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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 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.

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.

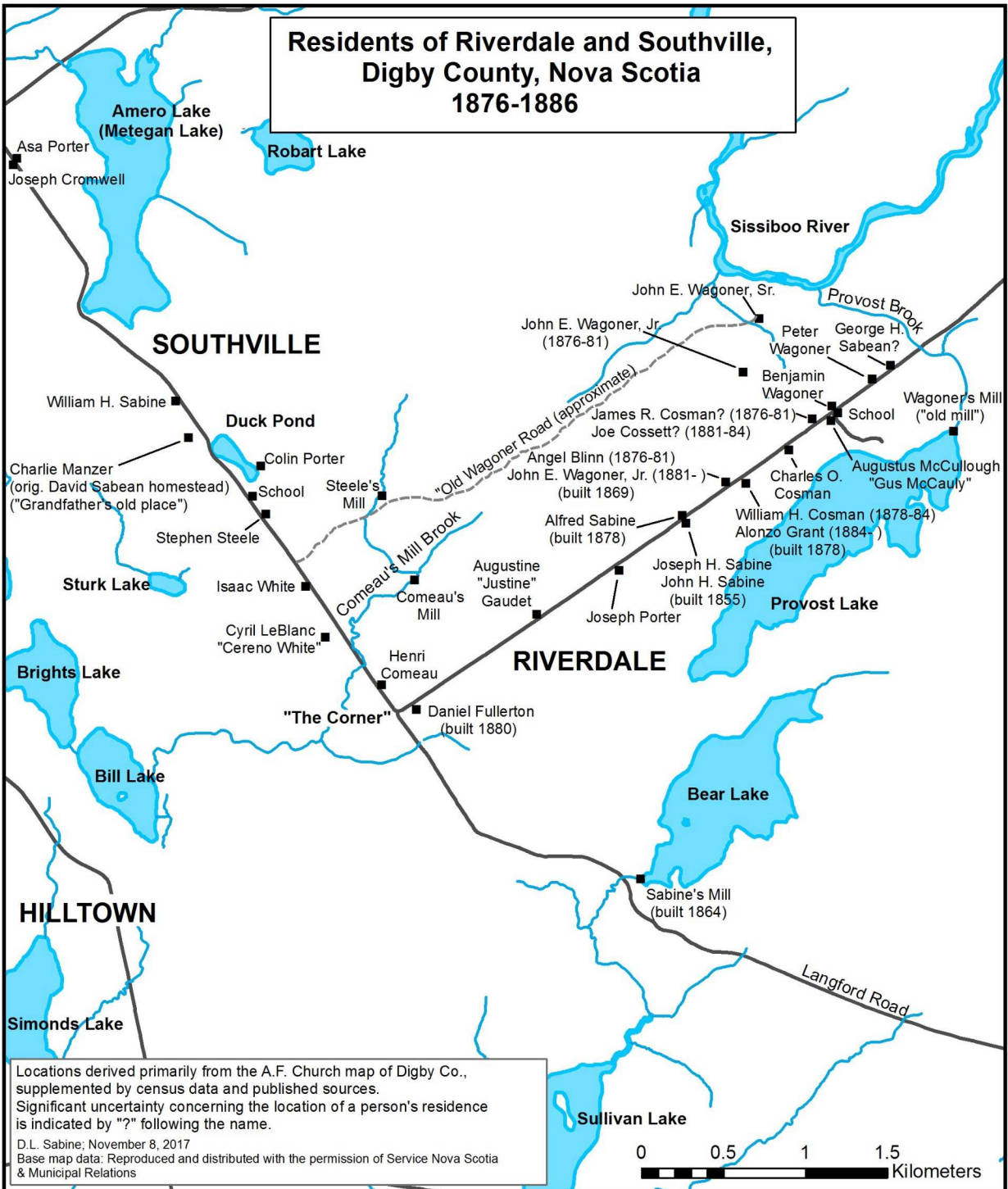
John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

- 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.

Tuesday, January 1st, 1884

New Years Day

W. N.E. Cloudy and quite mild. I came to Yarmouth last night on the train and put up at E.M. Nichol's. I am not well today I feel very tired. I have done nothing to weary me, but I have spells of nervous weakness that make me feel as though I had over fatigued myself at labor. But I am in Yarmouth. I came to collect money for the British American Book & Tract Society. It is a task I dreaded, but now that I have fairly entered upon it, I feel somewhat resigned. I have not done much today in the way of business. Stores and offices are closed. I was not aware that this would be the case or I would not have come down till tonight. This forenoon I was so unwell that I did not go out. This afternoon I commenced business by calling on the the Rev Mr Rogers, Presbyterian Clergyman. I then called on several other worthies but found it not the day for business. I strolled out to the Cemetry and spent an hour among the groves reading the inscriptions on the tomb stones. I called on Spinney & Eakins tonight and got a donation. I feel much better tonight. Father fell in the mill yesterday and hurt himself so he did not go to the mill today. The amount brought up from last year are as follows 168-626

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I would like to have spent the day home with my little boys. Harold got a box with a spring dog in it, and Leslie got a little tin savings bank.

Wednesday, January 2nd, 1884

W. E. Blowed a gale till noon, rained till night. A.M. I went across the Milton Bridge and called on several gentleman and with very good success. I spent the afternoon in town.

F. sawing. Alf and Chattie got home from down the river.

-6

Thursday, January 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold. I spent the day about town. Succeeded in collecting a considerable money. Father has been sawing today.

-8

Friday, January 4th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine - but cold. I came up to Weymouth today.

Got dinner at Mrs Randalls and tonight am at Mr Spencer's. F. at the mill. Alonzo Grant is here. Jerry OConnel was here today canvassing

-10

Saturday, January 5th, 1884

W. N. Fine but very cold. I went to Digby this morning on the train. I have done nothing here in the way of collecting. Tonight I am at Mrs Short's. At Weymouth today while awaiting the train, Roxy made her appearance much to my surprise. She came to bring Leonard out to go up home. Father hauled his wood &c. Obed White was married today.

-14

Sunday, January 6th, 1884

W. N. Fine - very cold. I stayed at Mrs Short's in Digby till afternoon. I then went out to the Joggin and stopped at Mr Gavils. Roxy was down to Annie's and spent a part of the day.

1-15

Monday, January 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Snowing some. I went to Bear River today. I got dinner at McLellan's hotel. I did not succeed in getting much money here. The people are a mean stingy [sett]. I came back again to Mr Gavils tonight. Father has been mending the sled

1-16

Tuesday, January 8th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. I went in the woods with Mr Gavil and Eth. I stayed there till tonight when I came down to Weymouth on the cars. Roxy was awaiting me at the station. We had a jolly sleigh ride home. How delighted I am to get home after being away among strangers for a time. Father had been cutting firewood and fixing his sled

1-18

Wednesday, January 9th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day.

F. bottomed an old chair with cod-line. Mother and Roxy are cooking for the donations.

Aunt Olive is here. I think she came yesterday. I collected about forty dollars for the society.

1-22

Thursday, January 10th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F. at the mill. I went to Weymouth today. I mailed my return to the BAB&TS-. I got five dollars from Geo Blackadar which I gave to D. Campbell upon renewing a note which he holds against father. Alonzo had a Candy party at Will Cosman's tonight Roxy and I were down. Alonzo and Janey are all right again after such a long and painful separation. Aunt Olive went away today.

2-25

Friday, January 11th, 1884

W. S.E. Raining. We all went out to WH Sabine tonight to have a donation, but the storm prevented many from coming. We had a good time. George Nowlan's wife died last night. Janney & Saddle kept house for us to go to donation.

2-27

Saturday, January 12th, 1884

W. W. Overcast. Father went to Weymouth. Mr Spencer and WHS- came in to see about having another donation. I mended the carriage shaft.

2-30

Sunday, January 13th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Scot has been here. Judson and Carrie White have been to Alf's. Roxy and I were over to tea and spent the evening

4-34

I don't remember that I wrote any thing about little Josey when he began to walk. He has been walking some time and can run about any where.

Monday, January 14th, 1884

W. N. Fine all day. F and I have been edging boards. Tonight we went out to Charley Manzer's to another donation. We had a grand time. Leonard Ring came back today. He is going to stay awhile with us.

4-36

Tuesday, January 15th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Father went to Weymouth with a load. Leonard cut some wood. He also went out to Charley Manzers and got a basket that was left there. Hal and Les went as far as Aunt Annie's with him.

Wednesday, January 16th, 1884

W. N.W. Quite fine. F. sawing. Leonard hauling out lumber. I have been preparing to go away again. All of us as well as usual.

Thursday, January 17th, 1884

W. N.W. Quite fine. Father went up after meadow hay. This is our first trip for hay to our new meadow. A.M. I packed up anoth load of books in my sleigh. P.M. I drove up to Mrs Rings. Mother has been down to Annie's. Winnie and Carrie White came home with mother and stayed all night.

6-36

Friday, January 18th, 1884

W. W. Fine and warm. I drove up to the Joggin today - left my horse at Gavils and stopped myself at Mr H. Randalls. F. went again for meadow hay. The girls stayed here all day.

6-42

Saturday, January 19th, 1884

W. N.E. Snowing all day. I drove in to Mr Ensley Morgan's, and as it stormed I put up. I spent the afternoon in reading. I took them a Bible for their new meeting house. F and Leonard went to the lake for the sled, but had to leave it as it was frozen in. F. got it broke yesterday and had to leave it. P.M. F. shod the oxen and hauled some firewood. I got a letter from Halifax.

Sunday, January 20th, 1884

W. N. Fine but very Cold. I spent the day at Mr Morgans. This afternoon the new Baptist meeting house was opened. A number of ministers were expected, but the roads being drifted No one but Mr Hall came. He preached an excellent sermon from II Chron. 6&41. In the evening Mr Morgan and I drove down to Bear River to meeting. Mr Hall preached from Phil 4&6. Nothing of importance occurred at home. Roxy says she was up the road a little while. She spent a part of the day in reading to the little boys.

Monday, January 21st, 1884

W. N. Cold but fine. I drove down to Bear River this morning and went at once to Mr Clarks to see him

concerning Sabbath School books. I got dinner with him. I then, after calling on Mr Hall, went to J. Jefferson's and put up for the night. F. has been to the mill. Leonard went out with a load of lumber.

Tuesday, January 22nd, 1884

W. W. Fine but Cold. I drove with Mr Troop up to Morgan's today where we stayed to dinner. I then came back and sold books till night. Put up at Jefferson's again. F. sawing. Leonard starting lumber.

Wednesday, January 23rd, 1884

W.W. Fine and warm. I spent the day in selling books. Took dinner at Mr W. Rice's. This evening I went to Christopher Benson's and sold them a Bible. They showed me a Bible that cost £40 and was printed in 1769. I am at Jefferson's again tonight. Father went out and got a barrel of flour.

6-46

Thursday, January 24th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and soft all day – raining this afternoon. I spent part of the day fooling around with a fellow about a horse trade. I got tea tonight at Mr Whiteman's. F. has been to the mill. J.E.W. was canvassing for a Dictionary.

Friday, January 25th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine, but very cold. A.M. I got the mare shod. P.M. I sold books. This evening I went with the girls to Advent prayer meeting. How I would like to see my wife & babies tonight! F. has been to the mill.

Saturday, January 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and cold. I have been up on the Sissiboo road today. I got dinner at Mr Nichols. Mr Spencer came here tonight. He preached up in the School-house this evening. Judson and Carrie White came here and stayed all night. Roxy got three letters – one from her Mother one from Abbie and one from me. F. has been sawing. Leonard starting out lumber.

6-47

Sunday, January 27th, 1884

W. N. Fine but extremely cold I went to Baptist Meeting

this morning. Mr Hall preached from Meth. 25-46. I got dinner with Mr Geo. Budd. Mr Spencer preached at Annie's today. F. Roxy & Leonard went. He preached from John 14-14 Roxy stayed to Annie's to dinner after which W. H. Sabine extracted three teeth for her. She says her gums were very sore tonight.

7-50

Monday, January 28th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold. I have been selling again. Got dinner at Mr Purdy's. I went to Meth. Prayer meeting tonight. Father and Leonard have been hauling fire wood today.

Tuesday, January 29th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold. Have been down along the river selling today. I went to Advent Prayer Meeting again this evening. Father and Alf shod the oxen. Mr Franks & Mr Charlton came here tonight

9-52

Wednesday, January 30th, 1884

W. S.E. Fine but looking like rain. I spent the forenoon in attending to some little errands, in the afternoon started for home. I came down the back road. I got supper and fed my horse at Mr Burton's. A part of the road was bare and I had a pretty serrious time in getting home. I reached home about nine Oclock. Messers Franks & Charlton went away this morning. F. took a load of lumber down on the line to Ambrose Amero from whom he bought half a cow last fall

9-54

Thursday, January 31st, 1884

W. S.E. Raining all day. I went to the mill. I made Hal a little toy gun. Leonard cutting wood.

Friday, February 1st, 1884

W. S.E. Raining again. F at the mill. I spent the day in fixing up my Monthly "Statement". Leonard went to the mill this afternoon. Alonzo came here this afternoon. Roxy is sick with her teeth.

9-55

Saturday, February 2nd, 1884

W. N. Fine. F. sawing. Leonard went to E Rice's with a

load, and got a barrel of meal. P.M. Roxy and I went to Weymouth to try and have one of Roxy's teeth taken out. We found all the doctors absent.

9-56

Sunday, February 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and warm. Annie & her children have spent the day here. This afternoon Leonard Scot Hal, Leo. and I went across the lake back to the bear den and trap. Roxy & Annie went up to Charley Cosman's.

9-16

Monday, February 4th, 1884

W. S.E. Looking like a storm all day F. sawing. Leonard went out with a load. I am sick with a sore throat and cold.

Tuesday, February 5th, 1884

W. S.E. Began raining about noon continued heavily till night. F. sawing. Leonard started two loads of lumber from the mill. Mother went down to Annie's. It rained so she could not get home tonight Alonzo was here to dinner

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Wednesday, February 6th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day. F & Leonard at the mill. I have been choring around. Harold and Leslie are very sick they were taken very suddenly this morning, and Leslie is very sick. I think he is a little better tonight Mother came home from Annie's this morning. She too is sick. I made Leslie a little wooden axe tonight, but the poor little fellow was too sick to play with it. In the night he wanted me to go down stairs and get his axe. I did so, but he could not play with it.

12-61

Thursday, February 7th, 1884

W. S.E. - Shifted to N.W. Cloudy & warm. F & Leonard running logs into the pond. I have spent the greater part of the day in taking care of poor little Leslie who has been awful sick all day. Hal is better. Lillie has spent the day here. Will has been here to tea. Alonzo was here awhile this afternoon. I wanted to have been away selling books this week but the roads and weather have been so bad that I have been unable to get away. I do not now think that I

shall get away before next week. I shall not go away till Leslie gets better.

12-63

Friday, February 8th, 1884

W. S.E. Fine. F & Leonard went to the mill and put a stick in the "hall-up". Leonard brought out a load of lumber. I new vamped a pair of boots for Roxy. Dan was here to dinner. Leslie is very sick yet, but Hal is better. Mother is better I sent to the doctor and got some medicine for Leslie

12-64

Saturday, February 9th, 1884

W. S.E. Snowed a little last night Cloudy and misty all day. F. sawing. Leonard took out a load of boards for Philip Amero. I got two letters from B.A.B&T.S- I let Will Cosman & Lillie have the horse and waggon to go down to Woodville with this afternoon. Leslie is better today. I mended Harold's shoes - made new rockers for the cradle and did some other chores around. Wendell Philips the great orator and philanthropist died last Sunday. Another of our great men gone. Who can fill the place vacated by that worthy man?

Sunday, February 10th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy but pleasant. Scot spent a part of the day here. Leslie is real smart again Hal is not well. Mother is as well again as usual. I have spent today in reading Tucker on Predestination - a good work on the subject.

Monday, February 11th, 1884

W. W. Fine warm day. Leonard took out a load of lumber to Hoyt. F. sawing. I packed up to go away, but it was so late that I gave up going till tomorrow. Hal & Leslie are far from well yet.

Tuesday, February 12th, 1884

W. S.E. Snowed till noon - fine till night. F. sawing. Leonard starting lumber from the mill. I intended to have started today, but was taken sick - have been very sick all day with sore throat, head ache, and chills and fever. Mother has spent the day at Chattie's. Alf began logging today with two hired men - Alf

Marshall and Harris Cosman.

13-64

Wednesday, February 13th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day. F. & Leonard at home. I have been very sick.

Thursday, February 14th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day. F. sawing Leonard at the mill in the afternoon. I am a little better than I was yesterday.

Friday, February 15th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and mild. F. sawing. Leonard cutting fire wood. I am some better than I was yesterday. Chattie has been very ill today, and mother has been taking care of her.

Our little Josey came near being choked to death twice today. We are afraid there is something in his throat yet. The snow is about all out of the woods now

15-64

Saturday, February 16th, 1884

W. N.W. Quite fine. F. sawing. Leonard went out to E. Rice's with a load of boards. I am still getting better. Mother has been taking care of Chatty.

17-64

Sunday, February 17th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and misty. F. went down to Annie's this afternoon, and Harris Cosman was here till dark.

18-64

Monday, February 18th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained till most night when the wind shifted to N.E. and began snowing, which continued tonight. F. sawing.

Tuesday, February 19th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and cloudless. Snowed four or five inches and is drifted some. F. sawing. L- starting out lumber. Lottie is very sick. I am just so I can keep up around.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1884

W. S.E. Drizzling till noon - raining heavily till night.

F. sawing. Leonard starting lumber. Mother went down to Annie's to help take care of Lottie. I mend a pair of shoes for Hal. Dan got dinner here.

20-65

Thursday, February 21st, 1884

W. N.W. Fine, but windy & cold F. sawing. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo. Hoyt and got some molasses from E. Rice. Mother has not Come home yet. Lottie is no better.

23-65

Friday, February 22nd, 1884

W. S.E. Quite fine - there came a little dust of snow last night. A.M. F and Leonard hauled some fire-wood P.M. Leonard Cut wood. F. went to Tusket to see Aunt Olive who is very sick. He came home tonight. Mr Murray preached at Southville tonight Leonard went out with the carriage to meeting and brought F home. Mother is still at Annie's. Old Aunt Susan died last Tuesday and was buried today. [Han] Thurber of Brighton, a famous old maid, has been married this week. I [wooded] a pair of skates for Scot today. I have a very sore throat so that I do not like to go away

27-65

Saturday, February 23rd, 1884

W. S.E. Rained heavily all day. Leonard went out with a load of lumber to Campbell's. He had a hard day of it. Mother is still to Annie's I am no better. F. sawing

30-65

Sunday, February 24th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine, but windy and cold. F. Leonard & I went down to Annie's to meeting. Mr Spencer was there, but so few gathered that he did not preach. This afternoon Roxy went up to see Cornelia. Will Cosman has been here all day Lilly came this afternoon. They are here tonight

34-68

Monday, February 25th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold. F. is sick and stayed home. Leonard took a load of Deals & boards to Campbell. I went down and helped load up. Lilly has been here all day. Will came again tonight. Mother came home from Annie's. Lottie is getting better.

36-72

Tuesday, February 26th, 1884

W. Easterly. Cloudy and raw. F. home till noon. P.M. He and Leonard went up to the mill & hauled down a load of hemlock boards. Will Cosman and his wife have been here all day Will went away tonight. Lilly is here still Robt Ray was here all the forenoon. Alonzo was here too.

36-77

Wednesday, February 27th, 1884

W. N.E. Snowed a little last night – Cloudy but mild today. F. sawing. Leonard starting out lumber. Lilly has been here today

36-79

Thursday, February 28th, 1884

W. E. Cloudy in the morning Began snowing towards noon and by night was a severe storm. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo Hoyt. F. sawing I was down to Will's this afternoon to see him. He is very bad today Lilly stayed till this morning.

36-80

Friday, February 29th, 1884

W. S.W. Snowing and blustering all day. Father and Leonard went to the mill to edge boards They got the gate disordered, and so came home about noon

Saturday, March 1st, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and cold. F. sawing. Leonard starting out lumber.

Sunday, March 2nd, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy. Haines Sabine and wife came here awhile this afternoon. Dan was here to tea. I went up the road to Harris Cosman to tea. I got a letter from BA&B&TS—

37-87

Monday, March 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F. sawing Leonard went out with a load to E. Rice and got a barrel of flour and some sugar from Hoyt. He mailed a letter to BA&B&TS. Dan is here this evening Father signed a note with him to N. Amero for One hundred dollars.

Tuesday, March 4th, 1884

W. N.W. Windy and cold. F sawing. Leonard helped him till noon – then started out a load from the mill. I am no better I can just keep around. I spent my time in writing verses.

Wednesday, March 5th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold. Father sawing. Leonard took a load of boards out to Hoyt. Dan was here to dinner.

37-82

Thursday, March 6th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F. sawing Leonard hauling lumber from the mill. Dan had my mare today to go to Weymouth. Annie went with him. Mother kept house for Annie.

39-82

Friday, March 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy but mild. A.M. F. went down to Joe Cosman's to see Will Cosman concerning a debt. Leonard hauled two loads of hemlock lumber from Wagoner's mill. Mother and Roxy are making a mat. I am very unwell.

Saturday, March 8th, 1884

W. N.E. Snowing all day. Leonard went out to Hoyt with a load of boards. F went down to W.H.S's this morning to bring him in to do some writing but he was not home. I wrote to the deed conveying Will Cosman's property into Father's hands. I got a letter tonight from Bradley, Garretson & Co.

Sunday, March 9th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy – cold with some snow flying. Dan, Annie, and their children spent the day here. David Sabine is married Michael Job is dead

39-88

Monday, March 10th, 1884

W. S.E. Shifted to West – rained some then shifted to west and snowed. P.M. F. hunted the sheep. This evening F & I went to Will Cosman and with the assistance of Alpheus Marshall executed two Deeds by which Will C- conveys

his real estate to Father.

Tuesday, March 11th, 1884

W. S.E. Beautiful fine day. Leonard started a load of wood out on Duck Pond hill. F. went down the river and got the Deeds recorded. He also paid the interest on a mortgage which Miss Jones holds against Will Cosman. He got five dollars from Blackadar's. He also got over nine dollars from St. Clair Jones which he owed him. I sent a parcel of hymn books to Halifax today. Father paid \$1.27 cts postage on them

Wednesday, March 12th, 1884

W. S. Raining all day. Nothing in particular going on. F went up to see Marshall about working for us. Alf and Chattie have been here all day

39-93

Thursday, March 13th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine but Windy. Father & I sharpened the oxen Leonard cutting wood. Edward Hogan & John McDonald were here tonight. F signed a note of \$32.00 with Will Cosman for J McDonald.

Friday, March 14th, 1884

W. W. Fine and warm. F. mending his boots. Leonard cutting wood. I have been playing around. Alf was out today and brought us in a barrel of meal.

Saturday, March 15th, 1884

W. N.E. Snowing all day. I fixed a pair of shoes for Scot. F. doing nothing. Leonard cut some wood.

Sunday, March 16th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine beautiful day. Alf and Chattie went down the River. I sent out a letter to go to BA&B.S. Also a letter with two dollars enclosed to S. Selden – also, a postal to Waterford Post Office. Alonzo and Janey spent the afternoon and evening here. Dan came up this forenoon and got his sheep.

39-96

Monday, March 17th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy all day and looking like a storm – snowing tonight. F & Leonard hauling hemlock logs to Como's mill. Alf & Chattie came home today – Brought my books from Weaver's. I was down to see Will Cosman this morning. They are having good meetings down the River. Two have been baptized. A telegram received tonight brings the sad intelligence that Job Journey, who has been in the States for the past year fitting himself for the ministry, has died very suddenly. He leaves a young widow who must find the loss an exceedingly heavy one. Alonzo is here tonight.

Tuesday, March 18th, 1884

W. N.W— Fine and cloudless. Father has been cruising around looking for a man to hire. Leonard has been cutting wood. I have been playing around some. I have, when I could to get out, been making a little wind-mill for my little boys. It is to carry a saw-gate, carriage – “haul up” &c. My health is still very [delicate]

Wednesday, March 19th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful fine day. Father and Leonard began logging. Will Cosman and his wife spent the day here. Aunt Sarah was here to tea. Will Cosman seems to be failing all the time. I do not think he will live long. I spent the day in cobbling.

39-101

Thursday, March 20th, 1884

W. S.E. Snowed a while – rained awhile – and tonight is doing neither. F and Leonard logging. I am getting tired of this inactivity. I long to get out to do something again. Josey can say Mama.

Friday, March 21st, 1884

W. N.E. Fine F and Leonard Logging. This evening Roxy and I were down to Wills. He is real miserable. I cut some wood for him today

Saturday, March 22nd, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. F & L– logging. I cut some more wood

for Will. Mr & Mrs Spencer came in tonight. I got a postal from BA&B. I see by the "Courrier" that Mary Alvina Porter has died lately.

Sunday, March 23rd, 1884

W. S.E. Fine. All went down to Annie's to meeting but the children & I Clark Mosely came here tonight he is going to work for us awhile

39-103

Monday, March 24th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all night and all day. F & I did some work in the blacksmith shop.

Tuesday, March 25th, 1884

W. N.E. Beautiful day. F. Clark and Leonard in the woods logging.

Wednesday, March 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine - looking like rain. F. Clark & L- logging. I have been playing with the little boys I made them a wind mill. I am not able to do anything now.

Thursday, March 27th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained heavily all day nothing of note occurred. Clark and Leonard have "cut up" all day. My head has pained so that I have been nearly crazy all day

Friday, March 28th, 1884

W. S.E. Foggy till tonight when the wind shifted to NE. F and Clark cutting logs. Leonard cutting fire wood. Roxy spent the day down to Will's. I was down to see him this afternoon Dan was here to dinner. I have prepared a letter to go to BA.B.&T.S and one to "Star" publishing Co.

41-141

Saturday, March 29th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy in the morning but cleared off in the afternoon. Father & Clark mostly cutting logs. Mosely went home tonight F. gave him an order on D. Campbell. Leonard & I went to the Bridge with the Carriage. Leonard got the pay for his work at Geo Hoyt's - \$14.00

I got the Carriage Springs fixed. Got Will Cosman one dollar's worth of sugar at Geo Hoyts. I mailed a letter to B.A.B.&T.S. and one to "Star" pub Co. enclosing \$1.75. Old Ned Hagan (Eagan) of Weymouth is dead. James Doucet is also dead.

Sunday, March 30th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and snow squally. Dan, Annie and Lottie, Will Cosman and his wife spent the day here

41-149

Monday, March 31st, 1884

W. N.E. Quite fine.

F & I shoed one of the oxen. A.M. F. clearing roads to twitch logs.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1884

W. N.E. Quite fine. Father "twitching" logs. Alf helping him. I have been repairing the well platform, and making a "curb".

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1884

W. S.W. Fine and springlike. F & Alf hauling logs - Father has managed to get over two hundred logs this Spring.

I finished fixing the well curb. I was down to see Will Cosman this morning, he is failing very fast. Joe Cosman was here this afternoon and got a plow share. We have just finished reading a story entitled "The Old Man's Will". It is in a bound volume of "Leisure Hour".

Thursday, April 3rd, 1884

W. S.E. Rained till noon - overcast till night. Father made a pair of moccasins. I have lain in bed most all day. Arthur Sabine was here this afternoon. He has served a summons on Will Cosman He called for the Books "History of the Reformation".

Friday, April 4th, 1884

W. N.E. F. sawing. I have been almost crazy with Neuralgia in my head today.

Saturday, April 5th, 1884

W. N.E. Showery. F. sawing. I am a little better. P.M. I trimmed my apple-trees down in my little field. I went down and called on Will tonight.

Sunday, April 6th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and dark. Judson has been here this afternoon He stayed to tea. F & Mother went down and called upon Will tonight I went out to W.H.S's tonight with the carriage. Judson went with me. I am going to Weymouth tomorrow

41-150

Monday, April 7th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy till noon then cleared off. F. sawing. I went to Weymouth with the Carriage. W.H.S. went with me. I stayed at his house last night. I got some things for Will C- Roxy got some pictures from True & Co.

42-150

Tuesday, April 8th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and overcast. Scot has spent the day here - it is his birthday. F. is sawing. Nothing of importance occurred

42-152

Wednesday, April 9th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and showery. Mother has spent the afternoon down to Wills. F. went down to tea and stayed the evening. A.M. He filed the buck saw. I pitched over part of the manure heap

44-152

Thursday, April 10th, 1884

W. N.E. Overcast. F. sawing. Alf went to Weymouth and got some medicine for Will. (1.50) I have been laid up all the week (nearly) with neuralgia.

