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# Sabine Diaries Project

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

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

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

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

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

# Introduction

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

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

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

Benjamin Ian Sabine

# Background

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

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

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

Joseph Sabean and Ruth McNeill had the following children:

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

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

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

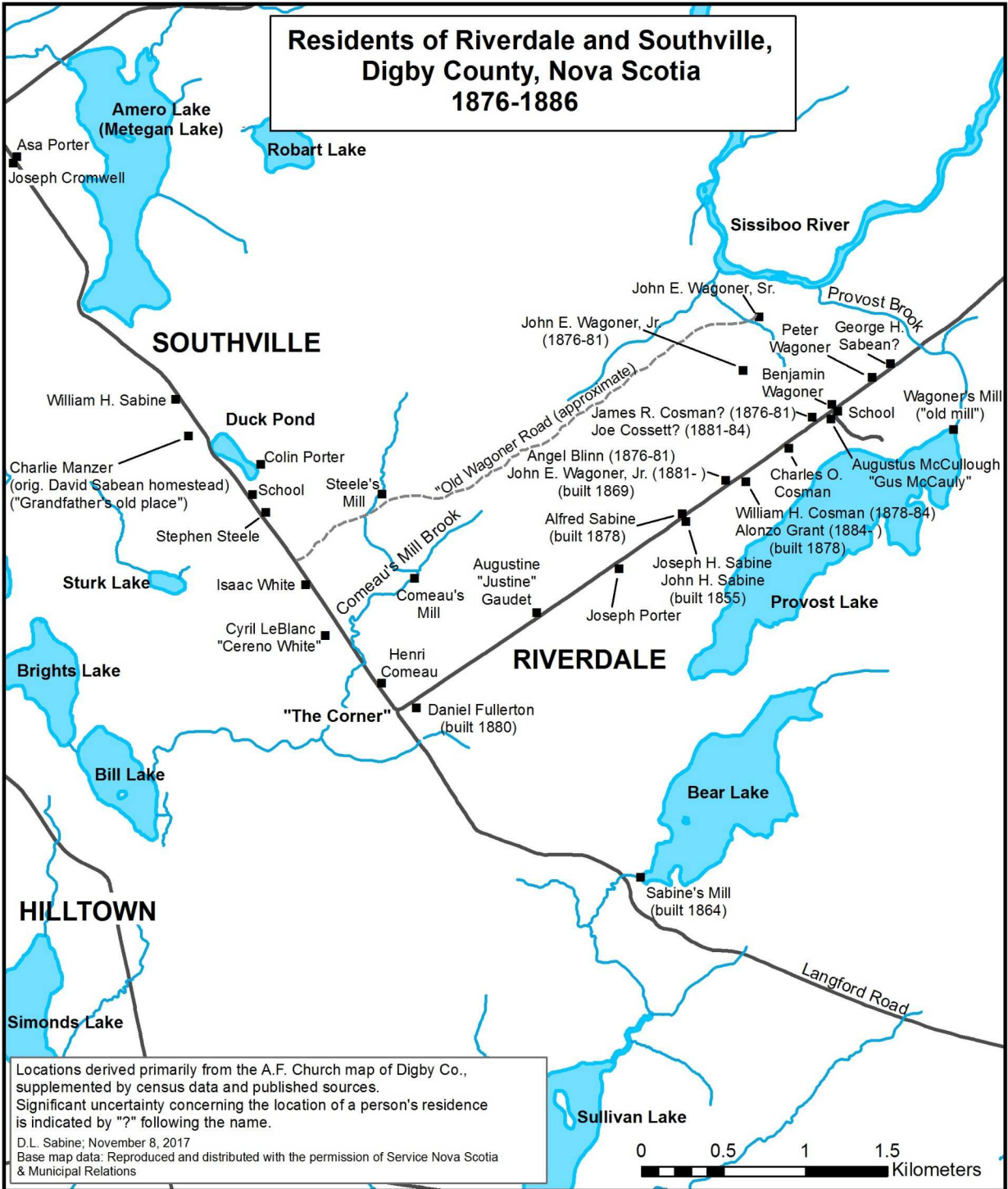
John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

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



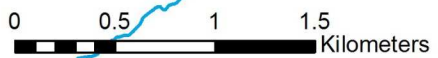
c. 1909 photo of Roxanna and Phoebe standing in front of the Sabine homestead in Riverdale, Nova Scotia. It was built by Joseph Sabean in 1855.

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



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

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

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

### RIVERDALE

#### Daniel Fullerton

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

#### Augustine "Justine" Gaudet

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

#### Joseph H. Porter

- + Anne (Gilliland) Porter

#### Joseph H. Sabine

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

#### Alfred L. Sabine

- + Charity Alice (Grant) Sabine

#### William H. Cosman

- + Lillian Zilpha (Thurber) Cosman

#### Alonzo Grant

- + Nancy Jane "Janey" (Cosman) Grant

#### Angel M. Blinn

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

#### Charles Oliver Cosman

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

#### James Rufus Cosman

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

#### Joe Cossett

#### Benjamin Wagoner

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

#### Augustus McCullough "Gus McCauly"

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



**Peter Wagoner**

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

**George Henry Sabean**

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

**John Edward Wagoner, Jr**

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

**John Edward Wagoner, Sr**

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

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

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

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

**Cyril LeBlanc (“Cereno White”)**

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

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

**Isaac White**

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

**Stephen Steele**

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

**Colinwood “Colin” Porter**

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

**Charles Edward Manzer**

+ Mary Elizabeth (Barr) Manzer

**William Henry Sabine**

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

**Asa Norman Porter**

+ Melissa (Weaver) Porter  
 William Christopher Porter

**Charles Joseph M. Cromwell**

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

# Transcription

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

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

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

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

**Thursday, January 1st, 1885**

W. N.W. Rained during the night and misty all day. Father mended Mary's shoes. With this I enter upon the ninth year and ninth volume of my Diary. The keeping of it has afforded me a satisfaction beyond what I anticipated in the undertaking. I would not now lay it aside unless compelled to. One year ago today I was in Yarmouth and feeling much better than I do today, for then I was able to get around and now I am confined to the house from sickness. How little can I tell where the beginning of next year will find me.

**Friday, January 2nd, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but cold and ground whitened with snow. My health is still improving slowly. Mother spent the day down to Annie's. Roxy and I fixed up our Post Office returns for the quarter just expired. What a happy day she and I have spent together. Every passing day seems to add new charms to her character, or at least, discovers them to me. I thought in winning her I was a lucky boy, but did not realize what a jewel I had secured. These precious little children which have sprung up around us have tended to draw us more closely together, and every addition seems to make the compact more indissoluble. Harold and Leslie have made themselves a bow and arrow which have afforded them sport all day. Josey has pulled his little cart around and shouted and laughed to his full capacity.

1-00

**Saturday, January 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but very Cold F. hauling and cutting wood I am still feeling better Harold is unwell – has been so for some time  
The little baby grows fast and is real well.

**Sunday, January 4th, 1885**

W. S.E. Cloudy, calm and mild. W.H. Sabine and Judson spent the day here. Bell Sabine was here too in the afternoon and morning.  
My health is still improving

1-4

**Monday, January 5th, 1885**

W. S.W. Looking like rain in the morning, but cleared off

beautifully. Father cutting wood. I do not feel very well today. Were it not for my little family and my books life would be unbearable. When I am able to sit up I can read, and the messy prattle of our children enlivens my heart.  
Mother spent the day at Chattie's

2-4

**Tuesday, January 6th, 1885**

W. S. Began raining towards noon and Continued increasing until now (7 o'clock) when it is pouring in torrents. Father & Alf went over to the Alride farm and brought home two loads of hay.  
I took a walk down in the woods to the lake this morning. Harold and Leslie were with me. I sent out two Postals to be mailed – one for a copy of the "Phrenological Journal" and one for a copy of the "Century" I have been engaged in writing a poem this afternoon. It is a pastime that affords me much pleasure

**Wednesday, January 7th, 1885**

W. S. Rained heavily all night with heavy wind and has been foggy all day. Alf and Chattie have spent the day here Father has been fixing up a road Petition.

2-8

**Thursday, January 8th, 1885**

W. N.W. Overcast till noon – then cleared up beautifully. Father has been to Hilltown to carry a petition through to "Brum" Hill Chattie has been here all day. I have been amusing myself by taking an Inventory of all the books in the house, and one of all the different papers and magazines. I shall copy out the results of my researches.

5-9

I have been amusing myself today by taking an inventory of the books and papers in the house. Every since I could read I have been writing to Publishers for specimen Copies of Papers and Magazines.  
Whenever I would see the Prospectus of a new Periodical the next mail would carry an order from my hand for a "specimen copy". When the International Postal-Card system was established it was such a joyous change from the old Six-cent-stamp arrangement of my boyhood that the cost of ordering "Specimens" and answering advertisements seemed of little moment to my peculiar literary rage. The greater portion of my papers I have preserved with miserly care though many of them would not be considered fit for anything but wrapping paper. In

the scrapbook rage a few Winters ago I allowed a few to be cut up. The organ of acquisitiveness is largely predominant in my Caranial Structure which gives me the hoarding up principle almost to a fault; and this taken in connection with my fondness for literature accounts in some measure I suppose, for the hobby of preserving with such jealous care all my papers and letters.

Of all the letters and circulars which I ever received I think I can safely say that not a half-dozen have been lost or destroyed. Not that I consider many of them of any real value, but only for the gratification of this propensity have I preserved them. I have often thought, when rolling up and putting away so carefully a lot of worthless circulars, what will my children, or perhaps my grandchildren, think they were saved for, unless it be that they inherit my literary insanity; in which case they will of course understand it; and if veneration be developed in connection therewith, may guard them as jealously as I have.

For the amusement of those who in after years may chance to look over these pages, I copy out a list of all the papers and magazines which I can find in the house There are I believe 140

I copy the names here just as I picked them up, without classification.

