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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).

## Dedication

This volume of the Sabine Diaries is dedicated to my grandparents, Walter Sabine (1913-1996) and Melba (Outhouse) Sabine (1912-2007). Walter and Melba lived and raised their family in Riverdale, in what had been the Joseph Porter place when John Sabine (Walter's grandfather) was writing these journals. It was in their home where I first read one of John's diaries, during Christmas over thirty years ago. My grandparents were always willing to entertain questions about family history, and to recount interesting stories about their early lives. Although I did learn a great deal from them, as many people come to realize later in life, I now wish I had asked so many more questions!

Dwayne Leslie Sabine



Melba and Walter Sabine

# 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

## Thursday Jan 1st, 1880 – New Year’s Day

W. N.W. Snowed some in the night, and this morning was quite a bluster, but soon cleared up fine. Harold is getting quite smart again. A.M. F. fixed one of the yoke-straps. I wrote a dialogue, “Whar’s Your Hoss?” P.M. F & I finished shoing the ox, cut a lot of wood &c. Dan and Fred up the road shooting at a goose. Judson was here tonight to tea. Fred has gone up to singing school tonight. Tom Randall married tonight

I intended, with the beginning of the new year, to make a change in my Diary, by writing in rhyme. I am getting tired of the dry monotonous style. I forgot all about it till now. In the light of the old proverb, “Better late than never,” I will begin now by rewriting today’s entry. In the rhymes that are to follow, no pretention to Literary excellence will be entertained – only a plain narrative of events.

### 1880 Journal and Diary

#### Jan 1st

Another year has passed away  
And now we hail glad New Year’s day.  
Tis twenty seven I have seen  
Since in this noisy world I’ve been  
During last night some snow fell down  
This morning drifted all around  
The wind N.W. & storming some  
But soon all bright and fine become  
Harold, bless his little heart,  
Again is getting pretty smart.  
The straps that go upon the yoke  
By some unlucky means got broke.  
This morning F. got them in  
And fixed them up good again.  
A dialogue I wrote today  
For Fred and I in lodge to say.  
Only one ox last night was done,  
Today finished the other one.  
This afternoon finds Dan and Fred  
With gun & powder, caps & lead.  
Trying to shoot and old dead [goss]  
As poor and boney as the duce.  
Judson was here tonight to tea –  
A promising young blade is he.  
Tonight Tom Randall has a bride  
And all his wants are satisfied.

## Friday Jan 2nd, 1880

Wind S.W. blowing – thawing –  
Father to the mill a sawing.  
Dan & Fred are chopping still,  
I made a sled-rove – went to the mill  
The snow was soft, I broketh roads  
And hauled out three (800) loads.  
Harold is worse – I almost fear  
We yet will loose our little dear.

## Saturday Jan 3rd, 1880

W. N.W. Fine but blowing  
Dannie chopping, F –. sawing.  
At half past five I got around  
With team all yoked to go to town.  
I got there safe at half past nine  
My load made up with deals & Pine  
I took to Campbell’s – got some flour  
Some chain link iron and other stuff.  
I stayed around there ‘bout an hour  
Went to the Station – seen enough  
To know they’r making money great –  
They’d neither passengers nor freight.  
Went and called on Dr Morse,  
Told him of Harold – he of Course  
Said ‘twas an Epidemic – sure  
But trust to him – he’d make a cure.  
When I got home at half past three  
Harold was smart as he could be.

## Sunday Jan 4th, 1880

W. S.E. With hail and rain  
Harold almost well again  
Still M. Will C. gave us a call  
The day passed quickly – this is all

## Monday Jan 5th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine as ever  
Alf got home from down the River.  
D & F are chopping still  
F a-sawing in the mill.  
A.M. I helped him edge some boards  
P.M. I made a start towards  
Putting some shoes upon the sled.  
Tonight – made whiskers – D & Fred.

**Tuesday Jan 6th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy and raw  
Dan is chopping – F does saw  
F. went to Tusket for to see  
Mr Cogswell, but he  
Got here at noon with horse & sleigh  
He & his wife here spent the day.  
At noon the sleigh I finished shoeing  
Till night some chores I have been doing  
Alf and Harris shoed the horses,  
Tonight to lodge with all our forces.  
A piece I spoke, then I & Fred  
The Yankee dialogue we said

**Wednesday Jan 7th, 1880**

W. N.W. all past the storm  
So mild, so beautiful and warm.  
Dan & Freddie chopping still,  
F & I sawing in the mill  
Alf came to the mill, Chattie, Annie too  
Two loads he hauled – all he could do.

**Thursday Jan 8th, 1880**

The Wind unchanged – the weather good  
Dan & Freddie starting wood.  
Alf hauling from the mill.  
F & I are sawing still.  
Joe Hankinson & Robt. Ray  
Both got their dinners here today.

**Friday Jan 9th, 1880**

W. S.E. half cloudy and warm,  
And looking like a heavy storm  
‘Tis splendid Wheeling on the road,  
And Dan and Alf, each with a load,  
Of boards went down to the Cove today  
For the hogshead of molasses we got, the pay  
Father is sawing – A Petition I wrote  
Then out the Settlement I went,  
And several signors there I got  
And many others gave consent  
To have their names affixed thereto  
All seemed to think a mail route thro.  
This settlement a thing we need  
And that we have it all agreed.  
Fred cutting cord-wood.

**Saturday Jan 10th, 1880**

Foggy till night then cleared of bright  
Wind first South and then West  
F to the mill, D & F starting wood till  
Noon. Dan dressed in his best  
And to Southville went out to see  
Manzer about buying his rotten  
old house. Fred chopping has been  
I cut and hauled ten drags of wood  
For fire up here to the door  
Alf went to the Cove with a load of  
boards which paid up the score.  
We now owe the Frenchman for  
molasses no more.

**Sunday Jan 11th, 1880**

Wind N.W. unclouded, bright.  
Clear from early morn till night  
A glair of ice hides all the ground  
And every body’s tumbling down.  
To dinner we had parson C---ll  
Elishia Jones and Aunt Lydia  
And Sears – one of the company  
At half past two, as was announced  
The preacher arose – his text pronounced.  
In twenty fifth of Mathew – at  
The tenth verse, and the last of that  
The words were these, “The door was shut”  
He spoke well on the subject, but  
It is his last we hear today  
For Tuesday he’s to move away.

**Monday Jan 12th, 1880**

W. S.E. all day and misting  
F –. sawing – I assisting  
Starting wood was Dan engaged in  
Alf has fixed his moccasin.  
Scot – a happy boy is he –  
Tonight he’s in a mighty glee  
He’s got a pair of rusty skates,  
I don’t know even if they’re mates  
He’s bragging what he’s going to do.

**Tuesday Jan 13th, 1880**

W. N.E. and blowing  
All day and Evening snowing.  
As near as I call tell

About three inches fell  
F and I are sawing still,  
Alf starting lumber from the mill.  
Fred cutting cordwood much offended  
Dan his old boots today has mended.  
Tonight is lodge, but naught occurred  
Worthy of saying any word.

#### **Wednesday Jan 14th, 1880**

The wind from N. all bright & clear.  
The temperature is quite severe.  
Father to the mill again.  
Dan and Fred and Alf remained  
Round about the house all day  
The most they've done I think is play.  
Out to the Bridge went Roxy and I.  
Down the River I went to try  
Mrs Cotter for money but only got her  
To pay for twenty five lbs of butter  
5 dollars, alas! was all I got,  
But even that was better than naught.  
At Mrs Randall's we got our tea,  
We then the Rail cars went to see.  
We saw the coming and going train,  
At the Station awhile remained,  
And then set out for home again.

#### **Thursday Jan 15th, 1880**

W. S.W. and snowing some,  
Not much snow however come.  
F & I sawing all day.  
Alf down the River with a load for Ray.  
Annie & Annie down to Mrs W's  
Tonight we mustered all our crew.  
And up we went to singing school.  
There chanced to be a certain fool.  
Well known about as Manda Hix,  
With whom the boy cut divers tricks

#### **Friday Jan 16th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy and warm.  
Lookind something like a storm  
Chopping cordwood are Dan & Fred.  
Alf went to the Bridge with a load on the sled  
To the mill today were F & I.  
This afternoon we did apply  
Ourselves to running logs in the pond

They were froze in the ice which we went upon  
The ice 'mong the logs was very thin,  
And we were in danger of tumbling in,  
But we worked away with determined will  
And soon with logs the pond was filled  
Gussie Newcomb came in with Alf, you see,  
And tonight we were all over there to tea  
The evening passed pleasantly away  
With conversation, fun and play

#### **Saturday Jan 17th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudy and warm,  
Still looking like, but yet no storm.  
Fred and Dan were starting wood  
F & I sawed what we could.  
Alf went down to his brush & hauled up some loads  
Of logs and left them on skids in the road.  
Some boys and girls were here tonight  
Who laughed and played with all their might.

#### **Sunday Jan 18th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy and warm  
Looking like – but still no storm.  
Alf & Chattie took Annie & Gussie away  
The rest of us were home all day.  
Harris Cosman & Alonzo G.  
Were here awhile – Lonzo stopped to tea

#### **Monday Jan 19th, 1880**

W. N.E. Snowed a little but cleared away,  
Warm and pleasant the rest of Day  
Saturday Father hurt his back.  
So Alf & I sawed in the mill – (sawed 8 l)  
Dan & Freddy getting logs ready  
And little Harold is ill.

#### **Tuesday Jan 20th, 1880**

W. S.E. Clear and fine.  
I've been sawing spruce and pine  
Alf went to the mart  
With the sled or the cart,  
F. & D. & Fred shoing the Bob sled  
I've been sawing with all my might.  
We all went up to Lodge tonight  
When from Loge to home we come  
It was beginning to snow some.

**Wednesday Jan 21st, 1880**

W. S.E. then shifted round.  
Rained some first then snowed  
Dan & Fred were hauling logs  
They hauled to the mill three loads  
I have been sawing. Alf fixing  
his moccasins. Harold is sick  
with a cold.

**Thursday Jan 22nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine, but the air is chill.  
I've been sawing in the mill  
Alf helped me edge this afternoon,  
We ought to go at logging soon.  
The weather's good & not much snow  
How soon it may change we don't know.  
Dan and Fred logging today  
Twenty five hauled tonight they say.  
Fred's gone to singing school – tis plain,  
That all he cares about is Jane.\*  
Harold is most well again.

*\*Presumably Nancy Jane Cosman, daughter of neighbour Charles Cosman. Nancy went by this full name in the 1881 census, but simply as "Nancy" in 1871. She eventually marries Alonzo Grant.*

**Friday Jan 23rd, 1880**

W. S.E. Till night  
Now shifted to the west,  
Raining with all its might.  
With scarce a moment's rest.  
I've been away to the mill  
Alf helped me there till noon;  
I worked sundown untill,  
Then came home by the light of the moon.  
Father and Dan & Fred  
Have stayed in the house they said.  
Out of the rain and cold  
Dear little Harold's Cold,  
Is very bad, but I  
Hope it will soon pass by.

**Saturday Jan 24th, 1880**

W. W. Cloudy till night  
When it cleared up in the West

Beautiful and bright.  
Alf, out to the Bridge went he,  
And a load of boards he took.  
Father, Dan and I all three,  
Have been to the mill – and Freddie he  
Has been cutting logs by the brook.  
F & Dan put two logs in the slip  
Which long has needed repairs  
One could scarcely go up and down  
Without being triped.  
Seven logs we sawed for Dan  
The first he has ever had sawen  
If he lives to be an old Man  
Of his lumbering this is the dawn.

**Sunday Jan 25th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and lovely & bright  
We all went out to hear Willoughby preach  
I went to W.H.S's and stayed till night.  
And then my home I reached  
The text was in the 5th of Mathew,  
From the sermon on the mountains  
"They who have pure hearts are blessed,  
For they shall see God forever"  
Obed came with me his evening  
When I came home from Wm Henry's  
Willoughby preached here in the eving  
And his subject was the instance  
Of the man who had the devil  
Cast from him and sat & listened  
Clothed in his right mind & sitting  
Meekly at the feet of Jesus.

**Monday Jan 26th, 1880**

W. W. and lovely  
Fine as any day in Summer.  
Willoughby's boots has F. mended,  
Dan & F their logs were hauling  
And for Dan I have been sawing.  
Alf took out a load of lumber  
And brought me a lot of papers  
One was "Young Folks" come from Harper  
And another "Illustrated Canadian News" the other.  
And some Circulars from Stinson.  
Little Harold cough is dreadful  
And I fear it is no better,  
Tonight went Fred starched and polished  
To Geo. Cosman's candy party.

**Tuesday Jan 27th, 1880**

W. South East and partly sunny.  
F. & Dan to mill a'sawing  
Twenty five logs for Dan they finished.  
Alf and Fred starting out lumber  
Partly ours and partly Dannie's.  
Quite unwell today I'm feeling  
And I've spent the day in reading  
Mostly, but some wood I cut up –  
Some for Alf and some for our stove.  
And I fixed some skates for Cottie,  
And tonight he put them on him  
In the road upon an ice pond  
He to skate has been a-trying.  
If he grows to be an old man,  
This event he will remember  
So his first attempt at skating  
Today it almost has been sultry  
With a soft warm wind a blowing  
And the snow has vanished swiftly.  
I went up to Lodge this evening,  
Where we had much sport debating  
"Which is to be most admired  
Works of Art or Works of Nature."  
Chattie is most dead of tooth-ache –  
Harold most as well as ever  
For which I am very thankful.  
Began this evening raining heavy.

**Wednesday Jan 28th, 1880**

Wind S.E. and still a-raining  
Rained all night exceeding heavy  
And continued hard till mid-day.  
This has been a heavy rainstorm  
Heaviest weve had this Winter,  
Filling swamps and brooks & ditches  
And will make us plenty sawing.  
Today I wrote a toast for Freddie  
Annie's oil boots Dan is mending  
Tonight I cut a lot of firewood.

**Thursday Jan 29th, 1880**

W. N.W. & Cold and windy  
This forenoon I went with Alfred  
Cut some logs and then went cruising  
In the old haunts of our logging  
F is helping Dan and Freddie

Start out hemlocks from their burnt land.  
P.M. F is home a choring,  
Made for Alfreds shop a side-door  
I began some shoes for Harold

**Friday Jan 30th, 1880**

W. S.W. and partly cloudy  
Cold and sharp, but still not windy.  
Looking though a storm was nearing,  
Father to the sawmill sawing.  
Says the water raised six inches.  
Dan and Freddie logs are chopping.  
Alf and I went out to Tusket,  
To the Alride farm together,  
Alf with horses, I with oxen,  
And when we our carts had loaded,  
Alf's with meadow, Mine with upland  
Hay, we drove in home together.  
Alf had Joseph Porter's hay-rick  
So this evening we unloaded  
It, and then he took it to him.  
I do not feel well this evening  
All my bones are badly aching,  
Like a heavy cold beginning.  
Father got tonight a letter  
From his old friend Mrs Cogswell.

**Saturday Jan 31st, 1880**

W. S. but soon it shifted.  
It began to snow last evening  
Turned to rain with heavy blowing  
Rained and blew all night so frightful  
That it fairly made things clatter  
Rained a little while this morning  
Then cleared off as fine as Summer.  
Alf and C---y went down the River  
Father & Dan to mill a-sawing  
Sawing logs to Dan belonging,  
This forenoon I assisted Freddie  
Put upon his shoes two patches.  
P.M. We the hay unloaded  
That I brought last night from Tusket.  
Then I fixed the fence that blew down  
Fixed the pig-pen door that fell down,  
Put a board upon the roof, and  
Cut some wood, and then I mended  
Up a pair of Skates for Cottie  
And then he & I and Freddie

Went down to the lake a minute  
To see Cottie try the skates on.

### Sunday Feb 1st, 1880

W. N.W. But all day shifting.  
But quite pleasant – slightly thawing.  
Now and then a little squally –  
Scattering snow-flakes falling slowly.  
Fred went out the road to meeting.  
Rox and I read “Grace Abounding”,  
That delightful work of Bunyan,  
In our room upstairs with Harold  
There our little fire burned brightly  
And we spent the day in reading.  
Tonight its snowing some & blowing.

### Monday Feb 2nd, 1880

W. from N. and cold as Greenland  
Snowing last night two or three inches.  
And this morning blowing – blustering  
Blustering untill ‘bout midday  
Then it cleared up and grew milder.  
In the house we stayed this forenoon.  
P.M. Dan and Fred hauled lumber  
Lumber that belonged to Dannie.  
Father in the wood a cruising  
I some firewood have been cutting  
And a piece for lodge been learning,  
One of those sweet poems of Cowper.  
Its subject is the bliss of “Freedom.”

### Tuesday Feb 3rd, 1880

Wind from East, and dark & cloudy,  
Dan by ‘Justine’s’ cutting bushes  
For us Fred is hauling lumber,  
F & I went in the forest.  
Where we purpose to go logging,  
There we cleared some roads &c.  
Across the rear of Joseph Porter’s  
Soon a storm burst forth with vengeance  
Snowing, blowing, whirling, whirling.  
How the tree tops lashed together  
Sending down the snow in dense clouds  
Almost burying us beneath it.  
But we worked the more unheeding  
How the storm fiends shrieked around us  
We only took a small “bite” with us

So ere night for home we started.  
And the scene, I’ll ne’er forget it,  
Of the elements in fury  
On the lakes we did encounter.  
Winter all his legions summoned  
To one dread and awful contest  
And the lake their field of battle.  
How they rushed and roared & shouted  
Mingling in fierce confusion  
Whirling, howling, roaring, thundering.  
But at last we got home safely.  
Where we found that Alf & Chattie,  
Had got back from Down the River.  
Rox and I each had a letter,  
Mine from Rev. J.D. Skinner  
Roxy’s letter from her mother

### Wednesday Feb 4th, 1880

W. N.W. half clear, half cloudy  
Snow-flakes now and then a-flying  
Father made a new axe handle  
For a new axe Alf got for him.  
I hinged on the stable window  
Then we cut a lot of stove wood.  
Dan & Fred today are logging  
Alf is hauling up to Wagoner’s  
Mill some logs he has been cutting  
Today the school has been inspected  
By one lawyer Morse from Bridgetown.  
Yesterday snowed ‘bout four inches.

### Thursday Feb 5th, 1880

W. N.W. Quite fine and pleasant.  
Dan by Justine’s cutting bushes.  
Alf is hauling logs to Wagoner’s  
F. & Fred and I are logging  
It was late when we got at it  
And today we hauled nine, only.

### Friday Feb 6th, 1880

Wind unchanged & still quite pleasant  
Dannie down a-cutting bushes  
Alf is still a-logging  
F. Fred and I are logging  
Fifteen logs today we got out.  
Tuesday night myself and Roxy  
began to paste in our big scrap-book.

### Saturday Feb 7th, 1880

W. N.W. Quite fine and pleasant.  
Alf went out today to Weymouth.  
For us a barrel of flour he brought in  
A.M. Dan is cutting bushes  
P.M. Chores around the house he's doing.  
Today has been a day unlucky,  
Both to Fred and I unlucky.  
Just before the call to dinner  
As I trimmed upon a spruce tree  
And my sharp axe stood behind me  
Down I slipped as quick as lightning.  
On the axe that stood behind me.  
And a sorry gash inflicted.  
Then for home at once I started,  
Limping, limpping, limpping.  
And at night came Fred a-limping.  
He upon his logs were riding  
With his long legs dangling downwards  
And before the young lad knew it —  
Of the girls no doubt was thinking.  
Both his feet were fast — he yelled out  
At the oxen to have mercy  
But they heeded not nor cared they  
And went on — but how he yelled out  
Murder — murder — murder — murder  
With a superhuman effort  
he to free himself succeeded  
And upon the ground rolled madly  
Kicked and howled and danced outrageous.

### Sunday Feb 8th, 1880

W. N.W. Quite cold but pleasant.  
Rox and I all day read Bunyan.  
Dan & Annie went out sleighing  
Out to W.H. Sabean's

### Monday Feb 9th, 1880

W. N.W. Quite fine as ever.  
Dan his logs today were chopping.  
F. has been hauling firewood.  
Jake Gavil happened here to dinner  
And he stayed till night & cut wood  
And tonight came Hartshorn Mullen  
For to see about a meadow.  
Alf for himself has been trucking.

### Tuesday Feb 10th, 1880

W. N.W. but changed to Eastward.  
Quite cold early, but grew milder  
Quite fine early, but grew cloudy  
And tonight looks like a snow storm  
Alf a load took down the River.  
Dan a load of deals took out, and  
They the first of his own lumber  
That he's ever hauled to Weymouth.  
P.M. Father has been into  
The forest getting ready timber.  
Little Harold boy was taken  
With a sudden stubborn hoarseness  
So like croup we all were fearful  
That our little boy was dangerous  
All day long and all the night long  
Roxy tended him so patient  
Mother too with herbs and bottles  
Watched his little changing symptoms  
And administered with prudence.  
I am reading "Pilgrim's Progress"  
Though I read it in my boy-hood,  
Now I find it full of marrow.  
Terrible to Campbellism ---

### Wednesday Feb 11th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine quite cold but pleasant,  
Snowed last night four or five inches.  
Alf & Harris down a logging,  
Dan is hauling logs for himself.  
F. in the forest chopping.  
Jake Gavil has been here a chopping  
Fire wood all day. Little Harold  
Is, we think, a little better.  
Last night Roxy, I & Harold  
Stayed all night here in the kitchen  
Where we could keep little Harold  
Warm and doctor him convenient.

### Thursday Feb 12th, 1880

W. S.E. and dark and cloudy,  
Dan is logging with our oxen.  
Till the rainstorm drove him homeward  
First began this morning snowing  
But it gradually grew warmer  
Till at noon but rain was coming  
Helping Alf cut logs was father



All the forenoon. Little Harold  
Is today a little better  
Today I sent by Blin to Weymouth  
Got for him some Cherry Balsam  
And we hope will cure his coughing  
Last night we stayed down stairs with him.

#### Friday Feb 13th, 1880

W. S.W. but warm and cloudy  
F. & Dan to mill a sawing  
They are sawing there this evening  
I half-soled a shoe for Cottie.  
I am so I can get round some  
Milk the cow and clean the stable,  
Fetch in wood & lug the water.  
Tonight there came one Capt. Mallet  
To trade horses with my brother.

Note on margin of page: Sawing Dan's logs – sawed 3 for Alf.

#### Saturday Feb 14th, 1880

W. S. But come to the northward.  
Last night rain came down in torrents  
Till towards night it was foggy  
Then the wind came to the northward  
Then came cold & began freezing  
Dan and father still are sawing  
Logs for Dan they are a-sawing  
Chopping wood for Alf is Gavil  
Alf, I think, today is loafing,  
Harold's getting most recovered,  
Fred & I are getting better.

#### Sunday Feb 15th, 1880

Wind S.E. & Dark & Cloudy  
About noon began a-hailing  
Hailed awhile till the wind shifted  
To N.E. When stopping shortly  
Began again & snowed a little  
One inch only altogether.  
With his colt went down the River  
Alf to trade his colt with Mallet  
All the rest are home a-reading,  
I am reading Pilgrim's Progress  
It is full of good instruction.

#### Monday Feb 16th, 1880

W. N. cold and cloudy  
Till night when it cleared off brightly.  
Dan is helping Father logging.  
Fred went up to "dun" B. Wagoner  
I cleaned out the pig pen, and I  
Read and wrote some verses &c.  
Alf got home from down the River  
The "Courier" says Saddle Saunders  
Of Sandy Cove at last is married.

#### Tuesday Feb 17th, 1880

W. N.W. Cloudless, lovely  
Pretty warm, and thawing slightly  
Dan & Father still a-logging.  
Fred and I are still here loafing  
But my cut is getting better,  
And I hope soon to be moving,  
Alf I think has been at logging –  
Tonight he shoing up his bob-sled.  
Tonight to Lodge we went as usual.  
And with Father, Mother, Harold,  
Basal Amero spent the evening.

#### Wednesday Feb 18th, 1880

W. S.W. Soft & thawy.  
A.M. F. D. & Freddie went logging This afternoon F. left  
the wood & went to the mill to saw for Basil Amero.  
Gavil cut wood here all day. I wrote a Constitution for  
our Society.

#### Thursday Feb 19th, 1880

W. S.W. till towards night when it shifted to N.W. and  
began to freeze. Fine and beautiful – but blowing. hailed  
some Father and Dan to the mill sawing. Fred cutting  
bushes down to the corner I have mended old shoes  
today

#### Friday Feb 20th, 1880

W. N. Cloudy & quite cold. F. sawing – Dan & Fred  
hauling logs for us. I have been mending old shoes most  
all day. Judson & Frank [Kate] came here this forenoon.  
They were here to dinner. Afternoon F. went to Wm  
Cosman's J. stopped here till night He brought in two  
pieces of wood for plane woods. Mother had a knitting  
party this afternoon.

**Saturday Feb 21st, 1880**

W. S.E. Fine till towards night when it looks like a storm – in fact is snowing some. F. sawing – Dan & Fred hauling logs for us. I mended shoes till towards night, when I dressed out a piece for a plane wood.

**Sunday Feb 22nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Beautifully fine. It is Willoughby's turn but he has not come. Roxy & I have been up in our room reading all day. Wm Mullen & wife came here tonight. Cereno White died this afternoon at five o'clock.

**Monday Feb 23rd, 1880**

W. S.E. Pleasant – looking like a storm. F. D & Freddie in the wood logging. Wm Mullen went home this morning. Lonzo has begun to work for Alf today. I have been working some J's plane. My cut is getting better slowly. I will soon go to work again (School Meeting)

**Tuesday Feb 24th, 1880**

W. N.E. Snowed about an inch last night – snowed some and blustered all day. We thought it hardly fit to go to Lodge tonight. Judson came in and spent the evening. He took his jack-plane home that finished today. He is very pleased with it. F. – Dan & Fred logging. Alf logging

**Wednesday Feb 25th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & beautiful – thawing. F. Dan & Fred logging. Alf logging. I carried water for the "women" &c, and made Judson a smoothing plane. Tonight I let Capit have the carriage to go to his father's funeral tomorrow.

**Thursday Feb 26th, 1880**

Wind South East. Hazy and warm. Looking like rain. F. Dan & Fred logging. I finished Judson's smoothing plane. Joe Handkinson was here today. Little Harold had his hair cut today for the first time. He looked real cunning. Roxy saved one little golden lock. He is getting very full of baby tricks. One of his main ones is to get into the bread when it is put down to raise. Some little words he is beginning to lisp. When any person goes out the door, he says "By, By – go – door". Every thing with him is "Ta-boo" & "Ta-co", and when anything sad happens to him

he puts on a doleful face and says "O, the bo!" When he wants a drink he says "De, de, de." He is well now, and as precious as can be.

**Friday Feb 27th, 1880**

W. N.W. Clear, fine and warm. I don't think I ever saw so fine and warm a day in Winter. F & Dan sawing logs for Basil A. Fred cutting cord-wood. I made a jointing plane for Judson. I have been half sick today. [Mires] Graham was here this afternoon. We heard today that Charlie Campbell & Lib Rice are married, and that Mrs. Harris (Jane Taylor) is dead.

**Saturday Feb 28th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. Clouded up towards night and looking like rain. Father sawing. Dan & Fred cutting cord-wood. This morning Scot and I went over by Bear Lake and got the cattle which "laid out" last night. We went across the lake. Scot had his skates. He can make quite a "first" skating. After I came home I made mother a flower box. I then till night have been getting out some stuff to make little Harold a crib. This afternoon Scot went out to Mr White's and borrowed me their hollowing plane.

**Sunday Feb 29th, 1880**

W. S. till night when it shifted to S.W. Began raining in the night & continued heavily a good part of the day. Alonzo was here awhile this afternoon. I have been reading Bunyan's "Holy War". I enjoy it wonderfully. Hilare Amero and Anna Bell Nichols were married a week ago last Thursday.

**Monday March 1st, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudy this morning but cleared off beautifully. Alf went out today with the carriage to get some parafine oil for W.H. Sabean. D. & Fred Began to make fence around D's burnt-land. F & I sawing. The pond is Leaping full of water. F went out to Como's tonight to see if he could get some butter. Mother is quite sick with a sore throat and lame stomach and side.

### **Tuesday March 2nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Clear and cold. Alf took a load of lumber to the Bridge for Dan. Dan & Fred went out too. Father went to Tusket to buy butter. He got a few pounds. I sawed alone. I sawed ten logs.

At the club tonight we elected officers. For W. [P.] we appointed Dan Fullerton. Mother is better. We are all, save Mother, pretty well now

### **Wednesday March 3rd, 1880**

W. S.W. – South tonight. & looking like a storm. Dan began to hew his house frame. Lonzo helped him. F & I sawing. We sawed 348 feet of boat boards for Joe Hankinson, and 176 feet of hardwood for him. Alf came to the mill with the oxen & hauled the hardwood log, and after we had sawed them, he hauled them out. Fred has been cutting wood for Dan. Mother is better. I am not very well.

### **Thursday March 4th, 1880**

Wind South, but shifted to N.W. Rained some in the night & till towards noon – then cleared off. F. sawing. Dan went to the mill with him, but the rain stopping he came home & he and Alonzo went at their timber. Alf tinkering in the B. S. Shop. I helped him some, and the rest of the day, I worked at Harold's Crib. Fred loafed till noon, then helped Dan.

### **Friday March 5th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy – Began to rain towards noon & continued till night when the wind shifted. F & I sawing. Dan and Lonzo hewing timber. Fred started for home this morning. I felt sorry to see him go, after he has been here with us so long. I have been very unwell for some time. I fear I shall be no better unless I get some medicine. We have a great deal of work to do this Spring and I would like much to have good health, but I should not complain for I have better health than I deserve.

### **Saturday March 6th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy and cold. There came little dust of snow last night. Alf went down the River, taking Joe Hankinson some boat-boards &c. Dan and Alonzo hewing timber. F & I getting up wood. I hauled 15 drags & two sled loads.

### **Sunday March 7th, 1880**

W. S.W. Partly Clear – looking tonight like a storm. I have been home all day reading Bunyan's "Holy War". Annie & Dan went up to "Communion" They stopped to Charley's to tea.

### **Monday March 8th, 1880**

W. S. This morning. Snowed a little dust last night, and a few little squalls came today. W. Shifted about noon to North and became cold. F. sawing. Dan hewing timber. Alf logging. I went out with a load of deals to Campbells. I had about 844 ft. I got a barrel of flour price of which was 8.90 cts. I also got a broom. Yester little Harold walked out doors for the first time. His Gammie took him over to Aunt Chattie's. He walked all the way over.

### **Tuesday March 9th, 1880**

W. E. & S.E. Clear in the morning, but clouded up. Very sharp. F. sawing. He finished Basil's logs. Dan hewing timber. Alf went out with a load of deals & boards. I took out a load of deals. I took 1094 ft of Dan's deals to pay for what he took of ours – He took 1035 ft – therefore ther's 61 ft coming to Dan. We had Lodge tonight. Judson came in with me. I got my tea to W.H.S's.

### **Wednesday March 10th, 1880**

W. S.E. till noon, when it shifted to N.W. Cloudy & squalls of snow this forenoon. Dan hewing. Alf working at something. F & I logging. We hauled some windfalls &c – hauled about 14. There came a little dust of snow last night. We conclude to go in again tomorrow. Judson & Herbie stopped here last night.

### **Thursday March 11th, 1880**

W. N. Partly clear, and awfully cold The air today is very sharp. Alf went out today with a load to Ed. Rice and got a barrel of flour. Dan half soled his boots. F & I logging. We hauled 18 logs. Our brown ox is very sick.

### **Friday March 12th, 1880**

W. S.E. when it shifted to N.W. Clear till about noon when it clouded up and snowed about 1 ½ in. Dan finished his frame – his hewing. F & I logging we hauled 15 logs, and moved out. We have hauled 235 logs.

### **Saturday March 13th, 1880**

W. N.W. Quite clear and cold. Alf went down the River – he & Chattie. AM. Dan peddaling around. F. cut some wood &c. P.M. Dan hauled down his timber with my mare. I half-soled my boots, dressed out an axe-handle, cut some wood &c.

### **Sunday March 14th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy & gloomy. Towards night snowed about an inch or so. F & Dan went out to see Mr. White I have the read American Messenger today and Bunyan's "Bad Man" I have read.

### **Monday March 15th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine, but quite cold. About half the snow has thawed off. Alf hauling logs &c. Dan & Alonzo hewing timber. F. & I. sawing. We sawed some collar beams for Dan. Dan was to the mill this afternoon. He & I came out the old mill road. It has been a long time since I was along that road. It looks like old times. Will Cosman is here tonight. We heard tonight that Mrs Calvin Holmes has lately died. Will C. here tonight.

### **Tuesday March 16th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy & looking like a storm began storming towards noon - snowing and continued though not heavily, till night. A.M. Lonzo hewing. F. fixing his accounts. Dan & I sawed up a sap-trough stick. PM. Dan & Lonzo hewed a stick for a sled tongue. I dressed out some stuff for W.H.S. a window. Alf started to Weymouth, but broke his axel & returned. No Lodge tonight because of the storm. Mother & Annie are sick.

### **Wednesday Mar 17th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy. F. fixed the bob-sled bunk &c. Dan discharged his man and went cutting fence poles. Alf with Harris hauling logs. Will Cosman & I went up to Long Tusket to see our meadow. We crossed four lakes. They are as solid as can be. There is plenty of snow in the woods for hauling.

### **Thursday March 18th, 1880**

W. N. Clear and cold. A.M. I helped Alf haul logs to Wagoner's mill H. Cosman helped him too. P.M. F.

planed a slide tong for the truck. I worked at W.H.S's window. Alf went out and got the truck axle mended. Chattie went out to Mr Whites. Dan cutting poles all day. The white cow calved this morning – our first calf of the season. Annie is getting better, but Mother is still

### **Friday March 19th, 1880**

W. S.E. Snowed a little – then shifted to N.W. Soft all day. Alf went out with a load. F. cutting fence poles in Will's swamp. I helped Dan haul some trees to the mill for clap-boards and shingles.

### **Saturday March 20th, 1880**

W. N.W. Blowing & raw, but fine F & I cut fence poles in Will's swamp. Alf and Dan went with two teams to the Alride farm and got two loads of hay. I got a letter tonight from Fred. Rox got some circulars & Annie too.

### **Sunday March 21st, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & quite warm. This morning, F. Dan & I went out to hear Willoughby preach. Text in Romans. W.H.S. & I came in together after meeting. This afternoon He & I went up to Communion. Meeting here tonight. Text – John 1 & 5. Roxy & I took Harold to the barn today to see the White bossy. He never was to the barn before. He is well & smart now

### **Monday March 22nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & muddy. I have been hauling fence poles to make fence across the road from Blins. Alf went to the Cove with a load of boards. Dan cutting logs. Rama Cereno came tonight & got the calf. We gave it to him.