Friday, April 11th, 1884

W. N. Snowed some in the night and still snowing this morning. F. hauling wood till noon P.M. He has been looking after the sheep. This is Leslie's birth-day. He has had a jolly time. He and Hal went down to Mr Wagner's awhile. They gave him some cards down there. Mother gave him a birthday card. I have been nearly crazy all day with pain in my head.

Saturday, April 12th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F hauling wood. P.M. He went to the mill. I am feeling better today I went to the lake this afternoon and tried for a trout for Will, but could get none.

Sunday, April 13th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. This afternoon Mother went down to see old Mrs Wagner who has had an ill-turn. W.H.S-, and Dan and Annie were here to tea

44-153

Monday, April 14th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F. sawing P.M. Roxy & I with little Josey went up the Bay. I went to see the doctor.

46-155

Tuesday, April 15th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine again. F. went to Campbills with a load of lumber and got a Bbl of flour.

This morning I went up to the doctor (Dr. Miner) where I underwent a murderous ordeal. He spent the greater part of the forenoon in trying to get out a tooth but only succeeded in breaking it several times, and at last left the roots in. After calling on Aun Minerva, we got dinner and then came home.

50-155

Wednesday, April 16th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day. F at the mill. Mr Gates was here to dinner. I am in a very bad state today. The pain in my head is unbearable.

50-156

Thursday, April 17th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and raw. F. sawing. Will Cosman & wife came here this morning and are going to stay over night. Mother went down to Annie's tonight.

51-160

Friday, April 18th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy & raw. Father went back to the meadow & let the water off. Will and his wife have been here till tonight. I am very sick tonight. Mother came home tonight.

53 166

Saturday, April 19th, 1884

W. S.E. Showery. F. sawing Stearns Jones was here to dinner. He went to the mill to see F- Mr Spencer and his little boy (Will) came here tonight. I am some better today

53-169

Sunday, April 20th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and showery All went out to meeting today excepting me. I stayed at home and Will Cosman came and staid with me. This afternoon Mr Gates preached Jobs funeral sermon, and Roxy went out Lilly and Alf went too.

55-176

Monday, April 21st, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day. F. sawing. Mother made soap. I worked some on the apple-trees.

Tuesday, April 22nd, 1884

W. N.W. Showery. F. sawing. He hurt his back badly. Mother and Annie started to go to Weymouth, but it Coming up to rain, they returned

Wednesday, April 23rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F. laid up with a lame back. I worked among the apple-trees. Roxy "cleaned" the woodhouse

Thursday, April 24th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Roxy and Annie went to Weymouth She got some paint for the room I have got the tooth ache today Robbie got a barrel and a bushel of potatoes here today

Friday, April 25th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and raw. Roxy helped Chattie paper her kitchen. Father is still laid up with his lame back

Saturday, April 26th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy. I worked among the apple-trees today

Sunday, April 27th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. I was taken sick today, and have suffered fearfully with pain in my limbs. F & M went up to Communion meeting - stayed to Cosman's to tea, and went to meeting again in the evening

57-178

Monday, April 28th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy. F. pitching over manure. Mother and Chattie went to Weymouth. Mother got paper for the room. I spent a horrible night and am very sick today

Tuesday, April 29th, 1884

W. N.E. Quite fine. Father pitching manure. I walked down as far as Wills today. I am feeling a little better.

Wednesday, April 30th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day. Father went to Weymouth with a load of Deals. I sent out a dollar and got a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters. I am a little better today. Old Mrs Cosman, Mrs Chas Cosman and Will and Lilly spent the day here. Lydia Sabine also was here. W.H. Sabine was here to dinner Willie White called in to see me

57-189

Thursday, May 1st, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy and cold. F harrowing the potato ground. John & Frank [Tilias] came to buy my old mare I am very sick yet.

Friday, May 2nd, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy. F. prepared the ground and planted some onions. I have not been able to set up. I sent out a letter yesterday to go to the B.A.B.&T.S.

Saturday, May 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Father has gone to the Cove with a load of cord wood. Mrs Andrew Ford died last week

Sunday, May 4th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but windy & and raw. Mother was taken sick today. I am a little better. Father went up to Disciple meeting tonight.

Monday, May 5th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine – beautiful Day. Father cross-ploughing the potato ground. Miss McNeill, the new School teacher came here to board Isaih Wagner brought her here. Mother is very sick. I am a little better. I caught two trouts at the lake tonight

Tuesday, May 6th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine again. Father and Isaih Wagner (who has begun work here today) have been hauling off stones. I went up to the school house this morning with the teacher. Annie has spent the day here.

57–191

Wednesday, May 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and beautiful. F went back in the woods to burn meadow. Isaih ploughing I went to the river this afternoon troutng. Little Harold went with me. It is the first time he has been to the river, and he will likely remember it long after I am gone. Mother is getting better. I got a letter tonight from The Tract Society who have decided to terminate my labours for them. I do not know is I care greatly.

Thursday, May 8th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy all day. Began raining towards night. Isaih began hauling out manure. Father went out to James Hassets and got a pig for which he paid \$4.00. I went down to Annies in the morning and got a couple of books from there. Scot and I went down Como's Brook and caught a trout.

Friday, May 9th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all day with thunder. I have been busy in taking stock of the books and fixing up my a/cs.

Saturday, May 10th, 1884

W. S.E. Dark and showery Isaih has been hauling out manure. Father Commenced planting potatoes. This afternoon I took Chattie to Weymouth on her way down the River for a visit. I got a yearly report of the B.A.B&T. It is full of interesting matter relating to the Societies work for 1883. Mother got a letter from Carrie White tonight.

Sunday, May 11th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and Showery Nothing of importance occurred. All of us at home. Mother is most as well again as ever. My health is very delicate but I am some better than I was. I talk of starting away selling books next week. I am not certain yet that I shall go.

Monday, May 12th, 1884

W. N.W. Squally – snow & rain A very unpleasant day. Father & Isaih ploughed up a piece of ground whereon to plant “sucker” apple trees. I have been packing up books for travelling again

Tuesday, May 13th, 1884

W. N.W. Partly clear. A.M. F & I cultivated the Nursery. P.M. I went down to Annie's and brought Will and his wife home. Will stopped to tea. Harold and Leslie went to School today for the first It has been a big day for them

51–192

Wednesday, May 14th, 1884

(Roxy) Father went out to the bridge. John started to go away selling books. Alf came home to day from down the river, and he brought word that Willoughby Sabine died this morning. I feel sad about it. I feel sorry that John started to go away for it rains so hard and he is half sick. (John) Yes I went up the Bay today. It rained heavily but I stood it out. I called on Mr Spencer and gave him \$2.00 the amount I subscribed for him last summer. I had a severe time with pain in my face tonight.

Thursday, May 15th, 1884

(Roxy) Father working among the apple trees. Annie & I papered [the bed rooms] Alf & Scott were here to dinner and tea.

51-196

(John) I stayed to Mrs Rings till afternoon. I then went up to uncle John's where I got tea. I then went up to Mr Powell's & left a Sabbath School Library I put up for night at uncle John's

Friday, May 16th, 1884

(Roxy) Father & Alf went down to the funeral. F. said the

text was in Revelation the fourteenth chap and the thirteenth verse. Chattie came home and brought Mable with her.

51-197

(John) W. S. Showery. I started around the Bay. I began selling when I got into the Cross road. I got dinner at Ben Seely's, and tonight I am at Thos. Ross's.

Saturday, May 17th, 1884

(Roxy) Father working among the pips. Alf went out to the bridge had our oxen to help him half way. He brought the mail but no letter from John. I think he is real [mean] to write to me so I could get a letter to night. I feel lonely and want to see him. Mr Spencer came here about sundown. We are all well.

(John) Rained heavily all night with thunder. W. S.E. Clearing off through the day. I got dinner at Mr Charles Denton's and tonight I am at Chas Haight's. Nothing of note occurred

Sunday, May 18th, 1884

(Roxy) Father, Annie McNeill & I were all out to meeting. We had a good sermon, his text was in Colossians second chap and sixth verse. Rained all the fore noon.

51-198

(John) W. N.E. Showery all day I spent the day at Chas Haight's I have suffered fearfully from a lame shoulder.

Monday, May 19th, 1884

(Roxy) Father working among the pips all day. Charley Lewises wife is very sick they hardly think she will live.

(John) W. N.W. Fine. I drove down the neck today stopping for dinner at Abram Gillilands and tonight I am at Uncle Newell's at Centreville.

Tuesday, May 20th, 1884

(Roxy) Father working among the pips. Harris Cosman has been here to work. He hauled out twelve loads.

(John) W. S.W. Fine. I stayed to Aunt Betsy's till afternoon and then drove up the neck again. Got tea at James Morehouse's and am at Gillilands again tonight.

Wednesday, May 21st, 1884

(Roxy) Father working at the potatoes Harris hauling out manure. Harold has a bad cold he coughed so in school and his head ached so the teacher let him come home at noon.

(John) W. S.E. Slight showers this forenoon. I drove through Gullivers Cove and at noon had reached J. Hinds. Tonight I am at a Mr Daily's at Broad Cove.

Thursday, May 22nd, 1884

(Roxy) Father dropping potatoes all day. Harris had our team to work for him to day and got the plough broke. Dan was here to tea.

51-199

Harold stayed home from school today he is not very sick I think.

(John) W. N. Foggy. I drove through Broad Cove and tonight am at Geo Whites in Digby. Got dinner with Sandy Daily. I have spent a pleasant day.

Friday, May 23rd, 1884

(Roxy) Father and Scott ploughing in potatoes this fore noon. This afternoon father dropping Charley Lewises wife is better. Charles Cosman finished planting yesterday.

(John) W. S.W. Showery. Came down the Digby Neck road. Dinned at Taylor's, and tonight am at Mrs Rings. I decided today to go home tomorrow.

Saturday, May 24th, 1884

(Roxy) Father dropping potatoes to wards night he helped Alf plough in his and Alf helped Father plough in ours. After dark mother and John came home glad I was to see them. John brought me two bottles of perfume and 10 yards of gray cotton.

51-200

(John) W. S.W. Beautiful day. Came home today. Mrs Ring accompanied me. I found them all well

Sunday, May 25th, 1884

(Roxy) A.M. Mrs Sabine and Mother Miss McNeill and the children were up to sunday school. PM. Mother, Harris, Cornelia, Mother, & I were down to Annies and spent the afternoon.

53-202

(John) W. S.W. Fine. We all went down to Annie's this afternoon and stayed to tea. Fearful thunder Storm last night. Charley's Van Blarcom's house was struck and burned Two barns in the same neighbourhood were somewhat damaged and in one a calf killed.

Monday, May 26th, 1884

(Roxy) Father dropped potatoes all day. John & Mother went home to day John book selling.

53-203

(John) W. S.W. Fine. This afternoon I went away again Stayed Mrs Rings all night.

Tuesday, May 27th, 1884

(Roxy) Father finished dropping potatoes and Alf helped him plough them in. P.M. Father hauled out top dressing for peas and to seed down.

(John) W. N.W. Fine. I went back to Uncle Neills this forenoon where I stayed to dinner; afterwhitch I went to Bear River to See Mr Hall I am tonight at Jefferson's.

Wednesday, May 28th, 1884

(Roxy) Father sewed the peas and seeded down a small piece. Mother & Rox have got out to the pantry cleaning to day. Mother got some fresh fish from a man today.

(John) W. S.E. Showery in afternoon. I left Bear River and Came along the Back road Selling on the way. I got dinner at Mr Cartey's. Tonight I am at Mr Gavil's.

Thursday, May 29th, 1884

W. N.E. Foggy and cold. I spent the forenoon among the Jordan town niggers. I got a "bite" at Anna Raymonds. I then went to A. Parker's to see about some Sabbath School books after which he & I went to Mr Nichols where we perfected a sale. Tonight I am at Uncle Neills. At home F. helped Geo Blackadar, who is pedaling and stopped to dinner, fix his carriage. P.M. F. started a load of lumber from the mill.

53-204

Friday, May 30th, 1884

W. S. Showers of hail and rain. Cold and unpleasant.

I drove through the North Range today. Got dinner at John Andrews, and tonight am at Mrs Rings. At home, father hauled out manure for parsnips and beets. Benny Swift who is home now made a call here.

Saturday, May 31st, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day.

I came home today which ends my Colportage. F. went out with a load of lumber and got a Bbl of flour.

Sunday, June 1st, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Annie Dan and their children were up here to tea.

54-206

Monday, June 2nd, 1884

W. N.W. Rained heavily all day. I have been at the books. Roxy helped me take Stock. I went up tonight and saw Will Cosman.

Tuesday, June 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Foggy. A.M. Fixing up accounts. Nothing of import transpired.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and warm. F. prepared ground and planted the beets and parsnips. I went to Weymouth. I mailed closing reports to B.A.B.&TS. Also sent them a P.O. Order for \$27.00. WH Sabine went with me. We went to see Peter Dougan in reference to a note which he held against us, and which was due some days ago. W.H.S- gave him six dollars on the note of the fourteen that was due. Mr Spencer came in tonight to see Will Cosman's. W.H. Sabine came in too. They were here to tea afterwhitch we all went down to Will's.

54-208

Thursday, June 5th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine day. Father went to Weymouth. Mr Spencer and I went up to the Provo brook to see if it was a fit place for baptism - decided is unfit and concluded to go to the lake.

I took Will and his wife up. We went down back of B. Wagoner's Mr Spencer baptized Will Cosman. Poor Will

is very feeble. I have been laying down ever since I am very miserable.

54-209

Friday, June 6th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. We got the Sheep up and sheared them. This is about all for today.

Saturday, June 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Another fine day. F & I hauled poles and mended fence I am feeling a little better today

Sunday, June 8th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine again. Roxy and I have been down to see Will. Dan & Scot were here to tea.

54-211

Monday, June 9th, 1884

W. S.W. Blowing heavily. A.M. F & I scrapped up around the barn and pitched out the sinkhole P.M. We prepared ground for beans and hauled out a Couple of loads of manure. Dan had the mare to go to French town with.

Tuesday, June 10th, 1884

W. N.E. Rained in the night and showery all day. I half soled my shoes, and fixed the diary up. F. hewed some stuff for the back stoop.

54-212

Wednesday, June 11th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy in the morning Cleared off. F & I finished planting beans this forenoon. P.M. We began work on the apple-trees. WH Sabine was here to tea last night

Thursday, June 12th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and misty all day. F & I working in the Nursery.

Friday, June 13th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine but windy. A.M. F & I fixed the carriage P.M. F. working in the nursery I went out and helped

WHS- cultivate the pips. Chas McNeill and wife came here tonight.

54-214

Saturday, June 14th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Mr & Mrs McNeill went to Tusket this morning. The teacher went with them. Mother and Annie went to Weymouth with the carriage. F & I worked among the apple-trees. I got two letters tonight – One from B.A.B.&T.S. and one from T.B. Crosby. Roxy & and I went down to see Will a little while tonight.

54-216

Sunday, June 15th, 1884

Beautiful day. We all went out to hear Mr Spencer preach from Isaiah 7 & 9. P.M. Roxy and I with our children went out to Aunt Sarah's to see Obed about the books which he got here yesterday. He took Books from here to the value of \$86.60 F and mother went down to see Will Cosman last night

56-216

Monday, June 16th, 1884

W. N.W. Showery till noon – fine till night. Mr & Mrs McNeill came back this morning and stayed till after dinner. P.M. F & I work among the apple-trees.

58-218

Tuesday, June 17th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F & I working in the Nursery. W.H.S helped us in the afternoon. He and Lydia were here to dinner. I sent out a letter to go to B.A.B&TS enclosing a Quarterly a/c.

56-222

Wednesday, June 18th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. F. went to Weymouth with W.H.S- to become a bondsman for me as postmaster. Roxy went out with him to get a dress cut. I got a letter from A. Parker with a P.O. Order enclosed for \$11.90 I have been in the nursery at work. Annie & her children have spent the day here

56-226

Thursday, June 19th, 1884

W. S. Fine and fearfully hot. Father and I finished weeding the nursery. I am about half sick now. I was feeling quite well, but these awful hot days have nearly

used me up. Roxy & Williard are down to Will's tonight; after I get the cows milked I am going down too. I am very warm and tired now. Have just been smoking a cigar to get the ashes to put on a ring-warm on my neck. I sent out a letter today to go to T.B. Crosby

Friday, June 20th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine – Rained a little last night. A.M. F. dressed some potatoes P.M. He started some lumber from the mill. Dan had the oxen in this forenoon to haul some wood. I have been sick all day and I have kept in excepting that Roxy and I got a few strawberries for tea – the first we have had.

Saturday, June 21st, 1884

W. W. Fine and very warm. A.M. I laid in bed sick. P.M. I went down to Will's and cut his hair. I then went up to the school house and measured the desks as I have a couple to make. F. went to Weymouth with a load He gave to D. Campbell a note of about \$12 for Will Cosman. I planted the tomatoes tonight I make a low board fence around them to keep Williard out of them. I got a letter tonight from B.A.B.&T.S. I mailed a letter today to D.M. Dewey Publisher of Fruit plates. Mrs Joe Cromwell died about three weeks ago.

Sunday, June 22nd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and Cool. A.M. Roxy and the boys went to Sunday School. P.M. Roxy & I went up to Social Meeting. Mrs Gates was there. She is home from Letite on a visit. John Edd and wife had our horse and carriage to go to Weymouth today.

Monday, June 23rd, 1884

W. S.W. Fine Cool and breezy. A.M. We ploughed out a few rows of early potatoes, and I hoed them while father went up to the mill & got a lot of slabs for firewood. P.M. F. fixed some rows for cabbage. I wrote a Deed for Ruben Belliveau whereby the Will Cosman lot over the lake is to be conveyed to the "said" R– B– I am feeling a good deal better this week.

Tuesday, June 24th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy and windy. F. went to Belliveau's Cove to take the deed down. Belliveau gave up buying, so father had his trip for nothing. Mother spent the day at W.H. Sabine's. I went out there this morning and stayed till afternoon.

We traded our oxen away with Jim Hassett today for a pair of three year olds steers. Byde brought them in and got the oxen . Father gets \$12 in boot. I planted some cabbages this afternoon.

Joe Cosset's wife arrived here tonight Mrs Gates is holding meetings up the road every night.

61–226

Wednesday, June 25th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery. A.M. I was down to see Will Cosman. P.M. We planted some more cabbage. I spread some ashes among the apple-trees – making 3 barrels I have put among them this Spring. F. made bars to the pasture. I gathered some princes pine tonight to make me some medicine. Chattie & Mable spent the day here

61–230

Thursday, June 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F & I edging boards and sawing. Dan had the mare to go to French town. Mother spent the day down there.

Cornelia Cosman spent the day here. Leslie has been very sick but is better. I got two letters tonight from Alonzo Grant & T.B. Crosby

63–232

Friday, June 27th, 1884

W. N.E. Beautiful fine day. Father sawing. A.M. I yoked the Steers and hauled a load of pine boards from the Corner to make some desks for the School house P.M. I got out some stuff for the desks. Tonight I took the carriage down to Will's and fixed it up to take Will away tomorrow. Obed White was here this afternoon and stopped to tea. Alf & Chattie had the horse & carriage to go down the river for a calf. Alf took my Money Order from Parker and got it Cashed – the amount being \$11.90. Alf paid me a dollar tonight that he owed me. Leslie is about well again.

63–234

Saturday, June 28th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. Father new laid the back stoop. We moved poor Will out today. We fixed a bed on the carriage and on it he went very Comfortable. Justine took Lilly out out. Harris Cosman went with me, and B. Wagner and Isaiah walked. We went to Belliveau's Cove from which they set sail with Justine about noon. I came in as far as W.H.S's where I stopped & helped him finish the appletrees. We were arranging about canvassing. Roxy got a letter yesterday from Eva Ring announcing Hit's arrival.

64-234

Sears Mullen was here to dinner today.

Sunday, June 29th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine day. Father and Mother went to Tuskett today and are not coming home till tomorrow. I do not feel well today
Scot was here to dinner. Harris Cosman was here to tea. He has just got back from going to the Island with Will Cosman.

68-236

I got some circulars from FH Williams.

Monday, June 30th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful fine day. I have been working on the road today doing "Statute labor". Little Josey has been real sick today, but is better tonight. I hear tonight that Lottie Dunham is married. Poor little Lottie! You were a sweet little thing, and I loved you once with all the fondness of my boy nature. I got papers tonight appointing me to the position of Post Master for Riverdale.
Father and Mother have just got home from Tuskett.

Tuesday, July 1st, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Father worked on the road. P.M. He worked in the nursery. Roxy and I went to Weymouth today. W.H. Sabine went out with us He went to Digby C. Roxy got her dress cut.
I mailed a letter to Thos B. Crosby sending him \$00.50 in receipts for Bal due on Nursery Stock. I got a letter and circulars from D.M. Dewey publisher of Fruit plates. Old uncle Ben Sabeen died day before yesterday of measles.

Weymouth Bridge is being repaired now having a foundation of Concrete and a superstructure of iron.
I got a pair of new shoes today.

Wednesday, July 2nd, 1884

W. S.W. Foggy all day. F. sawing. A.M. I ploughed potatoes for Dan with the old mare. P.M. I have been working at the school desks. Roxy and Josey are to Annie's. She is making her dress & Annie is helping her.

71-236

Thursday, July 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine & very warm. F. sawing Scot helped me plough the potatoes with the old mare. Harold is very sick. Josey is sick too. I went down to Annie's tonight and brought her home (Roxy & Josey)

74-238

Friday, July 4th, 1884

W. S.E. Fine. F. sawing. A.M. I finished the school desks P.M. I hoed the potatoes. Mother is dreadfully sick tonight Harold is a great deal better, & little Josey is quite smart. This is a very poor grass season, but other crops are looking well. The apple-crop has not promised so well before for years.
My back is very lame and sore.

Saturday, July 5th, 1884

W. S.E. Showery all day. Between showers we hoed potatoes. This forenoon Father John E Wagner & I went out to W.H.S's to get my post office papers "fixed up". Obed W. White came in this afternoon and got another load of Books. Mother is feeling a little better, but she is very sick yet. Harold is most well. Eugenia Cosman helped Roxy today. Harris Cosman had my horse to go to French Town today. Samuel Woodwith, the "Corner Blacksmith" died this week.

Sunday, July 6th, 1884

W. S. Showery. We were looking for Annie up today but she did not come. Old David G & wife are at Alf's.

Monday, July 7th, 1884

W. S. Quite fine till noon. Began raining again tonight.

A.M. I mended the harness and got ready to start for Yarmouth. P.M. I went as far as W. H. Sabine's He & I started for Yarmouth, but had scarcely started when we encountered a French cart & oxen whereby we got one of her carriage wheels broken down. We came back to WH.S's, left the broken carriage, and went over to David Porter's & borrowed his and hauled it by hand to W.H.S's. It was then so late that we decided to wait till morning.

F. hoing potatoes. Mother is getting better

75-238

Tuesday, July 8th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained heavily all day. I stayed to W.H.S's and helped him in papering a room. Nothing of importance transpired at home.

78-238

Wednesday, July 9th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained till most night. In the forenoon I helped W.H.S. finish papering his room. Tonight he & I started for Yarmouth. We got as far as Wm Mullen's where we stayed for the night.

81-240

Thursday, July 10th, 1884

W. S. Showery till noon then cleared away. We left Wm Mullens this morning, and proceeded towards Yarmouth. We made no stop till we got to Richard N. Crosby's where we put up the horses for about an hour and after looking over the nursery and orchard we proceed to Hebron where we put up at Taylor Mullen's. Annie and her children came up last night and stayed till after dinner today

Sadie Cosman has been staying here this week.

84-244

Friday, July 11th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. Leaving Hebron this morning we went to town where we spent the day in seeing the "lions". We called at the "Herald" Office but Mr Lawson who we wanted to see was away so our mission was in vain. Tonight we put up at Taylor's again. Father has been hoing.

A letter from Hon Wm B Vail came for me today.

87-244

Saturday, July 12th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. We left Hebron this morning. Stopped a little while at Deerfield at the nursery and did not stop again till we got up in the woods above Carlton where halted and had a "bite". We stopped at Uncle Geo Sabean's for supper and got home about 10 O'clock. I mailed a letter to McDonald (P.O. Inspector) today Joe Cossit died a B. Wagner's this morning

90-245

In the following passages John appears to practicing his hand-writing and/or roughing out documents related to his appointment as post master for Riverdale, his account with the British American Book & Tract Society for his work as Colporteur, and a draft of the deed he mentioned on June 23. The parts are intermixed in the original but have been separated where possible here.

Chas J McDonald Esq
 Post Office Inspector Halifax Nova Scotia
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 Mr Alfred Sabine
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 Riverdale, Digby Co
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 Halifax N Scotia N N.S.

Jan 31	Cash to B.A.B&TS	\$ 9.00	
Dec 31	By Amt due from 1883		403.58
June 3	" " "	27.00	
Feb 5	" Pub. As per Bill		11.25
	To Grants as per		
	previous reports	13.81	
	To services & expenses		
	As per Bill below		
	From Jan 1 to May 31	53.06	
			414.83

Pub. transfered
 to B.A.B&T.S 8.75
 303.21

De. The British American Book & Tract Society in account with JH Sabine Colporteur
 British American Book & Tract

To Services 1 Month and 20 days	
From Jan 1st to May 31	\$41.66
Paid for Horse-keeping	5.95
Meals and Lodgings	1.70
Freight and cartage	1.64
Postage	1.91
Stationary	.10
Exchange	52.96
	.10
	53.06

Received Payment
 JH Sabine Col. BAB&TS
 John Sabine Col. BAB&TS

John H. Sabine
 James Lawson Esq
 Yarmouth, NS
 Y Y Yarmouth
 Nova Scotia

The days. This this indenture
 J J July July Indenture July 26th

July 26. This Indenture made the Twenty Second day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and Eighty four between Joseph Sabine of Riverdale in the County of Digby and Province of Nova Scotia and Ruth his wife of the one part; and Reuben Belliveau of the Township of Clare, County and Province aforesaid of the other part: Witnesseth that the said Joseph Sabine and Ruth his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty Dollars lawful Currency of Nova Scotia have granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do bargain
 W WH Sabine Wm H Wm H Sabine
 Wm H Sabine Co Es Esq Chas J McDonald Esq
 Chas J McDonald Esq PO Inspector
 Halifax N.S. Halifax N.S.
 C Chas J McDonald Esq PO Inspector
 Halifax Nova S Nova Scotia
On side margin Chas. J. McDonald Esq. P. O. Inspector
 Halifax, N.S.

Going for the Granny

Little dreamed this poor fellow
 The day he was wed
 When all was so merry and bright
 That the time was not far
 When from his warm bed
 He must turn out
 And stride through the night.
 Not a star in the skies
 And the blast smites him sore
 As through the dense midnight he steams
 His worn umbrella scant shelter supplies
 And down on his shoulders as shuddering he flies
 Pours the rain through the tatters and seams
 Poor fellow! he curses the day of his birth
 He curses his father and mother:
 He'd banish all grannys from all the broad earth
 To the moon or to some region farther
 Now, homeward returning,
 He trudges ahead
 While tumbling over the stones,
 With her bundle of herbs
 And rickety tread
 In the rear stumbles poor granny Jones
 And the heartless old wretch looks back as he snarls –
 “Hurry up with your old woman bones!”
 Have some sense, old fellow, and know that your lot
 Is the lot of all mortals below;
 This earth must be peopled and haven't you got
 To assist, I would just like to know?
 "Hours of Idleness" J.H.S.

Sunday, July 13th, 1884

W. S.W. Rained heavily with thunder all night. Showery all day. Mr Spencer came here last night. He had meeting out at Southville this morning but it was so wet that we did not go. This afternoon F. & I made a Coffin for Joe Cosset. Mother is quite smart again

90–246

Monday, July 14th, 1884

W. S. Showery all day with thunder. Wind N.E. tonight. A.M. We made the rough coffin and covered the other. P.M. F & I went to the burial of poor Cosset. They had no preaching. I took David's Carriage home, and got ours from W.H. Sabine's.

Tuesday, July 15th, 1884

W. N. Showery. F. sawing I got Mr C. Cosman's carriage and took Roxy and her three boys up to Gamma Ring's. We got up there about two O'clock We were at the Station and saw the train go up. I mailed two letters – one to Alonzo Grant – one to Mrs Will Cosman. Weymouth Bridge which has been rebuilt with Concrete and iron is now open for travel. I crossed over with the horse today for the first.

94–246

Wednesday, July 16th, 1884

W. N.E. Showery. F. sawing I started from Gamma Ring's after noon for home where I arrived about sunset. I bought two new scythes. Old Mr Ross the School Master of St. Mary's Bay has died lately.

99–188

Thursday, July 17th, 1884

W. N.W. Overcast. F & I hauled two loads of slabs from W's mill with our steers. We then finished hoing potatoes. I wonder how our little babies are tonight.

