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# Sabine Diaries Project

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

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

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

- Join our Facebook group
- Subscribe to our email list
- Tell us about your branch of the Sabine family
- Help us transcribe the Sabine Diaries
- Share your family history research
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You can contact the project leaders (Benjamin Sabine and David Watson) by emailing [info@sabinediaries.com](mailto:info@sabinediaries.com).

# Transcription Disclaimer

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.

# 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.

# Transcription



**Saturday, January 1st, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy-clam & quite cold. F. and M- spent the day at Alfs—Dan came up here to dinner. After which Annie went with him down to the corner. He is painting his floors. Leslie hit Roxy in the eye today with his little fist, and she has been laid up with it all day. Mother got a letter tonight from Mrs. Charles McNeill (W.P.) Some circulars from E. [G.Rideau] came to Roxy. I have been cutting wood [] thing another all day.

**Sunday, January 2nd, 1881**

W. Westerly. Cloudy – but pleasant. Mr. & Mrs. Grant spent the day here. Alf took “old David” out a way on his way home. Dan was here all day. I have been reading a beautiful book entitled “None But Christ.” My health is very poorly. I can only just keep around. But all the rest of us are well at present. Little Leslie is getting along first rate. One day last week he scabbled up to the wood-box, and looking over in a basket that sat there, he said, “Ta-ta-ta”, when his little feet slipped, and over he went. This is the second time he has attempted to climb up by anything. Harold is real well now.

**Monday, January 3rd, 1881**

Wind Westerly. Find pleasant day. F. went to the mill-sawed a stick into sled shoes &c. A.M. I hauled some water – did some work in the barn – cut some wood &c. P.M. I went to the mill & brought out a load of Deals (576) out of Dan’s logs – I brought hoe some sled shoe stuff. F’s sore hand is most well again. Dan is in the Ship-timber business large at present. He has three men in his service.

**Tuesday, January 4th, 1881**

W.W. Clear and sharp. F. at the mill. I shod the long sled at the back-door. Alf made a cord-wood rick. We had club tonight.

**Wednesday, January 5th, 1881**

W.S.E. Fine all day. A.M. F went to the mill and finished sawing. I went with the team, helped F. edge two load of boards and brought out 1145 ft of boards & deals –I believe 376 ft of boards were out of Dans logs. P.M. I cut some wood. F. made an axe-handle [other]. Chattie and Mrs Grant out to W.H.S’s visiting. Alf went out with a load. Henry Green of Tusket died this morning from an attack of heart-disease. Henry Lewis sent F. \$2.00 which he handed over to me.

**Thursday, January 6th, 1881**

W.S.E. cloudy this morning, and looking fearfully like a storm. I went out with a load. Began storming when I was at [Lovitt’s], and continued severely till I got home. Dan moved down Annie’s things to their new [house] today. On Monday last a ship – “Happy Home” owned at Hantsport went on Trinity Ledge and was wrecked. The Captain’s wife and little girl were frozen to death. The steward also was frozen.

**Friday, January 7th, 1881**

W.N.W. Quite pleasant. F & I hauling wood. Alf and Chattie went down the River taking the Old lady home with them. They came home tonight. Alonzo and Blin are here tonight. Annie and Dan moved in their new house.

**Saturday January 8th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine but windy and very cold. I went out with a load of Deals. Alf went down the River to get his money. F. went out to see [Asa Satis] about sawing some logs we talk of putting in the River.

**Sunday, January 9th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear and cold. Alonzo G. here all day. I am laid up with a lame lung. I have been reading “None But Christ”.

**Monday, January 10th, 1881**

W.S.E. Began snowing this morning—continued till towards night when it turned to rain which continued for a short time. A.M. F. cutting or rooting out Ship-Timber. P.M. Doing nothing. I have been laid up all day.

**Tuesday, January 11th, 1881**

W.N. Misting all day. F. rooting out timber. Alf in the B. S. Shop. I helped him some and prepared a piece of hide for moccasins. I can scarcely get around with my lame lungs. Roxy, Chattie & Leslie went up to club tonight.

**Wednesday, January 12, 1881**

W.N.. Cloudy—Little fine snow sifting down. F. rooting timber. Alf went to French-town with a load—which came to \$5.15cts. He got a bbl of meal. I have been working a little at my moccasins &c. A fruit agent was here this afternoon. I subscribed for a plum and pear tree. An old French pedlar was also here.

**Thursday, January 13th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear and warm. F. &A. rooting timber. I have been working a little at my moccasins. Mother is sick with the toothache. Roxy mailed a letter to Ethel Ring. Roxy went down and called on Annie this morning. Eliza [Lesis] was here this evening.

**Friday, January 14th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy and thawing fast. Began raining about noon. I finished my moccasins today. F. fixed up a fish barrel this forenoon to put some herring in (half Bbl) which he got from Jasper White. P.M. He did nothing this afternoon. Alf took a load of timber to the Cove today—came to 7.50. He got a Bbl of meal and some sundries. Mother is very sick today. William around trying to collect Railway [].

**Saturday, January 13th, 1881**

W.N.W. Rained all night. Snow squalls this forenoon—cloudy till night. F. has been making a chain. He went down to Dan's tonight. A.M. I fixed up a bed-stead for Roxy and I—putting in slats—making a “foot board” &c. P.M. I cut a lot of wood &c. Jake Gavil was here this morning—I gave him half a bushel of potatoes. Mother is a little better today. Blin is here this evening.

**Sunday, January 16th, 1881**

W.N. Cloudy—and hazy all day. The day has passed quietly away. We have all been home. Mother is getting quite smart. She sat up all day. Alonzo is here this evening. Ben Wagoner's old mare, which he drove for twenty years, came to her end this morning. The good deacon found her “thrown” in the Stable, and considerably bruised, so he put an end to her. She has been such a faithful animal, and is so well [known] that the sad intelligence of her disease was quite a shock to the community.

**Monday, January 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and hazy. The forest trees are glorious in an array of ice and frost. F. A. & I. have been in the [“Root”] business today. We got up two from down below the spring field. Dan was up here this evening. He brought us the “mail”. Mother is still getting better. Chattie paid me 50 cents today. They still owe me 23cents.

**Tuesday, January 18th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear, but windy and cold. F.A.& I rooting and starting out ship timber. We got a stick off of Blin's land for which we agreed to pay him 25 cents. [Buskirk], with whom Alf traded horses, was to Alf's today. Alf paid him some money. I lent Alf \$1.00 today. Tonight we went up to club on Alf's horse sled. Clark Mosely was initiated.

**Wednesday, January 19th, 1881**

W.N. Fine. F. & I digging timber. Alf went to the Cove with a load for which he got \$ 5.00. Roxy and the babies were down to Dan's visiting. Geo. Holmes came here today, and he and I went down this evening. Dr. [ ] [died] today.

**Thursday, January 20th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudless, and beautiful. F. & I digging timber. Alf choring around. George Holmes went home this morning. Smith, who was in jail at Lunenburg for the murder of Huey and who was sentenced to be hanged today, has made his escape. I am glad to hear it, as his sentence was, in my opinion, a very unjust one.

**Friday, January 21st, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. A. & I [ ] digging timber. We digged out two timbers. P.M. F. hewing timber in the road. Alf and I hauling them up. Looks like a snow storm tonight. Began storming this evening. I do not feel well tonight.

**Saturday, January 22nd, 1881**

W.N.W. Snowed about five inches last night, and continued through the forenoon. F. repairing the bobsled. A.M. I did nothing—not feeling well. P.M. A & I put a couple of shoes on the oxen. I then cut a lot of wood. Willoughby came in today. He got dinner and then went out again. Johnny Lambertson and Eva Marton married today.

**Sunday, January 23rd, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and quite cold. F. Roxy and I with Alf's horse and sleigh went out to hear Willoughby. After service I went down to W.H.S.'s where I stopped till after tea. W.H.S. came up as far as Annie's. Judson came in with me. He stayed all night. Willoughby preached here tonight.

**Monday, January 24th, 1881**

W.N.W. Windy and cold. I went out with a load of wood to Campbell- [ ] Judson went out with me and Willoughby went out with me to Weymouth. F. has been siding timber. Alf went to the Cove with a load of timber.

**Tuesday, January 25th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine—but quite cold. Alf went to the Cove with a load of timber. F. & I have been [working] out roads down in the logging woods. Mother up to Sarah's visiting. In the club tonight I read an essay in “Moral [ ] Punishment”. Mother is going to stay up to Sarah's all night.

**Wednesday, January 26th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine—but quite cold. Alf went to the Cove with the last of the timber. He got us a bbl of flour and some tweed for Roxy a dress-6yds & 17cts. F. & I cleared a road down where we are to log. Roxy got a letter from home.

**Thursday, January 27th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. A & I finished clearing roads. Frank [Keats] came here tonight. He came to assist us in the logging woods. I do not know if we will keep him.

**Friday, January 28th, 1881**

W.N.W. Snowing and blustering like fury. F. went over the lake and got the “cant-hook”. He spent the rest of the day in fixing the bobsled &c. This morning Frank [Keats], Alf & I went into the hauling firewood business. I had not chopped long when I broke my handle. I came home and spent the remainder of the day in making one. Alf & Frank continued in the wood business.

**Saturday, January 29th, 1881**

W.N.W. Stormed and blustered terribly all night. This morning the road is blocked up with snow and as wild a looking time as can be imagined. Stormed severely till noon—quite moderate this afternoon. F. has made himself a pair of “shanks” today. I made

a lantern and Frank has been choring around.

#### **Sunday, January 30th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold. Scattering snow falling. Alonzo has been here off and on today, he is here tonight and is going to stay all night.

#### **Monday, January 31st, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold with snow flying. A.M. F. A. Frank & I breaking roads. P.M. We went down to our logging works with the team. We went to our old camp down there and got a load of boards and took down to build a camp.

#### **Tuesday, February 1st, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold. F. Frank I went down and made a beginning in the logging business. We got one log—or one tree—to the River and [fixed] up the [brow]. The road is so bad we do not have Club tonight. Alf is fixing his sled.

#### **Wednesday, February 2nd, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold. The weather is severe along now. About 15 inches of snow fell in the last storm and with what was on before it looks quite dreary around now. A.M. F. & Frank breaking roads (the wind having drifted the track full again) I have been cutting wood. P.M. F. & I cutting wood. Frank helping Alf in the B. S. Shop. Alonzo is here this evening.

#### **Thursday, February 3rd, 1881**

W.N. Windy—weather a little more mild. We began logging today in earnest. Alf has hired Harris Cosman and he began work this morning. We got fourteen logs to the River today. Alonzo Grant came here this afternoon and is here this evening. Snowed about 3 inches last night.

#### **Friday, February 4th, 1881**

W.N.E. cloudy and moderate misting some tonight. All hands logging. We hired Alonzo this morning and he is going to begin service tomorrow morning. I am quite well now and I hope my health may continue so, at least till we are done logging.

#### **Saturday, February 5th, 1881**

W.N. Fine—clear this forenoon, cloudy till night. Hauling logs. Although the snow is fearfully deep, we have got a good main road broken, and have made a good beginning. We have put 56 in this week. Alonzo G. began work this morning, but as his leg is lame with a cut, he did not go down in the woods today, but has been cutting firewood part of the day for us, and partly for Alf. Will and Joe Cosman are here tonight. I got some circulars from [] & Co. and an [] from S. O. Hoyt. Frank [Keats] went home tonight.

#### **Sunday, February 6th, 1881**

W.N. Clear and quite cold. Dan, Annie, Scot and Alice spent the day here. Willie White also was here. Frank [Keats] came back today.

#### **Monday, February 7th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear and beautiful. All hands logging. Nothing particularly occurred. Harris is here this evening. Alonzo's [writing] an Essay.

#### **Tuesday, February 8th, 1881**

W.S.E. Clear and warm. All of us logging. Mother is visiting down to Annie's. Roxy, Leslie, and I went up to Club tonight. Joe Wick was probably executed this morning as this was the day appointed for it.

#### **Wednesday, February 9th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and thawing fast. The snow has all gone out of the bushes today, and settled about five inches. All of us in the logging woods. Alonzo went down this morning but after working a little while he left and came home—his foot hurting him badly. I do not feel very well today. Mrs Smith and Sarah Cosman has spent the day here. Little Harold did his first little errand today. Mother sent him over to Chattie's to get the cake pan. He performed it like a little man.

#### **Thursday, February 10th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and soft all day. Alf & Frank "rolling" the brow. F. & Harris clearing roads. I have been home all day—not being able to work. I cut some wood for Alf. Alonzo is here laid up with his lame leg.

#### **Friday, February 11th, 1881**

W.S. Shifted to N. Rained heavily during the night. Cloudy till noon where it cleared away. F. began a pair of boots for Scot. Frank cutting wood. Alonzo and I have been writing Essays all day. I am sick and fearfully able to sit up.

#### **Saturday, February 12th, 1881**

W.S.E. Fine this morning but soon clouded up, and this afternoon began storming—snowing first then raining. Alf and Harris cutting c. wood. Frank helping them; he put in about about ¾ of a day. F. finished Scot's boots tonight. I made a little box today with two drawer to keep little trinkets in. I did a lot of chores about the barn and around generally. I am very unwell today, and tonight I am very tired.

#### **Sunday, February 13th, 1881**

W.S.W. Rained very heavily last night—drizzling till noon—cloudy till night. F. went down to Dan's taking Scot's boots. Nothing of note occurred. All of us home reading and &c. I am

reading a little book I got from Alonzo G. entitled "The Blood of Christ": it is a valuable little book for those who are anxious about their Salvation.

#### **Monday, February 14th—St. Valentine's Day**

W.N. Cloudy till noon—clear till night. Windy and cold. F. Alf, Harris, Frank & I in the logging woods. The thaw has taken the snow away wonderfully. It is now about three months of hard steady Winter we have had. Our logging road is not broken up yet. Alonzo's foot is improving fast. He will soon be out again.

#### **Tuesday, February 15th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear and cold. All logging. Pedlar Marton was here today. We went up to Club tonight. Little Leslie has got a terrible sore hand. He burnt his hand several days ago & we thought he was getting over it but it has taken to swelling and is real bad, but we hope it will soon be well again. Today F. sent a letter to E. [Logan] concerning the "courier". I had a Postal Card mailed to J. W. [Daughaday] & Co, concerning printing presses &c. My health is improving some. I got a letter tonight from Judson.

#### **Wednesday, February 16th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy—Began snowing about noon—fell about two inches—turned to rain—rained till night. W. shifted to N.W. Logging again. At noon Alf broke his sled and came home. There is a great Candy Party at Will's tonight. Frank and Alonzo have gone.

#### **Thursday, February 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Partly clear—snow squall. (Logging) Splendid work in the woods now. Eliza Lewis and Alijah [Hate] came here today. Charlie Sabeau, Will Cosman, Isiah Wagoner, and Judson are here tonight. I made a fire up here in my room, and Judson and I have spent the evening here.

#### **Friday, February 18th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine till afternoon when it clouded up and is snowing a little tonight. All of us logging. Alonzo began work again today. He cut wood all day partly for Alf and partly for us. Eliza Lewis and Alijah [Hate] left today. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Benjamin Wagoner's house—hold was made joyous last night by the birth of a "man child".

#### **Saturday, February 19th, 1881**

W.S.E. Shifted to N.W. Snowed about six inches in the night and this it was raining—but the wind shifting, snowed till night. Harris & Frank hauling wood—Hauled three drags to our door, and the rest to Alf's. F. fixed Frank's moccasins. I have been tinkering around.

#### **Sunday, February 20th, 1881**

W.S. Fine. Roxy, Harold, Leslie, and I spent the day down at Annie's. Alf went down the River and got Clarisa and Mable. Aunt Eliza "Simon" died today. Henry [Cormwell] married today.

#### **Monday, February 21st, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy. Began snowing tonight. F. Frank, Alonzo, Harris & I in the logging wood. Alf went out today. Took a load of Deals (our deals) got a bbl of meal for himself & a keg of molasses for us. He mailed a letter for me to J.G. Wade in reference to the Post Office.

#### **Tuesday, February 22nd, 1881**

W.N. Cloudy and cold—clear tonight. Snowed about 4 inches. Logging again. Eugene Cosman, May Wagoner, and Alijah [Hate] were here this afternoon and till Club time. We all were up to Club tonight and had a good meeting.

#### **Wednesday, February 23rd, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and soft all day. Tonight began raining, but turned to snow, and now (9oclk) coming down heavily. F., Alonzo, Frank in the woods. I did not go in today. Willie White spent the evening here—and here to tea. At Blin's they are all down sick of Scarlet fever. I hope our little ones won't get it.

#### **Thursday, February 24th, 1881**

W.N. Snowed only a little dust last night when the wind shifted, and this morning was from the North blowing heavily which continued all day with severe cold—as cold as any of the season. Logging. F. did not come down till afternoon. Alf home all day.

#### **Friday, February 25th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine but very cold. Logging again. We have done a good day's work today. We have put in forty nine logs. This forenoon Alonzo & I worked in the "Brow". Roxy wet up the road today and called upon Mrs B Waggoner, and saw her baby-boy.

#### **Saturday February 26th, 1881**

W.N. Fine, but very cold. All hands logging. I got a Postal Card from J.W. Daughaday & Co.

#### **Sunday, February 27th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy, cold and raw all day. Alf harness up his horse and took Chattie, Clarissa, Roxanna, Scot and Fannie down to the River to see the logs. Dan and Annie were here a while this afternoon. I am not very well—I have been reading most all day.

**Monday, February 28th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy and raw. Began raining about 2oclock. A.M. Alf & Harris, and Alonzo working at the brow. I made Alonzo and axe handle this morning then F., Frank & I went down in the woods. P.M. F. went down to Steve Cross's to get some butter. Alf & Harris at the brow. Alonzo Fr-- & I in the woods. About the middle of the afternoon the rain drove us home.

**Tuesday, March 1st, 1881**

W.S.E. Rained heavily all night and all day today. F. & Frank sharpened the axes. Alonzo cut some wood this afternoon. I cut some too. I have written some today though scarcely able to sit up. Alonzo & I have been engaged during our leisure time in writing an Essay on "Woman's []". Blins Children are getting better.

**Wednesday, March 2nd, 1881**

W.S.E. Snowed some during the night and awhile this morning but stopped and soon all had dissapeared. Wind blowing all day, and soft. A.M. F. mended one of Fannie's shoes. I wrote some. Frank and Alonzo picked over some apples down cellar. P.M. F. Alonzo & Frank hewing a stick for a keelson. I fixed my [] and fixed the pump spout. I have been very unwell these few days.

**Thursday, March 3rd, 1881**

W.E. Half clear—half cloudy, with an occassional squall of snow. A.M. F. Alonzo & Frank finished hewing the keelson. I went down and got my axe, and helped Alf cut cordwood till noon. P.M. I made a [] for Alf then began an axehandle. F. & Frank went to the mill and began clearing [] road around the foot of the lake to haul logs off of the mill [lot]. We discharged [] at noon. He has worked 13 ½ days. [F. & I] gave him an of \$4.00 to Campbells. Harris cut his foot today, and went home. The rain storm made a great [freshet]. The mill pond is about full. Harold and Leslie are getting colds. They are getting better at Blins. Mother & Roxy at Chattie's visiting. I got tea over there tonight.

**Friday, March 4th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy all day and looking like a storm. I finished my axe-handle this morning and "hung it". Frank went down in the logging woods and got the bobsled. He and I then went back on the mill lot and helped F & Alf clear or finish clearing, the road. We got a [] of timber ready. Mrs [RoltRay & [Nancy] Cosman are here today visiting, also Chattie & Clarissa & Mable. Today Sen. Garfield takes up his abode at the White House, and enters upon the [] of his duties—Prest. Hayes term being out.

**Saturday, March 5th, 1881**

W.s.E. Shifted to N.W. Rained all night. Foggy this morning, but cleared off and has been fine and warm all day. A.M. f. made an axe-handle. F. cut some wood &c. I ground my axe &c. P.M. F & Frank went to the mill and hauled a couple of turns of logs—breaking the road. I began Harold a pair of shoes—finishing one. Mother and Mrs Ray visiting down to Annie's.

**Sunday, March. 6th, 1881**

W.N.W. Hazy and soft, till towards night, when it cleared off & began to freeze. Scot came up this morning and brought the Mail —A letter for Roxy from Geo Holmes, and a circular for me from J.W. Daughaday &Co. I have spent the day in reading and &c.

**Monday, March. 7th, 1881**

W.N.E. Clear and blowing heavily all day. Alf, Frank & I began having logs to the mill off of the mill lot. A & I chopping and F. hauling. We hauled 19 logs. This morning F. went down to our logging works, towards the River and got the cross-cut-saw. He then came into the woods—fixed up the road till noon, then began sawing.

**Tuesday, March 8th, 1881**

W.N.W. Calm. Fine and warm. A. Frank & I logging—hauled 21 logs. F. sawing. Frank has gone up to Club tonight. I am too tired to go.

**Wednesday, March 9th, 1881**

W.S.E. Fine and warm. F. sawing. Alf, Frank & I logging—hauled 22 logs. Looks like storm tonight.. Pedler Morton was here today. Harold's cold is getting better Leslie's is worse.

**Thursday, March 10th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy windy—began raining about noon. Alf, Frank & I logging—We got down 4 turns down—14 logs. We got 62 [logs] this week. F. sawing. The rain drove us home about 4 ock.

**Friday, March 11th, 1881**

W.S.E. Showery all day—rained all last night. F. and Frank sawing. I finished Harold's other shoe, and [set] out a pair of slippers for Mother. Leslie took two little steps today.

**Saturday, March 12th, 1881**

W.S.E. Snowed a little in the night, and snowing all day, but thawed as fast as it came. Frank went home this morning. F. & I went home this morning. F. & I sawing. We edged a [lot of] boards &c. I came out around the road [] got my supper at Dan's. Alf went down the camp and the things I left there.

**Sunday, March 13th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and raw. Nothing of important occurred. Scot has been here all day. I have been reading [writing].

**Monday, March 14th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and very cold & raw—Cleared off tonight and freeze hard. F. sawing. Frank & I [skid-] up the mill-road. Frank hauled out 4 loads of dials. I helped F. saw. Alf went

through to [Jerusalem] and got [ ] Mullen to come work for him. Blinn's little girl—Evangeline—who has been sick for several weeks of S. fever, died tonight.

#### **Tuesday, March 15th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and beautiful. Froze hard last night, but soon thawed up today—good sap weather. F. sawing. Frank hauled out some [ ] from the mill, and hauled 4 logs which Alf & I left cut in the woods last week. I made a coffin for Blin's little girl. Mother went down to stay all night with Annie. Dan went to [Frenchtown] this afternoon to go calking. Alf, Leander, Chattie, Clarissa, & Mable got dinner here today. (69—28).

#### **Wednesday, March 16th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine in the morning, but clouded up and snowed a little. Alf & F. sawing. F., Frank & I hauling logs to the mill. We hauled 21. Making 113 we hauled [ ] [ ] and with 25 hauled there last fall—13 [ ]. We put 468 logs in teh River. Frank loaded up the cart with deals [ ] out. Mother went to Annie's last night [and] came hoe tonight. (70-30).

#### **Thursday, March 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and very Spring-like. [ ] F. and Frank with Jos. Porter's ass-istance—hauled up a large spruce stick from down to our logging works. P.M. F. & Frank cutting fence poles. I have been not very well, but have been at work at a pair of slippers for Mother. (70-32)

#### **Friday, March 18th , 1881**

W.S.E. Fine and warm. F. sawing. Frank went out with a load of deals for himself, which came to \$6.32cts. I finished Mother's slippers.

#### **Saturday, March 19th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and very Spring-like. F. sawing. A.M. Frank & I hauled wood. P.M. Frank went home. I cut fence-poles. Mother went out to Aunt Sarah's tonight. I got a letter from J. C. Wade. 70-33

#### **Sunday, March 20, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy all day. All of us home but Mother. She came home tonight. Alf went down the River this morning taking Chattie, Clarissa and Mable. The Czar of Russia was assassinated in the Street of St. Petersburg, by the explosion of a bomb. It probably was the work of the Nihilisto. 70-34.

#### **Monday, March 21st, 1881**

W.S.E. Shifted to S.W. Rained some during the night, foggy till towards night, when it cleared away. F. sawing. I have been cutting fence poles. Alf and Chattie got home at noon. 70-35

#### **Tuesday, March 22, 1881**

W.S. Foggy till noon when it cleared off beautifully. It looks very spring-like. A.M. I went to the mill and helped F. edge boards. I came out the [bed] mill road and got dinner at Dan's. P.M. I cut fence-poles. Scot was down there with me. He is going to stop here while Fanny stays at Annie's. F. finished sawing for now. Leslie has begun climbing up stairs. So today I put a board across to keep him down. He is getting to be a jolly little toad. 70-36

#### **Wednesday, March 23, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and glorious. A.M. F. & I cutting fence-poles. P.M. I hauled poles and F. chopped. We have been getting poles down towards the lake, near where I hewed timber for my [ ]. [ ] Geo. Malsh has been today to see about buying Alrite farm.

#### **Thursday, March, 24th, 1881**

W.N.W. Windy and raw. F. & I cutting and hauling—or rather starting—fence poles. Roxy and Leslie, with Chattie have been down to Annie's visiting. Roxy took Leslie down in the little baby-waggon—The first time it has been used. Peddler Morton has been here today. 70-38

#### **Friday, March 25th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy, raw, and cold. A.M. F. cutting fence poles. I went up to see Geo. Sabean about what he owes me. The bill is \$3.41. John [ ] has come down on him for debt and he is going to break up house-keeping, and go away. I helped F. cut poles till noon. P.M. F. & I finished starting poles up from down here—we have got 350 piled up in the pasture. Aunt Sarah has spent the day here. Joe Como has been here this evening canvassing for a paper. Roxy is making Harold a little straw hat. 71-38

#### **Saturday, March 26th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine but windy, raw, and cold. F. cutting fence poles. I went out with a load of Deals—1035 ft. The road is fearfully bad. I had a hard day of it. I was so tired when I got home that I was "most dead." I got a barrel of flour-price 7.75, a bbl of meal 4.75, 3 galls molasses 1.50 some leather, shoe nails. I took out a bushel of apples for F. Cate. Annie came home today. 73-38

#### **Sunday, March 27th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold. Snowed a little last night. Dan came last night about midnight. Judson, and Charlie were here this afternoon & evening. Frank Cate came back this afternoon. He is getting to work here again. 78-39

#### **Monday, March 28, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and clear. We began "breaking our brow." We Joseph Porter helping us. Alf. Cosman and Ben Swift are here tonight.

**Tuesday, March 29, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and glorious. A.M. We worked on the brow. At noon Will Cos-man came down. He had just returned from up the Bay, and said that Hittie was going to move to the States—going to start tomorrow and that Roxy wanted me to go up the Bay this afternoon. So he worked in my place and Roxy, Leslie & I with Alf's horse went up the Bay where we arrived about dark. 78-[]

**Wednesday, March 30, 1881**

W.N.E. Fine. Cornelia Ring & I started for, or rather went, to Digby this morning. My business there was to look for employment as a peddler, [] in some light occupation. [I] went to Mr Edward Keen's where I [] my horse. We got dinner and tea at his house—and found him a very generous man. I looked around town, but found no opening. I bought Leslie a pair of shoed, for which I paid 50 cents. I bought Harold a little tin whistle for which I paid 5 and a stick of candy for which I paid 1ct making in all 56 cts. I visited the "Courier" Office, where I procured some printing ink and a quire of paper. We had a pleasant drive down tonight. Today F. Frank, Alf, Leander and Will Cosman rolling the brow. 78-44

**Thursday, March 31, 1881**

W.E. Snowed about three inches last night, and continued through the day. This morning Roxy went up to see her grandma and I went up to Uncle John's where I spent the day and evening very pleasantly. 78-53

**Friday, April 1st, 1881**

W.E. Quite warm. Snow flying till noon—then cleared off. We came home this forenoon. The traveling was very heavy. Sleighs were in use today. We got home about noon. F. and Frank has been hauling poles around the [level] field on the hill. P.M. Frank hauled poles and F. & I began cutting poles on John Edd. I cut hair for Obed White and Will Cosman. Obed got dinner here. 79-55

**Saturday, April 2nd, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy—thawing, with frequent squalls of snow. We finished rolling the brow today. I was taken with a severe sore throat yesterday or last night, and tonight I am quite sick. F. cut me out a pair of boots tonight.

**Sunday, April 3rd, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and windy and very cold—Has not thawed a bit. I have been very sick all day. Fanny came home from Harris & Scot went home too. Annie's baby is sick and Mother went down there tonight. 79-56

**Monday, April 4th, 1881**

W.N.W. Celar, but windy and very cold. F. working at my boots. Frank hauling fence poles. I'm still sick. Harold and Leslie [] and Alice have all got the chicken [pox]. Looking for the census man. 79-58

**Tuesday, April 5, 1881**

W.N.W. Quite fine but windy & cold. A.M. F. & Frank hauling wood. P.M. F. cutting fence poles. Frank hauling. I am a little better today. The babies are getting better. We are reading a novel by Lord Beaconsfield, entitled, "Henrietta Temple". It is a splendid story, and well worthy of perusal. I am greatly opposed to novel reading in a general way, but this work should not be classed with the light-fiction of the day. It is a faithful delineation of human nature. And those fond of pure language and refined sentiment will find this masterly production of of England's late premier a rare literary treat.

**Wednesday, April 6th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold—a real Winter day. About half an inch of snow fell last night. It is a great time for getting fence poles. F. & Frank in the fence pole business. They are hauling off of John Edd. for a [line] fence. I am better today. I made a sett of mat frames and a last for Roxy.

**Thursday, April 7th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and quite spring-like. F. & I cutting poles. Frank hauling. The babies are about well.

**Friday, April 8th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. & I cutting poles. Frank hauling. Annie, Scot, and Alice spent the day here. It is Scot's birth-day. 83-58

**Saturday, April 9th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and warm. F. sawing for Dan. Frank went out with a load of Deals to get his pay. He is done here tonight. I cut poles all day. J. Taylor, the school teacher came home with him tonight. [Roxy-] got a letter tonight from Geo. Holmes. We mailed a letter today to F. Fullerton. Mrs Selar's Bright died lately. 84-58

**Sunday, April 10th, 1881**

W.N.E. Fine and spring-like. Mother is not very well. Roxy & I got a few little May-flowers. I heard some frogs for the first this Season. Taylor stayed here last night. F. has been down to Dan's this afternoon. They say Roxy & I quarrel. On the next [page] I will say what I think of it. 85-59

Quarrel with my wife? 'tis false!

Such Thing I never do;

I care not who asserted this,

It is not true.

When Rox and I were wed

To this we made our mind,

We will not to each other speak

A word unkind

Each other's faults to hear,

Each little wrong forgive,

That love should govern all our acts

We vowed to live.

Though this we firmly said

Our hearts were human still;  
 There lawless temper, passion dwell.  
 And stubborn will.  
 Forth to life's struggling cares  
 By duty we were called;  
 Unguarded oft and unawares  
 Some word would fall;  
 Some bitter cruel word  
 Recalled as soon as said:  
 This is alone by others heard;  
 But 'neath the shade  
 Of evening's dusky brow  
 No listeners interrupt  
 To see the tears, to hear the vow  
 When we make up.  
 I'm going away to sea!  
 Says youth with ardour warm.  
 How calm—how daring I will be  
 Amid the Storm!  
 The day arrives—He clings  
 Fast to the surf-lashed deck  
 The cruel, raging tempest drives  
 The ship a wreck.  
 Ah! Where is now the boast?  
 And where the lad so brave?  
 So ask that grim and iron-bound coast  
 That guards his grave.  
 'Tis thus at life's fair mourn!  
 With hopes and prospect bright  
 Unconsciously we're borne along,  
 And all is right;  
 But scattering clouds which made  
 The morning sky more bright  
 Are gathered into sombre shade  
 Long ere the night.  
 You say we quarrel—go find  
 A pair in all this land  
 Who never speak a word unkind  
 But hand in hand  
 Glide smoothly, calmly through to  
 Stern life's untried domain;  
 Seek where you will I fear that you  
 Will seek in vain.  
 Many there are who start  
 Upon life's voyage together  
 Who laugh at compas, log and chart  
 In such fine weather.  
 -----Sunday Evening, April 10th, 1881

#### Monday, April 11, 1881

W.N.W. Clear and fine. F. cutting poles. I have been hauling. This is Little Leslie's first birth-day; and if he lives to be a man, and is like his "papa" this entry will be fraught with much [] to him. Old Mrs Smith spent the afternoon here. Chattie is sick. Mother has been there most all day. 86-60

#### Tuesday, April 12th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine but windy. There came a little dust of snow last night but soon vanished. F. sawing. A.M. I finished hauling

poles around the Spring field. P.M. I got a lot of stuff for [rick] gates. Aunt Olive came here this afternoon. I went to Blin's with her this evening to see about [note]. 87-60

#### Wednesday, April 13th, 1881

W.S.E. Clear and fine in the morning, but clouded up, and this evening it is snowing a little. F. helped Leander cut logs back of the lake. Alf went to Tusket to look for a []—did not get one. Mr Blin and I made a long piece of fine fence between our field (or rather pastures) and John Edd's field. Aunt Olive is here yet. We heard to day that Peter Grant ("Tall Pete") is dead. 91-60

#### Thursday, April 14th, 1881

W.N.E. Snowed a little last night. Cloudy and mist all day. F. at work at my boots. A.M. I helped F. a little on my boots. F. at work at my boots all day. P.M. Blin and I began to build a fence around the Spring-field. Aunt Olive went away this afternoon. They say that Sarah Steele and Job Journeay are being married tonight. 93-60

#### Friday, April 14th, 1881

W.N.E. Began raining in the night which continued all day accompanied with heavy wind. F. & I finished my boots today. This entry is short but what I have written here may preserve it's individuality amid the crowding confusion of my life's [fleet] days.