What a dry old Diary

### **Tuesday March 23rd, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & beautiful. A.M. I finished hauling poles for the fence. Saturday I sold my old black mare to Dan, and today he & Joseph Porter are hauling logs to the mill. Alf is cutting cord-wood. P.M. F & I cutting poles. We had a good lodge tonight, five being initiated. David Porter, Charlie White, Herbie Sabean, Winnie Sabean, Annie Kate. We had a good meeting.

### **Wednesday Mar 24th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy – Began snowing at noon continued severely till night. Dan went out with his mare and a load of Deal. A.M. F. cutting poles, I starting them out to the road. P.M. I have been grinding up an old axe for Scot. F. mended Scot's boot. Sarah Cosman has been here today. The priest was in to see Mrs Blin today. She is very low.

### **Thursday March 25th, 1880**

W. NE & N. Stormed all night, and heavily all day. We have not had a greater storm and bluster this winter – Over a foot of snow has fallen. I finished grinding Scots axe and made a handle for it.

### **Good Friday March 26th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy. A.M. Shoveling snow in the road. The road is rarely drifted worse. Dan went to the to break his road – he brought out some of his deals. P.M. I drove our team to the Corner & back to break the road. I then worked in the wood house at WHS's sash. F is about laid up with a lame back. Dan went to the mill this afternoon and hauled 2 turns of logs.

### **Saturday March 27th, 1880**

W. N. Fine, but quite cold. I went out with a load of deals. I started before daylight. I took, or started with about six hundred. I got along very well till I got to the Rocky Barren: there I found the snow badly drifted but I treaded before the oxen, and so got through. The Henderson barren was quite bare, so I left part of my load. I then proceeded without difficulty till I got to Payson road. That was all bare and muddy. However I got along to Lucy's where I was obliged to leave part of my load again. I then went on and got to Campbells with six deals – 260 feet. Alf & Harris put their horses in tandem on a load of Harris' and got as far as H's barren. Harris came back, but Alf went on to the Bridge with his colt, and got a Bbl or meal.

I got a bbl of meal – and some things for Roxy. I saw Tom Randall & engaged him to get me a [sute] of clothes from Boston. Judson came in with me tonight and stayed all night. Dan has been hauling logs today.

Mother got the first number of her paper – “Fireside magazine”.

### **Sunday March 28th, 1880**

W. N.E. Cloudy and gloomy. Judson here all day. Herbie came in tonight. I have been reading Bunyan's “Bad Man” &c. Mrs Blin was taken worse last night, and Jimmy & Alice came up in the night for Mother. I was taken in the night with a lame back. I can scarcely move today.

### **Monday March 29th, 1880**

W. N. Quite fine – but raw & cold. F. went out to Jim Hassets to see about getting some hay. Mrs Blin died this forenoon at about 10 Oclk. Mother, Annie, Chattie and I were there. Alf went out today to get some things for Mr Blin. Dan is logging – Judson has been helping him. I made an axe-handle.

### **Tuesday March 30th, 1880**

W. NE & N. Cloudy and the wind blowing heavily. F & Joe Comeau making a coffin over to Alf's. Dan is logging. Alf & Jos. Porter went out to Hassets for hay – got a ton. I put a handle on my axe and cut some wood. I made three sap-troughs. They are covering the coffin tonight.

### **Wednesday March 31st, 1880**

W. N.E. Blowing and blustering. This morning F. Dan & I. shovelled a road to get the loads of hay around through the orchard to the barn – the hill being blustered full. They left their loads under the hill last night. I wrote a letter today to go to Fred. This afternoon F & M went down to Mr B's to see the corpse.

### **Thursday April 1st, 1880**

A.M. We all broke the road to let the funeral through. Dan took the corpse down. P.M. F. helped Alf haul wood. I made sap-troughs to the back door. I made 39. The wind is still the same, but the weather has greatly moderated – the wind having gone down.

### **Friday April 2nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudless, calm, and beautiful. A.M. We finished breaking the road this morning – then I went and started up three sap-trough sticks from Will's swamp. Alf clearing roads to start C-wood. Dan took John Ed's waggon home. P.M. F. helped Alf start wood out. I

finished W.H.S.'s window and made a lot of "spiles". Mr Grant's school ends today.

Sixteen years ago today I well remember. It was a fine day like this but no snow on. I tapped some trees that morning. In the afternoon F. began a little mill for Alf & I. I was as happy as a lark.

#### **Saturday April 3rd, 1880**

W. Southerly – Fine in the morning but clouded up and rained some through the afternoon.

A.M. F. helped Alf start C-wood. P.M. he helped me make Sap-troughs. I have worked at them all day.

Dan is logging – got Jim Manzer helping him. Roxy got a letter tonight from her Mother.

Little Harold put two words together today for the first the words were these "All gone" Roxy & I moved our bed down stairs.

#### **Sunday April 4th, 1880**

W. Still Southerly – Drizzling rain. Roxy & I read in the room all day – Baxter and the Bible

#### **Monday April 5th, 1880**

W. S.W. Drizzly this morning but soon cleared away about noon

It rained very heavily last night with heavy thunder. A.M. F & I sawed up the last of our sap-trough stuff P.M. We made a string of fence across the road from Blins. Dan went out this afternoon to go work at Tom Randall's vessel. This is a very Spring-like day. Mr Blin heard a frog today

#### **Tuesday April 6th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & Beautiful. F. sawing. I finished making sap-troughs. Alf went up the Bay to trade his colt. Chattie went with him. Annie Scot & I went to Lodge tonight.

#### **Wednesday April 7th, 1880**

W. N.E. till noon – shifted to N.W. Snow squalls till noon – Fine tonight. F & I sawing – sawing clap-boards for Dan. Still Mullen is here tonight.

#### **Thursday April 8th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine, but windy & cold. We have been making preparations for sugar making, but, as the prospect looked slim we had almost given it up – However this morning F & I concluded to tap trees. So we loaded up a hundred troughs and with Scot (by the way – whose birth-day it is) we drove down below Alf's chopping and there we tapped 30 trees. F carried around the troughs – Scot the "spiles" & I performed the surgical operations. P.M. We took down the molasses hogshead, after taking the molasses out, took down the boilers &c. We fixed up a place to boil.

#### **Friday April 9th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & warmer. F sawing. A.M. Scot & I tapped 70 trees. P.M. We cut up a lot of sap-wood & I gathered tonight 21 pail-fulls.

#### **Saturday April 10th, 1880**

W. Southerly – Blowing briskly Fine & warm. F. sawing. Scot & I have boiled sap today. I gathered 50 pail fulls. It has been a real maple sugar day. The dry leaves whirled through the woods, and the robins and the black-birds chirped – It is like many days I have seen in the sunny days of boy-hood which are now hallowed by sweet memories interwoven with fragments of poetry.

#### **Sunday April 11th, 1880**

W. Southerly – Warm & very Spring-like. Last night has been rendered a remarkable one by the coming of another little baby – stranger to this world of sin. I went in the "dark & moonless night" through the mud beneath the glittering mid-night stars to summon female assistance. I aroused Mrs Cosman, after which I proceeded to Mrs Wagoner's. Curs – snarling curs, met me at the doors & objected to my entrance. They either did not know the urgency of matter, or, else knowing, they wished to render my embarrassment more ridiculous and annoying. The old lady soon got under weigh and we struck up by John Edd's.

She was obliged to take my arm for support. We were walking up the road "big as life" when we met Father and Dan coming with a lantern. Dan brought his "mare" & carriage as far as Charlie's. I have been quite unwell today from my hard work yesterday & being broken of my sleep. Scot & I went over to Bear-Lake tonight for the cattle.

### Monday April 12th, 1880

W. N.W. Blowing a gale, and very cold – the sap did not start a drop. I have been boiling sap all day. F. gathered sap this forenoon – 20 pail fulls. W.H.S was here and made me a visit. He came to get some clap-boards. We made 23 ½ lbs of Sugar tonight. Dan was to Weymouth today. Alf got home today – did not trade.

### Tuesday April 13th, 1880

W. S.E. Fine, but blowing. I have been boiling sap. F. mending fence. Alf cutting cord– Dan went out with a load. I gathered 9 pails of sap – making just 100 pails so far this spring.  
We did not have any Lodge tonight.

### Wednesday April 14th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine, calm, Beautiful spring day. I have boiled sap again. I gathered 33 pails & F 13.  
This morning F. made a little coffin for an infant babe of Peter Wagoner's. This afternoon he helped me in the woods, Alf tapping trees &c. Dan went out. Roxy has got one of the most cunning little babies in the world. We have not named it yet, but talk of different names. It, & its mother are doing well.

### Thursday April 15th, 1880

W. S.W. Gentle Breeze – Fine & beautiful. F. sawing. Alf cutting in his piece. Dan heaping and fencing his burnt-land. I have been boiling sap again today. Amanda Hix was washed for Mother last Tuesday. Judson was down where I was boiling sap tonight – He came for the remainder of his sashes. Charlie "Snat" is having a serious time. His wife is badly [bewitched]. They have all sat with closed door for several days.  
A new minister has gone in Tusket, by name of Herbert.

### Friday April 16th, 1880

W. Westerly. Fine & beautiful. F. sawing. Alf sawing in Wagoner's mill. Dan at his "black falls". I have been boiling sap again. It has not frozen for two or three night & the sap is done unless it freezes again. I boiled down all three is.  
We stirred off some this morning, & some again tonight. We have not weighed it yet.  
Roxy and her precious little infant are doing well.

Harold played out in the back yard a little while today – the first he has ever been out alone. Isaih went out with our team today.

### Saturday April 17th, 1880

W. Easterly – Sleet storm all day – About an inch fallen. A.M. all hands loafing. P.M. Dan hauled two or three logs to the mill. F. went to the mill to saw, but finding the mill full of snow – he helped Dan some, and then came home. I did some repairing in the barn – [mande] a sheet-iron tea-kettle to use at the mill and in the woods – cut some wood &c.  
We had not decided till tonight what to call our little baby, but have concluded to name him Leslie Bryant. It & its mother are doing well.

### Sunday April 18th, 1880

W. N.E. Cloudy & raw – Tonight the wind came to the N.W. and the weather cleared up beautifully. I have stayed in the room with Roxy all day, & read Bunyan. Chattie & Alf were here to tea.

### Monday April 19th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine and lovely. The snow about all off today. Dan and F. sawing. I went out today with the carriage – taking out my sugar. Scot went with me. My Sugar fell short about 12 lbs. I sold Hoyt 49 3oz I sold Campbells 8 ¼ lbs. I bought Cotty a trout-line and some hooks. I [bout] some sugar, a pair of shoes for Harold the price of which was 70cts. I took Scot to the depot today, and in to the watch makers to see the Electric Battery. Harris Cosman, who had just returned from a visit on the neck, came in with me. I got from the office some letters from St John for Annie, & some cards for Mother & Annie from the States. I mailed a letter with \$1.00 to J.F. Avery and a card to "Fire [Grate]" Pub. Co. F. gathered 20 or 25 pail fulls of sap tonight.

### Tuesday April 20th, 1880

W. S. Began raining this morning & continued moderately all day. F & Dan sawing. A.M. I gathered 31 pails of sap. P.M. I turned out the tops of the posts for Harold's little crib. Roxy and her darling little baby Leslie are doing well, for which I am very thankful. "Old Jim Lovitt" died today of the gout.

### Wednesday April 21st, 1880

W. N.W. Fine and lovely. F & Dan sawing. When Dan helps F. they saw Dan's logs. Alf went down the River with the colt. He came back again tonight. I've been boiling sap. I gathered 25 pails today. Roxy got out in the room to eat her dinner today. She is getting real smart. Leslie is doing well & Harold is learning to talk.

### Thursday April 22nd, 1880

W. S.E. Fine and warm. Looking a little rain tonight. F. sawing. Dan went out with a load for Jos. Porter. He says the cars are running again. Alf cutting in the woods. I have been boiling sap again. I gathered ten pail fulls today.

The sap weather is about done. I have gathered about 257 pail fulls this spring. Roxy got out in the kitchen today. The little one is getting on nicely.

### Friday April 23rd, 1880

W. N.W. Glorious weather. I finished boiling my sap today. I got done about two O'clock. Scot & I gathered up the troughs, and hauled up one load but getting up the second & last the "linch-pin" got lost – the wheel came off, and it being late, I unhitched and left the load. Mr Herbert, a reformed Methodist preacher out at Southville tonight. I was going, but concluded it to be my duty to remain at home with my wife and babies. All the rest went.

### Saturday April 24th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine. Froze some last night. F. sawing. Dan and Jim Manzer making fence round the burnt land. I went out with a load – Deals & Boards. Yesterday we made 18  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs Sugar. 13  $\frac{1}{2}$  of which I sold to Campbell's today. Altogether we have made upwards of 75lbs. Judson Sabean & I drove out together today. I went down to Journey's and got three half hides. I brought some letters for Annie & for me a letter from the P.O. Department Ottawa concerning my Petition, & a P. card from a Yankee Washing Machine Co. David Grant & wife came in today.

### Sunday April 25th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine & warm. We all went to Tusket to meeting but Roxy, Scot, Harold & Leslie. Rev Mr

Rideout preached from the following words: "Simon, Satan desireth to have thee that he may sift thee as wheat, but I have prayed God that thy faith fail not &c. W.H. Sabean & I walked out through the woods. After meeting I took dinner with Stillman Mullen.

In the afternoon we had a sermon again from the words "What art thou great Mountain?" &c. After service I came in to W.H.S's, took tea with him, after which we had a sermon in the School-house, by Mr Herbert, from a portion of Revelations – the subject being the glories of Heaven.

### Monday April 26th, 1880

W. S.E. Cloudy till noon, when a drizzling rain commenced which continued till night.

Dan went out with a load – also to look for hay. A.M. I hauled up the last of my sap-troughs – fixed up the cart & hauled down one load of manure. P.M. I worked at the baby's crib. Mr Herbert preached here tonight from the words: "Lay aside every weight & the sin that doth so easily beset us &c. The minister stopped here tonight.

### Tuesday April 27th, 1880

W. S.E. – Shifted to N.W. Fog cleared away, and the day became beautiful. I hauled down in the field 8 loads of manure. F. helped me some.

P.M. Dan went to the mill & got a load of lumber. Alf sawing in B.W's mill. D. Grant went home. All hands went out to Southville to meeting tonight, but Roxy, the babies & I.

### Wednesday April 28th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine but windy & cold. F & Alonzo Grant began framing Dan's house. Alonzo boards here. Dan went down the River for hay. He got half a ton from A. Jones & B. Haney. I hauled manure. I got down 11 loads. Tonight Alf, Chattie & I went down to Geo. Wagoner's to a Social Meeting.

### Thursday April 29th, 1880

W. S.E. Fine – looking like a storm tonight. F. Alonzo, & Dan framing. Alf went out with a load with his colt. I have been hauling manure. I saw a strawberry blossom today. Last Monday we weighed our little baby – it weighed 7 lbs 5 oz.

The precious little thing is getting along nicely



### Friday April 30th, 1880

W. S.E. Began raining in the night and continued heavily all day.

I made a pair of shoes for Harold. F. mended Scot's shoe. All of us well – nothing of importance occurred.

### Saturday May 1st, 1880

W. N.W. Partly clear – windy & cold. F. D. & Alonzo at the frame. I hauled manure down in the field. Colin Porter & "Jesse" were here to dinner. P.M. Alf went to Tusket & brought in Mr Herbert. Dan & I went out to Southville to social meeting tonight. The minister came in with Alf.

### Sunday May 2nd, 1880

W. S.W. Snowed a little this morning, enough to whiten the ground – but soon disappeared – Cleared up beautifully towards night. This morning we all repaired up to the School-house to hear Mr H---, but Mr Gates spoke instead from the words: "Enter ye in at the straight gate &c".

Geo Wagoner & wife – the minister and Judson took dinner here. P.M. Some went up to Communion W.H.S. & Judson were here all the afternoon & to tea. Lydia was also here to tea. This evening all but Roxy, the babies & I went out to Meeting. The Minister came back with Alf.

### Monday May 3rd, 1880

W. Southerly – Fine and warm. F. D & Alonzo framing. Alf fixing fence A.M. I hauled manure down in the field. Shortly after dinner Alf & I were summoned down to help Dan raise his house. There were nine of us, and we got it all up but the rafters. I went to the mill and got the cows. Mr H. had a social meeting here tonight.

### Tuesday May 4th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine & warm – The grass is getting quite green. Dan went out with his horse and took a load of boards for us. A.M. I took one load of manure down and then hauled off the stones from the potato ground – 7 loads. P.M. F & I plowed up a little piece here in this field to plant early potatoes on. We furrowed it and put out one load of manure. I then went to the mill and brought out 531 ft of Deals to give to the minister. Scot went with and brought the team home. I went on out to meeting to the

S-house – social meeting. At the mill I found the flume bursted, and the water running away fast. I put the planks in and staunched the water quite well. F was out to meeting tonight. Alf harrowed his potato piece.

### Wednesday May 5th, 1880

W. W. Fine and warm. F. at the mill. D. heaping burnt-land. I have been ploughing, Isiah W. helping me. Alf ploughed his piece with the horses.

### Thursday May 6th, 1880

W. S. shifted at noon. Began raining in the night – continued till noon heavily. Dan sawing. A.M. I slept. P.M. F & I hauled some poles to mend the orchard fence and around the lower field. This evening there was meeting up at the School-house – social meeting. F & I went. Alfred Cosman came forward for admission into the Church. Last night at Geo. Wagoners Gussie Prime and Ella Swift presented themselves.

### Friday May 7th, 1880

W. N. Fine but cold. AM. Isiah W. and I finished plowing & made some furrows. F. Chattie & Scot went up to Baptism. Mrs Gates & Ellen W. were here to dinner. P.M. We put out two loads of manure on our early potato patch – finishing it, and put out 5 loads down in the field. F planting up here. Dan & Annie went to the Bridge today. Alf went out with his colt and a load.

### Saturday May 8th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine and warm. I hauled out 12 loads of manure. A.M. F & M went out to see Mr White. He is very sick. Dan at work in his burt-land. Alf at his potato ground. We are all well [not], but me. I have a bad sore throat.

### Sunday May 9th, 1880

W. S.E. Rained some in the night. Foggy today. I am quite unwell, having a cold and sore throat. F & M went to Southville to hear Mr Herbert. Mother stopped to Mr White's and Willoughby S-. came in with Father. P.M. I went out to Mr White's too. The old gentleman is very low. I slept a good part of the day. Willoughby had meeting here tonight.

### **Monday May 10th, 1880**

W. S.E. Rained heavily with thunder this morning, but cleared away and the day was delightful. F & M. stayed last night to Mr White's – they came home this morning. Willoughby went away this forenoon. Dan mended his boots. P.M. F. hauled out four loads of manure. Mr White died this afternoon about Six o'clock. Chattie and Alf were out there.

Mr Gates and Mr Herbert had a social meeting here tonight. Mr G. & Geo Wagoner stayed here all night. I have done nothing today but write an introduction to a little book of my poems. Scot & I went in the woods tonight for the cattle.

Glorious Spring-Time.

### **Tuesday May 11th, 1880**

W. W. Showery till noon with thunder – cleared off beautifully. I hauled out manure till noon. P.M. I pitched the manure from under the stable. F. cutting up seed. Dan has been making fence. Mr H was here to dinner. Mother went out to Mr White's. Alf and Chattie went out to social meeting tonight.

### **Wednesday May 12th, 1880**

W. N.W. Heavy thunder shower this morning – fine till night. Delightful growing weather. A.M. I hauled out manure. F & D made "stoop" to the front door. Dan went out and got Mother. P.M. We all but Roxy and her babies went out to Mr White's funeral. THs Rideout preached the sermon in the School-house from Hebrews 6th & 18.

Effe McAlpine came here today to Stop with us. She appears to be a very nice little girl.

### **Thursday May 13th, 1880**

W. N.E. Cloudy, cold & raw. Dan at work in his burnt-land. I hauled out manure. Alf at his potato patch F. cutting Seed.

### **Friday May 14th, 1880**

W. N.E. Cloudy, cold & raw. Rain hail and snow flying. Dan went to Weymouth. Alf at his potatoes. I hauled out manure. P.M. F began planting down in the field. Revds Messers Herbert & Gates held a social meeting here tonight.

### **Saturday May 15th, 1880**

W. N. Fine but windy & raw. I finished hauling out manure. I have put 46 loads out for potatoes down below and 3 up here. I hauled down 47 loads before, making 93 loads I've hauled this Spring. F planting Dan at his black "falls". Alf, Chattie & Mr Herbert went down the River today.

### **Sunday May 16th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy till towards night when it cleared up beautifully. F. went to Tusket to meeting. Roxy & I read &c. This afternoon we took a stroll down where I made Sugar this spring

### **Monday May 17th, 1880**

W. W. Cloudy & with a few showers. Fine tonight. F & I planted potatoes. D at his burnt-land. Alf at his potatoes. Social Meeting here again tonight. Annie Willoughby began her School here today.

### **Tuesday May 18th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and glorious. We finished planting tonight. This forenoon Effe and Scot dropped – P.M. Scot dropped alone – He worked well. Mr Herbert went out the Settlement today. I went up the road tonight to have "Club" – alone came but a few children. Dan went out with a load today. Alf at his potatoes.

### **Wednesday May 19th, 1880**

W. Southerly. Weather delightful. I hauled two loads of poles to mend the fence around the Spring field. This afternoon F & I mending fence. Dan has been heaping burnt-land. Alf at his potatoes. Aunt Lydia & [Fred] spent the day here.

### **Thursday May 20th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudy & dull. F. mending fence. A.M. Dan helped Alf finish his planting. P.M. Alf helped D. in his burnt-land. I have been very unwell today. P.M. I finished our baby crib. Mr H. who has been away since Sunday came back tonight.

### Friday May 21st, 1880

W. W. Fine & beautiful. Alf helping D. in his burnt-land. A.M. F. mending fence. Mr H & I went down back of the orchard this forenoon where we held a long discourse.

P.M. F. mended the minister's boots. I fixed fence down along the orchard.

The cherry trees are showing some blossoms. The woods look a little green, and all nature smiling.

### Saturday May 22nd, 1880

W. S.W. Foggy & dull. Alf went out for us with Dan's "mare" and got a bbl of flour. F. helping D in his B-land. I am in a low state of health. – can scarcely "navigate". Today I layed a little floor in the shop to put my sap-troughs on. I digged some in the garden and made some rows for vegetables – been busy all day Harold was taken ill tonight of a dreadful cold. Mother too, has not been well for some days.

Tonight Mr Herbert induced us to change our baby's name from L. Bryant to L. Herbert.

### Sunday May 23rd, 1880

W. S.W. Partly fine – very warm. F. Mr H. & I went out to Southville this morning to hear Mr Gates.

I got my dinner at Mr Whites & then came home. F & the Minister went to W.H.S's to dinner and after Social Meeting came in accompanied by W.H.S. We had Social Meeting here tonight. Harold is quite sick.

### Monday May 24th, 1880

W. W. Rained a little in the night Foggy till noon – then cleared off very fine. F. D. and Alf mending fence I went to Tusket today – over to Uncle George's with the carriage & Dan's 'Mare', and got seven bushels of Oats – five for Dan and two for us. I paid for D's -- \$3.00. I went across by Hill town, and came around. This is Social meeting up the road tonight. I did not get home in time to go, but all the rest but Annie, Rox, and the babies went.

### Tuesday May 25th, 1880

W. N. Fine and cool. A.M. Dan hauled out two loads from the mill. F & I made some brush fence in the swamp. P.M. I made some squash hills planted a lot of apple trees &c. I also went to the mill and got a load of fence-boards for Alf. At the mill I split some boards and

slabs for a fence around the garden. Dan at his burnt-land. F & Alf hewing fence post. Harold's cold seems to be a little better tonight. Mr H. went down to Mr Gate's today.

### Wednesday May 26th, 1880

W. N W. Fine and beautiful. F. sheared the sheep. A.M. I helped Alf haul up some fence post. I helped mother down in the garden &c. Alf & I had a swim, the first time I have been in this spring. Dan went out with a load. P.M. I picked up stones down in the field. It is a lovely day.

Harold is most well again. Alf went to the mill this afternoon and got the big saw to cut up his posts.

### Thursday May 27th, 1880

W. W. Glorious weather – All Nature in her robes of the most superb loveliness. F. helped Alf saw up his fence posts after which they sawed a couple of shingle logs Dan began planting in burnt-land. I have been picking up stones. Mr Herbert came back tonight. Mr Cereno Jones of Weymouth died on last Sunday after a very short illness. I am quite unwell these few days. Harold is getting most well

### Friday May 28th, 1880

W. S.W. Fine again. F helping Alf make board-fence. A.M. D. shod his horse. P.M. he cleaned the harness &c. All I have done today was to mend the carriage shaft. Mr H. went to Weymouth today. I went out to Social meeting tonight, & he came home with me.

### Saturday May 29th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine, breezy & pleasant. Dan and Annie went up the Bay. Mr Herbert bid us farewell this morning, and started for St. John. It was very sad to see him go, but the time of parting must come sooner or later.

A.M. F sowed oats in the Blin burnt land where we last year had buckwheat & turnips, & I harrowed them in. P.M. F & I started to go back to Seven-pence-hapenny Lake, but I after going down to the lake concluded I was unable to go further, so returned. My health is very poor. Alf went down to French-town today and got some fish for us from Jasper White. Scot went with him.

### **Sunday May 30th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine, but smoky as to darken the sky. Enock Mullen has a terrible fire raging back on the burnt, & there are heavy forest fires in every direction. Tonight it has begun to rain a little but the sky is so full of smoke that I cannot tell whether there will be much rain or not – but a rain is greatly needed. This forenoon we had a little Sunday School over at Alf's.  
I am very unwell today.

### **Monday May 31st, 1880**

W. S. Rained all night and all day, by times quite heavily. I have spent the day in my room writing. F doing nothing Alf made a pair of Shoes today for Chattie. They are very good indeed. My health is very poor yet – I don't know how long before I shall get out to work again.

### **Tuesday June 1st, 1880**

W. N.W. Glorious – The apple trees are in full bloom, and all nature delightful.  
F. Sawing. Alf making fence – board fence. Dan & Annie came home tonight. Roxy got a letter from her Mother. I have been writing all day. I wrote two letters – To the “B.A.B & T Society” & to Dr Rickard – “Wesleyan Book Room.” Tonight I went down in the wood and got some moss. Mother's health is quite poor.  
Harold's cough is most well.  
Little Leslie fell off of Effie's lap yesterday, and we thought got most killed, but fortunately he received no injuries beyond some bruises. He is real well, and grows like a weed.

### **Wednesday June 2nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Showery all day – Grand for the grass. F. sawing. Alf making a gate. A.M. Dan planting. P.M. He went to the mill and hauled out lumber. I put new quarters in one of my old shoes. I let Peter Wagoner have 4 bushels of Potatoes. Chattie had a picking party today. I am feeling some better.

### **Thursday June 3rd, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and lovely – A cool breeze blew all day. F. sawing. Dan planting in his burnt-land. Alf & I, having decided to Join Blin in clearing up a piece of burnt-land, we made a beginning to day at the fence. This

morning Alf & I hauled a load of poles and mended the fence around the C—no field. I am not able to work, but must try and do what I can.

### **Friday June 4th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine again. F & I hauled out six loads of manure and planted the beans & corn. Alf planted his beans today. D. planting

### **Saturday June 5th, 1880**

W. N.W. Gloriously Beautiful. Apple-trees in full bloom. Alf & I Blin Jim Cosman and Will Cosman with Jim's, Will's & our oxen have been making burnt-land fence. F. helping. D. plant in his burnt-land.  
Chattie & Annie Willoughby went down the River today.

### **Sunday June 6th, 1880**

W. N.W. Gloriously fine. This has been a real old fashioned Summer Sunday. We have all been home all day.  
Chattie & Annie Willoughby came back. I have read & slept all day.

### **Monday June 7th, 1880**

W. W. Fine & beautiful. D. planting. A.M. F. mending fence. P.M. F. Sawing. We have been heaping today – with our oxen. Mother is very “poorly” now – scarcely able to get around. Babies quite well

### **Tuesday June 8th, 1880**

W. S.W. Foggy, but cleared off beautifully. F. sawing. Dan at his burnt-land. Alf went over to Tusket to look for buckwheat for our burnt-land. He bought 2 bushels – one from H. Sabean for 80cts – one from J McAlpine for \$1.00. Blin, Jim & I heaping with Jim's oxen. We found a few ripe Straw-berries

### **Wednesday June 9th, 1880**

W. Variable – Fine & warm. Alf & Chattie went out to the carding-mill. Alf expected to get old David's oxen, but did not. There was a “promenade concert” at Weymouth today. Blin, Jim, F. & I heaping with Blin's oxen. Mother had a “Picking party today.

#### **Thursday June 10th, 1880**

Wind variable – Cloudless & warm. Blin & Jim, F, A, & I heaping burnt-land. Dan in his burnt-land. We had our oxen there this afternoon. I picked a handful of strawberries today for Harold. Both of our babies are well. Little Leslie is growing up with the flowers.

#### **Friday June 11th, 1880**

Wind variable. Fine & very warm. Looking like rain tonight. We finished heaping today and sat all our heaps on fire tonight. We have got a splendid burnt-land.

#### **Saturday June 12th, 1880**

W. W. Foggy – misty till noon – then cleared off beautifully. It is very dry now and vegetation is suffering. A.M. Blin, Jim, Alf & I chunked up our heaps. I am not well today. P.M. Blin, Jim, & Alf making fence I made a handle for my razor, had my hair cut &c. Roxy & I went down in the woods and got some moss. We took Harold down to the lake with us. It is the first he has ever been there. On our way home I showed Harold a ripe Strawberry. He got down & with his little chubby fingers picked it and put it in his mouth. It is the first strawberry he has ever picked. If at any future day he should read these lines he can know the exact date of his first visit to the beautiful shore of Provost Lake, and also that of his first experience in picking strawberries, -- a past time so delightful to his "Papa".

"Old David" brought in a pair of oxen today which father has bought. Willoughby was here today. Dan went out with a load.

I got a letter tonight from Mr Herbert. I had some potatoes today.

#### **Sunday June 13th, 1880**

Wind W. Fine. F & Roxy went out this morning to hear Willoughby. They walked. W---y is not very well, so he did not preach tonight. I have been sick all day. F. W. &c went up the road this afternoon to hear Mr Gates. Janey Cosman is here tonight, and all hands are singing.

#### **Monday June 14th, 1880**

W. E. Cloudy & cold. F. took the oxen over to the Alride farm. Dan & Mother went to the Carding mill. Alf making burnt land fence. I am not well & have done

nothing but hoe a few potatoes and write a letter to Mr Herbert.

#### **Tuesday June 15th, 1880**

W. North. Clear delightful, and cool. A fortnight has passed since we have had any rain. The grass is suffering for rain, & if none comes soon, the hay-crop will be slim. Dan has been making board fence in front of his house. A.M. F. fixing fence. Alf hung a gate. I have been looking for harrow crutches. I found two or three. P.M. Alf, Blin, Jim and I finished our burnt-land fence. F looking for Harrow crutches I got strawberries enough for Harold's Tea tonight

#### **Wednesday June 16th, 1880**

W. N.E. Clear and lovely. A.M. I helped Dan make a board-fence in front of his house. Alf put a latch on his gate. P.M. F. A. & I working in the B.S. Shop at harrow-teeth &c. Annie took Dan down the River to work on one of Campbell's old vessels. Father and Mother are not very well.

#### **Thursday June 17th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. F. A. & I making harrow irons, & fixing up the harrow. We got it done tonight. This Afternoon Alf & I each hauled up a load of swamp mud. I put my load in the pig yard. Annie & Roxy were up to Sarah's vising with Harold & Leslie. It is the first time Leslie has been anywhere excepting to Chattie's.

#### **Friday June 18th, 1880**

W. W. Fine. There is some appearance that there will be rain soon, and it is needed badly. Today F. Alf & I have been in our burnt-land putting in buck wheat, oats and turnips. F sowing, Alf harrowing, and I hacking.

#### **Saturday June 19th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudless – F. sawing. Alf & I harrowing and hacking B-land. We thought to have finished tonight but did not. Tonight he and I went to the lake and had a wash. Annie & Scot went out tonight to visit Dan.

### Sunday June 20th, 1880

W. S & S.W. Fine and the wind blowing considerably. Nothing of note occurred. I have been reading in Bunyan all day (mostly) This afternoon Roxy & I took a walk down to the burnt-land.

### Monday June 21st, 1880

W. S. Foggy this morning. Cleared up, and fine till about Sunset when a thunder storm came up. It is now raining beautifully. F. sawing. (A.M.) Alf finished harrowing the burnt-land. I did not get quite done hacking at noon. (P.M.) Alf took a load of logs up to Wagoner's Mill, and brought home a load of deals. I helped him load his logs. I made some rows to plant tomatoes in, and tonight I finished hacking the burnt-land, and planted there some cucumbers. Dan went out to C. C.s again today to work. Will Cosman went with him to bring the horse back. Henry Lewis was here today and bargained for our old oxen.

Little Leslie is quite unwell today but I am in hopes that he will soon be well again. Harold is well now. He has "traw-beddies" (straw berries) for every meal. I pick them for him, and if we both live he may some day pick some for his "pappa", as he calls him

### Tuesday June 22nd, 1880

W. S.W. Shifted to North. Foggy til noon then cleared off. A little rain came through the night. F & I have been to the mill today. We edged two loads of boards. Alf has been pedaling around.

### Wednesday June 23, 1880

W. N.E. Cloudy, cold & misty all day. F & I to the mill sawing. Alf started to go out with a load of cord-wood for himself, but on the road he got his cart broke-down so he returned, & he & Chattie went out with the carriage. Annie Willoughby & Will Cosman were here to tea tonight.

### Thursday June 24th, 1880

W. W. Fine. F & I sowed buck-wheat & turnips in Dan's burnt land and Alf harrowed. F [illegible] got done a little before night and came home. Then F. yoked the oxen and hauled home sticks [illegible] a tongue and axel-tree for the cart. Roxy and I went down in Will's field, and each picked a bowl of berries.

### Friday June 25th, 1880

W. S. Fine and warm – looking tonight like rain. F. has been making a cart-axel & tongue. Alf has been harrowing D's burnt-land. I hauled out two loads of Deals from the mill (1600 ft) and brought a load of boards home for floor for the shop.

