out for Robt Graham. I put it on E. John's wharf. W. S. & Lydia came in with me tonight. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day. They are to spend it with us

Thursday Nov 15

N. S. Overcast, raining tonight. It is Thanksgiving today and we have worked. I have been putting up a load of apples and potatoes for the fishermen. A. M. F. O. W. 175. pulled the turrips. We had about 25 bushels.

Friday Nov 16

N. N. W. Rain & all night. Clearing off today. I took a load of apples and potatoes to Weymouth. The fishermen from whom I got fish on Tuesday agreed to take my produce and pay me cash for it today, but they would not stick to their bargain and left it in my hands. I sold a bbl of winter apples to S. D. Campbell for \$1.75. 1 bbl apples to Thos. Rice for \$1.25. - 3 bbls apples to Mrs Lovell for \$1.25 for W. B. Burrill & Co. for \$1.10. W. S. went out with me. He took a load of boards which we sold to the Fishermen

Saturday Nov 17

N. N. W. Snow squalls till noon then cleared off. I stayed at W. S.'s last night and today he & I have been piling lumber at the steam mill again.

Sunday Nov 18

N. N. W. Fine but cold. all of us at home. Popsy and I took a walk this afternoon in the woods. This afternoon I took baby Percy can laugh a little now, but he don't seem to grow as he ought. He is real well and as good as a baby can be.

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Monday Nov 19

N. S. E. Looking like rain.  
The boys cut up a load of  
edgings and put in the rough  
down for kindlings. I have  
been choring around. P.M.  
I went down to the camp &  
got the pick which has been  
there since last winter.

Tuesday Nov 20

N. N. S. but cold.  
So rafting logs on this  
side of Bear Lake. We got  
about sixty down.  
This is Leonard's birthday this afternoon.  
He is four years old.  
He has a very sore too  
tonight. Mrs. Markhouse  
began school again on  
Monday. Harold, Lister &  
Josie come today. Rose  
is not going till after  
holidays.

Wednesday Nov 21

N. N. W. fine but cold  
a.m. We prepared a house for  
the oxen. P.M. We finished  
rafting logs on this side the  
lake.

Thursday Nov 22

N. N. Cold with snow flying  
I fear our log-rafting is done  
for the season. This forenoon  
we shod the oxen. P.M. I  
loaded a load of boards to  
take out tomorrow. I put on  
268 ft. of planks & boards which  
left here in the yard.  
W. H. Sabine is here tonight.

Friday Nov 23

N. N. E. fine but cold.  
I took a load of boards  
to Mrs. Rice (222 ft)  
He gives \$8.00 per m.  
I got a bit of meal and one  
of flour. 6 galls Malaxum  
4 galls Kerosene Oil, a bag  
of Salt from Ed Rice.

Saturday Nov 24

N. S. E. Quite fine & mild.  
a.m. We butchered the pig.  
I was variously engaged

Sunday Nov 25

N. N. E. A severe snow &  
wind storm began about  
noon today and tonight  
is very fierce. It will likely  
turn to rain as it is  
hailing now (bed-time)

Monday Nov 26

N. E. The storm turned to  
rain during the night and  
today the wind has blown  
a gale with rain. The  
snow is about all off  
again tonight.

Seet has been here all day  
I have mended his boots.  
He is going to stay with us  
a while.

Tuesday Nov 27

N. S. E. Overcast. Seet begins  
service here at \$10.00 per month  
a.m. He & father went to Capt  
Coe's but there was not a  
bit of the lake. P.M. We  
hailed fire wood



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# Journal of Mary

Wednesday Nov 28.

N. S. Overcast and warm.

H. Seat went to the mill. I made a stern door for our house, but had not time to hang it. I am going out to W. H. S. tonight to be on hand to go to the S. mill tomorrow.

Sat. Dec 1st

N. N. W. Still overcast and mild. H. Seat at the mill. W. H. S. at work at the Steam mill. Mother went to Weymouth with the mail. Harriet and Lister yoked the oxen today.

put them on the cart and hauled some brush and chips. It is the first time they have yoked the oxen.