Waverley Magazine  
New York Weekly  
Dominion Churchman  
Young Folks Illustrated Paper  
Montreal Witness (weekly)  
Scientific American  
Cottager And Artisan  
Happy Hours  
Buds And Blossoms  
Weekly Magnet  
Youth's Companion  
British Workman  
Work and Play  
Illustrated Record  
The Benefactor  
Cricket On The hearth  
Welcome Guest  
Canadian Messenger  
Western Advertiser  
What Next  
Peoples Magazine

British Workwoman  
Illustrated Family Herald  
British Messenger  
Young Reaper  
Boston Gazette  
Good News  
Good Words  
Sunday School World  
Our Home And Fireside Magazine  
Digby Courier  
Yankee Blade  
Littel's Living Age  
Ballou's Monthly Magazine  
American Messenger  
Farm And Home  
Children's Messenger  
Friendly Visitor  
The Young Ladies' Journal  
Frank Leslie's Pleasant Hours  
Canadian Illustrated News  
Peoples Literary Companion  
Golden Argosy  
Bow Bells  
American Miscellany  
Infant's Magazine  
My Little Friend  
Little Sower  
Harper's Young People  
Examiner & Chronicle  
Illustrated Living World  
The Disciple  
Sunshine  
Western Chronicle  
Buffalo Morning Times  
Floral Cabinet  
Our Young People  
Good Cheer  
Youth's Temperance Banner  
Sabbath Reading  
Family Herald & Weekly Star  
Gospel Trumpet  
Burlington Hawkeye  
Leisure Hours  
Christian Fireside  
Portland Transcript  
Police Gazette  
Floral And Fashion Journal  
British Evangelist

The Family Friend  
 Christian Herald  
 Agent's Herald  
 Fireside Reading  
 Student  
 New England Monthly  
 Peterson's Magazine  
 Lock's National Monthly  
 Baptist Teacher  
 Mother's Treasury  
 Ladies' Floral Cabinet  
 Contributor  
 Illustrated Household Magazine  
 New Era  
 Premium Register  
 Arthur's Home Magazine  
 Farmer's Advocate  
 Young Folks Weekly (Lewis)  
 The Graphic  
 American Art Advocate  
 Electric Magazine  
 Wall Street Review  
 Bible Society Record  
 Missionary Magazine  
 Pleasant Hours  
 The Illustrated Weekly  
 Boston Weekly Advertiser  
 Union Bible Teacher  
 Canadian Record  
 Youth Visitor  
 Weekly Telegraph  
 The Week Illustrated ([illegible])  
 Missionary Link  
 Canadian Casket  
 National Temperance Advocate  
 The Baptist Teacher (Paper)  
 Illustrated London News  
 Church Chronicle  
 Christian Statesman  
 The Abstainer  
 Godey's Ladies' Book  
 The True Catholic  
 Canadian Missionary  
 Household Gazette  
 The Gem  
 Church and Home  
 Illustrated Missionary News  
 The Hearth Stone

Home Visitor  
 Montreal Daily Witness  
 Our Sabbath Home  
 Dew Drops  
 Agents Aid  
 St. John Reporter  
 Chicago Tribune  
 People's Illustrated Journal  
 New Dominion Monthly  
 Juvenile Offering  
 The Century  
 Metropolitan Pulpit  
 Our Continent  
 Christian Messenger  
 Yarmouth Herald  
 Yarmouth Tribune  
 People's Magazine  
 Toledo Blade  
 Genesee Farmer  
 Agent's Bulletin  
 Demorest's Magazine  
 Chatterbox  
 Ladies Journal 140  
 The Sporting World  
 The Family Welcome  
 The Cottage Hearth  
 Hearn's Young People  
 Literary World  
 Christian Nation  
 Christian At Work  
 Woman's Magazine  
 Home Guest  
 The American  
 Domestic Journal  
 Weekly Evangelist  
 City And Country  
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly  
 Green's Fruit Grower  
 Western Plowman  
 Farmer And Manufacturer  
 Ladies' Home Journal & Practical House-Keeper  
 Journal of Education 159

I have also made an inventory of the Books in the house – the books belonging to us only. There are a large number of borrowed books in the house, but I say nothing of these. There are many books, portions of which are gone, which I do not mention

Books marked x belong to Roxy and I – the rest to other members of the family.

### Religious

Holy Bible (5 Vols) Three to Roxy & I  
New Testament (4 vols)  
Hymn-Book (Watts)  
Psalmist  
Hymn-Book (Wesley)  
Hymns & Spiritual Songs (4 vols)  
x American Vocalist (music)  
x Gospel Hymns (music)  
x Gospel Hymns  
x Common Prayer  
Spurgeons Sermons (14 Vols)  
Christian Home Life  
x Tucker On Predestination  
Kings of Judah  
The Three Questions  
A Present Savior  
Saint's Rest  
Bogatzky's Golden Treasury  
Bunyan's Complete Works  
A Missionary Of The Apostolic School  
x The Still Hour  
x Pike's Early Religion  
Moody & Sanky In England  
x Call To Prayer  
Bible Dictionary  
x Bible Stories  
x Life In Death  
x Blood Of Jesus

### Educational

History Of The World (2 vol)  
His. Indian Wars of American  
x Chron. Outlines Of Eng. History  
x History Of Australia  
x History Of Venice  
x History Of Hannibal  
x Euclid's Geometry  
x Algebra  
x Greenleaf's Nat. Arithmetic  
Walkinggames Arithmetic  
x Book Keeping (Fosters)  
x Book Keeping (Eaton & Frazees)  
Worcester's Dictionary

Johnson's Dictionary  
x Draper's Chemistry  
x Herschel's Natural Philosophy  
x Orbs Of Heaven  
x Smith Ill. Astronomy  
X Dick's Scenery Of The Heavens  
Huntings Geography & Atlas  
Morses Geography  
Chamber's Geography  
Lovell's Geography  
x Lennie's Eng. Grammar  
x Outlines Of Etymology  
x Outlines Of Eng. Grammar  
x English Analysis  
x Spelling Book (super)  
x Rhyming Spelling Book  
x Reids Eng. Composition  
x Art Of Reading (2 vols)  
x How To Write Shorthand  
x Maratime Reader (7 vols)  
x Reader (no 6 U.S. series)  
x Reader (no 6 Royal)  
x Reader (no 4 Chamber's Series)  
x Reader (no 3 " " )  
x Reader (no 4 Munroe's)  
Reader (Grigg & Elliot's)  
x Girl's Reading Book

### (Biography)

x Lives Of Eminent Mechanics  
x Cyrus The Great  
x Alexander The Great  
x Lives Of The Popes  
x Life Of Mohammed  
x Life Of Charlemagne  
x Life Of B. Franklin  
Eleven Years A Drunkard  
Life Of John Bunyan  
Life & Times of Harris Harding

### (Poetry)

x Byron's Poems (2 vols)  
x Longfellows Poems  
x Young's Night Thoughts  
x Pollock's Course Of Time  
x Milman's Fall Of Jerusalem  
Casket of Gems  
x Songs For The Little Ones At Home

x Songster  
x Token Of Love  
x Don Juan

(Miscellaneous)

x World Of Wonders  
x People's Magazine  
Knot's United  
x Living Thoughts  
x Marion (a tale)  
American Orator  
x Angel Visitor  
x Rose Of Sharon  
x The Oasis  
x Catherine Ashton (2 vols)  
x Walks And Talks  
x Temper And Tempted  
x Darwin's Voyage Of A Naturalist  
x Pursuit Of Knowledge  
[Jalsie Lee]  
x Steamboat Disasters  
x Bush-Boys  
x Young Man's Friend  
Sam Slick  
x The Art Of Printing  
x The Crusades  
x Jas. Watt And The Steam Engine  
x Night Of Toil  
Blossoms And Fruit  
x Dr Chase's Recipes  
x Dr Willoughby And His Wine  
Harvey's Meditations  
x Book Of Stump Speeches  
x Infant's Magazine (2 vols)  
x Disinthrall'd  
Marriage Ring  
x Isle Of Wright  
x British Workman (2 vols)  
Cottager And Artisan  
x Fireside Readings  
x Woman Against Woman  
x Rosa And Flora  
x Mansfield Park  
x Student In Search Of A Profession  
x Valentine Vox  
x The Animal World  
x Wooing, Winning and Wedding  
x Science Of Life

x Alice [Forester]  
x Practical Magician  
x Gentleman's Letter Writer  
x McBride's All Kinds Of Dialogues  
x Debater and Chairman's Assistant  
x The Semi-Attached Couple  
x How To Become A Clairvoyant  
x Frank Beaucamp  
x Convent And Confessional  
x Climbing Up The Mountain  
x Save The Erring  
x Boston Inside Out  
x Bushlife In Australia  
Guardian Angel  
Family Annual  
x River Of Water 182  
x National Encyclopedia

**Friday, January 9th, 1885**

W. S. Quite fine – but looking like rain. Roxy and I with our little baby Leonard have spent the day down at Annie's. It is the first time we have had him out doors. He grows like a little pig and is real well. I have spent the evening in making an inventory of the books in the house or rather Copying them into this book, for I had the list prepared yesterday. Harold and Leslie have been to school today

5-9

Father began a new sled. He is quite unwell. His stomach troubles him.

**Saturday, January 10th, 1885**

W. N.W. Rained a little in the night, but cleared off fine today Roxy mailed a letter to Lillie Cosman Father mailed a postal to Goodspeed for a continuation of the Messenger. I mailed a letter to J.F. Avery, containing seventy five cents in Stamps for Buds & Blossom for 1885. Father has worked a little at the sled, but has not been able to do much. I have spent the day in writing, excepting a part of the forenoon when I had to lie down.

**Sunday, January 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine – Annie McNeill spent the day here. Scot has been here too. Father was down to Dan's this afternoon

5-11

**Monday, January 12th, 1885**

W. S. Began raining in the night and continued all day accompanied by a terrible gale of wind – the heaviest we have had for a long time. Father has been working at a sled. I am unable yet to do anything, so I amuse myself in spinning rhymes.

**Tuesday, January 13th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine and pleasant A.M. F. went to Cereno's and got a Bbl of herring Justine White left there for us. P.M. He has been cutting wood. He is sick too. Mother has spent the day up at Harris Cosman's. Dan and Alf went down to the session of the Clare Council with a road Petition

6–11

**Wednesday, January 14th, 1885**

W. N.W. Quite fine but cold Father has been Cutting and hauling wood. My hand gets better very slowly. I do the Chores about the barn now, but I can only use one hand yet. My fingers are stiff and very tender.

**Thursday, January 15th, 1885**

W. S.E. Snowed a little last night and a little has been falling all day. F. has been getting up a little firewood.

**Friday, January 16th, 1885**

W. S.E. Scattering snow falling all day. F. at work at a sled. One of Chas T. Cromwell's was here today and father gave him for his father, an Order on Ed. Rice for a Bbl of flour  
Harold has not been well for a day or two.

**Saturday, January 17th, 1885**

W. S.E. Sleet-storm all night, and raining heavily with a gale of wind till tonight when the wind Shifted. Leslie was taken sick all noon today and is very sick tonight I think it is a “worm spasm” He is subject to these spells. He will flush up with fever for a few minutes with vomiting and then turn pale and go to sleep, and after a little while wake again with fever and vomiting. Little Josey is sick too tonight. He was taken about dusk and seems much the same as Leslie. Harold is about the same. I mailed a Post

card to the publisher of “The Youth's Companion” for a specimen Copy. We got the first copy of the “Messenger & Visitor” which is the old “Christian Messenger” of Halifax and the “Visitor” of St. John consolidated and is now published in St. John and edited by the Reverend C. Goodspeed of Yarmouth. Mother got tonight the first copy of “Buds & Blossoms” for the year. I was looking eagerly for a copy of the “Phrenological Journal” tonight but was doomed to disappointment  
Father has been working some at the Sled today, but his health is so bad, that he Cannot do much.

**Sunday, January 18th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine, but cold. The wind blew heavily all night Leslie and Josey were very sick all night. I did not sleep much They seem a little better today  
Dan and Annie with the twins, spent the day here.