102–246

Friday, July 18th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F. hoed the beans and cabbage &c. I have been trimming trees in the Nursery. Mother had a picking party this afternoon. I am in a very bad state of health now. My back is very weak & sore. I could only work a little while at a time today but was obliged to go to the house and lie down every little while

105–250

Saturday, July 19th, 1884

W. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. F & I worked in the Nursery. Alf was out and brought us a barrel of Flour. Also a letter from the P.O. Department Halifax. I mailed a Postal Card to publishers of "Scientific American" Annie had my old mare to go to Frenchtown for Dan. She took the schoolteacher out to the Station. She is going up home to spend her vacation.

108–250

Sunday, July 20th, 1884

W. S. Raining with thunder most all day. Cleared off tonight. It has been a gloomy day. I have spent the day in reading. George Stark who is to work for us a while came

here this afternoon. How much I want to see Roxy and the children. I hope they are well and having a good time.

111–250

Monday, July 21st, 1884

W. S.W. Fine – Father Geo. Stark & I have been at work in the nursery. Alf is helping D. Fullerton. I feel so lonely without my wife and babies that I can scarcely endure life. Oh, how precious they are to me: and how little they know it. Without them and mother there seems to be nothing in this world that I care a straw about. I suppose it is sinful to worship the gift more than the giver. I do not want to love them less, but oh, that I might love the Giver more!

114–252

Tuesday, July 22nd, 1884

W. Westerly. Showery all day. A.M. F & I fixed the carriage axle that was bent. Geo. Stark at work among the apple trees P.M. Geo Stark went down the line for his clothes. We did not do much as it rained. Tonight I have written a letter to go to Roxy. Oh how I would like to see her tonight!

117–250

Wednesday, July 23rd, 1884

W. W. Fine day. We began haying. We mowed down below the potatoes in the rough field. It is a chance if we mow that rough field again. We talk of ploughing up a part of it and turning the rest out to pasture. I went out and brought W.H.S– in tonight to "fix up" my Post Office Bonds. Father & John Edd Wagner are the Sureties and Alf and Mother are the witnesses. I took him home again. Mother is not well. I may have to go and bring Roxy home, though I don't to disturb her before she gets her visit out.

120–250

Thursday, July 24th, 1884

W. W. Rained during the night and showery today. Father Geo Stark and I have been mowing. I wonder how Roxy and our little boys are tonight. How I would like to see them.

125–250

Friday, July 25th, 1884

W. N.W. Foggy till noon – then Cleared off. We finished mowing the rough field, and the field back of the carriage

Shed PM. I went to Weymouth. I went down to see Dr. Ellison for Alex Wagner who is sick. I mailed three letters. 1- to P.O. Inspector with Bonds &c. 1 - to little Roxy and one to Aunt Alice.
Dan Fullerton came in with me. I saw Jas Lawson at Weymouth He is coming in tomorrow to see the nursery
126-251

Saturday, July 26th, 1884

W. N.W. - Beautiful day. All of us at work in the hay. We have got all the grass mown on this side of the road. WH Sabine came in with me last night & staid over night James Lawson and he came here today to see the Nursery. They were here till after dinner. We did not make any bargain. Geo. Stark went away tonight. We have heard that Will Cosman died some time this week
I expected a letter from Roxy tonight, but none came, and I was very much disappointed I longed so for might think I would hear from her, and now to have to wait another week is too much. I want to see the little boys, but if we all live it will not be long before we will be together again
129-254

Sunday, July 27th, 1884

W. S.E. Rain till noon heavily - then cleared off and tonight is
"One of those ambrosial eves
A day of storms so often leaves
At its calm setting, when the West
Opens her Golden bowers of rest,
And a moist radiance from the sky
Shoots tumbling down."
We have not done much today. I trimmed some trees, and we turned over some hay tonight. Geo Stark hauled two loads of slabs from Wagner's mill this afternoon. F. mowed a little down in the little orchard.
I have a bad lameness in my side today. How I would like to see my Roxy and the little boys tonight. But I hope to before long. It is now past one fortnight since they went away.

Monday, July 28th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained till towards night when it cleared off. We turned some hay over tonight. Geo Stark hauled two loads of slabs. I picked a lot of gooseberries.
Dan has the horse & carriage to go to French-town today.

Tuesday, July 29th, 1884

W. S.W. Quite fine till just night when a rain came on We hauled in five loads of hay and got the little orchard mowed and some down on the hill. Harris Cosman helped us. Mother and Chattie took the wool to the mill today. We mailed a letter to Alonzo Grant. Eugenie Cosman kept house. Mable stayed here all day. I ruled this page for an Account but changed my mind. I looked for a letter from Roxy tonight but none came.
129-266

I made a sad mistake in my journal. What is under Sunday are the doings of Monday. I will now write Sunday's record here.

Sunday, July 27th, 1884

W. W. Fine. Dan, Annie & their children spent the day here, and also, Charley White & Herbie

Wednesday, July 30th, 1884

W. E. Rained all night and this afternoon. Geo S- & I mowed down on the hill till noon. I am sick tonight. Mr Spencer came here before noon and stayed till tonight.
129-268

Thursday, July 31st, 1884

W. S.E. Quite fine. Father and Stark at work in the hay I have been sick & did nothing till afternoon. Mrs Stanton & Mrs Cornwell were here to tea.
No letter yet from Roxy. Oh I cannot tell what is the reason She does not write.
132-270

Friday, August 1st, 1884

W. W. Rained all night - foggy till noon then cleared off. A.M. F cut up and cramped a pair of boots. Geo hauled a load of slabs down. P.M. They worked in the hay. I did nothing but mend a shoe for Scot and pick some raspberries. Scot was here to dinner.
but best of all todays doings is that I got a letter from dear little wife Roxy tonight. Oh! how delighted I was to hear from her after so long and absence, or at least so it seems to me. For it appears like a year since she went away, but if everything is favourable I shall go after her in one week from tonight - Only one week! It is, I suppose a sin to wish time away but I feel just like exclaiming

“Fly swift around ye wheels of time
And bring the welcome day.”

135–271

Saturday, August 2nd, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. A.M. I trimmed apple trees &c.
F & George at the hay. P.M. We hauled in four loads.
Harris helped us this afternoon. Scot was out with the old
mare and got the rolls from the machine.
I mailed a letter to Roxy. F got a letter tonight from Lillie.
She tells of Will's death. I got a copy of the “Scientific
American” and a copy of the “Agents Aid” tonight. I am
feeling a little better now. In one week now I hope to see
my darling wife and babies if they and I are spared. Rev
Mr Roscoe is dead

138–272.

Sunday, August 3rd, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. George Prime with his wife and
children spent the day here. Scot has been here all day. I
have spent the day in reading and writing Sonnets to
Roxanna. Oh that in my soul there were such a burning
worship for my Maker as there is for that sweet little wife
of mine! I worship the Creature rather than the Creator.
I do not wish to love my my wife and children less, but
want to love my Maker more. For this I strive daily, but it
seems so cold, so unworthy the name of love. I am feeling
quite smart today but I cannot tell how long it will
Continue.

141–281

Monday, August 4th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine – foggy tonight. We finished mowing on
the hill – got it raked, and began mowing in the Will
Cosman field. I made a patent blind bridle for the old
mare to keep her from jumping. Hanford Ring spent the
afternoon here. Father wants me to go up the Bay
tomorrow for mackerel but I hardly want to go.

144–282

Tuesday, August 5th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery till noon then cleared away fine. Harris
Cosman & I went up the Bay to look for mackerel We
got to Mrs rings about 2 oclock Hanford Ring went up
with us. Alf went as far as Weymouth with us. We helped
Ethal gill fish till night. How pleased I was to see Roxy
and our little boys.

149–282

Wednesday, August 6th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery this morning, then cleared away.
Harris & I went out with Johnny & Billy Dunkley for
mackerel. What a glorious piece of sport we had. Harris
& I got about two barrels. P.M. We cleaned our fish.

155–282

Thursday, August 7th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. Harris & I helped Ethel mow all day.
Tonight we went up the road with our teams and met
Roxy & Hit

161–282

Friday, August 8th, 1884

W. S.E. Quite fine. During about three hours of the
better part of last night there was the most tremendous
rain fall that I ever knew for so short a time There fell
about six inches on a [bowl]. Harris & I went out for
mackerel again. We did not do as well as we did before.

167–282

Saturday, August 9th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. Harris & I came home this morning with
our fish. Got home at noon. P.M. We raked hay in the
Will field and put in two loads. I got two letters – one
from Roxy (mailed early in the week) One from P.O.
Department Halifax
Mr & Mrs Spencer came here tonight

171–284

Sunday, August 10th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. We all went out to hear Mr Spencer
His text was Matthew 28 & 5th. This afternoon I went up
the Bay for my little Roxy and children. I took Chattie
and Mable down to old David's, where I stayed to tea. I
got up the Bay about dark.

175–286

Monday, August 11th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained till noon Eathel & I went down to Dunk
and stayed till noon. P.M. We all came home where we
arrived safe about dark.
Mrs John Smith of Barton died last Friday. She was a very
fine woman.

179–289

Tuesday, August 12th, 1884

W. N.E. Fine. Mowing and raking in the Will field. Harris Cosman helped us. Alf and Jess Cosman went down the River fishing yesterday They got back tonight. They did not get many fish

179-291

Wednesday, August 13th, 1884

W. E. Quite fine in the morning but soon began to rain. We mowed a while – raked some and hauled a load. Mr Spencer and two of his children came here today Geo Stark started at noon to go to Weymouth for tobacco. I gave him in order to Campbell's for a pound of tobacco.

179-300

Thursday, August 14th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all night and till noon. Mr Spencer went away this morning. P.M. F & I mowed back of Will's house. Geo Stark came back tonight.

179-306

Friday, August 15th, 1884

W. S.E. Partly fine. F. Geo Stark and I mowed and raked in Will's field.

179-309

Saturday, August 16th, 1884

W. N.W. Overcast. A.M. We were engaged variously. P.M. Geo Stark started a load of Deals from the mill, and hauled home a load of edgings for me to stake up the apple-trees in the nursery. F & I raked hay. Scot had the mare to bring Dan home from French town. I got a letter tonight from Alonzo Grant containing \$60 Janie Cosman gave father \$40.00 more making in all \$100 Alonzo is buying Will's place

Sunday, August 17th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day. Chas. McNeill came here today and brought the teacher back again. He stopped to dinner. Dan and Annie with their children have spent the afternoon and evening. I let Dan have the mare to go to French town tomorrow and David Porter is going with him. Alf went down the River and brought Chattie & Mable home again. Alf mailed a letter for me to the Post Office Inspector Halifax also a Card (Postal) to a Rubber Stamp company.

179-315

Monday, August 18th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine beautiful day. We have been mowing and raking in the Will field. We hauled three loads of hay – two in for Alonzo and one home.

Tuesday, August 19th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Geo Stark & I mowing down in the Will field. F. has a lame back, though he helped us rake in the afternoon. Obed came in and got all the books except \$7.06 cents worth which are still in my charge. Aunt Sarah was here to tea. Colin Porter brought the mare home tonight. Stillman Mullen and Joe Como spent the evening here.

179-316

Wednesday, August 20th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. We mowed till noon. P.M. We hauled in two loads of hay. Roxy went up to see Cornelia tonight

Thursday, August 21st, 1884

W. S.W. Fine and awful hot We have been mowing and raking today. Hartshorn Mullen was here to dinner today.

179-317

Friday, August 22nd, 1884

W. S.W. Fine – windy. Mowing and raking. All our little boys have been taken sick today. I got a letter today from Judson Sabine who is working in the States.

Saturday, August 23rd, 1884

W. S. Showery. George Stark went to Weymouth with a load of deals F and I have been doing chores around. David Sabine & wife and Allan Kinney and wife came in tonight. They with Alf and his family were all here to tea. They spent the evening.

179-324

Sunday, August 24th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. The [illegible]-diggers went home today Alf & Chattie have my horse to go to WH Sabine's

this afternoon. F & Mother spent the day at Annie's.

182-325

Monday, August 25th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine and very cool. We finished mowing the Will Cosman place today
Our little boys who were sick are all well except Harold
He has a bad cough. We some feared that he had the measles but, I guess he has not.

Tuesday, August 26th, 1884

W. S. Cloudy till noon. Showery in the afternoon. A.M. We hauled in three loads of hay off the Will Cosman place. P.M. F. mowed some down in the Spring-field. I prepared some stakes to use in the nursery. It is reported that Willie White was married yesterday. George started some deals from the mill

Wednesday, August 27th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy till noon, then Cleared away. Geo went out with the steers and a load of deals. He got a barrel of flour. F and I mowed in the spring field. Annie and her children spent the day here. Chattie has been here too

182-331

Thursday, August 28th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day.
F. Geo & I at work in the spring-field. John Edd had the horse & carriage to go down the river yesterday.

Friday, August 29th, 1884

W. S. Quite fine but looking like rain. We hauled three loads of hay from the spring field and one from the Will field being the last from those two fields. Roxy and Leslie went to the Carding mill today they could not the wool carded as the machine was not in operation. It is the first time Leslie has been to the Carding machine. Roxy got Hal and Les each a new school book – "Royal No. 1" They are done with their "Primmers".

182-332

Saturday, August 30th, 1884

W. S.E. Showery. A.M. I worked in the shop, and cut Harris Cosman's hair. P.M. I staked up trees in the nursery Geo hauled two loads of slabs and started two

loads of lumber from the mill.

Sunday, August 31st, 1884

W. S.E. Foggy till noon Rained heavily till night All of us at home.
Poor mother came near being choked to death again while eating her dinner. She was eating a piece of bread when she drew a crumb in her throat. It was at least a quarter of an hour before she got it out.
How frightened we all were, and thankful I felt when it was all over with.

Monday, September 1st, 1884

W. N. Foggy till noon – cleared up. F. Geo & I mowing in our new field by the spring field. Little Josey has been very hoarse for several days. We are quite alarmed. I got a letter (circulars) from Barnes & Allen, Rubber Stamp Mfrs one day last week.
Roxy got a letter from Lillie and Father one from Stearns Jones.

Tuesday, September 2nd, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. We finished mowing the new field and got it about all raked. WH Sabine was here to dinner Josey's hoarseness is no better

182-333

Wednesday, September 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful. Finished haying today. A.M. We butchered a sheep. P.M. Hauled in three loads of hay from the burntland field. I got a letter tonight from the Post Office Department.
Roxy and Josey went down to Annie's this morning. She is going to stay all night

184-333

Thursday, September 4th, 1884

W. W. Fine and exceeding warm. A.M. F & George set a bear trap below Wagner's road P.M. They helped Alf get in his oats I went back on the Langford Road for blueberries. I went alone. I only got half a pail full I got tea at Annie's. Roxy & Josey came home with me.
Ed Rice of Weymouth was married today

187-333

Friday, September 5th, 1884

W. W. Beautiful day. Father has been digging potatoes to go out to Ed Rice. Geo Stark took a load of boards to Ed Rice. I went to Weymouth to get the mail bag, and things for opening the Riverdale Post Office. I also got our rolls from the Carding mill. Mother went with me as far as Philip Amero's. I mailed \$10.00 to Lillie Cosman also paid John McDonald \$10.00 on Will Cosman Note. I paid Geo Stark \$1.00 today. Leslie has a bad Cold

188-333

Saturday, September 6th, 1884

W. South West. Delightful day F & I digging potatoes. Geo Stark helping Harris Cosman. Our Mail Service began today John Ed. Wagner who is to be courier for a year made his first trip today. Mr Spencer came in tonight Bertha Sabine came in with him.

188-334

Sunday, September 7th, 1884

W. S.W. Quite fine. We all went out to hear me Mr Spencer preach but Roxy, Leslie & Josie Harold went with us. The text was 2 Corinthian's 5 & 17. After meeting I went down to W.H.S's where I stayed till after tea. Dan and Annie with all their family have been here to dinner. Roxy went with them up the road and stayed to Harris's to tea

191-339

Monday, September 8th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery till noon Foggy till night. A.M. We barrelled up six barrels of potatoes I put a lock on one of the drawers in my book-case. P.M. George Stark took the potatoes out. Father and I partly mowed a piece of oats below the carriage shed. Roxy and I picked a lot of blackberries. Byde Hasset was here to bargain for the Alride farm.

Tuesday, September 9th, 1884

W. W. Cloudy in the morning then cleared off beautifully Father, George Stark, Alf & Alf Marshall went up to the meadow this morning A.M. I finished mowing the oats. P.M. I picked up a lot of little potatoes, and then Roxy & I went down in Will's field and picked a large pail of blackberries. They are very plentiful this season. This is

Harold's sixth birthday. He stayed home from school that he might enjoy it as much as possible. Leslie too stayed away from school to help him spend his holiday. They have spent the greater part of the day down playing with Mr Wagner's boys.

Wednesday, September 10th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. I spread and raked the oats. Mother went down to Annie's tonight. They have good weather to work on the meadow. Scot is going to stay here tonight.

Thursday, September 11th, 1884

W. S. Looking like rain. I got the oats in today. Father & George got home from the meadow tonight. Carrie White and her sister with Winnie Sabine spent the day here. Mother has not got home from Annie's yet.

194-342

Friday, September 12th, 1884

W. N.W. Rained last night with thunder and lightning. Fine today. F. mowed a little piece of oats down in the Spring field burntland. I was at working the Nursery. Geo took out a load - got a bbl of flour for Jno Budreau. Harris Cosman has been here to tea

194-343

Saturday, September 13th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day. I have been working in the Nursery today F. & Geo. have too by spells. Alf & Chattie had my mare to go down to the Bridge today. Mother came home from Annie's yesterday.

Sunday, September 14th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine but cold. Carey White, her sister, Winnie and Herbie Sabine have been here and to Alf's today Nothing of note occurred

Monday, September 15th, 1884

W. N.W. Quite fine but awfully cold. A heavy frost last night killed everything that was killable A.M. I worked in the nursery. P.M. We got in a load of oats from the burnt land. Tonight we gathered a barrel of apples off of one of my little trees down by John Edd's. I

get a degree of pride in considering that the tree from which we picked a barrel of apples I had raised from the seed. This evening we pared and stringed them. Chattie Wilson came here this morning to begin spinning.

Tuesday, September 16th, 1884

W. S. Raining all day and blowing a gale. I have been making some drawers and arranging a place to keep my post office things.

Wednesday, September 17th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F & Geo Stark at work in the Nursery. I have been sick. I lay abed in the forenoon and in the afternoon I worked in the Shop. Roxy & Josey spent the day up to Cornelia's. Geo Blackadar is here tonight.

196-344

Thursday, September 18th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine again. F, Geo Stark & I finished weeding the nursery. Mother spent the day up the road. George Blackadar stayed here last night. Carey White came in tonight to Alf's.

198-345

Friday, September 19th, 1884

W. N.E. Quite fine. Father and George Stark rafting logs. I worked in the Shop some and did some chores around. I have been sick all this week past so that I can scarcely do anything. We have pared apples again tonight. Our Apple crop is unusually good this year. We heard tonight that Aunt Lydia Mullen is very sick and not expected to live.

Saturday, September 20th, 1884

W. S.W. Very fair day. Geo. Stark starting out lumber. This morning Father and mother were going over to see Aunt Lydia, but upon getting up the horse her foot was found to be badly chaffed, so much so that she was not fit to use. They were therefore obliged to give up their visit. F & I made a rafting pole, and in the afternoon father went to the mill and ran some logs in. I put up some work preparatory to arranging my postal drawers. Carey White with her sister and Mable spent the afternoon here.

198-348

Sunday, September 21st, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy till towards night. Rained last night. Dan Fullerton took Mother over to Aunt Lydia's today. Scot was here to tea. Last night Stamps and Postal cards for the Office came, also a letter from P.O. Department, Ottawa.

200-349

Monday, September 22, 1884

W. S.W. Fine and warm. F & Geo. starting up Cord wood. Tonight F. began digging potatoes. I have been for the greater part of the day arranging my P.O. Drawers.

203-349

Tuesday, September 23, 1884

W. N.E. Showery. Mrs Rinks was buried today at Southville. Mr Spencer preached the sermon from Psalms 61 & 2nd F & I with Geo Stark, went to the funeral. P.M. I gathered the crab apples. F. began digging our potato crop is very poor this fall. David Sabine and his wife came in this afternoon.

206-349

Wednesday, September 24th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy. Father & I digging potatoes. Geo. Stark took a load of boards to Edward Rice and got a bbl of meal. Carrie White & her sister were here today.

209-353

Thursday, September 25th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine - Wind blowing a gale. Father went to Tusket to see Brum Hill and Sim Sabine. Geo Stark digging. I prepared a lot of stakes to go in the nursery. David & wife here to tea.

213-359

Friday, September 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F. digging. Geo Stark took a load to Campbell's. I worked in the nursery. Carrie & her sister here all day. Rained last night. Geo. Nichols began work at Alf's veranda yesterday.

216-367

Saturday, September 27th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine day. F. digging. Geo. Stark went to the island with John Godat. I went out to WH Sabine's last

night and staid all night, and today WH Sabine & I went to Weymouth. We went to Stearns Jones where we paid our taxes and dined.

I paid Father's taxes and my own. Father's was \$19.88 and mine was 67 cts in all \$20.55cts We also paid John Campbell on our note \$110.50 for which he gave us a Receipt. We still owe him fifty dollars and are going to renew the note for the amt. which we could not do today as the note was in the Bank and the Bank was shut up. We sent to D.M. Dewey for some fruit plates. W.H. Sabine put in three dollars. I paid the postage and register stamp which was 8cts. I found a Postal Card on which we wrote a note to Blackadar brothers concerning apple trees. We came in with Jesse Cosman tonight.

221-373

Sunday, September 28th, 1884

W. S.W. Raining till noon foggy till night. Sears Mullen brought mother home today. His little girl Lillie came with him. They stayed to tea. Chattie Wilson went home with them. Roxy paid her \$1.00 for spinning. Carrie White and her sister has been here all day

223-379

Monday, September 29th, 1884

W. S.W. Rained till noon fine till night. F. making a pair of boots. I finished fixing up my P office I also mended a shoe for Harold. F & I were to the School meeting. Alf. Marshall was chosen for trustee in my place. \$35.00 dollars were voted for support of schools for the ensuing year.

Mr Spencer is here this evening George Stark went to the Island yesterday with John Godat

223-381

Tuesday, September 30th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. Father choring around. P.M. At work at his boots. Mr Spencer stayed till after dinner. Mother is a little better. W.H. Sabine & I started away canvassing. Chattie with J.E.W's horse took us to Weymouth. We got dinner at W.H.S's. We went down as far as Hectanooga where we put up for night at Smith's. Geo. Stark got back from the island this morning.

223-383

Wednesday, October 1st, 1884

W. S.W. Showery in the forenoon fine till night. F. shoemaking. Geo hauling out timber. Mother is about

the same. W.H.S & I spent the forenoon about Hectanooga getting dinner at Harrington's. We then walked down the R.R- to Brazil lake - waited there for the train; and went as far as Hebron where we put up for the night at Taylor's

Thursday, October 2nd, 1884

W. N.E. Fine but windy and cold. Father finished his boots. Geo took a load of boards to Ed Rice's and got a Bbl flour. Mother is worse today. Alf went out and got Joe Cromwell to go to the doctor. Isaiah W. came to help dig to pay for the harness and was taken sick and went home. Robbie came in the afternoon and helped in his place. WHS & I spent the day in town. We went to look for Lawson but he being up to Annapolis we could do no business. The day was then left on our hands, so we visited the Cemetry - the Rink and other places of interest and put up for the night at Webster Grants

Friday, October 3rd, 1884

W. N. Quite fine - looking like rain. F. digging. Geo. went to take a note the doctor, but in the evening mother was worse and Harris Cosman went for the doctor who came and stayed all night. W.H. Sabine & I came up on the train as far as Meteghan. We then canvassed up through the "second division" as far as Ermine Comeau's where we got dinner. We then took a notion to come through to Sears Mullen tonight, but dark coming on when we got to [Gehcong] Tebo's we put up for night

Saturday, October 4th, 1884

W. S. Rained all night and all day. Geo Stark went down to Woodville where he has been ranging around all day. Mother is a little better. WHS & I came home today, arriving at noon. Mother has been awful sick, but we hope she is getting well. My feet are dreadful sore tonight. Mrs Livingston of Weymouth died suddenly last Tuesday.

Sunday, October 5th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F went to hear Mr Spencer preach. He got his dinner at Annie's. Annie and her children have spent the day (or rather afternoon) here. Mother still gets better. W.H. Sabine came in tonight.

224-386

Monday, October 6th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. W.H.S- stayed here last night and towards noon I went home with him where I stayed till in the afternoon. We are arranging to put some trees on exhibition.

F. & Geo. digging. Mother is better.

225-387

Tuesday, October 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. F & Geo getting fire and coal-pit wood. I have been gathering apples to take to Yarmouth. Harold got a reward card tonight

Wednesday, October 8th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F. at work at the coal-pit. George Stark went out with me and took my apples to the Station I sold one barrel of N. Spys to Geo Hoyt for \$2.25 The remaining five barrels I took to Yarmouth on the train. I went down to Yarmouth on the cars tonight. I paid for freight on five barrels of apples and the bunch of trees \$1.03. I got in town about eight O'clock. I went directly to the Rink where I placed my trees on Exhibition. I then went to Nichol's where I put up for the night I sold my apples to Nichols (4 Bbls) for \$6.00 I sold one Bbl to W. Grant for \$1.25. Mother was not so well this morning.

Thursday, October 9th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but windy & cold I spent the day at the Rink where I enjoyed myself very much. Tonight I put up at Webster Grants. F. at the cold pit. Geo Stark digging potatoes

Friday, October 10th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine beautiful day I came up on the train this morning and at once proceeded home on foot. I found Mother still getting better. F. finished the coal-pit, and Geo. finished digging. Harold got another Reward card, and Leslie has got from his "primer" into his "first Book"

Saturday, October 11th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy - looking like rain. I laid abed all this forenoon being unwell P.M. F & I gathered the beans

Geo Stark is sick. P.M. He hauled a load of slabs from the mill for wood. Heber & Mary McNeill came here tonight.

225-389

Sunday, October 12th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy all day. Heber Mc & his sister went home this afternoon. Dan and Annie were up here Dan & I went up to Communion meeting.

225-393

Monday, October 13th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery till night when it cleared up. I have been at work in the nursery Tonight I went out to WHS's. Geo Stark has been helping Alf start up bark.

Tuesday, October 14th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and very cold. Hail flying. I got home from WH Sabine's towards noon. P.M. F. Scot & I gathering apples. Geo went out for Alf with a load of bark. Mother is getting quite smart

226-393

Wednesday, October 15th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and very cold F. Alf. Geo. Scot & I gathering apples.

Thursday, October 16th, 1884

W. Variable - Fine but cold. All of us gathering apples

Friday, October 17th, 1884

W. S.W. Showery. We finished gathering the apples this morning. George worked for Alf the remainder of the day. We have about sixty seven barrels of apples this year. F & I shelled beans today. We had a paring party tonight - pared about three barrels. I am not well.

Saturday, October 18th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Father drew the Coal-pit - had a splendid yield. A.M. I transplanted some strawberry plants. P.M. I worked in the nursery. I am very unwell today. I got two letters tonight from Chas J. McDonald P.O. Inspector

Sunday, October 19th, 1884

My Birthday again! I am 31 years old today – soon be an old man.

W. N.W. Fine. Hal and Les went to spend the day with Aunt Annie. I went down with them and stayed till after dinner. Annie and Dan and Lottie spent the afternoon and evening here. Herbie Sabine were here too. Father was down to Solomon Lewis's to see about the Rinks girl
227-396

Monday, October 20th, 1884

W. S.W. Fine – but very windy. Geo. hauled a load of slabs this morning and then helped Alf dig potatoes the rest of the day. I went out to Aunt Sarah's this morning. I was to WHS's also. I worked in the nursery the rest of the day.
Frank Sabine was here to dinner. Last Saturday I mailed a postal to Mr Butler.
227-396

Tuesday, October 21st, 1884

W. S.W. Lovely day. I worked in the Nursery. F. & Geo Stark were to the mill starting out Clear lumber. Frank Sabine and his sister were here to dinner. His sister is going to stay here a while.
227-397

Wednesday, October 22nd, 1884

W. S.W. Fine beautiful day again. P.M. F & Geo Stark got up the rushes. I worked in the Nursery. P.M. Geo. Stark hauled a load of lumber from the mill. F. helped me in the nursery. Yesterday I put up a barrel of apples for John McDonald. Alf took it out today.

Thursday, October 23rd, 1884

W. S. Rained all day.
F. George Stark and I Shilled beans all day in the Shop
Clark Mosely came today & got two barrels of apples. He got his dinner here
227-398

Friday, October 24th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. I have worked in the Nursery all day. Father hauled a load of slabs from the mill for wood. Geo. Walsh was here to see the old mare He is thinking of a trade. Willie White and his bride were here this

afternoon a little while Geo Stark has a boil on his hand so that he could not work so he went out on the "Line".