#### Saturday, April 16th, 1881

W.W. Snowed through the night and a while this morning, but thawed as fast as it fell. The weather then partially cleared up. F. & I made or finished the fence around the Spring field. Alf and Leander have been hauling in logs over the lake. [Effe] McAlpine came to Alf's today. 93-61

#### Sunday-Easter-April 17, 1881

W.N.W. Cloudy all day. Mother and Harold went down to Annie's this morning. F. Roxy and I went up to hear Mr Gates preach. It was his last Sunday here: he is going to move away to New Brunswick. Job & Sarah "appeared out" today. Annie came up with Mother this afternoon. F. went up to meeting this evening. Job Journeay at this evening's meeting handed himself over to the Disciples. Will Cosman spent the afternoon here—getting his tea. I began another poem today—the subject being the tale of Joseph and his brethren as recorded in the Bible. 98-62

#### Monday, April 18th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine, but quite raw and windy. I went up to Geo. Sabean's this morning to see him concerning a debt he owes me. The remainder of the day F. & I spent in hauling rocks out of the field back of the shop where we are going to plough. Mrs Smith and Mrs Geo. Sabean spent the day here. Roxy and Mother are helping her make a dress. Lydia Sabean has also spent the day here—Annie & Scot too stayed till night. W.H. Sabean was here to dinner. 113-62



**Tuesday, April 19th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine—Cloudy in the morning, but cleared off—windy. F. & I went around the lake on the point below “John Edd’s field” and cut thirty logs for Alf—making in all a hundred—Alf hauling them in with his horse. Harold is about half sick today. We fear it is worms ail him.

**Wednesday, April 20th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. & I made a “stone drag” and finished hauling stones off of the field back of the Shop. Harold is a little better today. Effe had a great adventure with Mrs Jos. Porter.

**Thursday, April 21, 1881**

W.S.W. In the morning—shifted to N.E. Partly cloudy and windy. F. & I went back to [] [] and set the meadows on fire. 114-62

**Friday, April 22, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine but windy raw. A.M. Scot and I began plowing (breaking up) a piece back of the Shop. F. fixing a cart wheel. P.M. We attempted to plough again [but] broke the land side of the plough. We then put a share on the old plough and tried that; but at the very onset broke the share and had to give it up. I then hauled up a stick for a cart-axel. I hewed a side for a rick gate and bored it &c. F. choring around. Alf took [Manda Hux] and “Michael Job” out to the Station today. Blin is moving today.

**Saturday, April 23rd, 1881**

W.N.W. This morning it was cloudy and looked a little rain, but it soon cleared off and became the warmest and most beautiful day we have had yet today. F. went out with a load of Deals. He got a bbl of meal—5 gals of molasses. He took a bushel of potatoes to [] Nichol’s. I pitched over the manure heaps today. Tonight I went out to W. H. S.’s & I got a circular from True & Co. Lord Beaconsfield has lately died. Luke [Ford] is also dead. 115-62 Willoughby took dinner here today. A fruit agent came along from whom I ordered a pear tree ([President]) price \$1.00

**Sunday, April 24th, 1881**

W.S.W. Quite a fine day. I stopped at W. H. Sabean’s last. This forenoon we went up to hear Mr Gates. He & his family were to embark today for Deer Island, but his little girl—Mary—taking sick they were prevented from going, so he held meeting this morning. His text was, “therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of Salvation.” Alf and Roxy were out to Meeting. I went again down to W. H. S.’s, where I remained till after tea. When W. H. S. & Lydia accompanied me home, where Willoughby preached. 119-65

**Monday, April 25, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. Scot and I ploughing all day. F. making a cart axel. Alf and Jim Manzer rafting logs on Provo lake. Willoughby went home this morning. I mailed a letter by him to [G. E.

Farnham]—Digby—in reference to the printing business.. Obbed & Willie White started today for the States. At W. H. S.’s, last Sunday, I wrote in Annie [Cote’s] Autograph [] the following lines, which, as I preserve the most of an scribbling, I will record here.

To Annie

Happy little Annie,  
Skipping oer her ‘teens,  
With the flush of child-hood’s  
Sunny land of dreams.  
Mingling with the tracings  
Of woman’s dawning ray  
Like morning’s glow embracing  
The sober beams of day.  
Merry little Annie,  
Remember that the May  
Of life, like that of springtime  
Soon will glide away

120-65

**Tuesday, April 26, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. Scot and I finished plowing back of the Shop. F. at work at his cart axel. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Raining tonight. 122-65

**Wednesday, April 27, 1881**

W. Variable. Fine and beautiful. Rained considerable last night. F. & I have been rafting logs today. Leslie began today to climb up on the lounge and chairs for the first. He’s been taking medicine and is better.

**Thursday, April 28th, 1881**

W.S. Foggy till towards night, when it cleared off delightfully. It is beautiful spring weather. The grass is green, and everything is forward. F. and Alf making fence up the Eastern side of the field down on the hill. I began to harrow “sod” out here, but being so unwell, I gave the whip to Scot who followed the oxen till noon, and I went to bed. P.M. I harrowed again, and finished the piece. Jim Manzer is here tonight

**Friday, April 29th, 1881**

W.S. Quite fine this morning but clouded up and at eleven oclck began raining, which continued till now (9oclk pm). Scot & I began crossploughing and worked till the rain drove us. A.M. F. & Alf fixed the plough which I broke the other day. After which they began ploughing down on the hill with Alf’s horse. P.M. F. making shingles. I prepared some stuff for a rick gate. My health is very poor now. Marton was here today. George Sabean’s family moved away today. Harold is quite well again, and Leslie is getting to be a jolly boy.

**Saturday, April 30th**

W.N.W. Fine but cold and windy. Scot & I ploughed. F. & Alf mending fence. Alf went down the River this afternoon. I was

expecting a letter tonight from Farnham, but none came. I got a paper tonight entitled "The Christian [Fireside]". 123-65

#### **Sunday, May 1st, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine, but raw. Aunt Catherine and Roger came here this morning. We have all been home all day. Dan was up awhile this afternoon. 129-65

#### **Monday, May 2nd, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy this morning, and began raining quite early, and continued till noon. Foggy till towards night when the wind shifted & the weather cleared up. A.M. Alf & I began ploughing down on the hill with Alf's horse till the rain drove us. The rest of the day I have been [barking] rick gates stuff. F. making shingles. Tonight F. & I finished ploughing our potato ground. Will Cosman has been working in the shop & Harris C- has been there. Geo. Prime came here tonight. We sold Jim Manzer 4 bushel's of potatoes today.

#### **Tuesday, May 3rd, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine, but windy. Geo Prime and wife went home this morning. A.M. Alf & I ploughed down on the hill. F. harrowing out here by the Shop. P.M. Alf ploughed a little but his horse being sick, he soon knocked off. I digged around some apple trees &c. F. finished harrowing, & then went to the mill and got a lot of edgings for a hen-yard. (158-66)

#### **Wednesday, May 4, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine, but windy. A.M. Alf & I finished ploughing on the hill where we are to sow barley. P.M. We spread out a lot of buckwheat to dry—Alf spread out 5 bushels, I put out 4 ½ bushels. I hauled some horse manure around the barn and mixed it with some frozen manure. F. is laid up with a lame []. Blin is here tonight; he is going to stop till morning.

#### **Thursday, May 5th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and warm. I began hauling out manure—put out 8 loads. F. cut up a lot of seed, and planted two rows. The census take (Norman Jones) was along today; he got dinner here. Blin is here again tonight, Alf went out today—(140-66)

#### **Friday, May 6th, 1881**

W.S. Quite fine fill towards night when it clouded up, and rained till night. I put out 6 loads of manure. F. Sawing. Dandelions have made their appearance. Blin stayed here last night. 140-66

#### **Saturday, May 7th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy till noon then cleared up beautifully. Cloudy again tonight. F. & I have been rafting logs. We got them all—or about all—in. Again I am dissapointed in not getting a letter from Digby []—I'll not complain. Perhaps it is all for the best.

#### **Sunday, May 8, 1881**

W.N.E. cloudy and dismal. We all went down to Dan's this afternoon to start a Sunday School. Roxy and I went up to Cosman's awhile tonight 140-67

#### **Monday, May 9th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and raw all day and looking like rain. This evening it has begun to rain. F. hunting a cow all the forenoon. I went out with a load to G. Campbell's 370 ft Deals & 746 [S. ] Scot McAlpine went out with me. Alf went out to W. H. S.'s and got 500 weight of hay. (5 cut hay). I mailed a letter to Obed & [Millar] White who are in the States.

#### **Tuesday, May 10th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and showery. I put out 5 loads of manure, and harrowed twice a little piece of ground where F. sowed a little wheat. F. helped Alf part of the forenoon—sowed his wheat &c. Mrs Smith has been here this afternoon and is going to stop all night. Roxy and Harold has been down to Annie's most all day. My health is very poor. I am scarcely able to get around. 141-68

#### **Wednesday, May 11th, 1881**

W.S.E. Overcast—but warm; fine growing weather. I pitched the manure from under the stable and scraped up the yard. F. finished a hen-year which he began yesterday. Mrs Smith has been here most all day. Roxy has been making a dress for her. I am quite sick today. 143-68

#### **Thursday, May 12, 1881**

W.E. Cloudy and warm. F planting potatoes. I hauled out 7 loads of manure. F. & I ploughed up the garden. I grafted an apple-tree. P.M. Mother visiting to John Edd's. Leslie is beginning to walk a little. Roxy began Harold's first pair of pants today. She brought him out in the field with them on for me to see how they looked. I wonder if he will remember it? 143-69

#### **Friday, May 13th, 1881**

W.E. Cloudy, but warm. A.M. F. planting potatoes. P.M. He grafted the apple tree in front of the shop and cut up some seed. I hauled out 6 loads of manure. Tonight F. & I loaded a large stick of timber which I purpose going to the Cove with tomorrow. Mother and Roxy "cleaned out the milk room". Mother wishes me to put this down.

#### **Saturday, May 14th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and glorious. I went to the Cove with a large stick of Spruce timber, which had it been [sound], would have brought ten or twelve dollars, but, being rather some, only got a barrel of meal—price five dollars. F. planted potatoes a part of the day and then grafted apple-trees. I got a letter from Culbert & White [from] I ordered some fruit trees.

**Sunday, May 15, 1881**

W.E. Cloudy and gloomy all day and looking like rain. This morning F. Roxy Harold & I started to go out to hear Willoughby. We left Harold at Annie's, and when about midway across Como's swamp, met Willoughby coming. He said that he with a few others had assembled, and after waiting an hour for others, they departed. F. turned back with Willoughby, and Roxy & I went on to Aunt Sarah's where we stopped till afternoon, when Aunt Sarah, [], & Charlie came in with us to hear Willoughby who preached here at four pm. 147-72 Leslie can walk around like everything.

**Monday, May 16th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and showery till towards night when it began raining in earnest. A.M. I put out one load of manure, made a lot of furrows &c. F. [] potato seed. P.M. I fixed the stable floor, cut some wood []. F. Went to the mill and got a load of lumber. I am sick today.

**Tuesday, May 17, 1881**

W.E. Rained and blew all night and all day. F. made Fanny a pair of shoes. I have done nothing but read—Alf [being] using the tools. Mother came near being choked to death this morning. Oh! how scarred I was. She has been sick all day. Her throat is most as bad as it was years ago, before she had it doctored. Will Cosman has got the measles. A bear killed a couple of sheep belonging to Peter Wagoner last night. Alf is making a [book desk.] Mother and Roxy have begun another mat-being the third for this spring.

**Wednesday, May 18, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy with an occasional slight shower. This morning Alf & I went for the cows which did not come home last night. We found the down by Alf's chopping and found a calf there which one of the cows had a week ago last Monday. The Old brute had never gone near it, and we supposed it to have been dead—But now we found the cow with it. It was very poor and weak—could just stand. It is wonderful that it lived so long. Alf carried it home and I drove the cows. This morning F. went up to Peter W's and got some bear bait apple which F. & I went around the lake and baited up an old trap. We also went away back to the den to see if any bears had been there lately. We saw no signs, and returned at noon. P.M. F. I— having noticed the lambs bleating considerably, thought that perhaps the bear had visited our flock also. We accordingly made a circuit of the pasture and found where a sheep had been killed and dragged into the woods. We came home and got Alf and went down and sat a trap. Roxy, Fanny, Chattie and Effe went with us to see the bear's works. The [] the wool out of the sheep and brought it home.

**Thursday, May 19th, 1881**

W.S. Partly clear and extremely warm. F. planting potatoes & Fanny dropping. I went out today with a load of Deals to

Campbell's. I got a bbl of flour, some fish &c. Thomas [Wealth] came here tonight. He is seeding apple trees.

**Friday, May 20th, 1881**

W.S.E. Showery till towards night when it came on to rain heavily. I put out three loads of manure. This forenoon F. planted—this afternoon he and I picked up 12 barrels of potatoes which we are going to sell to D. Campbell. F. [Mallett] stayed here last night. Mother and Roxy are cleaning house all they know. Harold wanders around picking off the flowers and all sorts of mischief, and Leslie toddles around and cries after his mother. Alf and Chattie went to Weymouth with the carriage. Alf is making a book case. My health is very poor now. 148-72

**Saturday, May 21, 1881**

W.S.E. Rained heavily most all night and a great part of the day. Tonight the rain is pouring in torrents. We are having plenty of rain and wet weather this Spring & the grass is growing beautifully and the trees are showing signs of verdure. F. sawing. I barreled some potatoes and headed them all up &c. Mr Mullen came here today delivering trees, the orders for which were taken last Winter. They are from the nursery of White & Culbert New Brunswick. I received a plume tree (Mare's [Artic]”) and a pear tree (Bartlett). Mother received a weeping willow & half a dozen currant bushes. Alf got a couple of Elms. Mullen got his dinner here. I have got a badly swollen eye. I do not know what is the matter with it. 149-72

**Sunday, May 22nd, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy & Gloomy. I slept all the forenoon. P.M. We all [repaired] to Annie's to have Sunday School at the close of which W. H. Sabena & I went back to Hill-town to see if Henry Sabean would come and assist us in our School. I did not seem to relish the proposition. It rained very heavy all night. and has been one of the greatest freshets known for years.

**Monday, May 23rd, 1881**

W.N. Fine and beautiful. F. went out to Gate's today to see about our logs. I went down the River with twelve barrels of potatoes for Douglas Campbell. I did not succeed very well as I got but 1.15 a bbl for the. The potatoes came to \$ 13.80. & I got stuff to the amount of \$7.53 leaving a balance in my favour of 6.27. Judson went out with me & he & I put in a pretty good day. It was between twelve and One Oclk when I got home. I got a catalogue from a book Co.

**Tuesday, May 24th, 1881**

W.S.W. Gloriously fine. I finished putting out manure for potatoes—put out four loads. F. planting. I planted a row tonight. Alf drove his logs on provo brook. Tonight he went down the river with a load of grain. [Tim] Pleasant came here today & got some potatoes. F. gave him 2 bushels and sold him 2 bushels.

### Wednesday, May 25, 1881

W.S. Fine all day. We finished planting today. "Dan's nigger" (John Pierce) helped us. A.M. F. dropped & the darkey and I dropped. P.M. F. & the darkey finished & I set out my plum and pear trees &c. Annie spent the day here. Alf got home from down the River tonight. 152-72

### Thursday, May 26, 1881

W.S.E. Fine. F. sawing. I spread a load of ashes on the barley ground and then harrowed it. I hauled a load of poles tonight and "[top-ridded]" the fence around my apple tree field. Mother and Roxy finished fixing up the garden. It looks real well. Charlton Newcomb is married again—they say. The cherry trees are now in full bloom, and the trees leaving out fast.

### Friday, May 26th, 1881

W.S.W. Fine. A.M. F. sowed the wheat and barley. I hauled off a couple of loads of stones & then harrowed till noon. P.M. I finished harrowing. F. painted over-head in the kitchen and then hunted sheep till night. Marton was here tonight. Roxy got a letter tonight from her Mother. Leslie has played outdoors most all the afternoon. He has not been out to play before. He has had a great spree.

W.W. Fine and warm. F. sheared the sheep today. A.M. I prepared some rows for vegetables. P.M. I painted the kitchen and made some rows for tomatoes. I painted the kitchen floor this evening. Roxy and Leslie went up the Bay with Harris Cosman this afternoon. Mailed three postal cards for seed catalogues. 152-73

### Sunday, May 29th, 1881

W.S.W. Quite fine. A.M. We all went down to Annie's to Sunday School. It did not amount to much and it is doubtful if we meet again. Judson came home with us. Roxy came down this afternoon. She was going to stop to Dan's till tomorrow, but Mother was taken sick so when Harris came I took his horse and went down and brought her and Leslie home. I am very unwell tonight. 156-76

### Monday, May 30th, 1881

W.W. Quite fine. A heavy thunder storm passed by to the eastward, but we only got a few spatters from its sable skirts. I spent a terrible sick night. I am a little better today, but have done nothing much. F. sawing. Alf went to the Cove with a load of wood. I sold John Edd W— three and a half bushels of potatoes this afternoon. Mother is better today.

### Tuesday, May 31st, 1881

W. Southerly but fine. F. sawing. A.M. I fixed the fence below the "[ ]" field, hunted up the [oxes] T which he lost in the pasture, and after making a [patent] fastening for it, put it on him—which took till noon. P.M. I put the glass in a couple of windows for

Dan, sowed a lot of vegetable seeds and done chores around generally. I am feeling a little better. Little Leslie is about half sick.

### Wednesday, June 1st, 1881

W.N.W. Fine. F. sawing. I put a top to the "little table" for Mother a sort of centre-table to put books on. I also made a couple of [ranch] benches which mother and Roxy are going to cushion. I made a rick for me grape vine and did sundry little jobs around. I do not feel able to do anything, but there is so much to do that I try to keep moving, wether what I do amounts to much or not. Mother and Roxy washed their wool today. The potatoes are coming up. Harold went to sleep down in the potato patch this afternoon. He is a great boy. Leslie is getting quite smart again.

### Thursday, June 2nd, 1881

W. variable. Fine and beautiful. F. went to the mill. I [set] out a lot of of [ ] for Mother—fixed the sink—laid a floor in the "hole" in the wood-house—planted some pole-beans &c. P.M. I went to the mill to help F. edge boards. Shortly after I got there the [pitman] broke so we took it out, and came home.

### Friday, June 3rd, 1881

W.S.E. Quite fine in the forenoon but in the afternoon the wind breezed up fresh, and clouds gathered and [ ] in dense wreathing volumes through the heavens, and tonight there is strong appearances of rain. F. at the mill making a new pitman. A.M. I made a cucumber bed and did some chores around. P.M. I went to the mill and hauled out two loads of boards—one load -1636 ft of shingle stuff for Mr Wyman. I am going out tomorrow if it don't storm.

### Saturday, June 4th, 1881

W. Easterly. Began raining in the night and continued all day. F. & I went to the mill [part] the new pitman, repaired the water wheel, [fulling] in a new [ ] &c. We then edged eight loads of boards. I came out around the road and brought the oxen home which were in the little field by Como's. I got a letter tonight from Obed White who is in the States.

### Sunday, June 5th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine and glorious but clouded up tonight, and looks like rain again. Nothing of note occurred. Dan & Annie with W. H. Sabeau spent the afternoon here. I went out a way with W. H. S. tonight. We had a good long talk. Alf and Chattie went down the River this morning. 162-76

### Monday, June 6th, 1881

Rained some in the night, but fine again today, with wind N. W. F. sawing. Alf got home at noon. I went out with a load of boards to Hoyt (1069 ft) Pine and Spruce. I got Harold a pair of shoes & Judson went out with me. I mailed a letter to go to the "American Book Store".

**Tuesday, June 7th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine (Frost last night). F. went out to Gate's to see about the logs. [Ramey] White & I [sawing] logs for Frank White 162-77

**Wednesday, June 8th, 1881**

W.S.E. Fine this morning, but clouded up this afternoon, and showery. F. sawing. Finished Frank White's logs. They made about 1400. I hauled out five loads of manure from the sink hole to plant beans and turnips on. Tonight I went to the mill & brought out a load of deals. Annie and her baby have spent the day here. My health has greatly improved since last week. I sent a bushel of potatoes to [Nichols] today making 3 bushels he has had 165-77

**Thursday, June 9, 1881**

W.N.W. Foggy this morning but cleared off. F. sawing. I started to go out today. I went as far as W. H. Sabean's where I exchanged work with Judson, he driving out my team & I helping his father haul off stones. He took out 1040 ft of deals and got 2 [lbs] of soap. Mother is not very well tonight. 165-78

**Friday, June 10, 1881**

W.S.E. Quite fine in the morning but clouded up, and began raining about sun-set. F. sawing. A.M. I planted beans. P.M. I went to the mill and hauled out two loads of lumber. I brought out the last of Wyman's shingle boards making in all about 1780 ft. I brought out a load of deals to take out tomorrow. Morton has been here today.

**Saturday, June 11th, 1881**

W. Easterly. Foggy this morning but cleared up and has been very warm. F. butchered a veal this forenoon and spent the rest of the day in mending his boots. I went out with a load of deals 1015. I got two seed catalogues for Roxy out of the mail. Roxy came out to Como's swamp and met me. Capt. S. A. Steele went away today in [Dug.] Campbell's Schooner.

**Sunday, June 12th, 1881**

W.W. Fine and lovely. Roxy, Harold and I took a walk to the lake this morning. We went around through Porter's pasture & Harold picked a lot of box-berries. Scot is here this afternoon. I have been composing a poem. We heard yesterday that Annie [Specht] is married. 166-78

**Monday, June 13, 1881**

W.N.E. Fine and warm. A.M. F. helped Alf tire a wheel for the carriage. I finished planting the beans, and sowed a couple of rows with turnip seed. P.M. F. sawing. I hauled a couple of loads of lumber from the mill, and mended one of my fine boots. Straw-terries are getting quite thick some places. The liliacs are in full bloom.

**Tuesday, June 14, 1881**

W. Variable. Began raining about sun-rise and continued till towards noon where it cleared up for a while, but began raining again, and continued till most night, when the weather finally cleared up. A.M. F. making shingles. I did not do anything. P.M. F. choring around. Roxy and I with Harold, went to Weymouth shopping. We got some dishes from Mrs Lovit's—price 3.75. We went up to the Station to see the train come in. Harold I went on the engine and had a ride. We got things at Campbell's to the amt of \$ 1.62

**Wednesday, June 15, 1881**

W.N.W. Rained a slight shower this morning, but cleared off & has been a delightful day. F. sawing. I spent a terrible night with toothache and a lame neck. I have kept the house all day. I have added a few verses to my poem.

**Thursday, June 16th, 1881**

W.N. Cloudy and as cold as Winter. F. sawing. I went to Weymouth with a load of deals 907—66 refuse. Lydia Sabean and Lizzie Steele have been here visiting all day. 170-78

**Friday, June 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Glorious day; breezy and cool. F. sawing. A.M. I began a desk for the Woodville School-house. (I have engaged to make one for five dollars). P.M. I went to the mill, hauled a load of slabs and fixed the mill road, and started out a load of deals to go to market with tomorrow. Alf and Chattie started for association at Paradise today. Chattie has been having a bad time from the sting of a bee on her heel. Alf took her to the doctor yesterday. It has been announced that the world is to end on Sunday morning next at 3 ock.

**Saturday, June 18th, 1881**

W.S.W. Very smoky and thick, so thick as to obscure the sun. the [who] world is in a state of great excitement because of an announcement that the world is "coming to an end" tomorrow morning at half past Three O'Clock. Several of the planets are to be in peculiar relative positions and from this is to arise the mischief. Some say that it is to be the final consumation of all things; others, that only a part of the earth is to be destroyed, but it seems to be the opinion of some scientists that there will probably be an earthquake accompanied by atmospherical commotions. And a great tidal wave but how much is true will soon be known. F. has been sawing, I have out with a load of deals (1040) Roxy got another "Seed Catalogue". I got a letter from Obed White. I mailed a postal card to the "[Orginelle] Co."

**Sunday, June 19th, 1881**

W. W. Fine. This morning dawned fine and beautiful. The old earth is still turning around on his axis as unconcerned as though nothing had been supposed to happen. I have been sick all day

with tooth and head-ache. Dan, Annie & Scot have spent the day here. 176-78

#### **Monday, June 20th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. sawing. I helped Dan plough up a piece in front of his house. He is to give me \$1.50 for the job. I went to the mill and started out a load of deal tonight. Waity White was here tonight. 177-79 I sent Nichols a bushel of potatoes this morning—making four he has had. 177-78

#### **Tuesday, June 21, 1881**

W. Variable. Showery. F. sawing. I worked at the School-desk. Dan started for St. John today. Annie took him to the Station. The strawberries are getting quite thick. The season has been very cold and wet. Grass and grain looking well. I am terribly afflicted with neuralgia in my head. I can just keep around. 177-79

#### **Wednesday, June 22, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and cool. There came a heavy thunder shower in the night. F. sawing. I worked at the desk. I have got it most done. Annie spent the day here. Robbie Wagoner drove the teams out for me yesterday. He took 1030 good deals and 42 ft refuse. We heard today that Uncle tom [Burril] is dead—that he died last April. Alf and Chattie got home tonight from Associations. 180-79

#### **Thursday, June 23, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F. sawing. A.M. I finished my desk, or about finished it. P.M. I went to the mill helped F. edge 4 loads of boards, and brought out a load tonight. Roxy has been out to Steele to a picking party this afternoon. I have got a terrible pain in my head tonight. 180-80

#### **Friday, June 24th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. A.M. F. sawing. P.M. F. sowed grain for Dan. I went to □ with a load of deals (1082) I got a new hoe. Also a bonnet for mother at [Mr] Jos. Lovitt's. A beautiful comet made its appearance a few nights ago. I observed it tonight for the first. □ John of Weymouth, with whom is associated some unpleasant remembrances of School life, died a few days ago. 180-82

#### **Saturday, June 25, 1881**

W. Westerly—Fine. F. sawing. A.M. I put a lock on my School desk. I then hauled three loads of mud and put in the slough hole. Tonight I took the desk down and put it in the school house. 180-83 I got a Postal Card tonight from the New York book. Co. Hon. Colin Campbell of Weymouth died suddenly tonight. The unexpected [death] casting gloom and consternation over the whole country. For many years he has carried on an extensive business at Weymouth, giving employment to many, in his ship-building operations, in his vessels upon the sea, as well as in the production of several commercial commodities which alone

have found a market at his wharves. He established the deal and ton-timber business in this county, and, though his prices have been such as to call forth many anathemas upon his devoted head, still many have been benefited through these particular branches of trade with which his name stands along indented. His influence has inseminated itself in every avenue of trade through this county, as well as throughout the world generally, and the intelligence of his death seems to have palsied the pulse of business in every department of enterprise. As a statesman, he has figured conspicuously in the political history of our county, having represented our County several terms in the local government. He owns a half dozen or more ships, some of which are large, and is considered to be worth towards a million dollars 180-85

#### **Sunday, June 26, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine till towards night when it came up to rain. All hands, but Leslie and I went out to hear Willoughby preach. They all stayed out to dinner but Roxy and Harold Willoughby preached here this afternoon. W. H. Sabean and Scot were here to tea. It rains so heavily tonight that W. H. S. is going to stop till morning. 183-86

#### **Monday, June 27th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and warm. I went out with a load of boards to C. Campbell (625S 326P 154 Refuse 1105 in all). I took C. Nichols a bushels of potatoes making 5 he has had. F. & Alf ploughed potatoes today. Mrs Ring came here tonight. She came down with Harris Cosman 184-86

#### **Tuesday, June 28th, 1881**

W. S. Cloudy till noon. Rained till night. A.M. F. sowed buckwheat for Dan. I helped Alf hoe potatoes. P.M. I made a pair of sashes for Will Cosman for 76 cents which squares us up. 187-87

#### **Wednesday, June 29, 1881**

W. S. but shifted to N. W. this morning. Rained heavily all night and all day. It has been a very heavy rain. This has been an extremely wet Summer such as we have not had for years. F. made shingles. I dressed out some stuff for a window for the shop. Mother, Roxy and Mrs Ring has been over to Chattie's visiting. F. & I went over to tea. 189-91

#### **Thursday, June 30th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and pleasant. A.M. I worked in the shop a part of the day (of the forenoon) and layed in bed till noon. My health is very poor. F. hoing potatoes. P.M. F. & I hoing. Mr Campbell is to be burried to day. 193-91

#### **Friday, July 1st, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and beautiful. F. & I hoing potatoes. Mother, Roxy, Mrs Ring and the babies have been to Annie's visiting. 195-93

**Saturday, July 2nd, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. F. & I hoing—finished. Roxy took her mother to Weymouth on her way home this afternoon. Harold went out too. Charly Newcomb and son dined here today. He was collecting rates. I sent a couple of bushels of potatoes to Brown, for which he sent me \$1.00. I sent Annie down half a bushel of potatoes, making in all a bushel she has had. F. got a letter from C. W. Denton tonight containing \$10.00. Old David and wife came in to Alf's. tonight. 199-93

**Sunday, July 3rd, 1881**

W.S.W. Quite fine. Mother went to Tusket with Alf & Chattie to hear one Mr Spencer preach. They are talking of hiring him. Judson came here at noon and stopped till night. I went out with him tonight. I am going to work on the road for W. H. S. tomorrow. 202-94

**Monday, July 4th, 1881**

W.N. There was a thunder shower this morning. The day has been cloudy and cool. I worked on the road with W. H. Sabean down at [Woodwith's] corner for 90cts. F. started a couple of loads of lumber from the mill. President Garfield was shot today, but it is hoped not fatally. 202-95 Old David went out day, leaving his wife in.

**Tuesday, July 5, 1881**

W.N.E. Partly clear-raw and cold. F. planted cabbage plants. I took a load of deals to Weymouth—1102ft. Mother has had a "picking" party today. I got a lb of tea from Nichols 213-95

**Wednesday, July 6th, 1881**

W.W. a little shower came this morning—the remainder of the day has been cloudy. A.M. F. made shingles. I—not being well stayed in the house— P.M. F. went out to Gate's to see about the lumber, and Roxy and I went back in Porter's field at the head of the lake and picked a lot of strawberries. George McDonald of Weymouth died a few days ago. Harold and Leslie heave each a wheelbarrow which they play with most all the time.

**Thursday, July 7th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and very warm. F. sawing. I hauled three loads of boards from the mill (2900). Mother, Mrs Grant, and Chattie have been visiting to Annie's. We hear today that Mr Blin is married again 215-96

**Friday, July 8th, 1881**

W.W. Fine and warm. F. sawing. A.M. I hoed the beans. P.M. I hauled two loads of lumber from the mill (nearly two thousand) Harold went with me. It is the first he has been to the mill. How pleased he was. I was going to leave him till came back for the last load, but before I got back the flies bit him, and he got uneasy, so came home with him. I got \$1.50 from Annie yesterday in payment for my job of ploughing I did for Dan.

**Saturday, July 9, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and very warm. Father and Mother went to the cording mill. I went out with a load of pine boards for Hoyt. I had about eleven hundred. I got three rakes and two scythes. I also got a couple of bottles of Gate's Life of Man Bitters—Price 50 cts 215-97

**Sunday, July 10, 1881**

W.S.W. fine with a cooling breeze. A.M. F. and Roxy went out to Meeting. Willoughby came in with the. Hartshorn Mullen and wife came this afternoon to meeting and stayed to tea. W. H. Sabean was also here to tea. Annie and Scot have been here all day. Charly Mullen was here to tea. W. H. S. & I went up the road tonight as far as Gus McCauly's. Mother has been quite sick today. Alf took Mrs Grant hoe today. 225-97

**Monday, July 11th, 1881**

W.N. There was a heavy thunder shower during the night. Showery till noon. Fine as can be till night. Alf, being Overseer of Statute labor, began work this morning up above Peter's. A.M. F. & I stayed in the house neither of us being able to work. P.M. I went to the mill and got a load of "skoots" for H. Oakes. F. ranging around somewhere. 226-98

**Tuesday, July 12th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and very warm. A.M. F. & I shod the oxen. P.M. We worked in the road. F. John Chandler and I took stones out of the road from Peter Wagoner's to J. Porter's. Harold and Leslie have each a bad cold. Harold was real restless all night, and this morning he was hoarsed up terribly, and mother gave him a dose of Johnson's Liniment and seemed to cure him all up.

**Wednesday, July 13th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy all day—Rained a heavy shower about—3 oclck. F. sawing. I took a load of "skoot" boards to H. Oakes. 1025 ft. I got a pair of boots for mother price 1.45 and a pair of slippers for Roxy price 1.50 and 5 links of thread & 3. Amting in all \$9.04. Roxy went down to Annie's tonight to stop till tomorrow. 226-100

**Thursday, July 14, 1881**

W.N.W. Foggy in the morning but soon cleared up and has been beautifully fine all day. F. sawing. W. H. Sabean and I began cutting hard-wood logs in his ridge by the Bear Lake. We cut and peeled 36. John Chandler, an English poor-house boy, who has been working for Dan a while began work for us today at noon. He helped F. edge boards. I came out to Annie's tonight and came up with Roxy and Leslie. Mother is quite unwell now 226-104. We let Annie have a bushel of potatoes yesterday. I took the Mullen cow up to the Deacon's "organ of demonstration" this morning.

**Friday, July 15th, 1881**

W.N.W. Glorious fine day. A.M. F. and Chandler mowed the little Blin orchard—being the first strike into the haying—P.M. They went to the ill and edged some boards. W. H. S. and I finished cutting our logs. We have cut somewhere about seventy. Roxy and Chattie have been back to Porter's field strawberrying.

**Saturday, July 16th, 1881**

W.S. Blowing heavily and looking like rain. F. and "John Bull" mowing. I took out a cord of wood to tom Rice and got the worth of it in salt. I got 12 bushels for the load. I got two letters for Roxy—one from Hittie and one from Cornelia. I got mother a pair of boots—price 2.00. I got Fanny a pair of slippers at H. Oaks.—price 55cts. About the time I got home the rain began to come down. Mother is at Annie's tonight. She is going to stay there till tomorrow. 226-101

**Sunday, July 18th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and cool. F., Alf, Chandler and I in the haying. Roxy has been down helping Annie tonight. I sent Nichol a bushel of potatoes by Harris Cosman making 6 bushels he has had.