Thursday Nov 29

N. S. E. Still warm and overcast. When I got to

W. H. S.'s last night I found that he and Milton were fighting fire at his mill about seven o'clock I took a lantern and went down. I found them with their hands full to keep the mill from burning.

leahly Mearns was helping them. Mearns and Milton's son came home and I remained with W. H. S. all night. We subdued the fire after a hard struggle. Harriet and Seat have been at the mill sawing and rafting logs. This forenoon W. H. S. and I over a down to the Steam mill. P. M. I went to his mill and helped him burn slabs. I feel badly used up today.

Sunday Dec 2

N. N. W. Overcast - snow a little last night, all of us at home. Mother caught a bad cold yesterday.

Monday Dec 3

N. N. W. Quite fine. H. Seat at the mill. I hung the stern door in the forenoon and tonight went out to W. H. S.'s again as I want to work at the S. mill tomorrow.

Tuesday Dec 4

N. E. Squalls of snow. I went to the Steam mill to put in some window frames, but they being short of hands I helped pile lumber. Geo. Wagner who is boss there now wants me to work in the mill all the week. I may stay a day or two. I came up to W. H. S. again tonight.

Friday Nov 30

N. S. E. Overcast. H. Seat sawing. W. H. S. at the Steam mill, shingling &c.

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Wednesday Dec 5

N. W. Suite fine. I worked in the Steam mill again today. I helped edge. I went up to Geo. Magnus tonight.

Thursday Dec 6

N. N. E. Sprinkling rain. I worked in the Steam mill again today. I "tail-stocked". I came up to W. S. tonight.

Friday Dec 7

N. N. W. Suite fine. I came home this morning to get ready to go to Weymouth tomorrow. I put up a box of N. Spy apples for Geo. Hoyt and got ready and went out to W. S.'s again tonight. Minnie Sabine has been in here all the week doing for Mother and Roxey.

Saturday Dec 8

N. N. W. Fine but cold. I took a load of lumber to Campbell - Coast St. Hoyt fine. I took up a note and gave another. I took Hoyt a box of apples for \$2.25. I got a side of leather from Jim. Journey, and a pair of mocasin bottoms for which I am to pay 75 cts. W. S. & Lydia came in with me tonight.

Sunday Dec 9

N. E. Cloudy & cold. W. S. & Lydia here all day. They went home tonight.

Monday Dec 10

N. E. Cloudy & cold. A. M. We butchered a cow - the Ben Wagner kifer. P. M. We hauled some fire wood. Sent in my to work for Dan the rest of the week. Mrs. Sabine had the misfortune to cut his wrist very badly today.

Tuesday Dec 11

N. S. E. Looking like rain. Hatched at the mill. P. M. I layed in bed being sick. P. M. Roxey & I cut up our beef. I was going out to see W. S. - if it had not storm'd

Wednesday Dec 12

N. N. W. Heavy gale with rain last night. Came around cold today. I made a pair of lasts and cut out a pair of boots for one of the boys - Haedd. Tonight I went out to see W. S. -

Thursday Dec 13

N. N. W. Cold. I came home from W. S. this morning and this afternoon started two loads of boards from the mill & sawing.

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Friday Dec 14

N. N. W. lead as Greenland.  
I went out to M. S. with  
my load last night, and  
today Milton drove out  
my team taking a load  
of boards - Spruce - about  
thousand feet to Ed. Pico.  
I stayed at M. S. and  
helped him cut up his  
buck etc.

Saturday Dec 15

N. N. W. Fine but cold.  
Milton drove out my team  
again today taking a load  
about 800 ft of pine S-  
mill lumber to Campbell  
for me. I helped Hubie  
cut up firwood. I came  
home tonight.

Sunday Dec 16

N. S. W. Soft but pleasant.  
Harris & Columbia with their  
children spent the day here.  
M. S. came in tonight.

Monday Dec 17

N. S. Began raining in  
the night with a heavy gale  
and continued all day.  
Scat and Harker at the  
mill. I have been working  
at Harker's boots. M. S. has  
fringed up two accounts.