Saturday, October 25th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy and raw all day Father went out to Weymouth and traded apples for fish. I mailed a letter to Chas J. McDonald. I got a letter from him tonight. I spent the day in the Nursery. I finished trimming the trees. I am crippled tonight with a lame hand. Rained last night

Sunday, October 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Showery till noon. Cloudy till night.
WH Sabine came this afternoon also Harris & Cornelia with their two children. W.H.S- is going to stay all night.
227-401

Monday, October 27th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy & raw. My hand being crippled so that I could not do anything I went out with W.H. S- where I remained all day. F went to the mill in the afternoon, I think, to fix the dam
229-402

Tuesday, October 28th, 1884

Rained all night and all day. I spent the day at WHS's and came home this evening Mr Solomon Lewis fell down stairs and most killed himself.
232-402

Wednesday, October 29th, 1884

W. N. Beautiful day. Father at work digging for the barn wall A.M. I worked in the nursery. P.M. Roxy and I attended school examination. It was the first examination that our little boys have seen. They spoke their little pieces very good for their first examination
Harold spoke a piece as follows:-
"Goodbye, said a fine fat fish,
To the waves of the bright blue sea
I shall soon be laid on a dish
And there'll be an end of me.
Goodbye to the waters clear
The shells and the smooth wet stones
But, Oh! When you eat me mind
You do not swallow my bones."

Leslie's piece went as follows –
“The biggest frog stood up and said
“Let's stand by one another,
And send a letter to be read
By every man and a brother –
To ask each child in every home
To do the thing we say
And never, never throw a stone
To pelt poor frogs in play”

They will never forget today's exercises as long as they live

Thursday, October 30th, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy, raw and cold. I gathered the Beets and they did some other chores in the forenoon and F & I dugged in the barn cellar in the afternoon.

Friday, October 31st, 1884

W. N.E. Raining all day and freezing as it falls – all things iced up – a real winter day.
We pared a barrel of apples tonight for Mr Spencer. The discordant Christians of Weymouth & Kinney town have lately settled their troubles

Saturday, November 1st, 1884

W. N.E. Snow & squally. F & I hauled some stuff from the burnt land for fire wood. P.M. I fixed the horse stable floor. Mr Spencer came tonight. I got a postal from Blacadar Also – Stamp & Seal for Post Office.

Sunday, November 2nd, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day
We went out to hear Mr Spencer who preached a very good sermon from 1st Timothy & 1st Chap – 15 verse.
We are all quite well now Annie's Smith girl were here this evening.

233–403

Monday, November 3rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. I fixed the horse stable and mended my shoes. Father did some black smith work for Harris Cosman and showed Dan Fullerton over a cord wood-prospect back of the lake.

Tuesday, November 4th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy and looking like rain. Father went to Weymouth with a load of lumber and apples. He took two barrels of apples to Geo Taylor and one to Moore's. I set out Canvassing. I went as far as W.H.S's where I helped him in the nursery till noon and then he & I went to Woodville where we succeeded in selling a goodly quantity of trees. We got tea at Geo. Cosman's. I came back to W.H.S's. George Stark came back again today. Aunt Sarah spent the afternoon here. Alonzo came here tonight and got his tea. He is just home from the States.

233–406

Wednesday, November 5th, 1884

W. S.E. Raining heavily all day – or at least, till noon. (At home) F. mended George Stark's boot. Dan was here to tea. I spent the forenoon at W.H. Sabine's. In the afternoon I went down and Canvassed Len Cromwell – got an order for a dozen trees. The community is all aglow with the tale of poor old John Small's defeat in his Matrimonial Campaign. He sought the heart and hand of the widow Henry Green but just on the eve of fruition, her friends interfered and poor Mr Small was obliged to take his buck saw and go home.

233–407

Thursday, November 6th, 1884

Thanksgiving Day – Windy & cold (At home) George Stark spent the day gunning. Alf and Chattie were here and spent the day.
Dan was here to tea. F. gathered the cabbage. W.H.S & I went out on the line to canvas. We spent the day up there. Did very well – we got dinner at Mrs Amero Came back to WH.S tonight.

233–412

Friday, November 7th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and Cold. We heard Mr Gates preach last night from a text in the Acts 15th He preached at Southville.

At home Geo. hauled swamp muck. Mother and Annie spent the day at Chattie's. WHS & I went to Hilltown. Got dinner at Will Spavil's and got to Adolbert Porter's tonight. We did a good days work Leslie has been sick today.

234–413

Saturday, November 8th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cloudy. Rained during the night. F. pulled the turnips. George went to Andy Fords & got a pig – paid \$1.50. W.H.S & I stayed at Porter's till afternoon – then came home canvassing on the way. Frank Sabine came here this forenoon I had a letter Come a Publishing Concern in the States. I mailed a Postal to Blackadar today, also a letter to P.O. Department.

234-415

Sunday, November 9th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. We all went up to hear Mr Murray preach this evening. Roxy spent the afternoon and evening at Cornelia's WHS – & Dan Fullerton were here to tea.

235-418

Monday, November 10th, 1884

W. S.W. Cloudy but pleasant. A.M. I shod the old mare today I let Alf have her to go to Andy Ford's for a pig. Father and mother went up to see Alonzo and Jane married this evening. Alf & I went up a little while to see the fun. Mr & Mrs Spencer are coming here tonight. George took a load out today to Edd Rice.

Tuesday, November 11th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day F. went to Tusket with Mr Spencer to look at the Alride house which Mr Spencer is about purchasing. Roxy & I went to Weymouth. We took Leslie to the doctor to get something done for his head which is sore – some sort of a scalp disease. We got dinner at W.H Sabine's. W.H.S. went out with us. Roxy got some dishes. Annie McNeill and her father came here this afternoon She is going to teach here again this Winter. She is going to board at Chas Cosman's. Grandmother McNeill died last week at the advanced age of ninety three. Some say she was older – about ninety-five.

237-420

Wednesday, November 12th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F & Geo hauled some wood. P.M. Geo went to the mill. Father hurt his back. Roxy took the yarn down to Mrs James Cosman. W.H.S. & I started away Canvassing for trees again. We went across the river at Gate's and got as far as Burton's where we put up for

the night. We did not accomplish much in the Canvassing business today

237-422

Thursday, November 13th, 1884

W. S.E. Fine in the morning – clouded up and looking like rain. Geo Stark took a load of boards to Campbell's – got a bbl of Flour – some nails &c. &c. F. choring around. W.H.S. & I canvassed through the French Settlement getting to Ben Sabine's tonight.

Friday, November 14th, 1884

W. N.W. Rained a little in the night – cloudy & cold today. F & Geo putting off logs around Bear Lake. F. bargained for a heifer from B. Wagner. W.H & I went back to Ben Sabine's mill this morning but failed to get an order. We then went out to Chas McNeill's where we Stayed till night

Saturday, November 15th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day but windy. F & Geo putting off logs. Mrs Ring with Wm Gavil & wife Came here tonight. WHS & I left McNeill's this morning – came down to the Wagner Settlement and, following the rail-road down, got into W.H.S's tonight. I got a letter from P.O. Department.

237-425

Sunday, November 16th, 1884

W. S.W. Beautiful day. I stayed at W.H.S's last night and came home this morning. Mr & Mrs Gavil & Mrs Ring went home this afternoon. Roxy & I went up to hear Mr Gate's preach tonight. His text was in the 53 chap of Isaiah.

237-428

Monday, November 17th, 1884

W. S.E. Looking like rain. F & Geo rafting logs. I have been doing chores around here all day.

Tuesday, November 18, 1884

W. N.W. Fine – but cold & windy F & Geo. hauling mud. I started to go with WH Sabine to see Luke Maurice about canvassing I went with the Carriage as far as W.H.S's where we gave up going. I stayed till after dinner

and then came home. W.H.S came in with me. He stayed till after tea and then he & I went up to Campbelte meeting. Six new Converts came forward and confessed and with four who came forward last Night are to be baptized tomorrow.

Mrs Grant & Chattie spent the afternoon here. This is the day for the Municipal Election

Mr Geo. Dunbar beat his opponent Edward Hogan, by a majority of fourteen.

238-432

Wednesday, November 19th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and looking like a snowstorm. A.M. F & Geo hauling swamp mud. P.M. Geo went to Woodville to the Baptism.

Thursday, November 20th, 1884

W. S.E. Snowed a couple of inches last night and today it has rained all day. This is quite an important day in our little family history. Another little baby boy has been added to our little circle. Yes – about six O'clock this morning a little tiny mite of a boy came. He only weighs four lbs and fourteen oz's. Mrs Peter Wagner & Mrs Chas Cosman were here. I am about sick with neuralgia in my head today

238-435

Friday, November 21st, 1884

W. N.W. Fine – snowed a little last night. A.M. F & Geo hauled fire wood. P.M. F & Geo. hauled swamp mud. I made a window frame for the Shop. Annie McNeill called tonight and saw the baby.

Dan Fullerton called too He stayed to tea.

Cornelia Cosman spent the day here yesterday. Harold and Leslie went home with her and stayed all night

238-436

Saturday, November 22nd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine but cold A.M. F & Geo. went to Como's mill and started some hemlock logs in. I took a cruise back of the lake over our old logging grounds, and brought home a whet stone that I left back there three years ago. This afternoon I have been laid up from pain in my head. Dan here to supper

238-437

Sunday, November 23rd, 1884

W. S.E. Rained in the afternoon yesterday. There was baptisms up the road. Mr Gates baptized Phebe Sabine. Harold and Leslie were there. F. went up to hear Mr Gates this morning. Geo. Weaver and Herbie Sabine were here to dinner. Dan and Annie spent the day here. I have suffered today greatly from pain in my head. Sent a letter to Lawson yesterday.– Got one from Ottawa

238-441

Monday, November 24th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all night and drizzling all day. Herbie Sabine has been here all day. I am no better. Roxy and the baby are Coming on all right.

238-442

Tuesday, November 25th, 1884

W. S.W. Quite fine – snow squalls F & Geo fixing the roof of the mill in the forenoon. F. still at the mill till night. Geo. came home and helped Alf. haul wood. I am some better today.

Wednesday, November 26th, 1884

W. S.E. Raining all night and all day F & Geo. working in the B.S. Shop. I am getting better, but still unwell W.H. Sabine & Judson White came here tonight

238-444

Thursday, November 27th, 1884

W. N.W. Clearing off. WHS & J. White went away this morning.

Geo. Helping Alf in the B.S. Shop P.M. F & I began to hew the barn frame. We hewed a pine tree for a plate down by the lake.

I have a pain in my head again tonight

238-446

Friday, November 28th, 1884

W. S. Rained heavily all day.

Geo. helping Alf in the B.S. Shop The pain in my head today is almost unbearable

Saturday, November 29th, 1884

W. S. Raining heavily all day. We have had a heavy rain fall now. Geo went to the mill to see how the water is

raising.

I am a little better today.

I got a letter tonight from J. Lawson

Sunday, November 30th, 1884

W. N.W. Glorious Day. Father & Bell went out to hear Mr Spencer at Southville. Father stayed out to dinner. In the evening Mr & Mrs Chas Cosman & John Edd & wife were here awhile. Harold and Leslie spent the day up to Cornelia's

239-446

Monday, December 1st, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful Day

How I have suffered since yesterday with pain in my head. I am a little better tonight. Father and Geo. began sawing. Harris Cosman is here this evening. Mother, with some other old ladies are congregated at Annie's tonight, the results of which remain to be seen. Scot was here to tea

239-447

Tuesday, December 2nd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day. A.M. Father and George butchered the pig. P.M. F. put some boards on the roof of the woodhouse. George Stark left this afternoon.

Bell Sabine went away too. Dan and Annie were made happy this morning by the birth of a pair of twins – a boy and a girl. We have decided to call our little baby boy Leonard Tilley. He is very delicate. We fear he will not live.

Old Aunt Peggy Grant was buried today. WH Sabine & George Blackadar are here tonight WH Sabine prepared a Deed for Mr Spencer. I am a little better

239-449

I neglected to say that a sewing machine agent has been here today. And Alf and we have bought an old Wanzer machine. Alf gave him an old machine in part payment. I gave him a note for six dollars, at two months – no interest.

239-449

Wednesday, December 3rd, 1884

W. N.E. Cloudy – calm and misty. Father went to Tusket and got a French girl – Mary Boudreau – who is to stay here a while.

Our little baby was very sick all night. We feared the little thing would die, but it is still alive We fear the hold upon

life it has is too slight to carry it through Mr Spencer moved his family into their new quarters today.

Thursday, December 4th, 1884

W. N.W. Glorious day. Father doing chores around. Mrs Smith spent the afternoon & evening here I am still getting better. Roxy & the baby are smart

239-450

Friday, December 5th, 1884

W. S.W. Another fine Day. F. sawing. Nothing of importance occurred. My health is about the same. Roxy is real smart

Saturday, December 6th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and looking like rain A.M. F. hauled some fire wood. P.M. He cut up a lot of wood. I mailed two letters to Ottawa, one to Halifax, and two Postals – one for a copy of St Nichol's & one for Peterson's Magazine. I got a letter from Halifax – P.O. Department. Annie McNeill was here awhile tonight.

Sunday, December 7th, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all night and all day. Annie McNeill spent the afternoon and evening here Our little baby is getting on nicely. It has dark eyes – a round head and is a “cute” little affair.

239-451

Monday, December 8th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy and raw Father sawing. I have spent another night and day of pain Annie McNeill stayed here all night. Our little boys are not going to school any more this Winter.

239-452

Tuesday, December 9th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy – Snowed about an inch last night. This is the first that the ground has been white in the daytime yet this fall. Father doing chores around. My head pained some last night

Wednesday, December 10th, 1884

W. N.W. Cloudy – Snow flying and looking quite

Winterish. Father went out to see Charles Thomas about coming to saw I am some better today. I mended Harold's shoes

Thursday, December 11th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. P.M. F at the mill. Last night my hand took paining and swelling, yesterday I stuck an all in it and I suppose I got cold in it. Rox is getting smart again and the babies are all well.

Friday, December 12th, 1884

(Roxy) W. N.W. Fine. Father about house. John's hand is real bad today did not sleep any last night. P.M. Mother and Harold went down to [Annie's], and they got some beefs gaul [from] Ann P. Annie is smart and babys.

Saturday, December 13th, 1884

(Roxy) W. N.W. Fine. Father cutting fire wood. George Cosman was here and bought a barrel of apples. John's hand seems a little [easier]. I got two letters – one from Ottawa one from — circular – The scales came tonight that belong to the office I got a letter from Leonard. Dan went up the bay. I sent a letter to Mother.

Sunday, December 14th, 1884

(Roxy) W. N.E. Fine. Home all day. John's hand is not much better. I have about all I can do to take care of the baby's and tend John. Cornelia was here a while.

239–453

Monday, December 15th, 1884

(Roxy) W. S. Raining all day. A.M. F. mended mothers boot. P.M. Father killed the cow. John's hand is about the same. He is sick all over him his back and head. I feel real smart, and so is the baby.

Tuesday, December 16th, 1884

(Roxy) W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. Helped Dan do some black smith work, and got the beef in the house. A.M. F. went to the mill. Charles T. Cromell is here sawing. Joe Comeau brought F.s cloths. John is feeling a little better. M. & W went down to John Ed's and got some butter.

Wednesday, December 17th, 1884

(Roxy) W. W. Snowing all day, it snowed eight or nine inches. Father cut up the beef, and then made a deal table for the Darkey to mark deal by. John's hand has been easier, but his face pained him all day. The rest are well as usual.

Thursday, December 18th, 1884

(Roxy) W. W. Fine all day. Father cutting firewood and choring around. John is better today, he rested.

Friday, December 19th, 1884

W. N. Cold and blustering. I am about the same. Alf went to the Cove. He had a bad of it

Saturday, December 20th, 1884

W. N.W. A Terrible cold blustering day. I am about the same. My hand does not improve as I would like to see it. I fear I am going to have a tedious “drill” before it gets well. I mailed a letter to Ottawa I also got a letter from P.O. D–t I got a specimen copy of Peterson's Magazine.

Sunday, December 21st, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy – snowing towards night. It has been a gloomy day for me. My hand has pained a good deal. All of the rest of us are well. Etta Leary is married again – to a Job Young of Granville

Monday, December 22nd, 1884

W. S.E. Rained all night and all day. Father has been cobbling. I am getting better very slowly

Tuesday, December 23rd, 1884

W. N.W. Fine, but windy We have had a great rainstorm. It is said to be the greatest known for years The rain terribly pound down all night – accompanied by Thunder and high wind. There is nearly a foot of water in the cellar.

Father gave Geo. Stark an order on Ed Rice for \$4.00 tonight.

Bell Green and [Gode] Gates were married last Saturday

night. Amos Nichols was also married a few days ago. Mr Spencer had a donation tonight.

Wednesday, December 24th, 1884

W. S.E. Cloudy and Calm Alf & Chattie went down the River with my mare today Father hauled and cut firewood. We had some Santa Claus' here tonight. The boys are in a great state of expectancy tonight

Thursday, December 25th, 1884

Christmas Day

W. N.W. Snowed a couple of inches last night – turned to rain which iced everything up Snowed a little this morning and has been quite fine the rest of the day. Dan and Annie with their twins spent the day and evening here. Howard Steele was married last night. I have not enjoyed myself much today as I have been so unwell but have been pleased to see the little boys enjoy themselves. We weighed all the little babies tonight, with results as follows. Annie's boy weighed 7 lbs 2 oz. Her girl 6 lbs 5 oz. Our little boy weighs 6 lbs 1 oz.

239-457

Friday, December 26th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine. Alf & Chattie came home from Tuggingtown this afternoon. Chas Thomas was here. F gave him an order on Henry Lewis for money to pay his taxes. I am not so well today. I have a bad swelling Coming on my jaw.

239-459

Saturday, December 27th, 1884

W. N.W. Beautiful day. F. hauling out lumber from the mill. I took a walk out today – the first for some weeks.

Sunday, December 28th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine day again Nothing important occurred Mr Spencer having gone away on a visit to his friend, there was no meeting today

Monday, December 29th, 1884

W. N. Fine – warm day F. Took out a load to Ed Rice and got a bbl of flour I have had a sick hard day. I neglected to say that Dr. Morse was here Saturday and

gave me some medicine

Tuesday, December 30th, 1884

W. N.W. Fine warm day F went to the mill this afternoon. I was over to Alf's. We have been reading "Ten Nights In A Bar-room" tonight. I have heard much of the book, but never till now have had an opportunity of reading it.

Wednesday, December 31st, 1884

W. S. Quite fine, but looking like rain tonight. F. hauling wood. We have had a lot of Santa Claus' here to see us tonight. I have written a poem today. It has been a long time since I have attempted to write anything before. When the Santa Claus were here tonight little Josey had not yet gone to sleep though he was in the cradle. He jumped out and going into the bedroom where his mother was he said "Go hang up baby's socks quick Mama!" I am feeling better today.

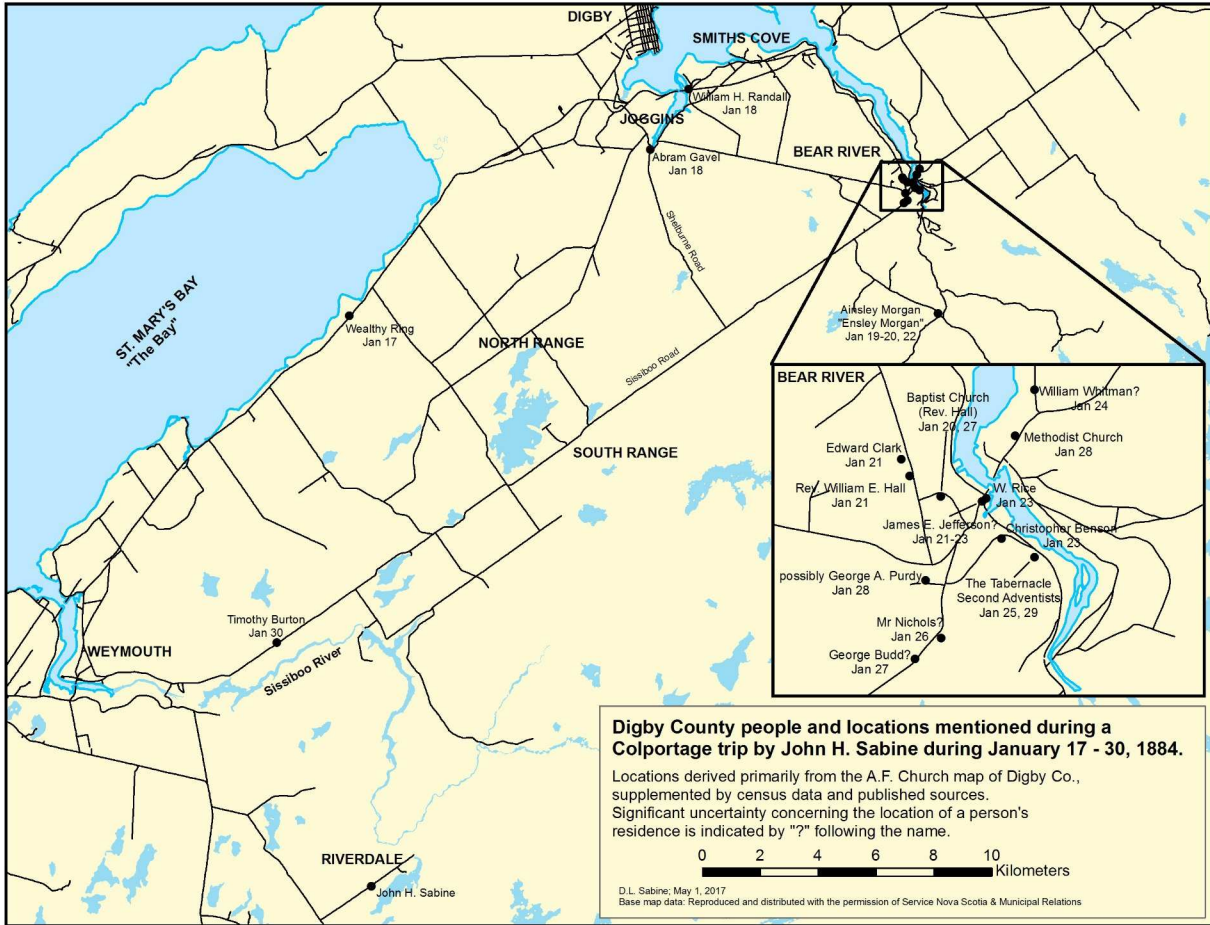
Well – this is the last day of the poor old year. To many it has been marked by important changes, but none of importance in our little circle except the addition of a "little individual" to our baby circle

In the political world there have been few events of note. The French are carrying on a war in China; and the English are having trouble with Gordon in Egypt, or in the Soudan. In the United States the presidential election has just closed with the choice of Grover Cleveland to hold the rein for the next four years. In our dominion the Pacific Railway is being pushed on; and there is rumours of Confederation with England & annexation of Jamaica. In this little province everything is quiet – as always.

Colportage Maps

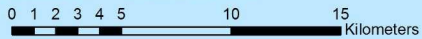
John was appointed the colporteur for Digby & Yarmouth counties in January 1883 by the British-American Book & Tract Society of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Colportage is the distribution of publications, books, and religious tracts by carriers called colporteurs. John does three colportage tours in 1884. He took a pocket diary with him, and Roxy kept one at home to record each day's events there. When John returned, he wrote in his main diary "after the fact" based on the two temporary diaries.

While selling books, his daily entries tended to simply state at whose house he had dinner, where he had tea, and where he stayed overnight. Dwayne Sabine attempted to determine where all of these people lived so he could track John's progress through the county. Using the 1871 AF Church map of Digby Co, and the census records, and sometimes local books and the Digby Municipal Heritage property info, he was able to place most of them, at least approximately. The following maps document John's colportage tours in 1884.



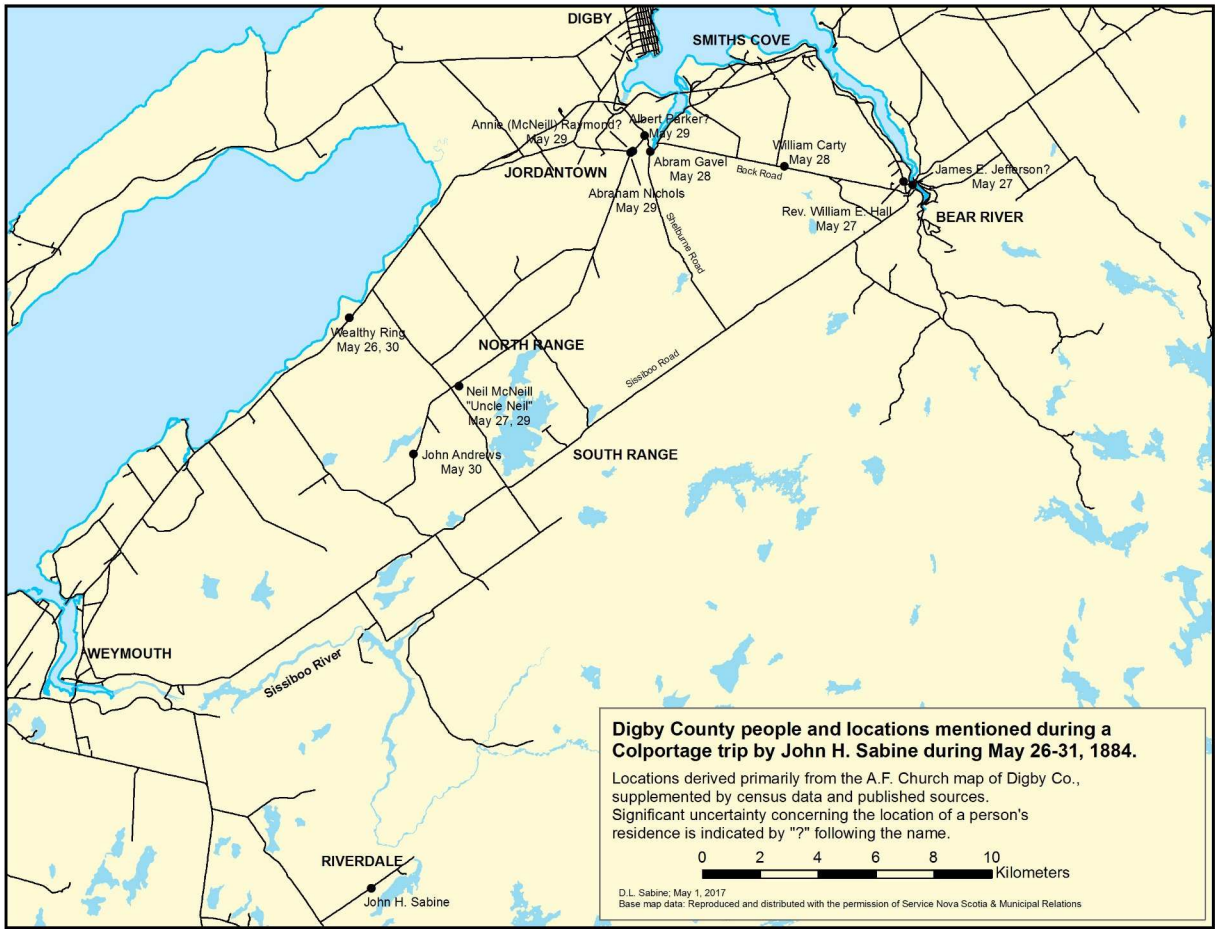
Digby County people and locations mentioned during a Colportage trip by John H. Sabine during May 14 - 24, 1884.

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



D.L. Sabine; May 1, 2017
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Original Diary

The following pages contain photographs of each page contained within the original diary. They are included here to ensure they are preserved for posterity. The original pages are yellowing and their eventual deterioration and destruction is inevitable. You may want to reference the original pages to double check our transcriptions, or to view the drawings that John sometimes included with his diary entries.

1884

Journal And Diary

January 1st Tuesday.
New Years Day.

N. H. C. Cloudy and quite mild. I came to Yarmouth last night on the train and put up at E. W. Nichols. I am not well today. I feel very tired. I have done nothing to weary me, but I have plenty of nervous weakness that make me feel as though I had over-fatigued myself at Yarmouth. But I am in Yarmouth. Came to collect money for the British American Book and Tract Society. It is a task of dread, but now that I have fairly entered upon it, I feel somewhat resigned. I have not done much today in the way of business. Stores and Offices are closed. I was not aware that this would be the case or I would not have come down till tonight. This forenoon I was so unwell that I did not go out. This afternoon I commenced business by calling on the Rev. Mr. Rogers, Presbyterian Clergyman. I then called on several other gentlemen but found it not the day for business. I strolled out to the Cemetery and spent an hour among the graves reading the inscriptions on the tombstones. I called on Spinney & Babens tonight and got a donation. I feel much better tonight. Father fell in the mill yesterday and hurt himself so he did not go to the mill today. The amount brought up from last year are as follows 188-626 00-2. I would like to have spent the day home with my little boys. Harold got a box with a spring dog in it, and Leslie got a little tin savings bank.