### Saturday June 26th, 1880

W. S.E. Till afternoon then shifted to W. From early morning to the middle of the afternoon there were heavy showers of rain with thunder. I was going out today with two loads, but the storm prevented. This forenoon I got ready to go out and when the storm began, I went to the b.S.Shop & made an iron holder to go on the Work bench. P.M. I went down to the corner & piled up some lumber and then brought the oxen home from the little field. I then cut Will C's & Dan's hair, and picked a cup of strawberries. F. has been working at his tongue & axel. Dan came home tonight I got a Postal card from Dr Pickard. Little Hal is sick tonight. He seems to have a high fever, but we are in hopes he will not be very sick.

### Sunday June 27th, 1880

Wind N.W. A most glorious day. All of us home. Obed White was here to dinner. This afternoon Alf, Chattie & Annie Willoughby went out to Church – the parson was not there. I read a sermon or two today, and wrote a Psalm. But I have spent the day in a manner that I am ashamed of tonight. Little Harold is better today

### Monday June 28th, 1880

W. S. Fine and very fine warm. Scot & I went to Weymouth today with two loads of deals with the oxen & Dan's horse. We took out 1628 ft. I got a barrel of flour. Alf is hoeing his potatoes A.M. F finished fixing up the cart P.M. He went to the mill. Dan has been harrowing his burnt-land.

### Tuesday June 29th, 1880

W. S. Foggy this morning, but cleared off beautiful – very warm. We began hoing today. F & D. ploughed out a few rows this morning, then F & I hoed till noon and D. went down & finished harrowing his burnt-land. P.M. D. helped plough out a few more rows. He has been fixing up a cord-wood cart body. I have been hoing. Alf is

working at his potatoes. F. helped him plough them out this morning. I am not very well tonight.

### **Wednesday June 30th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine & warm. A shower of rain came up this afternoon & for a few minutes the rain came down terribly, but soon passed away and the weather cleared off beautifully. F & I have both been at the potatoes. Dan & I finished ploughing out the potatoes this afternoon. This forenoon Dan finished harrowing his burnt-land. F & I are both sick today from drinking buttermilk. Alf finished hoing potatoes today and hauled down some lumber from Wagoner's mill.

### **Thursday July 1st, 1880**

W. S.W. Beautiful and fine. Pic-Nic Day! A.M. Alf & I "stogged" our burnt-land fence. F went down and fixed Dan's burnt-land fence. Roxy went out to Weymouth this morning and took Dan out to the Station on his way to St. John. Towards noon Eth Ring and Hit came. Through the afternoon a few more came, and I suppose they had a good time. I have been sick all day So I have not enjoyed myself much. Eth & Hit stayed all night. Mrs Wm Payson buried today

### **Friday July 2nd, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy – Showery tonight. F & I have been hoing today. Eth helped us this afternoon. Alf went out with a load of Deals.

### **Saturday July 3rd, 1880**

W. E & N. Cloudy all day. A.M. F. Eth and I finished hoing. P.M. F & I prepared a place and planted some cabbage. Eth harnessed his horse and took F out to Mr White's to get some plants. Alf has been working some in the b.S.Shop

### **Sunday July 4th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine all day.  
All hands home. Ethel and Hittie went home this afternoon.  
Little Harold is quite sick today Alf, Chattie & Annie Willoughby went down the River this afternoon – came home some time in the night

### **Monday July 5th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. Alf, who is road-master this season, began the road work today. F. on the Road. I hoed the beans today. Isiah W. went out with D's horse for Dan. Harold is better today.  
We looked for Dan home tonight but he did not come

### **Tuesday July 6th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy till about noon, then began to rain and continued moderately till night. A.M. Alf & I on the road. F. sawing sawing all day. P.M. I fixed Roxy's slipper, and began to make me another shoe. Tonight Alf & I went out to Mr Whites for cabbage plants. We found F. there who had gone for the same errand – he came in with us. Little Harold is well as ever, any further than his appetite, which has not returned. At present I am not able to work – but I keep I keep around.

### **Wednesday July 7th, 1880**

W. S. but shifted to N.W. Rained a little this morning, the foggy till tonight – when it cleared off beautifully. I finished my shoes, and tonight went to the mill and got a load of Deals. F. Sawing. P.M. Alf working on the road.

### **Thursday July 8th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and very warm. I went to Weymouth with D's mare. I took out between 4 & 5 hundred ft. I started early so as to get Dan's trunk on board the train. I got five gallons of molasses also a pair of Prunella boots for Roxy, the price of which was \$1.90. I got a letter for Roxy from her mother. Alf finished on the road today. A.M. F fixed Dan's fence then finished the day in sawing. I am in a very low State of health.

### **Friday July 9th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine till towards when it clouded up & is looking like rain. F. sawing. Alf went out with a load of wood for himself. I have been around home. I hewed out a stick for a dutch yoke. I layed Some floor in the work shop &c.  
Little Leslie is sick today, though we hope not seriously. Isiah went out for Dan with the Mare.

### **Saturday July 10th, 1880**

W. W. Foggy this morning, but soon cleared off beautifully. F. sawing. Alf began mowing in my field. He mowed about half of the field. I fell this morning in a pile of cordwood in the road & nearly killed myself. I am so lame I can scarcely move. Old David & wife came in today. I got a letter tonight from Mr Herbert. Delighted to hear from him. We got some medicine tonight for Leslie.

### **Sunday July 11th, 1880**

W. W. Beautifully fine. F & M went out to hear Willoughby. He came in with them. We had Sunday School here tonight. I am so lame today that I can scarcely move. I have read a couple of Spurgeon's sermons.

### **Monday July 12, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. F & Alf are mowing today. [Then] finished & raking my little field & mowed Some in the orchard. I have done nothing today, but write a letter to Mr Herbert & scribble some verses. Little Leslie was better all day yesterday, but this morning he is worse again and Roxy gave him another powder. I was so in hopes that the little fellow was getting most well, but Still I am in hopes that he is not [dangerous] Old David & wife went home today

### **Tuesday July 13th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy – Began raining about noon – continued till night. A.M. F went to the mill & counted some lumber belonging to Jos Porter. Alf & I got in a load of hay from my little orchard P.M. F mowing in the orchard, Alf making a fork handle. I spent an hour or two in laying floor in the Shop. Little Leslie is getting quite smart again. My lame Side is very bad yet. I fear I am going to have a long seige of it.

### **Wednesday July 14th, 1880**

W. N.E. Fine – windy & cool. F & A. mowing & raking in the orchard. This afternoon I turned over some hay down in the little orchard, and helped F. & A rake some. Ben Mullen brought a cow today that F. bought from him. His price is twenty dollars. My lameness is a little better, but am in a very poor condition We mailed a letter

today to Mr Herbert. Isiah went out today with D's mare.

### **Thursday July 15th, 1880**

W. S.W. Beautifully fine. A.M. F went out to David Porter's raising – raising a barn. I worked in the hay all the forenoon, opening & spreading. I hauled Some water this morning and a load of wood. P.M. F & I finished raking up the little orchard and raked some in the orchard. Alf has been sick all day. Isiah [went] out with Dan's Oxen. I am very sick today – pretty near dead.

### **Friday July 16th, 1880**

W. S.W. Looked very much like rain. This morning bright and early we went hauling in hay. We got one load out of the Blin field and two from the orchard. F & A mowed the rest of the day finishing the orchard. This afternoon Roxy, the babies & I went over to Uncle George's cherrying We found plenty & had a good time. It is the first time either of our babies were to Tusket.

### **Saturday July 17th, 1880**

W. S. Rained some in the night & a severe thunder shower came up about the middle of the day, lasting a couple of hours. We came home this afternoon. Effie McAlpine went out with us as far as her home with us & came back again today. F. has been mowing some [today]. Alf, Chattie & Annie W. went down the River tonight. I see by the "Courier" that Dr Smith of Digby is dead.

### **Sunday July 18th, 1880**

W. W. Gloriously fine. Mother went out to Mr Whites this morning – walked – father went out tonight. Annie Roxy & I have, with our babies, been home all day. I slept all the forenoon and this afternoon I have spent in reading Bunyan. Alf came home tonight. Charlie Campbell & Lib Rice were married one day last week.

### **Monday July 19th, 1880**

W. Variable – Fine. A.M. F & I mowed in the Cerino field. P.M. We finished raking in the orchard & hauled it in – two loads. Henry Cornwell gave us a call this afternoon. Isiah went out for Dan with his mare. Very warm today.



## **Tuesday July 20th, 1880**

W. variable. Fine & quite warm. A.M. F. A. & I began mowing on the hill. We mowed awhile & then went down and raked a little in the C. field. P.M. We finished raking the C-field & hauled it in – had not over five or six hundred. So poor we do not think to mow it again. Uncle Alfred & Aunt Eleanor came this forenoon. We were delighted to See them. I am very poorly.

## **Wednesday July 21st, 1880**

W. S. Foggy till noon with a few slight showers, then cleared away. It has been an extremely hot day. Uncle Alf went home this afternoon. Still Mullen was here a little while. A.M. I bored some sticks for a rick-gate. F. finished it. P.M. F & A mowing. I have been loafing. I am in a very bad state of health. A bear was seen yesterday in Dan's burnt land.

## **Thursday July 22nd, 1880**

W. S.W. Foggy – or rather cloudy all day & excessively sultry. AM. F. A. & I mowed down on the hill. P.M. F. mending his boots. Alf – doing nothing I guess. I layed some floor in the Shop. Isaih went out with D's mare & wood.

## **Friday July 23rd, 1880**

W. S. Rained some in the night and showery till noon – foggy till night. A.M. F. asleep. Alf doing nothing. I finished laying the shop floor. P.M. F & A mowing in the rough field by the road. I raked behind them. Scot helped me. Mother & Roxy finished spinning. I had raspberries for my dinner – the first.

## **Saturday, July 24th, 1880**

W. S.W. Rained till noon – foggy till night – then cleared away.  
A.M. I slept. F & A doing nothing PM. A. doing nothing. F & I went to the mill & brought home a load of deal ends for fire wood.  
Alf went down the River tonight

## **Sunday July 25th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine and pleasant.  
P.M. F. went up to hear Mr Greenlau who has been in the

place a few days. We have spent the day in reading &c. We had new potatoes today for the first of the Season.

## **Monday, July 26th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudy till noon, then there came a shower of rain after-wich it cleared away beautifully. Horrid hay weather! This morning I began to build a work-bench after which F & I raked up some hay in the rough field. Alf got a load of lumber from Wagoner's mill. P.M. I worked awhile at my bench F & I then raked some hay down on the hill. Alf hauled some lumber from our mill. Mr Greenlau made us a call this afternoon. Isaih went out with the mare today.

## **Tuesday July 27th, 1880**

W S. Foggy all day. F. mowing in the rough field. Alf & I went out with each a load for Hoyt. I took 1011 ft of spruce 80 ft of which were refuse, & the refuse were among boards Blin returned which he had borrowed – 70 ft were of Blin boards. The load was for father. I got a pocket-knife for Father.  
There was a great "Yarmouth picnic" to Weymouth today. I brought Annie a letter tonight from Dan He is not coming home yet Within the the past week there have been two Weddings -- Jim Barr & Geo. Nowlan. Mother spent the day at W.H.S's.

## **Wednesday July 28th, 1880**

W. W. Foggy till noon but cleared off. We mowed some in the rough ground this morning, then spread hay till noon. P.M. We raked up a lot, and got in two loads off of the hill.

## **Thursday July 29th, 1880**

W. N. Beautifully fine. Heavy banks of Clouds lying around tonight & has some appearance of rain. A.M. We mowed down on the hill. This morning Alf & I, accompanied by one of our of our four-footed barn-yard friends, which seemed to be somewhat excited, repaired to the pasture lot of our neighbour B. Wagoner where we found one of the occupants delighted to see us. P.M. We raked what we mowed down on the hill, & some in the rough field. We then hauled it all in – two loads. Effie McAlpine went home on a visit.

### Friday July 30th, 1880

W. S.W. Showery till noon then cleared up. Heavy thunder Clouds lying around. A.M. F. mended mother's shoe. P.M. F, A. & I. mowing down in the rough field.

### Saturday July 31st, 1880

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. A. & I finished mowing the rough field P.M. We raked it all up.

### Sunday Aug 1st, 1880

W. S.W. Beautiful. Alf went down the River this morning after Chattie. Mother went with him. Nothing of Note Occurred. This evening F & I went up to hear Mr Ford. Text – Nehemiah IV & 6 “So built we the wall, & all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof, for the people had a mind to work”

### Monday Aug 2nd, 1880

W. S.W. Fine – blowing heavily this afternoon & night. Geo. Sabean helped us in our hay today. We mowed down all this level field on this side of the road and got part of it raked. Looks some like rain tonight. Harold fell out of the shop window today but hardly did not get hurt much.

### Tuesday Aug 3rd, 1880

W. S. Cloudy till noon – Began raining continued drizzling till night. Hauled in two loads of hay – one from the rough field (the last) one from this field to the W of the house – being all from there. While I was loading the hay in the rough field this morning I was taken sick at the stomach – so much so that I was obliged to come home and go to bed – where I remained the greater part of the day. Tonight I began getting out some Stuff for W. Bench drawers. F & A raked most all the field by the W. house

### Wednesday Aug 4th, 1880

W. S. Drizzling rain all day. A.M. Alf went out to Mrs Randall's and brought Mother home. F. mowed a little. I have been very “poorly”, but I plained out some more drawer Stuff. P.M. F & A tinkering around. I went to the mill and got a load to go out with tomorrow. Isaih went out with Dan's mare.

Dan came home tonight from St. John. We were all glad to See him. He paid me \$13.00 tonight He brought Scot & Harold each a rubber ball. H's ball cost 9 cts.

### Thursday Aug 5th, 1880

W. N. Rained heavily during the night & continued drizzling till this afternoon then cleared away. A.M. F. reading “Histories Of All Religions”. Alf picking up horse shoes for Will Cosman. I have been working at my Work-bench all day. P.M. Dan went to the mill & got out a load of lumber. F & A went blue-berrying – They got a few.

### Friday Aug 6th, 1880

W. W. Fine F. A. & Dan haying. I went to Weymouth with a load of boards to Hoyt as follows Pine 735 S 288 Ref 26 --- 1049 I got a Bbl of flour from Hoyt – price 8.25 I got some mote paper – a shirt front -- & a little [acp] book for Roxy. Judson accompanied me.

### Saturday Aug 7th, 1880

W. N.W. Beautiful & lovely. F. D. A. & I mowed Blins acre field, raked it & hauled it in. We also hauled a load out of this field (being the last) and a load out of the hill field. Mrs Ring & Eth came this forenoon. Eth. helped us haul in hay. Isiah went today for Dan. I see in today's paper that Lyman Peters is married – to a Miss Powell.

### Sunday Aug 8th, 1880

W. S.W. Fine. F. went out to hear Willoughby. Dan & Eth went up to hear Mr Greenlau. Willoughby & W.H.S. were here to tea. Willoughby preached tonight from Psalms 1-6 “My Cup runneth over.” Mother & Mrs Ring went up to “Communion this afternoon. Eth went home this afternoon.

### Monday Aug 9th, 1880

W. S. Partly fine. Dan & Isiah went out each with a load. Alf went off this morning with the horse & carriage – I calculate on a horse trade. This forenoon F & I got up the sheep & butchered one. P.M. F & I went to the mill & mowed part of the meadow below the mill. Mrs Ring,

Roxy & Leslie were up to B. Wagoner's this afternoon visiting.

#### **Tuesday Aug 10th, 1880**

W. S.W. Foggy till towards night when it partly cleared off. F went to the mill meadow and finished mowing it. Alf & I began mowing the Spring-field. F came towards night & mowed a little & raked some. Dan has been all day cutting & getting home a shingle log. Mother & Mrs Ring have been visiting at Mrs. Wagoner's.

#### **Wednesday Aug 11th, 1880**

W. W. Rained some in the night. Foggy till noon, then cleared off. Looks tonight like fine weather. A.M. F. D. A & I mowed in the spring field. Mr Geo. Dunbar came here to see father. P.M. We finished mowing the S. field and raked a little of it. Ditmars Dunbar was here to dinner. He is collecting poor rates. F. paid him \$2.03. I paid him 10cts. Mother & Mrs Ring were up to Charley's.

#### **Thursday Aug 12th, 1880**

W. N. Fine. Heavy thunder-clouds all around the S & S.E. F. went to the mill-meadow this morning to work at the hay. Alf, Dan & I began mowing in our Blin two-acre field. We also spread a lot of hay in the S-field. P.M. Alf, Dan, and the little boys – Scot & Roll – went to the mill with the team for the hay – They got about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a ton. I raked alone in the S-field. I raked 25 bunches; but not much grass grew beneath my feet. Lydia was here visiting today.

#### **Friday Aug 13th, 1880**

W. S.W. Beautifully fine. A.M. all hands mowing bushes in the Blin field. P.M. We hauled the hay out of the S-field – 3 loads. Dan raked a little in the B. field. Jim Manzer was here to tea tonight. Isiah was out for Dan today. He brought in D's nails & glass. Mother & Mrs Ring were out to Aunt Sarah's visiting. Our babies (in fact all hands – have had bad colds, but are getting better.

#### **Saturday Aug 14th, 1880**

W. S. Fine this morning – but clouded up and rained most all the afternoon. Dan went to Weymouth with his oxen

& a load of wood, & went out to see about his things from St. Johns. F & A – I guess are working some in the hay today.

At 10 A.M. Roxy & I with our babies and Mrs Ring started for up the Bay. After a Seven hour Seige with Dan's lazy old mare, we arrived at Mrs Ring's at 5 P.M. We did not get wet through. Mr Morton passed us at Plympton with his carriage, and Roxy with her babies got on board of his team and went on out of the rain and arrived one hour in our advance. Our babies are about well now but they cough some still. We found them all well. I lent Mr Blin \$2.00 this morning. Effe went home today for good. The Marquis of Lorne – Governor General of Canada – passed through these counties this week.

#### **Sunday Aug 15th, 1880**

W. W. Fine. Nothing of note occurred today. Eth & I went down to the shore for a walk, visiting "The Money Hole". Tonight Roxy & I went up to hear Mr Parker. Text 1 Cor. 16 & 22 "If any man love not the lord Jesus Christ let him be Anathema Maranatha." The sermon was a very good one, and subject such as should arouse to serious meditation the most thoughtless.

#### **Monday Aug 16th, 1880**

W. Westerly. Fine & beautiful – windy. This morning Roxy & her babies together with Mrs Ring & Hit went up to "Gama Saxon's" & spent the day. Eth & I went out and had a sail. P.M. Eth, Johnny Dunkley & I went over under the "Red Head" to mackerel fish. We caught a few. I got about a half dozen. I was quite sea-sick. Tonight after tea Roxy & I went up to Uncle John's a little while. F. D. & A finished haying today.

#### **Tuesday Aug 17th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Eth, Johnny D. & I with Roxy, went out to fish again. We did not get any. After dinner We started for home. Cornelia Ring came with us. We stopped at Mrs Randalls a little while to feed Leslie. There was another grand Yarmouth Pic Nic at Weymouth today. I got some sugar & a broom. Dan helped W.H.S in his hay today. F. has been very sick while we have been gone. We got home about Sundown.

### Wednesday Aug 18th, 1880

W. W. Fine. Alf & Chattie went out last night & came in this morning, bringing Annie Willoughby who began her school again this morning. Dan chopped down to the corner today. A.M. I hauled some water there F & I hauled five drags of wood. P.M. I helped Alf plow a road to haul cord wood on, After which F & I peeled some hemlock down here where we get wood. This evening Cornelia & I went up to the "Sand Bed" and brought the boat up to our landing

### Thursday Aug 19th, 1880

W. S. Fine. We began working on the road here on the swamp. F. D. Al & I. F. is quite unwell.

### Friday Aug 20th, 1880

W. S. Began raining in the night and continued all day by times, heavily. Dan has got a lame back. He began making shingles today. F helped him this afternoon. Alf made an axe-handle. I have been working on my work-bench drawers – putting rollers in.

### Saturday Aug 21st, 1880

W. S. Foggy till noon – then began raining – continued till night. Father is half sick, and Dan has got a lame back. I have been working in the Shop all day F. has been making shingles for Dan. Dan doing nothing. We heard today that Albert Graham has just died.

### Sunday August 22nd, 1880

W. N.W. Foggy till about 9 oclk then cleared off, and the day has been beautiful. Mother was taken sick in the night & has been very sick all day. Father is getting better & Dan is too. A.M. Cornelia & I went up to hear Mr G. He spoke from 1 Samuel 15 & 22nd. P.M. Cornelia & I went up to Communion W.H. Sabean came home with us to tea. I went down to the Corner with him tonight.

### Monday Aug 23rd, 1880

W. N.W. Beautifully fine – warm. F. A. D & I working on the road. A.M. We hauled gravel on the swamp. P.M. We fixed a little Cross-way by Como's. Mother is better today. She sat up this afternoon

### Tuesday Aug 24th, 1880

W. W. Beautiful Day. A.M. F. D. Will Cosman & I sawed up D's shingle log. Then Alf & I went to the lake and had a swim, afterwhich F & I peeled hemlock bark till noon. Mr Greenlau was here to dinner. P.M. F & I finished peeling bark. I mended my shoes. Alf has been cutting cord-wood &c. Dan went to the mill and got a load of boards. Tonight he is fixing up a cord-wood "body". Mother is still getting better.

### Wednesday Aug 25th, 1880

W. N. Rained a little in the night and this morning, then cleared away beautifully. F. making shingles for Dan. Dan chopping on his piece. Alf finished his road and I think started up some wood. Will Cos. & I started at 10 a.m. for our Meadow. We crossed at the foot of the "Seven pen hapenny" lake went up back of the lake between it & the Sand Lake & thence to Long Tusket which we crossed on a raft and about Sundown we got on our camping-ground – a pretty little beech knoll on the lake shore. We made us a little bush camp – made us a blazing fire and were soon as comfortable and happy as possible. I will never forget that night. It seemed the prettiest little spot in the world. The setting sun made a silver path across the rippling lake – the moon rose up out of the eastern forest & looked down from a cloudless sky & a million stars peeped down through the leafy tree-tops & now & then from some gloomy nook an owl would make the timid heart quiver by its dismal hoot.

### Thursday Aug 26th, 1880

W. W. Glorious day. Will & I put in a very comfortable night, & this morning we did not like to leave our cozy little home; but duty urged, so having eaten a hearty breakfast we started for our meadow which we followed up to the head and from there to the next dam above. After cruising around a while we came back to our little camp where we ate a "bite", embarked again for the west. after crossing the lake we struck through to the "big bog" & from thence to Oak lake & soon home. We got home about Sun Set. Mother is getting most well again. F. has been making shingles for Dan &c. Dan chopping. Lawyer Morse inspected the School today & is at Alf's tonight.

### Friday Aug 27th, 1880

W. variable – Fine. Dan chopping. Alf went out with a load of wood for himself. A.M. F & I working around generally. P.M. We hewed a stick of ton timber down here in the woods. Tonight Cornelia Ring & I went over to our burnt-land – got some cucumbers & some green corn on our route

### Saturday Aug 28th, 1880

W. S.W. Fine. F cleaned out the cellar & shaved shingles for Dan. I worked for W.H.S—in the road out by Cereno's. Dan was out with his mare and a load of wood. Douglas Campbell was married a few days ago. Also – Widow [Abe] Grant David Grant & wife came in to Alf's today

### Sunday Aug 29th, 1880

W. W. Cloudy all day. It is getting to look like fall now. All of us home today. Harold is sick of a cold.

### Monday Aug 30th, 1880

W. N. Fine and glorious. F & I hewing ton timber. Dan & Alf went to Corbara on a horse trade. Little Hal is quite sick but as it seems to be but a cold, we hope he will soon be well again.

### Tuesday Aug 31st, 1880

W. N. Fine again. F & I hewing ton timber. We finished. We have got over two tons. Dan & Alf went out each with a load for himself. Dan traded our oxen with Ambrose Melanson for a horse. P.M. Mother and Cornelia cut a lot of straw in Jos Porter's field for making hats. Harold is a little better today. We sent and got a bottle of Cough balsam for him

### Wednesday Sept 1st, 1880

W. S.W. Fine & very warm. F & I dug potatoes today to send to the W. Indies by Ed Rice for molasses. We want to send eight barrels, but we did not get all digged. I think our potatoe crop is going to be "fair". Alf plowed some in the orchard today. Yesterday afternoon Dan went to Carbara & traded our oxen with A. Melanson for a horse, then we took his oxen & traded with Will Cosman for his McDonald oxen. We

got them this morning. They are large and appear to be splendid oxen. Dan has been chopping today. Tonight Cornelia and I shelled out the heads of Mother's wheat straw she got yesterday Little Harold is getting better.

### Thursday Sept 2nd, 1880

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Alf and Scot finished ploughing a piece in the orchard which they began yesterday. F & I finished digging our potatoes. We have digged about 30 bushels P.M. Alf has been trying to burn his brush. Dan went out today with his new horse. "John Pedler" got his dinner here today & is at Alf's tonight. I finished a little cradle today for Leslie. Harold is most well again.

### Friday Sept 3rd, 1880

W. S.W. Cloudy this morning & looking some like rain, but cleared off. F. went out to Weymouth & down to Edinborough with Alf's horse. A.M. I went to the mill with Dan and his new horse to look at some pine planks. P.M. D. chopping. I hauled up six loads of mud out of the pasture. Mother is laid up with a boil on her neck.

### Saturday Sept 4th, 1880

W. S.W. Fine & very warm. F. helping Jos. Porter reap wheat. Alf started early this morning up to Bloomfield on a horse trade. Scot went with him. Dan went out with his new horse and a load. I hauled swamp mud all day. There is a terrible excitement now occassioned by an atrocious murder recently perpetrated. Joe "Nick" Tebo, they say, has murdered a pauper – Topsy Purdy – in the woods near Annapolis and attempted to burn the remains, but he was scared away from his work by some men. Joe, with his wife and son, have been arrested. Roxy got a new paper tonight "Floral Cabinet"

### Sunday Sept 5th, 1880

W. S.W. Fine and extremely warm – undoubtedly the warmest day of the season.

It has been a somewhat remarkable day in our Family History, as D. Fullerton has entered upon the responsibility of a parent. "The-past-night has been filled with music" and grave faced matrons with significant expressions have moved mechanically to & fro through the long hours of darkness and about nine O'clock this morning a little baby girl was ushered into this bad world. F. went out this morning to hear Willoughby – he did not

not have any meeting here tonight. Alf got home this afternoon with a new horse. Mother is no better.

#### **Monday Sept 6th, 1880**

W. W. Fine & warm. A.M. F & I helped Alf dig potatoes P.M. F & I digged some more down on the hill, and hauled them home. Dan has finished chopping his piece today Leslie has got a bad cold and F. has not got over his cold yet.

#### **Tuesday Sept 7th, 1880**

W. S.W. Quite warm. Dan chopping all day. A.M. I worked in the Shop fitting up my work-bench &c. F. Sick – has been laying down all the forenoon. P.M. F & I hauling out bushes and clearing away a place to get Swamp-muck at this end of the “Swamp.” Alf is barreling up potatoes &c. F. is in a very bad state of health. If he does not get help I fear he will not get over it. Mother’s boil is getting better. Leslie’s cold is about the same. Elizah Mullen and Clara Bell Prime have been married lately.

#### **Wednesday Sept 8th, 1880**

W. S.E. Quite fine and warm till towards night when it clouded up and sprinkled some. F. fixing the dump-cart wheels. Dan went out with a load of wood. Alf & I each went out with a load of potatoes to put on board the Eureka for the West Indies. I took eight barrels which are to go on freight and for which we expect molasses. Alf took nine barrels which he sold to Rice.

#### **Thursday Sept 9th, 1880**

W. N.E. Blowing quite heavily with some rain through the forenoon. Cloudy & dark all the afternoon. F. making shingles for Dan. Dan went in the woods and hauled home another shingle-log. I made Harold a pair of shoes. It is his birth-day. Scot gave him a little cap & a book as birth-day presents, and Mother gave him a picture card. He and Leslie have very bad coughs. Annie has named her little girl Mary Alice – a very pretty and substantial name though somewhat antiquated.

#### **Friday Sept 10th, 1880**

W. E. Cloudy, windy with some slight showers. A.M. Dan went to the mill and got a load of hemlock boards for his house. He took a stick for a sled tongue to the mill for F who accompanied him there, sawed it out and brought. I mended Roxy’s slipper. Alf cutting cord-wood. P.M. Dan has been running about the road with Henry Green and one Britten who are on a horse-trading excursion. F & I started our ton-timber out of the woods, and loaded two on the cart for market.

#### **Saturday Sept 11th, 1880**

W. N.E. Rained some through the night and a little this morning. It was misty windy raw and cold till about noon when it cleared off beautifully. I went out today with two sticks of ton-timber to Campbells – they made 43 ft – over a ton. I got a bbl of flour at E. John’s on D. Fullerton’s a/c – price, I think, \$7.25. Dan went out today with a load of wood. F fixed the dump-cart wheels. This afternoon Alf & Annie Willoughby went down the River. I got a letter from Mr. Skinner. F is getting better. Mother is having a bad time with a boil on her neck.

#### **Sunday Sept 12th, 1880**

W. S.W. It has been a glorious day. All of us home – Nothing of note occurred. Alf came home tonight. Jos. Porter is here this evening.

#### **Monday Sept 13th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F. A. & I. helped Dan put up his rafters. P.M. Alf went out with a load. F & I hauling out bushes to dig mud. Dan hewed a stick for an axel and cut his leg. I sent a letter to Chas W. Denton for Father.

#### **Tuesday Sept 14th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. A.M. I made a “goad stick”. I went down to the burnt land to look at the buck-wheat. I find it most fit to cut. I then began picking up wind-fall apples. Dan working at his axel. F. splitting shingles. Alf cutting C-wood. P.M. F gathered the Daddy Apples & then went at work at the old wheels again. Alf starting up cord-wood. Dan went to Tusket to see Still Mullen. I finished picking up apples, & then put a couple of windows in the shop.

**Wednesday Sept 15th, 1880**

W. E. Began Raining in the night & continued through the day.

Dan has been working at his axel &c. A.M. F. helped Alf fix one of the truck wheels P.M. He has been making shingles I got out a lot of Stuff today for Dan's sashes.

**Thursday Sept 16th, 1880**

W. N.W. Rained some in the night – all day clearing off. Dan working at his shaves. F. A & I began reaping our crazy buck-wheat. It is pretty fair.

**Friday Sept 17th, 1880**

W. Westerly Glorious Day. This morning we got the sheep up and F. killed one this forenoon. Alf & I reapped till noon. P.M. F A & I reapping. Dan working at his cart.

**Saturday Sept 18th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. F. finished reaping the crazy buckwheat, mowed part of the oats, and butchered a sheep, that got strangled most to death – being yoked with a ram. Dan digging some dirt out of his cellar. I went to Weymouth with a load of ton-timber – 39 feet. Alf started to go out with a load of H-bark but by Como's got his harness broke and came home. I got two gallons of molasses on Alf's apc. I ordered \$3.00 placed to the credit of the School Section & charged to F. Roxy weighed all the babies today and the following is the figures: -- Harold 30lbs4oz Leslie 15lbs7oz Alice 9lbs9oz William Young died one day this week. (F finished reaping.)

**Sunday Sept 19th, 1880**

W. W. Fine. Alf, Chattie & Annie W. visiting at WHS's P.M. Cornelia, Harold Scot & I went up to Social Meeting. Bifore Service concluded Harold set up to go home so we came out with him. It is the first time he has ever been to meeting, outside of our house.

**Monday Sept 20th, 1880**

W. W. Cloudy all day – Some little dashes of rain. Alf went out with a load of bark to Journey. He went down to Jasper Whites and got a bbl of herring. Dan tinkering around. He is not very well. He began boarding in his

house. A.M. F. & I. finished mowing the oats, and fixed up a place to thresh on. We threshed awhile before noon. P.M. we went down to thresh but a shower of rain coming on we were obliged to suspend operations. We came home. I worked till night planing out Sash stuff for Dan. F. at his old wheels

**Tuesday Sept 21st, 1880**

W. S. Foggy – misty all day. Alf starting cord-wood. Dan riding about on his horses all day. F. making shingles for Dan I have planing out Sash Stuff for Dan.

**Wednesday Sept 22nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Quite fine. Dan rigged up his horses in a Span and went out with a load of wood. A.M. F & I hauled up a load of ton-timber chips for wood, then I hauled a load of poles to fix the fence around the potatoes, after which F. A. & I. tired a pair of cart wheels. P.M. F. A. & I. finished threshing the curly buck-wheat. Roxy & Cornelia, with little Leslie spent the afternoon at Old Mrs. Wagoner's. I went down there tonight, took tea and helped carry Leslie home. Ezra Barr came here tonight to work for us.

**Thursday Sept 25th, 1880**

W. N. Glorious weather. F. Ez A. & I reaping buck-wheat. Dan went out with a load of wood. Still Mullen began working at D's house. Cornelia is up to Peter's this afternoon.

**Friday Sept 24th, 1880**

W. N.W. We finished reaping today, raked up the oats and hauled them home – cut the beans and hauled them home. Cornelia has gone down to Mrs W. to a party

**Saturday Sept 25th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine and warm. A.M. F. threshed the beans. Ez and I hauling up buckwheat. P.M. Ez. Alf & I hauled up all the buck wheat & stood it up by the bark – F threshing beans. Dan peddling around all day. Tonight we rigged up the truck & Alf, Chattie & Annie Willoughby, with Roxy, Leslie, Cornelia & I went out to Darkey Club. Roxy and Leslie came back with Harris Cosman & Clark

Mosely and Clarinda Swift came in with us. We had a great spree.

#### **Sunday Sept 26th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine & pleasant. Ezra went home this morning. Nothing of note occurred. Cornelia & I went down to the Lake this afternoon.

#### **Monday Sept 27th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy all day & looking like rain. F & I hauled up the Curly buck wheat & cleaned it up. We had 20 ½ bushels. We also hauled up the Straw. There were a party of girls here this afternoon with Mosely, who amused the company with foolish “monkey shines”. Alf went out today with a load of cord-wood. Dan began reaping his buckwheat. I got a letter tonight from Mr Herbert.

#### **Tuesday Sept 28th, 1880**

W. S. – Showery. A.M. I not being well, did nothing. F. making shingles. Alf fixing his cord-wood body all day. P.M. Dan went up the Bay & took Cornelia Ring home. F. went with them to Weymouth but did not return tonight. I hauled up two load of chips for fire wood.