6–15

**Monday, January 19th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but Cold. F. has been doing Chores around. I am getting so I can take care of the barn now. Leslie is getting quite smart again, but little Josey does not seem much better. Mother was taken sick tonight with a Cold. Harold is about down sick with a fearful cold and cough

**Wednesday, January 20th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy and Cold Father finished the sled. Our little boys are all better I teased poor little Josey about an expression he made the other day. A line in a Nursery poem, which Harold and Leslie have been singing around for a day or two, goes something like this:–  
“The sheep's bleat, bleat, came over the road” This is Josey's version – “The Seeps 'ba', 'ba', comey O date”

**Wednesday, January 21st, 1885**

Wind. S.W. Mild, with snow squalls Father took a load of boards to Edward Rice. I mended a shoe for Harold. My hand is getting so I can begin to use it some. The children are better, but Harold has a fearful Cough. We weighed little Lennie again today. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce. He has gained just two pounds since Christmas day. Mother is half sick from a cold.



#### **Thursday, January 22nd, 1885**

W. N.W. Snow flying, and extremely Cold. Nothing of importance has transpired. I have "sat within silent and speaking little". I spend these days in reading and Compositions. The reader will not suppose my progress in the latter occupation has been very rapid

#### **Friday, January 23rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy – snow flying and very cold, though slightly more moderate than yesterday Father has been Cutting wood I go out Considerable now.

#### **Saturday, January 24th, 1885**

W. E. Snowing all day – fell about eight inches, and will make good hauling – being the first to call hauling this winter. Father Starting lumber from the mill. He is a very bad Cold I had some Circulars from the Publisher of the "Phrenological Journal" and some from the publishers of the "Cricket On The Hearth". I also had a letter from the P.O. Department in Halifax. Little Leonard is getting a cold and cough.

The other boys are getting better.

We got the first copy of "Farm & Home" which we have subscribed for.

#### **Sunday, January 25th, 1885**

W. S.E. Foggy all day.

Our little baby is quite sick today. Mother was taken worse tonight. We were up a part of last night with little Leonard. He was so hoarse that he could not stay in bed. Annie McNeill and Eugenie Cosman were here awhile this afternoon.

#### **Monday, January 26th, 1885**

Wind variable – Snow flying all day F. has been starting out lumber.

Mother is very sick today, and little Leonard is too. Roxy sat up all night with him. I have got a pain in my head again. It is not very bad yet and I do hope that I am not to have another "siege". Annie's little baby Lydia is very sick. They do not expect her to live today.

#### **Tuesday, January 27th, 1885**

W. N.W. Blowing and very Cold We got the sad intelligence this morning that Annie's little baby is dead. It died about three O'clock this morning. It is another sad "blow" for poor Annie. She has so many trials. Father made a Coffin for the dear little dead baby.

Mother is better. She has sat up the greater part of the day.

Our little Leonard is dreadful sick with a Cough. But we try to take all the care we can of him. Roxy was up all night again with him.

The pain in my head is bad today Alf was here to dinner

6–16

#### **Wednesday, January 28th, 1885**

W. S.E. Frightful snow and sleet storm. Snow till about the middle of the afternoon when it turned to hail and rain. Father and Dan buried poor little Lydia today Our little baby is so sick today that we are afraid it will not live. We are doing all for it that is possible. Mother is a little better. Roxy & I Covered the little Coffin this morning

#### **Thursday, January 29th, 1885**

W. N.W. Very Cold day – About a foot of snow on, and a very Sharp crust that will bear one up. I am having another drill with neuralgia in my head – yesterday and today I have suffered much. F. has been cutting fire wood Mother is worse, but baby is some better.

#### **Friday, January 30th, 1885**

W. N.W. Very pleasant day Father hauled up a few drags of wood. Mother is very sick The baby still improves. Father has taken sick tonight with chills and fever, and a fearful pain in his left Side.

Alf & I went out to WH Sabine's tonight and got the Mail Contract papers fixed up.

#### **Saturday, January 31st, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.

Father is very sick today Mother is a little better. Baby is a little better. I am feeling quite smart again. I have cut some wood today for the first for a Couple of months. Mr Spencer has been in today for his Deed. Annie

McNeill is here tonight. I mailed two postal cards today – One to Hearn & Co. for a Specimen Copy of “Young People” – One two publishers of “Welcome Home” or “Home Welcome”. I also mailed Three letters to Halifax, Concerning P.O. Matters. I received circulars from Perry Mason & Co. Circulars from H.A. Ellis & Co. A letter from Ottawa, and a letter from Ottawa Containing a draft for 10\$ for Mail Service I also received two copies of the “Youths Companion”.

6–17

#### **Sunday, February 1st, 1885**

W. S.E. Beautiful day – Looking like a storm. Annie McNeill spent the day here. Mrs Gates & Mrs Cosman Called in tonight. D. Fullerton was here to dinner. Clark Mosley hurt himself badly in the wood one day last week. He is scarcely expected to live. Father & Mother are about the same. Lennie is better.

6–21

#### **Monday, February 2nd, 1885**

W. N.W. Snowed four or five inches in the night – Cold, snowing & blustering all day. A.M. I went with Dan to show him the road to the lake where he wants to haul up cord-wood. P.M. I cut wood. Father & Mother are getting better.

#### **Tuesday, February 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Blustering & very Cold I have been Cutting wood most all day. My hand is so lame that I find chopping very tedious. My arm, too, is very weak

#### **Wednesday, February 4th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but very Cold Father and mother are about the same. I have been cutting wood &c.

#### **Thursday, February 5th, 1885**

W. E. Cloudy Soft & looking like rain. Annie Spent the day here with her other little baby. Dan was here awhile this evening. Father is a little better and I think mother is too, though she will scarcely acknowledge it. I sent out by Alf today for a pair of mocasins. The price was two dollars

6–23

#### **Friday, February 6th, 1885**

W. N.E. Cloudy, dark, mild & calm. Snowed about three inches during the night. I have been mending old shoes all day. Mended a pair for Leslie and one for Roxanna. Rice's Schooner the “Grace Rice” was wrecked on Gull Rock last Sunday night during a thick Snow squall.

#### **Saturday, February 7th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snowing and blustering all day. F & I hauled wood. Father is still very “poorly”, but managed to drive the team. I mailed two cars today – one to Publishers of “Literary world”, and one to Pub. “Family Herald”. I also mailed two letters to P.O. D. Ottawa. I received a letter from P.O. D. Ottawa. Leslie fell on the room stove tonight and cut his head badly

#### **Sunday, February 8th, 1885**

W. N.W. Calm – cloudy & dark. W.H. Sabine came here this afternoon. Mother is getting better.

6–24

#### **Monday, February 9th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. A.M. I went with the crowd and helped brake roads. W.H.S spent the day here. This afternoon he helped me cut wood. Tonight he and I went down to see Clark Mosely. I got tea at W.H.S's. We found the poor fellow in a terrible bad State.

7.26

#### **Tuesday, February 10th, 1885**

W. S.E. Raining and blowing all day. W.H.S & I stayed last night with Clark He had three fits during the night. I came home this morning. Have spent the day in Cutting “Scraps” from old papers. It is rare pastime.

#### **Wednesday, February 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cold and blustering some. I have been starting lumber from the mill. Father went to the mill with me this morning. He is not very smart.

#### **Thursday, February 12th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cold and snow flying. I have been hauling

lumber from the mill.

Harold and Leslie went with me, one trip. They got dinner with me in the mill house. They spent the rest of the day at Annie's. Aunt Sarah and Willie's wife spent the day here.

Willie came to tea, and spent the evening. Cornelia was here a little while.

7-31

#### Friday, February 13th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine but cold. I have been hauling lumber from the mill Josey is not very well

#### Saturday, February 14th, 1885

W. N.E. Clear and sharp. I went out with a load of pine boards to Edward Rice. Hallowell counted them on the wharf. I mailed six Postal Cards for specimen papers as follows:- "The Cottage Hearth" Boston. "Christian At Work" (J.N. Hallock New York) "Christian Nation". (New York) "Christian Cynosure" (Chicago Ill) "The American" (Washington D.C.) "Woman's Magazine" (Frank E. Housh Brattleboro Vt) I got a letter from Halifax (P.O. Dept) John O'Neill of Barton has been married lately. Clark Mosely is getting better.

#### Sunday, February 15th, 1885

W. N.E. Snowed and blustered till noon. Obed White came this morning for Roxy to go on "professional" business, but she declined.

#### Monday, February 16th, 1885

W. N.E. Fine. A.M. I fixed the ox's shoes, and mended the Sled Roller. P.M. I got a load from the mill to go out with. Harold made a sled for Leslie today. They are two great boys Chas. Thomas has sawn for us about 12332 ft of lumber

#### Tuesday, February 17th, 1885

W. S.E. A fearful snowstorm & bluster this morning. Did not last long but as severe as I ever witnessed. It only lasted a few hours, but blocked the roads up. P.M. Breaking roads.

#### Wednesday, February 18th 1885

W. N.W. Fine but Cold. F & I getting up firewood. Cornelia spent the day here W.H. Sabine came this evening

7-33

#### Thursday, February 19th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine. F. & I hauling up firewood. WHS-stayed here last night.

8-34

#### Friday, February 20th, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day. A.M. F. cutting logs to go to Wagner's mill. I made an axe-handle. P.M. F. chopping. I have been starting the logs out in the field. Roxy spent the day at Chattie's. I have been over to tea Roxy spent the day yesterday at Aunt Sarah's. Obed's wife gave birth to a son last Sunday.

11-34

#### Saturday, February 21st, 1885

W. N.W. Snowed a little little this morning - cleared away. I took a load of boards to Geo Hoyt. I got a bbl of flour from Tom Rice and a bbl of meal from Ed. Rice. Uncle Wm Specht and Aunt Minerva came today. I got four new papers tonight as follows:- "Literary World", "Family Welcome", "Hearn's Young People", "Cottage Hearth". Also two letters & a Postal Card from World's Dispensary, Publisher's Cottage Hearth and Postal from Publishers of "Christian World".

8-36

#### Sunday, February 22nd, 1885

W. N.W. Cloudy, but mild and pleasant. Annie and Dan spent the day Roxy & I went out to hear Mr Spencer at Southville tonight. [Illegible] in 51st Psalm's - "Renew in me a right Spirit".

8-44

#### Monday, February 23rd, 1885

W. N.W. Cloudy - but Calm. Uncle and Aunt went home this morning. Father & I hauled the rest of our logs out of the woods We have only nineteen. I took a load up to Wagner's mill tonight. Roxy is not very well; and Leslie is not in as good state of health as I Could desire. We weighed little Lenord yesterday. He weighed 11 pounds & 3 ounces

8-46

**Tuesday, February 24th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Alf & I went up to the meadow and got two loads of hay. Roxy has been real sick with pain in her head today.

**Wednesday, February 25th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snow squalls this morning – Cleared off beautiful. Alf went with Cosman for another load of hay. We have sold Cosman the rest of the hay. Father & I have been making irons for fixing up a horse sled. Janey Cosman (Mrs Grant) and Annie McNeill have been here today visiting. George Hood was here today.