**Monday, July 19, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and beautiful. We finished mowing the orchard and hauled in two loads from my little "Blin field" and three from the orchard. Leslie has got a bad cold.

**Wednesday, July 20th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. We mowed down on the hill, and got in the last of the hay from the orchard. It looks like rain tonight. Leslie is better. I am almost tired tonight to death. A few cherries are getting ripe. The trees are quire full; but [the] birds will carry them all away.

**Thursday, July 21, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy—rained some this morning—cloudy till night—now raining again. A.M. We cocked up a lot o hay down on the hill this morning—I slept till noon. P.M. Alf and Chattie went out to Weymouth with the carriage. F. John & I mowed. F. is most "used up" from a boil on his leg. I feel quite well now for me. Roxy is writing to Hittie tonight.

**Friday, July 22, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy till noon—partly fine till towards night when it came on to rain. F. is laid up from his boil. A.M. J. A. & I finished mowing the filed. P.M. We raked there till driven by the rain.

**Saturday, July 23, 1881**

W.N. Cloudy till noon—then cleared up. A.M. F. doing nothing —(sick) P.M. He hoed some turnips. John & I hauled up 9 loads of swamp mud, and raked up the last of the hay on the hill. John [Dunkley], Cornelia, and Mrs Gower came here tonight. I got a Postal Card from the "Herald" office concerning an "[Orgumette]" I heard today that Sarah Morton is married. 229-104

**Sunday, July 24, 1881**

W.N. Beautiful fine day. This forenoon all hands of us took a walk down to the lake. We had a very pleasant ramble after which we enjoyed a dinner of cherry pudding. John Chandler went down with the carriage and brought up Annie and her children to spend the day. Tonight when our company went away, Roxy and I, with Dan's horse and our carriage, went with them as far as Woodwith's. Mr [Grunlan] is around again. He has had meetings up the road today. Mother is about half sick from tooth-ache. Harold and Leslie are well now. He is beginning to try to say some little words. 242-104 Ann Wilson, of Weymouth, an old school mate of mine, has lately [entered] the matrimonial State.

**Monday, July 25th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. John Chandler has been working for Annie today. F., Alf, & I working in the hay. We got in the hay from the hill field (3 loads)

**Tuesday, July 26th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy, with a few showers. Alf went to the Cove with a load of wood. He is going to get us some fish from Gasper White. John & I hauled in a load of hay for Annie, and a little "jag" in our own barn. F. & I finished mowing our level field back of the carriage house. 242-105

**Wednesday, July 27, 1881**

W.S. Rained heavily all night, and shower through the day. A.M. F. made some shingles, John C. cut wood. I layed abed. P.M. F. & John went to the mill, piled some lumber and sawed a couple pairs of sled runners. I mended a pair of shoes for Harold, took Roxy & Leslie down to Annie's with the carriage, where they are going to stay all night, fixed and cleaned the harness, &c.

**Thursday, July 28th, 1881**

W.E. Rained heavily all night & drizzly all day. I took Annie, Scot, and her baby to Digby en route for ST. John N.B. We got dinner at Mrs Ring's, after which we drove to Digby. We just got there in time. I got them safely on board. Poor little Scot was not permitted to remain with his mother in the Ladie's Cabin. He did not want to go, but was obliged to. I came down to Uncle John's where I staid all night. 242-109



**Friday, July 29, 1881**

W.S. Partly fine. I drove down to Mrs Rings where I stopped to dinner. I then I down to David Grant's. I got tea there and then came home bringing Clarissa with me. Roxy got a letter tonight from Hittie, and with it a picture of her little Leslie. He is a cute little []. F. & John mowed some in the [rough] field today. One Durkee, a peddler was here today. 242-112

**Saturday, July 30, 1881**

W. Variable. Tonight the weather looks settled, after a weeks bad weather. All hands working in the hay—got in one load.

**Sunday, July 31st, 1881**

W.S.W. Partly fine. F. & Mother went to Tusket to meeting to hear Spencer. Roxy and I stayed at home with our babies. 242-114

**Monday, August 1st, 1881**

W.W. Fine—Working in the hay today. We hauled a load out of the level field here—being the last from that field. Chattie is quite sick. Alf went for the Dr.—for Mr Gus McCauly. I expect Gus feels as big as lord [McSull], this being his first experience in this line of business.

**Tuesday, August 2nd, 1881**

W.S.W. Foggy till noon-fine till night—All hands in the hay—finished mowing the roughs field. Mother is sick, but though not able to sit up, she spins about seven or eight [skims] a day. Harold and Leslie are well.

**Wednesday, August 3, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy all day Terribly hot. The first part of the season was cold and wet but now it is hot and wet. We mowed a little field of John Edd's today, the hay out of which we have [bot]. Little Leslie has been real sick with a bowel complaint, but he is about well again. Do you notice the disfigured appearance of this page? Well, this is some of Harold's work. He came here in our room, climbed onto the table, overturned the ink-stand daubing a portion of it on the wall, and leaving this book in the condition you see it. Perhaps in some future time, when I am gone, he will read this and known that these blots are the work of his little mischievous baby fingers.

**Thursday, August 4, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and very warm. F., Alf and John C—at work in the hay. Roxy and I were taken sick last night in the night and have both been sick all day. I [] some hay this forenoon, and besides that have done nothing, but write verses. I am engaged on a new poem. Mother's health is very poor now, but she is bound to work as long as she can stand.

**Friday, August 5th, 1881**

W.S.W. Hazy with a brisk wind. All hands in the hay but me. I raked this afternoon. I am feeling very miserable at present. Roxy is about well again.

**Saturday, August 6th, 1881**

W.S.W. Hazy again with a fresh breeze. A.M. F., A & J hauled in a load of hay. Roxy and I went Rasberrying in Will's field: [We] got a tin-kettle full. P.M. Alf & Chattie with Clarissa C—went down the River. F. John & I finished raking the last John Ed field. Roxy got a letter tonight from Annie who has been in St. John a week. She writes she is well and having a good time. Little Hal has got a bad cold tonight.

**Sunday, August 7th, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy and blowing all day. Began raining towards night—heavily. This forenoon F, Roxy and Harold went up to hear Mr. Greenlan preach. P.M. F. went up again. Mother and Roxy went up down to Annie's house to look after things. I have been home all day. I wrote some verses, and read some. 244-114

**Monday, August 8th, 1881**

W.S. rained heavily during the night, and showery through the day. Alf and Chattie got home at noon. F. mended some old chairs. I wrote a letter to Annie who is in St. John yet. I made little Harold a cart, and began to fix the baby-waggon. Mr. Greenlan was here to dinner. Harold swallowed a pin this morning. I was considerably alarmed, but, as similiar accidents have frequently, without fatal results, I am in hopes that the consequence will not be serious. My health is very poor. I can just make but to keep around. Finished spinning. 245-114.

**Tuesday, August 9th, 1881**

W.N.W. Foggy in the morning, but cleared up. F. John & I mowed all day in the spring-field. Alf went to Weymouth with a load.

**Wednesday, August 10th, 1881**

W.S. Rained some in the night & showery till noon—cleared off tonight. A.M. F. made a pig-trough. Roxy & I were going over to Jim McAlpine's to a blue-berry excursion, but the rain perverted. I have been fixing up the baby carriage. I made iron axels &c. F. & John mowed some this afternoon in the Spring field. Roxy and I went rasberrying tonight. Roxy bought a pair of shoes for Leslie from a pedler—price 50cts.

**Thursday, August 11th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. A.M. F. killed a couple of lambs. John, Alf, & I finished mowing the Spring-field and spread it. It has some appearance of rain again tonight. This has been a fearful season for getting hay.

**Friday, August 12th, 1881**

W.W. Fine. A.M. We [opened] the cocks of hay, and hauled in the load out of the John Edd field. John & I braced up the tomatoes, and digged the weeds out of the vegetables. John, Alf, & I went down to the lake and had a swim. P.M. We hauled in all the hay—one load from the F.E. field and two out of the Spring field—being a poor crop from that field. The minister, Mr Spencer was here to dinner, after which he and F. drove out the settlement to make calls. All hands went out to the school-house to hear Mr S—, preached. It is the first time I have heard him. His text was the 16 of the 66th Psalm. “Come and see, all ye who fear the Lord, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.” The sermon was a fine one, and upon the whole I am [favorably] impressed with the man. 248-115

**Saturday, August 13, 1881**

W.S.W. Began raining in the night. Showery through the day. A.M. F. made a pig-trough. P.M. F. & John chopping down here on a piece we are going to clear up. They began today for the first. This afternoon Roxy, Leslie & I went to Tusket. We started thinking to go to Conference Meeting, but it was too late so we [put] up to Geo. Prime’s. I got a letter from Fred Fullerton tonight. 148-117

**Sunday, August 14, 1881**

W.N. Clearing up through the day. This morning Roxy & I went over to meeting, leaving Leslie with Aunt Olive and Mrs. William Prime. Mr. Spencer preached a fine discourse from John 21 & 16—“Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?” After service we came back to Geo Primes to dinner after which I went over to meeting again. Roxy did not go. He preached from Luke 9 & 29. “And as he prayed the fashion of His countenance was changed.” We took tea at Aunt Catherine’s, and then drove home. John Mullen, who has lately married [Emmer] Nicholis, “appeared out” with his bride today. 248-123

**Monday, August 15, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and cold, F. & John chopping. I went out with a load of boards to Campbell’s 749 ft Spruce & 354 of Pine. I got a Bbl of flour—7.50—five gals [()] molasses &c. School has begun here today. Mrs. Dunbar of Weymouth is teacher.

**Tuesday, August 16, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and very cold. F. chopping. John C. at a mowing frolic at Mrs Wagoner’s. I helped W. H. Sabean mow today. Another comet has have in sight. 249-123

**Wednesday, August 17th, 1881**

W.E. Cloudy and cold. [Vennor], the Canadian Weather maker, predicted this cold snap, and he had hit it admirably. F. and John have been chopping. I have been working for W. H. Sabean. Judson stayed here last night. Mother has been up the road visiting this afternoon. There is a Political meeting down at Frenchtown today. 250-125

**Thursday, August 18th, 1881**

W.S.E. quite fine, and hottest day I ever saw! Yesterday & the day before were the coldest days I ever saw in the Summer and today has been the warmest—a great change certainly! A.M. F. & John chopping. P.M. They helped Mrs. Wagoner in her hay. I have been working for W. H. Sabean. Campbell’s ships have been sold today. 250-127

**Friday, August 19th, 1881**

W.S.E. Hot & showery. F. & John chopping. A.M. I mowed for W. H. S. and tonight, I helped Judson rake a couple hours. Judson & I were talking of going back [over] the burnts tonight to stay all night but we gave it up. Geo Dunbar & Charley McDonald got dinner here today. They are inspecting roads. [Alpheus] [Jones] of Weymouth, the county surveyor, has died lately. 254-127

**Saturday, August 20th, 1881**

W.S. Showery. F. cutting bushes.. Judson, Chandler & I went back on the burnts blue-berrying. We found the berries very scarce, but got some. [Winnie] Sabean came in tonight. I got a Postal card from Alonzo Grant who is in Boston. Mother got a letter from Annie, who is still at St. John. 258-127

**Sunday, August 21st, 1881**

W.S. Showery—with intermissions of burning sunshine—very sultry. Judson and Winnie here all day—Nothing of importance occurred. Harris got tea here, & stopped awhile. 265-127

**Monday, August 22nd, 1881**

W.S. Dull the greater part of the day—Clear tonight, and another comet to be seen in the northern sky. F. John & I chopping. We set a [stub] on fire where we were at work tonight & after dark it blazed up beautifully, attracting the attention of Harold and Leslie. So Roxy and I took him down to see it. They were greatly delighted and I doubt not, will have some remembrance of it as long as they live. And I would just say here to my little boys that perhaps sometime in the far future, when the “Papa” that loves you is gone, you may read this little incident, and like a faint, dim, half forgotten dream see the old birch [stub] blazing up through the green [buches], & casting weird, ghastly shadows through the twilight gloom. Another fruit agent came along today. He dined at Alf’s. F. signed for some strawberry plants. We are all quite well at present.

**Tuesday, August 23, 1881**

W.W. Beautiful. Father, Alf, Chandler & I went back on the burnts for blue-berries. We found a beautiful patch by the “[Sevenpence happy River.] We got as many as we could carry home.

**Wednesday, August 24th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and cold. F. & John Chandler went back to lake [Doyle] to look at the meadow I chopped. They Yarmouth peddler has been here today. He says he is not coming again. I do not think anyone will be disappointed very much. F. bought a ton of hay from Mr. H. Cosman today. It is in his field and we will have to haul it in tomorrow. Will was here to dinner today. F. & John got some blueberries. 266-127

**Thursday, August 25, 1881**

W.W. Fine. A.M. F. & John C—chopped. I halfsoled my boots. P.M. F. John C. & I hauled in the load of hay which F. bought from Will. We then went to the mill and mowed the meadow there. Mailed a letter to Fred Fullerton.

**Friday, August 26th, 1881**

W.W. Fine. This morning F. & J. went to the mill to spread the hay. I helped Roxy fix the back of the carriage seat &c. P.M. I went to the mill with the team, and we got our hay home. We had about half a ton.

**Saturday, August 27, 1881**

W.W. Foggy this morning, but cleared off. This morning John & I went down to fix the fence around the hill field. We had hauled and used one load of poles when W. H. Sabean came and wanted me to join with him in getting three pieces of hard wood for a shoe for the ["Tom"] Campbell. So I took the team and we went to his ridge and hauled three sticks to the mill. We sawed one and brought it out. F. went to the mill & helped us this afternoon. Tonight a Mr. Wilson lectured at Southville Schoolhouse on Phrenology. Roxy and I were there. I got supper at W. H. S.'s. 265-128

**Sunday, August 28, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine. All of us at home. Mother and Roxy went down to Annie's house this morning. I wrote a poetical letter to Annie today.

**Monday, August 29th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and very warm. A.M. F. & John Chandler bolted the carriage wheels. P.M. F. & M. went up the Bay. They are going for a visit on the Neck—to be gone for a week. Alf and Chattie have been up the Bay today. This morning I went to the mill to assist W. H. Sabean in finishing sawing over keel shoes. We found one two small, so we went up on the mill lot, and cut a beech tree. Herbie was there with the oxen and hauled it to the lake. The Herbie & I towed it to the mill. We sawed it hauled them over to the corner. When we got there it was dark. Herbie took the team out and W. H. S. came home with me. 266-130.

**Tuesday, August 30th, 1881**

W.S. Blowing briskly—fine. John Chandler and I chopping Will Cosman was here to dinner I got his hair. 267-136

**Wednesday, August 31st, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and warm. John Chandler cutting bushes in the pasture. I mowed for W. H. S. He came over with me tonight. George Cosman met with a sad accident the other day. He was engaged in blasting a rock. After several unsuccessful attempts to secure an effectual blast, he was [tamming] another charge, when an explosion took place. His head was severely wounded, one eye supposed to be entirely destroyed, and the other injured. His hands also were badly torn. 168-142

**Thursday, September 1st, 1881**

WN.W. This morning the earth, or rather the heavens, was enveloped in a peculiar luminous haze that fairly looked frightful. I never saw anything like it before, & thought perhaps we were enveloped in the tail of the comet; but it probably was only smoke. After a while it cleared away, and the rest of the day has been fine. I have been sick all day, and unable to do anything. John has been chopping. 269-148

**Friday, September 2nd, 1881**

W.S.W. Blowing quite fresh. A.M. Chandler and I chopping. P.M. We went up to the mill & got a load of slab for fire wood & then chopped till night. I have been looking over my book to see how much work I have done for W. H. S. since I got the horse from him, and the following is a [correct] statement

6 ½ days haying  
4 ½ days in Barn  
1 day mending fence

269-154

**Saturday, September 3rd, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy and dark with some slight showers. John drove out a load of wood for Alf & Alf helped me sink rocks down here in the rough field where we are going to plough. I got some circulars from P. W. Ziegler & Co and Roxy had a letter from Annie. 269-160

**Sunday, September 4th, 1881**

W.E. Quite fine till tonight when a slight rain came up. Willoughby and Obed White came here this afternoon & there was to have been meeting here tonight, but the rain prevented. Harris Cosman and Frank Kate were here to tea tonight. 273-166

**Monday, September 5, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy. John & I sinking rocks. F. came home tonight from up the Bay. He left Mother up there. Roxy got a letter tonight from Cornelia.

**Tuesday, September 6th, 1881**

W.S. Raining this morning & wet all day. I fixed John's shoes to the value of fifty cents. I also fixed Fanny's shoes. F. helping Alf repair his truck which Roxy and John went down to Annie's this afternoon to look after things. 274-174

**Wednesday, September 7th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine, but very smoky. A.M. F. & I worked in the B. S. shop. John pulled seeds among the potatoes. P.M. John & I reaped a little piece of wheat here in the field. While we were engaged at that F. helped Alf tire a wheel. Afterwards F., J. & I sand rocks till night. 274-177

**Thursday, September 8th, 1881**

W.N.W. fine. Father & John went to the hill hauled, sawed, and started a couple of hardwood sticks for cross-[trees] for Campbell's. They did not get home till most night. A.M. I digged rocks. P.M. I helped Alf reap his wheat. W. H. Sabean was here to tea tonight. 175-180.

**Friday, September 9th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and looking like rain. A.M. F., Alf & I worked among the rocks. P.M. I went to Weymouth, expecting to meet Dan and Annie on the train from St. John, but they did not come. John went out with the team. He took the timbers F. sawed yesterday, and a lot of deals. He got himself a pair of Braces, the price of which was 30 cts. I got him a knife today—price 15 cts. This is Harold's Birthday. 275-183

**Saturday, September 10th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. I have spent a terrible night from tooth-ache. Roxy had to make a fire in the night to heat ashes and salt to steam my face. A.M. F. J. & I digging out stones. P.M. Roxy, Harold, Leslie and I went up the Bay. We stopped at the Bridge till the train came down. It was the first time that Leslie ever saw the cars. I mailed \$4.50 (or rather \$4.00) to Crosby in Yarmouth for trees we got from White & Culbert. 275-188

**Sunday, September 11th, 1881**

W.S.E. Quite fine. Nothing of importance occurred. I took a stroll in the shore today. Tonight, Roxy & I went up to Baptist prayer meeting. I got some circulars and a paper yesterday from P.W. Ziegler. [Ethel] Ring is rejoicing in the presence of his "sweet-heart" today. He went up yesterday and brought her down. It is the first I have ever seen her. 275-197

**Monday, September 12, 1881**

W.S.E. Foggy and wet all day. Rained some this afternoon. This morning I went up to Uncle John's and got mother and her baggage and brought them down to Mrs Rings. We got dinner there afterwhich we came home. Uncle Alfred accompanied us. Father & John have been chopping some today. 276-103

**Tuesday, September 13th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. A.M. F. John & I mowed oats for Dan. P.M. we set out a lot of strawberry plants. We got from Uncle John's. Mr Mullen and wife and Lydia came this afternoon and, stopped the evening. 282-203

**Wednesday, September 14, 1881**

W.S. Beautiful and fine. A.M. F., J. & I mowed a piece of barley down on the hill. P.M. We went to a reaping frolic at Ben Wagoner's.. Alf was there, and cut his finger badly. Mother and Uncle Alf have been out to W. H. S.'s visiting today. 283-207

**Thursday, September 15, 1881**

W.W. Fine. Uncle Alf went away this morning. A.M. F., J. & I reaping wheat down on the hill. P.M. F. & I raked up and hauled in Dan's oats. John chandler is sick today. 284-207

**Friday, September 16, 1881**

W.E. Fine. A.M. I have been sick with neuralgia. F. & John reaping. P.M. we raked up and loaded a load of Barley for the threshing mill tomorrow. Judson came in tonight for D.'s ["hose"]. Alf & Chattie gone down the River.

**Saturday, September 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Glorious weather. A.M. I did not do anything being housed with tooth-ache. F. reaping. P.M. F. & I finished reaping the wheat. John went to the threshing mill with a load of Barley—it turned out 18 bushels. Uncle Alf came back here tonight from Tusket. I got a letter from Crosby in Yarmouth acknowledging the receipt of the money I sent him. 285-207

**Sunday, September 18th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudless and delightful. Nothing of importance occurred. I have suffered terribly today with neuralgia in my head. Obed White has been here most all day. Alf & Chattie came home tonight 290-207

**Monday, September 19th, 1881**

W.S. Began raining in the night, and continued through the day with thunder and lightning. Uncle Alf intended to go away today, but the storm prevented. I have kept my bed the greater part of the day. Father is about laid up from a sore eye. He hurt it while reaping wheat the other day, a head of grain switching across it. President Garfield died tonight. 293-207

**Tuesday, September 20th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. We heard last night that Annie and her children had arrived at Weymouth from St. John. So this morning I went after them, taking Uncle Alfred out with me. I went down the river to Dr. Ellison, and got some eye wash for Father and some tooth-ache medicine for myself. I found Annie, Scot and Alice at Mrs Randall's all well. I mailed a letter to J. W. Beal—Montreal—in reference to an agency for nursery stock. I also mailed a letter for Roxy to go to Hittie. We got home about two o'clock. John & I spread some barley and turned over the wheat tonight. My toothache is most well. Mother has got a bad cold. 298-207

**Wednesday, September 21st, 1881**

W.N. Clear & quite cool. A.M. J. & I went digging rocks, but I was taken with a severe attack of tooth-ache, and fled to the house. Where I stayed till noon. He continued the work. P.M. He & I worked at the rocks. Tonight Roxy and I went black-berrying down in John Ed's field. Father's eye is very bad. 304-207

**Thursday, September 22, 1881**

W.S.W. A.M. John & I sank rocks awhile. We then unloaded a load of barley straw &c. P.M. F., J. & I bound up the wheat down on the hill, and loaded it up for the threshing mill. Alf is going out with a load of barley for us tonight. We loaded up his cart too. John started for the mill about 9 o'clock tonight, & Alf is going to start in the night. 300-207

**Friday, September 23, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy till night when [a] storm of rain thunder & lightning, has come up. Alf got home from the threshing mill about noon, and John towards night. The load of barley turned out about 15 bushels & the wheat about 11 or 12. A.M. I laid abed, being unable to work. P.M. I mowed part of my little orchard. The clover is very stout there. Roxy and Annie with all their babies were up to Sarah's visiting this afternoon. 315-208

**Saturday, September 24, 1881**

W.S. Rained awhile this morning—cloudy till night. A.M. John & I pitched off a load of straw, then went up to the mill and got a load of [slabs] for firewood. P.M. Jack went to the mill and started out a load of deals. F. went with him. I mowed clover. We were going to hear Mr Gates preach tonight, but a hard shower of rain came up which prevented. 321-208

**Sunday, September 25, 1881**

W.s. Cloudy all day, with a few slight showers. All of us home all day. Annie, Roxy and I went up to hear Mr Gates preach tonight. I am not feeling as well as [never]. Father's eyes is no better, and we fear that he will lose it entirely. Mother has a bad cold. 327-208

**Monday, September 26, 1881**

W.S.W. Clear and balmy. Father and Roxy went to Weymouth today. Father wanted to have a doctor examine his eye, but Dr. Morse was away to Boston, so he failed. Roxy took some wool to mill. John Chandler went out with a load of Deals and got a bbl of flour. A.M. I took Annie and her children home this morning. They have been here since their return from St. John. I have been engaged in several ways today. I finished mowing the clover, pulled some peas—cleaned out and repaired the pig sty—dug out some stones, spread hay &c, &c. Roxy paid Mrs J. Lovitt \$ 3.75 today, being the amount due her for dishes. 329-208

**Tuesday, September 27th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine, warm and beautiful. A.M. Alf and I each butchered a sheep, after which I spread the clover. John Chandler sinking rocks. P.M. Alf, Jack & I began working on the road by Porters. We have a commission of \$8.00 under this new system of tender and contract. Father is unable to go on the road so we are working without him. F. raked up part of the clover this afternoon. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Chattie went down the River. 331-208

**Wednesday, September 28, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy with slight showers. A.M. I made a "back-bolt" after which I repaired Robby Wagoner's paring machine, which kept me till most night. I partly arranged a pigeon house for mother, and hauled some water. Chandler went out to the Station to meet Dan, on his return from St. John. Dan brought mother a pair of pigeons. Mr Geo. Cornwell came here tonight. Mother is quite sick. 332-208

**Thursday, September 29, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and warm. F. finished raking up the clover. Chandler & I worked on the road. Mr Cornwell went away this morning. F.'s eye is a little better. 333-208

**Friday, September 30th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy and looking like rain. Alf, Chandler & I working on the road. Tonight we hauled in the clover, about half a ton. Willie White is here. He is going to stay all night. I got a circular tonight from the nursery man with whom I am talking of getting employment. 334-208

**Saturday, October 1st, 1881**

W.W. Fine and quite windy but warm and beautiful. A.M. John Chandler and I finished our road work. P.M. Chandler sinking rocks, I did some chores about. I am sick—have been scarcely able to get around all day. This evening Roxy, Chandler, Fanny, & I shelled beans in the wood-house. Mr Grenlau spent part of the day here. He is very feeble, and it is not probably that he will visit our shores again. I got an [ ] from L. O'Connell, of Boston, tonight making me in debt to him to the amount of 14.50. Whereas I do not own him a cent. I am afraid I shall have some trouble about it. Dan Fullerton spent the evening here. We shelled beans tonight. 336-208

**Sunday, October 2nd, 1881**

W.N.W. Quite fine. A.M. F. & M. went up to meeting. Mr Greenlau preached. Dan, Annie, Scot and Alice were here to dinner and the remainder of the day. Roxy and I went up to meeting this evening. My health is very poor tonight. Father's eye does not seem to be getting much better. 342-208

**Monday, October 3rd, 1881**

W.S. Began raining in the night and continued till noon—dull till night. A.M. Roxy and I over-hauled all our papers and letters, classifying and arranging them. P.M. I fixed up the “Little house” some for the accommodation of our little boys. F. gave Augustine Godat \$3.00 tonight to pay to Frenchman from whom Alf got a bbl of herring.

**Tuesday, October 4th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cold rain. I shaved shingles today, or rather this forenoon. P.M. John C. & I worked at the rock business. We let Harris Cosman have our carriage last night to go to Weymouth with. There is a sorry piece of business just come to light in Charley Cosman’s family. Howard Steele, one of the greatest [scamps] our County has ever produced, and who with his brother Will stele, has been “snooping” around houses at night after the old folk are in bed, for the last several years, has by violence so it is said, compelled [Janey] Cosman gratify his sensual propensities. Janey has always borne a good name and the sympathies of all right minded persons are with the afflicted family. The affair is making a lively stir in the Community.

**Wednesday, October 5th, 1881**

W.N.W. Extremely cold with heavy wing and squalls of hail. It froze quit hard last night and is the coldest weather I ever saw for the season. John Chandler took out a load of cord wood (a cord). He sold it to E. Rice who is to pay the money for it. Chandler brought home a Bbl of herring from Campbell’s, price 3.75. I went down and helped Chandler load up, after which F. & I have been engaged getting stuff in out of the cold. I gathered the tomatoes—about a barrel. We gathered the pumpkins. We have got a great lot of them this year—about three cart-loads. F., Roxy and I picked up a lot of apples tonight. F. digged potatoes today.

**Thursday, October 6th, 1881**

W.N.W. Another cold windy day. A.M. John & I hauled up some pig bedding out of the horse pasture. We hauled a couple loads of pumpkins to the barn, gathered the beans, picked up a lot of apples &c. Roxy, Harold and Leslie have been down to Annie’s visiting today. I went down tonight and helped Roxy home with the babies. I hauled Harold home in the little Carriage. He was asleep.

**Friday, October 7th, 1881**

W.S.W. A Glrious day. F. Chandler & I at work among the stones. Mr [Delap] called here today gathering taxes—poor rates. Father’s tax was 1.37 and mine only 10 cts. I paid both amts. An apple tree Agent by the name of Price came along tonight, and proposing a plan for starting a nursery, we walked around and talked the matter over. He is going to stay here all night. We spread out a lot of grain to dry—6 bushels of wheat and sex of Barley. 345-208

**Saturday, October 8th, 1881**

W.S.W. Somewhat dull and foggy. Chandler took a load of lumber to Rice’s today for Mother. F. went down this morning and helped him load up. The “apple tree man” and I had a long talk this morning in reference to a nursery. He then left for Weymouth. I made coffin for a little boy of Ben Wagoner’s who died yesterday. F. has been digging a few potatoes along. He digged a few today. I took the coffin up tonight. Little Leslie was taken sick today with a bowel complaint. He is pretty bad. Will Cosman was here to dinner. 345-209

**Sunday, October 9th, 1881**

W.S.W. Delightful day. Mr Murray preached the funeral Sermon of Ben’s little baby at Southville this morning. F., Roxy and I went. After service I went down to W. H. S.’s. In the afternoon W. H. S., Judson & I spent the time in ranging about the old place which used to be “grand-mother’s.” The dear old place is now in a sate of dreary and ruins. I heard Murray again in the school house this evening afterwhich W. H. S. accompanied me home. He & I are talking of joining White & Culbert of St. John in a nursery. Leslie is about the same. 345-212

**Monday, October 10th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F., W. H. S. & I talked about nurseries this forenoon. P.M. F. & I went up to lake Doyle to cut a meadow. We got about sun-down and barely had time to prepare for the night, which [sat] in with N.W. squalls of hail, snow and rain. We spent a very uncomfortable night. Alf and Chattie were down the River yesterday. Leslie is about the same. 346-21

**Tuesday, October 11th, 1881**

W.N. Fine, but windy and cold. This morning F. & I explored the meadow a while and concluded it not worth cutting this Fall. We repaired the beaver dam, and about 2 oclck started for home where we arrived in safety about dusk. Roxy says Leslie is a little better. Chandler has been digging while we have been gone.

**Wednesday, October 12th, 1881**

W.S. Fine in the morning, but clouded up and looking like rain tonight. A.M. F. and Chandler went to the mill and hauled out a couple loads of stuff for Blackadar. I digged potatoes all day. F. and C. helped me pick up some tonight. Roxy and Chattie have been up to see Janey Cosman and sympathize with her in her calamity. Leslie is a good deal better. We pared some apples tonight, for the first for the season.

**Thursday, October. 13th, 1881**

W.S.W. Began raining in the night and continued all day and into the evening. Towards noon, Mr Price the nursery man and W. H. Sabean came. The rest of the day and evening we were all busily engaged in discussing the advisibility of entering into a co-

partnership for the purpose of starting a nursery. At last we decided to go in—sink or swim. The papers were drawn up, signed, sealed and delivered. If we had the ready cash for the undertaking I would feel all right about it, but as we have yet to hire money it casts a shadow over the prospect. However, if I live to see myself four years older I will look back to this day's doings with feelings of bitter reproach, or perhaps with emotions of an opposite character. We purpose putting in a nursery of forty thousand trees—one half to be planted here, and one half on W. H. S.'s land. If the thing turns out as we anticipate our shares of the profits will be about fifteen hundred dollars apiece. Leslie is worse today, but we hope he is not dangerous. Effie went away from Alf's today, and laughable to related, Fanny started up to go too. We know nothing of her intentions till she was all packed to go. 350-212

#### **Friday, October 14th, 1881**

W.N.W. Beautiful day. W. H. Sabean and Mr Price stayed here all night and went away this morning. Chandler & I hauled three drags of wood this morning, then Father, he and I digged potatoes the remainder of the day. We pared apples this evening. Leslie is a good deal better tonight. 352-212

#### **Saturday, October 15th, 1881**

W.S.W. cloudy and looking like rain. Began raining about the middle of the afternoon. Father went down to Blackadar's with a load of boards—(1225ft) hemlock and Pine. It was late when he got home, and with the storm and darkness he had a serious time. This morning Chandler and I cleaned out the Cellar. We then gathered apples till the rain drove us. Willoughby Sabean was here to dinner. Leslie is getting well. 353-212

#### **Sunday, October 16th, 1881**

W.W. Beautiful day. F., R., & I went out to hear Willoughby preach after meeting a number of us went to Aunt Sarah's to dinner. W. H. S., Lydia & Judson, and Roxy & I. We stopped till towards night when we came home, Judson accompanying us. Annie, Dan, and Scot spent the afternoon here. Willoughby preached here this evening. 359-214

#### **Monday, October 17th, 1881**

W.W. Cloudy and mild. A.M. F. mended Willoughby's boots. P.M. He went out to Jim McAlpine's and got a pig. Chandler and I gathering apples all day (Leslie the same) 360-214 The scarlet fever is in Tusket, and Shook Mullen has lost a little child. 360-214

#### **Tuesday, October 18, 1881**

W.E. Rained all night, and all day heavily. I have been mending shoes and boots all day. The little pig that Father got yesterday jumped out of the pen today, and made things quite lively around here. We caught it at last down on the swamp. Leslie is a good deal better. Dan has been here a part of the day and stopped to tea. 361-214

#### **Wednesday, October 19th, 1881**

My Birthday.

I am twenty Eight-years old today! Twenty one years ago today Father had a digging potato frolic. How well I recollect the day. W.N.W. Rained all night—Cloudy and raw all day. A.M. I was mending Mother's shoes. F. working in the blacksmith shop. Chandler cutting firewood. P.M. F., C. & I digging potatoes to send to Weymouth to be sold to a Pubnico vessel that is there buying produce. We dug about twenty bushels. Dan Fullerton bargained for John Edd's barn. He is to have it for 35 dollars. He calls it a good "bought", and I think it is.

#### **Thursday, October 20th, 1881**

Thanksgiving Day.

W.S.W. Cloudy all day and looking like rain, but cleared up tonight beautifully. This morning we finished our load of potatoes for Weymouth. We got Alf to take the load out with his horse. There were twenty six bushels for which we got thirteen dollars. We paid Alf one dollar for taking out the load. It being a sort of holliday, Roxy, Leslie and I went out and spent the day at W. H. S. We had Dan's horse. We enjoyed ourselves well. Judson and I made an apple-grinder. Chandler digged potatoes today, and father started a load of lumber from the mill this afternoon.