#### **Wednesday Sept 29th, 1880**

W. S.W. Foggy till noon – cleared off beautifully. A.M. Dan hauled out a load of clear pine from the mill for his carpenter. I mowed the clover down in the orchard by Blin’s. P.M. Dan is reaping buckwheat. I mowed some breaks and rushes along the road. Alf went out today with a load of deals. F. Stayed all night at WH Prime’s – came in this forenoon and this afternoon helped Dan reap buckwheat. We started our Temperance club again tonight.

#### **Thursday Sept 30th, 1880**

W. N.W. Glorious weather. A.M. F. & A. cut and hewed some stuff for a horse-stable floor. I hauled some water – a load of wood – worked at D’s sashes some &c. P.M. F. A. & I. hauled up the stable floor stuff. F & A then went threshing buckwheat & I raked up and hauled home my brakes. Dan reaping buckwheat.

#### **Friday Oct 1st, 1880**

W. W. Beautiful. A.M. I hauled a load of water, pitched off my brakes – spread out a lot of straw to dry – fixed my sash-plane &c. F & A laid the h-stable floor. P.M. F. A. & I. threshing buck-wheat. Dan finished his buck wheat – finished his oats &c. Judson came tonight and got the winnow machine.

#### **Saturday Oct 2nd, 1880**

W. S W. Fine. Dan threshing buck wheat. F. A. & I. finished threshing our buckwheat today. Willoughby came here today. I mailed a letter to Mr Skinner. I got a letter tonight from Hallett & Co. Mother got a letter from Mrs Smith (Brier Island).

#### **Sunday Oct 3rd, 1880**

W. S W. Fine. F. M. & I went out this morning to hear Willoughby Text. Cor. 10th & last of fourth verse. “And that rock was Christ.” After meeting I went down to WHS’s where I remained till night. F & D went up to hear Mr Gates this evening

#### **Monday Oct 4th, 1880**

W. S. Looking all day like rain. A.M. F & I hauled in a load of clover out of my little field – spread out the buckwheat straw to dry – carried in the Curly B.W. Straw. P.M. F & I hauled in the buckwheat straw – Carried in the buckwheat we had out drying, and then went down and helped Dan get in his oats – four loads. Tom Barnes – one of Dan’s caulking mates was here to dinner. Alf went out with a load of boards.

#### **Tuesday Oct 5th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudy and showery all day. Dan went out to F. Town to work this morning. I – not being well – slept all the forenoon. F. making shingles for Dan. P.M. F & I unloaded a load of buckwheat straw he then went at Dan’s Shingles & I at the sashes. Alf went out today with a load of wood for L. Nichols.

#### **Wed Oct 6th, 1880**

W. S. Misty till noon – wind shifted and cleared away beautifully. A.M. F made a “(diagram)” for one of the cows. Alf & I cleaned up our green buck wheat; we had



26 bushels – making in all 46 ½. P.M. F. making shingles for D. Scot & I went to the mill and got a load of Deals. Scot went with me for beech nuts. I cut down a tree by the mill road, & left him to pick nuts while I went to the mill. Down by Dan's brush I saw a bear-track. F & I bundled up shingles in the shop tonight.

*Note: John draws a simple diagram of a four-board "cow poke" in quotations above. This was a simple device bolted on a cow's neck to keep it from pushing through fences.*

#### **Thursday Oct 7th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine, but windy & raw. F & Alf sat a bear-trap. I took 1234 ft of Deals to Campbells for myself. I bought two stove pots: they cost \$1.00 & 70. I heard of another murder down at Saulnierville. Gus McCauly & Thelda Wagoner married tonight.

#### **Friday Oct 8th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load of Deals. F & I commenced digging potatoes – digged 15 bushels today

#### **Saturday Oct 9th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. F. Scot. and I digging – we finished our "Early Rose" – digged 40 bushels. Alf started up two loads of wood. This morning Alf & I went across the lake to the bear-trap. Dan came home tonight from Frenchtown. Joe Cornwell is over to Alf's tonight sparking with Annie Willoughby

#### **Sunday Oct 10th, 1880**

W. S.W. Beautiful. All "hands" home. Alf & Chattie, Annie Willoughby and Joe Cornwell were here to tea. "Bumble bee" Chute preached up the road tonight from 1st Thes. 4th chap & last verse. Several of us went up to hear him.

#### **Monday Oct 11th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Dan fixing up his truck. F. went to the mill for a block of pine to make a plough shire mould. P.M. Dan went to the mill and got a load of Stuff for his Carpenters. F. trying to get the plough shires off. Dan & Annie with their baby went out to W.H.S's tonight. Dan is going to start in the night for Frenchtown. Scot & I

have been digging potatoes all day. We dug 35 bushels. Alf went out today with a load of cordwood. He brought us a bbl of flour from E. John's on Dan's apc

#### **Tuesday Oct 12th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine all day. Tonight a cloud came up in the N.W. & rained heavily this evening. F. made a plow shire mould. Asa Porter has been here today and made us a Dutch Yoke. Alf has been digging today with Isiah W--. helping him. I have been digging with Dick & Geo. Robart helping me. I put in 47 bushels.

#### **Wednesday Oct 13th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy – windy & cold – Clear tonight. A.M. Alf went out to Weymouth with the carriage. He took out Father who has gone to Yarmouth to attend the Agriculture Exhibition. Mother went out too. I went up to the mill and got a load of slabs for fire-wood. Charley Sabean digged potatoes for me today. Jos. Porter sent him. P.M. We picked up and hauled up 30 bushels. We had Club tonight. Roxy, Scot & I went. Dick Stanley Charley Prime & Joe Como. Still Mullen spent the Evening here.

#### **Thursday Oct 14th, 1880**

W. N.W. Clear, Windy & cold. Scot & I digging potatoes. I put in 30 bushels. Alf has been digging, & hauling cord w [May] & Robbie W--. have been here this evening.

#### **Friday Oct 15th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and warm. Scot & I digging potatoes – put in 40 bushels. Alf went out with a load of c-wood. F. got home from Yarmouth this afternoon. Charley Sabean & Robbie W—are here this evening.

#### **Saturday Oct 16th, 1880**

W. S.W. Fine & warm. This morning Alf & I went to the bear-trap. F, Scot & I digging all day – finished. We have got about 300 bushels of potatoes. Alf has been tinkering around. Asa Porter sent up today and got the steers that he is going to break. Dan came home tonight from F. town. I got a letter tonight from Mr Skinner. Alf went down to Henry Lewis's tonight and got two pigs – one for himself & one for us. Lewis sent F. \$10.00.

### **Sunday Oct 17th, 1880**

W. S.W. Cloudy but mild. All of us home. This afternoon I went down in the woods and got some gum.

### **Monday Oct 18th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine & beautiful. A.M. I was quite unwell – having a bad cold. I spent the forenoon in the lounge. Alf went down to the mill with a load of buck-wheat. Chattie went with him. Dan went to the mill & got a load of Stuff for his house. P.M. Dan & Annie went out to the doctor with their baby. I hauled four load of top-dressing down to my little field. This evening I went up to the mill and got a load of slabs to use where we are going to dig mud. F. helping around.

### **Tuesday Oct 19th, 1880**

W. N. Fine. F. Began digging mud down under the hill. Jim Manzer has been helping him. I hauled out seven loads of top-dressing. Alf and Chattie got home tonight with their flour. Leroy Amero from Edinborough got dinner here. We had a club tonight – a very pleasant meeting. Mrs Peter Wagoner and Phebe Sabean.

### **Wednesday Oct 20th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. A hail-storm came up this morning, but did not last long F. and Jim digging mud. Jim stopped here last night. Scot took a load of shingles down for Dan. F. let Dan have five bundles of shingles. I mended my boot and hauled out a load of top-dressing. Eth Ring and Johnny Dunkley came here this afternoon. This evening They & I went across the lake to the bear-trap.

### **Thursday Oct 21st, 1880**

W. W. Fine. F. sawing lath for Dan. Alf went to Weymouth with a load. A.M. Dan went to the mill and got a load of stuff. P.M. Dan hauling stones for his cellar. Johny Dunkley went home this morning. I hauled some water this forenoon and did some chores around. P.M. Eth, Scot, Robbie W. & I gathered apples.

### **Friday Oct 22nd, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy & looking like rain. F. sawing lath for Dan. Dan hauling stones. Eth hunting partridges. I have been gathering apples all day. Yesterday & today I have

gathered about 32 bushels of apples. We had a paring party tonight – pared 2 bbls. Old David Grant came in tonight.

### **Saturday Oct 23rd, 1880**

W. S.E. Tremendous rain-storm and gale last night. The baldwin apple tree in the garden and the daddy tree at the end of the house were split to the ground – I would not have had it done for ten dollars. I am not well today and have lain in bed all day or all the forenoon. P.M. I have worked at D's sashes. F has been splitting shingles. Dan is making a truck harness. Old David went out tonight. Alf took him out part way.

### **Sunday Oct 24th, 1880**

W. W. Dark and cloudy and occassionally a shower. A.M. F. M and Dan went out to hear Willoughby He and W.H.S. came in with them. Willoughby preached here in the evening WH Sabean stayed here all night too.

### **Monday Oct 25th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy, Dark & Cold with hail stones flying. F. Ethel & I gathering apples. Alf gathering apples &c. Dan hauling stones for his cellar. Mother got a letter from Mrs Arrowsmith

### **Tuesday Oct 26th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy till noon – Clear till night. A.M. Eth, Scot & I finished gathering the apples – We have got about 75 bushels. P.M. F. shoveled out the sink hole. Eth & I took a cruise to the bear-trap and around by the mill. Dan has been hauling stones. Alf went to the Bridge with a load of cord-wood. We had Club tonight.

### **Wednesday Oct 27th, 1880**

W. S. Began raining in the night and showery all day. F. made a mould for a plow shire. I worked at Dan's sashes. Dan making harness. Alf shoemaking. This morning I am revising the Ritual and Constitution of our "Society".

**Thursday Oct 28th, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudy & misty all day. F. finished his mould. Dan at his harness. I have been at D's sashes. Leslie can sit alone now. He is real smart and well.

**Friday October 29th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and beautiful. A.M. I fixed up my new dutch yoke – putting on the hammocks &c. I also made or worked a little at Dan's Sashes. Alf ploughing. P.M. Alf, Chattie & mother at the school examination. I went to the mill & got out a load of boards to take to Weymouth tomorrow. Dan got two loads of stuff from the mill for his house and, I believe, digged some potatoes. F. went out today with Dan's horse. He took out a plough shire mould to go to Yarmouth. He got a new grind stone Ethel went out with him on his way home. I mailed a letter to Mr Herbert.

**Saturday Oct 30th, 1880**

W. N.W. Shifted to S.E. Fine till towards night when it clouded up and looked like rain. F. sawing for Dan. Dan went out this afternoon with a load of wood. Alf went down the River this afternoon taking with him Chattie & Annie W. I went today with a load of boards to Geo. Hoyt. I took 1011 ft. 481 spruce 463 Pine 67 refuse. I got 4 galls molasses 1 gal parafin oil. I got materials to make Mother a dress amounting to about 4 dollars. I mailed a letter to Hallet & Co & one to Dongall & Co. They say that Ellen McAlpine & David Whitehouse are married. H. Lewis came & got the [Jinn] cow

**Sunday Oct 31st, 1880**

W. S.E. Rained heavily all day. Nothing of note occurred. All hands home reading &c. Harris brought mother a letter from Geo Dunbars

**Monday Nov 1st, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. F. hauled a load of wood and has been choring around all day. Dan digging his potatoes. Alf got home at noon. This afternoon he has been starting up cord wood. A.M. I began making a trundle bead-stead. P.M. I went to Weymouth for our little Fannie McNeil who has been at Mr Geo Dunbar's for a week. I went down to Mrs Cotter's, but she had no money for me. I left her my bill which is as follows:---

1879

Oct 31 To 23 1/2 lbs Butter[&&&] \$4.70

Dec 20 " 10 1/4 " " 2.05

[br] 6.75

1880

Jan 14 by Cash 5.00

Balance due JHS. 1.75

I got the little girl & brought her home. She is a bright little thing, & I think promises well.

**Tuesday Nov 2nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. filing a saw. I finished the trundle bed. P.M. F. went to the mill & Sluiced the chips. I planed out some Sash Stuff for Dan, and put out a load of top-dressing. Dan peddling around. Alf went out with a load of wood. Scot & I went to club tonight. Peddler John came here tonight.

**Wednesday Nov 3rd, 1880 – Thanksgiving day –**

W. N.W. Fine and beautiful.

Roxy & I with our little Leslie went with the oxen and cart, and spent the day at W.H. Sabean. Annie with her baby went as far as Aunt Sarah's where she spent the day. F. did nothing today but make a grind-stone bench. Dan went out with two loads of wood. Scot went with him. Alf gunning. Capt. S.A. Steele got home tonight.

**Thursday Nov 4th, 1880**

W. W. Fine and warm.

Dan hauled some slabs from the mill &c. Alf went out with a load of wood. F & I repairing the mill. We put in some new flume posts. Janey Cosman spent the day here. John Journey of Weymouth has died very lately. Hal got in a mud hole back of the barn today

**Friday Nov 5th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy & looking like rain. Began to rain about Four O'clock and continues moderately yet (9 o'clock). Alf starting up wood. Dan went out with a load. F & I repairing the mill We pared a barrel of apples tonight for Annie.

**Saturday Nov 6th, 1880**

W. S. Partly clear till non – Showery and dull till night. Dan starting cord wood. Alf went out with a load of

wood. F & I repairing the mill. P.M. We made a float and took it up to the head of the lake.

I finished revising the Lodge books tonight. Leslie has got a cold.

#### **Sunday Nov 7th, 1800**

W. S. Rained heavily all night and till towards night – heaviest rain we have had this fall. All of us home today reading &c. Leslie is all right again.

#### **Monday Nov 8th, 1800**

W. N.W. Fine, but windy and raw. Dan working down at his place. F & Alf went to Weymouth to the Temperance Election. I worked all day at Dans Windows. Tonight I went up to Geo. Sabean's, and took up the Club Ritual.

#### **Tuesday Nov 9th, 1800**

W. N.W. Fine. F. went to the mill and sawed some for Dan. He then came home and peeled turnips till night. Jim Manzer worked here today; he is employed by Dan to return my work on Dan's sashes. He and Alf have been pulling turnips. I worked at D's sashes. Dan has been working down to his place. Webster Grant, his wife & Child came in today – they are going to stay till Sunday. Mother and Annie have been down to Mrs Wagoner's visiting. We had club tonight, and another was there and joined.

#### **Wednesday Nov 10th, 1800**

W. N.W. Fine, beautiful weather. I have been at D's sashes. I got them all together but one. F. has been at one of Alf's truck wheels. Alf hauled up the last of the turnips. There were about 35 bushels. Alf then helped F. at the wheel. Dan down at his house to work. Jim Manzer gathered the cabbage he then chopped till night down here in the woods. Hittie Ring “borned” a little boy today.

#### **Thursday Nov 11th, 1800**

W. S.E. Cloudy all day. Dan went out with a load of wood. A.M. F & A tired the truck wheel I finished Dan's other sash. I then hauled some water after which F & I got up some fire wood. I wrote a petition for Jim Manzer concerning a proposed road from Enoch Mullen's to the

Langford Road. P.M. F & I started to go raft logs. We went down to the lake, got the boat ready to cross, when the wind shifted. We came home. I went to bed and layed till night. F cut some wood. Will Cosman is here this evening doing the “15” puzzle. One of Peter Nowlan's little children died today of scarlet fever. I had two papers come tonight from Hallett

#### **Friday Nov 12th, 1800**

W. N.W. Fine – scattering clouds & windy. Alf went out with a load. Dan went out with a load. F & I cutting coal-pit wood. Obed White spent the evening here. Another of Peter N's little children is dead.

#### **Saturday Nov 13th, 1800**

W. N.W. Cloudy & windy. Dan went out with a load. Alf fixed his horse stable, and then he and Webster went partridge hunting. F & I cutting coal-pit wood all day. Roxy got a letter from Hit Ring tonight. She has got a little baby boy. It was born last Wednesday. Jim Manzer came today, and got two bbls of apples

#### **Sunday Nov 14th, 1800**

W. N.W. Fine all day. All of us home. Mrs Webster Grant was here awhile this forenoon. Willie Marshal came in this afternoon and took them home. I have been reading Spurgeon's Sermons &c.

#### **Monday Nov 15th, 1800**

W. E. Cloudy – Began snowing about noon and continued till evening. I think between 1 & 2 inches has fallen. This morning I went up to Wagoner's mill and helped Alf put some logs on the roll away. I then came home, and F & I hauled coal-pit wood the rest of the day. We broke the hammock chain and had to spend a part of the afternoon in mending it. Dan has been out today with a load – he started in the night. I got twelve pictures from Hallett. -- also a letter, or rather some circulars from him. A paper came for Eugenie Cosman, and I went up tonight and took it to her.

#### **Tuesday Nov 16th, 1800**

W. variable. The wind was quite fair this morning for rafting, so father and went over the lake, picked up a few logs and got them down to the big cove, when it rained &

snowed & the wind shifted, so we came home & hauled cord-wood till night. Alf has been hauling cord-wood & broke his axel, and hurt his leg We had Club tonight. Gavil joined. Fine tonight.

#### **Wednesday Nov 17th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and warm. F & I finished the coal-pit and set it on fire. Alf went out with a load. I began puttying Dan's windows tonight. Aunt Sally Green died today

#### **Thursday Nov 18th, 1880**

W. S.E. Fine till noon – Rained till night. F & I butchered the hog this forenoon. P.M. I puttyed sashes for Dan. Alf & Chattie went to the Bridge today Henry Sabean began Dan's flue.

#### **Friday Nov 19th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine and cold. F. tending coal-pit and rigged up the new grind-stone. Alf fixing up his axel. I went down to Dan's house and brought up a load of sashes, I puttyed all day, and finished all, but the two peak sashes. Dan has been tending around. Tonight Dan & I took all the sashes down and put them in. Henry Sabean came up here tonight. Little Harold was real sick this morning, but he is a good deal better tonight.

#### **Saturday Nov 20th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy, but pleasant till evening when a violent rain storm came up, accompanied by high wind. Dan has been at work about his place. Alf making his cart axel. F. tending around. Roxy & I with our little Leslie went up the Bay. At Weymouth I purchased a pair of pants from Geo. Taylor for which I paid \$4.50cts cash. I also bought at Campbells a cap – price 35cts and a neck tie 14cts both of which I paid for. We got up to Mrs Rings about-half past two. This evening Ethel and I spent the evening at Mr Dunkley's. Freeman White died today Dannie Stanton and brother drowned

#### **Sunday Nov 21st, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine – but terribly windy and cold. Roxy and I took dinner at Mr Dunkley's. This evening Mrs Ring, Roxy & I went up and heard Mr Parker.

#### **Monday Nov 22nd, 1880**

W. N.W. Windy & cold. I spent the day at Uncle John's. Roxy and Leslie stopped at Gamma Ring's

#### **Tuesday Nov 23rd, 1880**

W. unchanged – cold. I spent the forenoon at Dunkley's. P.M. Roxy and I came home We found it pretty cold, but got home safely about dusk. Alf went out today with a load of wood.

#### **Wednesday Nov 24th, 1880**

W. N.W. Fine, but cold. Dan down to his place. We butchered the cow this afternoon &c. Dan began boarding at Como's today.

#### **Thursday Nov 25th, 1880**

W. S.E. Began Snowing this morning and continue till toward night, when the wind shifted. Snowed about 2 inches. This forenoon F & I piled up a lot of cord-wood at the corner which Jim Manzer cut. There was about three cords of it. P.M. F & I cut up the beef. Dan went out today with a load. Bought his stove

#### **Friday Nov 26th, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudy, and quite cold. Snow flying all day. A.M. F & I made shoes for the oxen. P.M. F A & I put them on. Little Leslie has got a little cold. Henry S. finished D' s flue

#### **Saturday Nov 27th, 1880**

W. S.E. Some snow flying – warm and pleasant. A.M. F. fixed the ox-straps – making a new one. We then hauled wood till noon. P.M. F. fixed the top of the flue I went to the mill and got out a load of lumber, Dan hauling slabs and working around his house. Tom Wilson here to dinner.

#### **Sunday Nov 28th, 1880**

W. S.W. Clear – fine and warm all day. All of us home. I have spent the day in reading. Dan came home last night.

### Monday Nov 29th, 1880

W. S.E. Snowed an inch or two in the night – turned to rain which drizzled till night, when the wind shifted. F. mended Fannies shoes. I have been tinkering around at one thing & another. P.M. I went in the woods – got a piece of wood & made a goad stick.

### Tuesday Nov 30th, 1880

W. N.W. Fine, but cold & windy F. choring around. I went to the bridge with a load 749 ft of Pine Spruce 204. Deals 133 S roots 40. I got a bbl a flower to E. John's on Dan's apc – price \$7.50. I got four gals molasses – four gals parafin oil. I got an axe – Some Sugar – some leather, a little Christmas Book for Hal, &c. Judson & Herbie came in with me. I stopped there and got my tea. After we got home we went up to club. It being the night for the election of officers they had appointed them before we got there.

### Wednesday Dec 1st, 1880

W. S.E. Cloudy – Began snowing about noon and continued till night when the wind shifted N again – about 1 inch fell. A.M. F & I worked some at our coal-pit, and fixed the barn door. P.M. I mended my boots. F doing some chores around.

### Thursday Dec 2nd, 1880

W. N.W. Fine, but cold. Alf went out with a load of wood F & I drew the cold pit. We had 53 bushels of coal.

### Friday Dec 3rd, 1880

W. N.W. Quite fine, but cold and windy. I have been mending my boots all day. F. doing chores around. Alf & Chattie went out to go up the Bay this afternoon. Dan traded the White cow away with Walter Mullen today. Dan got his tea here tonight then went back to the corner again. It is real Winter weather.

### Saturday Dec 4th, 1880

W. N.W. Cloudy with scattering snow flying and quite cold. I finished fixing my boots this morning. I then spent the remainder of the forenoon in repairing the stable. P.M. F & I cut & hauled nine drags of fire wood.

Joe Nick's Trial is in the full blast this week. Dan went out today.

### Sunday Dec 5th, 1880

W. S.E. Beautifully fine. W.H. Sabean & Willie White spent the day and evening here. Dan came up a while – got his dinner &c.

### Monday Dec 6th, 1880

W. S.E. Shifted to N.W. Foggy and thawing this morning. Wind shifted and cleared off towards night – Pleasant warm day. A.M. F & Dan butchered Dan's heifer. Jim Manzer helped me haul up mud. I hauled five loads and put in the "slough". D & J were here to dinner. P.M. F & I fixed the cart wheel, We then loaded up a load of bark for market. Several children on the Town-ship line have lately died of Diphtheria. Alf & Chattie came home from up the Bay tonight – brought Roxy a letter from her mother.

### Tuesday Dec 7th, 1880

W. N.W. Cloudy, with snow and squalls but mild, – About 2 inches fell. I went out and took Journeay's a load of hemlock-bark – a cord. I took out a hide. Dan went out with a load of wood. F. cutting fire-wood &c.

### Wednesday, Dec 8th, 1880

W. N. Cloudy – but pleasant. F. Went to the mill and cut logs. I have been sick all day and have "Kept within, silent, or speaking little". Gavil cut wood here today.

### Thursday Dec 9th, 1880

W. N. Clear and fine. About 5 inches of snow came last night – enough with the little that was on before, for very good sledding. Dan went out today with a load of wood on his cart. F. has been helping Alf get fire wood. I made –or rather partly made – a cradle for Annie.

### Friday Dec 10th, 1880

W. Easterly. Clear and sharp. Joseph Porter and I went out to the Alrite place and got each a load of hay. Dan went out with a load, & Alf went out with a load. F fixed up a pig sty and done some repairing around generally. George Johnson of Weymouth died this morning at four

O'clock. His loss will be greatly regretted, as he was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Joe Nick Thibault has been sentenced to be hanged on Feb 8th. Mrs. Alride has lately died

#### **Saturday Dec 11th, 1880**

W. N. Fine and pleasant. Joseph P. and I went to the Alride farm and got the rest of the hay. Scott went over with us and stopped to "Gampa Kilpines" till we came along. Alf went out today I got some circulars from True & Co

#### **Sunday Dec 12th, 1880**

W. W. Fine and warm. Dan came up in the night and stopped here to breakfast, and then left. David Sabean & a Ross girl were to Alf's tonight Old Colin and "Jesse" were here a while tonight I have spent the day in reading.

#### **Monday Dec 13th, 1880**

W. S. Cloudy this forenoon. Began raining at noon, and continued drizzling till night. A.M. F & I hauled up five loads of mud and put under the stable. P.M. I worked at Annie's cradle. Alf is making a sort of pung sleigh.

#### **Tuesday Dec 14th, 1880**

W. W. Beautifully fine and warm. A.M. I finished Annie's cradle. P.M. F & I hauled up six load of mud and put under the stable. We had a splendid club meeting tonight. Jim Manzer and Fannie McNeil joined tonight One Charlie Johnson – a Darkey, visited our meeting and gave us some spirited songs. Still Mullen and Dan spend the evening here

#### **Wednesday Dec 15th, 1880**

W. S.E. Cloudy – Began raining towards noon and continued till most night – not very heavily. A.M. F & I started a lot of hemlock logs out of the woods to go to Wagoner's Mill. The storm drove us before we them all hauled. P. M. I painted Annie's cradle. Alf & Chattie have gone down the River to ANNIE WILLOUGHBY'S wedding.

#### **Thursday Dec 16th, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudy – but mild. F. repairing the mill. I have been sick all day, and remained at home. P.M. I made an ax handle, or got one "under weigh" Alf got home tonight from his wedding excursion.

#### **Friday Dec 17th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy and quite cold. F & I cutting and hauling logs to the mill – hauled 25. I brought home a load of reffuse boards. Alf making a sled-sleigh. Mrs Burns of Plympton, last night had her house burned down and herself perished in the fire

#### **Saturday Dec 18th, 1880**

W. N.W. Cloudy – but pleasant. Alf went down to the grist mill with a load of buckwheat. A.M. F & I repairing the mill. P.M. We fixed up the cord-wood rick &c. Dan came up tonight

#### **Sunday Dec 19th, 1880**

W. N. Cloudy – but warm – some snow falling – soft. Roxy and I had a fire up in our room where we spent the day in reading &c Dan went away this evening

#### **Monday Dec 20th, 1880**

W. N. Fine. I went out with a load of cord wood. Took a load – a cord – to Henry Oakes on the fish. I got some things to Nichol's on tick as follows:–  
2 1/2 lb Raisins 62 1/2 Nutmegs 4 Pepper 4 – 70 1/2  
Cinnamon 5 Cloves 4 Candy 20 – 29  
Scent 12 Cards 12 – \$1.23 1/2  
F. has been sawing  
I got \$1.75 from Mrs Cotter being the balance due me.

#### **Tuesday Dec 21st, 1880**

W. N.E. Cloudy and looking like a storm. F. sawing. A.M. I did some chores around – cutting wood &c P.M. I helped F. saw. We had Club tonight Little Leslie has been creeping some the past week. He can go around the house anywhere

### Wednesday Dec 22nd, 1880

W. N.E. Cloudy – but mild. F. sawing. I went out with a load of cord wood to Campbells. I got 2 1/2 yards cotton Flannel for Harold some under shirts – 42 cts. I fell in with Judson and he & I came in together. I got Roxy's boots from Journey's – price 2.00 I got a roll of leather there.

### Thursday Dec 23rd, 1880

W. N.E. Soft and warm. F. sawing. A.M. I helped Geo. Sabean load up a keel piece which I am going to take to the Cove tomorrow. P.M. I cut up some wood &c. This evening Judson came in, & he and I, with Charlie Sabean, made some cider. Dan cut up his beef tonight.

### Friday Dec 24th, 1880

W. N.E. Fine. I started at Day-light for the Cove with Geo Sabean's keel. Judson stopped all night and went out with me this morning. Geo. S- went out with me. We got to the cove about noon. F sawing today.

### Saturday Dec 25th, 1880

#### Christmas Day

W. N.E. Fine and beautiful Alf and Chattie went down the River early this morning W.H. & Lydia came in and spent the day. We have had a very pleasant time.

### Sunday Dec 26th, 1880

W. N.E. Cloudy but mild. Mother and Roxy, with Harold and Leslie in a basket on Scot's sled, went out to Aunt Sarah's. I went out tonight and met them. I am very unwell these days. Today I can hardly stand. F. has got a boil on his finger. Alf & Chattie came home tonight. Mrs G came in with them.

### Monday Dec 27th, 1880

W. N.E. Blowing heavily and snowing some. We have done nothing today saving some chores. I have lain to bed part of the time. Mother has been over to Alf's visiting. F. got tea over there. Alonzo Grant is here tonight.

### Tuesday Dec 28th, 1880

W. W. Snowing some all day – fell about 3in I finished my axe-handle – hung my axe and ground it. I cut a lot of wood &c. I made Harold a little cart. This forenoon F went down to Dan's house. He is laid up with a boil. This afternoon Winnie Sabean and Annie Kate came here. They stopped to tea. And this evening, we all went up to Club. Roxy went and we took Leslie up in a basket on the sled Winnie and Annie Kate are here to stay all night. Little Leslie says “Ducky – ducky – ducky.”

### Wednesday Dec 29th, 1880

W. Westerly. Scattering snow through the day. Snowing thick tonight. I went to the mill – hauled out two loads of Deals (about 2000) and hauled two maple sticks to the mill for sled shoe stuff.

### Thursday Dec 30th, 1880

W. Westerly. Snowing and blustering this morning – snowing till towards night. About six inches of snow fell. A.M. I did nothing. P.M. I cut a lot of wood. Mended a chain – repaired the stable some – made a “goad stick”, and got ready to go “out” tomorrow. “Charles Thomas” was here this forenoon to get money to pay the rates on the Alrite farm. I let him have \$2.55. This evening Wellington [Titus] held a meeting up the road to organize a singing School. The Attempt failed I went up to witness the proceedings.

### Friday Dec 31st, 1880

W. W. Cloudy and quite cold. I went out with a load of Deals 1010 feet. I got 2 galls of molasses – a tweed dress for Roxy &c. “Old David” came in to Alf's today. F's sore finger is getting some better.



# Original Diary

1880. January First - New Year Day.

Saturday  
Jan 1st

7. P.M. Snowed some in the night and this morning was quite a blizzard, but soon cleared up fine. It would be getting quite smart again. 8. P.M. I fixed one of the Yoke-traps. I wrote a dialogue "What's Your Pleasure?" 1880. 1880 finished showing the ox cut a lot of wood &c. Dan killed up the road shooting at a jacks. Madson was here tonight to tea. Fred has gone up to singing school tonight. Tom Randall married tonight. I intended with the beginning of the new year, to make a change in my diary, by writing in rhyme. I can't get the wind of this dry & arid style. I forget all about it till now. In the light of the old proverb; "Better late than never." I will begin now by rewriting to-day's entry. In the rhymes that are to follow, no pretensions to literary excellence will be entertained - only a plain narrative of events.

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Jan 1st

Another year has passed away  
 and now we hail glad New Year's day  
 His twenty seven I have seen  
 Since in this noisy world I been  
 During last night some snow fell down  
 this morning drifted all around.  
 The wind N.W. & storming some  
 But soon all bright and fine become  
 Harold, bless his little heart,  
 again is getting pretty smart.  
 He struts that go upon the yoke  
 By some unlucky means got broke.  
 This morning I got them in,  
 and fixed them all up good again.  
 A diafogne I wrote today  
 for sold & I in Sodge to say  
 but one on last night was done,  
 Todd finished the other one.  
 This afternoon finds Dan & Fred  
 but gone powder, caps & lead,  
 trying to shoot an old dead goose  
 so poor and honey as the dice.  
 Judson was here tonight to tea -  
 A promising young blade is he,  
 tonight Tom Kendall has a girl  
 and all his wants are satisfied.

Friday, Jan. 2nd

Wind S.W. blowing - thawing -  
 folks to the mill, sawing.  
 Dan & Fred are chopping still.  
 I made a sled-race - went to the mill  
 The snow was soft, I broke the traces  
 and hauled out three (800) loads.  
 Harold is worse - I almost fear  
 he get will loose one little ear.

Saturday, Jan 3rd

N.W. fine but blowing  
 Dan & Fred chopping, Fred sawing.  
 At half past five I got around  
 with team all packed to go to town.  
 I got there safe at half past nine  
 my load made up with deals & pine  
 I took to Campbell's - got some flour  
 some Charn-link wood and other stuff.  
 I stayed around there 'bout an hour  
 went to the Station - can enough  
 to know they're making money fast  
 they'd wish the Passengers was freight.  
 Went up and called on Mr. Morse,  
 told him of Harold - he of course  
 said 'twas an Epidemic - sure  
 but best to him - he'd make a cure.  
 When I got home at half past three  
 Harold was as smart as he could be.

Sunday, Jan. 4th 1880

N. S. E. With hail and rain,  
 Harold almost well again  
 Shed M. Mill Co. gave me a call  
 The day passed quickly - this is all  
 N. N. W. Fine as ever  
 Alf got home from down the River  
 D & H are chopping still  
 I a sawing in the mill.  
 A. M. I helped him edge some board  
 putting some shays upon the sled.  
 Tonight - made whistlers - I & Fred  
 molasses no more.

Thursday, Jan. 6th 1880

N. S. E. Cloudy and raw  
 Dan is chopping - Fred sawing  
 I went to market for to see  
 Mr. Caswell - but he  
 got here at noon with horse & sleigh  
 He & his wife have spent the day  
 At noon the sleigh I finished showing  
 I thought some chore I have been doing  
 Alf and Harro shared the horses,  
 tonight to Sodge went all one for ease  
 I price I spoke, then I & Fred  
 The Yankee dialogue we said

Wednesday, Jan 7th 1880

N. N. W. all past the storm  
 so mild, so beautiful and warm.  
 Dan & Fred are chopping still,  
 I sawing in the mill  
 Alf came to the mill, that's Harro too  
 So loads he hauled - all he could do  
 Thursday Jan 8th 1880  
 The wind unchanged - the weather good  
 Dan & Fred are starting wood.  
 Alf hauling from the mill.  
 I & Fred are sawing still.  
 Joe Hankinson & Matt Ray  
 both got their dinners here today.