Tuesday Dec 18

N. S. W. Showy all day  
M. S. went home this morn-  
ing. I have been cabbings,  
L & Scat sawing.

Wednesday Dec 19

N. N. W. A dust of snow  
fell last night and the  
ground stiffened a little.  
Scat and Harker began  
breaking up a piece of old  
back of the black S-shop.  
I have been cabbings.

Thursday Dec 20

N. N. W. Overcast but  
mild. Scat & Hal finished  
ploughing. I cut Harker's  
boots too small and  
could not "last" them.  
So today I make a pair  
of lasts for L. S. and  
finished the boots for  
him. I must here say a  
word for dear little Percy.  
He is the best little baby  
we have had yet. He  
never cries or fusses at all,  
but just eats and  
sleeps all the time.

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Friday Dec 21

N. W. Overcast but mild. Luther and Seat sawed. I took a load of Dem. Plank to Geo. J. Hoyt - about 930 ft. I bought Hal. a pair of boots, and he and Leticia each a pair of Acme skates for Xmas presents. I got other goods for the season. Prominent among which was a "big" Camp for mother. Harold has been to the mill today with Gampa and Seat. Gampa has not been well of late. He is troubled with dyspepsia.

Saturday Dec 22

N. W. Very cold day. Luther and Seat sawing. I made Lemme like a pair of shoes. I did not get them done till nine o'clock. Pray is baking mince pies and preparing for Christmas. Mr Benjamin Wagner is having a severe illness from gathering in his head. The doctor was in today.

Sunday Dec 23

N. S. W. Fine and pleasant. All of us at home. Rosa went up to meeting this afternoon. Little Lemme is badly afflicted with a gathering on one of his fingers. He cries half of the time.

Monday Dec 24

N. S. W. Beautiful day. H. & Seat at the mill. I have been shoe-making. Morele Cath. Ring. Cam. today with a gig and an old nag. It is Christmas eve and the house is all up in heaps with the bustle of preparation. Aunt Sylvia Muller died yesterday after a terrible illness. She is to be buried tomorrow.

Christmas Day

This day of all days dawned clear and beautiful but a cloud excepting snow and then - or rather here and there - a fleecy form that seemed like white-robed Angels hovering over the happy earth!

It has been the most beautiful day of the season - so warm and comfortable that it has been without fires and open doors. Bright and early, and within the children knowing anything of the pleasant excursion that had been planned for them, we were up and making preparations for the day.

Fearing that something might hinder us from going we did not let the children know of it till this morning. Little Lemme has had a very sore finger which he jammed in

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the Sewing machine, & which gasketed badly. We did not know but this would prevent our going, but this morning it was better. We put the written invitations in their stockings, and they danced for very joy when they realized their purpose.

The sun had only risen when we started with the oxen and cart, and about nine o'clock we arrived at W. D. S.'s. What a pleasant day we had! The children will never forget it.

In their stockings this morning Hal & Joe had each a pair of Skates, Rosa a Hood and a book - Jessie a box of paints and a book and Jennie a book. Each of the boys had a new cap. I gave Mother as a Xmas present a large lamp and Father a book - "Ben Hur".

Wednesday Dec 26

W. S. W. Another beautiful warm day. We stayed at W. D. S.'s last night and came home this morning. P.M. I started two loads of lumber from the mill and went down to W. H. S.'s on my way to Weymouth tomorrow. Seal and the boys have been picking up stones this afternoon. Dan & Annie & their children spent the day at Mother's yesterday.

Thursday Dec 27

W. S. Showery. I went to Weymouth with a load of boards to Ed Rice. I got a deal of Flour and some Molasses. The road was the worst I ever saw it. I started with 700 and had to leave part of my load on the way. I was very tired when I got home tonight. Father & Seal have been to the mill.

Friday Dec 28

W. W. Quite fine. Seal & I sawing. Hal, Joe & Jessie came to the mill in the afternoon. Father is quite sick.

Saturday Dec 29

W. N. W. Snow squalls in the forenoon - then cleared off. Seal & I sawing.

Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Overcast but pleasant. W. H. S. & Lydia were here to tea and this evening Rosy & I went with them up to see Ben Wagner who is very ill.