8-49

**Thursday, February 26th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful Day!  
Father is quite sick, so that he is unable to do anything. I went out with a load of spruce boards for [Tom] Rice as follows – 883 shippers & 158 refuse I got a pair of boots for Leslie at Hoyts, price \$1.75 When I got them home I found them too large for him so concluded to let Harold have them, and try to get Leslie a pair when I go out again.

**Friday, February 27th, 1885**

W. S.E. Fine this morning but clouded up and snowing a little tonight. A.M. F & I made shaves for the horse-sled P.M. F. cut some wood. I started a load of deals from the mill. Cornelia spent the afternoon & evening here. Harris here to tea and spent the evening.

9-51

**Saturday, February 28th, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine. I took a load of Deals to Campbell. I bought Leslie a pair of boots from G. Hoyt price of which was \$1.75. He was very pleased with them. Alf has the mare to go to Weymouth last Monday. I mailed four Postal Cards for specimen copies of papers as follows:- "Household Monthly, Frank Leslie's "Popular Monthly, "Rural New Yorker", "Little Ones and the Nursery". I received a letter from H Filleul and one from W.H. Sabine. Also received copies of the following papers – "Christian At Work". "Christian Nation". "Woman's Magazine". I paid the money for the boots I bought today.

**Sunday, March 1st, 1885**

W. S. Fine this morning, but a bleak, chilly wind sprang up, and tonight the sky is clouded over, and seems to threaten rain.

I went out and spent the day with W.H.S, my old friend, and coadjutor. Mother went with me and spent the day at Aunt Sarah's. Harold and Leslie went as far as Annie's. Harold got "put out" at Scot and came home again, but Leslie stayed and came home with us this evening. I remember very vividly twenty one years ago today. It was Tuesday, and a beautiful day that followed a rain storm. Father was at the mill sawing. In the morning Alf & I went down on the Lake. We had not been there long when David and Obed White came on the lake with their sled and skates. It was the first time I ever saw anyone skate. The boys came here and got a bag of potatoes for their brother Henry who was sick. They got their dinner here, and then went back again. I went with them as far as the mill, and came home around the road. Alfred Cosman was born on that day.

That day with it's doings stands as plainly before my mind as any day with in the past week.

13-51

**Monday, March 2nd, 1885**

W. S. Rained all night and all day. I have done nothing today in the way of work excepting mending a horse collar. I have been engaged in selecting matter for a scrap-book.

**Tuesday, March 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. W.H. Sabine and I went down to see Peter Dugan, and arrange with him to canvass some for us in Frenchtown. We got dinner at his house, after which we drove to the Cove. On the way home I stopped to W.H.S's to tea and spent the evening. I purchased at Wm Lovit's a paper wash-basin. It is the first article made from that material that I have seen.

**Wednesday, March 4th, 1885**

W. S.E. Mild with snow-squalls. I started a load of lumber (408 ft) down as far is Widow Lovit's, with the old mare. I intended to have gone to the Bridge, but heard that the ground was bare ahead, so concluded it wise to return. Father started a load of logs up to the mill, and cut

a load down on the swamp.  
Amanda Green was married the other day.

#### **Thursday, March 5th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy, calm & mild. Father cutting logs in the swamp. I hauled three loads (9 logs) up to the mill.  
Little Leonard has got the Sprue

#### **Friday, March 6th, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine. F. cutting logs and barn timber. I took a load of pine boards to Ed Rice. John Barr's boy (George) is dead – died Wednesday.

#### **Saturday, March 7th, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine – but Cold  
I went to Weymouth with a load of pine boards for Geo. Hoyt. Alf was out too. F. has been chopping in the woods today I mailed three letters and four postals today as follows,– a letter to Miller Brothers Middleton enclosing (\$9.00) One to C. Goodspeed, St. John N.B. Enclosing \$2.00. One to Alonzo Grant. Postals to Publishers of “Green's Fruit Grower”. Pubs “Family Journal”. “City & Country”. “Domestic Journal” & “Weekly Evangelist”. I received a letter from P.O. Depart. and two specimen papers:– “Christian Cynosure” and “Our Little Ones And The Nursery”. Mr Robert Jones of Brighton has died lately.

#### **Sunday, March 8th, 1885**

W. S.E. Fine. Father and Mother went out to the Barr boy's funeral Dan spent the afternoon here  
I am sick with a Cold and did not go out to a meeting.  
15–52

#### **Monday, March 9th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snowing a little all day. Father went out with a load of Deals. I am Confined to the house with a severe Cold.

#### **Tuesday, March 10th, 1885**

W. S.E. This morning the snow was coming down as fast as I ever saw it. It continued till towards midday when the wind shifted to the West. About a foot fell. I

have been editing a scrap-book when I could sit up. Father cut some fire wood. After this I am going to tell each day in my Journal what my boys are engaged in, so far as I am able. Might it not be a source of satisfaction to them in after years to read a record of their little sports and pass-times. It is my duty to do all in my power to perpetuate and intensify their childhood – that their remembrances of these halcyon days may be vivid; for, after all, all there is of life is childhood. I am determined to do all in my power to make their lives bright and happy, and if I err, the error is of the head & not of the heart.

Harold has been working all day trying to make a force-pump. He has succeeded in making a fair imitation. Leslie has been cutting scrap-pictures out of pieces of old news-papers. Josey has been wandering around with his little wooden mallet and pounding everything he can get a crack at, and bothering Hal and Les all he can. Little baby Leonard is getting better of his Sprue.

#### **Wednesday, March 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snowed some in the night and a little through the day Father took a load of pine boards to Geo Hoyt. I am a little better of my Cold. I cut some wood &c. Harold made a saw-gate and two water-wheels. Leslie made gun and put a trigger on the side of it. Tonight They sleddin a lot of maple wood to the wood-house door which I had bolted up. Roxy made me a pair of mole-skin pants.

#### **Thursday, March 12th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy & cold. Father took a load of Deals to Campbell. I made Josey a pair of shoes – his first home-made shoes. Harold has been trying to make a mill frame. Leslie engaged in various plays. Little Josey has been helping me Shoe-make. The baby is getting well of his Sprue. My Cold is better.

#### **Friday, March 13th, 1885**

W. N. Clear, and very cold. I took a load of deals to D. Campbell – got half barrel of molasses sugar. Father has been working in the woods. Harold at his mill-frame. He tells me tonight that he has got it done. Leslie cutting scraps. Mrs Martin of Weymouth is dead – died this week.

**Saturday, March 14th, 1885**

W. N.E. Cloudy – cold & bleak. F. cutting logs. I took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. I bought a broom. The boys have been amusing themselves in various ways. They went over to Joseph Porters and asked Mrs Porter for reels. They got an old inkstand, a pillbox and some reels. Mother is quite unwell today. Mrs Martin was buried today. I mailed three Postal Cards – One to Publishers of “Western Ploughman” one to Pub's Farm & Workshop” One to Pub's “Home Journal” Received a copy of “Home Guest” and a copy of “The American”. Also two letters from P.O. Dept. Father received a Postal from Mr Goodspeed receipting the \$2.00 sent him. Also a letter from Miller Bros receipting money sent them last week.

**Sunday, March 15th, 1885**

W. S.E. Quite fine. Scot spent the day here. Nothing of importance occurred. We all spent the day in reading.

15–54

**Monday, March 16th, 1885**

W. S. Began raining in the night and continued till noon. When the wind shifted to N.W. A.M. I wrote a poem. P.M. Father went to the mill to look around, and I trimmed a load of deals to take out tomorrow This afternoon the boys have been playing in the orchard with their sled.

**Tuesday, March 17th, 1885**

W. Easterly. Snowing till afternoon – fell about four inches I took a load of deals to Campbell's – I bought a new axe.

**Wednesday, March 18th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F & I hauled a load of logs to B. Wagner's mill. Harold and Leslie went up with me. They got some edgings P.M. I took up another load and trimmed and brought down a load of deals and boards to take out tomorrow. Father went in the wood with a Couple of Frenchmen to look at a spar. They found a tree on the mill lot when father has bargained with them for twenty five dollars.

**Thursday, March 19th, 1885**

W. N. A tremendous bluster storm – the greatest for several years. Father made an axe-handle, and I have been cutting Scraps for scrap-books. I cut some wood this afternoon and I found the storm very severe. Harold, Leslie and Josey have been building mills out of deal ends. Harold has made two little saw-gates – one for his mill and one for Leslie's mill. It is very pleasing to watch them play.

**Friday, March 20th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snowing and blowing some. We have been breaking roads all day. Harold and Leslie have been making wooden snow-shoes, and proving them over the snow banks.

**Saturday, March 21st, 1885**

W. N.W. Blustering and Cold I have been compiling Scrap-books all day. John Edd has had a hard time getting through with the mail. He had to leave his his team at Weavers and go afoot to Weymouth. Sent two letters to Ottawa.

Received three new specimen copies of the following papers:- “Domestic Journal”, “Weekly Evangelist”, “City and Country”. Dan spent the evening here. We weighed Leonard today and his weight was 11 lbs 12 oz.

**Sunday, March 22nd, 1885**

W. N. Quite fine, but cold and windy. All of us at home. Spent the day in reading. John O'Neill of Barton has been married lately.

**Monday, March 23rd, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine – but windy & raw We have been breaking roads all day. Harold and Leslie playing with sticks, knives and gimlets. Roxy & I have been selecting matter for scrap books this evening.

**Tuesday, March 24th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day. A.M. F. ground and hung a new axe. P.M. He went over the lake to begin cutting the scattering trees in a “piece” we are going to clear and from the cord

wood has been Cut. I am about half sick today, but have been engaged in writing some Deeds. Mother went down to Annie's this afternoon for a visit. Harold and Leslie spent the forenoon in coasting downhill, and this afternoon they went up to Aunt Cornelia's with their sleds and spent the greater part of the time. Josey has been playing with a little pail of buttons and Leonard has made the house lively by his crying.

14-54

### Wednesday, March 25th, 1885

W. S.W. Snowing most all day – falling about three inches. A.M. Father over the lake chopping. I made a pair of wooden snow-shoes. P.M. Stormed so badly that F. stayed at home. I cut some wood. Dan was here to tea. Mother has not come home yet. Harold and Leslie have been making snow-shoes and going around on them. Leslie made a scrap-book this afternoon. It is a funny affair. Harris Cosman is here this evening. I have been making a scrapbook of poetry – or rather verses – for but few pieces are worthy the name of poetry

17-55

### Thursday, March 26th, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day  
Father and I chopping across the lake. It is about as discouraging looking job as ever I undertook. The trees and bushes are full of snow; And the snow on the ground is about four feet deep. I fixed up a kind of wooden snow-shoes with which I went to and from my work. We are going to chop three acres over there. Joseph Porter talks of cutting a four-acre piece along side of ours. Mother came home from Annie's tonight. Scot has been here this afternoon, and made a pair of bows for snow-shoes out of barrel hoops for Harold. Snow-shoes are all the rage now.