Friday, Jan. 9th 1880

N. S. E. half cloudy and warm,  
 and looking like a heavy storm  
 The splendid Whirling on the road,  
 and Dan and Alf, each with a load.  
 Of boards went down to the Cove today  
 for the hoghead of Molasses we got, the pig  
 folks is sawing - A Petition I wrote  
 then out the settlement I went,  
 and several signers there I got  
 and many others gave consent  
 to have their names appended thereto.  
 It seemed to turn a mail envelope.  
 This settlement a thing we need  
 and that we have it all agreed.  
 Fred cutting cord-wood.

Saturday, Jan 10th 1880

Foggy till night then cleared if bright  
 Wind first South and then West  
 to the mill, D & H starting wood  
 Fred. Dan cleared in his best  
 and to Southville went out to see  
 Manager about buying his rotten  
 old house. Fred chopping has been  
 I cut and issued ten drags of wood  
 for fire up here to the door  
 Alf went to the Cove with a load of  
 boards which paid up the share  
 we now owe the Frenchman for  
 molasses no more.

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Sunday Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Wind N.W. unclouded, bright

Clear from early morn till night  
A glass of ice hid all the ground  
And every body's stumbling down.  
So dinner we had parson Co -  
Elisha Jones and Aunt Lydia  
And Sears - one of the Company.  
At half past two as was announced  
The preacher arose - his God pronounced  
In twenty fifth of Matthew - at  
The tenth verse, and the last of that  
The words were these, "The door was shut"  
He spoke well on the subject but  
It is his last we hear that  
For Sunday he's to move away.

Monday, January, 12<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. E. all day and misty  
H. sawing - Gas cutting  
Sawing wood was Dan engaged in  
At her friend his occasion.  
Beat - a happy boy is he -  
Tonight he's on a mighty glue.  
He's got a pair of dirty skates  
I don't know even if they're mates  
He's bragging what he's going to do.

Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. N. E. and blowing  
All day and evening snowing.  
As much as I call till  
About three inches fell  
Dan and I are sawing still  
My starting lumber from the mill.  
Fred cutting cord wood much offended  
Dan his old boots today has stoned.  
Tonight is Dodge but aught occurred  
Worthy of saying any word.

Wednesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1880.

The wind from N. all bright & clear.  
The temperature is quite severe.  
Fishes to the mill again.  
Dan and Fred and Alf remained  
Round about the house all day  
The most they've done I think is play  
Out to the bridge and Roy and I  
Down the River I went to buy  
Two leather for money but only got her  
To pay for twenty five lbs of butter  
5 dollars at a time was all I got  
But even that was better than naught.  
At Mrs Randall's we got our tea.  
We then the Rail Car went to see  
We saw the Comming & going train.  
At the Station a while remained  
and then set out for home again.

Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. W. and snowing some.  
Not much snow however come  
At I sawing all day  
Up down the River with a load for Roy  
Auntie & Ann's down to Mrs W's  
Tonight we smelted all our crew.  
Dan & Fred were hauling logs  
and up we went to singing school  
The chance to be a certain fool  
Full brown about as Marsa's  
With whom the boy cut divers ticks

Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. E. cloudy and warm.  
Something like a storm  
Happening. Cord wood all Dan & Fred.  
Alf went the bridge with a load on the sled  
At the mill today, some J. T. &  
his afternoon we did apply  
Burling to our own logs in the pond  
They were pop in the ice which we made  
The ice among the logs was very thin,  
And we were in danger of tumbling in,  
But we worked away with determined will  
and soon with logs the pond was filled.  
Darius & Rowland came in with Alf, you see,  
and tonight we were all over there to tea  
The evening passed pleasantly away  
with conversation, fun and play

Saturday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. W. cloudy and warm,  
Sled looking like, but yet no storm.  
Fred and Dan were starting wood  
Fred I sawed in what we could.  
Alf went down to his bench & hauled <sup>some loads</sup>  
logs and left them on slides in the road.  
Some boys and girls were here tonight  
We laughed and played with all their might

Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. E. cloudy and warm  
Something like - but still no storm.  
Alf & Chatter took Annie & Darius away  
The rest of us were home all day.  
Harris, Cooman & Alony  
We had a little - some stopped to tea

Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. N. E. Snowed a little but cleared away,  
Warm and pleasant the rest of day  
Saturday. Weather but his best.  
So Alf & I sawed in the mill - (Same 82)  
Dan & Fred getting logs ready  
and little it would be all.

Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. S. E. Clear and fine.  
I've been sawing Spruce and Pine  
Alf went to the mill  
With the sled or the cart.  
So J. T. Fred & Fred & Fred  
I've been sawing with all my might  
We all went up to Dodge tonight  
When from Edge to home we come  
It was beginning to snow some.

Wed. January 21<sup>st</sup> 1880

N. S. E. then shifted round.  
I've been sawing some just this  
Dan & Fred were hauling logs  
They hauled to the mill three loads  
I have been sawing. Alf fixing  
his occasion. Harold is

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Thursday, Jan. 22nd 1880.

7. P.M. Fine but the air is chill. I've been sawing in the mill. Self helped one edge this afternoon. We ought to go at logging soon. The weather's good & not much snow. How soon it may change we don't know. Dan and Ned logging today. Twenty five hauled tonight they say. Ned is gone to singing school - the place is not all he cared about is gone. Harriet is most well again.

Friday, January 23rd 1880.

N. S. E. all night. Snow shifted to the west. Clearing wind all night. Not scarce a snowflake as yet. It's been away to the mill. Self helped one thru till noon. I worked sundown in mill. Then came home by the light of the moon. Father and Dan & Ned have stayed in the house they said. Off of the rain and cold. Dear little Harold's cold. So very bad, but I hope it will soon pass by.

Saturday, Jan. 24th 1880.

N. W. Blandly till night. When it cleared up in the West beautiful and bright. Set out to the Benigo comb he, and a load of boards he took. Got to Dan, and I all three. Have been to the mill and Fredrick. He has been cutting logs by the brook. Ned Dan put two logs in the shop. Which long has needed repairs. One cannot scarcely go up and down without being stripped. Seven logs we saw for Dan. The first he has ever had since. It is his to be an old man. Of his lumbering this is the dawn.

Sunday, Jan. 25th 1880.

N. E. W. Fine and lovely bright. We all went out to see Willoughby's pond. I went to N. W. and stayed till night. And then my horse I reached. The best was in the 5th of Mathews. From the sermon on the mountains. They who have pure hearts are blessed. For they shall see God's face. Ethel came with one this evening. When I came from Wm. Humphreys. Willoughby preached here in the evening. And his subject was the instance of the man who had the devil cast from him and sat shivering clothed in his night-mingled & dented muck at the feet of Jesus.

Monday, Jan. 26th 1880.

N. W. and lovely. Fine as any day in December. Willoughby's boots have been mended. Dan & I then took wire banking. And for Dan I have been sawing. And brought me a lot of paper. One was "Young Folks" come from Harper. And another "Illustrated Canadian News" they other. And some Circulars from Stinson. Little Harold coughs incessantly and I fear it is no better. Tonight went Fred Starched & polished to Geo. Cosman's Candy party.

Tuesday, January 27th 1880.

N. South east and partly sunny. Dan to mill a sawing. Went to five logs for Dan they finished. Self and Fred starting out lumber. Party boys and party Dagnies. Quite enjoyed today. I'm feeling. And I've spent the day in reading. Mostly but some wood I cut up. Some for Ned and some for our store. And I found some skates for Gathie. And thought he put them on soon. In the end upon an ice pond. It is skate has been a-busy. If he prove to be an old man. I'll count he will remember. So his first attempt at skating. Today it almost has been falling. With a soft warm wind blowing. And the snow has vanished swiftly. I went up to Dodge this evening. There we had much sport debating. Which is most to be admired. Marks of Art or work of Nature. Gathie is most dead of tooth-ache. Harold most as well as ever. In which I am very thankful. Began this evening learning Hebrew.

Wednesday, Jan. 28th 1880.

Wind S. E. and still a raining. Rained all night exceeding heavy. And continued hard till mid-day. This has been a heavy rain storm. I saw some tracks had this winter. Filling swamps and brook & ditches. And will make us plenty sawing. Today I wrote a toast for Heddie. Dagnies all took. Dan is opening. Tonight I cut a lot of fire wood.

Thursday, Jan. 29th 1880.

N. W. W. Cold and windy. In the forenoon I went with Alfred. Cut some logs and then went cruising. In the old hamlet of our logging. It is helping Dan & Fred the Canal. Start out hunkers from their burn. P.M. It is home a charing. Made for Alfred's shop a shile door. I began some shoes for Harold.

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Monday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. N. and partly cloudy  
Cold and sharp, but still not windy.  
Looking through a storm was reaching  
Hatha to the sawmill sawing  
Says the water raised six inches.  
Dan and Middle logs unchopping.  
Off and went out to forest,  
In the Celvige farm together  
Self with horses, I with oxen  
And when our carts had loaded  
Off with meadow, some with upland  
Hay, we drove in home together.  
My had Joseph with hay-walk  
In this evening we unloaded  
It, and then he took it to him.  
I do not feel well this evening.  
All my bones are badly aching,  
Like a heavy cold beginning.  
Hatha got tonight a letter  
From his old friend Mrs. Chapman.

N. S. but soon it shifted.  
It began to snow last evening  
Turned to rain with heavy blowing  
Rained and blew all night so frightful  
That it fairly made things clatter  
Blasted a little while this morning  
Then cleared off as fine a summer  
My and Co. in went down the river  
Hatha & Dan to mill a sawing  
Sawing logs to Dan belonging.  
His foreman I assisted & loaded  
Put upon his three best patches,  
P.M. He the hay unloaded  
That I brought last night from forest.  
Then I found the fence that blew down  
Fixed the pig-pen door that fell down  
Put a board upon the roof, and  
Cut some wood, and then I mounted  
Hed a pair of skates for Cealia  
And then he & I and Middle  
Went down to the lake a promenade  
To see Cealia try the skates on.

Sunday, Jan. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1880.

N. N. N. Part all day drifting.  
But quite pleasant - slight thawing.  
Snow and then a little squally -  
Scattering snow flakes falling slowly.  
Fred went out the road to meeting.  
Rose and I read "Grace Abounding"  
That delightful work of Kemner.  
In our kitchen up stairs with Harold  
There our little fire burned brightly  
And we spent the day in reading.  
Tonight it is snowing down blowing.

Monday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880.

Ch. from N. and cold as Greenland  
Snowing last night two or three inches  
And this morning blurring - blustering  
Sturting until about midday  
Then it cleared up and grew milder.  
In the house we stayed till forenoon.  
P.M. Dan and Fred hauled lumber  
Lumber that belonged to Dannie.  
Hatha on the wood a cruising  
I some firewood have been cutting  
And a piece for Dodge men learning.  
One of those sweet poems of Cowper  
Its subject is the bliss of "Meadow"

Tuesday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

Wind from East and dark & cloudy.  
Dan by himself, cutting brooked  
For his Fred is hauling lumber.  
Fred went on the forest.  
There we purpose to go logging.  
There we cleared some roads to  
Across the road of Joseph's place  
Soon a storm burst forth with vengeance  
Blowing, blowing, whirling, whirling.  
How the two logs lashed together  
Smoking down the snow in dense cloud  
Almost burying my  
But we worked the more, unheeding  
How the storm fiends, & peered around us  
We only took a small pile with us  
So we might have home we started.  
And the scene will never forget it,  
Of the elements in just encounter,  
For the lakes we did encounter,  
Winter all his legions summoned  
To one dead and awful contest  
And the lake their field of battle,  
How they rushed and leaped & splashed  
Whirling in fierce confusion  
Whirling, howling, roaring, thundering.  
But at last we got home safely.  
Where we found that leaf & chatte  
And got back from down the river,  
Rose and I had each a letter,  
Mine from Rev. J. D. Sparrow  
Rose's letter from his mother

Wednesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>

N. N. N. half clear, half cloudy  
Snow flakes now and then falling  
Hatha made a new axehandle  
For a saw-axe I got for him.  
I pruned on the stable window  
Then we cut a lot of stove wood.  
Dan & Fred today are logging  
My is hauling up to Wagoners  
Will some logs he has been cutting  
Today the school has been inspected  
By one Laura Morse from Westport  
Yesterday snowed out for inches.

Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. N. Quite fine and pleasant.  
Dan by himself cutting brooked.  
Fred in halting logs to Wagoners  
Fred and I are logging  
It was late when we got at it  
And today we hauled mine only.

Holiday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Wind unchanged & still quite pleasant  
Dannie down a cutting brooked  
Fred is still at logging  
Fred and I are logging  
Fifteen logs today we got out.  
Friday night any well from  
Began to paste in our big scrap book.

Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N. N. N. Quite fine & pleasant.  
Self went out way to Westport.  
For us a basket of flour he brought  
A.M. Dan is cutting brooked  
P.M. Chose around the house he's doing

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Saturday - Continued

Today has been a day of tribulation,  
 Both to Fred and I, both, etc.  
 Just before the call to dinner  
 So I returned upon a spruce tree  
 and my sharp was stuck behind me  
 down I slipped as quick as lightning  
 On the one that stood behind me.  
 And a sharp gash inflicted  
 when for home at once I started,  
 Limping - limping, limping,  
 and at night came Fred a-hopping.  
 He upon his legs were riding  
 With his long legs dangling downwards  
 and before the young lad knew it  
 of the girl no doubt was thinking.  
 Fred his feet were fast - he yelled out  
 At the oven to have mercy  
 But they heeded not and Fred was  
 and went on - but then he yelled out  
 Murder - murder - murder - murder  
 With a superhuman effort  
 He to free himself succeeded  
 and upon the ground rolled madly  
 He kicked and hobbled and danced out again.

Sunday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. H. W. Quite cold but pleasant.  
 Rose and I all day read Penn  
 Elm & Anne went out sleighing  
 Out to N. H. Suburban

Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. H. W. Quite fine as ever.  
 Dan his logs today were chopping.  
 He has been hauling firewood.  
 Jake David happened here to dinner  
 and he stayed the night & cut wood  
 and tonight came Hart from Mulk  
 to see about a meadow.  
 Alf for himself has been trucking.

Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. H. W. but changed to eastward.  
 Quite cold early but grew milder  
 Quite fine early, but grew cloudy  
 and tonight looks like a snow storm.  
 All a load took down the River,  
 Dan a load of deals took out, and  
 they the first of his own lumber  
 that he's ever hauled to Weymouth.  
 P.M. Father has been into  
 the forest getting ready timber.  
 Little Harold boy was taken  
 with a sudden stubborn hoarseness  
 So like Leroy we all were fearful  
 that our little boy was dangerous  
 All day long and all the night long  
 they huddled him so patient  
 Washes too with herbs and balm  
 Watched his little changing symptoms  
 and administered with prudence.  
 I am reading "Blasphemy Progress"  
 though I read it in my boy hood,  
 now I find it full of marrow.  
 - Temble to Campbellism -

Wednesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. H. W. Fine quite cold but pleasant.  
 Snowed last night four or five inches.  
 Dan is hauling logs for himself.  
 In the forest chopping.  
 Jake David has been here a chopping  
 since wood all day. Little Harold  
 is, we think, a little better.  
 Last night Rose, J. & Harold  
 stayed all night here in the kitchen  
 when we could not get little Harold  
 from and doctor him convenient.

Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. S. E. and dark and cloudy,  
 Dan is logging with our open  
 but the saw steam drove him home  
 first began this morning snowing  
 but it gradually grew warmer  
 till at noon but rain was coming  
 falling. Alf cut logs was father  
 all the forenoon. Little Harold  
 is today a little better.  
 Today I sent my skin to Plymouth  
 but for him some Cherry Balsam  
 and we hope will cure his coughing  
 Last night we stayed down starbush lane

Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. S. W. but warm & cloudy  
 Dan to mill a sawing  
 they are sawing this thin evening  
 I half-solid a shoe for bath.  
 I am so, I can get round some  
 milk the cows and clean the stable,  
 feed in wood & long the water.  
 Tonight there came one Capt. White  
 he had horses with my brother.

Saturday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. S.  
 W. S. But came to the northward.  
 Last night rain came down in torrents  
 till towards night it was foggy  
 then the wind came to the northward  
 then came cold & began freezing  
 Dan & father still are sawing  
 logs for Dan they are a-sawing  
 chopping wood for Alf's David.  
 Alf I think today is hooping,  
 Harold is getting most recovered,  
 the d & C are getting better.

Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. S. E. & dark & cloudy  
 About noon began a-hailing  
 it rained a while till the wind shifted  
 to W. E. when stopping shortly  
 began again & snowed a little  
 one inch only altogether.  
 With his salt went down the River  
 set to trade his Colt and Mallet.  
 All the rest are home & reading.  
 I am reading "Blasphemy Progress"  
 it is full of good instruction.

Dan's leg - sawed

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*P. N. Cold and cloudy*  
 Last night when I closed off brightly.  
 Dan is helping Father logging.  
 Fred went up to join B. Haggons.  
 I cleaned out the pig pen, and  
 read and wrote some verses &c.  
 My gal home from down the road.  
 My Cousin says Sallie Saunders  
 of Sandy Cove at last is married.

Thursday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1880.

*P. N. W. Cloudless, lovely*  
 Fully warm and thawing slightly.  
 Dan & Hatcher still logging.  
 Fred and I are still here soaping.  
 Sent my Cutie getting better,  
 and I hope soon to be moving,  
 as I think has been at logging.  
 Thought he shone up his job shed.  
 Thought to Lodge, my usual,  
 and with Father, Mathew, Harold,  
 Basal Amers spent the evening.

Wed. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1880

*P. S. P. Soft & heavy*  
 D. W. S. D. & M. D. went logging  
 this afternoon to cut the wood sent  
 to the mill to saw for Basal Amers.  
 Fred cut wood here all day.  
 I wrote a constitution for our Society.

Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

*P. S. W. tilt towards night & has*  
 shifted to N. W. and is equally disagreeable  
 and beautiful - but blowing. Kaledson  
 and Dan to the mill saying  
 had cutting bushes down to the barn  
 I have mended old shoes today

Friday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1880

*N. W. Cloudy & quite cold.*  
 P. Sawing - Dan & Fred hunting logs  
 for us. I have been mending old shoes  
 most all day. Judson & Hatcher Kate now,  
 come here this forenoon. They were  
 here to dinner. After noon I went  
 to Mr. Coombs. I stopped here till night.  
 He brought in two pieces of wood for  
 plane woods. Mathew had a smithing  
 party this afternoon.

Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1880.

*P. S. E. Fine tilt towards night when*  
 it looks like a storm - in fact it snows  
 some. Sawing - Dan & Fred hunting  
 logs for us. I mended shoes till towards  
 night when I cleaned out a piece for a  
 plane wood.

Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880

*P. N. W. Beautiful fine. It is*  
 milder & brighter but he has not come  
 back. I have been been up in our  
 room reading all day. Mr. Muller & wife  
 came here tonight.  
 Lorenzo White died this afternoon at  
 Five o'clock.

Monday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880.  
*P. S. E. Pleasant - looking like a storm.*  
 He D. & H. H. H. in the wood logging.  
 Mr. Muller went home this morning.  
 Haggons has begun to work for Cep. today.  
 I have been working some of the plane.  
 My Cut is getting better slowly. Fred  
 Haggons to work again School Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1880

*N. W. C. Snowed about an inch last*  
 night. Fred and George and Gustaf all  
 day. We thought it hardly fit to go to  
 Hagg tonight. Judson came in and spent  
 the evening. He took his sack-planes home  
 that finished today. He is very pleased  
 with it. He-Dan & Fred logging. My logging

Wednesday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1880

*P. N. W. Fine & beautiful - thawing.*  
 D. W. S. D. & M. D. went logging. I  
 to Dan & Fred logging. My logging. I  
 carried flats for the "warming" &c. and  
 made Judson a smoothing plane.  
 Tonight I let Capital ride the carriage to  
 go to his father's funeral tomorrow.

Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1880.

*Wind South East. Hazy and warm.*  
 Looking like rain. D. W. S. D. & M. D. logging.  
 I finished Fredson's smoothing plane.  
 John Haggons was here today.  
 Little Harold had his hair cut today  
 for the first time. He looked real  
 cunning. Gray saved one little  
 golden lock. He is getting very  
 full of body locks. One of his main  
 business is to get into the bread when it  
 is put down to raise. Some little  
 words he is beginning to slip. When  
 any person goes out the door, he  
 says "Bye, Bye - go - dear" Every thing  
 with him is "A-bird" & "A-go". And  
 when anything sad happens to him  
 he puts on a dejected face and says  
 "O, the D.!" When he wants a drink  
 he says "De, de, de." He is well  
 and as precious as he can be.

Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1880

*P. N. W. Clear fine and warm.*  
 I don't think I ever saw so fine  
 and warm a day in winter.  
 Dan sawing logs for Basil A.  
 Fred cutting cord wood. I made  
 a jointing plane for Fredson. I  
 have been half sick today.  
 Mirco Graham was here this  
 afternoon. He heard today that  
 Charlie Campbell & Sil. H. C. are  
 married and that Mrs. Harriet  
 Taylor is dead.



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Saturday, Feb 28th 1880.

N. S. W. Fine and very warm. Clouded up towards night and looking like rain. Father sawing. Dan & Fred cutting cord wood. This morning Seat and I went over by Bear Lake and got the cattle which "laid out" last night. He went across the lake. Seat had his scales. He can make quite a "fat" skating. After I came home I made Mother a flower box. I then till night have been looking out some stuff to make little Harold a crib. This afternoon Seat went out to Mr White and borrowed me their halloving plane.

N. S. till night when it shifted to N. W. began raining in the night & continued nearly a good part of the day. Stoney was here awhile this afternoon. I have been reading Burman's "Holy War." I enjoy it wonderfully. Milare Comero and Anna Nell Spikely was married a week ago last Thursday.

Monday, Mar 1st 1880.

N. E. W. cloudy this morning but cleared off beautifully. My went out way with the Charrige to get some Petroleum Oil for Mr. Schwan. D. T. had began to make fence around Dagg Durant land. A & J sawing. The pond is heaping full of water. I went out to Corns tonight to see if he could get some better. Mother is quite sick with a sore throat and some stomach & sides.

Tuesday, Mar. 2nd 1880

N. W. W. Clear and Cold. My took a load of lumber to the bridge for Dan. Dan & Fred went out too. Father went to Sled to my better. He got a few pounds. I sawed alone. I sawed two logs. At the Capt's night we elected Officers. For N. S. we appointed Dan Hallstrom. Mother's better. We are all, save Mother, pretty well now.

Wednesday Mar. 3rd 1880.

N. E. W. - Good tonight, looking like a storm. Day began to hear his house of rain. Stoney helped him. A & J sawing. My sawed 3,148 ft of boat boards for Mr. Hankens, and 176 ft of hardwood for him. My came to the mill with the oxen & hauled the hardwood log, and after he had sawed them he hauled them out. Fred has been cutting wood for Dan. Mother is better. I am that very well.

John Soderstrom

Thursday, March 4th 1880

Wind fresh but shifted to a. W. Rained some in the night, still towards noon then cleared off. H. sawing. Dan went to the mill with him, but the rain stopping he came home. He and Stoney went at their timber. My tinkering in the P. S. Shop. I helped him some, and the rest of the day I worked at Harold's crib. Fred loafed till noon, then helped Dan.

Friday, March 5th 1880.

N. S. E. Cloudy. - Began to rain towards noon & continued till night when the wind shifted. A & J sawing. Dan & Long having timber. Fred started for home this morning. I felt Stoney's see him go. After he has been here with me for long. I have been very unwell for some time. I fear I shall be just better unless I get some medicine. We have a great deal of work to do this Spring and I signed like I much to have good health but I should not complain for I have better health than I deserve.

Saturday - Mar 6th 1880.

N. S. Cloudy and Cold. There came little dust of snow last night. Stet went down the river, taking Joe Hankens on some boat boards etc. Dan & Stoney having timber. Fred getting up wood. I hauled 15 drags & two sleds to acts.

Sunday, Mar. 7th 1880.

N. S. W. Partly Clear - looking tonight like a storm. I have been home all day reading Burman's "Holy War." Stoney & Dan went up to "Communion" they stopped to Stoney's to tea.

Monday, Mar. 8th 1880.

N. S. This morning. Snowed a little dust last night and a few little squalls came today. It shifted about noon to North and became cold. A & J sawing. Dan having timber. Stet logging. I went out with a load of deals to Campbell. I had about 8,444 ft. I got a barrel of flour which was 8.90 cts. I also got a broom. Stet little. I could walk out doors for the first time. His Gamma took him over to Aunt Sophia. He walked all the way.

Tuesday, Mar. 9th 1880.

N. E. S. E. Clear in the morning but clouded up. Day sharp. H. sawing. He finished Paul's logs. Dan having timber. Stet went out with a load of deal boards. I took out a load of deals. I took 1094 ft of Dan's deals to pay for what he took of mine - He took 1033 ft - therefore there 61 ft coming to Dan. He had load of tongue and came in with me. I got my tea to 11.12.10

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P.S.E. hill soon, when it shifted to  
Dan hewing. I got working at about 10.  
Took logging. He hauled some windfalls  
to - hauled about 14. There came a little  
drift of snow last night. He concludes to  
go in again tomorrow. James & Annie  
rested here last night.

Thursday, March 11th 1880.

P. N. Partly clear, and awfully cold  
The air today is very sharp. Alf went  
out today with a load to Ed. Rice and  
got a barrel of flour. Dan half-sold  
his boots. Took logging. He hauled  
18 logs. Our woman is very sick.

Friday, Mar. 12th 1880

P.S.E. Hill night when it shifted to  
P.N. Clear hill about noon when it  
clouded up and snowed about 4.  
He finished his frame his hewing  
Took logging and hauled 15 logs, and  
snowed out. He have hauled 235 logs

Saturday, Mar. 13th 1880.

P. N. N. Quite clear and cold. Alf  
went down the river - he & Abattah.  
A.M. Dan peddaling around.  
He cut some wood &c. P.M. Dan hauled  
down his timber with my mare.  
I half-sold my boots, dressed out an  
axe handle, cut some wood &c.

P.S.E. Cloudy & gloomy. Towards  
night snowed about an inch or so  
to Dan went out to see Mr. White.  
I have the <sup>new</sup> American Messenger today  
and Benjamin's "Bad Man" I love both

Monday, Mar. 15th 1880.

P. N. N. Fine but quite cold.  
About half the snow has thawed off.  
Alf hauled logs &c. Dan & Abattah  
hewing timber. He sawing. He sawed  
some Callar beams for Dan. Dan  
was to the mill this afternoon. He  
to came out the old mill road.  
It has been a long time since I was  
along that road. It looks like old  
times. Will Crossman is here tonight.  
He heard tonight that Mrs. Abbie Holmes  
has lately died. Will be here tonight

Tuesday, Mar. 16th 1880-

P.S.E. Cloudy & storming like a storm  
began storming towards noon. Snowing  
and continued through out heavily.  
Till night A.M. Logs hewing. I firing  
his accoutments. Dan got sawed up a  
saw-rough stick. P.M. Dan & Tomp hewed  
a stick for a shoe tongue. I dressed  
out some stuff for Mrs. & William.  
He started to Weymouth, but broke his  
axel & returned. A lot of traps brought  
because of the storm. Mother & Annie  
are sick.

Wednesday, Mar 17th 1880

P. N. Cloudy. He fixed the lab-  
sled broke. He. Dan discharged his  
man and went cutting fence poles.  
He will Harris hauling logs. Will  
Crossman & I went up to Spring  
Creek to see our meadow. We  
crossed four lakes. They are as high  
as can be. There is plenty of snow in  
the woods for hunting.

Thursday, Mar. 18th 1880.

P. N. Clear and cold. A.M. I helped  
Alf haul logs to McGomer's mill. H.  
Crossman helped him too. P.M.  
I planned a slide tong for the truck. I  
worked at it till 10 o'clock. Alf went  
out and got the truck axle mended.  
Abattah went out to Mr. White. Dan  
cutting poles all day.  
The white cow calved this morning -  
our first calf of the season.  
Annie is getting better, but Mother  
is still

Friday, Mar. 19th 1880

P.S.E. Snowed a little - then shifted  
to P.N. Slight fog. Alf went out  
with a load. He cutting fence poles in  
Wills Swamp. I helped Dan haul  
some lumber to the mill for clap-boards  
and shingles.

Saturday, Mar. 20th 1880.

P. N. N. Blowing raw, but fine  
Took cut fence poles in Wills Swamp  
Alf and Dan went with two teams  
to the alrigo farm and got two loads  
of hay. I got a letter tonight from Fred.  
Fred got some circulars & Annie too

Sunday, Mar 21st 1880

P. N. N. Fine & quite warm.  
This morning. He Dan & I went  
out to hear W. H. Longley preach.  
Heal in Pagan. He & I came in  
together after meeting. This morning  
to get up to Congregational.  
John, & S. Row, got back. Heard  
to the barn today to see the white  
boon. He are in was to the barn  
before. He is well & smart now

Monday, Mar. 22nd 1880.

P. N. N. Fine & muddy. I have  
been hauling fence poles to make  
fence across the road from Mine  
Alf went to the Cove with a load  
of boards. Dan cutting logs.  
Cama Cereno came tonight &  
got the calf. He gave it to me.

What a dry old diary

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*Sold  
Gave  
the money*

Tuesday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880  
 N. W. W. Fine beautiful. A. M. I finished hauling poles for the fence. Saturday I sold my dead black mare to Dash, and today his horse & wife are hauling logs to the mill. Alf is cutting me tonight and stayed all night. Cord wood. P. M. Alf is cutting poles. We had a good lodge tonight, fire being initiated. Daniel Pater, Frank White, Archie Sabram, Jimmie Sabram, Annie Kate. We had a good meeting.

Saturday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 I got a lot of meal - and some thing for flour. I saw Tom Randall & engaged him to get me a lot of cloths from Boston. Judson came in with Dan has been hauling logs today. Mother got the first number of her paper - "Shinarump Magazine".

Wednesday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 N. S. E. Cloudy - Began snowing at noon continued several till night. Dan went out with his mare and a load of coal. A. M. Alf cutting poles starting them out to the road. P. M. I have been riding up an old axe for seat. I mended seat's seat. Sarah Gasman has been here today. The priest was in to see Mrs. Pater today. She is very low.

Sunday, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 N. W. E. Cloudy and gloomy. Judson here all day. Herbie came in tonight. I have been reading Pompan's "Bad Man" etc. Mrs. Pater was taken worse last night, and young Alice came up in the night for mother. I was taken in the night with a lame back. I can scarcely move today.

Thursday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 N. N. E. & W. Stormed all night and heavy all day. We have not had a great storm and bluster this winter - even a foot of snow has fallen. I finished grinding seats and made a handle for it.

Monday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 N. W. Quite fine - but saw 7 colds. I went out to Mrs. Hasselt's to see about getting some hay. Mrs. Pater died this forenoon at about 10 o'clock. Mother, Corinna Shattuck and I were there. Alf went out today to get some things for Mrs. Pater. Dan is lagging. Judson has been helping him. I made an axe handle.

Good Friday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>  
 N. W. Cloudy. A. M. Shovelling snow in the road. The road is rarely lifted in winter. Dan went to the to break his road - he brought out some of his coal. P. M. I drove out team to the corner & back to break the road. I then worked in the wood house at Mr. Dash's. It is about laid up with a lame back. Dan went to the mill this afternoon and hauled 2 horses of logs.

Tuesday, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 N. W. E. & W. Cloudy and the wind blowing heavily. Alf & Joe Cornum making a coffee tree to Alf. Dan is lagging. Alf & Jos. Pater went out to Hasselt's for hay - got a ton. I put a handle in my axe and cut some wood. I made three sap-troughs. They are covering the coffee tonight.

Saturday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 N. N. Fine but quite cold. I went out with a load of coal. I started before daylight. I took, or started with about six hundred. I got along very well, till I got to the Rocky Barren, there I found the snow badly drifted but I headed before the oxen, and so got to go to the Henderson barren was quite vent down to Mrs. Pater to see the base so I left part of my load. I then proceeded without difficulty till I got to Pagon road. That was all bare and smooth. However I got along to Swift where I was obliged to leave part of my load again. I then went on and got to Campbell's with six dead - 260 feet. Alf & Harris put their horses in land on a load of Harris' and got as far as H's barren. Harris came back, but Alf came went on to the bridge with his call, and got a lot of meal.

Wednesday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>  
 N. N. E. Blowing and storming. This morning I, Dan & J. shovelled a road to get the loads of hay around through the orchard to the barn - the hill being blustered full. They left their loads under the hill. I made a letter today. This afternoon I went down to Mrs. Pater to see the coffee.

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
 A. M. I all kept the road to get the lumber through. Dan took the coffee down. P. M. I helped Alf haul wood. I made sap-troughs to the back of the house. The wind is still the same but the weather has greatly improved - the wind having gone down.

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Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

P. A. P. Bloodless cattle and beautiful W.M. We finished beating the road this morning - then I went and started up three sap-bough casks from Mills Swamp. (By clearing roads to East C. wood. Dan took John Edie Popson home. P.M. I helped Alf start wood out. I finished P.M. to window and made a lot of "spiles". M. Grant's school ends today.

Sixteen years ago today I will remember. It was a fine day like this but we snowed. I tapped some trees that morning. In the afternoon I began a little mill for Alf & S. I was as happy as a lark.

Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

P. Southby - Fine in the morning but clouded up and rained some through the afternoon. P.M. I helped Alf start C. wood. P.M. he helped me make sap-boughs. I have worked at them all day. Dan is lagging - got Jim Mease helping him. Rosey got a letter tonight from her mother. Little Harold put two words together today for the first time. They were "All gone". Rosey & I ground out and down beans.

Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>

P. Still Southby - Drizzling rain. Rosey & I read in the room all day - Bible and the Bible.

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

P. S. W. Rizzly this morning but soon cleared away about noon. It rained very heavily last night with heavy thunders. P.M. I saved up the last of our sap-bough stuff. P.M. We made a string of fire across the road from Palms. Dan went out this afternoon to go at work at Sam Randall's mill. This is a very Spring-like day. My skin heard a frog today.

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. A. P. Fine & Beautiful. In evening, I finished making sap-boughs. Alf went up the hill to trade his cattle. Chaska went with him. Annie, Seal & I went to Judge tonight.

Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. A. P. till noon - shifted to A. P. Snow squalls till noon - fine tonight. I carried as far as Charles. P.M. Sawing - sawing C. wood for Dan. Still Mill here tonight.

Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. A. P. Fine but windy & cold. We have been making preparations for sugar making but as the prospect looked thin we had almost given it up. However this morning I concluded to try trees. So we loaded up a hundred boughs and with Seal (by the way - whose birth-day it is) we drove down below Alf's chopping and there we tapped 30 trees. I carried around the boughs - Seal did the "spiles" & I performed the surgical operations. P.M. He took down the Malaisee and gave head, after taking the Malaisee out, took down the boiler etc. We found up a place to boil.

Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. A. P. Fine & warmer. In evening P.M. Seal & I tapped 10 trees. P.M. We cut up a lot of sap-wood & I gathered tonight 21 pailfuls.

Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. Southby - Blowing briskly. Fine & warm. In evening Seal & I have boiled sap today. It has been good sap-day. I gathered 30 pailfuls. It has been a deal of maple sugar & a The day leaves whirled through the woods and the robins and black birds clumped - It is like many days I have seen in the sunny days of my hood which are now hallowed by my special memories interwoven with fragments of poetry.

Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. Southby - Warm very Spring-like. Last night has been rendered a remarkable one by the coming of another little baby - strange to this world of sin. I went into the "dark & moonless night" through the mud beneath the glittering mid-night stars to summon female assistance. I aroused Mrs. Cassman, after which I proceeded to Mrs. Wagoner. Mrs. Wagoner came out at the door & objected to my entrance. They ladies did not know the urgency of matter, & I, not knowing they wished to render any assistance - felt more ridiculous and am of my. The old lady soon got under way and we clunk up by Sam Edler. She was obliged to take my arm for support. We were swatting up the road "bug as life" when we met Hester and Dan coming with a lantern. Dan brought his "mare" and we went over to Judge's place. Seal & I went over to Pias - like tonight for the cattle.

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Monday April 12th 1880

P. O. N. Blowing a gale, and very cold. The sap did not start a drop. I gathered sap this forenoon - 20 pails full. J. H. was there and made me a visit. He came to get some Clap boards. We made 2 1/2 lbs Soap tonight. Dan wants to repair the top of my gate from today - I did not trade.

Tuesday April 13th 1880

P. O. N. Fine but blowing. I have been boiling sap. It is coming fine. Alf cutting cord. Dan went out with a load. I gathered 9 pails of sap - making just 100 pails for the Spring. We did not have any sleep tonight.

Wednesday April 14th

P. O. N. Fine calm. Beautiful Spring day. I have boiled sap again. I gathered 133 pails of it. In the morning J. made a little effort for an inf. ant. table. In the afternoon he helped me in the woods. Alf cutting trees & c. Dan went out. I have had one of the, turning little babies in the market. We have not named it yet, but talk of different names. It, with mother are doing well.

Thursday April 15th

P. O. N. Gentle Breeze - Fine & beautiful. J. sawing. Alf cutting in his piece. Dan, heaping and fencing his burnt land. I have been boiling sap again today. Amanda, Jane and I washed the house down where I have boiling sap tonight. He came for the remainder of his washer. Charlie "Dad" is having a serious time. His wife is badly weakened. They have all sat with closed door for several days. A new minister has gone in Lusk, by name of Farrell.

Friday - P. N. N. Very beautiful.

J. sawing. Alf sawing in Maggie's piece. Dan at the "black" falls. I have been boiling sap again. It has not frozen for two or three nights. The day is done unless it freezes again. It will hold down all this is.

We started off some this morning. Dan came again tonight. We have not weighed it yet. I have and his precious little infant are doing well.

Harold, played out in the back yard a little while today - the first he has ever been out alone. I sail went out with one team today.

Saturday April 17th

P. O. N. Eastly - Great storm all day. About 4 or 5 inches fallen. A.M. all hands loafing. P. M. Dan hauled two or three logs to the mill. J. went to the mill to saw, but finding the mill full of snow - he helped Dan some, and then came home. I did some repairing on the barn - made a shut-iron tea-kettle to use at the mill and in the woods - cut some wood &c.

We had not decided till tonight what to call our little baby, but have concluded to name him Electric Boy. It is to me the are doing well.

Sunday April 18th 1880

P. O. N. Cloudy raw - Tonight the wind came to the N.W. and the weather cleared up beautifully. I have stayed in the room with Tom all day. Great Benyan bracke & c. all were here to see.

Monday April 19th 1880

P. O. N. Fine and lovely. The snow gone all off today. Dan sawing. Alf cutting. I went out today with the carriage - taking out my logs &c. Seal went with me. My 2 babies fell short about 17 lbs. I sold 49 lbs. I sold Campbell 8 lbs. I bought Betty a comb and some books. I have some sugar a pair of shoes for Harold. The price of which was 70¢. I wrote Seal to the depot today and me to the watch makers to see that Electric watch. Harris Cosman, who had just returned from a visit on the creek, came in with me. I got from the office some letters from J. J. for Dan & some cards for M. & Annie from the States. I mailed a little with 20¢ to J. H. Lewis and a card to "The Print Pub. Co." J. gathered 20 or 25 pails of sap tonight.

Tuesday April 20th

P. O. N. Began raining this morning & continued moderately all day. Got Dan sawing. A.M. I gathered 31 pails of sap. P. M. I turned out the tops of the post for Harold's little crib. Rossy and her darling little baby Leslie are doing well for which I am very thankful. "Ed. J. Smith" died today of the South.

Wed. April 21st 1880

P. O. N. Fine and lovely. J. saw sawing. When Dan helps it they saw Dan's log. Alf went down the river with the cart. He came back again tonight. I have been boiling sap. I gathered 23 pails today. Rossy got out in the room to eat her dinner today. She is getting real smart. Leslie is doing well & Harold is learning to talk.

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Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1880

N.E. Fine and warm, looking a little rain tonight. I saw a fox on a stump with a load for Dan. He says the cars are coming again. All cutting in the woods. I have been keeping sap again. I gathered ten pairs full today. The day weather is about close. I have gathered about 357 pair full this spring. I was out in the kitchen today. The little one is getting on nicely.

Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

N.E. Fine weather.

I finished boiling my sap today. I got some more wood blocks. I gathered up the trough, and hauled up one load but getting up the second I lost the "link pin" got lost the wheel came off, and it being late, I un hitched and left the load.

Mr. Hubert, a reformed Methodist preacher out at Southville tonight. I was going but concluded it to be my duty to remain at home with my wife and babies. All the rest what.

Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N.E. Fine. I got some more tonight. I sawing down and Jim Mason making fences round the burnt land. I went out with a load of Deals & Boards. Yesterday we made 134 of which I sold to Campbell today. All together we have made upwards of 7500. I saw a Sabon & I drove one together today. I went down to Joneses and got three half hogs. I brought some letters for Dennis & got a letter from the P.C. Department Ottawa concerning my Petition. & a P. Card from a Yankee Washington. David Deal & wife came in today.

Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>

N.E. Fine warm. We all went to Inlet to meeting but snow. Deas, Harold & Lester. Rev. W. Thadron preached from the following words: Simon Satan desired to have thee that he may afflict us as wheat but I have sowed seed that thy faith fail not. I walked out through the woods after meeting. I took dinner with I'llmer Ambler. In the afternoon we had a sermon again from the woods. What sort show great mountains. After service I came in to W.P.C. to talk to a wife. After which we had a sermon in the school house by Mr. Hubert from a portion of Revelations - the subject being the glory of Heaven.

Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N.E. A cloudy hill moon, with a drizzling rain commenced which continued till night. I am out with a load - except to look for Dan. P.M. I hauled up the first of my sap troughs - fixed up the cart hauled home one load of Manure P.M. I worked at the baby's crib. Mr. Hubert preached here tonight from the words: "Joy is as a city on a hill" & the line that death do us all shall us so. The omniscient Staffed here tonight.

Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>

N.E. - A light N.E. fog cloud away and the day became beautiful. I hauled down in the field & made Manure. I hauled my horse. P.M. Dan went to the mill & got a load of lumber. Off sawing in 10. W's mill. D. went out with his hands some out to Southville to muck tonight but saw the babies & D.

Wed. April 28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N.E. Fine but windy & cold. A. Along Grant began framing Dan house. Along & wards here. Dan went down the River for hay. He got half a ton from a pond & P. Spanys. I hauled manure. I tonight off. Chatter & went down to G.P. Rogers to a Social Meeting.

Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1880.

N.E. Fine - looking like a storm tonight. A. Along & Dan framing. I went out with a load with his baby. I have been hauling manure. I saw a Strawberry blossom today. Last Monday we weighed our little baby - it weighed 7<sup>lb</sup> 15<sup>oz</sup>. The previous little thing is getting along nicely.

Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>

N.E. Began raining in the night and continued heavy all day. I made a pair of shoes for Harold. I mended Sabon shoes. All of us well - nothing of importance occurred.

Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>

N.E. Partly clear - windy & cold. F. D. & Along at the frame. I hauled Manure down in the field. Cedar Carter & "Peace" were hauled to Dennis. I went to Inlet & brought in Mr. Hubert. Dan & I went out to Southville to Social meeting tonight. The wind came in with Alf.

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## Sunday, May 2nd

P. P. M. snowed a little this morning enough to whiten the ground - but soon disappeared. Clouded up beautifully some do night. This morning we all repaired up to the school house to hear Mr. J., but Mr. J. spoke instead from the woods: "Enter ye in at the straight gate" Geo. Wagoner's wife - the minister and Judson to the dinner here. P. M. some went up to Communion. Mrs. J. and Mrs. W. were here all the afternoon. Mrs. J. and Mrs. W. were here all the afternoon. This evening all but Rev. the babies were here to dinner. P. M. we put out to work out to meeting. The minister came back with a f.

## Monday, May 3rd

No Southby - fine and warm. In P. M. I went to plowing. At five o'clock I went to the field. I started after dinner at 8 o'clock. I went to help Dan Sumner's house. There were some of us and we got it all up but the rollers. I went to the mill and got the cows. Mr. J. had a social meeting here tonight.

## Tuesday, May 4th

P. A. N. fine warm - The grass is getting quite green. Dan went out with his horse and took a load of boards for us. A. M. I took one load of manure down and then hauled off the stones from the potato ground. P. M. I plowed up a little piece in the field to plant early potato. I put out one load of manure. I then went to the mill and brought out 5-31 ft of Deale to give to the minister. I then went about brought the team home. I went on out to meeting to the house - social meeting. At the mill I found the frame burst and the water running away fast. I put the planks on and stanchioned the frame. I was out to meeting tonight. At 8 o'clock I hauled my potato pieces.

## Wed, May 5th 1880.

P. P. fine and warm. In at the mill. I heard but land. I have been plowing, I seek P. helping one. At ploughed his piece with the horse.

## Thursday, May 6th 1880.

No S. shifted at noon. Began raining in the night - continued till near dawn. Dan sawing. P. M. I shift. P. M. I shift. I hauled some poles to around the arched fence and around the lower field. This evening there was a meeting at the school house - social meeting.

Continued - At 11 o'clock. Alfred Lee onan came forward for admission into the church. Last night at Geo. Wagoner's house Miss Prime and Ella Swift presented themselves.

## Friday, May 7th 1880.

P. A. fine but cold. A. M. I and J. finished plowing or made some furrows. The potato seed went up to Baphiam. Mrs. J. and Ellen W. were here to dinner. P. M. we put out loads of manure on one early potato patch - finished it and put out 5 loads down in the field. At planting up here. Dan & Carrie went to the bridge today. At 11 o'clock but with his coat and a load.

## Saturday, May 8th 1880.

P. A. W. fine and warm. I hauled out 12 loads of manure. A. M. P. M. went out to see Mr. White. He is very sick. Dan at work on his burnt land. At his potato ground. We are all well now, but one - I have a bad sore throat.

## Sunday, May 9th 1880

No S. E. wind some in the night. Foggy today. I am quite unwell having a cold and sore throat. At 5 P. M. went to Southville to hear Mr. Herbert. Mother stopped to see Mr. White and Willoughby D., coming with father. P. M. I went out to Mr. White's place. The old gentleman is very low. I slept a good part of the day. Willoughby had meeting here tonight.

## May 10th

P. S. E. Rained heavily with thunder this morning, but cleared away and the day was delightful. At 5 P. M. stayed last night to Mr. White - they came home this morning. Willoughby went away this forenoon. Dan mended his boots. P. M. I hauled out four loads of manure. Mr. White died this afternoon about six o'clock. Whatta and Alf were out there. Mr. J. and Mr. Herbert had a social meeting here tonight. Mr. J. & Geo. Wagoner stayed here all night. I have done nothing today but write an introduction to a little book of my poems. Sent it out in the wood tonight for the carrier.

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**Tuesday May 11**  
 W. N. Showery till noon with  
 squander - cleared off beautifully.  
 I hauled out manure till noon.  
 P.M. I pitched the manure from under  
 the stable. In cutting up feed,  
 Dan has been making fence. Mr. H.  
 was here to dinner. Mother went out  
 to Mr. White. Alf and Leatha went out  
 to social meeting tonight.

**Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 P.M. Heavy thunder showed  
 this morning - fine till night  
 delightful growing weather.  
 A.M. I hauled out manure. I had  
 made "strops" to the post door.  
 I am burnt out and got Mother.  
 P.M. Mr. Will but Stax and his cabin  
 went out to Mr. White's funeral. Mr.  
 Steadant preached the sermon  
 in the school house, from Hebrews  
 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>.  
 Effie W. Alpine came here today  
 to sleep with us. She appears to be a  
 very nice little girl.

**Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1880**  
 W. N. C. Cloudy, cold & raw. Dan  
 at work in his burnt land. I hauled  
 out manure. Alf at his potato patch  
 in cutting feed.

**Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1880.**  
 W. N. C. Cloudy, cold & raw. Dan  
 at work in his burnt land. I hauled  
 out manure. Alf at his potato patch  
 in cutting feed.

**Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 W. N. Fine but windy & raw. I  
 finished hauling out manure. I  
 have put 46 loads out for potatoes  
 down below and 3 up here. I hauled  
 down 46 loads to Mr. making 13 loads.  
 Dan has had this spring. In planting  
 Dan at his black "falla". Mr. Chatterbox  
 & Mr. Herbert went down the river today.

**Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1880.**  
 W. N. Cloudy till towards night when  
 it cleared up beautifully. In went to  
 social meeting. Ross & I read etc.  
 This afternoon we had a party  
 at home where I made sugar at this spring.

**Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> 1880.**  
 W. N. Cloudy with a few showers  
 from tonight. I had planted potatoes  
 at his burnt land. Alf at his potatoes.  
 Social meeting here again tonight  
 some Mr. Longley began in school  
 here today.

**Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1880**  
 W. N. Fine and glorious. No wind  
 planting tonight. This forenoon Effie  
 and I cut dropped - P.M. Sent  
 dropped alone. He worked well.  
 Mr. Herbert went out to settlement today.  
 I went up the road tonight for horse  
 "Chute" - alone came but a few children.  
 Dan went out with a load today.  
 Alf at his potatoes.

**Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 W. N. Sunshine. Weather delightful.  
 I hauled two loads of hay to mend  
 the fence around the spring field.  
 This afternoon I mended fence.  
 Dan has been reaping burnt land.  
 Alf at his potatoes. In went to  
 social meeting the day here.

**Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 W. N. W. Cloudy & dull. In mending  
 fence. A.M. Dan helped Alf in his  
 his planting. P.M. Alf helped Dan in his  
 burnt land. I have been very much  
 better P.M. I finished out & Alf & Eric  
 W. H. who has been away since Sunday  
 came back tonight.

**Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1880. A.D.**  
 W. N. Fine & beautiful. Alf helping  
 Dan in his burnt land. A.M. In mending  
 fence. Mr. H. & I went down back of the  
 orchard this forenoon where we held a  
 long discourse. Mr. H. mended  
 the chimney boots. I fixed fence  
 down along by my orchard.  
 The cherry trees are showing some  
 blossoms. The woods look a  
 little green, and all nature looking.

**Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880.**  
 W. N. W. Dull & dull. Alf went out  
 for us with Dan's "mare" and got a  
 bit of flour. He helped Dan in his  
 burnt land. I am in a low state of health.  
 Can scarcely "navigate". Today I  
 laid a little plaster on the roof to put  
 in the chimney sap-troughs over. I dug some  
 for the garden, and made some cows  
 for vegetable or brass brass all day.  
 I sprained was taken ill tonight  
 of a fearful cold. Mother too, has  
 not been well for some days.  
 Tonight - Mr. Herbert induced me  
 to change our baby's name from S.  
 Bryant to S. Herbert.

**Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 W. N. W. Partly fine - very sunny  
 in morning to hear Mr. Gulew.  
 I got my dinner at Mr. White's & then  
 came home. In the forenoon went  
 to Mr. H.'s to dinner and after social  
 meeting came in accompanied by  
 Mr. H. We had social meeting here  
 tonight. Charled is quite sick.



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Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>

M. W. Rained a little in the night foggy till noon then cleared off very fine. F. D. and M. mending fence. I went to market today - over to Ansell George's with the carriage & Dore's mare and got seven bushels of Cato's for Dan and two for me. I paid for D. & D. I went across the mill town and came around. I was in Social meeting up the road go tonight. I did not get home in time after going down to the lake concluded I to go, but all the rest but Lemmie, Ross, and the babies went.

Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

M. C. Fine and cool. A.M. Dan hauled out two loads from the mill. F. D. made some brush fence in the Swamp. P.M. I made some Squash hills planted a lot of Apples trees &c. I also went to the mill and got a load of fence boards and slabs for a fence around the garden. Dan at his burnt-land. F. D. heavy fence post. Harold's cold seems to be a little better tonight. M. D. went down to M. Peter's today.

Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>

N. & W. Fine and beautiful. F. I sheared the sheep. A.M. I helped get haul up some fence post. F. helped mather do in the garden &c. F. D. had a lawn the first time I have been in this Spring. Dan went out with a load. P.M. I picked up stones down in the field. It is a long day. Harold in mood with again. I went to the mill this afternoon and got the big saw to cut up the posts.

Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1880

M. N. Stormy weather - All nature in her robes of the most superb loveliness. F. helped get row up his fence posts after water they saved a couple of Whingle logs. Dan began planting in burnt land. I have been picking up stones. M. Herbert came back tonight. M. Curran's son of Weymouth died on last Sunday after a very short illness. I am quite spry and thus few days. Harold is getting most well.

Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>

M. N. Fine again. F. helping get water board fence. A.M. D. shod his horse. P.M. he cleaned the harness &c. All day over to mend the carriage. M. D. went to Weymouth today I went out to the seal meeting tonight. He came home with me.

Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1880

M. N. Fine, breezy, pleasant. Dan and Annie went up the Bay M. Herbert and me went this morning and started for St. John. It was very sad to see him go, but the time of parting must come sooner or later. P.M. I stowed oats on the Blinn burnt land where we last year had buckwheat & corn, & D. harrowed them in. P.M. F. D. started to go back to Seven-pence, Supper late, but after going down to the lake concluded I was unable to go further, so returned. My health is very poor. I went down to French town to see and get some fish for me from Jasper D. I had some.

Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>

M. N. Fine but so stormy as to darken the sky. Crack Millers has a terrible fire raging back on the burnt. There are negroes, great fires in every direction. I thought it has begun to rain a little but the sky is so full of smoke that I cannot tell whether there will be much rain or not - but a rain is greatly needed. This forenoon we had a Sabbath School over at C. G. I had very small today.

Monday May 31

M. S. Rained all night and all day. My time quite heavy. I have spent the day in my room writing, & doing nothing. Alf made a pair of shoes today for the children. They are very good indeed. My health is very poor, yet - I don't know how long before I shall get out to work again.

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

M. N. Fine - The apple trees are in full bloom and all nature delightful. F. D. sawing. Alf making fence-boards. Dan & Annie came home tonight. They got a letter from his mother. I have been writing all day. I wrote two letters - to the "B. C. B. Society" & to Dr. Richard "Meylan" of St. John's. I went down in the wood and got some moss. Mather's health is quite poor. Harold's cough is most well.

Little Dick fell off of Annie's lap yesterday, and we thought that most likely but fortunately he received no injuries beyond some bruises. He is real well, and grows like a weed.

Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

M. N. Fine, all day - I went for the glass. A. sawing. Alf making a gate. A.M. Dan planting. P.M. I went to the mill and hauled out lumber. I put new quarters in one of my old shoes. I let Peter Wagon have 4 bushels of Potatoes. Heather had a picking party today. I am feeling some better.

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Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Fine and lovely - A cool breeze blew all day. F. Sawing. I am planting in his burnt land. At 11, having decided to join him in clearing up a piece of burnt land, we made a beginning to clear the fence. This morning I had hauled a load of poles and spreaded the fence around the 6-  
fenced. I am not able to work, but must try and do what I can.

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Fine again. I had hauled out some loads of manure and planted the beans & turnips. I planted his beans today. D. planting

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Pleasantly beautiful. Apple trees in full bloom. At 11, I went to Jim Coakman and Mil Coakman with Jim. With some other boys, we went to plant land fence. F. helping D. plant in his burnt land. Weather & climate thoroughly went down the river today.

Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1880  
W. N. W. Pleasantly fine. This has been a hot and parched summer Sunday. We have all been home all day. Weather & climate thoroughly come back. I have had sleep all day.

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Fine & beautiful. D. planting C. M. A. sowing fence. C. M. F. sawing. We have been heaping today - with some manure. Mother is very poorly - and scarcely able to get around. Babies quite well.

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Foggy but cleared off beautifully. F. sawing. Day at his burnt land. At 11, we went up to land to look for brushwood for our burnt land. He bought 2 bushels of manure from H. Debraun for 80 cts. One frog of the species from the Blinn. Jim is heaping with Jim's beans. He found a few ripe strawberries.

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. E. Variable - Fine & warm. At 11, I went out to the Carding mill. I expected to get old David's bean but he is not. There was a promise concert at the school today. Jim, Jim, F. & I heaped out Blinn's beans. Mother had a "Picking party" today.

Wind variable - Cloudless & warm. Blinn & Jim, F. O. & I heaping burnt land. D. planting his burnt land. He had over 1000 lbs of straw today. I picked a handful of strawberries today for F. & Jim. Both of our babies are well. Little Annie is growing up. Not the flowers.

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Wind variable - Fine & very warm. Looking like rain tonight. At 11, Jim had heaping today and sat all over heaps on fire tonight. We have got a spl. d. burnt land.

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. N. W. Foggy - misty till noon - then cleared off beautifully. It is very much more land vegetation is suffering. C. M. Blinn, Jim, at 11, I climbed up on heaps. I am not very tall. I made a handle for my razor. I had my hair cut. F. & I went down in the woods and got some grass. We took a good deal down to the lake and on it is the first he has ever been there. On our way home I found a garden & wife strawberries. He got down & with his little chubby fingers picked it and put it in his mouth. It is the first strawberry he has ever picked. At any other day he should had these times he can know the exact date of his first visit to the beautiful stone of Provost Lake, and also that of his first experience in picking Straw berries - a fact which is delightful to his "Papa". C. M. David brought me a pair of trousers which father has brought. D. planting was here today. I am home and with a load. I got a letter from old man Mr. Herbert. I had some potatoes today.

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1880  
Wind N. Fine. It is a very warm morning. I saw M. & G. they are well. F. sawing. We are not very well. He did not reach tonight. I have been sick all day. F. W. & I went up to the school after school to hear Mrs. G. & Jim's class is here tonight and all hands are singing.

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1880  
P. E. Cloudy & cold. F. took the way over to the Ulster farm. Dan & Mother went to the Carding mill. Let making burnt land fence. I am not well. I have done nothing but have a few potatoes and write a letter to Mr. Herbert.

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**Monday June 21st**  
 N. North. Clear & bright and cool. A fast night has passed since we have had any rain. The grass is suffering for want of some corns to eat. The hay crop will be thin. I am now busy making board fence in front of his house. P.M. H. fixing fence. At 10:00 AM. I hung a gate. I have been looking for narrow cutlives. I found two to the P.M. H. H. H. H. I finished my burnt land fence. I am looking for narrow cutlives. I got strawberries enough for 4 barrels in a trough.

**Monday June 21st**  
 N. S. W. Foggy this morning. Clouded up, and a hot hill about sunset when a thunder storm came up. It is now raining beautifully. A. Sawney (P.M.) He finished harvesting the burnt land. I did not get quite done hacking at noon. (P.M.) He took a load of logs up to Fogney's Quilt and brought home a load of deals. I helped him load his logs. I made two rows to plant tomatoes in. and tonight I finished hacking the burnt land, and planted three rows of cabbages. I am went out to C. Lee's again today to work. Will C. Lee was out with him to bring the horse back. Henry Lewis was here today and he stayed for our old cow. Little Leslie is quite unwell today but I am in hope that he will soon be well again. I should be well now. He has "Traw-beddie" (straw bedding) for every meal. I pick them for him and if my horse likes he makes some clear pick from his "papa" as he calls him.

**Wednesday June 16th**  
 N. N. E. Clear and lovely.  
 P.M. I helped Dan make a board fence in front of his house. He put a latch on his gate.  
 P.M. H. H. H. working in the B. S. Shop at harrow-tuck. Annie took Dan down to the river to work on one of Campbell's old vessels.  
 Father and Mother are well & comfortable.

**Tuesday June 22nd**  
 N. S. W. Shifted to North. A severe storm cleared off. A little rain came through the night. The horse went to the mill today. He edged up loads of boards. He has been peddling around.

**Thursday June 17th**  
 N. S. W. Fine. H. H. H. making harrow iron. Fixing up the harrow. We got it done tonight. A fine afternoon. He had each hauled up a load of Swamp mud. I put my load in the pig yard. Annie & Roy were up to Sarah's rising with Harold & Leslie. It is the first time Leslie has been anywhere excepting to Chatham.

**Wednesday June 23rd**  
 N. N. E. Cloudy cold & misty all day. I to the mill sawing. I started to go out with a load of cord-wood for him self, but on the road he got his cart broke down so he returned to the Chatham went out with the carriage. Annie Willoughby & Mrs. C. Lee were here tonight.

**Friday June 18th 1880**  
 N. N. Fine. There is good appearance that there will be rain soon, and it is needed badly. Today I did some work in the burnt land, putting in buckwheat, oats and turnips. My harrow, left harrowing, and I hacking.

**Thursday June 24th**  
 N. N. Fine. I to the mill with buckwheat & turnips in Dan's cart and had it harrowed. I got down a little before night, and came home. Then I looked the oven and hauled home sticks, a tongue and a set of bars for the saw. I went down in Mill's field and each picked a bowl of berries.

**Saturday June 19th 1880**  
 N. S. W. Cloudless. A. Sawney. He is parrowing and hacking B. Lee. He thought to have finished tonight but did not. Tonight he and I went to the Lake and had a wash. Annie & I sat until but tonight to sleep on.

**Friday June 25th**  
 N. S. Fine and warm-looking. A. Lee came. He has been making a wheel tongue. He has been harr D's burnt land. I hauled out two of deals from the mill (1000 ft) a load of boards home for the shop.

**Sunday June 20th 1880**  
 N. S. Fine. The wind blowing considerably. Nothing of real concern. I have been reading in the paper all day (most). This afternoon I took a walk down to the burnt land.

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Wednesday June 30th

P. M. Till afternoon then started for  
 from early morning till the  
 middle of the afternoon there were  
 heavy showers of rain with thunder  
 and was going out today with  
 two loads, but the storm prevented  
 this farrow was not ready to go  
 but had when the storm began to  
 hold to put on the work bench.

P. M. I went down to the barn and  
 piled up some lumber and then brought  
 the oxen home from the little field.  
 They cut Bill Co's & Dave's hair and  
 moked a cup of straw berries. It  
 has been working at his tongue  
 axel. Dan came home tonight  
 with a postal card from Dr. Richard  
 Little Hal is sick tonight. It  
 seems to have a high fever, but  
 we are in hope he will make  
 a recovery.

P. M. Time grows, I should  
 have come up this afternoon &  
 again came up this afternoon &  
 from a few minutes the rain came  
 down heavily but soon passed  
 away and the weather cleared off  
 beautifully. Dan & I finished  
 the potatoes. Dan & I finished  
 ploughing out the potatoes this afternoon  
 and harrowed them. Dan & I went  
 with today from ploughing out  
 all finished harrow potatoes today  
 and hauled down some lumber  
 from Hogan's mill.

Thursday June 27th 1880

Kind & H. A small glorious day  
 all day home. Elud White was  
 here to dinner. This afternoon  
 Mr. Chatte & Annie Milloughly  
 drove out to church - the parson  
 or not there. Read a sermon  
 but today and wrote a Psalm.  
 I had spent the day in a  
 manner that I was ashamed of tonight.  
 Little Harold is better today.

Friday June 28th

P. M. Fine and very fine warm  
 at 8 went to Weymouth today with  
 a load of Deals for the oxen & Dan's  
 gear. Dr. took out 1683 ft. I got a  
 barrel of flour. Alf is having his potato  
 crop finished going up to the cart  
 P. M. He went to the mill. Dan has  
 been harrowing his burnt land.

Saturday June 29th

P. M. Foggy this morning but  
 cleared off beautiful - very warm.  
 We began harrow today. A. D.  
 was up out a few days this  
 morning, this A. D. had till now  
 and D. went down & finished  
 harrowing his burnt land. P. M.  
 Ed. helped plough out a few more  
 and has been having hising up  
 and wood cart body. Dan has  
 been harrow. Alf is working at his  
 potatoes. He helped him plough  
 them out this morning. I am  
 great joy will tonight.

Thursday July 1st

P. M. Beautiful and fine.  
 Picnic Day! P. M. Alf & I stopped  
 our burnt land piece. I went down  
 and finished Dan's burnt land piece.  
 Now went out to Weymouth, this  
 morning and took Dan and  
 to the station on his way to W. M.  
 towards noon Ed. King and Ed.  
 came through the afternoon a few  
 more came and I suppose they  
 a good time. I have been sick  
 all day but have not enjoyed  
 myself much. Ed & Alf stayed all  
 night. Mrs. M. & Mrs. Fayer arrived today.

Friday July 2nd 1880

P. M. Blandly - Showy tonight. Ed  
 has been trying today. Ed helped  
 us this afternoon. A load of Deals.  
 Alf went out with a load of Deals.

Saturday July 3rd

P. M. Cloudy all day. P. M.  
 Alf and I finished harrow. P. M.  
 I prepared a place and planted  
 some cabbage. Ed harnessed his  
 horse and took Alf to Mr. White's  
 to get some plants. Alf has been  
 working some in the b. S. Shop.

Sunday July 4th

P. M. Fine all day.  
 All hands home. Ethel and Fister  
 went home this afternoon.  
 Little Harold is quite sick today  
 Mr. Chatte & Annie Milloughly went  
 down to the barn this afternoon - came  
 home some time in the night.

Monday July 5th

P. M. Fine. Alf, who is road-master  
 this season began the road work  
 today. He on the road. I had the  
 beans today. Isiah W. come out  
 with D's horse for Dan.  
 Harold is better today.  
 We looked for Dan's home tonight  
 and he did not come.

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 Monday July 6th 1880 Sunday July 11th 1880

N. S. Cloudy till about noon, then began to rain and continued moderately all night. A.M. left for on the road. Saw my Sawing all day. P.M. I fired Cross's Skiff, and began to make one another Spaw. Bought Alf + 3 and out to Mr White for cabbage plants. We found J. though he had one for the same amount - he came in with no Little Harold's well as ever, any further than his appetite, which has not returned. At present I am not able to work - but I keep it up around.

N. Y. Beautiful fine. For me went out to hear Willoughby. He came in with him. He had Sunday School here tonight. So I came today that I can scarcely grope. I have read a couple of Surgeon's Sermons.

Tuesday July 7th  
 N. S. but shifted to N. Y. Rained a little this morning. The foggy till tonight when it cleared off beautifully. I finished my Sides and brought some to the mill and got a load of Dealy. P.M. Sawing. P.M. left starting on the road.

Monday July 12th  
 N. S. Fine. For all are mowing today. I finished & raked my Little field & mowed some in the orchard. I have done mowing today, but will do little for the rest of the week. Little Dashi is as well as day today, but this morning it is worse again and I took some more powder. I was so happy that the little fellow was getting most well, but I see I am no longer that he is not dangerous. Old David + wife went back to

Wednesday July 8th  
 N. Y. Fine and very warm. I went to Weymouth with the mare. I took out between 4 to 5 hundred ft. I started early so as to get Dan's trunk on board the train. I got five gallons of molasses also a pair of Pennell boots for Pansy the price of which was \$1.40. I got a letter for Pansy from her mother. All finished on the road today. P.M. I fixed Dan's fence. This finished the day in Sawing. I am in a very low state of health.

Tuesday July 13th 1880  
 N. S. Cloudy - began raining about noon - continued till ten or twelve o'clock. A.M. I went to the mill & mowed some more belonging to Jos Parke. Alf + 3 got into a load of hay from my little orchard. P.M. I mowed in the orchard. Alf making a foot handle, I spent the day on that in laying floor in the Shop. Little Dashi is getting quite smart again. My horse Dede is very bad yet. I fear I am going to lose a long eye yet.

Friday July 9th 1880  
 N. S. Fine nice tomorrow. It clouded up & looked like rain. Sawing. I went out with a load of wood for myself. I have been around home. I have cut a stick for a dyke up. I laid some floor up the West Shop etc. Little Dashi is sick today, though we hope get better. I said went out for Dan with the mare.

Wednesday July 14th 1880  
 N. Y. E. Fine - windy & cool. In the morning I mowed in the orchard. This afternoon I turned over some hay blowing in the little orchard, and helped Little raked some. Ben Standen brought a cow today that he bought from him. The price is twenty dollars. My lameness is a little better, but am in a very poor condition. I mailed a letter today to Mr. Parke. Isaac went out today with the mare.

Saturday July 10th 1880  
 N. Y. Foggy this morning, but soon cleared off beautifully. Sawing. Alf began mowing in my field. He mowed about half the field. I feel this morning for a pile of cordwood in the stable & nearly killed my self. I am so lame I can scarcely move. Old David + wife came in today. I got a letter tonight from Mr. Parke. Delighted to hear from him. I got some medicine tonight for Dashi.

Thursday July 15th 1880  
 N. S. Beautiful fine. A.M. I went out to David Parke raising & raising a barn. I worked in the afternoon opening & spreading. I hauled some water this morning and a load of wood. P.M. I finished raking with the little orchard and raked some in the orchard. Alf has been sick all day. Isaac went out with Dan's mare. I am not sick today, pretty near dead.

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**P. S. W.** Looked very much like rain. This morning bright and early we went hauling in hay. Got one load out of the field and a load from the orchard. I moved the rest of the hay finishing the orchard. This afternoon busy, the girls & I went over to Uncle George's churning the ground plenty, had a good time. It is the first time either of our babies will so frolic.

## Sat. July 17th 1880.

**P. S. W.** Rained some in the night severe thunder storm came by about the middle of the day lasting a couple of hours. No signs of rain this afternoon. Effie & Cathie went out with me as far as the home with me & came back again today. It has been snowing some days. Mr. Clothier & Annie's girl came down to see tonight. I saw by the "Courier" that Dr. Wright of Digby is dead.