#### **Friday, October 21st, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and warm. F. went to Weymouth with a load of boards. He got his road money. A.M. Chandler and I digged potatoes—finished the prolifics. P.M. We gathered apples. This evening we prepared straws for the hats.

#### **Saturday, October 22, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and warm. F., C. & I digging. Robbie Wagoner helped us. I got some circulars tonight from Stinson discribing a book—the life of the late president Garfield. I see in the paper that Ella Nickerson is married.

#### **Sunday, October 23rd, 1881**

W. Southerly. Cloudy all day and tonight showery. All of us home. Scot spent the day here. I began a letter to Janey Cosman. 362-218

#### **Monday, October 24th, 1881**

W.SE. Rained all night and till noon—Cloudy till night. I made Leslie a pair of shoes and helped Chandler dig potatoes awhile tonight.

#### **Tuesday, October 25th, 1881**

W.S.E. Still dull and showery. F. went up to the South Range to look at a pair of steers belonging to Mr John. C.handler finished digging-our potatoes crop is very poor this year. We have only about 150 bushels. I made a door frame for the work shop and

hung the door. I finished a big sash for the shop, and made a window frame. They had a paring party over at Alf's tonight. We all went over. Mother is very sick tonight from neuralgia in her face. I wrote a letter today to go to Stinson ordering a canvassing outfit for the life of Garfield.

### Wednesday, October 26th, 1881

W.N.W. Windy and cold with squalls of hail. A.M. Chandler & I worked among the rocks. P.M. He & I gathered the Baldwin apples in the garden. We also gathered some apples for Alf. Father came home today from the South Range. Mr [Nohlman] from Carleton came here this forenoon. He came to see about buying some timber from Lake Doyle. He is going to stop here till father comes home. 364-220

### Thursday, October 27th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine but very windy and cold. F. cut out and [] himself a pair of boots. Chandler hauled slabs from W.'s mill. I went back in the woods with [Nohlman] to show him some land. I was taken last night with a terrible tooth-ache., and have suffered fearfully all day. 366-220

### Friday, October 28th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine and pleasant. A.M. I went up to Charley's to see if I could get his horse for Roxy & I to go to Weymouth with. It was not home. P.M. Chandler and I pulled the turnips. We had five or six bushels. We gathered the cabgabe, the beets and carrots. I went out to W. H. Sabeans tonight to see if he would pull a tooth for me. F. at his boots. C. hauled a load of slabs from W.'s mill. 366-223

### Saturday, October 29th, 1881

W.S.W. Fine and warm. I spent the forenoon at W. H. Sabean's . He did not pull my tooth as we concluded it would break off & not come out. Roxy came out in the afternoon with Harris's horse, and she and I went to the Bridge. We took some wool and got [carded]. I went down the River to see Capt. R. A. Randall. Alf was out and got us a keg of molasses down the River. He brought in a side of sole leather for us from Edd Rice. Roxy paid a bill of Mother's at Mrs Lovitt's. I got fifty cents worth of tallow at Nichol's—also a pound of tea from him. I bought some glass to put in windows for the shop. Henry Oakes has just put up a frame for a new house. F. and John have been working among the rocks today. Harris Cosman gave Harold a cent today. It is the first money he has ever had given him. We are going to keep it for him. He also gave Leslie a little watch chain. W. H. S. & I got a letter from White & Culbert. Wallace Blackadara and Theresa [Rinny] have lately been married. 366-225

### Sunday, October 30th, 1881

W.S.E. Cloudy t his morning, and soon began to rain which continued all day. This morning I took Harris's horse home. And the rest of the day suffered with the tooth-ache. Willoughby

came in yesterday but the rain prevented him from having service. We have been alone all day.

### Monday, October 31st, 1881

W.S.E. Raining till noon—dull the remainder of the day. Father is engaged in making himself a pair of boots. I am laid up with the tooth ache yet. Chandler went off this morning and staid away all day. Willoughby came in—stayed a while and went out again. We gave him two barrels of potatoes. Dan is having his cellar-wall laid. 367-225 Alf took Chattie down the River. She is going to stop a fortnight.

### Tuesday, November 1st, 1881

W.N.W. Fine, mild, and pleasant. F. and Chandler digging out and burying rocks. I went out this morning to see W. H. S. concerning a letter we are to answer from White & Culbert. I stopped out around there the most of the day. Annie's baby—Alice—is beginning. Last Sunday she walked across the floor for the first time. Alf began cutting logs over the lake today. Harris Cosman is helping him. 367-226

### Wednesday, November 2nd, 1881

W.S.E. Glorious, fine, warm day. F., Chandler & I sinking rocks.

### Thursday, November 3rd, 1881

W.S.E. cloudy and showery. F., C & I sinking rocks. Roxy got a letter yesterday from Cornelia.

### Friday, November 4th, 1881

W.S. Rained all night and heavily all day. F. at his boots. This forenoon I went down to Dan's and borrowed some paint oil. P.M. I painted some sashes for the work-shop. I mended the concertina.

### Saturday, November 5th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine. A.M. F., C. & I sinking rocks. P.M. F. & M. went to Tusket with Dan's horse. Chandler & I finished the rocks. He went to Darkey Club tonight. Alf & Harris went down the River tonight. They got their teas here tonight. 369-228

### Sunday November 6th, 1881

Cloudy with a few showers—thunder shower tonight. F. and M. came home tonight. Roxy, Fanny, Harold, Leslie, and I at home reading &c. 369-234

### Monday, November 7th, 1881

W.N.E. Cloudy till noon—cleared off beautifully. F. Chandler and digging rocks out of the field where we are to have our



nursery. Mother had a knitting party here today. James Mullen, of St. Mary's Bay, died today. 387-234

#### **Tuesday, November 8th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy, but mild. F., C. & I hauling stones off the nursery ground—finished. Tonight Roxy, Chandler, and I went down and pared apples for Annie. Waity White spent the day here. W. H. Sabean here to tea. 390-234

#### **Wednesday, November 9th, 1881**

W.S. Rained all night and all day. I put glass in a new sash for the shop. F. working at his boots. Ethel Ring, and his prospective bride, Eva Gavil, came here at noon. Harris Cosman is here this evening. Harold and Leslie are real well and smart. I am not feeling well today. 394-234

#### **Thursday, November 10th, 1881**

W.N. Cloudy and cold. F. at work at his boots. Chandler & I making a pile of compost for our nursery. This evening Eth, Eva Gavil, Roxy and I spent the evening down at Annie's. I sent a bushel of [Baldwin] apples out to Z. Nichol, today, by Harris Cosman. 400-234

#### **Friday, November 11th, 1881**

W.N.W. Clear and cold. Chandler and I hauling manure. F. finished his boots, and pulled some parsnips. This afternoon. Roxy, Leslie and Eva were visiting at Annie's. Ethel & I went down this evening. 405-235

#### **Saturday, November 12th, 1881**

W.S. Cloudy all day and looking like snow—snowing this evening. Chandler & I hauling mud for the sink hole—6 loads. A.M. F. threshed some wheat. P.M. He helped us haul muck. Ethel and Eva went home this morning. I got a letter tonight from White & Culbert. Alf went down the River this afternoon with the carriage. 407-235

#### **Sunday, November 13th, 1881**

W.W. Foggy till towards night when it cleared off. It snowed a little last night which was the first of the season; but it was off this morning. Dan, Annie, Cot and Alice spent the day here. We all went out to hear Mr Spencer, At Southville tonight excepting Mother, who kept house for Annie, for her to go. The text was "Unto you therefore which believe he is precious."—1 Peter 2—7 Mr Spencer came in after meeting. Geo McAlpine has been married lately to a widow Whitehouse of Yarmouth. Jenny Manzer of [Lewistown] has been married lately. 419-235

#### **Monday, November 14th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. Mr Spencer went home this morning. Chandler and I finished our nursery compost heap. It contains 26 loads. We hauled up two loads of mud. F. helped Dan arrange for a

foundation for his barn this afternoon. Dan was here to dinner. 421-236

#### **Tuesday, November 15th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F., C. & I hauling up mud. Sarah Cosman spent the day here. Charley C— was here to tea. 424-236

#### **Wednesday, November 16th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. Dan F— had his barn moved and put up today. F. Chandler and I, with the team, went. I came near being killed by a falling timber,. I was not hurt much, however., but it was a wonderful thing that I did not get my head broke. Mother spent the day Annie's. F. & Mother is going to stay there all night. Mr Wyman got breakfast here.

#### **Thursday, November 17th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine. F., C. & I hauling swamp mud. Nothing of note occurred today. 426-246

#### **Friday, November 18, 1881**

W.S.W. Blowing a heavy gale. Began raining about noon, and continued till night. I laid abed till noon this afternoon. I made a [last] to make Harold a pair of shoes on. Chandler hauled a load of slabs fro firewood. F. do chores around. Alf and Harris Cosman have been logging and rafting, these few days.

#### **Saturday, November 19th, 1881**

W.N.E. Cloudy and clam all day. A.M. I did nothing, being very unwell. F., Chandler getting up rushes. P.M. F. choring about. C. & I hauling up mud. We have hauled up 27 loads this fall.

#### **Sunday, November 20, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and windy. About three inches of snow fell last night and this morning, and this has been quite Winterish day. All of us home. Nothing of importance transpired. Scot has been here this afternoon.

#### **Monday, November 21st, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine this morning, but clouded up through the day, and is raining tonight. F. and Chandler hauled up some wood today. I have been engaged in mending my boots. I copied a poem tonight that I have been preparing to send to Janey Cosman. Mother spent the afternoon over at Chattie's. 426-247

#### **Tuesday, November 22, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine, but windy & cold. Rained some in the night— took part of the snow off. F. went to the mill, and made a small beginning to saw. Chandler & I began breaking the rough field where we buried rocks. We got the old plough all broke to [flinders]. It is freezing hard tonight. Roxy and Leslie have been

up to Sarah's visiting. I went up and spent the evening. 436-257  
Alf came home from down the River where he has been since  
Friday. Since he has been gone he has traded his horse with H.  
Oakes for a pair of oxen. Mr Greenlan, an aged [Disciple]  
minister, who has been held in high regard by our family for a  
number of years, died a few days ago. He was buried last  
Monday.

"How blessed the righteous when he dies,  
When sinks a weary soul to rest,  
How [nicely] beams the closing life  
How gently heaves the [] []"

#### Monday, November 28th, 1881

W.N.W. Cloudy, windy, and very cold. F. sawing. Chandler  
cutting bushes in the pasture. I have been making a pair of shoes  
for Harold. 439-250

#### Tuesday, November 29th, 1881

W.S.W. Cold this morning, but windy and soft tonight.  
Chandler cutting bushes in the pasture. F. sawing. I finished  
Harold's boots and put a window in the shop &c. 442-250

#### Wednesday, November 30th, 1881

W.S.W. Fine and warm. Chandler cutting bushes. F. & I made a  
set of ox shoes and shod one ox. Mother has been visiting at old  
Mrs Wagoner's. Father went down there to tea. Harris Cosman  
is here this evening. We hear tonight that Bennett Doty was  
buried today. Scarcely a day in which we do not hear of  
somebody's death—some friend or acquaintance. 445-253

#### Thursday, December 1st, 1881

W.S.E. Cloudy and warm. Began raining and blowing tonight.  
A.M. F. & I finished shooing the oxen. Chandler cutting bushes.  
P.M. F. & I helped Alf butcher his pig. Roxy and Cornelia with  
Leslie went down to [Roxy's] visiting today. It rained so that  
Roxy did not come home tonight. Will Cosman is here this  
visiting. Waity White began school up the road yesterday.  
446-255 Geo McAlpine was married so short time ago to a  
widow White-house of Ohio-Yarmouth. John Edd Wagoner  
moved in the Blinn house today.

#### Friday, December 2nd, 1881

W.N.W. Clear and quite cold. A.M. F., C & I butchered the  
hog. P.M. F. & Chandler went around the lake and got the float.  
We had it in the pond at the mill, but since French boys went to  
the mill one Sunday and run it out of boom, and let it go adrift. I  
cut some logs this afternoon down here in the swamp between  
here and Porter's where we cut ship-timber last winter—there  
were logs left in the [tops]. Roxy and Leslie came home from  
Annie's this morning. Roxy says Leslie fell down stairs at  
Annie's yesterday and hurt himself badly.

#### Saturday, December 3rd, 1881

W.N.W. Cloudy and looking like a snow storm. A.M. I cut a

few logs down here in the swamp. F. went out see Charley  
Manzer about getting some beef. He did not get any. Chandler  
cut bushes. P.M. Chandler started out a couple loads of boards  
or deals from the mill. F. at the mill too. I put slats in a bed-  
stead and cut a lot of wood. Cornelia came up from Annie's  
today where she has been visiting a few days. Roxy got a lot of  
circulars from P. O. Vickery & Co. 448-256

#### Sunday, December 4th, 1881

W.N.W. Fine and beautiful. Willoughby came in this morning.  
Harris Cosman came this afternoon and stopped to tea. W. H.  
Sabeen here to tea too. Willoughby preached here tonight. I  
have been unwell for several days. I can scarcely keep up around.  
455-256

#### Monday, December 5th, 1881

W.N.W. Glorious Weather. F. sawing. I cut logs. Chandler  
went out with a load of Deals. He got a bbl of flour and a suite of  
clothes for himself. Willoughby had singing school up at the  
school house tonight. He is going to have singing school every  
night this week. Mother and Harold were down to Annie's and  
spent the day. [Waity] came here tonight. She is keeping school  
up the road this Winter. 462-257

#### Tuesday, December 6th, 1881

W.S.E. Cloudless and beautiful. F. sawing. Chandler cutting  
bushes. I have been cutting logs. Annie spent the day here. We  
all went up to singing school again tonight. 470-257

#### Wednesday, December 7th, 1881

W.S.E. Overcast and misty. F. sawing. A.M. Chandler & I  
cutting wood &c. P.M. We cut logs. We are having great times  
this week going to Singing School. We all went up tonight.  
475-257

#### Thursday, December 8th, 1881

W.S.W. Rained heavily a part of the night, and showery through  
the day. F. sawing. Chandler and I cutting logs. We have got  
about fifty cut now. Roxy, Leslie, and Cornelia up to Charlie's.  
Cosman's visiting. We all went up to Singing School again  
tonight. Harris Cosman and Cornelia are courting in great style.  
They are hauled up by the stove now looking as happy as  
possible. Joe [Cossett] moved into the Jim Cosman house about  
a month ago. 478-259

#### Friday, December 9th, 1881

W.W. Quite fine—freezing all day. F., Alf, Chandler and I went  
to the river today and fixed the "Brow" where we landed timber  
last Winter, and where we are talking of working again this  
coming Winter. After fixing the brow, we partly cleared a road  
around Foe Cromwell's field. We hauled through last Winter,  
but we would rather haul around. We went to Singing School  
again tonight. 483-259

**Saturday, December 10th, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine but cold. F. Chandler, Alf & I. We finished clearing our road—repaired the roads down there generally, and built a sort of “camp and hovel”. We went to Singing School again tonight. It ends tonight. Today’s “Messenger” bears the tidings of the death of Dr. [Cramp]. He was a man of extensive learning and deep piety, and his labors have done much to enhance the interests of the Baptist denomination in this Province. 488-259

**Sunday, December 11th, 1881**

W.N.W. Cloudy and cold. Nothing of note occurred. Willoughby went home this morning. Harris Cosman spent the afternoon and evening here. He and Cornelia are “hoing right in.” 493-259

**Monday, December 12th, 1881**

W.S.W. cloudless, and cold. F. sawing. A.M. Chandler & I got up some firewood. P.M. He got a load of slabs from Wagoner’s mill. I cleared some roads to start out my windfall-logs. Cornelia went down to Annie’s tonight. Waity came here tonight. 496-0259

**Tuesday, December 13th, 1881**

W.S.W. Rained a little in the night—cloudy and warm all day. F. and C— sawing. I helped Alf thresh his wheat. 498-260

**Wednesday December 14th, 1881**

W.S.W. Rained some in the night. Blowing heavily all day. Raining and blowing tonight. F. and Chandler sawing. A.M. I went down in the woods and cut two logs. The wind blew so heavily I did not dare remain longer, and so came home. I have been housed the remainder of the day. I am not able to work being so weak in my back as to be scarcely able to stand on my feet. Roxy, Leslie and Cornelia have been down to Mrs Wagoner’s visiting today.

**Thursday, December 15th, 1881**

W.N.W. Rained all night. Began snowing this morning and continued all day. Snow fell three or four inches. F. and Chandler went to the mill this morning. Finding the lake open they made a move to raft logs, and accordingly went to the head of Bear Lake. The logs were blockaded by several acres of drift ice, so they were obliged to abandon the project. F. then went to the mill and C— came home. I have been sick all day, and remained at home. 505-262

**Friday, December 16th, 1881**

W.N.W. Quite fine, but a cold Wintery day. F. made a splint broom. Chandler cut fire wood. I mended my boots—mended Roxy’s boots, and repaired Cornelia’s boots. 508-262

**Saturday, December 17th, 1881**

W.S.W. cloudy but mild and pleasant. F. & Chandler sawing. Finished all the logs which were at the mill. A.M. I fixed the pump which had given out. P.M. I shod the “bob-sled”. Harris Cosman took Cornelia home this afternoon. I mailed a Postal Card to the Baptist Publication Society for [illegible] copies of some papers. Roxy and I had a spat this forenoon. She gave Harold a beating which gave rise to a small row. Snowing, as she did, my plans for the government of the children, her conduct was in my opinion a serious offence, yet I indulged in language that did not become, and upon the whole, departed myself in a disgraceful manner, and its remembrance will give me many an [unquite] hour. 570-262

**Sunday, December 18, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy and mild---looking like rain. F. & M. spent the day down at Annie’s. Scot has been here all day. Will Cosman has been here the afternoon and evening. Roxy and I with our babies have spent a very pleasant day. Henry Marr, of Barton, died a few days ago: also the Rev. Elias [Brettle], a prominent Methodist minister of this Province. 512-264

**Monday, December 19, 1881**

W.N.W. Fine and beautiful. Chandler hauled two loads of logs to the mill from home—five in all. F. & I shod the long sled today. Tonight [Lawyer Murse] of Bridgetown, school inspector came here to stop over night. 513-264

**Tuesday, December 20, 1881**

W.S.W. Cloudy and thawing. F. sawing. Chandler hauling out lumber. A.M. I did nothing being sick. P.M. I made a little soap dish, [hooped a pail] &c. 514-264

**Wednesday, December 21, 1881**

W.N.W. Glorious day. F. & Chandler hauled and sawed some hardwood sled stuff. Chandler hauled out a couple loads of deals. I helped Alf shoe his oxen. Tonight Alf went down to the corner and helped me load up my team to go out tomorrow. 514-265

**Tuesday, December 22, 1881**

W.S. Fine in the morning but clouded it—and is raining tonight. F. made a sled-tongue. Chandler cutting wood &c. I went to Weymouth with a load of Deals (1031 ft) Alf went out with a load too. Got toys and “trinkets” for Christmas. I took a bushel of apples to E. Nichol, for which he is to allow me \$00.75. The following is what he has had from me.

5 bush Potatoes &	50	2.50
1 bbl apples		1.50
1 bush []	75	

He keeps an account of what I have had from him. [Waity] is here tonight. 515-265

**Friday, December 23rd, 1881**

W.N.E. Rained all night & all day. Tonight hailing and freezing. A.M. F. helped B. Wagoner butcher a heifer a half of which we are buying for \$8.00. P.M. F. mended Chandler's boots after which they went up & got the beef. I have been sick abed most all day. 517-265

**Saturday, December 24, 1881**

W.N.W. Snowed a little in the night, cold as Greenland today. A.M. chandler went out to W. H. S.'s and got the [Stulyards]. F. & I cut up the beef. P.M. Chandler and I hauled wood. This evening Mother, Roxy and I have been preparing for Christmas. We made a Christmas tree, two little sleds, some tops, & a host of toys.

**Sunday, December 25th, 1881**

W.W. Fine and beautiful. It is Christmas day, but falling on Sunday, all the country around decided to "have Christmas" tomorrow. We are all home today. Mother has got a terrible cold and so has Lesley. Alf and Chattie went down the river Will Cosman took them down. Harris went up the Bay yesterday. "Old Jim Payson", as he is known of Weymouth, died today—He choked while eating his dinner.

**Monday, December 26th, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine and beautiful. A.M. F. went to the mill—then around the lake where he cut a pair of sled runners. John White and Willie White were here to dinner. Annie, Scot and the baby came up this forenoon. We have had quite a pleasant day. We had a pleasant time with our Christmas tree. The babies enjoyed themselves finely. 521-265

**Tuesday, December 27th, 1881**

W.S.E. Drizzling rain all day. F. making or working at a wagon sled. I have been doing chores around. Annie stayed here all night and chandler took her home with the oxen and cart. Harold is getting a cold. 523-265

**Wednesday, December 28th, 1881**

W.S.E. Rained all night—cloudy and looking like rain all day. F. and Chandler went to the mill and piled up lumber. They also cut some logs. I have been very sick all day, and have kept home. Mother have been down to Annie's helping her make soap. 523-266

**Thursday, December 29th, 1881**

W.S.E. Cloudy and warm all day. A.M. Chandler and Father hauled some rocks out of the Wagner road where we are going to haul logs. P.M. They ploughed out the ditch on ["Justine's"] hill. Alf has been ploughing yesterday and today. Geo. Holmes came here this forenoon. I am a little better today. Harris is here tonight. 525-266

**Friday, December 30th, 1881**

W.S. Rained heavily all night & all day. F. has been working some at the wagon sled. I have been working around some. Chandler cutting wood between the showers. Wind westerly tonight. I wrote a letter tonight to go to Dr. Robinson. If I do not get medical assistance soon I shall be unable to do anything this Winter. 527-266

**Saturday, December 31st, 1881**

W.S.W. Fine this morning but clouded up and been snow squalls all day. F. & I went to the head of Bear-lake to see if we could raft logs. The lake was open, excepting a few acres in the head where our logs were; so we were obliged to give up the job. The lake has been frozen over several times this Fall, and then open again—even hard enough to drive a team on. F. then went to the mill and I came. He came home at noon. I have been doing chores around the remainder of the day. Aunt Olive came here this morning. Chandler went out afoot to get his "New Years." He brought me a fine lot of "mail". The first number of the Family Harold, for which I subscribed, came also, a lot of papers from the A. B. P. Society. Harold and Leslie's colds seem better, but Mother is worse. 532-266

Eighteen hundred and eighty one has about closed. Astrologers, soothsayers, seers, and even scientific men have pointed this out as a year where in great and wonderful things were to transpire. It was announced that the world should end on Sunday, June 19th. The ignorant classes were greatly alarmed; in fact, even the most incredulous began to look serious as the day drew near. The day came and passed over with nothing unusual taking place. Old Mother Shipton had pointed this out as the year that should terminate all terrestrial affairs and a host of lesser celebrities have at different times confirmed her direful prognostications. But though the world has not ended, it has been a remarkable year. A terrible war has raged between Chilli and Peru. The Land League troubles in the Ireland have given the year a prominence in that country. The Emperor of Russia was killed by a bomb in the Streets of his Capital. The president of the United States, James A. Garfield, who had just entered upon his duties as leader of that great and prosperous nation, was assassinated in a Railway depot by a Frenchman by name of Charles Guiteau. He shot him in the back, and was immediately arrested. The wounded President lingered for several weeks ore death ended his sufferings. The Dominion of Canada has not been marked by an great political commotions. The construction of the Pacific Railway and the settling of Manitoba are giving the government plenty to do. In this province the adopting of the Scot Temperance Act has been the most remarkable achievement. This county is almost in a state of rebellion on account of the Railway tax. In Science and Literature I do not know that anything very important has been effected. Edison's Electric Light has been pretty generally introduced. A Railway is in Course of construction in Newfoundland, & throughout this province and New Brunswick a number of cotton and woolen factories are being started. A sugar refinery lately started in Halifax is doing good work. These are new industries in these Provinces.

During the year the Baptist denomination of this

province has lost two able champions—Drs Tupper and [Cramp]. Mr Brettle, and able Methodist devine, and Mr Greenlan, a Deciple veteran, have too passed away from earth. But one person has died on this place—a little boy of Ben Wagoner's. Some changes have taken place in the settlement. Angel Blin, Jim Cosman and Geo. Sabean have moved away with their families. John E. Wagoner is living on Blin's place, and Joe [Cosset] on Jim Cosman's.

Christmas—1881

It is a beautiful day. A holy clam seems to pervade the earth and air. This morning everything was arrayed in hoar frost—a beconing dress for the time honored day: so weird, yet beautiful and grand, like all that is venerable.

Mantled with garments hoar, the morn walked softly in, wearied and warm. From the far path of Time where stand Century on Century grand, Towering along the dark dim way Like Alpine mountains cold and grey  
Dear Christmas—charming Christmas time!  
A diamond on the brow of Time,  
The only gun the grey [seer] wears,  
The golden clasp that links the years.  
Yes—Christmas came—is now most past  
Like all else loved, it cannot last.  
How strange, how sad that all we prize  
Must die! Will joys arise [(germs)]  
And bloom anew like flowers whose  
Are lying where the dead plant lies?

I once saw a beautiful verse on a book mark destined for a Christmas gift. I committed them to memory, and to forget them now would be to hide one of the brightest sunbeams that glances through this trouble life. As nearly as I recollect, they are as follows—

“Dear Christmas days how fair ye seem, clam, holy and sublime;  
Foot-prints of angels, how ye gleam.  
Along the sand of time.  
Foot-prints wherein  
Sweet heart flowers blow  
By worldly storms [Unriven],  
That we may mark them as they go,  
And find our way to Heaven.

John H. Sabean

# Original Diary

1831

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

W. H. D. Cloudy - calm & quite cold.

Grand M<sup>r</sup> - spent the day at Rep-  
Dan came up here to dinner. After  
which Armin went with him down  
to the corner. He is painting his floors.

Little bit Row in the eye today  
with his little fist, and she has been  
laid up with it all day.

Mother got a letter tonight from Mrs  
Charles McNeill. (M.P.) Some Circulars from  
C. J. Kidney came to hand. I have been  
cutting wood some thing (another all day).

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

W. H. D. Cloudy - but pleasant.

M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Grant spent the day here.

Self took old David out a way on his  
way home. Dan was here all day.  
I have been reading a beautiful book  
entitled "None But Christ".

My health is very poor. I can only just  
keep around. But all the rest of us  
are well at present. Little Sattie is  
getting along first rate. One day last  
week he scrambled up to the wood box,  
and looking over in a basket that sat  
there, he said "Ja-te-ta", when his  
little gut slipped, and over he went.

This is the second time he has  
attempted to climb up by anything.  
Harold is well as well as I.

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Monday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wind Hysterical, a fine pleasant day. Went to the mill - carried 1/2 sack into Old Store etc. I hauled some water - did some work in the barn - cut some wood etc. P.M. I went to the mill & brought out a load of Deale (576) one of Dan's logs - I brought home from Old Store stuff. The fare hand is most still again. Dan is in the drift timber business large at present. He has three men in his service

Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>

N. W. Clear and sharp. Sat at the mill. I shod the cow at the back door. My mother & Cordwood Wick. The Wood Club tonight

Wednesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Fine all day. A.M. I went to the mill and finished sawing. I went with the team, pulled to edge two load of boards and brought out 140 ft of boards & Deale - I hauled 37 ft of boards one of Dan's logs. P.M. I cut some wood. I made an ash handle. Mother, Abbie and Mr Bent with P.M. is visiting. My went out with a load. Jerry Green of Instat, said this morning from an attack of heart disease. Henry Lewis sent to B. B. D. S. which he handed over to me.

Thursday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. E. Cloudy this morning, and looking fearful like a storm. I went out with a load. Began snowing when I was at bridge, and continued several till I got home. Dan moved a pair of Ann's things to their new box today. On Monday last a Ship - "Sappas Horn" owned at Houlton went out on Piney Edge and was wrecked. The Captain wife and little girl were blown to death. The Steward also was blown

Friday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. W. Quite pleasant. Sat hawking woods. My mother and Abbie went down the River taking the old lady home with them. They came home tonight. My grand mother and her daughter + Abbie and Dan moved in their new house

Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. W. Fine but windy and very cold. I went out with a load of Deale. It went down the River to get his animal. I went out to the Deer Lake about sawing some logs. We talk of putting in the River.

Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. N. W. Clear and cold. George I saw all day. I saw Laid off with a lame lung. I saw two trading. None but Christ

Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. E. Began snowing this morning - continued till towards night when it turned to rain which continued for a short time. P.M. I cutting or cutting out drift timber. P.M. Daily snowing. I have been laid up all day

Tuesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

N. W. Misty all day. A cutting out timber. Abbie in the P.M. Shop. I helped him some and prepared a piece of hide for occasions. I can scarcely get around with my lame legs. Rexy, Abbie & Susan went up to Ethel tonight

Wed. Jan 12

N. W. Cloudy - Little fine in evening. I cutting timber. Abbie went to French town with a load - which came to \$5.05 etc. He got a lot of fuel. A little of my occasions etc. I went to the mill with this afternoon. I subscribed for a plum and pear tree. An old French pedlar was also here

Thursday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. W. Clear and warm. I hauled cutting timber. I have been working a little at my occasions. Mother is sick with the stomach. Rexy made a letter to Ethel Rexy. Rexy went down and called on Annie this morning. Abbie Lewis was here this evening

Friday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. E. Cloudy and staining all. Began raining about noon. I finished my occasions today. I found a fish barrel this afternoon to put for kerfing iron (half 1840) which he got from Jasper White. P.M. He did nothing this afternoon. My took a load of timber to the Cove today - came to 7.50. He got 1300 of meal and some occasions. Mother is very sick today. Williams began was here to dinner. He was around trying to collect Railway tax



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Saturday Jan. 13th

P. M. W. Rained all night. Snow again this forenoon - Cloudy till night. It has been making a chain of ice down to Dan's tonight. I have framed up a bedstead for Dan and I - putting in slats - making a "post-board" 7c. P. M. I cut a lot of wood. I ate Jany's as usual this morning. I gave him half a bushel of potatoes. Grass is a little better today. Blin is here this evening.

Sunday Jan. 14th

P. M. Cloudy - and hazy all day. The day has passed away quietly away. Mother all been home. Mother is getting quite smart. She sat up all day. Blin is here this evening.

Ben. Dagoneri old man, which he drove for twenty years, came to her and this morning. A good mason found her "thorned" in the stable, and considerably surprised, so he put an end to her. She has been such a faithful animal, and is so well known that the sad intelligence of her decease was quite a shock to the community.

Monday Jan. 15th

P. M. W. Cloudy and hazy. The forest trees are glorious in an array of ice and frost. The old have been in the "Red" business today. We got up two from down below the Spring field. Dan was up this evening. He brought me the "mail". Mother is still getting better. Shattin paid me 50 cents today. They still owe me 25 cents.

Tuesday Jan. 16th 1881

P. M. W. Breeze but wind, and cold. A. C. G. Drying and starting out ship timber. We got a stick of Ben's lead, for which we agreed to pay him 25 cents. Ben's wife, with whom Alf traded furs, was to get today. Alf paid him some money. I cut off 8 p.m. today. Tonight we went up to Club on Alf's horse sled. Clark Mowly was invited.

Wednesday Jan. 17th

P. M. Fine. Digging timber. Alf went to the Cove with a load for which he got 35 c. Ross and the cabin are gone down to Dan's wharf. J. O. Holmes came here today, and he and I went down this evening.

Thursday Jan. 18th

P. M. W. Cloudless and beautiful. Alf digging timber. Alf, starting around. J. O. Holmes went home this morning. James who was in jail at Lunenburg for the murder of Tracy and who was sentenced to be hanged today, has made his escape. I am glad to hear it, as his sentence was, in my opinion, a very unjust one.

Friday Jan. 19th

P. M. W. Fine. A. C. G. Digging timber. We digged out two timbers, P. M. Alf having timber on the road. Alf and I hauled them up. Looks like a snow storm tonight. Roger starting this evening. I do not feel well tonight.

Saturday Jan. 20th

P. M. W. Snow about five inches last night, and continued through the forenoon. Repairing the sled sled. P. M. Alf did nothing - not feeling well - P. M. Alf put a couple of shoes on the oven, I then cut a lot of wood. Although came in today. Alf got dinner and then came again. Young Lamberton and Eva Marlow married today.

Sunday Jan. 21st

P. M. W. Cloudy and quite cold. Alf, Ross and I with little horse and sleigh went out to hear Willoughby. After service I went down to the 14th where I stayed till after tea. Alf came up as far as Dennis. Indean came in with me. The sled all night. Willoughby preached here tonight.

Monday Jan. 22nd 1881

P. M. W. Windy and cold. I went out with a load of wood to Campbell - 7th Indean went with me, and Willoughby went out with me to Neepawa. Alf has been selling timber. Alf went to the Cove with a load of timber.

Tuesday Jan. 23rd 1881

P. M. W. Fine - but quite cold. Alf went to the Cove with a load of timber. Alf has been looking out sleds down in the logging woods. Mother up to Sarah's dieing. In the Club tonight - I read an Essay on "Moral Swallow or Peimant". Mother is going to stay up to Sarah's tonight.

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# Journal and Diary.

W. W. W. Wednesday Jan 26, Wednesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fine, but quite cold. I went to the Cove with the pack of the timber, in search along again. About 15 inches of snow fell in this last storm and I got me a little flour and some sugar for Pease a bushel by the 5<sup>th</sup> and bread down where there are around now. P.M. Frank & I are to log. Very quiet tonight.

Thursday Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1881 W. W. W. Cloudy and Cold. The weather is severe along again. About 15 inches of snow fell in this last storm and I got me a little flour and some sugar for Pease a bushel by the 5<sup>th</sup> and bread down where there are around now. P.M. Frank & I are to log. Very quiet tonight.

W. W. W. Fine. F. & I finished cleaning roads. Frank had come here tonight. He came to assist us in the logging roads. I do not know if we will keep him.

Friday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 1881 W. W. W. Snowing and blustering like fury. I went on the lake and got the cabinet book. I spent the rest of the day in fixing the lot sleds &c. This morning Frank had all of our sleds into the hauling firewood trawlers. I had not stopped long when I broke some handle. I came home and found the damaged sleds in the snow. I had a Frank's cabin in the road business.