Wednesday Jan 2nd

N. H. C. Blowing a gale till noon, rain till night. A. M. I went across to Milton Bridge and called on several gentlemen and with very good success. I spent the afternoon at home. I was saying. Alf and Leathie got some pump down the river.

Thursday Jan 3rd

N. H. C. Fine but cold. I spent the day about home. Succeeded in collecting a considerable money. Father has been sawing today.

Friday Jan 4th

N. H. C. Fine but cold. I came up to Weymouth today. Got dinner at Mrs. Randall's and tonight am at Mr. Spence's at the mill. Alongs Trout is here. My Account was here today.

Saturday January 5th 1884
N. H. C. Fine but very cold. I went to Degré this morning on the train. I have done nothing here in the way of collecting. Tonight I am at Mr. Short's. At Weymouth today while awaiting the train they make the appearance much to my surprise. She came to bring Leonard out to go up home. Father hauled fire wood to Chief White was married today.

Sunday Jan 6th 1884

N. H. C. Fine but very cold. I stayed at Mrs. Short's in Degré till afternoon. Then went out to the piggies and staked at Mr. Swirt's. Rony was down to Annis and spent a part of the day.

Monday Jan 7th 1884

N. H. C. Snowing some. I went to see Rony today. I got dinner at Mr. Bellon's table. I did not succeed in getting much money here. The people like a Union. Stagg, with a dam bag, again to Mr. Davis tonight. Father has been mending the shed.

Tuesday Jan 8th

N. H. C. Fine. I went in the woods with Mr. Davis and Ethel. I stayed there till tonight when I came down to Weymouth on the Car. Rony was awaiting me at the Station. He had a jolly little idea home. How delighted I am to get home after being away among strangers for a time. Father has been cutting firewood and feeding his sled.

Wednesday Jan 9th

N. H. C. Rainy all day. I battened an old chair with lead-line. Myrtle and Rony are cooking for the donation. Aunt Eliza is here. I think she came yesterday. I collected about forty dollars for the Society.

Thursday Jan 10th

N. H. C. Fine. Got to the mill. I went to Weymouth today. I mailed my letters to the Rev. Mr. Short. I got five dollars from Geo. Blackadar which I gave to D. Campbell upon which I gave a note which he holds against Father. Alongs had a party at Will Cosmone's tonight. Rony and I were down. Alongs and Jenny are all right again after such a long and painful separation. Aunt Eliza went to Degré today.

Friday Jan 11th 1884
 P. H. H. S. Raining. We all went out to Mr. Holins thought to have a donation, but the rains prevented many from coming. We had a good time. George Howland's wife, died last night. Janney and Saddle left home for us to go to donations. 2-27

Saturday Jan 12th
 P. H. Clear. Hattie went to Weymouth. Mr. Spencer and Mrs. S. came in to see about having another donation. I mended the carriage shafts. 2-30

Sunday January 13th
 P. H. Fine. I sat home here. Nelson and Carrie White have been to Mr. Ross and I sure over to tea & spent the evening. 4-34
 I don't remember that I wrote any thing about little peas when he began to talk. He has been walking some time and can now about any where.

Monday Jan 14th
 P. H. Clear all day. I and I have been edging boards. Tonight we went out to Charley Mangens to another donation. We had a good time. Leonard King came back today. He is going to stay awhile with us. 4-36

Tuesday Jan 15th
 P. H. Fine. I and I went to Weymouth and Baland. Leonard cut some wood. He also went out to Charley Mangens and got a basket that was left there. Baland and I went as far as land corner with him.

Wednesday Jan 16th
 P. H. Fine. I and I went to Leonard hauling and lumber. I have been preparing to go away again. All day at the car wheel.

Thursday Jan 17th
 P. H. Fine. I and I went up to the meadow hay. This is our first trip for hay to our new meadow. P.M. I packed up smooth lard of books in my sleigh. P.M. I drove up to Mr. King's. Mother has been down to Mr. Perkins and Carrie White. came home with maple and stayed all night. 6-39

Friday Jan 18th
 P. H. Fine and warm. I drove up to the hoggin today. left my horse at Sore and started on at Mr. H. Rossells. He went again for meadow hay. The girls stayed here all day. 6-42

Saturday Jan 19th
 P. H. Fine. Snowing all day. I drove to Mr. E. Snodgrass all day. I drove to Mr. E. Snodgrass, and so to Mr. Evelyn Morgans, and so it started. I put up. I spent the afternoon in reading. I took a Bible for this new meeting. I and Leonard went to house. I and Leonard went to the lake for the sled, but had to leave it as it was frozen in. I got it broke up yesterday and had to leave it. P.M. I and I had the cows and hauled some firewood. I got a letter from Mr. S. 6-41

Sunday Jan 20th 1884
 P. H. Fine but very cold. I spent the day at Mr. Morgans. This afternoon the new Baptist meeting house was opened. A number of ministers were expected, but the roads being drifted to one but Mr. Hall came. He preached an excellent sermon from 11 Chron. 6:41. In the evening Mr. Morgan and I drove down to Bear River to meeting. Mr. Hall preaches from Phil 4:8. Nothing of importance occurred at home. Ross says she was up the road a little while. She spent a part of the day in reading to the little boys. 6-41

Monday Jan 21st
 P. H. Cold but fine. I drove down to Bear River this morning and went at once to Mr. Clarks to see him concerning Sabbath School books. I got deeply into him. I then after calling on Mr. Hall, went to Mr. Jeffersons and put up for the night. H. has been to the mill. Leonard went out with a load of lumber. 6-42

Tuesday Jan 22nd
 P. H. Fine but cold. I drove with Mr. Ross up to Morgans today where we stayed to dinner. I then came back and sold books till night. Put up at Jeffersons again this evening. Leonard starting lumber. 6-43

Wednesday Jan 23rd
 P. H. Fine and warm. I spent the day in selling books. Spent dinner at Mr. H. Ricco's. This evening I went to Chislet's and bought a Bible. They showed me a Bible that cost \$40 and was printed in 1767. I am at Jeffersons again tonight. Hattie went out and got a barrel of flour. 6-44

Thursday Jan 24th
 P. H. Cloudy and soft all day - coming this afternoon. I spent a part of the day fooling around with a fellow about a horse trade. I got his brought at Mr. Whitman's. It has been to the mill. J. S. W. was here canvassing for a Dictionary. 6-45

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Friday Jan 25

P.M. Fine but very cold. 9 AM. I got the mare shod. P.M. I did work. This evening I went with the girls to Adwite's prayer meeting. How I would like to see my wife & babies tonight! It has been to the mill.

Saturday Jan 26

P.M. Fine and cold. I have been up on the Director's road today. I got dinner at Mr. Nichols. Mr. Spencer came here tonight. He reached up to the school house this evening. Johnson and Cassie White came here and stayed all night. Roy got three letters - one from her mother, one from Abbie and one from me. It has been sawing. Leonard taking out lumber. 6-47

Sunday Jan 27th 1884

P.M. Fine but extremely cold. I went to Baptist meeting this morning. Mr. Hall preached. Roy's Mch. 25-46. I got dinner with Mr. Geo. Sudd. Mr. Spencer preached at Annie's today. Mr. Roy & Leonard went. He preached from John 14-14. Roy stayed to Annie's to dinner after which W. H. Sabins extracted three teeth for her. She says her gums were very sore tonight. 7-50

Monday Jan 28th

P.M. Fine but cold. I have been sick again. Got dinner at Mr. Sudd's. I went to Meth. prayer meeting tonight. Franks and Leonard have been hauling fire wood today.

Tuesday Jan 29

P.M. Fine but cold. I have been down along the river killing today. I went to Adwite's prayer meeting again this evening. Franks and Abbie had the town. Mr. Franks & Mr. Belcher came here tonight. 9-52

Wednesday Jan 30

P.M. Fine but looking like rain. I spent the forenoon in attending to some little errands in the afternoon. Started for home. I came down the back road. I got supper and fed my horse at Mr. Sudd's. A part of the load was here and I had a pretty serious time in getting some. I reached home about nine o'clock. Messy Franks & Chariton went away this morning. It took a load of fish to down on the line to Ambrose Remire from whom he brought half a cow load full. 9-54

Thursday Jan 31st

P.M. Raining all day. I went to the mill. I made half a hillo by gum. Leonard cutting wood.

Friday Feb 1st

P.M. Raining again. I at the mill. I spent the day in fixing up my "Mouth's Statement". Leonard spent to the mill this afternoon. Along came here this afternoon. Roy is sick with his teeth. 9-55

Saturday Feb 2nd

P.M. Fine. In sawing. Leonard went to E. River with a load, and got a barrel of meal. P.M. Roy and I went to Wappono to try and have one of Roy's teeth taken out. We found all the doctors absent. 9-56

Sunday Feb 3rd

P.M. Fine and warm. Annie & her children have spent the day here. This afternoon Leonard got half a load. I went across the lake back to the bear den and trap. Roy & Annie went up to Charley Cozans. 9-60

Monday Feb 4th

P.M. Fine but looking like a storm all day. In sawing. Leonard went out with a load. I am sick with a sore throat and cold.

Tuesday Feb 5th

P.M. Fine. Began raining about noon. Continued heavy till night. In sawing. Leonard started for loads of lumber from the mill. Mother went down to Annie's. It rained so she could not get home tonight. Along was here to dinner. 11-61

Wednesday Feb 6th

P.M. Fine. Rained all day. I went to the mill. I have been choring around. Agard and Leticia here very sick. They were taken very suddenly this morning and Leticia is very sick. I think he is a little better tonight. Mother came home from Annie's this morning. She too is sick. I made Leticia a little wooden box tonight, but the poor little fellow was too sick to play with it. In the night he wanted me to go down stairs and get his one. I did so, but he could not play with it. 12-61

Thursday Feb 7th
W. S. C. - Shifted to W. W. Cloudy
to warm. Leonard sunning logs
into the pond. I have spent the
greater part of the day in taking care
of poor little Leticia who has been
languid sick all day. Hal is better.
Leticia has spat the day here. Will
has been here to tea. Along you
here awhile this afternoon.
wants to have him away selling
books this week but the loads
and weather have him so bad
that I have been unable to get
away. I do not now think that
I shall get away before next week
I shall not go away till Leticia gets
better. 12-63

Friday Feb 8th
W. S. C. Fine. Leonard went
to the mill and put a stick
in the "halfup". Leonard brought out a
load of lumber. I new rampola
pair of boots for Roy. Dan was
here to dinner. Leticia is very sick
yet, but Hal is better. Mother is
better I sent to the doctor and got
some medicine for Leticia 12-64

Saturday Feb 9th
W. S. C. Snowed a little last night
Cloudy and misty all day. I
sawing. Liza took out a load of
wood for Phil's Amos. Got two
letters from B. A. B. S. I let
Will Cooman & Lilla have the horse
and wagon to go down to Woodville
with this afternoon. Leticia is
better today. I mended Herodias
shaw - made new socks for the
Cradle and did some other
chore around. Mendell Phillips
the great Orator and Philanthropist
died last Sunday. Wished
our great men gone. Who can
fill the place vacated by the
worthy men?

Sunday Feb 10th 1884
W. W. Cloudy but pleasant.
I sat spine a part of the day
here. Leticia is feel smart again
Hal is not well. Mother is
as well again as usual. I
love spent the day in reading
books on Redemptation - a good
work on the subject.

Monday Feb 11th 1884
W. W. Fine warm day. Leonard took
out a load of lumber to Hoop. I
sawing. I packed up to go away, but it
was so late that I gave up going till
tomorrow. Hal & Leticia suffer from
croup yet.

Tuesday Feb 12th 1884
W. S. C. Snowed till noon - fine
bright. I sawing Leonard
at the mill. I
starting lumber from the mill. I
intended to have started today, but
was taken sick - have been very
sick one day with sore throat, head
ache and chills and fever. Mother
has spent the day at Cheth's.
I began logging today with two
hired men - My Marshall and Harris
Compton. 13-64

Wednesday Feb 13th
W. S. C. Rained all day. Leonard
at home. I have been very sick.

Thursday Feb 14th
W. S. C. Rained all day. Leonard
at the mill in the afternoon.
I am a little better than I was yesterday.

Friday Feb 15th
W. W. Cloudy and misty.
I sawing. Leonard cutting fire
wood. I am doing better than
I was yesterday. Cheth's has
been very ill today, and Mother
has been taking care of her.
Our little Josie came near
being choked to death twice today.
We are afraid this is something like
his throat yet. The snow is
about all one of the woods now. 15-64

Saturday Feb 16th
W. W. Fine fine. I sawing
Leonard went to E. Rice with
a load of wood. I am still getting
better. Mother has been taking care
of Chetty. 17-64

Sunday Feb 17th
W. S. C. Cloudy and misty. Leonard
down to Annie's this afternoon. and
Harris Compton was here till dark
18-64

Monday Feb 18th 1884
W. S. C. Rained till noon, night
when the wind shifted to N. E. and
began snowing, which continued
till 11. I sawing.

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Tuesday Feb 19

P. M. Fine and cloudless snowed four or five inches and as drifted same. In. Sawing & starting out lumber. Father is very sick. I am just as I can keep up around.

Wednesday Feb 20

P. S. D. Drizzling till noon - raining heavily till night. In. Sawing Leonard starting lumber. Mother went down to Annis to help take care of Father. I mended a pair of shoes for Tom. Dan got dinner here. 20-65

Thursday Feb 21

P. M. Fine but windy & cold. In. Sawing. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo. Hoyt and got some material from C. Rice. Mother has not come home yet. Father is no better. 21-65

Friday Feb 22 1884

P. S. D. Quite fine - there came a little dust of snow last night. P. M. H. and Leonard hauled some fire wood. P. M. Leonard cut wood. A. Smith is sick to see Aunt Olive who is very sick. He came home tonight. Mr. Murray preached at Southville temple. Leonard went out with the carriage to smelting and brought it home. Mother is still at Annis. Old Aunt Susan died last Tuesday and was buried today. Ann Thibodeau of Brighton, a famous old snare, has been smelting this week. I mended a pair of skates for Tom today. I have a very sore throat so that I do not like to go away. 22-65

Saturday Feb 23 1884

P. S. D. Rained nearly all day. Leonard went out with a load of lumber to Campbell's. He had a hard day of it. Mother is still at Annis. I am just better. In. Sawing 30-65

Sunday Feb 24 1884

P. M. Fine but windy and cold. Leonard went down to Annis to get a pair of skates. Mother was there but she said that he did not preach. This afternoon I saw some of the lumber. Will Cameron has been here all day. Lily came this afternoon. They are here tonight. 24-68

Monday Feb 25 1884

P. M. Fine but cold. His sick and stayed home. Leonard took a load of boards to Campbell. I went down and helped load up. Lily has been here all day. Will came again tonight. Mother came home from Annis. Father is getting better. 25-72

Tuesday Feb 26 1884

P. M. Cloudy and raw. In. Home till noon. P. M. He and Leonard went up to the mill & hauled down a load of heartlock boards. Will Cameron saw his wife here all day. Will went away tonight. Lily is here. Will Ratt Ray was here all the forenoon. Along was here. 26-77

Wednesday Feb 27 1884

P. M. Snowed a little last night. Cloudy but mild today. In. Sawing. Leonard starting out lumber. Lily has been here today. 27-77

Thursday Feb 28 1884

P. S. Cloudy in the morning. Began snowing towards noon and by night there was a snow storm. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo. Hoyt. In. Sawing. I was down to Will's this afternoon to see him. He is very bad today. Lily stayed all this morning. 28-80

Friday Feb 29

P. S. P. Snowing and blustering all day. Father and Leonard went to the mill to edge boards. They got the gate disordered and so came home about noon.

Saturday Mar 1 1884

P. M. Cloudy and cold. In. Sawing. Leonard starting out lumber.

Sunday Mar 2 1884

P. M. Cloudy. Annis sat here and wife came here while this afternoon. Dan was here to see me. I went up the road to Harris. Ben to see. I got a letter from RATT & L. 32-87

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Monday Mar 3rd

N. N. W. Fine. F. Sawing Leonard went out with a load to G. Rice and got a barrel of flour and some sugar from Hoyt. He mailed a letter to B. A. B. H. Dan is here this evening. Father signed a note and then to W. Combs for one hundred dollars.

Tuesday Mar 4th

N. N. W. Windy and cold. F. Sawing Leonard helped him till noon. Then started out a load from the mill. I am no better. I can just keep around. I spent my time in writing verses.

Wednesday Mar 5th

N. N. W. Fine but cold. Father sawing Leonard took a load of boards out to Hoyt. Dan was here to dinner. 37-82

Thursday Mar 6th

N. N. W. Fine. F. Sawing Leonard hauling lumber from the mill. Dad had my mare today to go to G. Rhymond. Annie would visit him. Mother left home for Anson. 39-82

Friday Mar 7th

N. N. W. Cloudy but mild. A. M. F. went down to see Combs to see Will Combs concerning a debt. Leonard hauled two loads of lumber from Progoner's mill. Mother and Hong are making a mat. I am very unwell.

Saturday Mar 8th 1884

N. N. E. Snowing all day. Leonard went out to Hoyt with a load of boards. He went down to W. H. H. this morning to bring him in to do some writing but he was not home. I wrote two deeds conveying Will Combs property into Father's hands. I got a letter bought from Bradley, Carrollton Co.

Sunday Mar 9th

N. N. W. Cloudy - cold with some snow flying. Dan, Ann, and three children spent the day here. David Saline is married. Michael Job is dead. 39-88

Monday Mar 10th 1884

N. S. E. shifted to West - rained some then shifted to W and snowed. P. M. F. hunted the sheep. This evening F. I went to Will Combs and with the assistance of Alpha Marshall executed two deeds by which Will Combs conveyed his real estate to Father.

Tuesday Mar 11th 1884

N. S. E. Beautiful fine day. Leonard started a load of wood out on Duck Pond hill. F. went down the gully and got the deeds recorded. He also paid the entries on a mortgage which Wip Jones took against Will Combs. He got five dollars from Blackbear. He also got four fine dollars from G. Clair Jones which he owed him. I sent a parcel of hymn books to Hatfield today. Father paid \$27.00 postage on them.

Wednesday Mar 12th 1884

N. S. Raining all day. Nothing in particular going on. F. went up to see Marshall about writing for us. Alf and Charlie have been here all day. 39-93

Thursday Mar 13th

N. S. W. Fine but Windy. Father & I sharpened the saw Leonard cutting wood. Edw. and Hogan & John McDonald were here tonight. F. signed a note of \$32.00 with Will Combs for J. McDonald.

Friday Mar 14th

N. N. Fine and warm. Leonard grinding his tools. Leonard cutting wood. I have been playing around. Alf was out today and brought me a barrel of meal.

Saturday Mar 15th 1884

N. N. E. Snowing all day. I fixed a pair of shoes for Dad. F. doing nothing. Leonard cut some wood.

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Sunday Mar 16th, 1884
 N. W. W. Fine beautiful day.
 Alf and Chattie went down the river
 I sent out a letter to go to B.A. S.D.
 also a letter with two dollars enclosed
 to J. Selden - also, a Postal to Natywood
 Post Office. Along and Jancy
 spent the forenoon and evening
 here. Dan came up this forenoon
 and got his sheep. 39-96

Monday Mar 17th, 1884
 J. S. W. Cloudy all day and looking
 like a storm - snowing tonight.
 Leonard hauling hewlock logs to
 Combs mill. Alf & Chattie came home
 today - Brought my books from
 Nebo. I was down to see Will
 Coomer this morning. They are
 having good meetings down the
 river. Two have been baptized.
 A telegram received tonight brings
 the sad intelligence that Job Jones,
 who has been in the States for the past
 year fishing himself for the ministry,
 has died very suddenly. He looks as
 though without who must find the
 loss an exceeding heavy one.
 Along is here tonight.

Tuesday Mar 18th, 1884
 N. W. W. Fine and Cloudless
 George has been bringing around
 looking for a man to his. Leonard
 has been cutting wood. I have
 been playing around home. I
 seem when I could get out, been
 making a little wind-mill for my
 little boy. It is to carry a saw-
 gate. Carriage - hauler etc.
 My health is still very delicate

Wednesday Mar 19th, 1884
 N. S. W. Beautiful fine day. Alf and
 Leonard began logging. Will
 Coomer and his wife spent the
 day here. Aunt Sarah was here to
 too. Will Coomer seems to be fasting
 all the time. I do not think he will
 live long. I spent the day in cutting 39-100

Thursday Mar 20th, 1884
 N. S. E. Fine and clear - some light
 and tonight is doing nothing. Alf and
 Leonard logging. I am getting tired of
 this inactivity. I long for get one to
 do something again. Jancy can say
 mama.

Friday Mar 21st, 1884
 N. W. Fine and Leonard
 logging. This evening Popsy
 and I were down to Mill
 It is real snug. I cut
 some wood for me today

Saturday Mar 22nd
 N. S. E. Fine. F. S. L
 logging. I cut some more
 wood for Mill. Mary Mrs
 Spencer came in tonight.
 I got a Postal from R. L. S. D.
 one of the "Couriers" that
 Mary Elvino Porter has since
 left.

Sunday Mar 23rd
 N. S. E. Fine. All went down
 to Ammis to consulting with the
 children & J. Clark Mow
 came here tonight he is going
 to work for us awhile 39-100

Monday Mar 24th
 N. S. E. Rain all night and
 all day. Got a little
 work in the blacksmith shop.

Tuesday Mar 25th
 N. W. E. Beautiful day. F. Clark
 and Leonard in the woods
 logging.

Wednesday Mar 26th
 N. W. W. Fine - looking like
 rain. F. Clark & Leonard
 I have been playing with the
 little boys I made them a wind
 mill. I am not able to do
 anything now.

Thursday Mar 27th, 1884
 N. S. E. Rain hoily all day
 nothing of note occurred. I
 Clark and Leonard have
 "cut up" all day. My head
 has pained so that I have
 been nearly crazy all day

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Friday Mar 28th 1884

N. S. E. Foggy till tonight when
the wind shifted to N. E. H. and
Clark cutting logs. Leonard
cutting first wood. Rossy shut
the day down to Mills. I was
down to see him this afternoon.
Dinner was here to dinner. I
have prepared a letter to go to
B. A. B. & S. and one to
"Star" Publishing Co. 41-141

Saturday Mar 29th

N. N. W. Cloudy in the morning
but cleared off in the afternoon.
Father & Clark mostly cutting
logs. Mostly wind from tonight
H. gave him an order re d. camp
hill. Leonard & I went to the
bridge and the carriage. Leonard
got the pay for his work at Geo
Hoyts - \$14.00 I got the carriage
springs fixed. Got Will Cosman
one call and some of sugar at
Geo Hoyts. I mailed a letter to B.
A. B. & S. and one to "Star"
Pub. Co. enclosing \$1.75.
Old Ned Hagan (Egan) of Wey-
mouth is dead. James Doncett
is also dead.

Sunday N. N. W.

Cloudy and snow squalls.
Dan, Annie and Lizzie. Will
Cosman and his wife spent
the day here 41-149

Monday Mar 31

N. N. E. Buitofin.
H. & I should mend the oven.
A. M. H. clearing roads to twitch
logs.

Tuesday April 1st

N. N. E. Buitofin. Father
"twitching" logs. Alf helping
Linn. I have been repairing
the well platform, and making
a "Curb".

Wednesday April 2nd

N. N. W. Fine and fine-like.
H. & Alf hauling logs. Father
has managed to get over two
hundred logs this Spring.

Continued. I finished
fixing the well curb. I was
down to see Will Cosman this
morning, he is failing very
fast. The Cosman was
here this afternoon and got a
rough share. He has just
finished reading a story entitled
"The Old Man's Will". It is in
a bound volume of "Seaside
Hours".

Thursday April 3rd

N. S. E. Rain & till soon -
overcast till night. Father
made a pair of moccasins.
I have laid in bed most all
day. Arthur Sabine was here
this afternoon. He has served as
Symmons on Will Cosman.
He called for the books "History
of the Reformation".

Friday April 4th

N. N. E. H. Sawing. I have
been almost crazy with Neuralgia
on my head today.

Saturday April 5th

N. N. E. Showery. H. Sawing. I saw
a little better. 1 P.M. I trimmed
my Apple trees down in my little
field. I went down and
called on Will tonight.

Sunday April 6th

N. N. E. Cloudy and dark.
Jason has been here this afternoon.
He stayed to tea. His Mother went
down and called upon Will tonight.
I went out to W. H. to tonight with
the carriage. Jason went with me.
I am going to Weymouth tomorrow
41-150

Monday April 7th

N. N. E. Cloudy till noon then
cleared off. H. Sawing. I went to
Weymouth with the carriage. W. H. went
with me. I stayed at his house last
night. I got some things for Mrs C.
Rossy got some pictures from
True & Co. 42-150

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Tuesday April 8th

N. N. C. Cloudy and overcast. Seal has spent the day here - it is his twentieth birthday. It is leaving. Nothing of importance occurred. 42-152

Wednesday April 9th

N. N. C. Cloudy and showery. Mother has spent the afternoon down to Wells. It rained down to tea and stayed the evening. A. P. M. She filed the book away. I picked over part of the Mammal heap. 44-152

Thursday April 10th

N. N. C. Overcast. In evening. Off went to Keymouth and got some medicine for Mill. (50) I have been laid up all the week (nearly) with neuralgia.

Friday April 11th

N. N. Snowed some in the night and slight snowing this morning. In hauling wood till noon. P. M. He has been looking after the sheep. This is Deak's birth day. He has had a jolly time. He and Hal went down to Mr. Magnus' white. They gave him some cards down the. Mother gave him a birth-day card. I have been nearly crazy all day with pain in my head.

Saturday April 12th, 1884

N. N. W. Fine. A. P. M. In hauling wood. P. M. He went to the mill. I am feeling better today. I went to the lake this afternoon and tried for a trout. for Mill but could get none.

Sunday April 13th

N. N. W. Fine. This afternoon Mother went down to see old Mrs. Magnus who has had an ill-turn. N. H. S. and Dan and Annie were here to tea. 44-153

Monday April 14th 1884

N. N. W. Beautiful day. In evening P. M. Ray & wife left for Jersey went up the Bay. I went to see the doctor. 46-153

Tuesday April 15th 1884

N. S. W. Fine again. I went to Campbell's for a load of lumber and got a lot of flour. This morning I went up to the doctor (Dr. Stone) where I underwent a mercurial ordeal. He spent the greater part of the forenoon in trying to get the blood out. I succeeded breaking it several times, and at last left the scale in. After calling on Ann Williams, we got dinner and then came home. 50-155

Wednesday April 16th

N. S. E. Rain all day. I at the mill. Mr. Sato was here to dinner. I am in a very bad state today. The pain in my head is unendurable. 50-156

Thursday April 17th

N. N. C. Cloudy and raw. In evening. Wife came on & wife came in the morning and are going to stay over night. Mother went down to 34-160. Winn's tonight

Friday April 18th

N. N. C. Cloudy raw. Father went back to the meadow & up the water off. Mill & his wife have been here till tonight. I am very sick tonight. Mother came home tonight. 53-166

Saturday April 19th

N. S. E. Showery. In evening Stearns Jones was here to dinner. I went to the mill to see Mr. Spence and his little boy. (Mill) came here tonight. I am some better today. 53-169

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Sunday April 20

N. N. E. Cloudy and showery
All went out to meeting today
excepting me. I stayed at home
and did some work. came and
dined with me. This afternoon
Mr. Galt preached Gods funeral
sermon, and they went out
Sily and Alf went too. 55-176

Monday April 21st

N. N. W. Fine day. In evening
mother made soap. I worked
some among the apple trees.

Tuesday April 22

N. N. W. Showery. In evening
He hurt his back badly.
Mother and Annis started
to go to Weymouth, but it com-
ing up to rain, they returned

Wednesday April 23

N. N. W. Fine. I laid up with
a lame back. I worked among
the apple trees. Gray cleaned
the woodhouse

Thursday April 24

N. N. W. Fine. Gray and
Annis went to Weymouth
She got some paint for the room
I have got the wall paper today
Father got a barrel and a bush
of potatoes today

Friday April 25th

N. S. E. Cloudy and rain.
Gray helped Chattis paper
her kitchen. Father is still
laid up with his lame back.

Saturday April 26th

N. N. E. Cloudy. I worked
among the apple trees today

Sunday April 27

N. N. W. Fine. I was taken
sick today and have suffered
feverish with pain in my limbs
I & M went up to Communion
meeting - stayed to Communion
to late and went to meeting
again in the evening 57-178

Monday April 28

N. S. E. Cloudy. In evening
over measure. Mother and
Chattis went to Weymouth.
Mother got paper for the room.
I spent a terrible night and
am very sick today

Tuesday April 29th 1884

N. N. E. Dull day. Father pitched
manure. I walked down as
far as Hills today. I am
feeling a little better.

Wednesday April 30

N. N. W. Fine day. Father
went to Weymouth with a load
of Dralo. I sent out a collar
and got a party of Burdock
Blood Bitters. I am a little
better today. Old Mrs Cosmery,
Mrs Chas Cosmery and Will
and Sila spent the day here.
Lizzie Sabine also was here.
W. H. Sabins was here to dinner
Wills White called in to see me
57-189

Thursday May 1st

N. N. E. Cloudy and cold.
In evening the fatal wound.
John & Frank Silas came to
buy my old mare.
I am very sick yet.

Friday May 2nd

N. S. E. Cloudy. In. prepared
the ground and planted some
onions. I have not been
able to get up. I sent out a
letter yesterday to go to the
B. A. B. S. S.