## Sunday July 18th 1880

**P. S. W.** Clear & fine. I went out with Mr. White this morning - walked father went out tonight. Annie's Post to come, and our babies were home all day. I slept all the afternoon and this afternoon I have spent in reading Runyan. Mr. Come down tonight. Charles Campbell & Betsy Rice were married one day last week.

## Monday July 19th 1880

**P. S. W.** Variable - fine. A.M. I moved in the Crine field. P.M. We finished taking in the orchard & hauled it in - took a load. Henry Comwell gave me a call this afternoon & said we had for Dan with his mare. Very warm today.

## Tuesday July 20th 1880

**P. S. W.** Variable. Fine & quite warm. A.M. F. C. & S. began snowing on the hill. We moved cattle & then went down and hauled a load in the Co. field. P.M. We finished taking the Co. field & hauled it in - had not over five or six hundred. So poor we do not think to move it again. Uncle Alfred & Aunt Elouise came this forenoon. We were delighted to see them. I am very poorly.

## Wednesday July 21st

**P. S. W.** Foggy till noon with a few light showers. Then cleared away. It has been an extremely hot day. Uncle Alf went home this afternoon. Still Miller was here a little while. A.M. I had some sticks for a sick gate. - I finished it. P.M. I am in a very bad state of health. Shear was here today in Dan's burnt land.

## Thursday July 22nd

**P. S. W.** Foggy - or rather cloudy all day & excessively sultry. P.M. F. C. & S. agitated down on the hill. P.M. I am spending his beds. Not doing nothing & guess. I played some floor in the Park. Frank spent out with Dan & Mrs. Wood.

## Friday July 23rd 1880

**P. S. W.** Rained some in the night and showers till noon - foggy till night. A.M. I. Asleep. Not doing nothing. I finished laying the sheep floor. P.M. For a morning in the rough field to the road. I raked the most there. Sent helped one. Mother & Henry finished spinning. I had 2 cherries for my dinner - the first.

## Saturday July 24th 1880

**P. S. W.** Rained till noon - foggy till night - then cleared away. A.M. I slept. I did nothing. P.M. I. doing nothing. I went to the mill & brought home a load of deal ends for fire wood & I put down the Runyan.

## Sunday July 25th 1880

**P. S. W.** Fine and pleasant. P.M. I. went up to see Mr. Deylan who has been in the place a few days. We have spent the day in reading & c. We had new potatoes today for the first of the season.

## Monday July 26th 1880

**P. S. W.** Cloudy till noon then there came a shower of rain after which it cleared away beautifully. I said hay weather! This morning I began to build a work bench after which I raked up some hay in the rough field. I got a load of lumber from Drayton's mill. P.M. I started an axle on my bench & I had then raked some hay down on the hill. It hauled some lumber from our mill. Mr. Deylan made us a call this afternoon. Isiah went out with the mare today.

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Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. Foggy all day. Snowing in the rough field. At 7<sup>th</sup> went out with each a load for freight. I took 1411 ft of space 80 ft of which was refuse. 7<sup>th</sup> ft refuse was among boards Bin removed which he had removed - 70 ft even of Bin boards. The load was for Mother, Sept. a pocket knife for Mother. There was a great Vermont picnic to Monumental day. I brought home a letter from Dan. Deep out coming home get within the the past week there have been two Weddings - Jim Barr & Geo. Nowlan. Mother spent the day at 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Wed July 28<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Foggy till noon, but cleared up. He snowed some in the rough ground this morning. Had a road hay all evening. P. M. He raked up a lot and got in two loads off of the pile.

Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Beautiful. Fine. Snowy banks of clouds lying around tonight. I had some appearance of rain. P. M. He snowed down on the hill. This morning at 7<sup>th</sup> accompanied by one of our four footed barn yard hands, which seemed to be somewhat excited, repaired to the pasture lot of our neighbors to. Fragrant or here we found one of the occupants delighted to see us. P. M. He raked what we snowed down on the hill, & some to the rough field. He then hauled it all in two loads. Effie McAlisms went home on a visit.

Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. N. Snowing till noon then cleared up. At any time clouds lying around. U. M. He mended Mother's shoe. P. M. He snowed down in the rough field.

Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 1880

N. N. Fine. O. M. He finished snowing the rough field. P. M. He raked it up.

Sunday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1880

N. S. H. Beautiful. At 7<sup>th</sup> went down the river this morning. After chatting Mother went with me to a party of Kate Occened. This evening at 7<sup>th</sup> I went up to hear Mr. Ford. Seat Pechemah 1876. I built me the great gate the wall was formed by a small log and into the half third for the people but a must

Monday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880

N. S. N. Fine - blowing heavily this afternoon & night. Geo. Saban helped us in our hay today. He snowed down all the rough field on the side of the road and got part of it raked. Took some like I got tonight. Harold fell out of the shop window today but luckily did not get hurt much.

Tuesday July Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1880

N. S. Cloudy till noon - Began raining. Continued drizzling till night. I planned in my head to hay one from the rough field (the part) who from this field to the 7<sup>th</sup> of the house - being all from there. While I was loading the hay in the rough field this morning I was taken sick at the stomach - so much so that I was obliged to come home and go to bed - when I remained for the part of the day tonight. I began gathering out some stuff for J. Bench & Agure. A raked most all the field by the house.

Wednesday Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. Drizzling Rain all day. At 7<sup>th</sup> I went out to Mrs. Randall's and brought Mother home. I snowed a little. I have been very poorly, but I planned out some more charcoal stuff. P. M. At 7<sup>th</sup> I tinkered around. I went to the mill and got a load to go out with tomorrow. I sank with me with Dan's Mary.

Dan came home tonight from St. John. He was all glad to see him. He paid me \$13.00 tonight. He brought Deat & Harold each a rubber ball. It's ball cost 9 cts.

Thursday Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Rained heavily during the night & continued drizzling till this afternoon then cleared away. A. M. He raked up the stairs of All Religions. At picking up here I saw Lot Hill Casman. I have been swarting at my work bench all day. P. M. Dan went to the mill & got a load of lumber. It's a small blue birch - they get a few.

Friday Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Fine. At 7<sup>th</sup> I went up to Monument with a load of boards to send as follows No 735 5288 1826 - 1047. I got a lot of lumber from Agure this evening - a shirt front - a little soap for soap. Jackson accompanied me.

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Saturday Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Beautiful & cloudy.  
 3 P. A. V. I mowed Bluffs over  
 field, raked it & hauled it in.  
 Mr. Miles hauled a load out of the  
 first of being the last and a load out  
 of the hill first. Mrs King & Ed came this  
 forenoon. Ed helped us haul in hay.  
 Leick went today for Dan.  
 I see in today's paper that Leman  
 Peters is married to a Miss Powell.

Sunday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. Fine. I went out to  
 hear Milongly. Dan & Ed went up  
 to hear Mr. Stewart. Milongly &  
 J. H. were here to tea.  
 Milongly preached tonight from  
 Malachi 1-6 "My Cup is full of wrath."  
 Another & Mrs King went up to "Comm  
 munion" this afternoon. Ed came  
 home this afternoon.

Monday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. Partly fine. Dan & Leick  
 went out with a load. Ed  
 went off this morning with the horse  
 cart - on Calcutta on a horse race.  
 This forenoon I got up the sheep &  
 butchered one. P.M. I went to the  
 mill & mowed part of the meadow  
 below the mill. Mrs King, Ross & Leick  
 came up to B. Wagner's this afternoon  
 visiting.

Tuesday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. P. W. Foggy till towards  
 night when it partly cleared up.  
 I went to the mill & mowed field  
 finished mowing it. Ed & I began  
 mowing the Spring field. It came  
 towards night & mowed a little & raked  
 some. Dan has been all day  
 cutting & getting home a Shingle log.  
 Another & Mrs King have been visiting  
 at Mrs Wagner's.

Wednesday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Rained some in the night.  
 Foggy till noon, then cleared up. Dark  
 tonight like fine weather. A.M.  
 I mowed in the Spring field, occurred today. Ed & I went down  
 to the shore for a walk, visiting  
 the Money Hole. Tonight Ross &  
 I went up to hear Mr. Parker.  
 He had a car. 16722. If any man love  
 not the Lord Jesus Christ let him  
 be Guathama Maranatha.  
 The sermon was a very good  
 one, and subject such as should  
 arouse to serious meditation the  
 most thoughtless.

Thursday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Fine. Heavy thunder clouds  
 all around the S. D. C. I went to the  
 mill & mowed this morning to work  
 at the hay. Ed & I began mowing in  
 the S. field. P.M. Dan & I also mowed  
 a lot of hay in the S. field. P.M. Ed  
 Dan & the little boys - Ed & Hal - went  
 to the mill with the wagon for the hay - they  
 got about 7/8 of a ton. I raked alone in the  
 S. field. I raked 25 bunches, but not  
 much more than usual my job.  
 Lydia was here visiting today.

Friday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. W. Beautiful fine. A.M.  
 all hands mowing bushes in the Bluffs  
 field. P.M. I raked the hay out of  
 the S. field - 3 loads. Dan raked a  
 little in the S. field. Some change was  
 here to tea tonight. Leick was out for  
 Dan today. Ed brought in 20 rats &  
 20 mice. Another & Mrs King were out to  
 visit B. Wagner's.  
 Our babies (in fact all hands) have had  
 2nd golds, but are getting better.

Saturday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. S. Fine this morning - but clouded  
 up and rained most of the afternoon.  
 Dan went to Weymouth with his own & to  
 load of wood. He went out to see about  
 his things from St. Mary. I did  
 one washing down in the hay today.  
 At 10 A.M. Ross & I sent our babies and Mrs  
 King started for Weymouth. After a seven  
 hour stage with Dan's log, they were  
 around at Mrs King's at 1 P.M. I did  
 not get out through. Mr. Morton passed  
 up at Plymouth with his carriage and  
 Ross who has babies got on board  
 of his team and went on but the  
 rain and drove one hour in our  
 mud all wet. Our babies are about well now  
 but they cough some still. I found  
 them all wet. I sent Mr. King & Ross  
 this morning. Ed went home today  
 for good. The margins of Fine-  
 Governor Journal of Canada - passed  
 through these Counties this week.

Sunday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. Fine. Nothing of note  
 occurred today. Ed & I went down  
 to the shore for a walk, visiting  
 the Money Hole. Tonight Ross &  
 I went up to hear Mr. Parker.  
 He had a car. 16722. If any man love  
 not the Lord Jesus Christ let him  
 be Guathama Maranatha.  
 The sermon was a very good  
 one, and subject such as should  
 arouse to serious meditation the  
 most thoughtless.



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Monday Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Very pretty. A fine & beautiful wind. This morning, Rosey & her babies together with Mr. Strong & his wife went to "Cama Saviors" & spent the day. At 7 o'clock went out and had a sail. P.M. 6th. Johnny Dumbly & I went over under the "Red Head" to see what fish he caught a few. I got about a half dozen. I was quite sea-sick. Tonight after tea Rosey & I went up to "Humble John's" & stayed white. S.D. & C. finished saying to day.

Tuesday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. 8 P. 10. A.M. 6th. Johnny Dumbly & I went over to fish. Rosey. We did not get any. After dinner the Starlet for home. Carmelia King came with us. We stopped at Mr. Randall's a little while to get some. There was another boy and Yarmouth like me at Weymouth today. I got some sugar & a pie. Dan helped Mr. S. in his hay today. He has been very sick while up, have been gone. We got home about 5 o'clock.

Wednesday Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. H. Fine. My tub bath went out last night & came in this morning, bringing Annie Millroy who began her school again this morning. Dan chopped down to the corner to a sap. A.M. I hauled some water there. P.M. I hauled a few drags of wood. P.M. I helped lift plow a load to haul card wood on. After which I & I helped some hemlocks down here & there and got wood. This evening Carmelia & I went up to the "Sand Bed" and brought the boat up to our landing.

Thursday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. 9. Fine. He began working on the road here on the Swamp. S.D. & C. F. is quite unwell.

Friday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. 8. Began raining in the night and continued all day by times. Dan has got a canoe back. He began making shingles to day. I helped him this afternoon. All made our own handle. I have been working at my work-bench drawers - putting ~~drawers~~ rollers in.

Saturday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 1880.

P. 8. P. Foggy till noon - then began raining & continued till night. Mother is half sick. Dan has got a large load. I have been working on the S.D. all day. I have been making shingles for Dan. Dan doing nothing. He heard today that Albert Probert had just died.

Sunday Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880.

W. H. P. Foggy till about 9 o'clock then cleared off and the day has been beautiful. Mother was taken sick in the night & has been very sick all day. Father is getting better. Dan is too. A.M. Carmelia & I went up to hear Mr. S. in church from 10 o'clock to 11. P.M. Carmelia & I went up to Communion. Mr. Probert came with us to tea. I went down to the corner with him tonight.

Monday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

W. H. P. Beautiful fine weather. F. L. D. working on the road. A.M. I hauled gravel on the Swamp. P.M. I hauled a little cross-wood by Corns's. Mother is better today. She set up this afternoon.

Tuesday Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. H. Beautiful Day. A.M. F. L. D. Mill Cozmon & I hauled up D's Shingle log. Then Alf & I went to the Cape and had a log. After which I & I helped hemlock bark till noon. Mr. Dumbly was here to dinner. P.M. I & I finished putting bark. I rounded my shole. Dan has been cutting cord wood &c. Dan went to the quiet and got a load of boards. Tonight he is fixing up a cord wood "body". Mother is still getting better.

Wednesday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. H. Rained a little in the night and this morning, then cleared away beautifully. Making shingles for Dan. Dan chopping on his piece Alf finished his log and I think started up some wood. Mill Cozmon & I started at 9 o'clock for our Meadow. We crossed at the foot of the Dumbly's "lake" went up back of the lake between it & the Sand Lake & thence to Long's "make" which we crossed on a raft and about 2 o'clock we got on our camping ground - a pretty little beach brought on the Lake shore. We made us a little brush camp made us a blazing fire and were soon as comfortable and happy as possible. I will never forget that night. It seemed the prettiest little spot in the world. The setting sun made a silver path across the dipping lake - the moon rose up and the eastern forest looked down from a cloudless sky. A million stars peeped down through the leafy canopy of trees from some lofty peak on our side. The moon heart gave light to the stars.

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Thursday Aug 26th 1880.

N. N. Stormy day. Will go out in a very comfortable night. This morning we did not like to leave our cozy little home; but duty urged, so having eaten a hearty breakfast we started for our meadow which we followed up to the head and from there to the west of the above. After crossing the creek we came back to our little camp where we are at a "bite" embarked again for the west. After crossing the lake we struck through to the "big bog" from thence to Oak Lake & soon home. We got home about 5:30 P.M. Mother is getting much better again. She has been making soups for Dan & Dan's sheep. Laid out straw in front of the sheep today this at 10:30 tonight.

Friday Aug 27th 1880

N. N. Stormy - Fine. Dan chopping. He went out with a load of wood for himself. W.M. & I went around generally. P.M. We hived a stick of honey timber down here in the woods. Bought Carrot seed & planted over to our farm land. got some cucumbers & some green corn on our route

Saturday Aug 28th 1880

N. S. W. Fine. I cleaned out the cellar & shored up for Dan. I started for N. N. on the road out by Cereno's. Dan was out with his horse and a load of wood. Douglas Campbell was married after 1 day ago. Also - Widow Alice Grant David Grant wife. Came in to Alf's today

Sunday Aug 29th 1880.

N. N. Cloudy all day. It is getting to look like fall now. Not much home today. Harold is sick of a cold.

Monday Aug 30th 1880.

N. N. Fine and glorious. I having son timber, Dan & Alf went to Cereno on a horse trailer. Little Hal is quite sick but as it seems to be but a cold, we hope he will soon be well again.

Tuesday Aug 31st 1880

N. N. Fine again. Got having son timber. He finished. We have got our two cows. Dan & Alf sent out each with a load for him. Dan traded over with Ambrose Melanson for a horse. P.M. Mother and Carrolia cut a lot of straw by some men. Joe Peters field for making hay. Harold is a little better today. We sent and got a bottle of Cough Balsam for him.

Wednesday, Aug 31st

N. S. W. Fine very warm. Got dug potatoes today. He said to the N. N. garden by Ed Place for Malasses. We went to send eight barrels, but we did not get all dug. I think our potato crop is going to be "fair." No plow done in the orchard today. Yesterday afternoon Dan went to Clear Lake & traded one of our best A. Mulong for four horses, then we took his Oxen & traded with Will Leegman for his McDonald Oxen. We got them this morning. They are large and appear to be splendid oxen. Dan has been chopping today. Bought Carrolia and I shelled out the heads of Messers wheat straw. She got 1/2 bushel. Little Harold is getting better.

Thursday Sept 1st 1880

N. S. W. Fine. P.M. Alf and I finished ploughing the piece in the orchard which they began yesterday. He finished digging our potatoes. We have dug about 30 bushels. P.M. Alf has been busy to burn his brush. Dan went out today with his new horse. "Tom Cottle" got his dinner here today & is at Alf's tonight. I finished a little craddle today for fish. Harold is most well again.

Friday Sept 2nd 1880

N. S. W. Cloudy this morning & looking down like rain, but cleared off. I went out to Myer's & down to Edithborough with Alf's horse. P.M. I went to the mill with Dan and his new horse to look at some pine plank. P.M. D. chopping. I hauled up six loads of mud out of the pasture. Mother's pig laid up with a boil on her neck.

Saturday Sept 4th 1880

N. S. W. Fine very warm. I having Joe Peter's wheat. He started early this morning for the Bloomfield for a horse trade. He got out with him. Dan went out with his new horse and a load. I hauled Swamp mud all day. There is a terrible excitement now occasioned by an atrocious murder case. Joe "Nick" Selbo this day, has murdered a pauper - Poppy Parley in the woods near Clear Lake, but attempted to burn the remains, but was scared away from by work and son, have been arrested. Stacey got a new paper tonight "Herald Cabinet"

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Sunday Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. S. W. Fine and extremely warm - undoubtedly the warmest day of the season.

It has been a somewhat remarkable day in my own family history, as Dr. Fullerton has entered upon the responsibility of a parent. The past night has been filled with music and great faced malady and agonizing expressions have showed themselves all through the long hours of darkness and about nine o'clock this morning a little baby girl was snuffed into this bad world.

It went and this morning to her. Willingly - He did not want have any vomiting here tonight. He got home this afternoon with a green horse. Mother is no better.

Monday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. S. W. Fine warm. A. M. I helped get dig potatoes. He dug some down on the hill, and I hauled them home. Dan has finished chopping his piece today. He has got a bad cold, and he has not got over his cold yet.

Tuesday. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. W. Quite fine. Dan chopping all day. A. M. I worked in the shop, getting up my workbench etc. The ditch had been copying Fullerton's acre - piece I think 87.50. Dan down all the forenoon. P. M. I was hauling with bucket and clearing away a place to get Swamp-muck at the end of the dump. He is hauling up potatoes etc. He is in a very bad state of health. He does not get help. I try to get out get over it. Mother's boy is getting better. Susie's cold is about the same. Ed Job Musher and Clara Neil Pine have been married lately.

Wednesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. W. Quite fine and warm till towards night when it clouded up and sprinkled some. P. M. fixing the dump Cart wheel. Dan went out with a load of wood. He and each went out with a load of potatoes to put on board the Cart for the Great Indian. I took eight barrels which are to go on freight and for which we expect Molasses. He took nine barrels which he sold to Rice.

Thursday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>

P. S. W. Blowing quite heavily with some rain through the forenoon. Cloudy & dark all the afternoon.

J. Making Shingles for Day. Dan went in the woods and hauled some another Shingle-log. I made up of a pair of chairs. It is his birth-day. I got you from a letter Capt. & a book as birth-day presents, and Mother gave him a picture Card. He and Susie have very bad coughs.

Susie has named her little girl Mary Alice - a very pretty and substantial name though somewhat antiquated.

Friday. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. W. Cloudy, windy with some light showers. P. M. Dan went to the mill and got a load of hemlock boards for his house. He took a stick for a sled, tongue to the mill for it. It is a companioned horse, I said it out and brought. I mended McCoy's slipper. Got cutting Cart-wood.

P. M. Dan has been discussing about the road with Henry Green and one Britten who are on a horse trading excursion. I started our box timber out of the woods and loaded two on the Cart for market.

Saturday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. W. Rained some through the night and a little this morning. It was windy and cold till about noon when it cleared off beautifully. I went out today with two sleds of box timber to Campbell's they made 125 ft - over a box. I got a lot of Home Cut to John on D. Fullerton's acre - piece I think 87.50. Dan went out today with a load of wood. I fixed the Cart wheel. This afternoon the weather warm. Willoughby went to the woods. I got a letter from Mrs. Skinner. It is getting better. Mother is having a bad time with a boil on her neck.

Sunday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. S. W. It has been a glorious day. All of us home - Nothing of note occurred. He came home tonight. Joe Parker is here this evening.

Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1880.

P. S. W. Fine. A. M. F. C. I helped Dan put up his cart. P. M. He went out with a load. He was hauling and bucket to dig mud. Dan hauled a sled for an axel and cut his leg. I sent a letter to Mrs. W. Denton for Father.

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## Tuesday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

P. E. Cloudy and looking like rain. P.M. I made a "good stick". I went down to the front land to look up the back what. I find it most fit to cut. I then began picking up wood fast apple. Dan working at his Comb. P. Splitting shingles. H. Cutting wood. P.M. I gathered the Daddy Apples. I then went at work at the old whels again. At Starting up Cord-wood. Dan went to market to see Skill Muller. I finished picking up apples. I then put a couple of windows in the Shop.

## Wednesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. E. Began Raining in the night. Clouds had through the day. Dan has been working at his Comb. P.M. H. helped H. fix and the long wheel. P.M. He has been making shingles. I got out a job of Duff today for Dan's Sashes.

## Thursday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. N. N. Rained some in the night - all day clearing off. Dan working at his Sashes. F. A. H. began reaping over crazy buck wheat. It is pretty fair.

## Friday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. Heavily Stormy Day. This morning my boy got the sheep up and killed one this morning. I dropped the croony. P.M. H. A. H. reaping. Dan working at his Cart.

## Saturday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. P. P. Fine. H. finished reaping the crazy buck wheat, mowed part of the oats and butchered a sheep that got shingled most to death - being worked with a saw. Dan at his digging some dirt out of his Cellar. I went to Whymont with a load of long timber - 29 feet. Old started to go out with a load of H-bark but by Com's, out his harness broke and I came home. I got five gallons of Molasses on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. I would \$3.00 placed to the credit of the School. Seabine & others to be. The Kony weighed all the babies today and the following is the result:

Harold 30-47 Fisher 15-22 John 9-97 William Young did one day this week. (I finished reaping)

## Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

P. P. Fine. Mr. Whattie & Wm. M. Visiting at P.M. P.M. Cornelia Harold sent up to Social Meeting. Before Service concluded Harold let up to go home so we came away with him. It is the first time he has ever been to meeting outside of our house.

## Monday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. P. Cloudy all day - Some little drizzle of rain. My boy went out with a load of bark to Jones. He went down to Jasper's and got a lot of suring. Dan tinkering around. He is not very well. He began repairing on his house. P.M. F. A. H. finished mowing the oats and found a place to thresh on. He threshed awhile before dark. P.M. We went down to thresh but a shower of rain coming on we were obliged to suspend operations. We came home. I started all night planing out Duff shuff for Dan. That his old wheels of

## Tuesday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

P. E. Foggy - misty all day. My starting Cord-wood. Dan riding about on his horses all day. He making shingles for Dan. I have planing out Duff shuff for Dan.

P. P. P. Quite fine. Dan rigged up his horses in a span and went out with a load of wood. P.M. H. I hauled up a load of low timber chips for wood. This I hauled a load of poles to fix up the fence around the potatoes, after which J. G. & T. tied a pair of Cart wheel. P.M. H. A. H. finished threshing the curly buck wheat. Roy's team a with little Lash's spent the afternoon at Old Mrs. Wagners. I went down there tonight to see and help carry fish's bones. Ezra Barr came here tonight to work for us.

## Sept 23

P. P. Stormy weather. F. E. J. H. reaping buck wheat. Dan went out with a load of wood. Still Muller began working at D's house. Cornelia went to Peter's this afternoon.

## Sept 24

P. P. P. Finished reaping today. Raked up the oats and hauled them home - cut the beans and hauled them home. Cornelia has gone down to Mrs. H. to a party.

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Saturday Sept. 25 - 1880

P. S. N. Fine and warm. A.M. I finished the beams, top and I hauling up buckwheat. P.M. G. W. I hauled up all the buckwheat & stood it up by the barn - To trusting beans. Dan peddling around collecting Jan. got six bags up the truck & got, Chalk & Corn Hilling, with Ross, Jessie, Cornelia & I went out to Darky Camp, Ross and Jessie came back right. Garrison, Clark Moore and Clarinda Swift came in with us. We had a great spree.

Sunday Sept 26 - 1880

P. S. N. Fine & pleasant. G. W. went home this morning. Working of Kate occurred. Cornelia & I went down to the lake this afternoon.

Monday Sept 27 - 1880

P. S. N. Foggy all day looking like snow. I hauled up the Curly buckwheat & cleaned it up. We had 20% bushels. We also hauled up the straw. There were a party of girls here this afternoon with Whately who teased the company with "fish monkeyshines". We went out today with a load of cord wood. Dan began copying his buckwheat. I got a letter tonight from Mr. Kurbert.

Tuesday Sept 28

P. S. N. Showery. A.M. I met boys well did sitting. To making shingles. We fixing his cord wood today all day. P.M. Dan went up the Bay to look Cornelia home. He went with them to Raymond but did not return tonight. I hauled up two loads of chips for fire wood.

Wednesday, ~~Success~~ Sept 29

P. S. N. Foggy till noon - Cloud off beautifully. A.M. Dan hauled out a load of clear pine from the mill for his Carpenter. I shined the clove down in the orchard by Blinn. P.M. Dan copying buckwheat. I mowed some weeds and bushes along the road. We went out today with a load of clear. He stayed all night at Mr. Prime - came in this forenoon and this afternoon helped Dan copy buckwheat. We started four conference club again tonight.

Thursday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

P. S. N. Stormy weather. A.M. To a. Cab and found some stuff for a horse stable floor. I hauled some water - a load of wood - worked at D.D. Dashed some. P.M. F. R. S. hauled up the stable floor stuff. To a show went trusting buckwheat & I copied up and hauled home my bucket. Dan copying buckwheat.

Friday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1880

P. S. N. Beautiful. A.M. I hauled a load of water pitched off my back. Spread out a lot of straw to dry - find my dash plane etc. To a. I laid the horse stable floor. P.M. F. R. S. trusting buckwheat. Dan finished his buckwheat - finished his gate etc. Judeon came tonight and got the narrow machine.

Saturday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1880

P. S. N. Fine. Dan trusting buckwheat. F. R. S. finished tonight our buckwheat today. Hilling, came here today. I mailed a letter to Mr. Kurbert. I got a letter tonight from Hall Hill. Another got a letter from Mrs Smith (Bridget Island).

Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

P. S. N. Fine. F. R. S. I went out this morning to hear J. H. tonight. Ant. Cop. 10<sup>th</sup> street. "And that is the Christ." After making I went down to Mr. S. where I saw a good pile of night. P.M. went up to hear Mr. Salvo this evening.

Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. N. Foggy all day like rain. A.M. I hauled in a load of clover out of my little field. Spread out the buckwheat straw to dry. Carried in the Curly P.M. Straw. P.M. I hauled in the buckwheat straw - carried in the buckwheat we had out drying. and then went down and helped Dan get in his oats - four loads. Tom Barnes one of Dan's Cabul King of mowing was here to dinner. We went out with a load of wood. I mailed a letter to Mr. Kurbert.

Tuesday Oct 5 - 1880

P. S. N. Cloudy and Showery all day. Dan went to F. Town to work this morning. I met King with this all the forenoon. To making shingles for Dan. P.M. I hauled a load of buckwheat straw to the mill at Dan's Shingle. I at the Dashes. We went out today with a load of wood for D. Nichols.

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Tuesday Oct 5th 1880

P. S. Misty till noon - wind shifted and cleared away beautifully. 8.30. I made a pair of pants for the crew. A cloud came up in the P.M. & rained all day. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels.

P. S. The rain all day. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels. I made a pair of pants for the crew. I had 26 bushels of potatoes made in all 46 bushels.

Thursday Oct 7th 1880

Wednesday Oct 13th 1880

P. S. Fine but windy. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

P. S. Cloudy - windy & cold. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

Friday Oct 8th 1880

Thursday Oct 14th 1880

P. S. Fine. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

P. S. Clear, fine & cold. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

Saturday Oct 9th 1880

Friday Oct 15th 1880

P. S. Fine. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

P. S. Fine and warm. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

Sunday Oct 10th 1880

Saturday Oct 16th 1880

P. S. Beautiful. All hands home. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

P. S. Fine & warm. This morning I went to the bear traps. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

Monday Oct 11th 1880

Sunday Oct 17th 1880

P. S. Fine. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

P. S. Cloudy but mild. I went out with a load of wood. I commenced digging potatoes. I dug 15 bushels today.

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Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. N. W. Fine & beautiful. A.M.  
I was quite myself - having a bad  
cold. I spent the forenoon on the log.  
My wife went down by the mill with a  
load of buck wheat. Chattie went  
with her. Dan went to the mill &  
got a load of stuff for his horse.  
P.M. Dan & Chattie went out to  
the doctor with their baby. I hauled  
four loads of top dressing down to  
my little field. This evening I went  
with the mill and got a load of slabs  
to use when we are going to dig mud.  
I helped around.

Tuesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. N. W. Fine. I began digging  
and down under the hills from  
Mango has been helping him. I  
hauled out from loads of top dressing.  
My wife and Chattie got home tonight  
with their flour. Lewis Ayers from  
Edinburg had dinner here. We had  
a club tonight. A very pleasant meeting.  
Mrs. Belle Wagner and Phila. Debrau.

Wednesday, Oct. 20 1880

W. N. W. Fine. A hail-storm came  
up this morning, but did not last long.  
I had my dinner at the mill. Jim stopped  
here last evening. I got boots  
a load of shingles down for Dan. I  
let Dan have five bushels of shingles.  
I mended my boot and hauled  
out a load of top dressing. Eth went  
and Johnny Drunkly came here this  
afternoon. This evening I  
went across the lake to the hill-top.

Thursday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

W. N. W. Fine. I sawing  
cutty for Dan. My wife went to the mill  
with a load. P.M. Dan went to  
the mill and got a load of stuff. P.M.  
Dan hauled slabs for his cellar.  
Johnny Drunkly went home this morning.  
I hauled some water this forenoon  
and did some chores around. P.M.  
Eth, Seal, Rattie & I gathered apples.

Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1880

W. S. E. Cloudy & looking like  
a rain. I sawing last for Dan.  
Dan hauled slabs. Eth hunting  
partridges. I have been gathering  
apples all day. Yesterday & today  
I have gathered about 32 bushels  
of apples. We had a paring party  
tonight. - paid 2 cts. Old David  
Grant came in tonight.

Saturday, Oct. 23.

W. S. E. Tremendous rain -  
storm and gale last night.  
The Baldwin apple tree in the  
garden and the Daddy tree at  
the end of the house were split  
to the ground - I would not  
have had it done for two  
dollars. I am not well today  
and my hair is bad all day  
or all the forenoon. P.M. I  
have worked at D's Sashes. It  
has been splitting shingles. Dan  
is making a buck harness.  
Old David went out tonight.  
I took him out part way.

Sunday, Oct. 24 1880.

W. N. W. Dark and cloudy and  
occasionally a shower. P.M. I  
and Dan went out to see Wilson  
and I and I came in with sheep.  
Wilson preached here in the evening.  
Mrs. Debrau stayed here all night too.

Monday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1880

W. N. W. Cloudy, Dark & Cold with  
hail showers flying. I gathered  
gathered apples. My gathering  
P.M. Dan hauled slabs for his cellar.  
I got a little from Mrs. Ayers.

Tuesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. N. W. Cloudy till noon - clear  
afternoon. P.M. Eth, Seal & I finished  
gathering the apples. We have got  
about 75 bushels. P.M. I should  
out the stark hole. Eth & I took  
a cruise to the bear trap and around  
by the mill. Dan has been hauling  
a load of cord wood.  
We had club tonight.

Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. S. E. Began raining in the night  
and showing all day. I made a  
mould for a plow share. I worked  
at Dan's Sashes. Dan making  
harness. I sawing.  
This evening I am writing the  
ritual and constitution of  
our "Society".

Thursday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

W. N. W. Cloudy & mist all day.  
I finished the mould. Dan at his  
harness. I sawing at D's Sashes.  
Leslie came in alone now. It is  
real smart and well.

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Monday October 27th.

P.M. Fine and beautiful.  
 I fixed up my great ditch  
 by putting on the hammocks etc.  
 I also made or worked a little at  
 Dan's dishes. All ploughing. 2.30.  
 Mr. Chatter & Moffat at the school in  
 conversation. I went to the mill &  
 got out a load of boards to take to  
 Myron's workshop. Dan got two  
 loads of stuff from the mill for his house  
 and I took, digged some potatoes.  
 It was out looking with De here.  
 He took out a plough which seemed to go  
 to Yarmouth. He got a new grand low  
 Ethel went out with him on his way  
 home. I mailed a letter to Mr. Hubert

Saturday Oct. 30th 1880

P.M. Fine shifted to S.E. Time  
 till towards night when it clouded  
 up and looked like rain. I sawing  
 for Dan. Day went out with  
 afternoon with a load of wood.  
 I went down the shore in afternoon  
 taking with him Chauncey & Oliver &  
 I went to day with a load of  
 boards to Geo. Hoyt. I took 100 lbs.  
 481 Spruce 463 Pine 67 Spruce. I got  
 44 gals. Deacons 18 gal. Peas in Oct. I  
 got materials to make Masha a dress  
 amounting to about 14 dollars. I mailed  
 a letter to Hall & Co. some to Donagallo.  
 The say that Keller McAlpin & David  
 White house are married. Mr. Deane's coming  
 the same time

Sunday Oct 31st 1880

P.M. Rained heavily all day  
 nothing of note occurred. All hands  
 home. Getting dry etc.  
 Harris brought me a letter from Geo. Dule

Monday Nov. 1st 1880

P.M. Fine. I hauled a  
 load of wood and has been chopping  
 around all day. Dan digging his  
 potatoes. All got home at noon.  
 This afternoon he has been starting  
 up cord wood. P.M. I began  
 making a bundle bed-stuff.