Saturday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Stormed and battered heavily all night. This morning the road is blocked up with snow and we could not look for any as can be imagined. Started early, but no progress - quite moderate this morning.

Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Cloudy and Cold - Scattering Snow falling. A long has been here off and on today, but he is here tonight and is going to stay all night.

Monday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> W. W. W. Cloudy and Cold with Snow falling. P.M. Frank & I went down to our logging works with the team. We went to our old camp down there and got a load of boards and took them to build a camp.

Tuesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> W. W. W. Cloudy and Cold. I went to our old camp and made a beginning in the logging business. We got one log on the line - to the River and fixed up the crew. The road is so bad we do not have sleds tonight. All is fixing line sleds.

Wednesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> W. W. W. Cloudy and Cold. The weather is severe along again. About 15 inches of snow fell in this last storm and I got me a little flour and some sugar for Pease a bushel by the 5<sup>th</sup> and bread down where there are around now. P.M. Frank & I are to log. Very quiet tonight.

Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> W. W. W. Windy - weather a little more mild. We began logging today in earnest. It has been a hard day and he began work this morning. We got fourteen logs to the River today. Frank came here this afternoon and is here this evening. Snowed about 3 inches last night.

Friday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Cloudy and moderate. Making some tonight. He had about 100 hands logging. He had about 100 hands logging. He had about 100 hands logging. He had about 100 hands logging.

Saturday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Fine - clear this forenoon. Cloudy till night. Hauling logs. Although the snow is fearfully deep, we have got a good square road broken, and have made a good beginning. We have put 56 m this week. About 100 hands began work this morning, but as the leg is lame with a cut, he did not go down in the woods today, but has been cutting firewood, part of the day for us, and partly for Mr. Hill and Mr. Cooman to use tonight. I got some Circular saw, Galley &c. and an Axe from C. O. Wright. Frank Water went home.

Sunday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and quite Cold. Deer, Arnie Seal and three spirit the day here. Willie White also was here. Frank Water came back today.

Monday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Tuesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Wednesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Friday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Sunday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Monday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Tuesday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> W. W. W. Clear and beautiful. The hauling is here this evening. Frank is writing an Essay.

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Tuesday, Feb 8th 1881  
P. S. Clear and warm. All day logging. Mathis is visiting from Brimley. Henry, Louis, and I went to Club tonight. The pick was probably executed this morning as this was the day appointed for it.

Tuesday, Feb 14th - St. Valentine's Day  
P. S. Cloudy till noon - clear till night. Windy and cold. F. J. Harris, Frank, and the logging woods. The snow has taken the form away wonderfully. It is now about three months of hard black winter we have had. Our logging load is not broken up yet. Henry's foot is improving fast. He will soon be on his feet again.

Wednesday, Feb 9th  
P. S. Cloudy and thawing fast. The snow has all gone out of the business today, and settled about five inches. All day in the logging woods. I no longer went down this morning but after working a little while he left and came home - his coat hurting him badly. I do not feel very well today. Mrs Smith and Sarge Cosman are here. I spent the day here. Little Harold had his first little errand today. Mathis sent him out to get the Cateyan. He performed like a little man.

Tuesday, Feb 15th 1881  
P. S. W. Clear and cold. All logging. Pedlar Mortander was here today. He went up to Club tonight. Little Fisk has got a terrible sore hand. He burnt his hand several days ago & so thought he was getting over it, but it has taken to swelling and is real bad, but hope it will soon be well again. Today I sent a letter to E. Hagen concerning the "concrete". I had a postal card mailed to J. W. Dasheday & Co. concerning printing Messrs T. C. My health is improving some. I got a letter tonight from

Thursday Feb 10th 1881  
P. S. Cloudy and left all day. All Frank rolling the logs. F. J. Harris clearing roads. I have been home all day - not being able to work. I cut some wood for St. George. He laid up with his lameness.

Wednesday, Feb 16th  
P. S. E. Cloudy - began snowing about noon - fell about two inches - turned to rain - rained till night. W. shifted to W. W. Logging again, at noon left back to his shed and came home. Frank is a great cowboy party at Mills tonight Frank and George were gone.

Friday Feb 11th  
P. S. Shifted to P. Rained about during the night. Cloudy till noon. When it cleared away I began a pair of boots for Seal. Frank came here today. Charlie Johnson, Will Johnson, cutting wood. Henry and I have been writing Excels all day. I am sick tonight. And of course able to get up.

Thursday, Feb 17th  
P. S. W. Partly clear - snow squall logging. Splendid weather in the woods now. Eliza Lewis and Abigail Hale were here today. Charlie Johnson, Will Johnson, and I have been writing Excels all day. I made a pair up here in my room and Johnson and I have spent the evening here.

Saturday, Feb 12th 1881  
P. S. E. Ice this morning. but soon melted up, and this afternoon began storming - snowing fast and blowing. Frank and Harris cutting woods. Frank cutting things he put in about 4 1/2 days. I finished Seal's boots tonight. I made a pair for Seal today with two deers to top the trunk etc. I had a lot of chives from the barn, and ground generally. I am very unwell today, and tonight, I am very unwell.

Friday Feb 18th 1881  
P. S. W. Snow till afternoon when it clouded up and is snowing down a little tonight. All day logging. Along began work again today. He cut wood all day for part of all day part of snow. Eliza Lewis and Abigail Hale left today. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Benjamin Wagner's household as a made myse last night by the birth of a "man child".

Sunday Feb 13th  
P. S. W. Rained very heavily, lost night. Snowing till noon - clear till night. Went down to Dan's cutting seals. Aching of state occurred. All day at home reading and T. C. I am reading a little book I got from Henry. It is entitled "The Blood of the Christ". It is a book, little book, for school children. I am anxious about some business.

Saturday, Feb 19th 1881  
P. S. E. Shifted to W. W. Snowed about six inches in the night, and this is was raining - but the wind shifting snowed till night. Harris & Frank hading woods. Frank's three dogs, Brown, Iron, and the rest to help. Frank, Mathis, and I have been unperceiving to work.

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S. N. Fine. Snow. Harold, Esq. Sunday, Feb 27  
and I spent the day down at Lemmie  
All went down to town and got  
Clarice and Maple. Aunt Eliza Simon  
right today. Henry Barnwell married today

Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
P. S. E. Cloudy, began logging  
tonight. To thank. Alton, and  
in the logging woods  
All went out today. Got a load of deals  
(one deal) got a bag of meal for Lemmie &  
a bag of Molasses for my. He made a  
letter for me to J. C. Wade in reference  
to the Post Office.

Tuesday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>  
P. S. Cloudy and cold - clear tonight.  
Snowed about midnight. Logging again  
to game Co. man, Mac, Wagner, and  
Whitaker. Sale was fine this afternoon and  
will cut timber. Mail went up by Cook  
tonight, and had a good meeting.

Wednesday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
P. S. Cloudy and soft all day, night  
began raining but turned to snow,  
and snow (9:00) coming down  
heavily. In Dooze, Frank in the woods  
did not go in today. Pithie White  
spent the evening here - and here to tea.  
At Blins they are all down. Sick  
of Scarlet fever. I hope on little ones  
I want get it.

Thursday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
P. S. Snowed only a little dust last  
night - after the wind shifted and the  
morning was from the North blowing  
heavily, which continued all day with  
severe cold - as cold as any of the season.  
Logging. I did not come down till 11 o'clock  
got home all day.

Friday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1881  
P. S. N. Fine, but very cold.  
Logging again. I have done a good  
day's work today. I have put in four  
days logs. This afternoon Alton &  
worked on the "Deer". Henry went up  
the road today and called upon Mrs  
B. Haggens and saw her baby boy

Sat. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1881  
P. S. Fine, but very cold  
Cell hands logging.  
I got a Postal Card from  
J. F. Dangleday N. D.

P. S. E. Cloudy, cold and raw  
all day. All business up his house and  
with Whittier, Blaine, & Resina, & at  
last I went down to the town to the  
and I went down to the town to the  
the logs. I saw and some were here  
and the logs at the house. At 10 o'clock  
will - I have been reading most all  
day.

Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
P. S. E. Cloud and raw. Began  
logging about 10 o'clock. P. M. Aff  
I made Alton go to work at the  
morning. I went down  
in the woods. P. M. I went down to  
Steve Crosser to get some lumber. Aff  
Harris at the house. P. M. I went  
the woods. About the middle of the  
afternoon the rain drove me home.

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
P. S. E. Windy heavily all night  
and all day today. P. M. Aff  
sharpened the Oxen. Alton and  
I went to the woods. I cut  
I have written some today. I  
I have been able to get up. Alton & I have  
been engaged during the season for  
in visiting on Crosser in Norman's Mill  
Bligo Children are getting better.

Wednesday, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>  
P. S. E. Snowed some during the  
night, and while this morning, but  
stopped and soon all had disappeared  
and blowing all day, and soft.  
P. M. I worked on the Haggens  
I wrote some. Frank and Alton picked  
over some apples down cellar.  
P. M. I went to Frank's house  
and fixed the pump. I have  
been very unwell these few days.

Thursday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>  
P. S. E. Half. Clear half cloudy, with  
occasional squalls of snow. P. M.  
I went down and got  
and he had. I cut cord wood till  
P. M. I made a cradle for  
I then began on a cradle. The  
went to the mill and began clearing  
road around the feet of the Lake to haul  
logs off of the Pine Hill. He discharged  
at home. He has worked 1 1/2 days.  
I gave him an of 2000 to Campbell. I  
cut his foot today, and went home  
by rain storm, made a great bush  
The mill pond is about full.  
Harold and Esq. are getting colder.  
They are getting better at Blins.  
Pithie & Mary at Whittier's meeting. I  
was on this tonight

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Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. Cloudy all day and looking  
a storm. Finished my paper  
in morning and brought it  
down to the logging woods and got  
it started. He and I then went back  
to the mill lot and helped Gold clean  
up finish clearing the road. We got a  
load of timber blades. Mr. Call's  
team & oxen are here today making  
long bluffs, steers & milk.

Today Sam. Farfold takes up his  
blode at the White House, and takes  
up on the Chicago of the Antioch - Rust.  
They are some boys out.

Saturday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. C. - Dull to N. W. Rain & all  
night, fog this morning, but cleared  
up and has been fine and warm all  
day. I Mr. G. Magee are now and I. G. G. G. G.  
I went to the mill & of help to  
complete work of logs - breaking the  
logs. I made a pair of shoes - finished  
one. Masha and this day visiting down  
to G. Miller.

Sunday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. W. Foggy and left till to  
ward night, when it cleared off  
again to breeze. Got some up this  
morning and brought the meat - a little  
for John from Geo. Johnson, and a couple  
for Dick from J. W. Daughada, T. C. I  
have spent the day in reading and etc.

Monday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

N. W. C. Clear and blowing heavily  
all day. I Mr. Frank & I began  
logs to the mill off of the mill lot. I & J  
Chapman and J. Hankins. We hauled  
19 logs this morning. I went down  
to our logging works, towards the pond  
and got the Cross-cut-Draw. It came  
came onto the water - just off the  
road, till noon, then began sawing.

Tuesday, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>

N. W. W. Calm. Fine and warm.  
I Mr. Frank & J. Logging - hauled 31 logs  
to Sawing. I Mr. Frank has gone up to  
I night, I am too tired to go.

Wednesday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>

N. S. C. Fine and warm. S. Sawing  
I Mr. Frank & J. Logging - hauled 22 logs  
looks like a storm tonight.  
Peder Nelson was here today.  
Harold's cold is getting better  
Lester is worse.

Thursday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>

N. S. C. B. Cloudy, windy, fog  
came in about noon.  
I Mr. Frank & J. Logging - got down  
to Sawing. The rain did  
not come home about 4 P.M.

Friday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. C. Foggy all day - rained all  
last night. I Mr. Frank & J. Logging -  
finished Harold's other logs, and  
made a pair of shoes for Nelson.  
I Mr. Frank & J. Logging - I got  
to work two little logs today.

Saturday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. S. C. D. Snowed a little in the night, but  
clearing all day, but changed as fast  
as came. I Mr. Frank & J. Logging -  
I went from the mill to  
the sawing. I got sawing. We edged a lot  
of logs. I came out around the road  
and got some at O. Miller. I got some down  
the camp and the logs I got them.

Sunday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. C. Cloudy and rain. Nothing  
important occurred. I got some, but  
all day. I have been reading and etc.

Monday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>

N. A. C. Cloudy and very cold &  
saw - cleared off tonight and  
sawing hard. I Mr. Frank & J. Logging -  
I went to the mill & of help to  
load a lot of logs. I helped  
to work for him.  
Blinn's little girl - Evangelina -  
went sick for several weeks & I  
did tonight.

Tuesday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

N. A. W. Fine and beautiful.  
Very hard last night, but from then  
up today - good sawing weather.  
I Mr. Frank & J. Logging - hauled some logs  
from the mill, and hauled 14 logs  
to the mill in the woods. I  
I made a coffee for Blinn's little girl  
to eat. I went down to the mill  
with Annie. I went to  
this afternoon to go to  
Mr. Sander, brother, (69-28)  
I am here today (69-28)

Wednesday, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>

N. A. W. Fine in the morning, but  
clouded up and snowed a little. I Mr. Frank & J. Logging -  
I went to the mill & of help to  
I hauled 21. Making 11. We hauled 6 of  
and with 25 hauled some last night -  
We put 468 logs in the saw.  
I loaded up the card wood chads  
out. I went to the mill  
I am here today (70-50)

# Journal Fred Cary

Th. P. Fine and very Spring like  
 I had Frank with his ass  
 - hauled up a large fence post  
 on Monday to be for my work. P.M.  
 cutting fence poles I have  
 at my post, but have been at work all  
 day of this for Mother. (70-32)

Th. P. Fine and warm. In evening  
 Frank went out with a load of柴 for  
 small which came to 3.00 etc.  
 I finished Mother's fence.

Th. P. Fine and very Spring like  
 In evening A.M. Frank went home  
 and I went to work. Mother went out to  
 work. I got a letter from J.C. Wade  
 70-33

## Sunday, Mar 20

Th. P. Cloudy all day  
 All day home but Mother in evening  
 went to work. I went to work  
 this morning taking the  
 carriage and stable.  
 The case of Perera was assassinated  
 at the street of St. Peterburg, by the  
 explosion of a bomb. It is probably  
 the work of the Philistines. 70-34

## Monday, Mar 21st

Th. P. Cloudy & S.W. Rain and  
 during the night foggy like towards  
 night, when it cleared away  
 In evening I had some cutting fence  
 poles. W. and Charlie got them at  
 home. 70-35

## Tuesday, Mar 22

Th. P. Foggy like soon when it cleared  
 & bright. It looks very Spring like  
 P.M. I went to the mill and  
 got boards. I came out to see  
 and get charred at Dan's. P.M. I cut  
 fence poles. I eat wax down there  
 and etc. He is going to stop for  
 a while. I stay at Ann's. I finished  
 evening for now. Lizzie has begun  
 limbering up stairs, so today put a  
 word a cross to keep her down.  
 He is getting to be a jolly little  
 load. 70-36

## Wednesday, Mar 23

Th. P. Fine and glorious. A.M.  
 I cut fence poles. P.M. I hauled  
 poles and to Chaffed. We have been  
 getting poles down towards the lake,  
 near where I found timber for my  
 inery. One Geo. Marsh has been  
 today to see about buying  
 white farms.

Th. P. Windy and rainy. 70-37  
 Cutting and hauling - or rather starting  
 fence poles. Henry and Lizzie with  
 have been down to Ann's  
 they took Lizzie down in the little  
 boat dropper - The first time it  
 has been used. Puddles Martin has  
 been here today. 70-38

## Friday Mar 25th

Th. P. Cloudy rain & cold.  
 P.M. I cutting fence poles. I went  
 up to see Geo. Sabean about what  
 he has. The bill is \$3.41. When he  
 has come down in here for  
 he is going to break up Henry's  
 got out of. I helped J. Cut poles  
 till noon. P.M. I had some  
 poles up from down here - We have  
 got 120 piled up in the  
 evening Sarah has spent the day here.  
 Joe Combs has been here this evening  
 carrying for  
 Row is making a little straw  
 hat 71-38

## Saturday, Mar 26

Th. P. Fine but windy rain  
 and cold. I cutting fence poles. I went  
 out with a load of柴 - 10.35 ft. The  
 road is very muddy. I had a hard  
 day of it. I was so tired when I got  
 home that I was "most dead". I got a  
 barrel of flour price 7.15 - A lot of  
 I got Melasses 1.50 Some leather. I  
 I took out a bushel of Apples for  
 Corrie came home today 73-38

## Sunday, Mar 27th

Th. P. Cloudy & cold. I went  
 a little last night. Dan came  
 night about midnight. Jackson and  
 Charlie were here this afternoon & evening.  
 Frank came back this afternoon.  
 He is going to work here again. 78-39

## Monday, Mar 28

Th. P. Cloudy and clear. We  
 began breaking our ground. He  
 I got a letter from Geo. Marsh  
 I don't see here tonight.

## Tuesday, Mar 29

Th. P. Fine and glorious. P.M.  
 He worked on the brow. At noon  
 man came down. He had just returned  
 up the way, and said that Lizzie was  
 going to the States - going to  
 and that Row wanted me to go  
 this afternoon. So he went to my  
 and Row, Lizzie & I with  
 up the Bay where the  
 79-38

# Journal And Diary

Wednesday Mar. 30      Thursday Mar. April 5

N. H. E. Fine. Cornelia King  
 I started for the railroad to Dig the  
 arroyo. My business there was to  
 look for employment as a peddler,  
 in some light occupation.  
 went to the Edward home where I  
 -my horse. We got dinner and tea  
 the home and found some a  
 of generous men. I looked around  
 two long found no opening. I bought  
 a pair of shoes for which I paid  
 30 cents. I bought a little tin whistle  
 for which I paid 5 and a stick of candy  
 for which I paid 10. Making in all 35 cts.  
 I visited the County Office where I  
 procured some printing ink and a quire of  
 paper. We had a pleasant drive down  
 tonight. Today to Frank's hands  
 and Will Corman getting the bear 70-78

N. H. N. Dull fine but windy &  
 cold. P.M. I should have  
 good. P.M. I cutting fence poles  
 rank hanging. I am a little better  
 today. The babies are getting better.  
 We are reading a book by Lord  
 Beaconsfield, entitled "Demerita  
 Temple". It is a splendid story, and  
 well worth a perusal. I am  
 greatly pleased to learn he is doing  
 a regular work, but his work is  
 not so classed with the light fiction  
 of the day. It is a faithful delineation  
 of human nature, and those fond  
 of pure language and refined sentiment  
 will find this a masterly production.  
 England's late premier a rare literary  
 treat.

Thursday Mar 31

N. E. Snowed about three inches last  
 night and continued through the day  
 this morning. My horse went up to  
 see Dearyna, and I went up to  
 see Dearyna where I spent the day and  
 evening very pleasantly. 78-83

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

N. H. N. Cloudy and cold - a rea-  
 sonable day. About half past six of  
 my fall last night. It is a great  
 thing getting fence poles. I cut blank  
 in the fence pole business. Now we  
 hanging of the John Eddy for a line fence.  
 I am better today. I made a set of  
 metal frames, and a last for soap.

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

N. E. Winter warm. Snow flying till  
 noon - then cleared off. We came home  
 this morning. The traveling was very  
 heavy. I got home in one hour.  
 I got home about noon. I had a blank  
 has been hanging poles around the land  
 and on the hill. P.M. Frank hauled  
 poles and I got began cutting poles  
 from 10. I cut hair for Eldred White  
 and Will Corman. Eldred got dinner  
 here. 81-79-58

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

N. H. N. Fine and quite spring-like.  
 I cut poles. Frank hanging.  
 The babies are about well.

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

N. H. N. Fine. I cut poles  
 poles. Frank hanging. Annie, Beat,  
 and Alice spent the day here.  
 I cut poles first day 83-58

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881

N. H. N. Cloudy - heavy, with frequent  
 squalls of snow. We finished cutting  
 the wood today. I was taken with  
 a severe sore throat yesterday, or last  
 night, and tonight I am quite well.  
 I cut me out a pack of tools tonight.

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

N. H. N. Fine and warm. I sawing  
 for Dan. Frank went out with a load  
 of poles to get his pay. He is done  
 here tonight. I cut poles all day.  
 I sawed the school teacher came  
 home with my tonight. Rossey got  
 a little tonight from her father.  
 We wanted a little today to the schoolhouse.  
 Mrs. Elai's. Bright deal today 84-58

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. H. N. Cloudy, and windy and  
 very cold - Has not thawed a bit.  
 I have been very sick all day.  
 Harry came home from Annie &  
 Seat went home too. Annie  
 baby is sick and mother went  
 down with tonight. 79-56

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

N. H. E. Fine and spring-like  
 Mother is not very well. Rossey & I got  
 a few little May flowers. I heard some  
 songs for the first time this season. I  
 stayed here last night. It has been done  
 to have this afternoon. They say  
 I saw a squirrel on the street  
 I saw a squirrel on the street  
 I saw a squirrel on the street 85-59

Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. H. N. Clear but windy and  
 very cold. I working as my  
 poles. Frank hanging fence poles  
 I am still sick. Harold and Fidelity  
 and Alice have all got the chicken  
 I looking for the Census Man. 78-58

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Quarrel with my wife? the gales!  
 Such thing I never do;  
 I care not who assailed this,  
 It is not true.  
 When you and I were wed  
 As this we made our mind,  
 We will not to each other speak  
 A word unkind.  
 Each other fault to to hear,  
 Each little wrong forgive,  
 That you should grieve allow  
 No sound to live.  
 Though this we firmly said  
 Our hearts are human still;  
 There landless tempests, passion dwells,  
 And shilburn will.  
 North to his struggling care  
 By duty we were called,  
 Pinguarided oft and unwarlike  
 Some word would fall;-  
 Some bitter cruel word  
 Recalled as soon as said:  
 This is alone by others heard;  
 But beneath the shade  
 Of evening's dusky brow  
 No listeners interrupt  
 To see the tears, to hear the sob  
 When we make up.

I'm going away to sea!  
 Days youth with ardour warm,  
 Low calm - how daring I will  
 Amid the storm!  
 The day arrives - he clings  
 Fast to the surf-lashed deck  
 The cruel, raging tempest drives  
 The ship a wreck.

Ah! where is from the coast?  
 And where the land so brave?  
 Do ask that grin and iron bound  
 That guards his grave.  
 'Tis thus at life's fair morn:  
 With hopes and prospects bright  
 Unconsciously ever borne along,  
 And all is right,  
 But scattering clouds which made  
 The morning sky more bright  
 Are gathered into sombre shade  
 Long ere the night.  
 You say we quarrel - go find  
 A pair in all this land  
 Who never speak a word unkind  
 But hand in hand  
 Glide smoothly, calmly through  
 Stern life's restricted domain;  
 Seek where you will I fear that you  
 Will seek in vain.  
 Many there are who start  
 Upon life's voyage together  
 Who laugh at compass, log and chart  
 In such fine weather.

Sunday Evening,  
 April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

Monday, April 11

P. M. P. Blue and fine. S. cutting  
 poles I have been cutting. This is  
 quite better just birds days, and if  
 he were to be a man, and in like his  
 "Papa" this entry will be greatly worth  
 much interest to him. Old Mrs  
 (D) Jones spent the afternoon here.  
 What is it? Mather has been there  
 most all day. 86-60

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

P. M. P. Fine but windy. There came  
 a little dust of snow last night but soon  
 vanished. S. Sailing. A Mr. I finished  
 painting holes around the Spiny field. P.M.  
 I got a lot of stuff for sick gales. Aunt Olivia  
 came thro' this afternoon. I went to  
 show with her this evening to see about  
 note. 87-60



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Wednesday April 13

H. S. E. Clear and fine in the morning, but clouded up, and this evening it is snowing a little. Helped Leander cut logs back of the lake. Self went to market to look for a gilt-did seat for Mrs. Helen and made a long piece of fine knive between our field (or rather bushes) and John Eddy's field. Aunt Olivia has a T. He heard to day that Peter Grant ("Old Pete") is dead. 94-60

Thursday April 14th 1881

H. S. E. Snowed a little last night cloudy and frosty all day. Spent at my work. A Mr. J. helped to a little on my foot. Got work at my work all day. P. M. Helen and I began to build a fence around the Spring field. Aunt Olivia went away this afternoon. She says that Sarah Steele and Del. Manning are being married tonight. 95-60

Friday April 15th 1881

H. S. E. Began raining in the night which continued all day, and continued with heavy winds. Mrs. finished my boots today. This evening as usual but what I had to suffer and may preserve it individually around the craning confusion of my life plus dogs

Saturday April 16th 1881

H. W. Snowed through the night and a while this morning but cleared up as fast as it fell. The weather fine partly cleared up. F. S. made up some of the fence around the Spring field. Alf and Leander have been hauling my logs about Lake. Effie M. Caprice came to help today. 96-61

Sunday - East - April 17

H. W. Windy all day. Mother and Harold went down to Annie's and a while this morning. F. S. and I went up to hear Mr. Galt preach. It was his last Sunday here. He is going to move away to New Brunswick. John & Sarah "appeared out" today. Annie came up with Mother this afternoon. F. S. went up to hunting this evening. F. S. hunting at this evening smoking. H. S. had to come over to the "delights". Phil Cosman spent the afternoon here - getting his tea. I began writing his memo today - the subject being the late of Joseph and his business as recorded in the Bible. 98-62

Sunday April 18th

H. W. Windy but quite raw and wind. I went up to Mrs. Sabian this morning to see him concerning a debt he owes me. The remainder of the day spent in hunting ducks out of the field back of the Shop. There are six young to plump.

Monday Continued.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Geo. Sabian spent day here. Fanny and Martha are helping to make a dress. Lydia Sabian has also spent the day here - Annie's seat was stayed all night. J. H. Sabian was here to dinner. 113-62

Tuesday April 19th 1881

H. W. Windy - Cloudy in the morning, but cleared off - Windy. I went around the lake or the point below "Jim Eddy's field" and cut my logs for Alf - working in all a muddled - my handling things so over his horse. Harold is about half sick today. Trying it is warm all time.

Wednesday April 20th

H. W. Windy. F. S. made a "Stone" May and finished handling down off of the mill back of the Shop. It rained a little better today. Effie had a great afternoon with Mrs. Geo. Sabian.

Thursday April 21

H. S. W. In the morning - light to H. E. Partly cloudy and windy. F. S. went back to Seven-Ten by the pond and set the meadows on fire. 114-62

Friday April 22

H. W. Windy but wind clear. P. M. Seal and I began plowing (breaking up) a piece back of the Shop. I plowed a cart wheel. P. M. He attempted to plough again but broke the log side of the plough. He then put a share on the old plough and tried that, but cut the very small, took the share and had to get it up. I then hauled up a shaft for a cart wheel. I found a side for a rock gate and found it re. A change around. Alf took Maggie, Fred and "General" but to the Station today. Helen is moving today.

Saturday April 23rd

H. W. This morning it was cloudy and looked a little rain, but it soon cleared off and became the warmest and most beautiful day we have had yet today. F. S. went out with a load of coats. He got a lot of meat - 5 lbs of Indiaris. He took a bunch of potatoes to J. Nichols. I pitched over the manure he gets today. Tonight I went out to Mrs. Sabian's and got a circular from Mrs. Geo. Sabian. Road Reason's field has lately died. Lake pond is also dead. 115-62

Motherly wrote dinner here today. A fruit agent came along from whom I ordered a box of (the what) from R. H. 115-62

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Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute & Jim Day, I stopped at W. S. D. Lute's cart, and Jim Day's family were to embark today for Deer Island but his little girl - Mary - taking sick they were prevented from going, so he held meeting this evening. The heat was, a thermometer with my shell yet many degrees out of the scale of Fahrenheit. It and Perry went out to meeting. I went again down to W. S. D. Lute's, where I remained till after tea. When W. S. D. Lute & company and one home, where W. S. D. Lute, preached, 119-65

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute, Seal and I ploughed all day. It rained a little. Seal and Jim Messinger rafting logs on Ross Lake. I brought seal home this morning. I mailed a letter by ship to C. E. Harriman. - Digby in reference to the printing business. Obed & Willie White started today for the States.

At W. S. D. Lute's, last Sunday, I wrote in Annie's little Autograph Album etc. following lines, which, as I presume, she made of my scribbling, I will record here.

I - Annie

Happy little Annie,  
Kissing on his knee,  
With the flush of child hood  
Every land of dream  
Smiling with the tracing  
Of woman's dawning ray  
Like morning's glow embracing  
The rosy beam of day.

My little Annie,  
Remember that the merrymaking  
Of life, like that of child hood  
Soon will glide away.

120-65

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute, Seal and I finished ploughing back of the Shop. It all went at his cart wheel. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Raining tonight. 122-65

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute. Fine and beautiful. Rained considerable tonight. Seal has been rafting logs today. He has begun today to climb up on the lounge and climb for the first time. He has been taking medicine his little

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute hill towards night when it cleared off delightfully. The grass is beautiful. Spring grasses. The grass is green, and everything is forward. Seal all making fence up the Eastern side of the hill down on the hill. I began to harrow led out here, but being so unwell, I gave the whip to Seal who harrowed the front wood and I went to bed. P.M. I have read again, and finished the piece. Jim Messinger as here tonight

Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 1881

W. S. D. Lute further morning but clouded up and at eleven P.M. began raining, which continued till seven P.M. Seal began cross ploughing and expected till the same hour. A P.M. Seal paid the plough which I broke the other day after which they began ploughing down on the hill. Seal also harrow P.M. I. Making Shingles. I prepared some stuff for a new gate. My health is very poor now. Harlow as here today. George Jackson's family moved away today. Harold is quite well again, as is Luke is getting to be a jolly boy.

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

W. S. D. Lute but cold and windy. Seal ploughed. It all evening fence. Off went down the River into Harlow. I was expecting a letter tonight from Garrison but none came. I got a paper tonight entitled "The Christian Herald" 125-65

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

W. S. D. Lute, but raw. Aunt Catherine and Roger came here this morning. We have all been home all day. Dan was up while this afternoon 129-65

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

W. S. D. Lute cloudy this morning, and began raining quite early and continued till seven. Foggy till ten and night when the wind shifted, the weather cleared up. A. P.M. Seal began ploughing down on the hill with Alf's horse till the same hour. The rest of the day, I have been barking Jack Galt's stuff. I. Making Shingles. Jim Day finished ploughing one potato ground. Will Cosman has been working in the shop & Harris C. has been there. Dev. Home came here tonight. 135-66  
I sold Jim Messinger 4 bushels of potatoes today.

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Monday May 3rd

N. N. W. fine but windy. Garden and wife went home this morning 8 AM. Alf & I ploughed on the hill. Alf ploughed a little but his horse being sick, he soon knocked up. I digged around some poplar trees etc. Alf finished ploughing, then went to the mill and harrowed, then went to the mill and got a lot of edging for a hen yard. (138-66)

Tuesday May 4

N. N. W. fine but windy. A.M. Alf & I finished ploughing on the hill when we are to sow barley. P.M. We spread out a lot of buckwheat to dry - Alf spread out 5 bushels, I put out 4 1/2 bushels. I ploughed some horse manure around the barn and removed it with some frozen manure. Alf is laid up with a lame thumb. This is his fourth, he is going to sleep till morning.

Wednesday May 5th

N. N. E. fine and warm. I began hauling out manure - put out 8 loads. Alf cut up a lot of seed, and ploughed two rows. The Centro takes (Norman Jones) was along today, he got dinner here. Alf is here again tonight. Alf went out today - (140-66)

Thursday May 6th

N. S. Quite fine till towards night. Whistling started up, and rained till night. I put out a load of manure. Alf having Dan's horse has made this appearance. This stayed here last night. (140-66)

Friday May 7th

N. N. E. Cloudy till noon then cleared up beautifully. Clouds appeared tonight. Alf & I went down to the mill. Alf got them all or almost all. Alf says I am disappointed in not getting a letter from Alf & I. Alf says - all right. Perhaps it is all for the best.

Saturday May 8th

N. N. E. Cloudy and dismal. We all went down to Dan's after afternoon to start a Sunday School. Roy and I went up to Cosman's pasture tonight 140-67

Tuesday May 7th

N. S. Cloudy and raw all day and looking like rain. This evening it has begun to rain. I went out with a load of le. Cosman's 370 ft Deals & 7463 ft. I got Mr. Atkins' done out with me. Alf went out to D. H. and got 500 single fives (3 cent) and sent a letter to Fred & Wilbur White who are in the States.

Wednesday May 10th

N. N. E. Cloudy and stormy. I put out 5 loads of manure and harrowed twice a little piece of ground where I sowed a little wheat. Alf helped Alf part of the forenoon - found his horse part of the Smith has been here this afternoon and is going to stop all night. Alf and I have been down to Cosman's most all day. My health is very poor. I am scarcely able to get around. 141-68

Thursday May 11th

N. S. E. Overcast but warm. Fine growing weather. I pitched the manure from under the stable and scraped up the yard. Alf finished a hen yard which he began yesterday. Alf & I went to the mill today. Alf has been here most all day. Alf has begun making a place for her. I am quite sick today. 143-68

Friday May 12th

N. S. Cloudy and warm. I planted potatoes. I ploughed out 7 loads of manure. Alf ploughed up the garden I grafted an apple tree. Alf wishes to go to John Collier's. Alf is beginning to walk a little. Alf began. Alf is first pair of plants to be done. She brought him out in the field with them and for me to see how they looked. I wonder if he will remember it. 143-69

Saturday May 13th

N. S. Cloudy but warm. P.M. I planted potatoes. P.M. I grafted the apple tree in front of the stable and cut up some seed. I hauled out 6 loads of manure. I bought 70 ft load of large thick timber which I purpose giving to the Cove with tomorrow. Alf and I went to Roy's. Alf cleaned out the milk room. Alf wishes me to put this down.