N. N. W. Fine. Father has
gone to the Cove with a load of
cord wood. Mrs Andrew
Ford died last week

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Sunday May 4th 1884

N. W. W. Fine but windy and raw. Mother very sick today. I am a little better. Father went up to Decker meeting tonight.

Monday May 5th 1884

N. W. W. Fine beautiful day. Father cross-ploughing the potato ground. Miss McCall the new school teacher came here. Isaac Wagoner brought his gun. Mother is very sick. I am a little better. I caught two trout at the lake tonight.

Tuesday May 6th

N. W. W. Fine again. Father and Isaac Wagoner (who has begun work here today) have been hauling off stones. I went up to the school house this morning with the teacher. Amos has spent the day here.

Wednesday May 7th 1884

N. W. W. Fine and beautiful. I went back in the woods to my own meadow. Isaac ploughing I went to the river this afternoon planting. Little Harold went with me. It is the first time he has been to the river, and he will likely remember it long after I am gone. Mother is getting better. I got a letter tonight from the Great Social who have decided to terminate my labors for them. I do not know as I care greatly.

Thursday May 8th 1884

N. S. E. Cloudy all day. Began raining four or five nights. Isaac began hauling out manure. Father went out to James Gassett and got a pig for which he paid \$4.00. I went down to Amos in the morning and got a couple of books from the Seal and I went down Comos brook and caught a trout.

Friday May 9th 1884

N. S. E. Rained all day with thunder. I have been busy in taking stock of the books and fixing up my cases.

Saturday May 10th

N. S. E. Dark and showery. Isaac has been hauling out manure. Father commenced hauling planting potatoes. This afternoon, I took Chattie to Weymouth on his way down the river for a visit. I got a yearly report by the B. C. K. S. It is full of interesting matter relating to the Society work for 1883. Mother got a letter from Carrie White tonight.

Sunday May 11th 1884

N. W. W. Cloudy and showery. Nothing of importance occurred. All of us at home. Mother is about as well again as ever. My health is very delicate but I get some better showings. I talk of starting away selling books near Wells. I am not certain yet that I shall go.

Monday May 12

N. W. W. Equally snow & rain. A very unpleasant day. Father & Isaac ploughed up the piece of ground where to plant sugar apples. I have been packing up books for hauling again.

Tuesday May 13

N. W. W. Partly clear. A fine day. Cultivated the manure. P. M. I went down to Amos and bought a pig and his wife home. Will stop just to see. Harold and Susan went to school today for the first time. It has been a big day for them.

Wednesday May 14th 1884

Father went out to the bridge. John started to go away selling books. After coming home to day from down the river, and he brought some that he thought Sabine would like this morning. I feel sad about it. I feel sorry that John started to go away for it, rain is so hard and he is half sick. Yet I am at the Bay today. It rained heavily but I stood to me. I called on Mr. Spencer and gave him \$2.00 the amount I subscribed for from last summer. I had a severe time with pain in my face tonight.

So I could get a letter to night. I feel lonely and want to see him. Mr. Spencer came here about noon. We are all well. Rained heavily all night with thunder. N. E. clearing off through the day. I got dinner at Mr. Charles Dentons and tonight am at Mrs. Straight's. Nothing worthy of note occurred.

Thursday May 15th 1884.

Father working among the apple trees. Annie & Asahel did some. Alf & Ruth were here to dinner, and Ma. I stayed to Mrs. Rings 57-196 till afternoon. I then went up to expect John's where I got tea. I then went up to Mr. Powell's & left a Sabbath School Library. I put up for night at Uncle Johns.

Sunday May 18th 1884

Father, Annie McCall & I were all out to meeting. We had a good sermon. His text was in 1st of 1st second chap and 1st verse. It rained all the fore noon. Wind N. E. Showy all day 57-196. I spent the day at Mrs. Straight's. I have suffered fearfully from a lame shoulder.

Friday May 16th 1884.

Father & Alf went down to the funeral. It was the best was in regulation. The fourth chap and that the length of a whole line from time to time. N. E. Showy. I started around the Bay. I began sailing when I got into the Cross road. I got dinner at Ben Jacobs. and tonight am at Mrs. Hays.

Monday May 19th 1884

Father working among the pines all day. Charles Lewis says it is very hot. They hardly think the wife here. N. W. wind. I drove down the neck today stopping for dinner at Jacobson's and tonight am at Uncle Hewitt's at Centerville.

Saturday May 17th 1884.

Father working among the pines. I went out to the bridge. had a very good time. I brought a letter from Sabine. I think he is a great man and is worth to me.

Tuesday May 20th 1884

Father working among the pines. Harris to dinner had a very good time. he wanted out to see the lake.

Tuesday May 20
P. S. N. Fine. I stayed to
Aunt Bateys till afternoon
and then drove up the creek
again. Got tea at James Mow
house and am at Silience
again tonight.

Wednesday May 21st 1884
Further working at the potatoes
Harris hauling out manure.
Harold has a bad cold he coughed
from school and his head ached so
the teacher let him come home at
noon. P. S. N. Slight showers
this forenoon. I drove through
Livers Cove and at noon
had lunch at Friends. Tonight
am at the Daily at Broad
Cove.

Thursday May 22nd
Further dropping potatoes all day
Harris had our team to work
for him to day and got the horse
broken. Sam was hurt to the 5th rib.
Harold stayed home from school today
he is not very sick I think.
P. S. N. Foggy. I drove through
Broad Cove and tonight am
at G. A. Whites in Digby. Got dinner
with D and Daily.
I have spent a pleasant day.

Friday May 23rd 1884
Further on a P. O. K. planting in
potatoes this forenoon. Miss Mow
came dropping Charlie's things and
apples. Charles Cosman finished
planting yesterday.
P. S. N. Showery. Came down
the Digby Hill road. Drove to the
Layton and home and
Kings. I decided today to go home
tomorrow.

Saturday May 24th 84
Further dropping potatoes. To woods
night we pulled all through in his and
I helped. Harris brought in our
first crop of manure and John came
how glad I was to see them.
John brought me two bottles of perfume
and ten yards of grey cotton 58-200

P. S. N. Beautiful day. Came
home today. Mr. King accompanied
me. I found that all well

Sunday May 25th 84
~~Sunday~~
I. M. Mrs. Sabine and Mother
Miss and Miss and children were
up to Sunday school. My
Mother, Harrie, Everett, Mother, & I
were down to Annie and
spent the afternoon 58-200

P. S. N. Fine. We all went
down to Annie this afternoon
and stay, no tea.
A fearful storm last
night. Charles's son Blasqui's
house was struck and burned
two persons in the same neigh-
bourhood were damaged and
and in one a calf killed.

Monday May 26th
Further dropped potatoes all day.
John & Mother went home
today John took selling. 58-200
P. S. N. Fine. This
afternoon I went away again
stayed in Kings all night.

Tuesday May 27th 1884

Father finished digging potatoes and all the beefsteak pumpkins brought them from P. M. Father hauled out top dressing for peas and to seed down.

P. M. W. Fine. I went back to Uncle Mills this forenoon where I stayed to dinner. After which I went to Bear River to see Mr. Hall I am tonight at Jefferson.

Wednesday May 28th

Father sowed the peas and sowed down a small piece. Mother & Rose have got out to the cemetery cleaning up some. Mother got some fresh fish from a man today.

P. M. Showery in afternoon. I left Bear River and came along the back road selling one by one. I got around at Mr. Cooley's. Tonight I am at Mr. Davis.

Thursday May 29th

P. M. D. Foggy and cold. I spent the forenoon among the prairie towns trading. I got a bit at Anna Raymond's. I then went to A. Parkers to see some game Sabbath school books after which he & I went to Mr. Nichols where we perished a sale. Tonight I am at Uncle Mills. At home - G. helped Geo. Blackadar, who is judging and stopped here to dinner, fix his carriage. P. M. G. started a load of lumber from the mill. 53-264

Friday May 30th

W. S. Showers of hail and rain. Cold and unpleasant. I drove through the North Range today. Got dinner at Mrs. Andrews. and tonight am at Mrs. Rings.

At home. Father hauled one manure for parsnips and beets. Penny Swift who is home now made a call here.

Saturday May 31st

P. M. Beautiful day. I came home today which ends my Colportage. I went out with a load of lumber and got a Bbl of flour.

Sunday June 1st

P. M. Beautiful day. Annies Day and this childrens were up here to tea. 54-206

Monday June 2nd

P. M. W. Rain and heavy all day. I have been at the books. Mary helped me look after. I went up tonight and saw Will Cosman.

Tuesday June 3rd

P. M. W. Foggy. A. M. Fixing up accounts. Meeting of support transpired.

Wednesday June 4th

P. M. W. Fine and warm. G. prepared ground and planted the beets and parsnips. I went to Weymouth. I mailed closing reports to R. A. S. & S. S. Also sent them a P. O. order for \$27.00. W. H. Sabine went with me. We went to see Peter Simpson in reference to a note which he held against us. and which was due some days ago. W. H. S. gave him five dollars on the note of the fourless that was due. Mr. Spencer came in tonight to see Will Cosmans. W. H. Sabine came in too. They were here to tea, afterwards we all went down to Mills. 54-208

Thursday June 5th

P. M. Fine day. Father went by Weymouth. Mr. Spencer and I went up to the River brook to see if it was a fit place for paper mill. Decided it was not and concluded to go to the lake. I took Will and his wife up. We went down back of P. M. Weymouth. Mr. Spencer helped Will. Poor Will is very feeble. I have been tending down ever since I am very miserable. 54-210

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Friday June 6th 1884
 N.S.P. Beautiful day. We got the sheep up and shar'd them. This is about all for today.

Saturday June 7th 1884
 N.H.W. Another fine day. Got haul'd pigs and muddled since I am feeling a little better today.

Sunday June 8th
 N.S.P. Fine again. Roy and I have been down to see Mill. Dan & I see some here to be w. 54-211

Monday June 9th 1884
 N.S.P. Blowing heavy. A.M. I scragged up around the barn and pitched out the sick hogs. P.M. We prepared ground for hogs and haul'd out a couple of loads of manure. Dan had the mare to go to a ranch town with.

Tuesday June 10th
 N.H.E. Rained in the night and showery all day. I had sold my shoes and fixed the diary. We have hew'd some stuff for the back stoop. 54-212

Wednesday June 11th
 N.H.E. Cloudy in the morning clear off. Got finished hauling manure tonight. then forenoon. P.M. We began work among the apple trees. N.H. Sabino was here to see last night.

Thursday June 12th
 N.S.E. Cloudy and misty all day. Got working in the nursery.

Friday June 13th
 N.S.P. Fine but windy. A.M. Got found the carriage. P.M. Working in the nursery. I went out and helped N.H. cultivate the pigs. C has N.H. wife and wife came here tonight. 54-214

Saturday June 14th
 N.S.P. Fine. M. & Mrs. M. Wile went to Lusk to see a young. the teacher would not think. Mother and Annie went to Weymouth with the carriage. I worked among the apple trees. I got two letters tonight. One from B.G. K. & J. and one from J.B. Cross. Roy & I went down to see Mill a little while tonight. 54-216

Sunday June 15th
 Beautiful day. I got out to hear M. Spencer preach from Isaiah 75. P.M. I went and I with our children went out to Aunt Sarah's by the pond about the books which he got here yesterday. He took books from here the value of \$88.60. I and mother went down to see Mill Coan on Co. & Dupre. 56-214

Monday June 16th
 N.W.W. Showery till we on fine. P.M. M. & Mrs. M. Wile came back this morning and stayed till after dinner. P.M. I worked among the apple trees. 58-218

Tuesday June 17th 1884
 N.H.W. Beautiful day. Got working in the nursery. N.H. & I helped in the afternoon. He and Lydia were here to dinner. I sent out a letter to go to B.G. K. & J. enclosing a 2 manure etc. 56-222

Wednesday June 18th 1884
 N.S.P. Fine. I went to Weymouth with N.H. to become a bondman for an ex. post master. Roy went with me to get a dress cut. I got a letter from A. Parker with a P.O. order enclosed for \$11.20. I have been in the nursery at work. Annie & her children have spent the day here. 56-226

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Journal and Diary

Thursday June 19

N. E. Wind and fearful heat. Washed and finished weeding the Nursery. I am about half sick now. I was feeling quite well, but three awful hot days have nearly used me up. Rony & Willard are down to Mills tonight; after I get the cows milked I am going down too. I am very warm and tired now. I have just been smoking a cigar to get the ashes to put over my feet warm on my neck. I sent out a letter today to go T. B. Crosby

Friday June 20th 1884

N. W. Wind - Rained a little last night. A M. L. dressed some potatoes. P. M. He started some lettuce from the mill. Dan had the oxen this forenoon to haul from woods. I have been sick all day and have felt in my chest that Rony and I got a few straggle for head - the first in long had.

Saturday June 21st

N. W. Wind and very warm. A. M. I laid in bed sick. P. M. I went down to Mills and cut his hair. I then went up to the school house and measured the desks as I have a couple to make. He went to Weymouth with a load. He gave D. Campbell a load of about \$12.00 for Mill. I pleased the boys at night. I made a low yard fence around the house. Rony & Willard and I went. I got a letter tonight from R. B. & S. I should a letter today to D. M. Dwyer Publisher of Bellevue paper. Mrs. Joe Crosswell died about three weeks ago.

Sunday June 22nd

N. W. Wind and Cool. A. M. Rony and the boys went to Sunday School. P. M. Rony of went up to Social meeting. Mrs. Dwyer was there. She is home from little one's visit. The old and wife had our horses and carriage to go to Weymouth way.

Monday June 23rd 1884

N. S. W. Wind Cool and breezy. A. M. He ploughed out a few rows of early potatoes and I good the whole potato vine up to the mill & put a load of slabs for firewood. P. M. He found some cows for cabbage. I wrote a deed for Ruben Belliveau which the Mill Common lat over the lake to be conveyed to the said R. B. I am feeling a good deal better this week.

Tuesday June 24th 1884

N. S. W. Cloudy and windy. I went to Belliveau's Cave to take the soil down. Belliveau gave up buying so potato had to stop for nothing. Mother spent the day at W. J. Sabins. I went out there this morning and stayed till afternoon. We traded our oxen away into John Bassett today for a pair of three year old steers. Rony brought home in tonight and put the money. Father got \$12.00 in boot. I planted some cabbage this afternoon. Joe & father will wind here tonight. Mrs. Dwyer is holding meetings up the road every night. 61-256

Wednesday June 25th

N. S. W. Showery. A. M. I went down to see Mr. Common. P. M. He wanted some more cabbage. I spread some ash on around the coffee tree making 3 barrels. I hope put bringing this spring. He made bare to the pasture. I gathered some pines pine tonight to make some manure. Charlie & Rony spent the day here. 61-256

Thursday June 26th

N. W. Wind. Got edging from and Loring. Dan had the grass to go to Hannah's cows. Mother spent the day down here. Gracie Common spent the day here. She has been very sick but is better. I got two letters tonight from Abner Stone & T. B. Crosby. 63-1-256

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Journal And Diary

Friday June 27th

N. N. E. Reddy, fine day. Father leaving P.M. I loaded the two and hauled a load of pine boards from the corner to make some desks for the school house P.M. I put out some stuff for the desks. Tonight I took the carriage down to Wills and fixed it up to take Will away tomorrow. What goes here this afternoon and stopped to tea. Let's chat down the road for a week. I took my money order from Parker and paid Cashier the same being \$11.00. Let's have me a dollar tonight that we could give. Leticia is about well again. 63-234

Saturday June 28th, 1884

N. S. W. Fine. Father unloaded the back stoop. Messaged poor Will out today. He fixed & had on the carriage and he it be even very comfortable. Pushed both hills and out. I came to town with me and B. Wagon and Isaac walked. We went to Father's Cove from which they got laid with pushing about noon. I carried a far as W. L. I refused to let him help him finish the upper part. He was arranging about Cowasung. Cousy got a letter yesterday from Cook King announcing that he approved. Isaac Mullen was here to dinner today.

Sunday June 29th 1884

N. S. W. Fine day. Father and Mother went to Litchfield today and are not coming home till tomorrow. I do not feel well today. I feel as if I were to die. Isaac Cosson was here to tea. He has just got back from going to the Island with Will Cosson. I got some circulars from Will Williams.

Monday June 30th 1884

P. S. W. Beautiful fine day. I have been working on it a good today. I am a little labor. Little pony has been real sick today, but is better tonight. I hear tonight that Leticia's husband is married. Poor little Leticia! You are a sweet little thing and I love you once just all the fondness of my boy nature. I get papers tonight appointing me to the position of Post Master for Coverdale. Father and Mother have just got home from Litchfield.

Tuesday July 1st 1884

N. S. W. Fine A.M. Father worked on the road. P.M. He worked in the museum. Cousy and I went to Wilmouth today. W. H. Sabine is a good writer. He writes very well. Cousy got her dress cut. I marked a letter to Thos. B. Crosby sending him some of my things for his use in his nursery. I got a letter and circular from Wm. A. Dewey published in the State. Old Uncle Ben Sabine died yesterday of pneumonia. Wilmouth is being repaired now, looking a foundation of concrete and a superstructure of iron. I got a pair of new shoes today.

Wednesday July 2nd 1884

N. S. W. Lousy day. In P.M. I ploughed potatoes for Dan with the old mare. P.M. I have been working at the school desks. Cousy and I are to Annis. She is making her dress & Annis is helping her. 71-236

Thursday July 3rd 1884

N. W. W. Fine very warm. In P.M. I helped me plough the potatoes with the old mare. Harold is very sick. Cousy is sick too. I went down to Annis tonight and brought her some. (Cousy & Cousy) 74-238

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Friday July 5th

N. S. E. Fine. F. drawing. A.M.
 I finished the school books
 3 P.M. I sowed potatoes.
 Mother is dreadfully sick tonight
 Harold is a great deal better &
 little Josey is quite smart.
 This is a very poor grass season.
 Only other crops are looking well.
 The apple crop has not blossomed
 so well before for years.
 My back is very lame and sore.

Saturday July 6th

N. S. E. Showery day. Between
 10 and 12 we sowed potatoes.
 This forenoon I sowed
 Wagner & went out to W.H.'s
 to get my Post Office papers
 "fractured." Obed H. White came
 in this afternoon & got another
 load of Books. He is getting
 a little better, but as long as
 Sig. Gt. Harold is most well.
 Emma Cosman helped today.
 Maria Cosman had my
 horse to go to French Fork
 today. Samuel Woodruff, the
 "Corner Blacksmith" did this
 work.

Sunday July 6th

N. S. Showery. No more
 looking for Opium up today
 but she did not come.
 Oed David & wife are at camp.

Monday July 7th 1884

N. S. Antelope hill down. Pigeon
 learning again tonight. A.M.
 I mended the harness and got
 ready to start for Yarmouth.
 Mr. I want to pay as W.H. sows
 He so started for Yarmouth.
 but had a search started when
 we encountered a French Cart &
 Omen whereby we got out of our carriage
 wheels broken down. We came
 back to W.H.'s left the broken
 carriage, and went over to David
 Jones & enjoyed him and
 found it by hand to W.H.'s. So
 we as this he said that we decided
 to wait till morning.
 The young potatoes, Weather is getting
 better
 75-238

Tuesday July 8th

N. S. E. Rained heavy
 all day. I stayed to M.H.'s
 and helped him in preparing
 a room. Nothing of importance
 transpired at home. 78-238

Wednesday July 9th 1884

N. S. E. Rained till noon
 bright. In the forenoon I helped
 M.H. finish preparing his
 room. In the P.M. started
 for Yarmouth. We got on fairly
 well. Mr. Mullins where we stopped
 tonight. 81-240

Thursday July 10th 1884

N. S. S. Showery till noon
 then cleared away. We left
 Mr. Mullins this morning
 proceeded towards Portland.
 We made our stop here we
 got to Richard G. Croft's where
 we put up the horse for a short
 an hour and after looking over
 the nursery and orchard we
 proceeded to St. John's where we
 put up at Taylor's. Mullins
 came and his children came
 up last night and stayed till
 this morning today
 Saddle Cosman has been
 staying here this week. 84-244

Friday July 11th 1884

N. S. W. Fine. Leaving school this
 morning we went to town where
 we spent the day in seeing the
 "lions." We called at the "Herald"
 office but Mr. Lawson who we
 wanted to see was away so our
 mission was in vain. I bought
 my way up at Fair Lane again
 Father for his horse.
 A letter from John W. O. Fair
 came for me today. 87-244

Saturday July 12th

N. S. W. Fine. We left St. John's
 this morning. Stopped a little
 while at a field as the horses
 and did not stop again till we
 got up in the woods above Castle
 when halted and had a "fill"
 We stopped at Mully Geo. Sator
 for supper and got home about
 10 o'clock. I mailed a letter to
 M. Donald (P.O. In. N. S. E.) today
 The Cassel did a B. Hegarty
 this morning
 90-248

Chas. J. McDonald Esq. P.O. Inspector
 Halifax N.S.

This Indenture
 made the Twenty second
 day of June in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and eighty four
 between Joseph Sabian of Riverview in the County
 of Digby and Province of Nova Scotia and Ruth
 his wife of the one part; and Benben Belliveau of
 the Township of Clare County and Province of
 said of the other part; Witnesseth that the said
 Joseph Sabian and Ruth his wife for and in
 consideration of the sum of Three hundred
 and Thirty Dollars lawful Currency of Nova Scotia
 have granted bargained sold conveyed and con-
 firmed and by these presents do bargain

W. M. Belliveau
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 Halifax Nova Scotia

Going for the Granny



Little dreamed this poor fellow
 The day he was wed
 When all was so merry and bright
 That the time was not far
 When from his warm bed
 He must turn out
 And stride through the night
 Not a star in the skies
 And the blast smote him sore
 As though the dense midnight he steamed
 His own umbrella scant shelter
 And down on his shoulders as shouldering
 Pours the rain through the lattice and seams

Going for the Granny - Continued



Poor fellow! he crosses the day of his ^{birth}
He crosses his father and mother;
He'd banish all grandys from
To the moon or to some region farther
Now homeward returning,
He strides ahead
While tumbling over the stones,
With his bundles of turbs
And rickety tread

In the rear stumbles poor granny Jones
And the heartless old witch looks back as he scolds -

"Hurry up with your old marrow bones!"

Have some sense, old fellow, and know that you live
To the last of all mortals below;

"This earth must be peopled and how'll you get
To assist, I would just like to know?"

"Hours of Solimes" J.H.S.

Chas J McDonald Esq
Post Office Inspector Halifax Nova
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Journal and Diary

Sunday July 13th 1884
 P.M. Remained here with
 family all night. Thursday
 day Mr. Spencer came here
 & sat night. He had a meeting
 out at Southville this morning
 but it was so foggy that we
 did not go. This afternoon
 I made a Coffin for the
 Cassel. Mother is quite
 smart again 90-246

Monday July 14, 1884
 P.S. Showy all day with
 thunder. Wind N.E. Northerly
 & W. We made the rough Coffin
 and covered the other. P.M.
 I went to the burial of
 poor Casey. They had no
 preaching. I took David's
 carriage home, and got one
 from W.H. Letinski

Tuesday July 15th, 1884
 P.M. Showy. F. & evening
 I got Mr. C. Leason's carriage
 and took Rosy and her three
 boys up to Gamma Rings.
 We got up there about two o'clock.
 We were at the Station and saw
 the train go up.
 I mailed two letters - one to
 Slings Grant - one to Mrs. Will
 Cannon. Raymond Bridge,
 which has been rebuilt with
 concrete and now is now
 open for travel. I crossed over
 with the horse today for the first.
 94-246

Wednesday July 16th 1884
 P.M. Showy. F. & evening I
 started from Gamma Rings
 after noon for home where I
 arrived about 4:30. I took
 Crozier's Seythis. Old Mr. Ross
 the School Master of St. Mary's
 Key has died lately. 99-1884

Thursday July 17th 1884
 P.M. Showy. F. & evening I
 took two loads of slabs from W's mill
 and set them in place
 long palaces. I wonder
 how our little babies are
 tonight. 102-246

Friday July 18th, 1884
 P.M. Showy. F. & evening I
 had the
 beans and Cabbage &c. I have
 been busy in the
 Nursery. Mother had a picking
 party this afternoon. I am
 in a very bad state of health
 now. My back is very weak &
 sore. I could not break a
 hill when at a time today
 but was obliged to go to the house
 and lie down every little while
 105-250 99-250

Saturday July 19
 P.S. Cloudy and looking like
 rain. F. & evening I worked in the
 Nursery. Alf was out and
 brought me a barrel of flour.
 Also a letter from the P.O.
 Department Halifax. I mailed
 a Postal Card to publishers of
 "Scientific American"
 Annis had my old mare to
 go to Frenchtown for a an.
 She took the School teacher out
 to the Station. She is going up
 home to spend her vacation.
 108-250

Sunday July 20th
 P.S. Rainy and thunder
 most all day. Cleared off to
 night. It has been a gloomy
 day. I have spent the day in
 reading. George Stark who was
 with us for a while came this
 afternoon. How much I
 want to see Rosy and the children
 I hope they are well and having
 a good time. 111-250

Monday July 21st
 P.S. Showy. F. & evening I
 Geo. Stark & I have been at
 work in the Nursery. Alf is
 helping A. Lythton. I feel
 so lonely without my wife and
 babies that I can scarcely
 endure life. Oh, how precious
 they are to me, and how little they
 know it. Without them and
 mother there seems to be nothing
 in the world that I care or
 draw about. I suppose it is
 sinful to worship the pipe more
 than the give. I do not want to
 love them less, but Oh, that I
 might love the give more!
 114-250

1884

Journal and diary

Tuesday July 22nd, 1884

P. Rectory Showy all day
A.M. I fixed the carriage
and that was bent. Ego
Sparks at work among the apple
trees P.M. Geo Stark went
down on the Pine for his
clothes. He did not do
much as it rained.
Tonight I have written a
letter to go to Rosy.
Oh how I would like to
be in her thoughts! 117-250

Wednesday July 23

P. P. Fine day. We began
mowing. We mowed down by low
the potatoes in the rough field.
It is a chance if we mow that
rough field again. We talk
of ploughing up a part of it and
mowing the rest over to pasture.
I went out and brought M.H.S.
to tonight to "fix up" my
Post Office Bonds. Father &
John Ed Wagner are the
sureties and all are made
up the witnesses. I took him
home again. Mother is not
well. I may have to go and
bring Rosy home. I thought I
ought to distribute her before
she gets her visit out. 120-250

Thursday July 24

P. P. Rained during the
night and Showy today.
Father Geo Stark and I have
been mowing. I wonder
how Rosy and my little
boys are tonight. If you
would like to see them
125-250

Friday July 25 1884

P. P. M. Foggy all morning then
cleared off. We finished
mowing the rough field, and
the field back of the carriage shed
P.M. I came to Raymond. I went
down to see Dr. Bellison for
Alex Wagner who is sick. I
mailed three letters. 1- to P.O. I suppose
with Bonds etc. 1- to little Rosy
and one to Aunt Alice.
Dan Fyehler came in with me.
I saw Geo Pearson at Raymond.
He is coming in tomorrow
to see the Nursery 125-251

Saturday July 26

P. P. M. Beautiful day. All of
us at work all day.
We have put all the grass mowed
on this side of the road.
W. H. Adams came in with me
last night & I laid over night
home. Pearson & he come
here today to see the Nursery.
They work here till 4 P.M.
We did not make any progress.
Geo. Stark went away tonight.
We have heard that Will Cosman
died some time this week.
I expected a letter from Rosy
tonight. But none came. I
was very much disappointed
I thought for night that I
would hear from her and now
to have to wait another week is
too much. I want to see the
little boys, but if we all live
it will not be long before we
will be together again 129-254

Sunday July 27

P. S. E. Rained till noon heavily
then cleared off and tonight is
"One of those ambrosial evenings
A deluge of stars so often known
to its calm sitting, when the West
Spines the golden towers of rest
And a noise radiance from the sky
Shakes trembling down."