Monday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

W. S. Rained all day, or in the afternoon. W. H. S. & Lydia did not go home till night. In the forenoon Seal & Harold hauled some wood. Harold drove the team. It is about his first experience in hauling wood.

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# 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)

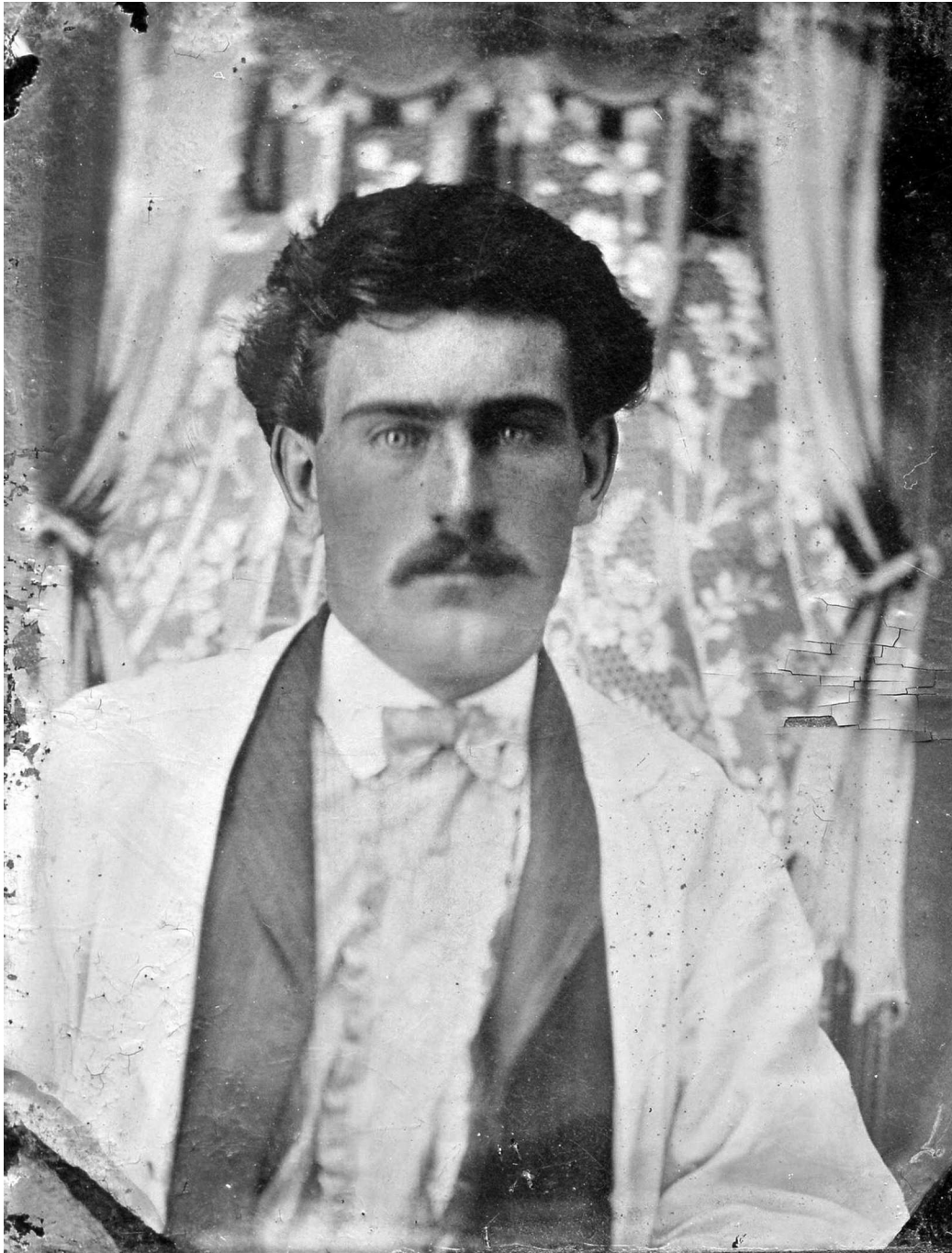
C. meeting (Church meeting)

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.