19-55

### Friday, March 27th, 1885

W. S. Cloudy – soft – windy – looking like rain. Father and I chopping across the lake. This forenoon Roxy helped Harold fill his snow-shoes with fish-line. P.M. Mother Roxy and the little boys made some Molasses Candy.

### Saturday, March 28th, 1885

W. W. A.M. Showery P.M. Cleared up beautifully.

Father and I chopped over the lake till noon P.M. Did nothing but cut some wood. My hand is very lame from chopping. It is same hand that I was crippled with during the first of the winter. Two of the fingers are stiff and I fear they will never be better.

Received copies of the following by today's mail:- "Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly", "Green's Fruit Grower" and a Seed Catalogue from Green. Also received three letters as follows: Two from Pub's "Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly", one from World's Dispensary Medical Association.

### Sunday, March 29th, 1885

W. N.E. Blustering snowstorm – snow falling about five inches All of us home all day. How delightful to sit by the fireside when the Winter storm is raging without, and enjoy the companionship of a fresh Magazine full of engravings and charming literature from the pen and pencil of earth's most talented sons! I am indeed thankful for this capacity of enjoyment, for it as far transcends all animal pleasures as mind is above matter.

Scot was here awhile this afternoon.

### Monday, March 30th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. I shovelled the sled and a board pile out of the snow and loaded the sled to start a load this afternoon. P.M. I started my load out on the Duck Pond Hill. Father has been over the lake chopping this afternoon

### Tuesday, March 31st, 1885

W. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. I took a load of boards to Ed. Rice about eight hundred and fifty feet – partly pine and partly Spruce. I got a barrel of flour at Campbell's on D. Fullerton's a/c – price, I think, \$6.50. I bought another barrel from Ed. Rice – price \$5.00. I bought Roxy a pair of boots at Campbell's – \$1.41 A.M. Father chopped over the lake. P.M. he stayed at home and entertained Mr & Mrs Spencer who spent the afternoon and evening here.

Harold and Leslie have been snow balling today.

19-57

### Wednesday, April 1st, 1885

W. W. Rained all night – fine today. F & I chopping over

the lake.

Roxy & little Leonard went down to Annie's to stay a couple of days. Harold and Leslie have been making flumes today

21-57

#### Thursday, April 2nd, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day.

Father and I have been chopping over the lake. The boys went down on the lake this morning with us. They had their sled and we left them on the ice and enjoying themselves finely. Roxy came home from Annie's tonight. The boys are impatient for the snow to go off.

23-57

#### Friday, April 3rd, 1885

W. S. Looking like rain all day. Father chopping fence poles. I have been sick and unable to do anything.

#### Saturday, April 4th, 1885

W. S.E. Rained all day. I have been writing the greater part of the day.

I mailed six letters as follows:- Three to Ottawa, One to Pub's "Family Herald", One to Alonzo Grant, One to Lillie Cosman. Received a letter from Ottawa.

#### Sunday, April 5th, 1885

W. S.W. Foggy till noon - then Cleared away. Mother spent the day over to Alf's. Harris and Cornelia were here a while this afternoon and to tea

24-59

#### Monday, April 6th, 1885

W. S.E. Snowed all the forenoon but melted as fast as it fell. Shifted to West in the afternoon & cleared off. A.M. Alf and I hauling fence poles to make a line fence between the orchard and pasture. Father went in the woods to cut poles but a stick fell on his arm disabling him so that he was obliged to Come home. He fears the bone is cracked. P.M. Alf & I hauling poles. Harold did his first chopping wood today. He cut up a moose-wood stick about ten feet long with an old axe. He will remember it no doubt. Mrs W.H. Sabine "borned" a little baby girl yesterday

#### Tuesday, April 7th, 1885

W. W. Beautiful spring day. Alf and chopped poles all day on the old horse road.

Obed's wife spent the day here. Harold and Leslie have been making sweeps to draw water from a hole we dug last fall for the new barn wall.

24-61

#### Wednesday, April 8th, 1885

W. S. Drizzling rain all day. Alf and I hauling fence poles with both teams. Finished hauling for the line fence in the orchard and began a fence which is to enclose a portion of the horse pasture in the field. Roxy and I are in the scrap-book business this evening.

#### Thursday, April 9th, 1885

W. N. Fine but cold and windy A.M. Alf & I cutting poles. P.M. Hauling. Making scrapbooks again this evening. Harold and Leslie have been following us in and out the woods today for the sake of that which is always so pleasurable to boys viz riding on the sled, an amusement which I never deny them with the reason urged by many, "What fun is it?" I take pleasure in allowing children to do what ever amuses them and is harmless.

There is great excitement now about the Half-breed rising in the NorthWest. There is also war threatening between England and Russia.

#### Friday, April 10th, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day. A.M. I chopped poles and Alf hauled them. We have now cut and hauled 370 poles. P.M. I began cutting barn timber. Mrs Smith spent the day here. Chattie and Alf were here to dinner and tea.

24-66

#### Saturday, April 11th, 1885

W. S.E. Fine. A.M. I went to the mill - started out a load of refuse boards to the Corner and went back and got another load which I brought home. Harold and Leslie went with me. It is Leslie's birth-day and I am allowing him every indulgence possible. P.M. I have been doing chores around. Mrs Smith stayed here last night. Mailed two letters & a Postal as follows, - P.O. Dt. Ottawa - Bank of Montreal, Ottawa. Postal to Francis Jones,



Weymouth. Recd. a Letter from Chas J. McDonald Halifax with Mail Contract. Also, a letter from P.O. Dt Ottawa with an order on Bank for \$1.79 amt due me on the last Fall's P.O. Quarter.

24-67

#### **Sunday, April 12th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day. Daniel Fullerton, Annie, Scot and the other children spent the day here

#### **Monday, April 13th, 1885**

W. S.E. Snowed all the forenoon but melted as it came. Cleared up tonight. A.M. I hauled barn-timber. P.M. I cut some sticks for frames. Stilman Mullen was here today to dinner. He is collecting money for David Mullen who is blind from injuries received last Fall and who is intending to go to Boston to seek medical aid. I gave him twenty five cents, and Father gave him a dollar.

24-68

#### **Tuesday, April 14th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. I have been cutting and hauling timber. Harold and Leslie stay in the woods with me, engaged in building "injins" Camps building dams and climbing trees.

#### **Wednesday, April 15th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. I have been cutting and hauling barn-timber. Roxy with Josey and Leonard have been up to Cornelia's visiting. It is the first time little Leonard has been "up the road" Aunt Sarah was here and spent the afternoon.

26-69

Alf & Chattie went down the River today with the old mare. John Smith of Barton who lost his wife last fall has been married again lately. His daughter Ella also was married lately.

26-69

#### **Thursday, April 16th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Cutting & hauling Barn timber. The snow is three feet deep in the woods in places. Mrs Smith, Annie McNeill and Janey Grant spent the afternoon here. Harold and Leslie took their axe down in the woods where I was at work and Harold cut down two little spruce trees large enough for small fence poles. They were the first trees that ever he cut down, and I dare say he will

remember it as long as he lives.

Leslie cut down a couple of bushes too, being his first experience in that line

26-72

#### **Friday, April 17th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Cutting and hauling timber. Nothing of importance occurred. Father's lame arm is getting better slowly. There is a Frence boy here now this evening. He is looking for work I believe.

#### **Saturday, April 18th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day again. We decided to keep the boy who stayed here last night. His name is Charley Comeau, and belongs to Church Point. We are going to keep him awhile at \$8.00 a month. A.M. We finished hauling barn timber & hauled two loads of poles. P.M. C-y cut wood. I made an axe handle and did some other chores. I mailed two letters today - one to Chas. McDonald, Halifax, - one to PO Department Ottawa. Received a letter from Ottawa also a specimen copy of the "Western Plowman"

#### **Sunday, April 19th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day. This evening Father went out to meeting. I did not go, being unwell. I have spent the day in reading.

#### **Monday, April 20th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Charley Comeau & I chopping over the lake. We crossed over on the ice this morning but dared not try it tonight. I could drive the axe through where we crossed this morning.

#### **Tuesday, April 21st, 1885**

W. N.W. Lovely day again Charley & I chopping over the lake. Father's arm is still far from well. The little boys are amusing themselves by building dams nowadays

#### **Wednesday, April 22nd, 1885**

W. E. Cloudy & raw - looking like rain. We have been

chopping over the lake. The lake where we crossed Monday was all open yesterday.

**Thursday, April 23rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.

A.M. Charley pitching manure. P.M. C & I chopping. Father & mother went to Weymouth today. Father took some hides down to Blackadar's. He also went to the Registration office to look over some old records. Mother bought Harold and Leslie a pound of shingle nails. This they will remember no doubt.

**Friday, April 24th, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine day. C & I cutting over the lake. Annie McNeill stayed here last night. She had her examinations today. Roxy & the boys went.

26-73

**Saturday, April 25th, 1885**

W. N. Beautiful day. Charley & I finished chopping over the lake today. I mailed a letter to Ottawa also received one from Ottawa.

**Sunday, April 26th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine – looking like a storm tonight. This forenoon Roxy, Charley & I with the children took a walk to the lake. P.M. Roxy & I with Josey & Leonard started to go out to W.H.S's. We met him at the Corner, and turned back. He came home with me, but Roxy and the babies stopped to Annie's. They remained there till evening and I went down with the carriage to get them, taking W.H.S- on his way home.

26-75

**Monday, April 27th, 1885**

W. S.E. Snowed a little in the night and rained till noon. Clearing off tonight. P.M. Charley & I went to Comeau's mill and piled up some Hemlock boards. George Blackadar is here tonight

26-76

**Tuesday, April 28th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine – but cold. Charley & I pitched over the manure. Father went to Tusket to look for a sale for trees. I went out to W.H.S's tonight with the horse & carriage.

Mrs. Stearns Jones of Weymouth died last Friday. She was a very fine woman and her death will be greatly lamented.

28-76

**Wednesday, April 29th, 1885**

W. S.E. Rained with hail and thunder during the night, and continued showery all day.

I came home from W.H.S's this morning. Between showers Charley & I began to build a fence that is to enclose a portion of the horse pasture which I am going to “break” for potatoes this spring. Dan Fullerton was here to tea. Yesterday I mailed a postal to Alonzo Grant in reference to Fruit trees. I also mailed a letter to Abraham Nichols of Digby Ridge in reference to trees.

32-77

**Thursday, April 30th, 1885**

W. N. Cloudy bleak & cold. Charly & I working at the fence. Father home from Tusket this afternoon.

34-77

**Friday, May 1st, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but cold. F have been grafting some cherry trees. C & I working at our fence. We pull down & hauled away the old fence between the field and pasture.

**Saturday, May 2nd, 1885**

W. S.E. Raining all day. Haines Sabin & wife spent the day here. We sold him 13 apple trees. Father told him to endorse the amt. (\$3.00) on the note that he holds against Father. Frank Sabine too has been here all day. He gave an order for fifty trees. I made a new wipple-tree for the carriage.