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Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1881

N. W. Fine and gloomy. I went to the Cove with a large stick of Spruce timber, which had bit been found, would have brought ten or twelve dollars, but being rather lame I sold out for a barrel of meat - price five dollars. I planted potatoes a part of the day and then grafted apple trees. I got a letter from Culbert White. Many I ordered some fruit trees.

Sunday May 15

N. E. cloudy and gloomy all day and blowing high winds. This morning Mr. Bow Threlkold started to go out to hear Milloghly the Jeff. Harold at Leming, and when about mid way across Corns Dyamp, met Milloghly Com. He said that he with a few others had assembled, and after waiting an hour for others they departed. He turned back with Milloghly, and Rowley went on to Capt. Sarah's where we stopped till afternoon, when Capt. Sarah, Natchie & Charles came in with us. We hear Milloghly who preached here at four P.M. 147-72. Peter can walk around like everything.

Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>

N. E. Cloudy and showery till towards night when it began raining. In evening I put out one barrel of manure, made a lot of manure. In evening I planted sweet. P.M. I fixed the Stalls floor cut some wood &c. I went to the mill and got a load of lumber. I am sick today.

Tuesday May 17

N. E. Windy and blue all night and all day. I made Hanny a pair of shoes. I have done ready but not - it being using the tools. Whether came near being choked to death this morning. Oh! how scared I was. She has been sick all day. Her throat is most as bad as it was years ago, before she had it doctored. Will Cozway has got five snails. I bear killed a couple of Snaps belonging to Peter Wagoner last night. Alf is making a book chest. Mother and Rowley have begun another meal - being the third for this Spring.

Wednesday May 18

N. E. Cloudy with an occasional slight shower. This morning I went for the cows which did not come home last night. We found them down by Alf's chopping and found a calf there which one of the cows had suckled over last Monday. The Old brute had never gone near it and we suppose it to have been dead - But now we found the cow with it. It was very poor and weak could just stand. It is wonderful that it lived so long. Alf carried it home and I drove the cows. This morning I went up to Peter's and got some bear bait after which I got round the lake and baited up and set traps. We also went away back to the den to see if any bears had been there lately. We saw no signs, and returned at noon. P.M. J. J. - having noticed the lambs bleating considerably, thought that perhaps the bear had visited our flock also. We accordingly made a circuit of the pasture and found where a sheep had been killed and dragged into the woods. We came home and got Alf and went down and set a trap. Rowley, Hanny, Chetty and Effie went with us to see the bear's tracks. He pulled the wool out of the sheep and brought it home. Harold picked all the blossoms off of the flowers in the hedge and ate them this afternoon. It is a pretty high tide.

Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>

N. E. Partly clear and extremely warm. In planting potatoes, Hanny dropping. I went out today with a load of deals to Camp. Got a bill from some feds &c. Thomas Heath came here tonight. He is getting up to trees.

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>

N. E. Showery till towards night when it came on to rain heavily. I put out three loads of manure. This forenoon I planted - this afternoon he and I picked up 13 barrels of potatoes which we are going to give to D. Campbell. Mr. Wallcut stayed here last night. Maddy and Tony are clearing home all they know. Harold wanders around picking off the flowers and all sorts of smut, and fishes boldly around and eats after his mother. Alf and Chetty went to Weymouth with the carriage. Alf is making a book case. J. J. health is very poor now 148-72.

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Saturday May 21

W. S. C. Rained heavy, most all night and a great part of the day. Tonight the rain is pouring in torrents. It is raining hard at 9 am and wet weather this spring the grass is growing beautiful and the trees are showing signs of verdure. I sawing. I harvested some potatoes and headed them all up 7 c. Mr Miller came here today delivering trees the orders for which were taken last winter. They are from the Nursery of White & Culbert New Brunswick and is equal to some of the (Maris) (Arctic) and a pair of (Berlitz) Mother & I sowed a sowing pillow & had a slobber Currant bushes. I got a couple of young mulberry trees for the dinner table. I have got a had a swollen eye. I do not know what the matter with it. 149-76

Wednesday May 25

W. S. Fine all day. Refreshed planting today. "Klein's Trigger" (John & Percy) helped us. A. M. I dropped 7 the daisy and I dropped. P. M. I & the daisy finished. I set out my plum and pear trees. Evening spent the day here. At 7 o'clock home from down the River tonight. 152-74

Thursday May 26

W. S. C. Fine. I sawing. I sowed a load of ash on the daisy ground and then harrowed it. I hauled a load of pale tonight and "Laps" riddled the fence around my apple tree. Mother and George finished fixing up the garden. It looks well. Charlton's new comb is married again this year. The cherry trees are down in full bloom and the tree leaving out just

Sunday May 22nd

W. S. Cloud & Storm. I left all the forenoon. P. M. I went up to Annie's to have Sunday school at the close of which Mr. Sabraw & I went back to Still Town to see if Henry Sabraw would come and assist us in our school. I did not seem to like the proposition. It rained very heavy all night and has been one of the greatest freshets known for years.

Friday May 26th

W. S. Fine. I sawing. I sowed the wheat and barley. I hauled off a couple of loads of stones & harrowed till noon. P. M. I finished harrowing. I painted over-head on the kitchen and then bought sheep, little weight. Marton was here tonight. I got a letter tonight from Mr. Mother. He has played out all over most all the afternoon. He has not been out to play before. He has had a great spree.

Monday May 23rd 1881

W. S. Fine and beautiful. I went out to John's today to see about our logs. I saw down the River with twelve barrels of potatoes for Douglas Campbell. I did not succeed very well. I got but 1.15 for the things. The potatoes came to \$13.80. I got sheep to the amount of \$8.75. I got potatoes in my favour of \$6.21. Judson went out with me & I had a pretty good day. It was between water and one R. L. who got home. I got a catalogue from a book Co.

W. S. Fine and warm. I sheared the sheep today. A. M. I prepared some rows for vegetables. P. M. I painted the kitchen and made some rows for tomatoes. I painted the kitchen floor this evening. P. M. I went up the hill with Lewis' mail. I mailed three postal cards for seed catalogues. 152-73

Tuesday May 24th 1881

W. S. Fine. I finished putting out money for potatoes - but not much and it is doubtful if we can load. I. M. planting. I planted to meet again. Judson came home from tonight. I have my logs with me. P. M. I came down the River with a load of grain and Pleasant came here today & got some potatoes. He gave him I bushes and went down and brought her and sold him I bushes.

Sunday May 27th

W. S. Fine. I. M. I went down to Annie's to Sunday school. It did not amount to much. I did not see much of the boys. P. M. I came down the River. She was going to sleep to dance but tomorrow, but Mother was taking side Dr when I came. I took my horse and went down and brought her and L. L. home. I am very unwell tonight. 154-76

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Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>

P. N. Little fine. A heavy storm passed by to the eastward but we only got a few spatters from it. I spent a terrible night. I am a little better today, but have done nothing much. H. sawing. I went to the Co. with a load of wood. I did John's bed & threw away the potatoes this afternoon. Mother is better today.

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>

P. N. Dougherty fine. H. sawing. P. N. I found a fence below the "Cypress" field, unrolled up the OXES T which he lost in the pasture, and after making a patch fastening for it, put it on again which looks like new. P. M. I put the glass in a couple of windows for Dan, found a lot of vegetable birds and some Chorus around generally. I am feeling a little better. Little Leslie is about half sick.

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

P. N. P. fine. H. sawing. I put a top to the "little table" for Mother a sort of center table to put books on. I also made a couple of rough benches which Mother and Popsy are going to use. I made a rack for my grape vines and did sundry little jobs around. I do not feel able to do anything but there is so much to do that I try to keep moving without what I do amounts to much or not. Mother and Popsy washed their wood today. The potatoes are coming up. Harold went to sleep down in the potato patch this afternoon. He is a great boy. Leshe is getting quite smart again.

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

P. variable - fine and beautiful. I came to the mill. I set out a lot of logs for Mother, found the sink and laid a floor in the "hole" in the wood house. I wanted some pole beans etc. P. M. I went to the mill to help H. edge boards. Shortly after I got there the pitman broke. So we took it out and came home.

H. E. Little fine in the forenoon but in the afternoon the wind & clouds broke up much, and clouds gathered and cooled so dense breathing volumes through, the heavens and tonight there is strong appearance of rain. H. sawing at the mill making a new pitman. A. W. I made a cucumber bed and got some Charis around. P. M. I went to the mill and hauled out two loads of boards - one load (162-76) of single stuff for Mr. Hyman. I am going out tomorrow if it don't storm.

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>

H. E. sawing. I began sawing in the night and continued all day. I went to the mill with the new pitman, before it was made what, pulling in a new horse. He then edged eight loads of boards. I came out around the road and brought the oxen home which were in the little field by Corrie's. I got a letter tonight from Grand Whaley who is in the States.

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>

P. A. P. fine and glorious but clouded up tonight and looks like rain again. Nothing of real occurred. Dan & Corrie with H. W. sawed spent the afternoon here. I went out a way with H. W. I bought. He had a good long talk. Alf and Chattie went down the river this morning. 162-76

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Rained some in the night, but fine again today, wind wind N. W. H. sawing. H. got home at noon. I went out with a load of boards to Hoyt (106276) Pine and Spruce. I got Harold a pair of shoes. Judson went out with me. I mailed a letter to go to the "American Book Store".

Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>

P. N. P. fine (Sawed last night) I went out to Dale's to see about the logs. Ranney White & Sawyer logs for Frank White 162-77

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Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
 N. S. C. Fine this morning, but  
 clouded up this afternoon and Sunday. A. M. F. helped Alf hire a wheel  
 for the carriage. I finished plant-  
 ing the beans, and sowed a couple  
 of rows with turnip seed.  
 P. M. S. sawing. I hauled a  
 couple of loads of lumber from the  
 mill and mended one of my  
 fine boots. Straw-burns are  
 getting quite thick some places.  
 The beavers are in full bloom.  
 Arrive and my baby have spent  
 the day here. My health has  
 greatly improved since last week.  
 Sent a bundle of palates 85. 165-87  
 Arthur today making 3 bundles to be packed.

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Foggy this morning  
 but cleared off. S. sawing.  
 I started to go out today. I went  
 as far as W. H. Sabram's when I  
 exchanged work with Johnson, he  
 driving out my team & I helping  
 his father haul off stones. He took  
 out 10.40 ft of beam and got 9.00 ft  
 of sp. Mother is not very well tonight  
 165-76

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
 N. S. C. Quite fine in the morning  
 but clouded up, and began raining  
 about sunset. S. sawing. A. M. F.  
 I planted beans. P. M. I went to the  
 mill and hauled out two loads  
 of lumber. I brought out the load of  
 Appian's Stange boards making two  
 all about 1780 ft. I brought out a  
 load of deals to take out tomorrow.  
 Mother has been here today

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. S. E. Foggy this morning  
 but cleared up and has been very  
 warm. I butchered a great sheep  
 for noon and spent the rest of the  
 day mending his boots. I went  
 out with a load of deals 1003  
 I got two Seed Catalogues for  
 Perry out of the mail. Perry came  
 out to Cornet's place and met  
 one Capt. S. A. Stebbins and met  
 today in Doug. Campbell's woods.

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. Fine and cool. Perry  
 hauled and I took a walk to the  
 lake this morning. We went  
 around through Parler's pasture &  
 hauled packed a lot of cow-burns.  
 I sat at home this afternoon.  
 I have been composing a poem.  
 We heard yesterday what  
 Annis spent his on a milk  
 166-78

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. C. Fine and warm.  
 A. M. F. helped Alf hire a wheel  
 for the carriage. I finished plant-  
 ing the beans, and sowed a couple  
 of rows with turnip seed.  
 P. M. S. sawing. I hauled a  
 couple of loads of lumber from the  
 mill and mended one of my  
 fine boots. Straw-burns are  
 getting quite thick some places.  
 The beavers are in full bloom.

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>  
 N. Variable. Began raining about  
 sun rise and continued till low water  
 or so, when it cleared up for a  
 while, but began raining again, and  
 continued till sunset night, when the  
 weather finally cleared up.  
 A. M. S. making things. I did  
 not do anything. P. M. S. charring  
 around. Perry and Parler hauled  
 event to Weymouth Shapshing.  
 We got some dishes from Mrs. Parler's  
 price 3.75. We went up to the Station  
 to see the train come in, for a  
 while on the engine and had a ride.  
 We got things at Campbell's to the amt  
 of \$1.62

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Rained a slight & hazy  
 this morning, but cleared off &  
 has been a delightful day.  
 S. sawing. I spent a terrible  
 night with tooth ache and a lame  
 neck. I have kept the house all  
 day. I have added a few verses  
 to my poem.

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. Cloudy and as cold as winter  
 S. sawing. I went to Weymouth with a  
 load of Deals 977. 66 degree.  
 Lydia Sabram and Piggie. Quits have been  
 in visiting all day. 170-78

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 N. N. W. Stormy day, breezy and  
 cool. S. sawing. P. M. I began a desk  
 for the Woodville School house. (I have  
 in gaged Tomaki one for five dollars)  
 P. M. I went to the mill, hauled a load  
 of slabs and found the mill road, and  
 started only a load of deals to go  
 marked with lumber. Alfred Chatter  
 started for Association at Paradise  
 today. Chatter has been having a bad  
 time from the sting of a bee on his heel  
 My took her to the doctor yesterday.  
 It has been announced that she would  
 go to end on Sunday morning next at  
 3 o'clock.

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W. S. N. Day smoky and thick, so thick as to obscure the sun. The whole world is in a state of great excitement because of an announcement that the world is "coming to an end" tomorrow morning at half past three O'clock. Several of the plants are to be in peculiar relative positions, and from this is to arise the mischief. Some say that it is to be the final consumption of all things; others, that only a part of the earth is to be destroyed, but it seems to be the opinion of some Scientists that there will probably be an earth quake accompanied by atmospheric commotions, and a great tidal wave but how much is true will soon be known. It has been raining, I have out with a load of Deals (1040) Paddy got another "Seed Catalogue" I got a letter from Chad White. I mailed a Postal Card to the "Regimelle Co."

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>

W. S. N. Fine, a misty morning dawned fine and beautiful. The old earth is still turning around on his axis as unconcerned as though nothing had been supposed to happen. I have been sick all day with tooth and headache. Dan, Dennis & Seal have spent the day here. 176-78

Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>

W. S. N. Fine. Sawing. I helped Dan plough up a piece in front of his house. He is to give me \$1.00 for the job. I went to the mill and started out a load of Deals tonight. Matt White was here tonight. 177-79 I sent Nichols a bushel of potatoes this morning - making four he has had 177-78

Tuesday June 21

W. S. N. Variable. Showery. Sawing. I worked at the school desk. Dan started for St. John today. Annie took him to the Station. The strawberries are getting quite thick. The season has been very cold and wet. Grass and grain looking well. I am terribly afflicted with Neuralgia in my head. I can feel knee sore. 177-79

Wednesday June 22

W. S. N. Fine and Cool. There came a heavy thunder shower in the night. Sawing. I worked at the desk. I have got it most done. Annie spent the day here. Rather warmer than the team out for me yesterday. He took 10.30 good fall, and 4.2 ft deep. We heard today that Uncle Tom Parrot is dead - that he died last April. He and Chellis got home tonight from Oskateona. 180-79

Thursday June 23

W. S. N. Fine. Sawing. A.M. I finished my desk or about finished it. P.M. I went to the mill helped Hedge a load of boards, and brought out a load tonight. Paddy has been out to Steels to be picking partly this afternoon. I have got a little pain in my head tonight. 180-80

Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>

W. S. N. Fine. A.M. Sawing. P.M. I found eggs for Dan. I went to the mill with a load of Deals (1082) I got a very heavy also a Cornet for mother at 4.00 for. 180-81 A beautiful Cornet made its appearance a few nights ago. I turned it tonight for the first time. Dr. John of Weymouth, with whom is associated from Weymouth, and Remembrance of School wife, died a few days ago. 180-82

Saturday June 25

W. S. N. Fine. Sawing. Am I with a lock on my School desk. I then handled three loads of wood and fuel in the school house. I brought I took the desk down and put it in the school house. 180-83 I got a Postal Card tonight from the New York Post Co.

Now. Chas Campbell of Weymouth, died suddenly tonight. An unexpected but casting gloom and consternation



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over the whole country. For many years he has spared no an extensive business at W. Spence's, giving employment to many, in his ship-building operations, in his vessels upon the sea, as well as in the production of several Commercial Commodities which alone have found a market at his behance. He established the deal and tan-timber business in this County, and though his prices have been such as to call forth many Anathemas upon his devoted head, still many have been benefited through the particular branches of trade even with which his name stands alone indelible. His influence has permeated itself in every avenue of trade throughout this County, as well as throughout the world generally, and the intelligence of his death seems to have palpated the pulse of business in every department of enterprise.

As a Statesman, he has figured conspicuously in the political history of our County, having represented the County several terms in the Great Council, several times in the Great Government. He owned half dozen or more ships, some of which are large and as Commodities to be worth beyond a million dollars.

Sunday June 26 1881

P. M. fine and beautiful. It came up to rain. All hands, but Josie and I went out to hear Melanahly preach. They all stayed out to dinner but Rosy and Sarah. Melanahly preached here this afternoon. P. M. Babon and Seat were here to sea. It rains so hard tonight that P. M. is going to stay till morning. 183-86

Monday June 27 1881

P. M. fine and warm. I went out with a load of boards to C. Campbell (623 324 154 1105 in all) took C. Nichols a bushel of potatoes making 5 he has had. I ploughed potatoes today. Mrs. King came here tonight. She came down with Ann's Co. swan. 154-86

Tuesday June 28 1881

P. M. Cloud till noon Rained till night. A. M. I found underneath for Dan. I helped A. M. hoe potatoes. P. M. I made a pair of Sashes for Will Co. swan. for 76 cents which squares as exp. 167-87

Wednesday June 29

P. M. fine and beautiful. It rained heavily all night and all day. It has been a very heavy rain. She has been here extremely wet. I dressed with some stuff for a window for the Shop. Maturo, Rosy and Mrs. King has been over to Chatham visiting. 189-91

Thursday June 30

P. M. fine and pleasant. I worked in the Shop a part of the day (of the forenoon) and laid in my bed till noon. My health is very poor. I bought potatoes. P. M. I bought potatoes. Mrs. Campbell is to be buried to day. 193-91

Friday July 1

P. M. fine and beautiful. I bought potatoes. Mother, Prof. P. M. and the babies have been to Ann's visiting. 195-93

Saturday July 2

P. M. fine. I bought potatoes. Rosy took her mother to W. Spence's for her way home this afternoon. Sarah and Son dined here today. I saw collecting rates. I sent a bushel of potatoes to Brown, for which he sent me \$1.00 of sent Lemmie down half a bushel of potatoes, making in all a bushel she has had. I got a letter from C. M. Denton tonight containing \$10.00. I got David and wife Gamew to sea tonight. 199-93

Sunday July 3

P. M. fine. Mother went to Chatham to hear one Mrs. Spencer preach. They are talking of hiring him. Judson came here at noon and stayed till 11. I went out with him tonight. I am going to work on the road for W. M. I to morrow. 202-24

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Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>

W. H. There was a thunder shower this morning. The day has been cloudy and cool. I worked on the road with W. H. Sabin down at the mill with a run for W. H. Started a couple of loads of lumber from the mill. President Garfield was shot today, but it is hoped not fatally. 202-95 Old David went out day, leaving his wife in.

Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>

W. H. E. Part clear rain and cold. I planted cabbage plants. I took a load of deals to Weymouth - 1102 ft. Mother has had a "picking" party today. I got a log tow from Nichol 215-95

Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>

W. H. A little shower came this morning - the remainder of the day has been cloudy. A. M. H. made Shingles I was being well stayed in the house. P. M. I went out to the mill to see about the lumber, and Ross and I went back in Peter's field at the head of the lake and picked a lot of Strawberries. George McDonald of Weymouth died a few days ago. Harold and sister have each a wheelbarrow which they play with snow all the time.

Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>

W. H. Fine and very warm. In evening I hauled three loads of boards from the mill (290) Mother, Mrs Grant and Chattie have been visiting to Annie. We hear today that Mr.plin is married again 215-96

Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>

W. H. Fine and warm. In evening A. M. I hauled the beams. P. M. I hauled two loads of lumber from the mill (nearly two thousand). Harold went with me. It is the first he has been to the mill. How pleased he was. I was going to leave him till came back for the last load, but before I got back he flew to him and he got uneasy to come home with him. I got \$1.50 from Annie yesterday in payment for my job of ploughing I did for Dan.

Saturday July 8

W. H. Fine and very warm. Father and Mother went to the Carding mill. I went out with a load of pine boards for Ross. I had about eleven hundred. I got three cakes and two Duffies also got a couple of bottles of Gate's Life of Wm. Bitter - Price 30 cts. 215-97

Sunday July 10

W. H. Fine with a cooling breeze. A. M. J. and Ross went out to Meeting. Willoughby came in with them. Heartstern Muller and wife came this afternoon to Meeting and stayed to tea. W. H. Sabin was also here to tea. Annie and Beat have been here all day. Charley Muller was here to tea. W. H. I went up the road tonight as far as Sun Mt. and G. Mother has been quite sick today. My last fire went home today 225-97

Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>

W. H. There was a heavy thunder shower during the night. Showers till seven. Two as can be till night. My being Overseer of Stated Labor began work this morning up above Peter. A. M. I stayed in the house with no being able to work. P. M. I went to the mill and got a load of "Skool" for H. C. also to ranging around Somersham. 225-98

Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>

W. H. Fine and very warm. P. M. H. T. shed the scene. P. M. We worked on the road. H. John Chandler and I took stones out of the road from Peter Wagoner to J. Peter. Harold and Leslie have each a bad cold. Harold was real well set night, and this morning he was headed up terribly, and Mother gave him a dose of Johnnie's Linniment and seemed to cure him all up.

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>

W. H. Cloudy all day - Rained a heavy shower about 3 o'clock. In evening I took a load of Pine boards to H. Baker 1025 ft. I got a pair of boots for Mother price 1.45 and a pair of Slippers for Ross price 1.50 and 3 hanks of thread 73. Coming in at 9.04 Ross went down to Annie tonight to Staps till tomorrow 226-100.

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Thursday, July 14

N. N. W. Foggy in the morning but soon cleared up and has been very beautiful since all day. I began to get the potatoes and I began cutting hard wood logs in his yard by the side of the lake. The old and feeble St. John Chandler, the English floor man, says he has been working for some a while longer work for us today at noon. He helped St. John to work, I came out to Annie's tonight and came up with Ross and Dick.

Mother is quite well now 226-104. I let Annie have a bushel of potatoes. I took the Miller Cow up to the Deacon's organ of demonstration this morning.

Friday July 15th

N. N. W. Various fine day.

A. W. St. and Chandler moved the little Blue Orchard - being the first shift into the haying - P.M. They went to the mill and edged some boards. I got and I finished cutting our logs. We have cut some more about seven. Ross and Chatter have been back to Peter's field strawberraying.

Saturday July 16th

N. S. Blowing hard and looking like rain. I had "John's" mail morning. I took out a cord of wood to from the and got the work of it in the fall. I got letters for Ross - one from Helen and one from Cornelia. I got Mother a pair of boots - Price 2.00. I got Harry a pair of Slippers at St. Oakes - price 5.00. About the time I got home the rain began to come down. Mother is at Annie's tonight. She is going to stay there till tomorrow.

Sunday July 17th

N. N. W. Various day. Nothing of importance occurred. Mother spent the day at Annie's. She went down this night and came home with her. Ross and I with our precious babies have spent a very happy day.

Monday July 18th

N. N. W. Fine and cool. St. John Chandler and I in the haying. The has been down helping Annie tonight. I sent Nichol a bushel of potatoes by Harris Demore making a bushel he has had.

Tuesday July 19

N. N. W. Fine and beautiful. I finished mowing the orchard and hauled in five loads from my little "Blue field" and then from the orchard. I wish I had a bad cold.

Wednesday July 20th

N. S. W. Fine. We mowed down on the hill, and got in the hay from the orchard. It looks like rain tonight. I wish I had a bad cold tonight to death. A few cherries are getting ripe. The trees are quite full; but I wish I could carry them all away.

Thursday July 21

N. S. Cloudy - rained sometime morning - Cloudy till night - now raining again. A. M. We cut up a lot of hay down on the hill this morning. I got all the snow to. M. Ross and Chatter come out to Weymouth and the carriage. St. John's moved. It is quite "iced up" from a coil on his leg. I feel quite well now for some. Ross is writing to Helen tonight.

Friday July 22

N. N. W. Cloudy till noon - part fine till evening - night when it came on to rain. It is laid up from his toil. I finished mowing the hill field. P.M. We read the Bible down by the rain.

Saturday July 23

N. N. W. Cloudy till noon - then clear up. A. M. In doing so cutting Dick P.M. He had some worms. St. John's hauled up loads of swamp wood, and gaped up the floor of the hayrack the hill. St. John, Cornelia and Mrs. Jones came here tonight. I got a Postal Card from the "Herald" Office concerning an "Organetto". I heard today that Sarah Weston is married 229-104

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Sunday July 24  
Most beautiful fine day. The  
forenoon all hands of us took a  
walk down to the lake. We had  
a very pleasant ramble after  
which we enjoyed a dinner of  
Cherry pudding. John Chandler went  
down with the carriage and brought  
up Annie and the children to spend  
the day. Tonight when our Company  
went away I say and I wish I could  
have been in the carriage with  
them as far as Woodworth's.

The Gravel is around again. I  
has had much of the road today.  
Mother is about half sick from tooth-  
ache. Harold and Leslie are well  
now. Leslie is getting to be quite  
a boy. It is beginning to lay to day  
I am with woods. 242-104  
Cyrus Wilson, of Michigan, would  
School mate of mine, has lately  
joined the matrimonial state.

Monday July 25th  
P. D. W. fine. John Chandler has  
begin working on Annie today.  
H. Alf & S. working up the hay.  
We got in the hay from the hill  
field (3 loads)

Tuesday July 26th  
P. S. Cloudy, with a few showers.  
All went to the Cove with a load  
of wood. It is going to get us  
some fish from Peffer White.  
John & I hauled in a load of hay  
for Annie, and a little hay  
in our own barn. H. Alf finished  
mowing our level field back of  
the Carriage house. 242-105

Wednesday July 27  
P. S. Rained heavily all night,  
and showing through the day.  
A. M. H. made some shingles, John  
cut wood. I laid out. P. M. H. & I  
& John went to the mill, piled some  
lumber and sawed a couple pairs  
of sled runners. I mended a pair  
of shoes for Harold, took Cory &  
Leslie down to Annie with the  
carriage, where they are going to stay  
all night, fixed and cleaned the  
harness, &c. 242-106

Thursday July 28th 1881  
P. S. Rained heavily all night &  
drizzle all day. I took Annie, Scott,  
and her baby to Digby on route for  
St. John N.B. We got dinner at Mrs  
Shingler's after which we drove to Digby  
I just got there in time. I got them  
safely on board. Poor little Scott  
was so fat he was not permitted to remain with  
us in the Ladies Cabin. He did not want to go, but was  
obliged to. I came down to Mrs  
Whit's where I staid all night.  
242-107

Friday July 29  
P. S. Partly fine. I drove down to  
Mrs Kings where I stopped to dinner. I  
then I drove to and I went to  
get tea there and then came home  
bringing Clarissa with me. (Read you  
a letter, somewhat from Feltie and with  
it a picture of her little sister. She is  
a cute little creature. It is a good snow  
storm in the night and today  
One Drifter, a peddler was here today. 242-108

Saturday July 30th  
P. S. Variable. I bought the wheat  
looks better, after a weeks bad weather.  
All hands working in the hay - got  
in my load.

Sunday July 31st  
P. S. P. S. Partly fine. I & Mother  
went to Lunenburg to meeting to hear Spencers  
Perry and I stayed at home with our  
babies. 242-114

Monday Aug. 1st  
P. S. Fine - Working in the hay  
We hauled a load out of the level field  
are being the best from that field.  
Charlotte is quite sick. All went for  
Cory & I for Mrs. C. & Mr. C. & I  
cut wood. I laid out. P. M. H. & I  
& John went to the mill, piled some  
lumber and sawed a couple pairs  
of sled runners. I mended a pair  
of shoes for Harold, took Cory &  
Leslie down to Annie with the  
carriage, where they are going to stay  
all night, fixed and cleaned the  
harness, &c. 242-106

Tuesday August 2nd  
P. S. P. S. Foggy till noon - fine till  
night - all hands in the hay - finished  
mowing the rough field. Mother is  
sick, but though not able to sit up,  
she spins about one hour or eight & spins  
a day. Harold and Leslie are well.

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Wednesday July 5

W. S. W. Cloudy all day  
 Terrible hot. The great part of  
 the season was cold but now  
 we now it is hot and wet.  
 I sown a little seed of the  
 Ed. today, the bag out of which  
 we have got. Little Susie has  
 been real sick with a bowel  
 complaint but he is about  
 well again. Do you notice  
 the disfigured appearance of the  
 page? Well, this is some of  
 Harold's work. He came here  
 in our basket, climbed onto the  
 table, overturned the ink stand  
 dashing a portion of it on the  
 wall and leaving this mark in  
 the condition you see.  
 Perhaps in some future time,  
 when I am gone, he will read  
 this and know that these blots  
 are the work of his little mischie-  
 vious baby fingers.

Thursday July 4

P. S. P. Warm and very warm.  
 F. M. and John C. at work in  
 the hay. Roy and I were later out  
 East eight in the night and have  
 both been sick all day. I found  
 some hay this forenoon, and besides  
 that have done nothing, but write  
 circles. I am engaged on a new  
 poem. Mother's health is very  
 poor now, but she is bound to  
 work as long as she can stand

Friday August 5

W. S. W. Crazy with a west wind.  
 All hands out at hay but me. I  
 raked this afternoon. I am  
 feeling very miserable at present.  
 Roy is about well again.

Saturday Aug 6

W. S. W. Happy again with a fresh  
 breeze. A. M. F. A. J. hauled in  
 a load of hay. Roy and I went  
 Ra. burying up in the field. We got  
 a big-bottle full. P. M. M. V. had  
 Mrs. Clarissa to - went down the  
 road. F. M. and I finished raking  
 the last of the Ed. field. Roy got  
 a letter tonight from Annie, she  
 has been in St. John & work. She  
 writes she is well and having a good  
 time. Little Hal has got a bad cold  
 tonight

Sunday Aug 7 1881

W. S. W. Cloudy and flowing all  
 day. Began raining towards  
 night - heavily. In forenoon F.  
 King and I went out up to hear  
 Mr. Greenlaw preach. P. M. I went  
 up again. Mother and Roy went  
 again down to Annie's house to  
 look after things. I have been home  
 all day. I wrote some verses, and  
 read. Rom. 244-114

Monday Aug 8

P. S. Rained heavily during the  
 night, and showy through the day.  
 Alf and Chathin got home at noon.  
 I mended some old chairs. I wrote  
 a letter to Annie who is in St. John's.  
 I made little Harold a cart, and  
 began to fix the baby-wagon.  
 Mr. Greenlaw was here to dinner.  
 Harold swallowed a pin this morn-  
 -ing. I was considerably alarmed,  
 but, as similar accidents have  
 frequently without fatal results, I am  
 his hopes that the consequence will  
 not be serious. My health is very  
 poor. I can just make out to keep  
 around. finished spinning 245-114.

Tuesday Aug 9

W. S. W. Foggy in the morning but  
 cleared up. F. M. and I mowed all  
 day in the Spring field. Alf went  
 to Weymouth with a load.

Wednesday August 10

P. S. Rained some in the night &  
 showy till noon. Clear and off  
 tonight. A. M. F. made a pig-trough.  
 Roy & I were going over to join  
 to be very very cautious but the  
 rain prevented. I have been fixing up  
 the baby carriage. I made bread  
 about 10. F. M. and John mowed some this  
 afternoon in the Spring field.  
 Roy and I were out exchanging tonight.  
 I bought a pair of shoes for Susie from  
 a pedlar - price 30 cents.

Thursday Aug 11 1881

W. S. W. Fine. P. M. F. pulled a couple of loads  
 John, & finished mowing the Spring field  
 and spread it. It has some appearance  
 of rain again tonight. This has been a  
 fearful season for getting hay.