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Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.



Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

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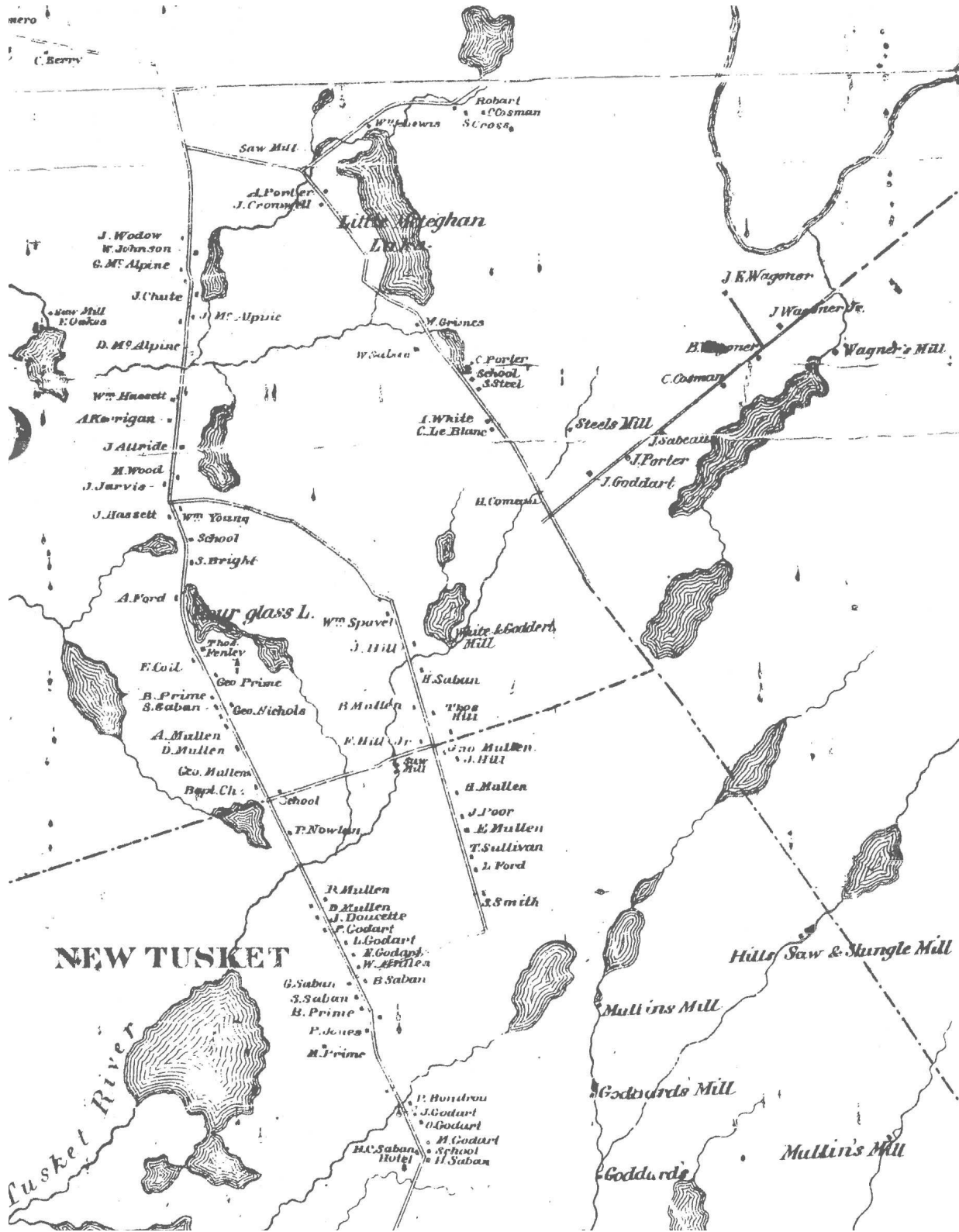


Wealthy Mehitable Saxton (1833 - 1929), mother of Roxanna Ring.