Received tonight two letters from Ottawa and a Postal from J. Lawson, Rochester, also received the “Crown Pictures” from Montreal – premiums with my subscription to the “Star”. Willie Gates was here to tea tonight

34-81

**Sunday, May 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day. Father & mother spent the afternoon at Annie's. Roxy & I read “Christian Home Life”.

36-81

**Monday, May 4th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but windy. This morning I fixed up the carriage after which W.H. Sabine & I went to Weymouth. He came in this morning, and we did not get off till after dinner. Our mission to Weymouth was to see Mr Butler about canvassing for us this season. We had an interview with him, but failed to make a bargain. We mailed a letter to D.M. Davis for fruit plates (I found the money) Five dollars. Also mailed a letter to Jas. Lawson & a card to Jas. Tobin. I paid the postage. I got six yards of shirting for Charley. The price was fourteen cents. Tom Rice paid me \$2.50 – bal due for potatoes

36–82

**Tuesday, May 5th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Father went down to attend a session of the Municipal Council at Clare. Charley Como went with him. I finished the fence around the field.

37–83

**Wednesday, May 6th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Joseph Porter helped us break up a piece of sod. John Challoner (“the red cart pedlar”) stayed here last night and here again to dinner. John Edd Wagner came and got a dozen trees today.

37–85

**Thursday, May 7th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Porter came and helped finish plowing. A.M. We got out a lot of trees for delivery. Judson came & helped get them out. I started about ten o'clock stopped to W.H.S.'s where we put in some more trees, and after dinner we drove down to Douglass Campbell's delivering his trees. We then proceeded up the Ridge delivering as we went. Got tea at Burtons. We passed through the French Settlement, out through the North Range and went down to Mrs Ring's.

**Friday, May 8th, 1885**

W. W. Fine. WHS & I went to Digby this morning and put the team up at Stailing's. We dined at George White's after which we visited the Courier Office where we arranged about some printing. We paid him \$9.50. We called on Tobin, had an interview, got tea at Whites and drove down the Bay again to Mrs Rings.

**Saturday, May 9th, 1885**

W. S.E. Cloudy till noon. Rained till night. W.H.S. & I went up to Uncle John's where we stayed till dinner. We arranged with him for some money. We went up to Bingay's ship-yard where we collected \$3.00 from Chas Amero for trees. We came down to Mrs Ring's. It rained so heavily that we did not come home, but put up for the night, spending the evening at Mr Dunkley's. Recd a Postal from Alonzo. (mailed a letter to Ottawa)

**Sunday, May 10th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. We came home today. Aunt Olive and Aunt Sarah were here when I came home. Dan and Annie also were here. I found them all well, but little babies who have Colds.

37–93

**Monday, May 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. W.H Sabine came in this morning and he and we got out and labelled a lot of trees for delivery. W.H.S. took them out tonight with our team. He is going to deliver tomorrow. Adolbert Porter was here today. Aunt Sarah & Aunt Olive have been around here all day. Charly helped Jos. Porter today

37–99

**Tuesday, May 12th, 1885**

W. W. Fine. Father & I have been cross-ploughing our potato ground. Charley has been helping Jos Porter. He helped him yesterday and is going to again tomorrow. W.H. Sabine is going to deliver trees today. School began again today. Mrs Morehouse is teacher

**Wednesday, May 13th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father & I began ploughing again, but W.H.S. coming for more trees, we knocked off and helped get the trees out. W.H.S. was here to dinner. After he went away, F & I made a box to put trees in and pulled up some. W.H. Sabine came back tonight.

37.100

**Thursday, May 14th, 1885**

W. N.E. Cloudy – began raining about noon continued till night. We packed up 200 trees ready for sale in

Frenchtown. F- was going with them today had it been fine.

37-102

#### Friday, May 15th, 1885

W. N.E.- Rained all before noon fine till night. Father made a hay-cutter. I planted a lot of apple trees around as follows - 1 Red Astracan 1 Ben Davis 1 Early Harvest 1 Gravenstein 1 New Brunswick 1 Emp. Alexander and two trees names unknown. Charley harrowed the sod for potatoes. Allie Gates was here tonight to tea He came for a few apple-trees. Three Bishop-Pippins, and payed on them 25 cts. Our poor little baby Lennie has been very sick with a bowel Complaint for several days. If he gets no better soon we shall have to get some medicine from the doctor for him. We hear tonight that Gabe White of the Township Line has died suddenly

37-103

#### Saturday, May 16th, 1885

W. S.W. Beautiful day. We began planting today. I hauled out manure, and Father & Charley planting. Our Order books from Digby came to hand today. I received a Postal from D.M. Dewey saying our money (4.00) was received, and the plate books would be prepared and mailed soon. I sent a letter to Ottawa today. Leonard is better

#### Sunday, May 17th, 1885

W. S.W. Beautiful day again. Father & mother went out the Settlement and spent the day. Cornelia and her children spent the afternoon here. Tonight I went out to Mr Spencer's meeting. We had a splendid sermon from the 12 & 13 verses of 2nd Chap of Paul to Philipians. Mrs Wm Weaver and Ed Barr were baptized at Tuskett today. Emma Barr, a dissatisfied Campbilitate was received into the Church.

41-104

#### Monday, May 18th, 1885

W. S.E. Slight showers. Father went to French-town with a load of apple trees for sale. He took about 170. I have been hauling out manure. Charley planting. I got the cart wheel broke down and some other mishaps hindered my doing a very large days work.

#### Tuesday, May 19th, 1885

W. E. Raining heavily part of the day. We worked some at planting. Tonight Harold and Leslie and I went down to the lake by Will's fence and caught a couple of trouts. The boys were delighted. I am not able to do much today - have lain abed part of the day

#### Wednesday, May 20th, 1885

W. N.E. Beautiful day. We have been planting today Father came home tonight He sold all the trees but collected very little money The boys are going to school now.

#### Thursday, May 21st, 1885

W. N.W. Fine. Father pitched the compost from under the Stable and I hauled out manure. Charley planting. F went to W.H.S's tonight and stayed all night

#### Friday, May 22nd, 1885

W. W. Beautiful day. All hands planting

#### Saturday, May 23rd, 1885

W. S.W. Beautiful day. WH Sabine came in the morning to see about Blackadar's trees. We sent a Postal to him saying we thought the trees unfit for removal. I also sent a postal to Chattie Wilson. Tonight recd our Plate Books from D.M. Dewey We finished planting today. And tonight I planted a lot of apple trees. I see by today's papers that Riel, the leader of the N.W. troubles, has been captured. This will likely end the war. Harold has a very bad cough Roxy went out today with John Edd. She got the boys some hats. Mrs Wm Seely of Brighton is dead.

#### Sunday, May 24th, 1885

W. S.W. A glorious day. The trees are beginning to show green, & the first cherry blossoms appear today. Roxy & I with our little boys went down in the woods tonight to hear the birds sing

**Monday, May 25th, 1885**

W. S. Foggy. A.M. Father and Charly fixed John Edds Line fence. P.M. Charly picked up stones. Father went out to see Mr Spencer. I have been sick and done very little except work some among the apple-trees – a species of employment in which I take great delight.

42-104

**Tuesday, May 26th, 1885**

W. S.W. Foggy till noon – then cleared off beautifully. Sumner Sabine came here this morning to see the Nursery He is in Jas Lawson's employ who sent him to inspect the trees and report. I went out to W.H.S's with him that he might see the trees there. He expressed the greatest satisfaction at their appearance. Mr N. Butler of Weymouth was also in to see the trees. He dined with us at W.H.S's. Father trimmed a lot of deals to go out with tomorrow.

Old "Jim" Everett of Plympton died recently.

43.104

**Wednesday, May 27th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.

Father when I went out with a load of deals. Charly digging among the apple trees. In the forenoon made a bed-stead for the boys to sleep on. In the afternoon I pitched out the sink-hole.

**Thursday, May 28th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. Alfred, Charley and I spent all the forenoon in trying to get up the sheep for shearing. We had a great romp in the French wood without success.

P.M. Charley & I ploughed the last year's Potato ground for oats. Father at work in the Nursery

**Friday, May 29th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine all of us working in Nursery except in the afternoon when Charly harrowed the oats ground.

**Saturday, May 30th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.

A.M. Father sowed the oats. C & I digging in the nursery. P.M. C. harrowed. F & I finished the nursery. I mailed a letter to J.F Avery Halifax today. Tonight received a

specimen Copy of "Farmer & Manufacturer".

**Sunday, May 31st, 1885**

W. S.E. Cloudy. We met at the school-house this morning and organized a Sabbat-school for the season. Or perhaps I should say reorganized as there has been a Sunday school every Summer here for several years, though I have not identified myself with it till now. Scot spent the day here.

43-106

**Monday, June 1st, 1885**

W. E. Rained all night Foggy all day. A.M. Father and Alf finished the line fence in the orchard. I counted the grafted trees in the nursery making 13,534. Charly hauled a couple of loads of slabs from the mill for wood Mr Spencer was here to dinner. He paid father one hundred dollars.

P.M. We put out manure for some vegetables, made the rows and planted part of the seed. Raining again tonight. Roxy is sick tonight. Mother went up the road canvassing for "Farm and Home" She got six subscribers. Victor Hugo, the great French poet is dead.

**Tuesday, June 2nd, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy till noon Rained till night. A.M. Father and Charly made a boom where we are to put some logs in the lake. I pruned trees. P.M. Spent part of the afternoon in trying to get up the Sheep – failed again. I then spent the rest of the day in cobbling.

**Wednesday, June 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Cleared up through the day. A.M. Father hacked in some peas. I finished mending my shoes. P.M. Father went around the Lake & cut some logs. I pruned trees in the nursery. Charley went out with the team – took a load of boards to Mr Campbell and got himself a suit of clothes Price with shoes & hat \$7.50

**Thursday, June 4th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. With the assistance of John E. Wagner and son we made another attempt to get up the Sheep but again failed. P.M. Father & I put in the beans Charly helped Alf drive logs.

Roxy is better. Harold goes to school, but Leslie is in so delicate a state of health that we have concluded to keep him home awhile. Received a letter tonight from W.H. Sabine referring to our note at J. Campbell's. Several of the apple trees were in full bloom in May this year

#### **Friday, June 5th, 1885**

W. N. Cloudy till noon – rained till night. Father & Charly rafting logs on Bear Lake. I made a hople for the horse – put two shoes on her and did some other chores. P.M. I went accompanied by W.H. Sabine, down to John Campbell's to settle a Note of Fifty dollars. I paid my part (\$25.00) less the interest, & WHS – is going to renew. It was so late when I got in to W.H.S's that I put up for the night

44–106

#### **Saturday, June 6th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. I came home this forenoon from WH. Sabine's. He & I counted the grafted trees in his nursery this morning and there were 7474 good trees. Mr Spencer accompanied by Thos. Hutchings Esq were at W.H.S's this morning. Mr H. is to lecture at Southville next Monday evening. F. & Charly putting logs in Provost Lake till noon. P.M. Charly hauled out a few loads of top dressing. F made some squash hills. I planted some beans and made hills for tomatoes. Mailed a letter to Ottawa.