We have not done much today.
I trimmed some hay and we
burned over some hay tonight.
Geo Stark hauled two loads of
slats from Wagner's mill this
afternoon. We mowed a little
down in the little orchard.
I have a bad lameness in my
leg today. How I would
like to see my Rosy and my
little boys tonight. but I hope
to before long. It is very full
and fortnight hence they will
away.

Monday July 28

P. S. E. Rained till towards night
when it cleared off. We turned some
hay over tonight. Geo. Stark hauled
two loads of slats. I picked a
lot of gooseberries.
I am for the horse & carriage to
go to Frenchtown today.

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Journal and Diary

Tuesday July 29th 1884

P. S. N. Quite fine till just night when a rain came on. We hauled in five loads of hay and put the little orchard, mowed and some down on the hill.

Daniel & Co. were helpful in. Mother and Charles to do the work to the mill today. We mailed a letter to Elton Grant. Eugene Coomson, left house. Grable stayed here all day.

I mailed this page for an address but changed my mind. I looked for a letter from Roy tonight but none came. 129-136

I made a bad mistake in my journal. What is under "Tuesday" are his doings of Monday. I will show with Sunday's record here.

Sunday July 27th

P. S. N. Dan Anne & their children spent the day here, and also, Charly, White & Hubie

Wednesday July 30

P. S. N. Rained all night and this afternoon. Geo. P. H. mowed down on the hill till noon. I am sick tonight.

Mr Spencer came here before noon and stayed till tonight. 129-268

Thursday July 31st 1884

P. S. N. Quite fine. Father and Stark at work in the hay & I have been sick & do not wash till afternoon.

Mrs Stanton & Mrs Carnwell were here to leave.

No letter yet from Roy. Oh I cannot tell what is the reason. She does not write. 132-270

Friday Aug 1st 1884

P. S. N. Rained all night - foggy till noon then cleared off.

A. M. I cut up and stamped a pair of boots. Geo hauled a load of straw down P. M. They worked in the hay. I did nothing but mended shoes for Geo and put some raspberries. Geo was here to dinner.

but best of all today's doing is that I got a letter from dear little wife Roy tonight. Oh! how delighted I was to hear from her after so long an absence, (at least) so it seems to me. For it appears like a year since she came away, but if everything is for which I shall go after her in one week from tonight. Only one week! It is, I suppose a sin to wish time away but I feel just like exclaiming "Fly Swift-around the wheel of time wheel bring the welcome day!" 135-271

Saturday August 2nd 1884

P. S. N. Beautiful day, A. M. I trimmed Apples etc. For George at the hay. P. M. We hauled in four loads. It was helped in the afternoon. Geo was out with the old mare and got the rolls from the machine.

I mailed a letter to Roy. I got a letter tonight from Willie. She tells of her death. I got a copy of the "Scientific American" and a copy of the "Lepidoptera and" tonight. I am getting a little better now. In one week more I hope to see my darling wife and babies if they and I are spared.

Mr W. H. Rose is dead 138-272.

Sunday Aug 3rd

P. S. N. Beautiful day. George rains with his wife and children spent the day here. Geo has been here all day. I have spent the day in reading and writing Sonnets to Roxanna. O that his my soul there were such a burning worship for my Maker as there is for that sweet little wife of mine!

I worship the Creator rather than the Creator. I do not wish to love my wife and children less, but I wish to love my Maker more.

For this I strive daily, but it seems so cold, so unworthy the name of love.

I am feeling quite smart today but I cannot tell how long it will continue. 141-281

1884

Journal And Diary

Monday Aug 4

N. S. W. fine - foggy tonight.
 We finished snowing on the hill - got it raked, and began snowing in the Will Cooman field. I made a patent blank bridge for the old snare to keep her from jumping. Stanford King spent the afternoon here. Father went out to go up the hay tomorrow for Mackinac but I barely went to go. 144-282

Tuesday Aug 5th 1884

N. S. W. Showy till noon then cloud over by fine.
 Harris Cooman turned up the hay to look for Mackinac. We got to find traps about 2 o'clock. Stanford King came up with us. All went as far as Weymouth and up. We helped "that girl" fish till night. How pleased I was to see Roy and our little boys. 149-282

Wednesday Aug 6th 1884

N. S. W. Showy this morning, then cloud away. Harris & I come out with Harry & Billy Dankley for Mackinac. What a glorious piece of sport we had. Harris & I got about two barrels. P.M. we cloud our fish. 155-282

Thursday Aug 7th 1884

N. S. W. Fine. Harris & I helped catch snow all day. Tonight we went up the road with our teams and met Roy & Bill. 161-282

Friday Aug 8th 1884

N. S. E. Quite fine. During about three hours of the latter part of last night there was the most tremendous rain fall that I ever knew for so short a time. They fell about six inches on our hill. Harris & I went out for Mackinac again. We did not do as well as we did before. 167-282

Saturday Aug 9th

N. S. W. Fine. Harris & I come home this morning with our fish. Got home at noon. P.M. we raked hay in the Will field and put in two loads. I got two better - one from Roy (and a earl us the work) one from P.O. Department of Galpore. N. S. W. & I came here tonight. 171-284

Sunday Aug 10th

N. S. W. Fine. P.M. we all went out to see Mr. Spence as his boat was Mackinac 28 & 5th. This afternoon I went up the Bay for my little Roy and children. I took Challo and Mable down to Old David's. When I stayed to tea. I got up the Bay about dark. 175-286

Monday Aug 11th

N. S. E. Rained till noon. Catch & I went down to Duke and stayed till noon. P.M. We all came home when we were safe about dark. Mrs. John Smith of Portland died at Jersey. She was a very fine woman. 179-289

Tuesday Aug 12th

N. S. E. Fine. Snowing and raking in the Will field. Harris Cooman helped us. Got out just Cooman went down the river fishing yesterday. They got back tonight. They did not get many fish. 179-291

Wednesday Aug 13

N. S. E. Quite fine in the morning but soon began to rain. We mowed our hill - raked some and hauled in a load. Mr. Spence and two of his children came here today. Gen. Stark started at noon to go to Weymouth for tobacco. I got him at Orle. Co. Campbell for a pound of tobacco. 179-300

Thursday Aug 14

N. S. E. Rained all night and till noon. Mr. Spence went away this morning. P.M. I got some back of Will's house. Gen. Stark came back tonight. 179-306

Friday Aug 15

N. S. E. Partly fine. In Sea Park and I mowed and raked in Will's field. 181-309

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Journal And Diary

Saturday August 16

W. S. N. Touchet.
 A.M. We were engaged variously
 P.M. Big Stark started a load of
 Deals from the mill and hauled
 down a load of coppers for
 me to stake up the apple trees
 in the Nursery. It rained
 day. Best had to move to being
 Dan home from ^{his sick leave}
 Sent a letter tonight from Hong
 Post containing \$60.00
 J. W. Crossman gave Tractor
 to move making in all about
 Hong is buying Mills place

Sunday Aug 16

W. S. N. Fine day. Chas.
 McNeil came here today and
 brought the tractor back again.
 He stopped to dinner.
 Dan and Annie with their
 children have spent the afternoon
 and evening. I let Dan
 have the snare to go to punch
 Lewis tomorrow night and
 Peter is going with him. All
 went down the river and
 brought Charlie & milk from
 again. All mailed a 179-315
 letters for me to the Post Office
 Inspector Halifax also a
 Card (Postal) to a Rubber Stamp
 Company.

Monday Aug 16

W. S. N. Fine beautiful day
 We have been snowing and
 raking in the Mill field. We
 hauled three loads of heavy logs
 in for plump and some home.

Tuesday Aug 17

W. S. N. Fine. A.M. Geo
 Stark & I moving down in
 the Mill field. He has come
 back though he helped us raking
 the afternoon. Obed came in
 and got all my books except \$7.00
 into work which are still in
 my charge. Aunt Sarah was
 here to day. Colin also brought
 the snare home tonight.
 Stillman Muller and Joe
 Corns spent the evening here.
 179-316

Wednesday Aug 20

W. S. N. Fine and very warm
 Remained till noon. P.M. We
 hauled in two loads. Day.
 Remained up to see Charles tonight

Thursday Aug 21

W. S. N. Fine and awful hot
 We have been snowing and
 raking today. Harkness & Muller
 was here to dinner today.
 179-317

Friday Aug 22

W. S. N. Fine - windy.
 Snowing and raking. All over.
 Little boys have been taking sick
 today. I got a letter today from
 Jackson Sabins who is working
 in the States.

Saturday Aug 23

W. S. Showery. George Eastwood
 & Weymouth with a load of deals
 had I have been doing some
 around. David Sabins wife
 and Allan Dinning and wife
 came in tonight. They with
 Alf and his family were all
 here to tea. They spent the
 evening. 179-324

Sunday Aug 24

W. S. N. Beautiful day. The
 Cam-charge out home today
 Obed & Charlie had my horse to
 go to W.A. Sabins this afternoon.
 So mother spent the day at
 Annie's. 182-325

Monday Aug 25

W. S. N. Fine and very cool.
 We finished moving the Mills
 Crossman place today
 Our little boys who were sick
 are all well except Harold
 He has a bad cough. We have
 feared that he had the measles
 but I guess he has not.

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Tuesday Aug 26th

N. S. Cloudy till noon. Showy in the afternoon. A.M. We hauled in three loads of hay off the Nico Cosman's place. P.M. I mowed some down in the Spring field. I prepared some staves to use in the nursery. It is reported that Mellis White was married yesterday. George started some deals from the mill.

Wednesday Aug 27

N. N. W. Cloudy till noon then cleared away. I went out with the Deeks and a load of deals. He got a barrel of flour. I and I mowed in the Spring field. Annie and her children spent the day here. Chellis has been here too. 182-331

Thursday Aug 28

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I went out with the Spring field. John had had the horse & carriage to go down the river. Friday day.

Friday Aug 29

N. S. Quite fine but looking like rain. We hauled three loads of hay from the Spring field and one from the Nico field being the last from that two fields. Rosy and Leticia went to the Carding mill today. They could not get the wool carded as the machine was not in operation. It is the first time Leticia has been to the Carding machine. Rosy got Hal and I got each a new school book - "Royal era!" They are done with their "Primmers". 182-332

Saturday Aug 30

N. S. E. Showy. A.M. I worked in the shop and cut Harris Cosman's hair. P.M. I staked up trees in the nursery. I hauled two loads of staves and started two loads of lumber from the mill.

Sunday Aug 31st

N. S. E. Foggy till noon. I remained here till night. All day at home. The mother came near being choked to death again while eating her dinner. She was eating a piece of bread when she drew a crumb in her throat. It was at least a quarter of an hour before she got it out. Her frightened we all were and than I put I felt when it was all over with.

Monday Sept 1st

N. N. Foggy till noon - cleared up. I did not mow in our new field by the Spring field. Leticia's eyes has been very hoarse for several days. We are quite alarmed. I got a letter (Circular) from Barnes & Allen, Rubber Stamp Mfrs. one day last week. I got a letter from Diphia and Barnes from Milano point.

Tuesday Aug Sept 2nd

N. N. W. Beautiful day. We finished mowing the new field and got it about all raked. W. H. Gobins was here to dinner. Joey's hoarseness is no better. 182-333

Wednesday Sept 3rd

N. N. W. Beautiful. Finished haying today. A.M. We hauled a sheep. P.M. Hauled in three loads of hay from the burnt field. I got a letter tonight from the Post Office Department. Rosy and Joey went down to Adams this morning. She is going to stay all night. 184-333

Thursday Sep 4th

N. N. Fine and exceeding warm. A.M. I got George set a bear trap below Wagon road. P.M. Ray helped Alf get in his oats. I went back on the Danford road for blueberries. I went alone. I only got half a pint full. I got tea at Annie's. Rosy & Joey came home with me. Ed Rice of Weymouth was married today. 187-333

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Friday Sept 5th 1884
P.M. Beautiful day. Father has been digging potatoes to go out to Ed. Starks. Geo. Starks took a load of boards to Ed. Starks. I went to Weymouth to get the mail bag, and things for opening the Concordale Post Office. I also got the rolls from the Carding mill. Mother went with me as for as Philip Thomas. I mailed \$100.00 to Philip Thomas. Also paid John W. Dumas \$100.00 on Hill Ossman Note. I paid Geo. Starks D.O. today. Leticia has a bad cold.
88-33i

Saturday Sept 6th
P.M. A bright day
I dug potatoes.
Geo. Starks helping Harris loose.
Our Mail Service began today when Ed. Wagner who is to be Courier for a year made his first trip west.
Miss Pierce came in tonight
Bertha Sabine came with him
188-33t

Sunday Sept 7th 1884
P.M. Very fine. We all went out to hire Mr. Spence's pack but they didn't go. Harold went out up. The best was 2 Cornish crows. After meeting I went down to W. St. L. where I stayed till after tea. Stan and Annie and all their family have been here to dinner. Henry went with them up the coast and stayed to Sam's tea.
187-337

Monday Sept 8th 1884
P.M. Showy till noon. Foggy till night. A.M. We loaded up six barrels of potatoes. I put a look on one of the drawers of my book-case. P.M. George took the potatoes out. Mother and I partly mowed a piece of oats below the carriage shed. Henry and I picked a lot of blackberries. Before 4 o'clock I was here to bargain for the Alice farm.

Tuesday Sept 9th
P.M. Cloudy in the morning then cleared off beautifully. Father & Geo. Starks left for Alf Marshall went up to the meadow this morning. A.M. I from school mowed the oats. P.M. I picked up a lot of little potatoes and then Henry & I went down to the hills part of and picked a large pile of blackberries. They are very plentiful this season. This is Harold's sixth birthday. He stayed home from school that he might enjoy it as much as possible. Leticia too stayed away from school to help him spend his birthday. They have spent the greater part of the day down playing with Mr. Harper's boys.

Wednesday Sept 10th
P.M. Beautiful day
I spread and baked the oats. Mother went down to Linn's tonight. They have good weather to work about meadow. I am going to stay here tonight.

Thursday Sept 11th
P.M. Looking like rain.
I got the oats in today. Father & George got home from the meadow tonight. Carrie White and her sister and Annie Sabine spent the day here. Mother has not left home from Annie's yet.
184-342

Friday Sept 12th
P.M. Rained last night with thunder and lightning. Fine today. I mowed a little piece of oats down in the Spring field behind meadow. I was at work in the nursery. Geo. took one a load of a lot of flour for me. Butter. Harris' Cousin has been here to tea.
184-343

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Sat. Sept 13th

N. N. W. Fine day. I have been working in the Nursery today. Geo. Black had by Aples. My Chalk had very much to go to the Bridge today. Mother came home from Annis yesterday.

Sunday Sept 14

N. S. W. Fine but cold. Carey White, for sister, Minnie & Arthur's Sowing box began here and to Alto way. Nothing of note occurred.

Monday Sept 15th

N. N. W. Quite fine but awfully cold. A heavy frost laid right killed everything that was killable. P. M. I worked in the Nursery. P. M. We got in a load of oats from the burnt field. Tonight we gathered a barrel of apples off of one of my little trees down by the Eads. I felt a degree of pride in considering that the tree from which we picked a barrel of apples I had raised from the seed. This evening we pared and stunged them. Chalk Wilson came this morning to begin spinning.

Tuesday Sept 16

N. S. Raining all day and blowing a gale. I have been making some drawers and arranging a place to keep my Post Office things.

Wednesday Sept 17

N. W. W. Breeze day. Geo. Black at work in the Nursery. I have been sick. I lay abed in the forenoon and in the afternoon I worked in the Shop. Henry Jones spent the day up to Cambridge. Geo. Blackadoo is here tonight. 194-344

Thursday Sept 18

N. N. W. Fine again. Ft. Geo. Black & I finished weeding the Nursery. Mother spent the day up the road. George Blackadoo stayed here last night. Carey White came in tonight to help. 198-345

Friday Sept 19th 1884

N. N. E. E. Quite fine. Father & I worked in the Shop. I am and did some chores around. I have been sick all this week past so that I can scarcely do anything. Mother paraded apples again tonight. My apple crop is much smaller than last year. We heard tonight that Rachel Lydia Mullen is very sick and not expected to live.

Saturday Sept 20th 1884

N. S. W. Very fair day. Geo. Black starting out tonight. This morning father and mother were going over to see Aunt Lydia, but before getting up the house her foot was found to be so badly chapped so much so that she was not fit to use. They were therefore obliged to give up this visit. So I made a rafting pole and in the afternoon father went to the mill and ran some logs in. I put up some work preparatory to arranging my post office drawers. Carey White spent the day and night here. 198-345

Sunday Sept 21st 1884

N. N. W. Cloudy till towards night. Rained part night. Dan Gulletton took mother down to permit Lydia's today. Deal was here to tea. Last night, stamps and Postal Cards for the Office came, also letter from P. O. Department. Ottawa 300-347

Monday September 22nd 1884

N. S. W. Fine and warm. Ft. Geo. starting up cord wood. Tonight he began digging potatoes. I have been for the night part of the day arranging my P. O. drawers. 305-347

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Thursday Sept 23rd 1884
 N. N. E. Showery. Mr. Spencer
 as usual today. Mr. Sparks
 Southville. Mr. Spencer
 the Johnsons from Palau's 672
 St. Smith's State. Mr. Sparks
 the Journal. D. W. Spalding
 the Crat apples. He began shipping
 our potato Crat in our
 press this fall. David Saline
 and his wife came in this
 afternoon 206-349

Wednesday Sept 24
 N. S. E. Cloudy. Father & I
 digging potatoes. Geo. Sparks
 took a load of wood to
 Edward Pies and also half
 meal. Carrie White & her sister
 were here today 219-353

Thursday Sept 25
 N. S. W. Fine Wind blowing a
 Gale. Father went to market to
 see Brown Hill and Sam Saline
 Geo. Sparks digging. I prepared a lot
 of Hales to go in the Nursery.
 David & wife here today 213-367

Friday Sept 26
 N. N. W. Beautiful day
 digging. Geo. Sparks took a
 load to Campbell. I worked
 on the Nursery. Carrie & her sister
 here all day. Rained last night
 Geo. Sparks began work at Mr.
 Keranda's yesterday 26-367

Saturday Sept 27th 1884
 N. S. W. Fine day. Digging
 Geo. Sparks went to the island
 with John Godal. I went out
 to Mr. Saline's last night
 and staid all night and
 today Mr. Saline & I went to
 Mr. Jones. We went to
 Stearns Jones where we paid
 our taxes and dinner.
 I paid Father's taxes and my
 own. Father's was \$14.88 and
 mine was 67^{cts} in gold 22.50
 We also paid John Campbell
 for one rate \$110.50 for which
 he gave us a Receipt. Mr. White
 gave him fifty dollars and are
 going to money the rate for
 that limit which we could not
 do today as the rate was in
 the Bank and the Bank was
 closed up

We sent to a Mr. Jerry for
 some fruit plates. N. N. W. 1884
 but only three dollars. I paid
 the postage and registered stamp
 which was 25^{cts}. I found a
 Postal Card on which were
 written a Note to Blackaday
 brothers concerning applications.
 We came in with Messrs
 Casman tonight. 227-373

Sunday Sept 28th 1884
 N. S. N. Raining till noon
 foggy till night. Dr. W. M. L. N.
 brought another horse today. They
 left a girl. Little brother came out
 today. They stayed to tea. Chatter
 Wilson went home with them
 I paid for the 10th for spinning
 Calie White and her sister's horse
 here all day 223-377

Monday Sept 29
 N. S. W. Rained till noon fine
 breeze. In making a pair of shorts
 I finished fixing up my office
 I lay on my back for a while.
 It is now to the school committee.
 Mr. Marshal was chosen for trustee
 in my place. \$2500 dollars were
 taken for support of schools
 for the ensuing year.
 Mr. Spencer is here this evening
 George Stark went to the Island
 yesterday and John Godal
 223-381

Tuesday Sept 30
 N. N. N. Fine. A Mr. father
 coming around. P. M. started
 at his work. Mr. Spencer stayed
 till after dinner. Mother is at bath
 bath. Mr. Saline & I staid away
 canvassing. Chatter and J. B. W.
 have taken horses to Hapwood.
 We got dinner at N. H. S. We went
 down as far as Hapwood
 where we put up for night at
 Smith's. Geo. Stark got back from
 the island this morning 223-383

Wednesday Oct 1st
 N. S. W. Showery in the forenoon
 fine till night. Mr. Chomakin
 Geo. Harding got laundry. Mother
 as usual the same. H. H. 15
 Spent the forenoon about Hapwood
 getting dinner at Hapwood.
 We then walked down the 10th to
 to Brazil Lake, or at least there for the
 trap, and went as far as Hapwood
 where we put up for night at Taylor's

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Thursday Oct 2nd 1884

N. A. G. Fine but windy and cold. Father finished his boots. He took a load of boards to get Rice and got a full flow. Mother is worse to day. All went out and got for Crockett to go for the doctor. Frank N. came to help dig to pay for the harness and was taken sick and went home. Robbie came in the afternoon and helped in his place. W. H. & J. spent the day in town. We went to look for Lanson but he being up to Annapolis we could do no business. The day was then left on our hands, so we visited the Cemetery - the Point and other places of interest and put up for night at Webster Grante.

Friday Oct 3rd 1884

N. A. Quite fine - looking like rain. Fr. digging. Geo. went to take a note the doctor, but in the evening mother was worse and Hattie Cosman sent for the doctor who came and stayed all night. W. H. Sabine & I came up on the train as far as Metzger we then crossed up through the "Second Division" for a terminus. Come and when we got down we then took a station to come through to Sears Wm. to night, but dark Commission when we got to Gehong. Tubs are put up for night.

Saturday Oct 4th

N. A. Rained all night and all day. Geo. Stak going down to Woodville where he has been ranging around all day. Mother is a little better. W. H. & I came home today, arriving at noon. Mother has been very full, but we hope she is getting well. My fat an breadful sore tonight. Mrs. Livingston of Weymouth died suddenly last Saturday.

Sunday Oct 5th 1884

N. A. W. m. I went out to hear Mr. Spencer preach. He got his dinner at Annie's house and his children here. Spent the day (or rather afternoon) here. Mother shall get better. W. H. Sabine came in tonight. 224-386

Monday Oct 6th 1884

N. A. W. Fine. A. H. stayed here last night and gave a sermon. I went home with him when I stayed till in the afternoon. We are arranging to put some trees by children. Fr. & Geo. digging. Mother is better. 225-387

Tuesday Oct 7th

N. A. W. Fine. Fr. & Geo. getting fire and coal-pit wood. I have been gathering apples to take to Yarmouth. Harold got a reward card tonight.

Wednesday Oct 8th 1884

N. A. West. Beautiful day. Fr. at work at the Coal-pit. George Stak went out with one and took any apples to the Station and sold one barrel of N. Spruce to Geo. Stak for \$3.25. I got some five barrels of N. Spruce to lay the same. I went down to Yarmouth on the cars tonight. I paid for freight on five barrels of apples and the trunk of wood \$1.03. I got in town about eight o'clock and went directly to the bank where I placed my money on deposit. I then went to Nichols where I put up for the night. I sold my apples to Nichols (4 bbls) for \$8.00. I sold one tub to W. Grant for \$1.00. Mother is or not so well this morning.

Thursday Oct 8th

N. A. W. Fine but windy & cold. I spent the day at the Point where I enjoyed myself very much. I thought I felt type at Webster Grante. Fr. at the Coal-pit. Geo. Stak digging potato.

Friday Oct 9th 1884

N. A. W. Fine & beautiful day. I came up on the train this evening and alone proceeded some comfort. I found Mother still getting better. Fr. finished the Coal-pit, and Geo. finished digging. Harold got another reward card, and Fr. has got from his "piousness" into his "first Book".

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Saturday Oct 11th

N.E. Cloudy-looking
big rain. I lay abed all
the forenoon being unwell
P.M. Geo. & I gathered the lemons
Geo. has is sick. P.M. We
hauled a load of S logs from
the mill for wood. Heble's
Mary McMill came here
tonight. 225-389

Sunday Oct 12th

N.E. Cloudy all day.
Sister M. & her sister went
home this afternoon. Dan
and Annie were up here
Dan & I went up to Com-
munion meeting. 225-393

Monday Oct 13

N.E. Showery till night
when it cleared up. I have
been at work in the nursery
tonight I went out to by H. &
Geo. Starts has been helping
Alf start up bark. 226-395

Tuesday Oct 14

N. N.W. Cloudy and very
Cold. No air flying. I got
home from W. H. Sabins to-
wards noon. P.M. I went
to gathering apples. Geo. was
out for Alf and a load of
bark. Mother is getting quite
sneaky 226-395

Wednesday Oct 15

N. N.W. Cloudy and very
Cold. In A.M. Geo. & I
gathering apples.

Thursday Oct 16

N. Variable - Fine but Cold.
All of us gathering apples

Friday Oct 17

N. S.W. Showery. We finished
gathering the apples this morning.
George worked for Alf the
remainder of the day. We have
about six or seven barrels of
apples this year. Geo. & I shelled
some today. We had a fairing
last night - parcel about three
barrels. I am not well.

Saturday Oct 18

N. S.W. Beautiful day. Father drew
the Coal pit - had a splendid fill of
A.M. I transplanted some
dwarf berry plants. P.M. I worked
in the nursery. I am very unwell
today. I got two letters tonight
from Chas. McDonald R.D. Inspec

Sunday Oct 19th

My Birthday again! I am
thirty one years old today - soon
be an old man.
P.M. Jim. Hal and Leo went to
spend the day with Aunt Annie. I
went down with them and stayed
till after dinner. Annie and Dan
and Father spent the afternoon and
evening here. Aunt Sabins were
here too. Father was down to John
Swains to see about the Pinkie girl
227-396

Monday Oct 20

N. S.W. Fine but very windy.
Geo. hauled a load of S logs this morning
and then helped Alf dig potatoes
the rest of the day. I went out to
Aunt Sabins this morning
was to H. & Geo. I worked in
the nursery the rest of the day.
Frank Sabins was here to
dinner. Last Saturday 226-396
mailed a Parcel to Mr. Butler.

Tuesday Oct 21st 1884

Mr. McLaugh day. I worked in the
nursery. Geo. & Leo came to the
mill. Starting out Clear lumber.
Frank Sabins and his sister were
here to dinner. His sister is
going to stay here awhile. 227-397

Wednesday Oct 22nd 1884

N. S.W. Fine beautiful day again.
P.M. Geo. & Leo got up the bushes
I worked in the nursery. P.M.
Geo. & Leo hauled a load of lumber
from the mill. I helped one in the
nursery. Saturday I put up a
barrel of apples for John McDonald.
Alf took it out today.

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Thursday Oct 23
 N. S. Rained all day.
 St. George's Hat and 1/2 Skilled
 beans all day in the shop
 Clark Mosely came today &
 got two barrels of apples. He
 got his dinner here 227-398

Friday Oct 24
 N. S. Fine. I have worked
 in the Nursery all day. Father
 hauled a load of slats from
 the mill for records. Craft also
 was here to see the old mill
 He is the thing of a head.
 Willie White and his wife were
 here this afternoon a little while
 Geo. Staley has a boil on his
 hand so that he could not work
 to be wanted on the line.

Saturday Oct 25th 1884
 N. S. Cloudy and raw all day
 Father went out to Myramint and
 hauled apples for fish. I mailed
 a letter to Geo. P. McDonald.
 I got a letter from him tonight. I
 spent the day in the Nursery. I
 finished trimming the trees.
 I am crippled tonight with a
 lame hand. Rained last night

Sunday Oct 26th 1884
 N. S. Showery till noon.
 Cloudy till night.
 N. S. Father came this afternoon
 also Francis & Cornelia and the
 two children. N. S. is going to
 stay all night. 227-401

Monday Oct 27th 1884
 N. S. Cloudy raw. My hand
 being crippled so that I could
 not do anything I went out
 with N. S. where I remained
 all day. I went to the mill
 in the afternoon, I think to fix
 the saw 229-402

Tuesday Oct 28 1884
 Rained all night and all day.
 I spent the day in the mill
 and came home this evening
 Mr. Solomon Lewis fell
 from a chair and most killed
 himself. 232-402

Wednesday Oct 29
 N. S. Beautiful day. Father at
 work digging for the barn wall
 8 AM. I worked in the Nursery
 P.M. Roy and I attended school
 examinations. It is the first
 examination that these little
 boys have seen. They spoke
 their little pieces very good for
 their first examinations
 Harold spoke a piece as
 follows:-

"Good bye, said a fine fat fish,
 To the waves of the bright blue sea
 I shall soon be laid on a dish
 And that'll be an end of me.
 Good bye to the water clear
 The shells and the smooth wet
 But, Oh! when you eat me quince
 You do not swallow my bones.
 Pish's piece went as follows-

"The biggest frog stood up and said
 Let's stand by one another,
 And send a letter to be read
 By every man and brather.
 To ask each child in every home
 To do the thing we say
 And never never throw a stone
 To hit poor frogs and play"

They will never forget today's
 exercises as long as they live

Thursday Oct 30th
 N. S. Cloudy raw and cold.
 I gathered the Ruts and did some
 other chores in the forenoon
 and N. S. I digged in the barn
 cellar in the afternoon.