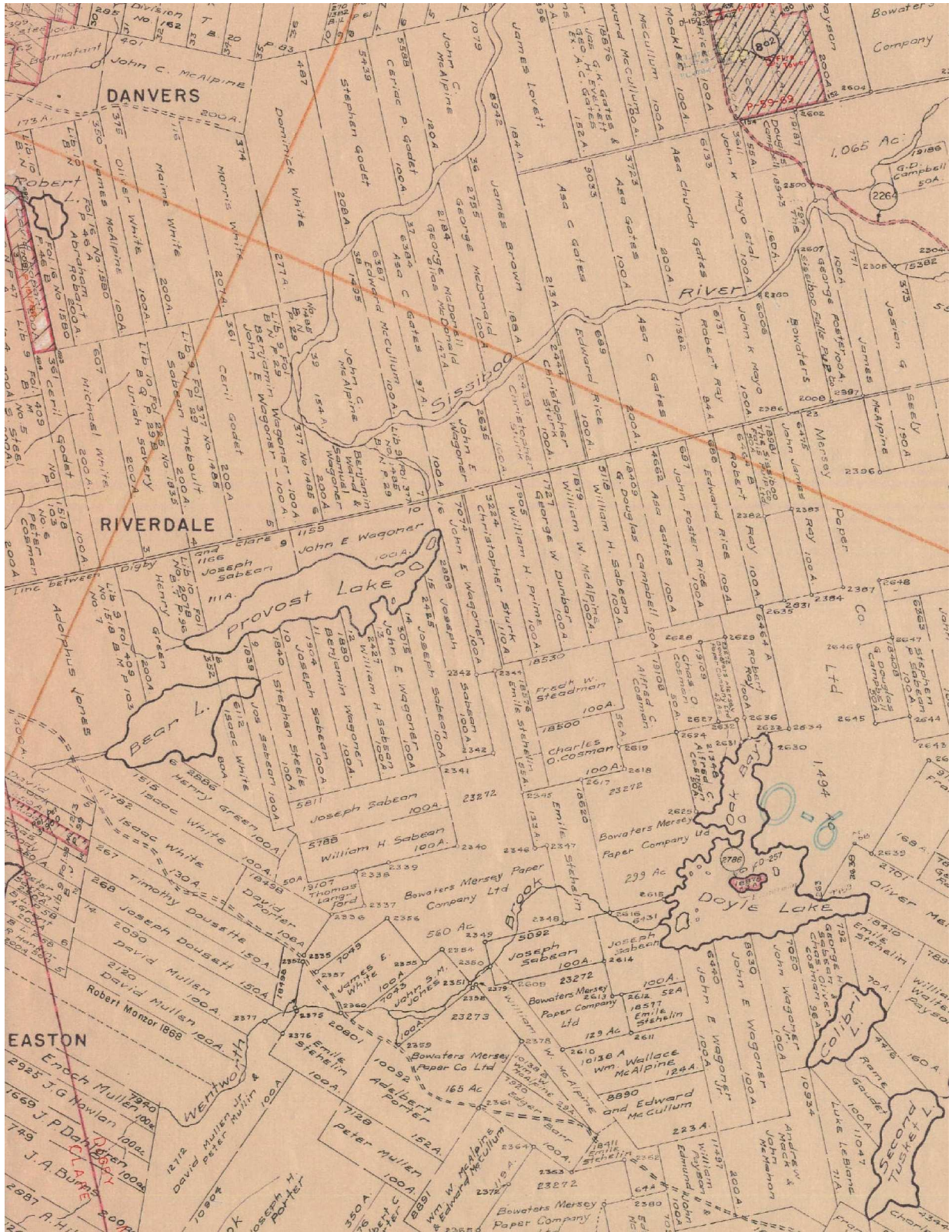
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1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



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Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



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This twelfth volume is comprised of entries from 1887.