#### **Sunday, June 7th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. I went to Sunday School in the morning accompanied by my boys. It is the first time Josey has been to Sunday School. Of course he did nothing to gaze around. He was a good boy and made no disturbance. Scot was here to dinner and Phebe Sabine to tea

44–108

#### **Monday, June 8th, 1885**

W. W. Showery. We have spent the day chasing sheep and after a severe tussel got them into the Stable. Alf left a door open and after dinner they were all in the pasture again which was very discouraging. Father and I went out to the lecture tonight at the close of which in effort was made to organize a Division of the Sons of temperance but without success, an evidence that the place is in a state of

retrogression. Fifteen years ago this spring a lodge of IOGT was formed here and for several years did a good work.

#### **Tuesday, June 9th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine – cool & windy. A.M. We finished putting logs in Provost Lake. P.M. F & I chopping logs over the lake Charley digging in Nursery.

#### **Wednesday, June 10th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but windy & cold A.M. F & I made a boom in Bear-lake and cut a few logs I was taken sick and was unable to work this afternoon F & Charly cutting and hauling logs in Bear lake.

#### **Thursday, June 11th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father & Charley cutting logs. I have been confined to the house with sickness. Leslie who has been staying home from school for some time, went this afternoon His health is delicate and I do not consider him in a fit condition to go to school

#### **Friday, June 12th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father hauling in logs in Bear Lake – have put about fifty in B. lake. Charley helping Harris Cosman raft our logs and Alf's in Provost lake. I am still sick.

#### **Saturday, June 13th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Charly helped run the logs down the brook F. has been making a cart-axle. P.M. Charly went to Frenchtown. I am feeling a little better Roxy is nearly as well again as ever. I mailed a letter to World's D. M. Association and tonight received one from Jas. Lawson Several numbers of Mother's Buds and Blossoms came tonight.

#### **Sunday, June 14th, 1885**

W. S.W. Cloudy all day. Roxy and the boys went to Sunday School. I did not go. Tonight father, Roxy & I started to go to meeting. We had only proceeded a little way when a thunder shower drove us back.

**Monday, June 15th, 1885**

W. S.W. Cloudy this morning but cleared off. F. finished his axle. I went out to W.H. Sabine's this morning with the carriage and stayed all day expecting to take him out tonight to go down on the train. He gave up going and I came home tonight.

46-108

**Tuesday, June 16th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. AM. Father Alf & I made a yard in the woods by the lake to catch the sheep in. Dan helped us, and at noon we had them all in. This afternoon we sheared. I helped. It was my first experience at shearing. I rather liked it. I took the coats off of five. Mr Spencer and Haines Sabine were here to dinner. Dan was also here to dinner. I let Dan have the old mare today for a while to work

46-111

**Wednesday, June 17th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. We made clogs and clogged the sheep. P.M. I worked in the Nursery. Father went to the mill and took some grease for the running gears. Yesterday Harold at school entered the "Second" reading book. It was a great event with him. He is reading well

**Thursday, June 18th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father took a load of Boards to Campbell. He bought a Bbl of flour and paid the money for it (\$5.25) I have been chasing the sheep most all day, there being two yet unshorn. This afternoon I have been digging in the Nursery. Harold has been to School

**Friday, June 19th, 1885**

Fine again. Father sawing. A.M. I dug some roots for boat timber. P.M. I went to the mill with the team and started out load of skoots to take out tomorrow Harold at School. Leslie and Josey play around.

**Saturday, June 20th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. F. at the mill. I went out with a load of skoots for E. Hogan (750 ft) I got Harold and Leslie each a new jack-knife from Tom Rice's. They are pretty little knives with brown wooden handles, and cost

twenty five cents each.

How delighted the little boys were. They ran and met me on the swamp. Roxy and little Josey were there too, and Josey said- "Got one for me?" I foresaw that, and had a stick of candy ready. These are the first new knives they have had excepting a cheap, poor white handled knife that Santa Claus brought Leslie a year ago last Xmas. I received a letter tonight from Post Office at Montreal.

**Sunday, June 21st, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine again. Roxy and the boys went to Sunday School this morning. I did not go, not feeling well enough. Scot has been around here nearly all day. I have spent the day in reading and laying down.

46-112

**Monday, June 22nd, 1885**

W. South - Showery with thunder. Father sawing. I took another load of skoot boards to E Hogan making in all 1510 ft. I took up the worth of my loads at the store. Charley Comeau came back again tonight. I got a complete soaking.

**Tuesday, June 23rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Father & Charley Sawing. I worked part of the day in the Nursery and part of the day in preparing ground and planting cabbages. Cornelia and her Children spent the day here. She has been helping pick wool.

46-113

**Wednesday, June 24th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Charley & I at the mill. I do not know what father has been doing. This morning Josey broke Harold's knife blade in two. Poor little Hal's heart seemed nearly broken. He cried most piteously till Leslie stepped up and said the knife was not injured much, and offered to trade knives with Hal. Hal said, "If you will I will give you five cents to boot. Leslie said he would and Hal counted out the money. It was a sad yet amusing scene. Capt Hankinson was here today collecting rates. Roxy paid mine which was \$00.90

**Thursday, June 25th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Charley & I sawing. Father at the mill till

noon helping run in some logs. I went out to D. Fullerton's tonight where W.H Sabine & I hired and equipped him to go canvassing for trees. He is to start tomorrow morning.  
W.H. Sabine came home with me tonight. Annie spent the day here.

47-115

#### Friday, June 26th, 1885

W. S.W. Fine. Charly & I at the mill. Father mending a broken Cart wheel. W.H.S. stayed here last night. Strawberries are getting thick. Cornelia spent the day here again.

47-118

#### Saturday, June 27th, 1885

W. S. Cloudy with a slight shower Charly working on the road for Alf. Alf took a load of deals out for us with an old mare he got yesterday for his steers from Elijah Mullen. I have been sawing. A.M. F. tired the wheel. P.M. He started two loads of deals from mill I got a copy of Farmer & Manufacturer

#### Sunday, June 28th, 1885

W. S. Looking like rain.  
Roxy and the children went to Sunday school this morning I was so tired and miserable that I did not go. I mailed a card to "Monarch Novelty Co." yesterday and a letter to Montreal Post Office. Mother received a card tonight from publishers of "Farm and Home" saying her money has been received and her premium (hammock) shipped. also a Card from Custom House, Digby, saying the parcel was there and held for payment of Customs.

49.119

#### Monday, June 29th, 1885

W. S. Showery. Father went out with a load of Deals. This morning I went down to the Corner to Council with W.H.S & Dan in reference to Canvassing. Got breakfast and dinner there. P.M. I went to the mill & sawed

51-119

#### Tuesday, June 30th, 1885

W. S.E. Raining all day  
Charley & I sawing. I do not know what Father has been doing

#### Wednesday, July 1st, 1885

W. S. Showery. Charley & I finished Sawing. F. working on the road doing "Statute Labor".  
Mary Budreau, who has been staying here since last fall, went away today.

#### Thursday, July 2nd, 1885

W. S.W. Foggy till noon then cleared off. A.M. F. Charly & I are working on Road. Finished.  
P.M. Ploughed part of the potatoes and began hoing.

#### Friday, July 3rd, 1885

W. S.W. Cloudy and looking like rain. Began raining at noon and continued till towards night. A.M. Father, Charley, Scot and hoing potatoes. P.M. I made up my quarterly P.O. a/c and tonight I got poles and poled the beans. F. & Charley got some sticks for a hay rick. Tonight they ploughed a few more rows of potatoes.

#### Saturday, July 4th, 1885

W. S.W. Fine. Father & Mother went to the carding mill with the wool. Father got a new grind stone from Ed. Rice. Charley Scot & I hoing potatoes. Tonight I received by mail a Copy of the "National Encyclopedia" from the "World's Dispensary Medical Association" in return for some service done them. I also received some circulars from Dr. Bidaman of New York. F. received a letter from Alonzo Grant Containing twenty five dollars. I mailed two letters to Ottawa and one to Geo M White in Digby. Mother got Hal a bottle of ink for him to begin on.

#### Sunday, July 5th, 1885

W. S.W. Fine. Roxy & I with the children went to Sunday School.

#### Monday, July 6th, 1885

W. S. Cloudy till noon when a heavy thunder Storm came up which lasted till the middle of the afternoon. A.M. F. Charly Scot & I hoing. P.M. F and Ch- after the rain went to the head of Bear Lake and picked up some logs. I hoed potatoes.



Mother and Chattie went to Tusket and got Chattie Wilson who is going to Spin for us. Harold began writing today in School for the first with pen & ink.

52-119

**Tuesday, July 7th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. F. Charly & I working on the road with Alf who is laying out money. We worked over by Porter's. Leslie stayed over there with us all day. Abbie Ring and her cousin Jane Ring from Freeport came here today – were here to dinner & then went up to Harris' Geo. Blackadar was here to dinner also. Dan Urquhart is married at last.

52-122

**Wednesday, July 8th, 1885**

W. S. Showery all day. A.M. F. C. & I working on the road. P.M. I picked strawberries all day between the showers.

**Thursday, July 9th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F. C. & I took a raft of logs from Sandy Cove to the mill. P.M. We finished hoing the potatoes and hoed the beans after which I went strawberrying with Roxy, Abbie and Jane Ring. Tonight we digged a few rows in the nursery. Hal and Les were to school today. Mother got her hammock tonight which she sent for, and we put it up in the garden. Abbie and Jane Ring have spent the day here

52-123

**Friday, July 10th, 1885**

W. S.W. Cloudy and sprinkled some this forenoon, then cleared away. A.M. F and Charly digging in the Nursery. P.M. Father and Mother went Strawberrying. Charley Started two loads of deals from the mill. I have been sawing. Abbie & Jane Ring have been here all day.

53-129

**Saturday, July 11th, 1885**

W. S.W. Glorious day. Father has been at work in the Nursery. Charly went to Campbell's with a load of deals. I have been sawing. Harold and Leslie have been to the mill all day with me. They have had great sport, and will remember this day's doings long years after their father who loves them so fondly has been slumbering in the grave. Poor little Leslie

got very tired Coming home and I carried him part of the way. I had to carry Hal too a little way. Leslie had a good nap in the Camp after dinner I mailed a postal to Alonzo today acknowledging a Receipt of the money he sent (\$25.00) I received two letters one from D.M. Dewey, one from Monarch Novelty Co. also a Copy of "Farmer & Manufacturer"

Judson and Carrie White came here tonight. Roxy and Jane and Abbie have spent the day over to Chattie's.

53-133

**Sunday, July 12th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Judson Carrie, Abbie, and Jane have been around here all day. It has been very pleasant. I spent the forenoon lying in the hammock in the garden with a book or paper. Tonight Roxy, Abbie, Jane and I went out to meeting. Mr Spencer spoke from Mark 10 & 49.