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Friday Aug 12th  
 P. M. Fine. A. M. In Spence  
 the Cooks of hay and hauled in  
 the load out of the John Codd  
 field. Then I braided up the  
 tomatoes, and digged the weeds  
 out of the vegetable. Then A. M. S.  
 went down to the lake and had  
 a swim. P. M. In hauled in  
 all the hay - one load from the  
 field and two out of the Spring  
 field - being a good crop from  
 that field. My minister Mr. Spence  
 was here to dinner after which he  
 and I drove out to the settlement to  
 make calls. All hands went out  
 to the school-house to hear Mr. S.  
 preach. It is the first time I have  
 heard him. His text was the 16  
 of the 66th Psalm "Come and see, all  
 ye who fear the Lord, and I will  
 tell you what he has done for my  
 soul". The sermon was a fine one,  
 and upon the whole I am generally  
 impressed with his sermon. 248-115

Saturday Aug 13  
 P. M. Fine. Began raining in the  
 night. Showed through the day.  
 A. M. Fine. A. M. Fine. A. M. Fine.  
 P. M. Fine. John chopping down here  
 some pieces we are going to clear up.  
 They began today for the first  
 of this afternoon. Roy, Leslie and  
 went to Susket. We started thinking  
 to go to Conference meeting but it  
 was too late so we put up to see  
 Primes. I got a letter from Fred.  
 Muller to night. 248-117

Sunday Aug 14  
 P. M. Clearing up through the day.  
 This morning Roy, T. went over to  
 meeting, leaving Leslie with Aunt Olive  
 and Mrs William Prime. Mr. Spence  
 preached a fine discourse from John  
 21:16 "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest  
 thou me?" After service we came  
 back to Geo Prime to dinner. After  
 which I went over to smelting a good  
 Roy did not go. He preached  
 from Luke 9:29 "And as he prayed  
 the fashion of his countenance was  
 changed." We took tea at Aunt  
 Catherine's, and then drove home.  
 John Muller, who has lately married  
 Emma Nichols, appeared out with  
 his bride today. 248-123

Monday, Aug 15  
 P. M. Cloudy and cold.  
 John chopping. I went over  
 with a load of boards to Campbell's  
 747th Spence 334 of Pine. I got a  
 bill of flour - 750 - fine gals (Belmont) Indiana  
 P. M. School has begun here today.  
 Miss Deubar of Weymouth is teacher

Tuesday Aug 16  
 P. M. Cloudy and very cold.  
 John chopping. John C. at a growing  
 picnic at Mrs Wagoner's. I helped  
 Mr. Sabian grow today.  
 Another Comet has here in  
 sight. 249-123

Wednesday, Aug 17th  
 P. M. Cloudy and cold. Fine  
 the Canadian weather maker pre-  
 dicted this cold snap, and he  
 had hit it admirably. John and John  
 have been chopping. I have been  
 working for Mr. Sabian. Jackson stayed  
 here last night. Weather has been  
 up the road making this afternoon.  
 There is a Political meeting  
 down to French town today. 250-125

Thursday Aug 18th  
 P. M. Quite fine, and hottest  
 dry I ever saw! Yesterday &  
 the day before were the coldest  
 days I ever saw in the summer  
 and today has been the warmest  
 - a great change certainly!  
 A. M. John chopping P. M. They  
 helped Mrs Wagoner up her hay.  
 I have been working for Mr. Sabian  
 Campbell's ships have been sold  
 today. 250-127

Friday Aug 19th  
 P. M. Hot & showery. John  
 chopping A. M. In road for  
 Mr. Sabian and brought. I helped Jackson  
 take a couple hours. Jackson &  
 I were talking of going back over  
 the burnt tonight by day all night  
 but we gave it up. Mrs. Deubar &  
 Charles McDonald got dinner here  
 today. They are wise they roads.  
 Apples John of Weymouth, the  
 County Weymouth has had lately.  
 254-127

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Saturday - Aug 20th  
N. S. Showery. Cutting bushes  
Judson, Chandler & I went back  
on the barnto blue-berrying.  
We found the berries very scarce,  
but got some. Hattie, Sabram  
came in tonight, I got a Postal  
Card from Abby, Grant, who is  
in Boston. Mother got a letter  
from Ann, who is still at  
St John. 258-127

Sunday - Aug 21st  
N. S. Showery - with intermission  
of burning sunshine - very  
S. day. Judson and Hattie  
had accident - nothing of importance  
occurred. Hattie got tea here, &  
Stuffed ambler. 265-127

Monday, Aug 22nd  
N. S. Dull to greater part  
of the day. Clear tonight, and  
another Comet to be seen in  
the Northern Sky. I, John &  
Chopping. We set a net on fire  
when we were at work tonight, &  
the dark it glared up beautifully,  
attracting the attention of boys  
and girls. So busy and so  
do the stars down to see it. They  
were greatly delighted, and I  
doubt not, will have some  
remembrance of it as long as  
they live. And I would just  
say here to my little boys that  
perhaps sometime in the far  
future, when the "Papa" that loves  
you is gone, you may read the  
this little incident, and like a  
faint, dim, half forgotten dream  
see the old birds stick blapping  
up through the green bushes, &  
casting weird, ghostly shadows  
through the twilight gloom.

An other Fruit Agent came along  
today. He asked at Lillo. I  
ordered for some Strawberry plants.  
They are all quite well at present.

Tuesday Aug 23  
N. S. Beautiful. Father,  
Chandler & I went back on  
the barnto for blue-berris. We  
found a beautiful patch by the  
"Econpence" cove of River. We  
got as many as we could carry  
home.

Wednesday, Aug. 24th  
N. S. E. Windy and cold.  
Ch. & Mrs Chandler went back to  
Lake Dodge to trap at the meadow.  
I chopped. My Yarmouth  
pudler has been here today. He  
says he is not coming again.  
I do not think anyone will be  
disappointed very much. I bought  
a ton of hay from Wm Gleason  
today. It is in his field and we  
will have to haul it tomorrow.  
I was here to dinner today.  
St John got some blueberries. 266-127

Thursday, Aug 25  
N. S. Fine. P. M. St John &  
Chopping. I hauled my tools.  
P. M. St John & I hauled in the load  
of hay which I bought from Wm. We  
then went to the mill and secured the  
meadow there. mailed a letter to Sad Fiddler.

Friday Aug 26th  
N. S. Fine. This morning St John  
went to the mill to spread the hay. I  
helped Rosy fix the back of the  
Carnage & at 10. P. M. I went to the  
mill with the team, and we got our  
hay home. We had about half a ton.

Saturday Aug 27  
N. S. Foggy this morning, but  
cleared off this morning. Hattie &  
I went down to fix the fence around  
the hill field. We had hauled and  
used one load of poles when W. H. Baber  
came and wanted me to join with  
him in getting three pieces of bird wood  
for a show for the "boys" Cornfield.  
So I took the team and we went to  
his ridge and hauled three sticks to the  
mill. We sawed one and brought it  
out. I went to the mill & helped us  
this afternoon. Tonight a Mr Wilson  
lectured at Southgate Debate house on  
Phrenology. Rosy and I were there.  
I got supper at W. H.'s 265-128

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Sunday Aug 28  
N. S. D. Fine. All of us at home. Mr. Stee and Roy went down to Cormier house this morning. I wrote a packet letter to Annie today.

Monday Aug 29th 1881  
N. S. D. Fine and very warm. A. M. John Chandler pulled the carriage wheel. P. M. 4:30 M. went up the Bay. They are going for a visit on the Neck - to be gone a week. Alf and Chaslin have been up this day today. This morning I went to the mill to assist W. S. Salton in finishing sawing our Red Shaws. We found one too small, so we went up on the mill lot and cut a back piece. Herlin was there with the Oxen and hauled it to the lake. The Herlin's found it to the mill. We sawed it hauled them one to the Corners. When we got there it was dark. Herlin took the team out, and W. S. came home with me. 266-130

Tuesday Aug 30th 1881  
N. S. D. Blowing briskly - fine. John Chandler and I chopping Will Coman was here to trimmer I cut his hair. 267-136

Wednesday Aug 31st 1881  
N. S. D. Fine and warm. John Chandler cutting bushes in the pasture. I mowed for W. S. He came over with me tonight. George Coman was with a sad accident the other day. He was engaged in heaving a rock. After several unsuccessful attempts to secure an effectual blast, he was tamming another charge, when an explosion took place. His head was severely wounded one eye supposed to be entirely destroyed and the other injured. His hands also were badly lacerated. 268-142

Thursday Sept 1st  
N. S. D. Fine and warm. John Chandler and I chopping Will Coman was here to trimmer I cut his hair. 267-136

Thursday Sept 1st  
N. S. D. This morning the earth, or rather the heavens, was enveloped in a peculiar luminous haze that fairly looked frightful. I never saw anything like it before, & thought perhaps we were enveloped in the veil of the Comets, but it probably was only smoke. After a while it cleared away and the rest of the day has been fine. I have been sick all day, and unable to do anything. John has been chopping. 269-148

Friday Sept 2nd  
N. S. D. Blowing quite fresh. A. M. Chandler and I chopping P. M. We went up to the mill & got a load of 3 Clubs for fire wood. Then chopped till 10:30. I have been looking over my work to see how much work I have done for W. S. since I got the horse from him, and the following is a correct statement.  
6 1/2 days in haying  
4 1/2 " on Barn  
1 " mending fence 269-152

Saturday Sept 3rd  
N. S. D. Dull fine. Windy and dark with some slight showers. John drove out a load of wood for Alf, & Alf helped me sink rocks down here in the rough field where we are going to plough. I got some Crickets from P. M. Gugler & Co and Roy had a letter from Annie. 269-160

Sunday Sept 4th 1881  
N. E. Quite fine till tonight when a slight rain came up. Willoughby and Abed White came here this morning afternoon. I thought was to have been meeting here tonight, but the rain prevented. Harris leaseman and Frank Harte were here to tea tonight. 273-166

Monday Sept 5  
N. S. D. Cloudy. John & I sinking rocks. He came home tonight from up the Bay. He left Master up there. Roy got a letter tonight from Annie. 274-171



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Tuesday, Sept 6th

W. J. Raining this morning & wet all day. I found John's Shovel to the value of fifty cents. I also found some of the same. In the forenoon I repaired his truck wheels and then went down to Lewis's shop afternoon to look after things.

274-174

Wednesday Sept 7th

W. J. Fine, but very smoky. A. M. I & I worked in the B.S. Shop. John pulled weeds among the potatoes. P. M. John & I applied a little price of wheat here in the field. While we were engaged at that I helped Alf tie a wheel. Afterward he helped bank rocks till night.

274-177

Thursday Sept 8th

W. J. Fine. Father & John went to the hill, hauled lumber, and started a couple of hardwood sticks for cross-hills for Campfield. They did not get home till about night. A. M. I dugged rocks. P. M. I helped Alf reap his wheat.

275-180

Friday Sept 9th 1881

W. J. Cloudy and looking like rain. A. M. I & I worked among the rocks. P. M. I went to Westmont, expecting to meet Dan and John on the train from St. John, but they did not come. I then went out with the team. He took the timbers I sawed yesterday, and a lot of Deals. He got himself a pair of Deers, the price of which was 30 cts. I got him a Knife today price 15 cts. This is Harold's Birthday.

275-183

Saturday Sept 10th

W. J. Fine. I have spud a terrible night from tooth-ache. Posy had to make a fire in the night to heat ash and put to steam my face. A. M. I & I dugged out stones. P. M. Posy, Harold, Sister and I went up the Bay. We stopped at the bridge till the train came down. It was the first time that Sister ever saw the cars. I mailed \$4.50 (or rather \$5.00) for my journey for my wife & myself from White & Central.

275-185

Sunday Sept 11th

W. J. Fine. Nothing of importance occurred. I took a stroll on the shore today. I caught three fish. I went up to Rabbit prairie meeting. I got some circulars and a paper of yesterday from P. W. Jephth. E. H. King is officiating in the presence of his <sup>own</sup> heart today. He went up yesterday and brought her down. It is the first I have ever seen here.

275-197

Monday Sept 12th

W. J. Fine. Foggy and wet all day. Rained down the afternoon. This morning I went up to Uncle John's and got Mother and her baggage and brought them down to Mrs. King's. We put dinner there. Sarah and I came home. Hazele Alf had accompanied us. Father & John have been chopping some today.

276-203

Tuesday Sept 13th

W. J. Fine. A. M. I & John mounded rats for Dan. P. M. We set out a lot of straining plants. We got from Uncle John's. Mr. Mullen and wife and Lydia came this afternoon and stayed the evening.

282-203

Wednesday Sept 14th

W. J. Beautiful and fine. A. M. I & John mounded a piece of barley down on the hill. P. M. We went to a reaping party at Ben Wagoner's. Alf was there, and cut his fingers badly. Mother and Uncle Alf have been out to Mr. Sw. visiting today.

283-207

Thursday Sept 15th

W. J. Fine. Uncle Alf. went away this morning. A. M. I & I reaping wheat down on the hill. P. M. I & I raked up and hauled in Dan's Oats. John Chandler is sick today.

284-207

Friday Sept 16th

W. J. Fine. A. M. I have been sick with Neuralgia. I & John reaping. P. M. We raked up and loaded a load of barley for the threshing mill tomorrow. Mr. Judson came in tonight for D's horse. I & Charlie got down the River.

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Saturday, Sept. 17th

N. W. W. Stormy Weather.

P.M. I did not do anything, being  
harmed with tooth-ache. I was  
up. As I finished reaping the wheat  
John went to the threshing mill with  
a load of barley - it turned out 8 bushels  
and he came back here tonight  
from the mill. I got a letter from  
Crosby in farm and acknowledging the  
receipt of the money I sent him.  
295-207

the work. P.M. I & I worked at  
the rocks in Tonight Bay and I  
some black bogging down in John  
Ed's field. Mother's eye is very bad.  
304-207

Sunday, Sept. 18th 1881

N. E. B. Cloudless and delightful.  
Nothing of importance occurred. I  
have suffered terribly today with  
Neuralgia in my head. Old White  
has been here most all day.  
Off to get the corn box tonight 290-207

Thursday September 22

N. E. P. A.M. John & I bank  
rocks in the mill. We then unloaded a  
load of barley shaw to P.M. I got  
bound up the wheat down on the  
hill and loaded it up for the  
threshing mill. Alf is going out  
with a load of barley for no tonight  
He loaded up his Cart too.  
John started for the mill about  
9 o'clock tonight, & Alf is going to  
start in the night. 300-207

Monday, Sept 19th 1881

N. S. Began raining in the night,  
and continued through the day  
with thunder and lightning. Uncle  
Alf intended to go away today,  
but the storm prevented. I have  
kept my bed the greater part of  
the day. Mother is about laid  
up from a sore eye. He hurt it  
while reaping wheat the other day, a  
head of grain striking a red soil.  
President Garfield died tonight. 293-207

Friday Sept. 23

N. S. P. Cloudy till night when a  
storm of rain thunder & lightning, has  
come up. Alf got home from the  
threshing mill about noon, and  
John towards night. The load of  
barley turned out about 15 bushels &  
the wheat about 11 or 12. A.M. I  
laid abed, being unable to work.  
P.M. I mowed part of my little  
orchard. The Clava is very stout this  
time. Roxey and Annie with all their  
babies were up to Serak's meeting  
this afternoon. 315-208

Tuesday Sept 20th 1881

N. W. W. Stormy. No heard last  
night that Annie and her children  
had arrived at Mequon from  
St. John. In this morning I went  
after them, taking Uncle Alfred and  
with me. I went down the River  
to Dr. Elham, and got some eye  
wash for Father and some tooth  
ache medicine for myself. I found up  
Annie Seal and Alice at Mrs. Panchak's  
art well. I mailed a letter to  
J. W. Real - Montreal - in reference to  
an agency for Insurance. I  
also mailed a letter for Roxey to  
go to Helix. He got home about  
two o'clock. John & I spread some  
barley and turned over the wheat  
tonight. My tooth-ache is most  
wretched. Mother has got a bad  
cold. 298-207

Saturday September 24

N. S. Rained awhile this morning -  
Cloudy till night. A.M. John & I  
pitched off a load of shaw then went  
to the mill and got a load of shaw  
for farmwood. P.M. Jack went to  
the mill and started out a load of shaw  
He went with him. I mowed Clover  
He was going to hear Mr. Bates preach  
tonight but a hard storm of rain  
came up which prevented. 321-208

Sunday Sept 25

N. S. Cloudy all day with a  
few slight showers. Alf offers home  
all day. Annie, Roxey and I went  
up to hear Mr. Bates preach tonight.  
I am not feeling as well as usual.  
Father's eye is no better and we  
fear that he will loose it entirely.  
Mother has a bad Cold. 327-208

Wednesday Sept 21st

N. W. Clear & quite cool. A.M. I got  
went digging rocks, but I was taken  
with a severe attack of tooth-ache,  
and fled to the house. Mother &  
I stayed till noon. He continued

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Monday September 26  
P. S. P. Clear and balmy.

Father and Row went to Weymouth today. Father wanted to have a doctor examine his eye, but the mouse was away to Boston, so he failed. Row took some wool with a load of Peas and got a bill of flour. A.M. I took Annie and her children home this morning. They have been here since their return from St. John. I have been engaged in several ways today. I finished mowing the Clover, pulled Chandler and I finished our road some peas - cleared out and repaired work. P.M. Chandler sinking the bridge - dug out some stones, spread hay 75, 75. Row paid Mrs. J. Smith \$3.75 today, being the amount due her for Fishes. 329-208

Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1881

P. S. P. Fine warm and beautiful. A.M. Alfred butchered a sheep which I spread the Clover. John Chandler sinking rocks. P.M. Alf, Jack & I began working on the road to Peters. We have a Commission of \$1000 under this new system of tender and contract. Father is unable to go on the road so we are working without him. I raked up part of the Clover this afternoon. Aunt Sarah spent the day here. Father went down the River. 331-208

Wednesday Sept 28

P. S. Cloudy with slight showers. A.M. I made a "back-bolt" after which I repaired Robby Wagners sewing machine, which kept me till most night. I partly arranged a pigeon house for Martha, and hauled some water. Chandler went out to the Station to meet Dan, on his return from St. John. Dan brought me a pair of pigeons. Mr. Gees arrived here tonight. Weather is quite soft. 332-208

Thursday Sept. 29

P. S. P. Fine and warm. I finished raking up the Clover. Chandler & I worked on the road. Mr. Council boys. My eye is a little better. 333-208

Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1881

P. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. Alf, Chandler & I worked on the road tonight till hauled on the Clover. Aunt half a ton. Willie White is here. He is going to stay all night. I got a Circular tonight from the Nursery man with whom I am bargaining of getting employment. 334-208

Saturday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

P. S. P. Fine and quite wind, but warm and beautiful. A.M. John & I did some chores about. I am sick - have been so ever all the way around all day. This evening Rowy Chandler, Harry & I shelled beans in the wood-house. Mr. Greenough spent part of the day here. He is very well, and it is not probable that he will visit our place again. I got an answer from N. O'Connell, of Boston, tonight making me in debt to him to the amount of 14.50. Whose I do not owe him a cent. I am afraid I shall have some trouble about it. Dan Fullerton spent the evening here. He shelled beans tonight. 336-208

Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1881

P. S. P. Quite fine. A.M. 40<sup>th</sup> went up to meeting. Mr. Beaman preached. Dan, Annie, Seal and Alice were here to dinner and the remainder of the day. Rowy and I went up to meeting this evening. My headaches were poor tonight. Father's eye does not seem to be getting much better. 342-208

Monday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

P. S. Began raining in the night and continued till noon - Dull till night. A.M. Rowy and I overhauled all our papers and letters, classifying and arranging them. P.M. I fixed up the "Dittahouse" some for the accommodation of our little boys. I gave my mother \$10 at 10 o'clock tonight to pay to fundamen from whom Alf got a bill of herring.

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Tuesday, Oct. 4th 1881

W. H. W. Cold Rain. I shared thoughts today, or rather this forenoon. P. M. John C. & I worked at get's rock business. Mr. H. Harris Cozeman have our carriage last night to go to Weymouth road.

There is a sorry piece of business just come to light in Charley Cozeman's family, toward John the 9th Great Seal of our County had been produced, and who with his brother Hill Style has been buying around houses at night after the old folk are in bed, for the last several years, has by violence as it is said, compelled John Cozeman to give his personal preparations. John has always borne a good name and the sympathies of all right minded persons are with the afflicted family. The affair is making a lively stir in the community.

Wednesday Oct. 5th

W. H. W. Extremal cold with heavy rain, wind and squalls of hail. It froze quite hard last night and is the coldest weather I ever saw for the season.

John Chandler took a load of cord wood (a cord) He sold it to E. P. who is to pay the money for it. Chandler brought home a 13 lb. herring from Campbell, price \$3.75 I went down and helped Chandler load up, after which I & J have been engaged getting stuff in out of the shed. I gathered the tomatoes - about a barrel. We gathered the pumpkins. We have got a great lot of them this year - about three cart loads.

J. Rossy and I gathered them. Rossy and I picked up a lot of apples tonight. He dug potatoes today.

Thursday Oct. 6th

W. H. W. Another cold windy day. P. M. John & I raked up some pig bedding out of the horse pasture.

We hauled a couple loads of pumpkins to the barn, gathered the beans, picked up a lot of apples. J. Rossy, Harold and Sallie have been down to Annie's washing today. I went down tonight and helped Rossy home with the babies. I hauled Harold home in the little carriage, it was asleep.

Friday Oct. 7th 1881

P. M. A stormy day. Chandler & I at work among the trees. Mr. Delap called here today gathering tables - poor tables.

Father's tax was 1.37 and mine only 10cts. I paid both Amts. Ben Apple has Agent by name of Price came along tonight, and proposing a plan for starting a nursery, we walked around and talked the matter over. He is going to stay here all night. We spread out a lot of grain to dry - 6 bushels of wheat and six of barley. 343-208

Saturday Oct. 8th

W. H. W. Somewhat dull and foggy. Chandler took a load of lumber to Paces today for Maicher. He went down this morning and helped him load up. The "Apple tree man" and I had a long talk this morning in reference to nursery. He then left for Weymouth. I made coffee for a little boy of Ben Wagoner's who died yesterday. He has been digging a few potatoes along. He dug a few today. I took the coffee up tonight. Sallie Seale was taken sick today with a bowel complaint. He is pretty bad. Hill Cozeman was here to dinner. (343-209)

Sunday Oct. 9th

W. H. W. Delightful day. Mr. Murray preached the funeral sermon of Ben's little baby at Southville this morning. J. Rossy and I went. After service I went down to Weymouth. In the afternoon W. H. A. Judson & I spent the time in talking about the "old place" which used to be "grand matters". The dear old place is now in a state of decay and ruin. I heard Murray explain in the school house this evening after which W. H. A. accompanied me home. He & I are talking of joining Mr. White & Culbert of So. Weymouth in a nursery. Seale is about the same. 343-212

Monday, Oct. 10th

W. H. W. Fine. J. W. A. & I talked about nurseries this forenoon. P. M. J. & I went up to Lake Ooyple to cut a meadow. We got about sun-down and barely had time to prepare for the night, which set in with W. H. W. squalls of hail, snow and rain. We spent a very uncomfortable night. Hill and Chatter were down the River today. Sallie is about the same. 343-211

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Tuesday, Oct. 11th

F. V. Fine but windy and cold. This morning, F. & I explored the meadow & built and connected it with woods cutting this fall. We repaired the beaver dam, and about 1 P.M. started for home where we arrived in safety about dusk. Every day, Leslie is a little better. Chandler has been digging while we have been gone.

Wednesday Oct 12th

F. V. Fine in the morning, but clouded up and looking like rain tonight. A. M. F. and Chandler went to the mill and hauled out a couple load of stuff for Blackadar. I digged potatoes all day. F. and C. helped me pick up some tonight. Rosey and Chatter have been up to see Janey Cosman and sympathize with her in her calamity. Leslie is a good deal better. We paid some apples tonight, for the first for the season.

Thursday, Oct. 13th

F. V. Began raining in the night and continued all day and into the evening. Towards noon, Mr. Rice the Nursery Man and J. W. Sabian came. With the rest of the day and evening we were all busily engaged in discussing the advisability of entering into a Co-partnership for the purpose of starting a nursery. At last we decided to go in - sink or swim. The papers were drawn up, argued, sealed and delivered.

If we had the ready cash for the undertaking I would feel all right about it, but as we have yet to hire money it casts a shadow over the prospect. However, if I live to see myself four years older I will look back to this day's doings with feelings of bitter reproach or perhaps with emotions of an opposite character.

My purpose putting on a nursery of forty thousand trees - one half to be planted here and one half on Mt. V. land. If this thing turns out as we anticipate our share of the profits will be about fifteen hundred dollars apiece. Leslie is worse today, but we hope he is not dangerous. Effie went away from Aft. today, and laughable to relate, Harry started up to go too. We know nothing of her intentions till she was all packed to go. 350-212

Friday, Oct. 14th 1881

F. V. Beautiful day. J. W. Sabian and Mr. Rice stayed here all night and went away this morning. Chandler & I hauled three drops of wood this morning. Then Father, he and I digged potatoes the remainder of the day. We hauled apples this evening. Leslie is a good deal better tonight. 352-213

Saturday Oct 15th

F. V. Cloudy and looking like rain. Began raining about the middle of the afternoon. Father went down to Blackadar's yard a load of wood - (1225 ft) pines, spruce and birch. It was late when he got home and with the storm and darkness he had a serious time. This morning Chandler and I cleaned out the cellar. We then gathered apples into the bins above up. Willoughby Sabian was here to dinner. Leslie is getting well.

353-212

Sunday, Oct 16th

F. V. Beautiful day. F. R. W. went out to hear Willoughby preach. After meeting a number of us went to Aunt Sarah's to accompany dinner. Mr. S. Lydell, Johnson and Rev. W. T. M. Stopped here towards night when we came home, Johnson accompanying us. Annie, Din, and Scot spent the afternoon here.

Willoughby preached here this evening.

359-214

Monday, Oct 17th

F. V. Cloudy and mild. A. M. F. Mended Willoughby's boots. P. M. He went out to Jim M's spring and got a pig. Chandler and I gathered apples all day (Leslie the dam) 360-214

Tuesday, Oct. 18

F. V. Rained all night, and all day here. I have been mending shoes and goats all day. The little shes has that Father got yesterday. Jumped out of the pen today and made things quite lively around here. We caught it at last down on the swamp. Leslie is a good deal better. Dan has been here a part of the day and stopped to tea.

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Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1881

My Birthday. I am twenty eight years old today! Twenty years ago today Father had a digging potatoe patch. How well I recollect the day.

W. H. W. Rained all night - Cloudy and raw all day. A. M. I was mending Mother's shoes. A. evening we the blacksmith shop. Chandler cutting furwood. P. M. H. C. & S. Digging potatoes to send to Weymouth to be sold to a Palmical vessel that is there buying produce. We dug about twenty bushels. Dan Hutterton bargained for John Eddy's barn. He is to have it for 35 dollars. He calls it a good "bought" and I think it is.

Thursday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Day.

W. H. W. Cloudy all day and looking like rain but cleared up bright and July. This morning we finished our load of potatoes for Weymouth. We got Alf to take the load out with his horse. They were worth 25 bushels for which we got thirteen dollars. We paid Alf one dollar for taking out the load. It being a part of holiday, Roy, Leslie and I went out and spent the day at N. H. A. We had Davis' harness. We enjoyed ourselves well. Jud, you and I made an Apple-Parade. Chandler digged potatoes today, and father started a load of lumber from the mill this afternoon. 361-218

Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

W. H. W. Fine and warm. I went to Weymouth with a load of boards. He got his load money. A. M. Chandler dug potatoes - finished the patch. P. M. We gathered Apples. This evening we prepared straw for hats.

Saturday Oct 22

W. H. W. Fine and warm. H. C. & S. digging. Rabbit Nagome helped us. I got some Circulars tonight from Elinson. He is writing a book - the life of the late president Garfield. I see in the paper that Ella Chickens is married.

Journal and Drayg  
Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

W. S. S. Cloudy all day and bright. I went to the house. I got some to day. I gave a letter to Janny Cosman. 362-218

Monday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

W. S. S. Rained all night and till noon - Cloudy till night. I made Leslie a pair of shoes. and helped Chandler dig potatoes which tonight.

Tuesday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

W. S. S. Still dull and stormy. I went up to the South Range to look at a pair of shoes belonging to Mrs. John. Chandler finished digging - Our potatoe crop is very poor this year. We have only about 150 bushels. I made a door frame for the work shop and hung the door. I finished a window frame.

They had a party here at night. We all went over. Mother is very sick tonight from Neuralgia in her face. I wrote a letter today to go to Stinson ordering a Exam-assing outfit for the life of Garfield.

Wednesday Oct 26

W. H. W. Windy and cold with squalls of rain. A. M. Chandler & I worked among the cocks. P. M. H. C. & S. gathered up Baldwin Apples in the garden. We also gathered for Apples for Alf. They come home today from the South Range.

Mr. Whlman from Carletons came here this forenoon. He came to see about buying some timber for Lake Doyle. He is going to stop here with father's Corns home. 364-220

Thursday Oct 27

W. H. W. Fine but very windy and cold. I cut out and cramp'd my self a pair of boots. Chandler scalded shals from W's mill. I went back to the woods with Whlman to show him some land. I was taken last night with a terrible tooth ache and had a sleepless night. 366-220

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Friday, October 20

W. N. W. Fine and pleasant. A.M. I went up to Charliss to see if I could get his horse for transport to Weymouth etc. It was not home. P.M. Chandler and I pulled the burners. We had fire or say brush. We gathered the cabbage, the nuts and Carrots. I went out to W. D. Johnson tonight to see if he would pull a load for me. Had his tools. G. hauled a load of slats from W. D. Smith. 366-223

Saturday Oct. 21st

W. N. W. Fine and warm. I spent the forenoon at W. D. Johnson. It did not pull any tooth as we concluded it would break off & not come out. Rosy Cygne out in the afternoon with Harris horse, and she and I went to the Bridge. We took some wool and got carded. I went down the River to see Capt. J. A. Randall. He was out and got us a keg of Mubasso down the River. He brought in a side of fish caught for us from Cold River. Rosy had a Peck of Mother at W. D. Smith. I got fifty cents worth of tallow at Nicholls - also a pound of tea from him. I bought some glass to put in windows for the Shop. Henry Oakes has just put up a frame for a new house. He and John have been working among the rocks today. Harris Chapman gave Harold a cut today. It is the first money he has ever had given him. He is going to keep it for home. He also gave Lishie a little watch chain. W. N. W. I got a letter from W. D. Johnson. Wallace Blackadar and Theresa King have left him married. 366-225

Sunday Oct 30 1881

W. N. W. Cloudy this morning and soon began to rain which continued all day. This morning I took Harris to school home and the rest of the day suffered with the tooth-ache. M. Langley came in yesterday but the rain prevented him from having service. We have been alone all day.

Monday, Oct 31st

W. N. W. Raining till noon - dull the remainder of the day. Father is engaged in making himself a pair of boots. I am laid up with the tooth ache yet. Chandler went off this morning, and laid away all day. M. Langley came in - stayed a while and went out again. We got two barrels of potatoes. Dan is having his cellar-wall laid. 367-225

Tuesday, Nov. 1st

W. N. W. Fine, mild, and pleasant. I and Chandler digging out and burying rocks. I went out this morning to see W. N. W. concerning a letter we are to answer from White & Culbert. I stayed out around there the most of the day. Canning baby - Alice - is beginning. Last Sunday she walked across the floor for the first time. She began cutting logs over the lake today. Harris' classmates is helping them. 367-226

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd 1881

W. N. W. Gloomy. Fine warm day. J. Chandler and I sinking rocks.

Thursday, Nov 3rd 1881

W. N. W. Cloudy and Showery. J. C. & I sinking rocks. Rosy got a letter yesterday from Columbia.

Friday Nov 4th 1881

W. N. W. Rained all night and heavy all day. It aches tooth. This forenoon I went down to Dan's and covered some paint oil. P.M. I painted some dashes for the work shop. I mended the Corn Curtain.

Saturday Nov. 5th

W. N. W. Fine. A.M. J. C. & I sinking rocks. P.M. J. & M. went to Lishie with Dan's horse. Chandler & I finished the rocks. I went to Parky Club tonight. Alf & Harris went down the River tonight. They got their tea here tonight. 368-228

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Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Cloud with a few showers - (showered)  
 found brought. In and W. Coon  
 from town. Mr. Ross, Harry, Howard,  
 Leslie and I at home reading. 387-234

Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 N. W. E. Cloud all over - cleared off  
 beautifully. In Chandler and digging  
 rocks out of the field where we are to  
 have our Nursery. Martha had a meeting  
 party here today. James Miller, of  
 St. Mary's Bay, died today. 387-234

Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 N. E. Cloudy, but mild. In C. O. S.  
 hauling stones off the nursery ground  
 finished. Tonight Rossy, Caldwell,  
 and I went down and heard apples  
 for Annie. Mary, White spent the day  
 here. Mr. Sal. am here to tea. 396-234

Wednesday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. Rained till night and all day.  
 I put glass in a new sack for  
 the shop. In working at his boots,  
 Ethel, Rossy, and his prospective  
 bride, Eva David, come here at noon.  
 Harris's Cosman is here this evening.  
 Harold and Leslie are real well  
 and smart. I am not feeling well  
 today. 394-234

Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>  
 N. W. Cloudy and cold. In at work  
 at his boots. Chandler is making a  
 pile of Compost for our Nursery.  
 This evening Ethel, Eva David, Rossy  
 and I spent the evening down at  
 Annie's. I sent a bushel of Peaches  
 of the best to J. Kitchol, today, by  
 Harris's Cosman. 400-234

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
 N. W. Clear and cold. Chandler  
 and I hauling manure. In finished  
 his boots, and pulled some parsnips.  
 This afternoon, Rossy, Leslie, and Eva  
 were visiting at Annie's. Ethel and  
 I went down this evening. 405-235

Saturday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. Cloudy all day and looking like  
 snow - snowing this evening.  
 Chandler and I hauling mud for the  
 sink hole - 6 loads.

A. W. I finished some what.  
 P. M. John talked us half money.  
 Ethel and Eva went home this  
 morning. I got a letter tonight  
 from White & Cullart.  
 I'll go down the River this  
 afternoon with the Carriage. 407-235

Sunday, November 13.  
 N. W. Foggy till towards  
 night when it cleared off. It snowed  
 a little last night which was the  
 first of the season; but it went  
 all off this morning.  
 Dan, Annie, Pat and Alice spent  
 the day here. Mr. all went out to  
 hear Mr. Spencer, at Southville  
 tonight, excepting Martha, who kept  
 house for Annie, for her to go.  
 The best was "Hunts of the  
 which believe he is precious. - 1 Pte 2-7  
 Mr. Spencer came in after meeting.  
 Dr. McAlpin has been married  
 lately to a widow Whitehouse of  
 Farmington. Jimmy Manzer of  
 Swivtown has been married  
 lately. 419-235

Monday Nov. 14.  
 N. W. Fine. Mr. Spencer  
 went home this morning.  
 Chandler and I finished our  
 Nursery Compost heap. It  
 contains 26 loads. We have  
 up two loads of mud.  
 I helped Dan arrange a foundation  
 for his barn this afternoon.  
 Dan was here to dinner. 421-236

Tuesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 N. W. Fine. In C. O. S.  
 hauling up mud. Sarah Cosman  
 spent the day here. Charley Co-  
 was here to tea. 424-236

Wednesday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>  
 N. W. Fine. Dan has  
 had his barn moved and put  
 up today. In Chandler and I,  
 with the team, went. I came near  
 being killed by a falling timber,  
 I was not hurt much, however.  
 But it was a wonderful thing  
 that I did not get my head broken.  
 Martha spent the day at Annie's.  
 Mr. & Mrs. is going to stay there  
 all night. Mr. & Mrs. get back from tea. 425-244



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Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1881  
N. S. E. Wind. F. C. S. A.  
hauling swamp wood. Nothing  
of note occurred today. 426-246

Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1881  
N. S. E. Wind fine but looking like  
a storm. Mr. J. Chandler and I  
went around the Lake by Porters  
near field, and put in 25 logs.  
Perry got a letter today from his  
sister, Cornelia.