Friday Oct 31st 1884
 N. S. Raining all day and
 freezing as it falls - all things iced
 up - a real winter day.
 He paid a barrel of Apples tonight
 for Mr. Spencer. The discordant
 Christmas of Myramint & Carney
 down here lately settled their
 troubles

Saturday Nov 1st
 N. S. Snow & squal. I & I hauled
 some stuff from the burnt load
 for fire wood. P.M. I fixed the
 horse stable floor. Mr. Spencer came
 tonight. I got a Rutas from Blackader
 also stamps & seal for Post Office.

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Monday Dec 1st 1884

W. N. W. Beautiful Day
 Now I have suffered since
 yesterday with pains in my
 head. I am a little better
 tonight. Father and Geo.
 began sawing. Harris Coomson
 is here this evening. Mother,
 with some other old ladies are
 congregated at Annie's tonight,
 the results of which remain to be
 seen. 239-447

Tuesday Dec 2nd

W. N. W. Fine day. A. M. Father
 and George butchered the pig.
 P. M. J. put some boards on the
 roof of the woodhouse. George
 Scott left this afternoon.
 All Sabine went away too.
 Dan and Annie were made
 happy this morning by the
 birth of a pair of twins - a
 boy and girl. We have decided
 to call our little baby boy Leonard
 Kelley. It is very delicate. We
 fear he will not live.
 Old Aunt Peggy Grant was
 buried today. W. H. Sabine &
 George Blackader are here tonight.
 W. H. Sabine prepaid a deed for
 Mr. Spencer. I am a little better.
 I neglected to say that 239-447
 a Sewing Machine agent has
 been here today. And Alf
 and we have bought an old
 Wanger Machine. Alf gave him
 one old machine his part
 payment. I gave him a state
 for ten dollars, at two months
 - no interest. 239-449

Wednesday Dec 3

N. S. E. Cloudy calm and misty.
 Father went to Fasket and got
 a French girl - Mary Bonduan -
 who is to stay here awhile.
 Our little baby was very sick
 all night. We feared the little thing
 would die but it is still alive.
 We fear the hold upon life it has
 is too slight to carry it through.
 Mr. Spencer moved his family
 into their new quarters today.

Thursday Dec 4th

W. N. W. Stormy day. Father
 doing chores around. Mr. Smith
 spent the afternoon teaching here.
 I am still getting better.
 Every one the baby are small 239-450

Friday Dec 5th

W. S. W. Another fine day.
 I sawing. Nothing of importance
 occurred. My health is about the
 same. Today is real smart.

Saturday Dec 6th

W. S. E. Cloudy and looking like rain.
 P. M. J. hauled some fire-wood.
 P. M. He cut up a lot of wood.
 I mailed two letters to Ottawa,
 one to Halifax, and two to Peter-
 burgh for a copy of the Nichols &
 one for Pittsburg Magazine.
 I got a letter from Halifax P. O.
 Department. Annie McNeill was
 here awhile tonight.

Sunday Dec 7th

N. S. E. Rained all night and
 all day. Annie McNeill spent
 the afternoon and evening here.
 Our little baby is getting very
 quiet. It has dark eyes - a round
 head and is a "cute" little fellow.
 239-451

Monday Dec 8th

W. N. W. Cloudy and raw.
 Father sawing. I have spent
 another night and day of pain.
 Annie McNeill stayed here all
 night. Our little boys are real.
 going to school any show this winter.
 239-452

Tuesday Dec 9th

W. N. W. Cloudy. Snowed about
 an inch last night. This is the
 first that the ground has seen
 since the day time yet this fall.
 Father doing chores around.
 My head pained some last night.

Wednesday Dec 10th

W. N. W. Cloudy. Snow flying
 and looking quite wintry.
 Father went out to see Charles
 James about coming to saw
 some more trees today. I mended
 Harold's shoes.

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Thursday Dec 11th

N. N. W. Last night my hand took pains and shuffling, the hand took all in it and I suppose I got cold. But it is getting smart again and the rabies are all well.

Friday Dec 12th
 N. N. W. Father to the well. about one. John's hand is real bad to day can't sleep on last night. P. M. cold and Harold used down to evening and they got some seals gaul one Ann P. Annie is smart and happy

Saturday Dec 13th 1884
 N. N. W. Father cutting fire wood. I am now here and bought a barrel of apples. John's hand seems a little better. I got two letters - one from Olivia and one from Percival. The paper came to night that belongs to the office I got a letter from Leonard. I got out of the bag. I sent a letter to Mother.

Sunday Dec 14th
 N. N. W. Home all day. John's hand is much better. I have about all I can do to take care of the Langs and tend John's condition was here a while. 139-455

Monday Dec 15th
 N. N. W. Rainy all day. A. M. P. M. snowed another lot. P. M. Father killed a pig. John's hand is about the same. He is sick all over him his back and legs. I feel real smart, and so is the Langs.

Tuesday Dec 16th
 N. N. W. A. M. J. helped Sam Sam do some black smit work, and got the bed in the house. P. M. I went to the mill. Charles E. Bromell is here today. Joe Thompson brought 4 or 5 cloth. John is feeling a little better.

Wednesday Dec 17th
 N. N. W. Snowing all day, it snowed eight or nine inches. Father cut up the bed. and then made a deal table for the clerk to mark deal by. John's hand has been lawyer, but his face pained him all day. The rest are all well as usual.

Thursday Dec 18th
 N. N. W. Home all day. Father cutting fire wood and clearing around. John is better to day, he rested.

Friday Dec 19th 1884
 N. N. W. Cold and Chilling. I have come out some. I went to the Cove. He had a bad cold.

Saturday Dec 20th

N. N. W. A. M. Terrible cold Chattering day. I am about the same. My hand does not improve as I would like to see it. I feel I am going to have a tedious drill. Upon it felt well. I mailed a letter to Ottawa. I also got a letter from P. D. D. I got a Specimen Capt of Persons Magazine.

Sunday Dec 21st
 N. S. E. Cloudy - snowing towards night. It has been a gloomy day for me. My hand has pained a good deal. All of the rest of us are well. Letta Leary is married again - to a job young of Cranville.

Monday Dec 22nd
 N. S. E. Rained all night and all day. Father has been cobbling. I am getting better very slowly.

Tuesday Dec 23rd

N. N. W. Fine, but windy. We have had a great rain storm. It is said to be the greatest known for years. The rain literally poured down all night - accompanied by thunder and high winds.

There is nearly a foot of water in the cellar. Father gave Sis. Stark an orange and Ed Rice for 25¢.

Bell Lion and Lolla later were married last Saturday night. Alma's Richards was also married a few days ago. Mr. Spencer had a celebration tonight.

Wednesday Dec 24th

N. S. E. Cloudy and Calm. Mr. & Chatter went down the river with my scare today. Father hauled and cut fire wood. We had some Santa Claus here tonight. The boys are in a great state of expectancy tonight.

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Dec 25th
Christmas Day

N. N. W. Snowed a couple of inches last night - turned to rain which iced everything up afternoon. Snowed a little this morning and has been quite fine the rest of the day. Dan and Annie with their twins spent the day and evening here. Howard's wife was unwell last night. I have not enjoyed myself much today as I have been so unwell but have been pleased to see the little boys enjoy themselves. We weighed all the little babies tonight with results as follows. Ann's boy weighed 7^{lb} 2^{oz} Harriet's 6^{lb} 5^{oz} Our little boy weighs 6^{lb} 1^{oz}
259-457

Friday Dec 26th, 1884

N. N. W. Fine. A. J. & Charles came home from Logging-town this afternoon. Chas Thomas was here. I gave him an order on Otway Dimes for money to pay his taxes. I am well so well today. I have a bad swelling coming on my jaw.
259-459

Saturday Dec 27

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I, hunting out lumber from the mill. I took a walk out today - the first for some weeks.

Sunday Dec 28

N. N. W. Fine day again Nothing important occurred Mr Spencer having gone away on a visit to his friends. There was no meeting today

Monday Dec 29

N. N. W. Fine - warm day. I took out a load to G. A. and got a bit of flour. I have had a sick horse day. I neglected to say that Dr. Morse was here Saturday and gave me some medicine

Tuesday Dec 30th

N. N. W. Fine warm day. I went to the mill this afternoon. I was out to Off's. I have been reading "Ten Nights In a Bedchamber" tonight. I have heard much of the book but never till now have had an opportunity of reading it.

Wednesday Dec 31st

N. N. W. Quite fine, but looking like rain tonight. I, handling wood. We have had a lot of Santa Claws here to see tonight. I have written a poem today. It has been a long time since I have attempted to write anything before. When the Santa Claws were here tonight little Jesse had not yet gone to sleep though he was in the cradle. He jumped out and going into the bedroom where his mother was he said, "Go hang up baby's socks quick, Mama!" I am feeling better today.

Well - this is the last day of the poor old year. So many it has been marked by important changes, but none of importance in our little circle except the addition of a "little individual" to our baby circle

In the political world there have been few events of note. The French are carrying on a war in China, and the English are having trouble with Gordon in Egypt, or in the Sudan. In the United States the presidential election has just closed with the choice of Grover Cleveland to hold the office for the next four years. In our Dominion the Pacific Railway is being pushed on, and there is rumour of Confederation with England & Antislavery of Jamaica. In this little province everything is quiet - as always.

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 to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

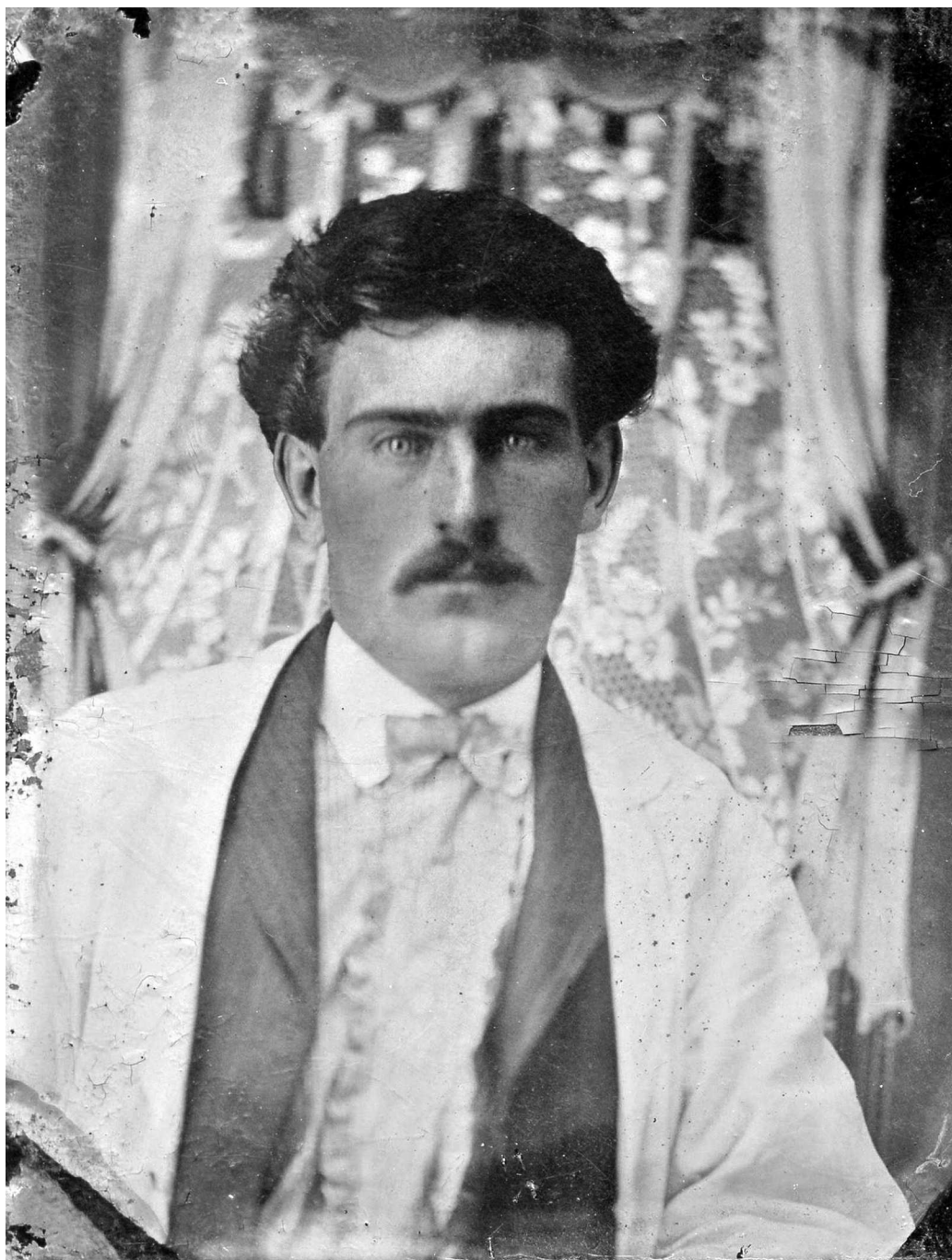
C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

c-wood. (Cord wood)



John Henry Sabine (1853 - 1920), author of the Sabine Diaries.

Source: Bernard Mullen.



Roxanna Ring, wife of John Sabine.

Source: Bernard Mullen.



Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.



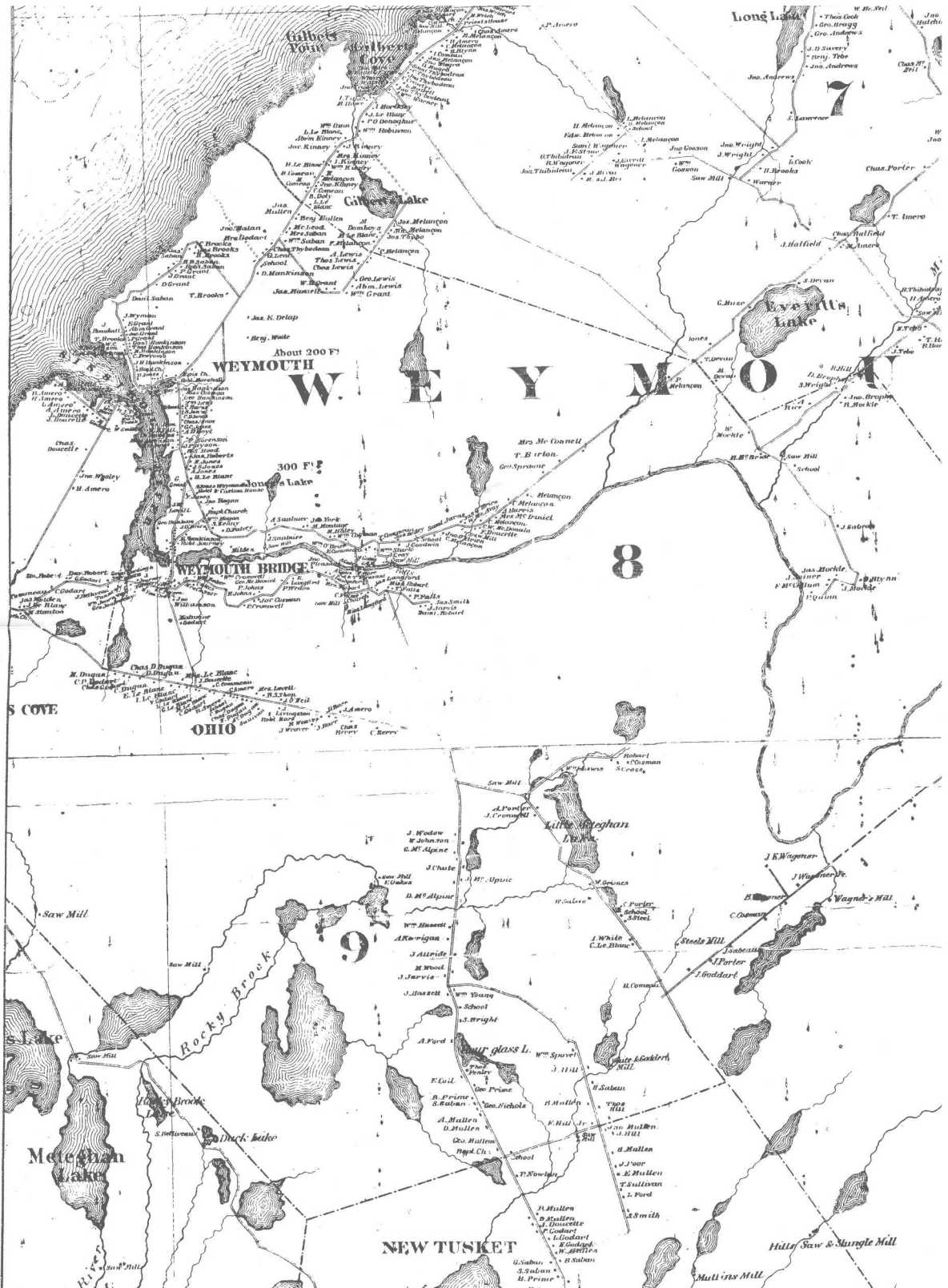
Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.

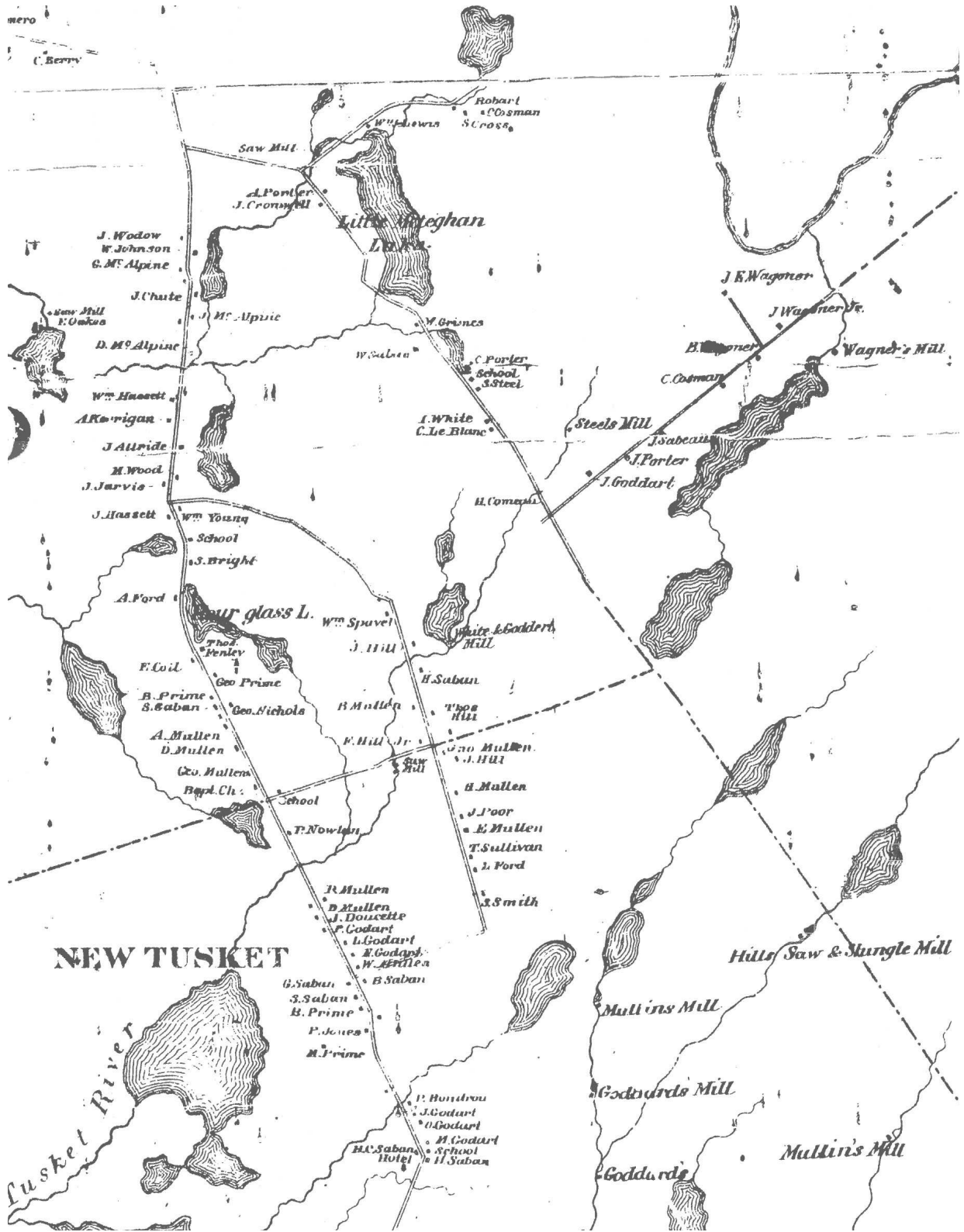


Wealthy Mehitable Saxton (1833 - 1929), mother of Roxanna Ring.

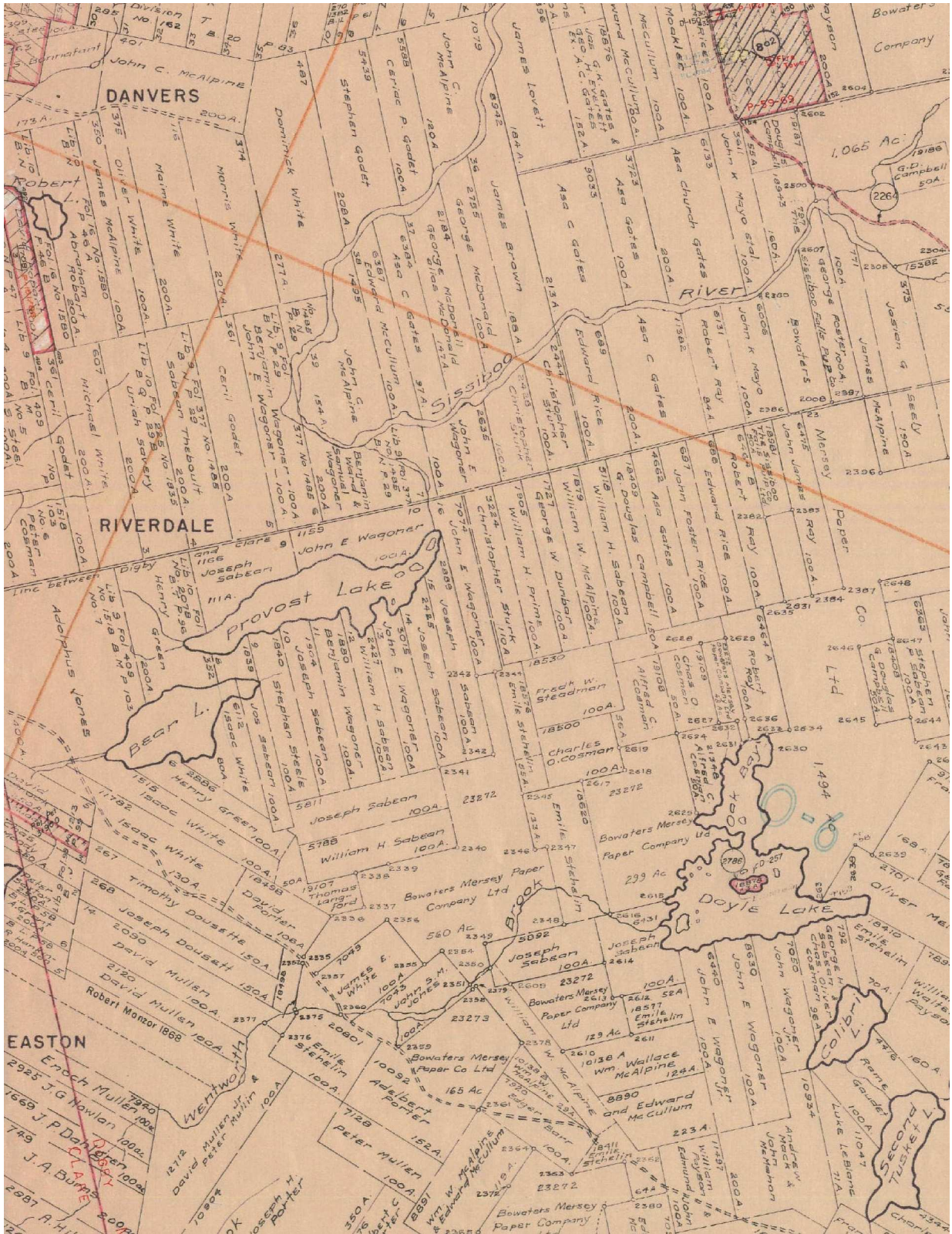
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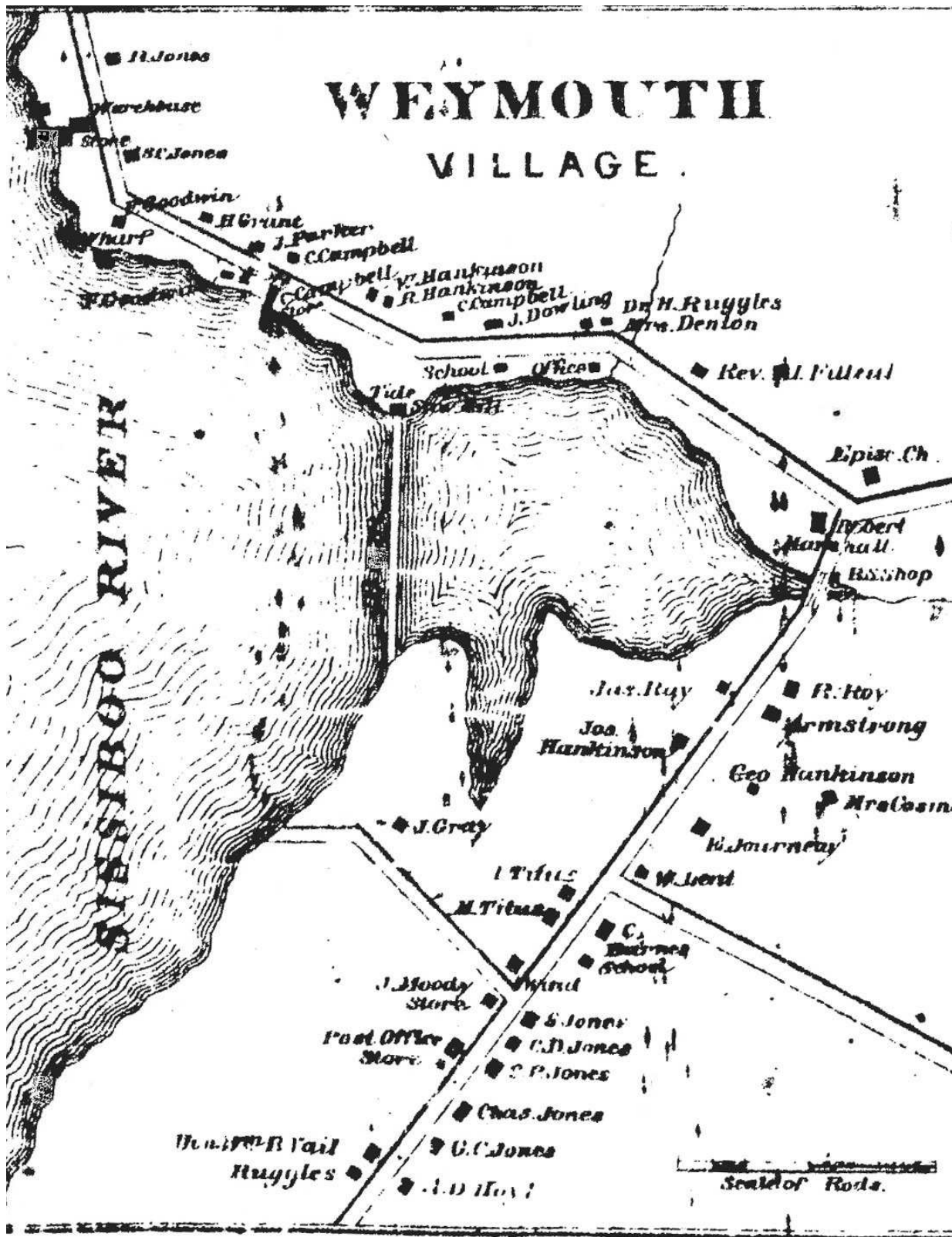
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Riverdale, Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia

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This eighth volume is comprised of entries from 1884.