P.M. I went to Plymouth for our  
 little Fannie McNeill who has  
 been at Mr. Deo Dumbars for a week  
 I went down to Mrs. Leathers but she  
 had no money for me. I left her  
 my bill which is as follows:

1877	get 31 to 23 1/2 lb. Peas @ 20	\$4.70
Dec 30	" 10 1/4 " " 500	2.05
	for	6.75
1880	Jan 14 by Cash	5.00
	Butcher of 1st	1.75

I got the little girl brought her home.  
 She is a bright little thing, I think promise  
 well.

Tuesday Nov 2nd

P.M. Fine P.M. In filing a saw  
 I finished the bundle bed-stuff. I  
 went to the mill and finished the  
 cliffs. I planned out some sack stuff  
 for Dan and put out a load of soft  
 dressing. Dan he getting around.  
 I went out with a load of wood.  
 I got & I went to Chas. tonight.  
 Peddler John came here tonight.

Wed. Nov 3rd - Thanks giving day.

P.M. Fine and beautiful.  
 Dan & I with our little Lishie went with  
 that open and Carl, and spent the day  
 at P. H. Sabean. Annie went by boat  
 as far as Aunt Sarah's where she spent  
 the day. I did nothing today but  
 made a kind stone lunch. Dan went  
 out with two loads of wood. I got  
 evening with him. My gunning.  
 Capt. D. C. Steele got some tonight

Thursday Nov. 4th

P.M. Fine and warm.  
 Dan hauled some slabs from the  
 mill etc. I went out with a load  
 of wood. I was repairing the mill.  
 We put in some new stone posts.  
 James Cosman went to day here.  
 John Journey of Plymouth has  
 died very lately. I had got in a  
 good sized pile half of the bark today

Friday Nov 5th

P.M. Blandly looking like rain  
 began to rain about four o'clock  
 and continued moderately till 9 o'clock.  
 I started up wood. Dan went  
 out with a load. I was repairing  
 the mill. He hauled a barrel of  
 Apples tonight for Corwin.

Saturday Nov. 6th

P.M. Partly clear till noon - Showy  
 and mist till night. Dan starting  
 cord wood. I went out with a  
 load of wood. I was repairing the mill.  
 P.M. We made a float and took  
 it up to the head of the Lake.  
 I finished repairing the Lodge window  
 at night. Lishie has got a cold.

Sunday Nov. 7th 1880

P.M. Rained heavily all night  
 and till towards night. - heaviest  
 rain we have had this fall.  
 I got no home today reading etc.  
 Lishie is all right again.



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Monday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

Saturday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. M. P. Fine, but windy and rain. Dan went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

P. M. P. Cloudy & windy. Dan went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

Tuesday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1880

Sunday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. M. P. Fine. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

P. M. P. Fine all day. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

Monday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. M. P. Fine. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

P. E. Cloudy - Began snowing about noon and continued till evening. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

Wednesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

P. M. P. Fine beautiful weather. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place. I went to the fair at Dan's place.

Thursday Nov 11

P. S. C. Cloudy all day. Dan went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

Tuesday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. Variable. The wind was quite fair this morning for rafting. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

P. M. F. & started at 9, raft logs. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

Wednesday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1880

Friday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. M. P. Fine - Scattering clouds & windy. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

P. S. P. Fine and warm. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

Thursday Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1880

P. S. E. Fine till noon - Rained till night. I went out with a load. I went out with a load. I went out with a load.

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Thursday, Nov. 19

W. N. W. Snow and cold  
I tending coal-pit and jigged up the new wind stone. Left Spring in his apt. I went down to Dan's house and brought up a load of sacks, I finished all day and finished all, but the two pick sacks Dan has been tending around. Bought Dan & I took all the sacks down and put them in. Henry Duban came up here tonight. Little Harold was real sick this morning, but he is a good deal better tonight.

Saturday, Nov. 20th

W. N. W. cloudy, but pleasant till evening, when a violent snow storm came up, accompanied by high wind. Dan has been at work on his place. He making his cart seat. In tending ground. Rossy & I went out to our little place, went up the post. At 9 o'clock I purchased a pair of pants from Geo. Taylor for which I paid \$4.50 cash. I also bought at Campbell's a cap - price 25¢ and a necktie 14¢. Both of which I paid for. We got up to Mr. King's about half past two. In the evening I had dinner at Dunkley's. Greenman White died today. Denny Stanton & George drowned.

Sunday, Nov. 21st 1880

W. N. W. Snow - but terribly windy and cold. Rossy and I took dinner at Mr. Dunkley's. In evening Mr. King, George & I went up and heard Mr. Parker.

Monday, Nov 22nd

W. N. W. Wind, cold. I spent the day at Ponca, Wis. Rossy and Lizzie stopped at Sam's place.

Tuesday, Nov 23rd

W. N. W. unchanged - cold. I spent the forenoon at Dunkley's. P.M. Rossy and I came home. We found it pretty cold, but got home safely about dusk. We went out today with a load of goods.

Wednesday, Nov 24th

W. N. W. Snow, but cold. I'm down to his place. We butchered the cow this afternoon &c. Dan began working at Camps today.

Thursday Nov 25

W. N. W. Began snowing this morning and continued till toward night when the wind shifted. Snowed about 2 inches. The forenoon I got piled up a lot of coal-wood at the corner where Jim Mangin cut. The was about three cords of it. P.M. I got cut up the beef. Dan went out today with a load. Bought his stove.

Friday, Nov. 26.

W. N. W. Cloudy, and quite cold. Snow flying all day. A.M. I got made shoes for the team. P.M. I got out them on. Little Leslie has got a little cold. Henry & Jimmie & I finished 20 flour.

Saturday, Nov 27th

W. N. W. Some snow flying - a calm and pleasant. A.M. I finished the ox-shape - making a silver one. P.M. I finished the top of the stove. I went to the mill and got out a load of lumber, Dan hauling slabs and working around his house. Tom Wilson here to dinner.

Sunday, Nov. 28th 1880

W. N. W. Clear - fine and warm all day. Set off at home. I have spent the day in reading. Dan came home last night.

Monday, Nov 29th.

W. N. W. Snowed an inch or two in the night - turned to rain which drizzled till night, when the wind shifted. The wind died. Fannie's shoes. I have been tinkering around at one thing & another. P.M. I went in the woods - got a piece of wood & made a good stick.

W. N. W. Wind, but cold & windy. In evening around. I went to the bridge with a load 749 lbs of Pine Spruce 204. Deale 138. Peaps 40. I got a bbl of flour to E. Jones on Dan's place - price \$7.50. I got 4 yds of galassies - 14 yds paraffine oil. I got an axe - some sugar - some leather, a little candlemas book for Hal &c. Judson & Martin came in with one. I stopped here and got my tea. After we got home we went up to Club. It being the angle for the election of officers they had appointed them before we got there.

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Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 P. S. E. Cloudy - began snowing  
 about noon and continued  
 all night when the wind shifted  
 again - about 1 inch fell.  
 P. M. I worked some at our  
 coal pit, and fixed the barn door.  
 P. M. I mended my boots. I did  
 some charr around.

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Fine but cold. I  
 went out with a load of wood  
 and drew the cold pit. We  
 had 53 bushels of coal.

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 N. W. W. White firs but cold  
 and windy. I have been mending  
 my boots all day. I doing  
 charr around. Mr. & Chatter  
 went out to get up the Bay  
 stage afternoon. Dan graded  
 the White Cow again with  
 Plaster. I am not here  
 here tonight - time went  
 back to the corner again.  
 It is a real winter weather.

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. W. Cloudy with scattering  
 snow flying and quite cold. I  
 spent the morning mending  
 my boots and the remainder of the  
 forenoon in repairing the stable.  
 P. M. I cut through 9 days of  
 wood. Joe Nick's trial is in full  
 blast this week. I am without  
 today.

Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. C. Beautifully fine.  
 Mr. & Chatter & Miller White spent the  
 day and evening here. Dan  
 Capin up white - get his dinner

Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. C. Fine to N. W. Foggy  
 and raining this morning.  
 Wind shifted and cleared off  
 toward night - Pleasant warm  
 day. P. M. I did Dan's chest  
 & Dan's hite. Tom Granger helped me  
 haul up wood. I hauled 5 loads  
 and put in the "Sleigh". I did  
 here to dinner. P. M. I fixed  
 the cart wheel over thing loaded  
 up a load of bark for market.  
 Several children on the Town-  
 ship line have lately died of  
 Diphtheria. Mr. & Chatter came  
 home from up the Bay tonight -  
 Brought Harry a letter from  
 another

Wednesday December 1<sup>st</sup>  
 P. S. E. Cloudy with snow squalls  
 but mild. - I went out with  
 a load of wood and took  
 I hauled bark - a cord. I took out  
 a hite. Dan went out with a load of  
 wood. Cutting fire wood &c.

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Cloudy - but pleasant. I went  
 to the mill and cut logs. I have been  
 sick all day and have "left within  
 about 1000 feet of the mill." I cut wood  
 here today.

Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Clear and fine. About five  
 inches of snow came last night  
 with the little that was on before.  
 I went out with a load of wood on  
 my cart. I have been helping  
 for wood. I made - or rather partly  
 made - a cradle for Annis.

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
 N. E. C. Clear and sharp.  
 Joseph P. and I went out to the  
 place and got each a load of hay.  
 Dan went out with a load of  
 wood and a load. I fixed up a  
 pig sty and done some repairing  
 around generally.

Geo. Johnson of Weymouth died  
 this morning at 4 o'clock.  
 His loss will be greatly regretted, as  
 he was held in high esteem by all  
 who knew him.

Joe Nick & Hibault has been  
 sentenced to be hanged on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Geo. Munde has lately died

Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. Fine and pleasant.  
 Joseph P. and I went to the  
 farm and got the rest of the hay.  
 I cut wood over with a  
 I stuffed to "Damp's" "Pulpin's" till  
 came along. I went out today  
 I got some chickens from. I

Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 N. N. Fine and warm. Dan came  
 up in the night and stuffed him to  
 part and then left. Dan, Seaman &c  
 I got out some to Weymouth Old  
 and "peace" were here a while tonight  
 I have spent the day in reading.

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Monday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

N.E. cloudy this forenoon. Began raining at noon and continued drizzling all night. A.M. F.T.S. hauled the first load of wood and put under the Stalls. P.M. I worked at Lewis Cradell. He is making a sort of puny sleigh.

Tuesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Beautifully fine and warm. A.M. I finished Lewis Cradell. P.M. F.T.S. hauled up sea load of wood and put under the Stalls. He had a splendid Chuk Muting tonight. Jim Hanger and Jimmy Hill birds brought one Charley Johnson - a corker, visited our Muting and gave us some spirited songs. Still Mullen and Dan spent the evening here.

Wednesday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Windy - Began raining towards noon and continued all night - not very heavy. A.M. F.T.S. started a lot of hemlock logs out of the woods to go to Wagon's Mill. The storm drove us before us. They all hauled. P.M. I painted Annie Cradell.

Mr. C. Cathi have gone down the river to ANNIE WILLOUC #BY'S wedding.

Thursday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Cloudy - but mild. Repairing the mill. I have been sick all day, and remained at home. P.M. I made up a handle, or got one made. Mr. got home tonight from his wedding excursion.

Friday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Cloudy and quite cold. F.T.S. cutting and hauling logs to the mill. hauled 25. I brought home a load of Kappas boards. Mr. making a sled-sleigh. Mrs Burns of Plympton, last night had her house burned down and herself perished on the fire.

Saturday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Cloudy - but pleasant. Mr. went down to the great mill with a load of snuck-hel. A.M. F.T.S. repairing the mill. P.M. He hauled up the cord-wood logs etc. Dan & some of boys.

Sunday December 19

N. N. Cloudy - but warm - some snow falling. Had a fire up in our Parlor and spent the day in reading etc. Dan went away this evening.

Monday Dec 20

N. N. Fine. I went out with a load of cord-wood. Took a load of cord-wood to my place on the lake. I got some things to Michael's on horse as follows: - Quinine 4 Peppor 4 - 70¢ 2 1/2 lb. Raisins 2 1/2 Cloves 4 Candy 20 29 Cent 12 Cards 12 81.25 3/4. He has been sawing. I got \$1.85 from Mr. Cathi being the balance due me.

Tuesday Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

N. N. E. Cloudy and looking like a storm. In sawing. A.M. I did some charrs around cutting woods. P.M. I helped Mr. Saw. We had Chuk tonight. Little Leslie has been creeping some the past weeks. She can go around the house any

Wednesday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

N. N. E. Cloudy but mild. In sawing. I went out with a load of cord-wood to Campbell's. I got 2 1/2 yds. Cotton 3 Cornel for Frank some under shirt 40¢. I fell in with Judson and he & I came in together. I got Dan's coat from Wagon's price 2.00 I got a load of Peashe's shaw.

Thursday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880.

N. N. E. Soft and warm. In sawing. A.M. I helped Geo. Sabian load up a Red pine, which I am going to take to the Cove tomorrow. P.M. I cut up some wood etc. This evening Judson came in the and I with Charlie Sabian made some cider. Dan cut up his beef tonight.

Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1880

N. N. E. Fine. I started at day light for the Cove with Geo. Sabian's Red. Judson stopped all night and went out with me this morning. Geo. Sabian went out with me. We got to the Cove about noon. In sawing today.

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Saturday Dec 25

Christmas Day

P. M. E. Fine and beautiful  
M. and Chattie went down  
to the river early this morning  
H. A. & Lydia came in and  
spent the day. We have had  
a very pleasant time.

Sunday Dec 26

P. M. E. Cloudy but mild.

John and Popsy went Harold  
and Leslie in a basket on Seal's  
sled, went out to hunt for  
I went out tonight and met  
them. I am very sore with  
these days. Today I can hardly  
stand. It has got a boil on  
my finger. My Chattie came  
home tonight. Mrs G came  
in with them.

Monday, Dec 27

P. M. E. Blowing heavily and  
snowing some. We have  
done nothing today having  
some chores. I have lain  
in bed part of the time.

None has been over to help  
visiting. I got tea over there.  
Along Grant is here tonight.

Tuesday Dec 28

P. M. Snowing some all  
day - fell about 3 in I finished  
my axe handle - hung on ax  
and ground it. I cut a lot of  
wood etc. I made Harold a  
little cart. His farm dog  
went down to Dan's house  
to get a boil.  
This afternoon Himmie Salo  
and Arnie Keale came here  
they stayed to tea. and then  
evening. We all went up to  
club. Henry went and we took  
Lydia up in a basket on the sled.  
Himmie and Arnie Keale are  
here to stay all night.  
Little Leslie & also "Ducky -  
Ducky - Ducky."

Wednesday, Dec 29th

P. M. Met. Scattering snow through  
the day. Snowing thick tonight. I  
went to the mill - hauled out two  
loads (about 2000) and hauled two  
loads sticks to the mill for sled  
sleds etc.

Sunday, Dec. 30th 1880

P. M. Heavy. Snowing and drifting  
this morning - snowing till toward  
night. About six inches. Snow full.  
P. M. Sleds ready. P. M. I cut a lot of  
wood. Mended a chain - repaired the  
sleds some - made a "gad stick" and  
got ready to go out "tomorrow"  
"Charles Thomas" was here this forenoon  
to get money to pay the rates on the  
White farm. I let him have \$2.50.  
This evening Pullington & Sons held  
a meeting up the road to organize a  
singing school. The attempt failed.  
I went up to witness the proceedings.

Friday Dec 31st 1880

P. M. Cloudy and quite cold. I  
went out with a load of Deals 1010.  
I got 2 galls of Molasses - He found it  
for Ross etc. "Old David" came in  
to help today. His sore finger is  
getting some better.

# Supplemental Material

# List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit [www.sabinediaries.com/introduction](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

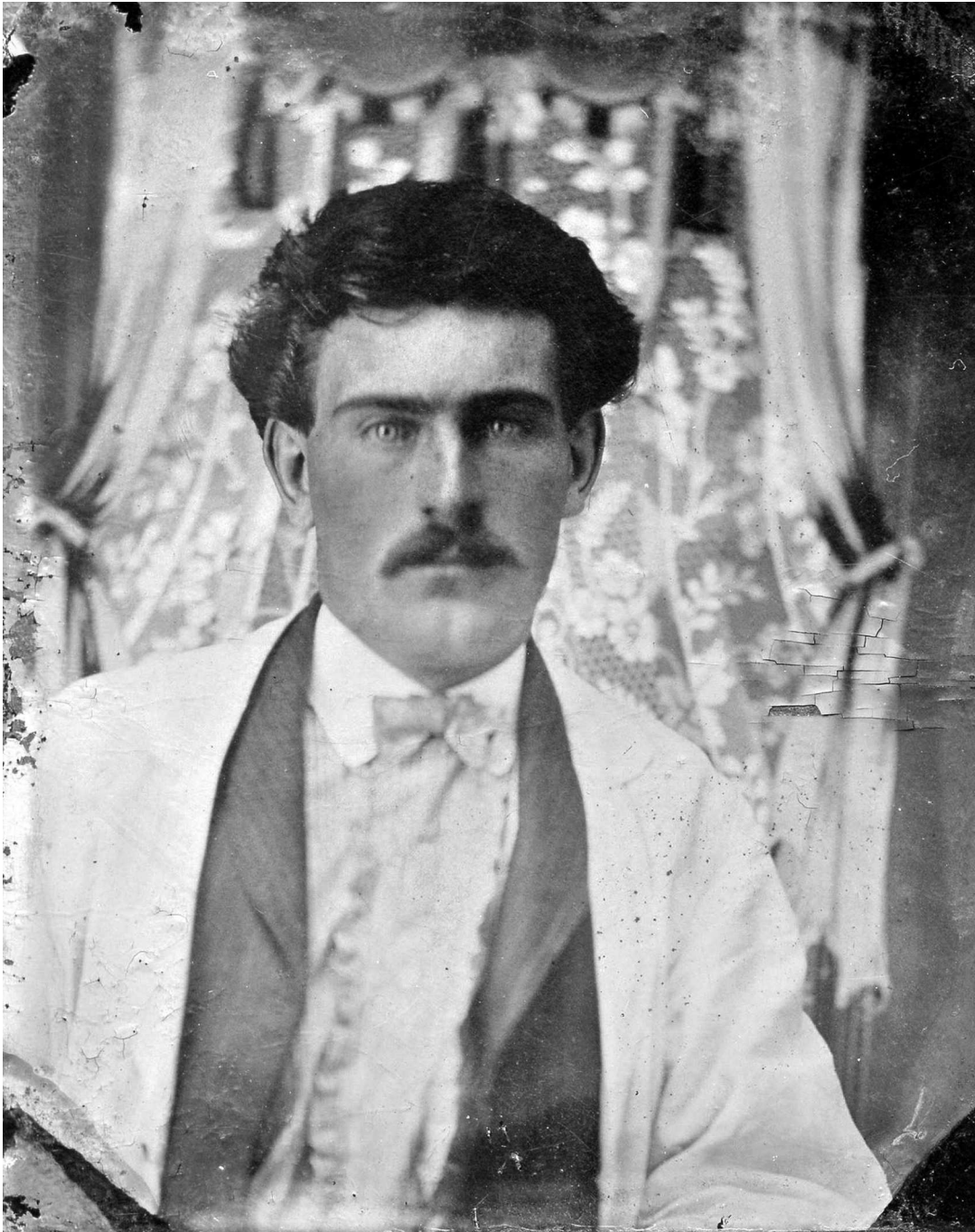
C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

c-wood. (Cord wood)



John Henry Sabine (1853 - 1920), author of the Sabine Diaries.

Source: Bernard Mullen.





Roxanna Ring (1853 - 1954), wife of John Sabine.

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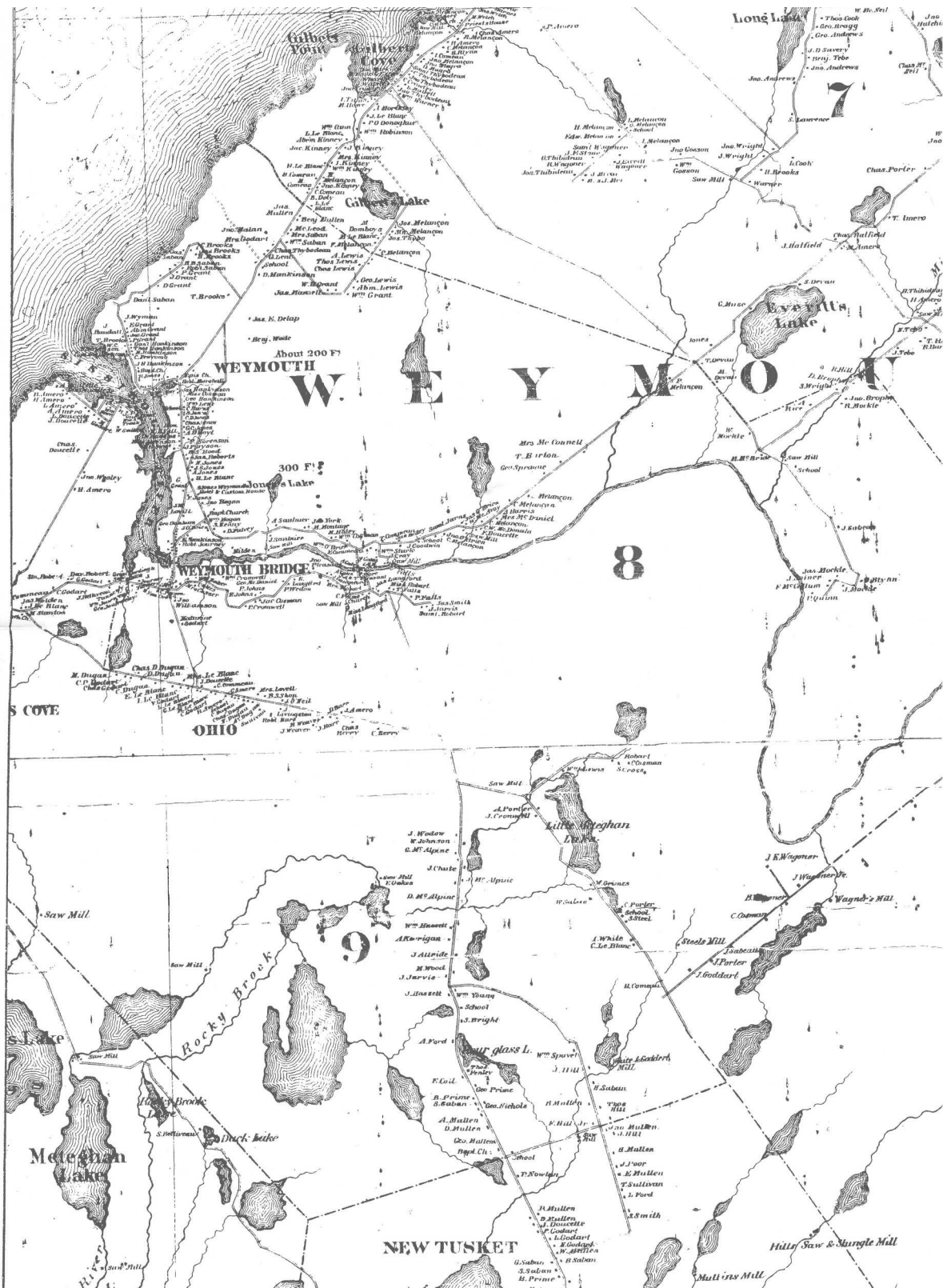
Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.

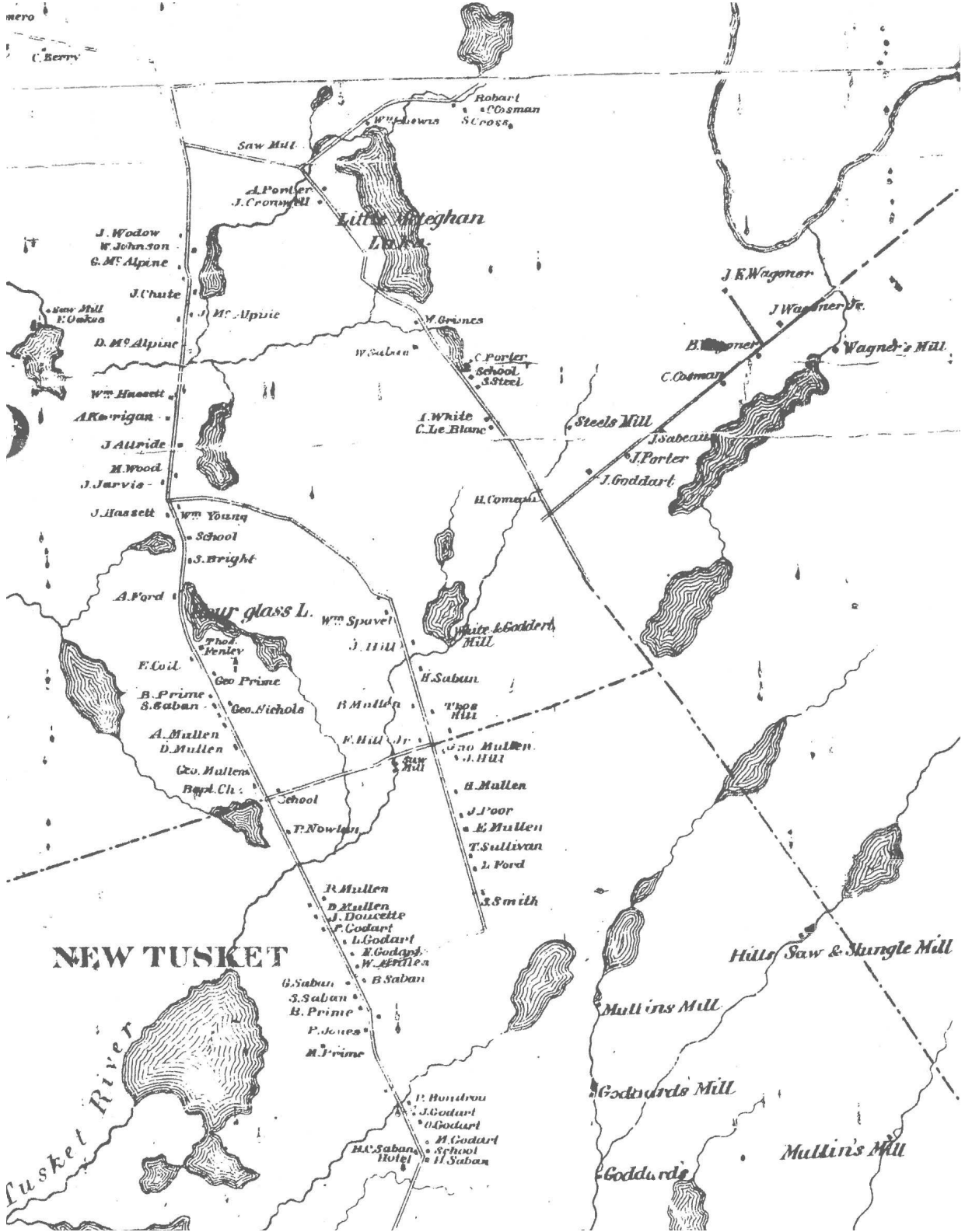


Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

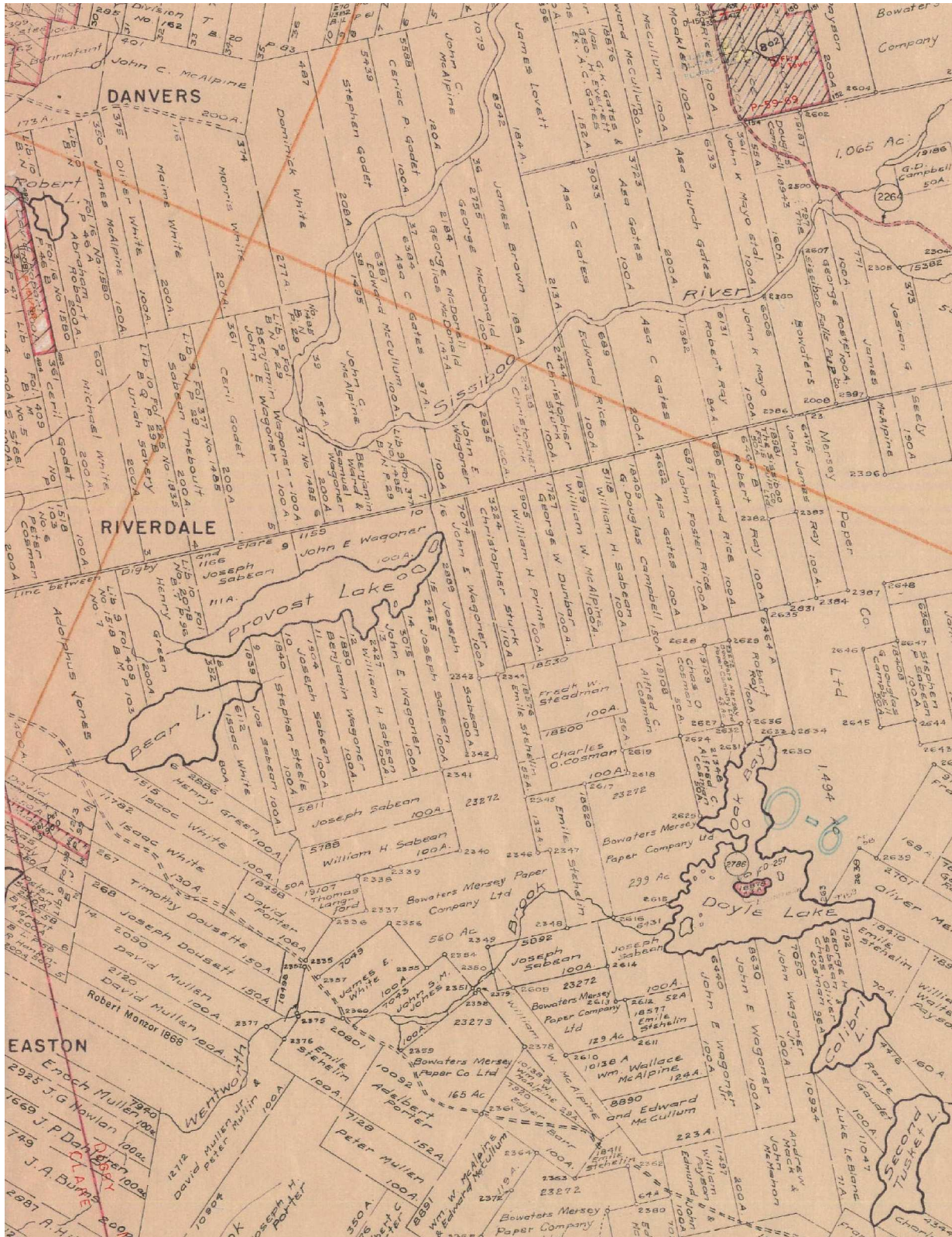
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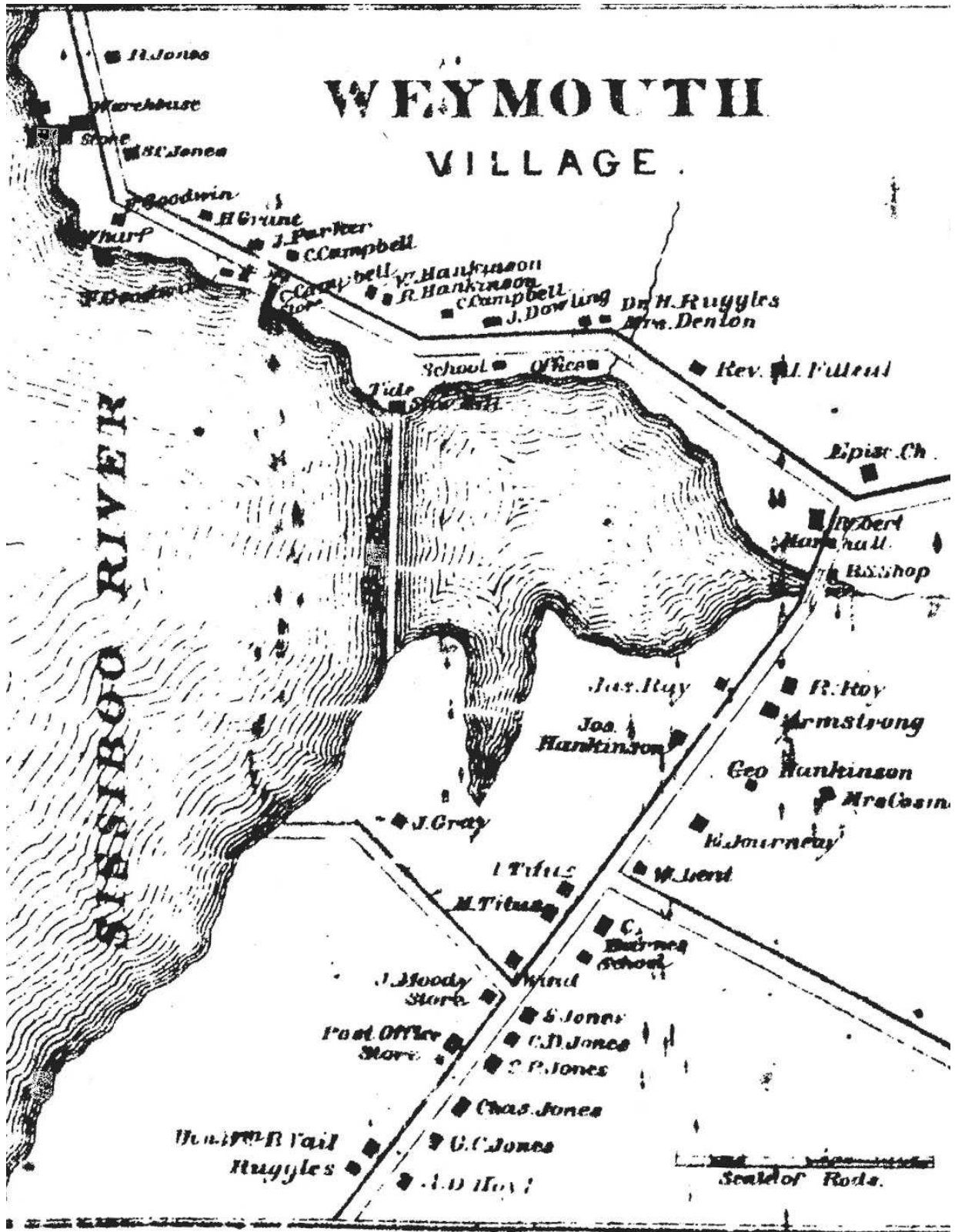
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Riverdale, Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia







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