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
N. S. E. Blowing a heavy gale -  
Began raining about noon, and  
continued till night. I laid about  
till noon this afternoon & made a  
trip to make a pair of shoes for  
Chandler. Hauled a load of slate for  
firewood. J. do chow around  
M. and Harris' sawmill have  
been logging and rafting these few  
days.

Thursday, Nov. 24  
N. S. E. Slept to N. W.  
Snowed about 4 inches last  
night. Rained a little, then the  
wind shifted and the rest of the  
day has been foggy. I have not  
done much today excepting cutting  
but a pair of shoes for Perry.  
I made a gate and hung it.  
I am not any well.

Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1881  
N. W. E. Cloud and calm all day.  
P. M. I did nothing, being very unwell.  
Chandler getting up swamps. P. M.  
I chow about. No hauling up  
swamp. We have hauled up 27 loads  
this fall.

Friday, Nov 25  
N. S. Wind, but cold. Chandler  
cutting brush. No sawing.  
Chandler went down the river.  
Chandler hauled a load of hardware  
Slept from the mill till 9 P. M.

Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>  
N. W. N. Cloudy and windy. About  
three inches of snow fell last night  
and this morning, and this has  
been quite a perfect day. All of  
us home. Nothing of importance  
transpired. Scot has been out  
this afternoon.

Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>  
N. S. W. Evening - raining &  
foggy. Chandler cutting brush  
No sawing. John D. Smith & Cornelia  
Perry came here tonight. I got  
some circulars from P. M. Richards  
Perry got a letter from J. H. H.  
428-249

Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>  
N. S. W. Wind this morning but  
clouded up through the day and  
is raining tonight. J. and Chandler  
hauled up some wood today.  
I have been engaged in mending  
my boots. I copied a poem tonight  
that I have been preparing to  
send to James Casman.  
Mother spent the afternoon over at  
Chandler's 426-247

Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1881  
N. S. W. Wind warmer & beautiful  
I went out to hear Willingby this  
morning, but he was not there.  
Dan Winn, Deat and Alice spent  
the afternoon and evening here.  
John D. Smith and Perry this afternoon.  
He left Cornelia. She is going to St. J.  
has married yesterday to a young  
Thomas of New York.  
It is raining some this evening.  
436-250

Tuesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
N. S. W. Wind but windy & cold  
Rained down in the night - by the  
part of the snow off. J. went  
to that mill, and made a small  
beginning to saw. Chandler & I  
Chandler & I went to the rough field  
where we found rocks. We got  
the old plough all broke to pieces  
& it is freezing hard tonight.  
Perry and Perry have been up to  
Sawmill working. I went up and spent  
the evening. 426-248

Monday  
Mr. Carey home from down the river  
where he has been since Friday. Since  
he has been gone he has traded his  
horse with J. Oakes for a pair of oxen.  
Mr. Greenlaw, an aged Deaf & dumb  
minister, who has been held in high regard by our  
family for a number of years, died a few  
days ago. He was buried last  
Monday.  
Mother blessed the children when he died,  
then smelt a very good to eat,  
now smelt beans the closing up  
How gently hears the whispering of  
the leaves.

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Monday Nov. 28th

N. N. N. Cloudy, windy and very cold. In P.M. I cut a few logs, close here in the swamp. I have been making a pair of spurs for Harold. 449-250

Tuesday Nov. 29th

N. S. N. Cold this morning, but windy and soft tonight. Chandle cutting bushes in the pasture. I finished Harold's spurs and put a window in the Shop. 442-250

Wednesday Nov. 30

N. S. N. Fine and warm. Chandle cutting bushes. I made a set of ox shoes and shod my ox. Mother has been visiting at old Mrs. Wagners. Hester went down there to her. Haris Cosman is here this evening. I heard tonight that Benult Dalt was buried today. Scarcely a day in which we do not hear of somebody's death - some friend or acquaintance. 445-253

Thursday Dec 1st 1881

N. S. E. Cloudy and warm. Rained raining and blowing tonight. A.M. I finished shingling the Oxen. Chandle cutting bushes P.M. I finished cutting his pig. Roy and Columbia with Leslie went down to Ben's visiting today. It rained so that Roy and slat came home tonight. Will Cosman is here this evening. Nasty. Hester began school up the road yesterday. 446-255  
Geo. McAlpine was married a short time ago to a widow White - former of Ohio - Yarmouth. John Ed. Pagnon moved in the Union home.

Friday Dec 2nd 1881

N. N. N. Clear and quite cold. A.M. I cut butchard the hog. P.M. I & Chandle went around the lake and got the float. We had it in the pond at the mill, but some French boys went to the mill on Sunday and run it out of boom and let it go a drift. I cut some logs this afternoon down here in the swamp between here and Carber's where we cut ship-timber last winter - these were logs left in the tops. Roy and Leslie came home from Annis this morning. Roy says Leslie fell down stairs at Annis yesterday and hurt himself badly. 446-256

Saturday Dec 3rd 1881

N. N. N. Cloudy and looking like a Snow storm. A.M. I cut a few logs close here in the swamp. I went out see Charles Wagners about getting some beef. I did not get any. Chandle cut bushes. P.M. Chandle started out a couple loads of boards on sleds from the mill. I at the mill too. I put slats in on bedstead, and cut a lot of wood. Columbia came up from Annis today when she has been visiting a few days. I got a lot of Circles from P. G. Gickney 7th. 448-256

Sunday Dec 4th

N. N. N. Fine and beautiful. Willoughby came in this morning. Frank Cosman came this afternoon and started to go to Mt. Lebanon to see his mother. Willoughby passed here tonight. I have been here several days. I can scarcely keep up around. 452-256

Monday Dec 5th

N. N. N. Glorious Weather. In P.M. I cut logs. Chandle went out with a load of beaver. He got a bbl of flour and a suit of clothes for himself. Willoughby had singing school up at the school house tonight. He is going to have singing school every night this week. Mother and Harold were down to Annis and spent the day. Hester came here tonight. She was keeping school up the road this morn. 462-257

Tuesday Dec 6th 1881

N. S. E. Cloudy and beautiful. In P.M. Chandle cutting bushes. I have been cutting logs. Annis spent the day here. We all went up to singing school again tonight. 470-257

Wednesday Dec 7

N. S. E. Overcast and misty. In P.M. Chandle cutting wood etc. P.M. I cut logs. We are having great times this week going to Singing School. I all went up tonight. 475-257

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Thursday, Dec 8th 1881

N. S. W. Rained heavily a part of the night and showered through the day. In evening, Chandlee and I cutting logs. We have got about fifty cut now. Ross, Litch, and Cornely up to Charles Cosman's kitchen. We all went up to Dingy's school again tonight.

Harris Cosman and Cornely are cutting no real stubs. They are pulled up by the snow now looking as happy as possible. Mr. Cozwell moved into the pine Cosman house about a month ago. 478-259

N. W. Quite fine freezing all day.

H. W., Chandlee and I went to the river today and fixed the "Krow" stave over Chandlee's timber last winter, and where we are talking of working again this coming winter. After fixing the iron, we partly cleared a road around Joe Cromwell's field. We hauled through last winter, but we would rather haul around. We went to Dingy's school again tonight. 483-259

Saturday, Dec. 10th 1881

N. N. W. Fine but cold. H. Chandlee, Alf & I finished clearing our road, repaired the ruts down there generally, and built a sort of "ramp and haul." We went to Dingy's school again tonight. It ends tonight. Today's "Hussler" bears the tidings of the death of Mr. Cozump. He was a man of extensive learning and deep piety, and his labors have done much to enhance the interests of the Baptist denomination in this Province. 488-259

Sunday, Dec 11th 1881

N. N. W. Cloudy and cold. Nothing of note occurred. Willoughby went home this morning. Harris Cosman spent the afternoon and evening here. He and Carmelia are "going right in." 493-259

Monday, Dec 12th 1881

N. S. W. Cloudless, and cold. In evening, J. M. Leharth & I got up some firewood. P. M. We got a load of staves from Waggoner's mill. I cleared some staves to start out my windfall logs. Carmelia went down to Annie's tonight. It's a fine here tonight. 476-259

Tuesday, Dec 13th

N. S. W. Rained a little in the night, cloudy and warm all day. In evening, I helped Alf thrust his wheat. 498-260

Wednesday, Dec 14th

N. S. W. Rained some in the night. Blowing heavily all day. Raining and blowing tonight. I and Chandlee sawing. I went down in the woods and cut two logs. The wind blew so heavily I did not dare remain longer and so came home. I have been hindered the remainder of the day. I am not able to work being so weak in my back as to be scarcely able to stand on my feet. Ross, Litch and Carmelia have been down to Peter Waggoner's mill today. 500-262

Thursday, Dec 15th 1881

N. N. W. Rained all night. Began snowing this morning and continued all day. Snow fell three or four inches. H. and Chandlee went to the mill this morning. Finding the lake open they made no move to raft logs, and accordingly went to the head of Bear lake. The logs were blockaded by several acres of drift ice, so they were obliged to abandon the project. H. then went to the mill and to come home. I have been sick all day, and remained at home. 505-262

FRIDAY Dec 16th

N. N. W. Quite fine but a cold winterly day. H. made a splint broom. Chandlee cut four woods. I mended my boots - mended Ross's boots, and repaired Carmelia's boots. 509-262

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Saturday, Dec 17th 1881

P. S. N. Cloudy, but mild and pleasant. H. & Chandler sawing & skidded all the logs which were at the mill. A. M. I fixed the kung, which had given out. P. M. I skidded the "Rob-Sled"

Maria Cosman took Bernickia home this afternoon. I mailed a Postal Card to the Baptist Publication Society for specimens copies of my papers.

Rony and I had a spat this forenoon. He gave Harold a beating which gave rise to a small quarrel. Knowing, as she did, my plans for the Government of the children, her conduct was in my opinion a serious offence. But I indulged in language that did not become me and upon the whole, departed myself in a disgraceful manner, and its remembrance will give me many an anxious hour.

570-262

Sunday, Dec 18

P. S. N. Cloudy and mild-looking like rain. H. & I spent the day down at Arnis. That has been the all day. Will Cosman has been here this afternoon and evening.

Rony and I with our beating have spent a very pleasant day.

Henry Marr of Barton, child a few days ago; also the Rev. Elias Ruttle, a prominent Methodist minister of this Province.

572-264

Monday Dec 19

P. S. N. Standard beautiful. Chandler hauled two loads of logs to the mill from home - five in all. H. & I skidded the long sled today. Tonight Lewis Nurse, of Bridgetown, Schoolinspector came here to stop over night. 573-264

Tuesday, Dec 20.

P. S. N. Cloudy and raining. In evening, Chandler hauling out lumber. P. M. I did nothing being sick. P. M. I made a little soap. Sick, hooped a pair of. 574-264

Wednesday, Dec 21

P. S. N. Glorious day. H. & Chandler hauled and sawed some hardwood sled stuff. Chandler hauled into couple loads of Deals. I helped Alf shoe his own. Tonight Alf went down to the Carbur and helped me load up my team to go out tomorrow. 575-265

Thursday, Dec 22

P. S. Fine in the morning but clouded it - and is raining tonight. H. made a sled-tongue (Chandler cutting wood &c.)

I went to Wilmot with a load of Deals (10.31.81) I went out with a load too.

I got logs and "pin-kets" for Christmas. I took a Dutch & applied to E. Nichol for which he is to allow me \$20.75 - The following is what he has had from here.

5 bush Palatons	750	- 2.50
1 cbl Apples		1.50
1 bush clo		75
		4.75

He keeps an account of what I have had from here. Money is here tonight. 576-265

Friday Dec 23rd

P. S. N. Rained all night & all day. Tonight hauling & freezing. P. M. H. helped B. Wagoner Dutch a heap a half of which are are buying for B. & I.

P. M. H. skidded Chandler's sleds after which they went up & got the buf. I have been sick about most all day. 577-265

Saturday, Dec 24

P. S. N. Snowed a little in the night, cold as December today. P. M. Chandler went out to W. O. & got the stalyards. H. & I cut up the buf. P. M. Chandler and I hauled wood. This evening

Maria, Rony and I have been preparing for Christmas. We made a Christmas tree two little sleds, some tops, & a host of toys.

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Sunday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1881

W. W. Fine and beautiful  
It is Christmas day, but falling  
on Sunday, all the Country  
around here decided to "have  
Christmas" tomorrow. We are all  
home today. Mother has got a  
terrible cold and so has Daisy.  
All and Leattie went down  
the River. Will Gosman took  
them down. Harris went up  
the Bay yesterday.

"Old Jim Payson" as he is known  
of Wymouth, died today -  
He choked while eating his dinner.

Monday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>

W. S. W. Fine and beautiful.

W. W. I went to the mill - there  
around the lake where he cut a piece  
of sled runners. John White and  
Water White were here to dinner.  
Ammie Seal and the baby came up  
tonight. This forenoon. We have  
had quite a pleasant day. We had  
a pleasant time with our Christmas  
tree. The babies enjoyed themselves  
finely. 521-265

Tuesday, Dec 27

W. S. E. Drizzling rain all day  
Sled making, or working at a wagon  
sled. I have been doing chores  
around. Ammie stayed here all night  
and Chandler took her home with the  
team and Carl. Harold is getting a  
cold. 523-265

Wednesday, Dec 28

W. S. E. Rained all night - cloudy  
and looking like rain all day.  
H. and Leattie went to the mill  
and piled up lumber. They also  
cut some logs. I have been very  
sick all day and have kept home.  
Mother have been down to Ammie  
helping her make soap. 523-266

Thursday Dec 29

W. S. E. Cloudy and warm all  
day. P. M. Chandler and Hattie  
traded some cocks out of the  
Wagna road where we are going  
to haul logs. P. M. They ploughed  
the ditch on "Justice" hill.  
It has been ploughing yesterday  
and today. Geo. Holmes came  
with this afternoon. I am a little  
better today. Harris has tonight. 525-266

Friday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

W. S. Rained heavily all night &  
all day. It has been working some  
at the wagon sled. I have been  
working around some, I handle  
cutting wood between the shores.  
I went mostly tonight. I wrote a  
letter tonight to go to Mr. Robinson  
If I do not get medical assistance  
soon I shall be unable to do  
anything this week. 527-266

Saturday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1881

W. S. W. Fine this morning  
but clouded up and came snow  
squalls all day. I did not go to the  
head of Bear Lake to see if we  
could cast logs. The lake was  
open, excepting a few acres in the  
head where our logs were, so we  
were obliged to give up the job.  
The lake has been frozen over  
several times this fall, and  
then open again - even hard enough  
to drive a team on. It then went  
to the mill and I came. He came  
home at seven. I have been  
doing chores around the remainder  
of the day. Aunt Ohio came here  
this morning. Chandler went out  
again to get this "New Year's"  
He brought me a fine lot of "mail"  
the first number of the "family"  
journal, for which I subscribed,  
came also a lot of paper from  
the A. B. P. Society. Harold and  
Hattie's colds seem better, but Mother's  
is worse. 532-266

Eighteen hundred and eighty  
one has about closed.

Astrologers, soothsayers, seers,  
and even scientific men have  
pointed this out as a year when  
in great and wonderful things  
were to transpire. It was an-  
nounced that the world should  
end on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The ignorant classes were  
greatly alarmed, in fact, even  
the most incredulous began  
to look serious. The day drew  
near. The day came and  
passed over with nothing un-  
usual taking place.

Old Mother Shipton had pointed  
this out as the year that should  
terminate all terrestrial affairs,  
and a host of lesser celebrities  
have at different times con-  
firmed the direful prognostica-  
tions.

But though the world has  
 not ended, it has been a remark-  
 able year. A terrible war has raged  
 between Chilli and Peru. The  
 Land League troubles in Ireland  
 have given the year a prominence in  
 that country. The Emperor of Russia  
 was killed by a bomb in the street  
 of his Capital. The president  
 of the United States, James A. Garfield,  
 who had just entered upon his  
 duties as head of that great and  
 prosperous Nation, was assassinated  
 in a Railway depot by a Spaniard  
 by name of Charles Guiteau. He  
 shot him in the back, and was  
 immediately arrested. The wounded  
 man did not lingered for several  
 weeks or death ended his suffering.  
 The Dominion of Canada has  
 not been marked by any great  
 practical accomplishment. The con-  
 struction of the Pacific Railway and  
 the settling of Manitoba are  
 giving the Government plenty to do.  
 In this Province the adapting of  
 the Seal Temperance Act has been  
 the most remarkable achievement.  
 This County is almost in a state  
 of rebellion on account of the Rail-  
 way tax. In Science and Literature  
 I do not know that anything very  
 important has been effected.  
 Edison's Electric Light has been  
 pretty generally introduced.  
 A Railway is in course of con-  
 struction in New Brunswick, and  
 throughout this province and New  
 Brunswick a number of Cotton  
 and Woollen factories are being  
 started. A Sugar Refinery lately started  
 in Halifax is doing good work.  
 There are new industries in these  
 Provinces. During the year the  
 Baptist denomination of this  
 province has lost two able  
 champions - Drs. Shipper and Camp.  
 Mr. Prattle, an able Methodist  
 divine, and Mr. Greenlaw, a  
 Disciple veteran, have too passed  
 away from earth.  
 But one person has died in this  
 place - a little boy of Ben Wagoner.  
 Some changes have taken place  
 in the settlement. Angel Blinn, Jim  
 Cosman and Geo. Seban have  
 moved away with their families.  
 John G. Wagoner is living on  
 Blinn's place, and Joe Cassal on  
 Jim Cosman's.

Christmas - 1881

It is a beautiful day. A holy calm  
 seems to pervade the earth and air.  
 The snowing everything was  
 arrayed in hoar frost - a becoming  
 dress for the time honored day,  
 so warm, soft beautiful and  
 grand, like all that is eternal.  
 Mantled with garments hoar the snow  
 walked softly in, secured and warm.  
 From the far path of time where stand  
 Centuries on Century grand,  
 journey along the dark dim way  
 like Uthine mountains cold and grey  
 Dear Christmas - charming Christmas time!  
 A diamond on the brow of Time,  
 the only gem the gay see wear,  
 the golden clasp that links the years.  
 Yes - Christmas came - is soon most part  
 like all else loved, it cannot last.  
 How strange, how sad that all we prize  
 must die! will joys arise  
 and bloom anew like flowers whose  
 are lying where the dead plant lies?

I once saw a beautiful verse on  
 a book mark destined for a  
 Christmas gift. I committed them  
 to memory, and to forget seems now  
 would be to hide one of the brightest  
 sunbeams that glances through  
 this troubled life.  
 As nearly as I recollect, they  
 are as follows -

"Hear Christmas days how fair  
 ye seem, calm, holy and  
 Sublime;  
 Foot-prints of angels, how  
 ye gleam  
 Along the sands of time;  
 Foot-prints where'er  
 Secret heart flowers blow  
 By woldly storms  
 Unseen,  
 That we may mark them  
 As they go,  
 And find our way to  
 Heaven.

John H. Sabian

# Supplemental Material



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.

# List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit [www.sabinediaries.com/introduction](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

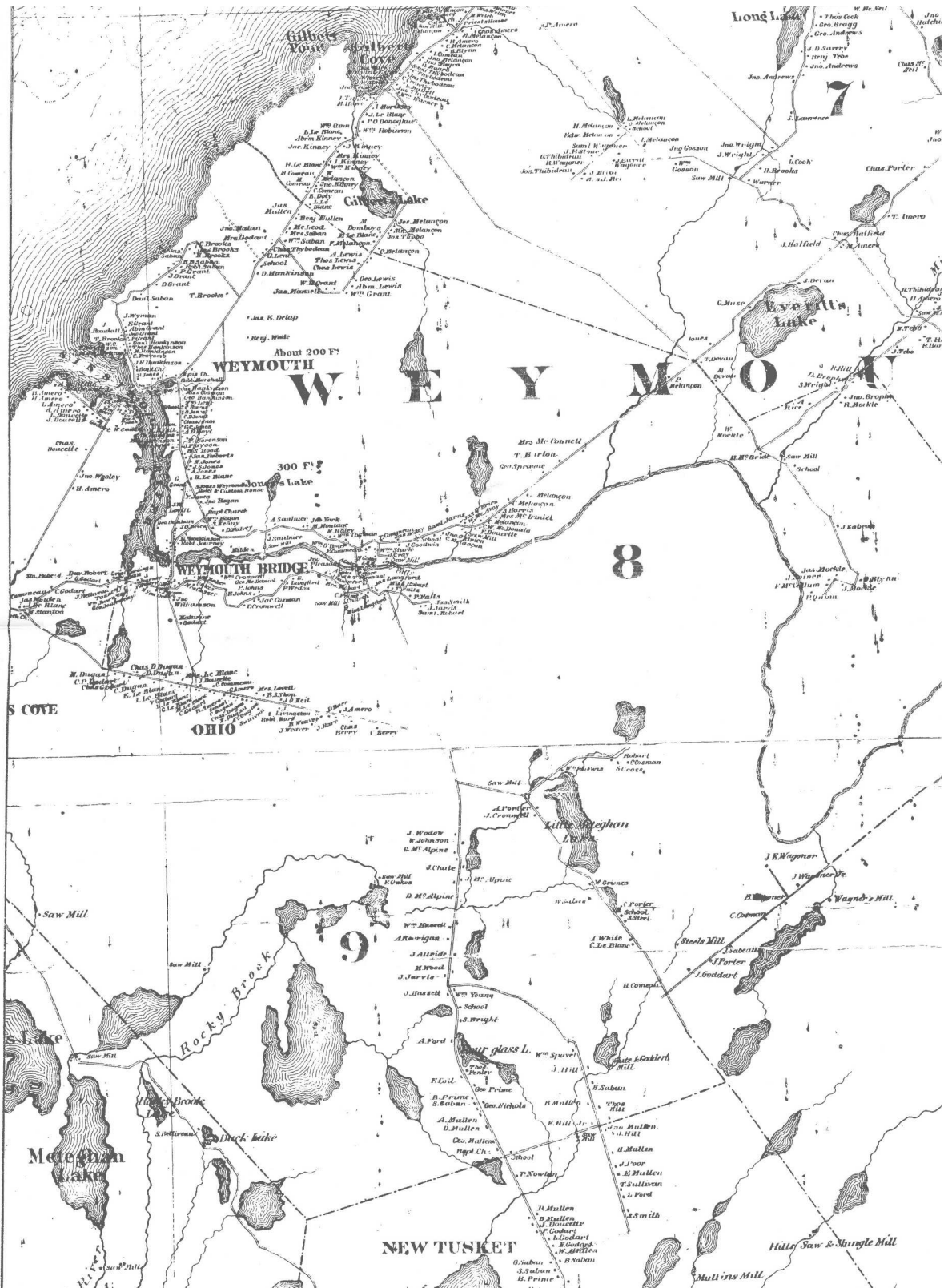
C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

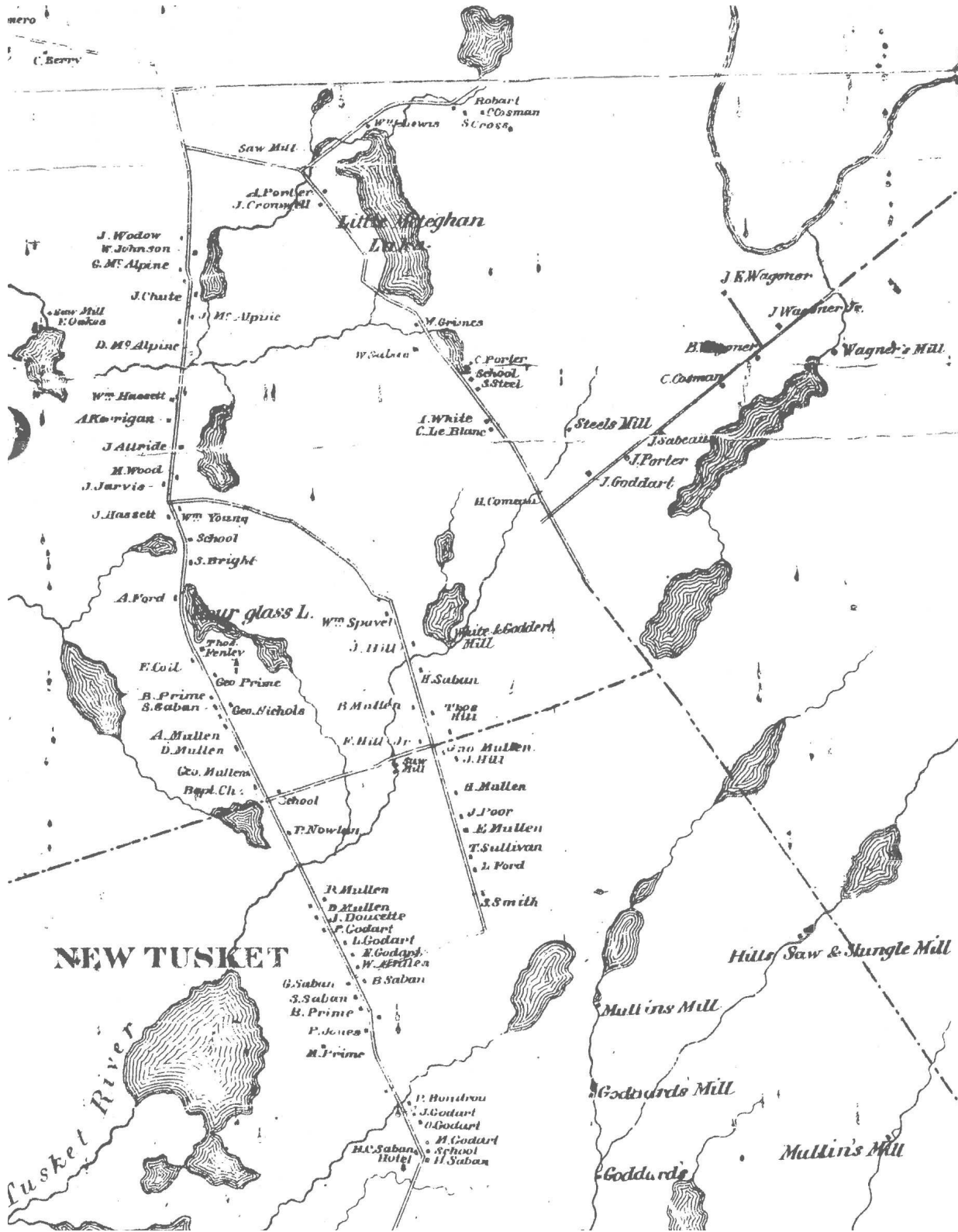
pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

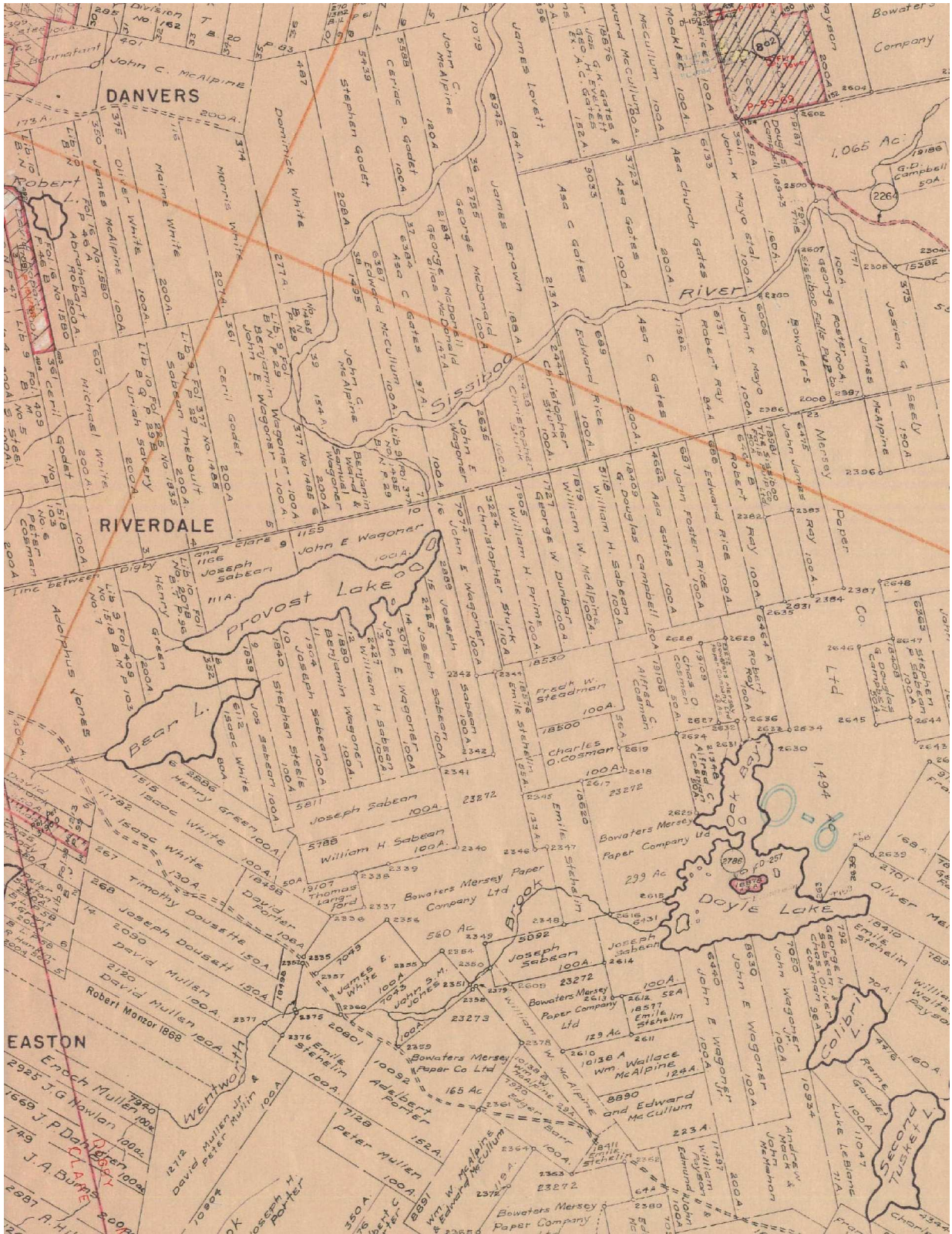
c-wood. (Cord wood)



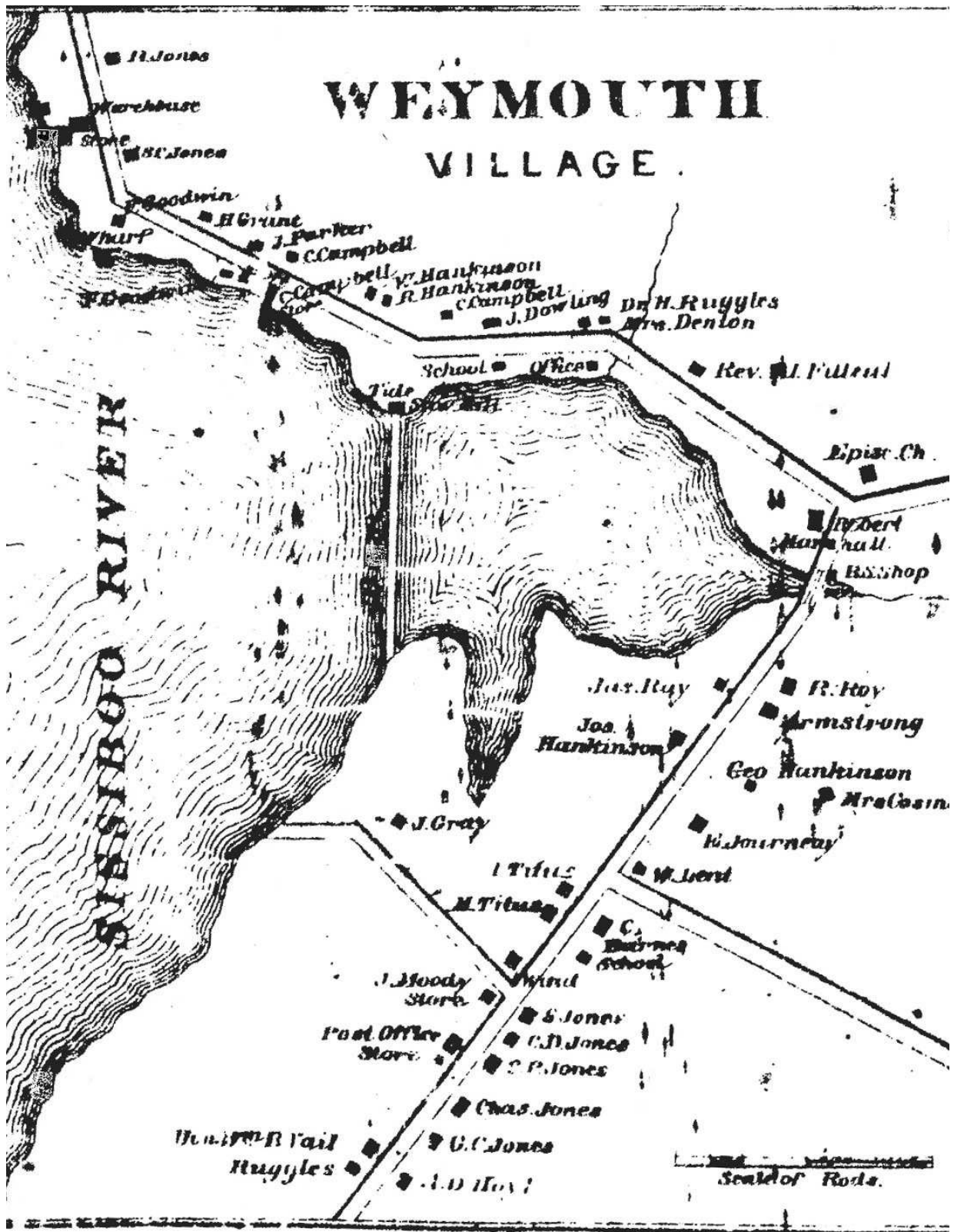
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Riverdale, Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia









# THE SABINE DIARIES

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