Father went out to W.H.S's this afternoon.

54-139

**Monday, July 13th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm.

A.M. F & Charly working in Nursery I shod the horse and mended the harness. P.M. Charly started two loads of deals from the mill. F & I repaired the "nigger" wheel in the mill this afternoon Roxy took Abbie and Jane Ring up the Bay. She took a little Leonard too of Course. It is the first time he has been out past Aunt Sarah's.

55-143

**Tuesday, July 14th, 1885**

W. S.E. Very warm and looking like rain. A.M. F. working in Nursery. I did nothing, being sick. P.M. I helped F. in Nursery We finished digging it. Charley went out with a load. Mr McKay, a Colporteur in the employ of B.A.B&T.S. came here tonight.

55-144

**Wednesday, July 15th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy till noon then cleared off. Rained in the night. Father & I made a hay-rick in the door-yard. Mr McKay stayed here last night and was here to dinner. Charley hauled slabs from the mill for fire wood. Roxy came home tonight bringing Aunt Minerva Specht with her

55-147

**Thursday, July 16th, 1885**

W. S.W. Clear & very warm. Father began mowing. I sawed in the mill. Charley went out again with a load of deals to Campbell's.

55-150

**Friday, July 17th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Charly & I mowed a piece of grass below the nursery. P.M. We leveled a road, or began to make a road from the "Cow-barn" I started a load of deals from mill. F & C raked up the hay.

55-153

**Saturday, July 18th, 1885**

W. N. Fine. F & Charley hauled in two loads of hay with the old mare. I went out with a load of Deals. I got myself a suit of clothes, and a scythe. Mother & Aunt Minerva have been visiting at Annie's. Harold & Leslie were down there tonight and came home with me. Uncle Will and Lina came here tonight.

56-157

**Sunday, July 19th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. The boys and I went up to Sunday school after which Mr Gates preached a good sermon. Hartshorn was here to dinner. P.M. Carey White, who was at Alf's visiting, went with me to W.H.S's with the carriage and spent the afternoon. Uncle Will and Auntie went home this afternoon.

57-168

**Monday, July 20th, 1885**

W. W. Fine. Father, Charlie and I began mowing down on the hill. I have a new scythe. It is a good one. We have mowed all day. Carrie White has been here. Last Friday Annie was to Weymouth - the carding mill - with our team. Mother went with her for company.

57.171

**Tuesday, July 21st, 1885**

W. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. Began raining at noon which continued till night. A.M. F. Ch & I finished a road that we have begun making. P.M. We did nothing it being so rainy.

57-174

**Wednesday, July 22nd, 1885**

W. N. Fine. A.M. Father mended some rakes. Charly & I mowed down on the hill. P.M. We raked up and Coked a lot of hay.

**Thursday, July 23rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Mowing and raking all day. Mrs Call with her son and daughter are making themselves conspicuous in Riverdale this week. Carrie White is around here

57-177

**Friday, July 24th, 1885**

W. S. Quite fine, but looking like rain. I have been very sick all day. Father and Charley with Alf to help hauled four loads of hay for us and one load for Alf today. We had raspberries for tea - the first of the season! Carrie White has been here. Mother went down to Annie's to Call upon Lydia Fullerton who is visiting there.

Leslie went up to Cornelia's Wednesday to stay awhile with her for company, but this morning he got homesick and came home, and Harold went up today.

57-180

**Saturday, July 25th, 1885**

W. S.W. Rained all the forenoon heavily - cloudy till night. A.M. Father split shingles. I am unable to do anything. P.M. F & C - finished mowing down on the hill.

Carrie White went away this morning. I half soled C's shoes this afternoon.

57-181

**Sunday, July 26th, 1885**

W. N. Foggy till noon then cleared away - very sultry. Lillie Cosman came here this afternoon. She has a fine little boy baby. Roxy and Jossie went to "Sunday School" as Josey Calls it - this forenoon. Tonight after tea Roxy, Lillie & I went down to Annie's with the Carriage

57-182

**Monday, July 27th, 1885**

W. N. Fine and very warm. We mowed the little Apple-tree field and raked it. finished raking the field on the hill and hauled it in - one load. Lillie has been here all day

57.185

**Tuesday, July 28th, 1885**

W. Variable. Fine & warm  
We mowed the field by the garden and hauled in the hay from the little orchard.

57-188

**Wednesday, July 29th, 1885**

W. S. Fine and exceedingly sultry. We mowed the Clover in our new ploughed field below where the barn is to be built, and raked up and hauled in hay from this field – one load.  
Began mowing in the rough field. Lillie is staying here this week.

58-191

**Thursday, July 30th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine & warm.  
Mowing & raking in rough field Annie with her children & Lydia Fullerton spent the day here.

58-198

**Friday, July 31st, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Mowing & raking in the rough field.  
Mother took Chattie Wilson home today. Harold went with her as far as George Prime's where he stayed till she came back & picked blue-berries

60-201

**Saturday, August 1st, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. A.M. F and I finished mowing the rough field. P.M. F & Charly raking. I went back on the burnt blueberrying. I took the old mare. Valentine Godat went with me. We got a fine a lot of berries. I got two letters tonight. One from Ottawa and one with Circulars.

60-204

**Sunday, August 2nd, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Roxy & I with the children went up the road this afternoon Roxy went to Cornelia's and I went to Disciple meeting. W.H. Sabine came home with me to tea. Charly had the horse and Carriage to go to Weymouth, N.S.

61-205

**Monday, August 3rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F & I began mowing a piece of

rough ground by the potatoes P.M. Charly ran away, and I took the horse & carriage and went after him. I went as far as Weymouth but Could not find him. Leslie went with me

**Tuesday, August 4th, 1885**

W. S.E. Cloudy all day and looking like rain. F& I finished mowing the little rough field and began mowing tonight in the Will Cosman field. I sent a letter to Charley today trying to induce him to return.

Roxy was very sick all day yesterday. She is better today Mother was quite unwell last week. Harold has had a great cough but is about over it again. Lillie Cosman came back again today

61-207

**Wednesday, August 5th, 1885**

W. S.W. Rained heavily till noon – then cleared off very hot. A.M. F. doing nothing. I cut out some wheels to make the boys some carts. P.M. F. mowed. I went down to Church Point to look for Charly, but could not find him. I have heard since that he is looking around Weymouth. I am hoarse tonight and feel as though I were getting a cold. General Grant, one of America's greatest men, has died lately from a tobacco-cancer– Disgraceful!

61-210

**Thursday, August 6th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. We mowed the swamp by Will's House. P.M. We mowed and raked some I have done a very hard day's work and am dreadfully tired tonight. My cold is worse.

A Digby Meth. Sunday School Pic-nic has been afflicting Weymouth today. Alf & Chattie were out

61-213

**Friday, August 7th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Haying in Will's field. Alf. Marshall helping us. I worked part of the day, and then was obliged to give up. I am in a bad state of health, and have, in addition to my old troubles, a fearful cold and cough. My sweet friends as usual declare the difficulty to be laziness, and advise me to mow when I have help, instead of loafing around the house.

WH Sabine & wife had our horse & carriage to go to Weymouth

61-216

**Saturday, August 8th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. F & Alf Marshal hauling hay most all day. I am very sick. Riel has had his trial and sentenced to die on Sept 18th next.

61-219

**Sunday, August 9th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Lillie went away last night. Dan, Annie and their children have been here to tea. I think I feel a little better today

61-222

**Monday, August 10th, 1885**

W. S.E. Quite fine. F and Alf Marshall working in the hay. I am not so well as I was yesterday. I can only sit up a little.

**Tuesday, August 11th, 1885**

W. S. Showery. Nothing going on of account. I am no better. A parcel of Tugging town trash was expected here today but Providence, mercifully interposing by sending a storm, has gladdened our souls.

**Wednesday, August 12th, 1885**

W. S. Showery till noon then cleared away very hot. F. mowing. John Barr had a child buried at Southville today. Chattie here to tea. I think I feel a little better today.

61-223

**Thursday, August 13th, 1885**

W. S. Cloudy all day. Showery. Father mowing. Gus McAuley helping. I am about the same. Poor little Leonard is quite unwell from a bad bowel Complaint. He has also a cough

**Friday, August 14th, 1885**

W. S. Blowing heavily with slight showers. Roxy spent the day with Chattie. I was over to tea. I am perhaps a little better.

63-223

**Saturday, August 15th, 1885**

W. S.W. Cleared off fine. A.M. I went over to W.H.S's field where he was mowing. P.M. W.H.S. Gus McAuley

and Alf helped rake hay. I raked a little, but Could not do much. I got a Copy tonight of "Christian Nation", also a letter from its publishers. W.H.S. was here to dinner

63-224

**Sunday, August 16th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. I am about the same. Little Leonard is quite sick. Cornelia Cosman and her children were here to tea. Harold went up to meeting alone this afternoon

63-225

Geo Blackadar married today

**Monday, August 17th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Alf & Gus McAuley helped in the hay. P.M. I helped to get in for loads of hay. W.H.S is here tonight to tea.

63-226

George Nowlan was married again lately. Little Leonard has been awful sick today

**Tuesday, August 18th, 1885**

W. S. Looking very like rain. W.H.S staid here last. This morning F. and Gus got in two loads of hay. W.H.S & Judson helped father mow this afternoon. I am about the same, only my Cough is no better. Poor little Leonard was very sick yesterday forenoon. We hardly knew whether he would live or die, but he got better, and today still Continues to improve

**Wednesday, August 19th, 1885**

W. S. Foggy till noon – showery till night. A.M. F. W.H.S & Gus mowed. Gus went home at noon. W.H.S staid till night. Leonard is about the same. He is quite sick yet. W.H.S & Judson stayed here last night

**Thursday, August 20th, 1885**

W. N. Foggy till noon then cleared away. Gus helping Father in the hay. I raked some this afternoon. I am some better. Little Leonard is some better. Carey and Willie White around here today

**Friday, August 21st, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. W.H. Sabine and Gus McCauly helped father in the hay. They began mowing down in the new field by the spring field. They got in a load tonight from Will's field Roxanna loaded it.  
I am about the same Little baby Leonard is quite smart only that his cough is troublesome.

**Saturday, August 22nd, 1885**

W. S. Heavy thunder Shower this forenoon. W.H.S went home this morning.  
Alpha Marshal's little baby, about 18 months old, died today of diptheria. I mailed a letter today to Geo. R. Allen & Co. Received a letter from P.O. Department also circulars from Stinson.

**Sunday, August 23rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day I do not feel as well as I did a week ago. The baby keeps getting better. Mother has been taken today with the same Complaint that I have been suffering from She has lain abed all day. Annie and Dan spent the day here. Judson was here to tea. He came and got the horse and carriage to take Winnie to Weymouth

63.233

**Monday, August 24th, 1885**

W. S.E. Quite fine till noon – misty till night. Alf Marshal's child was buried this forenoon. W.H. Sabine helped Father in the hay Robbie Wagner helped in the afternoon They hauled the last of the hay from Alonzo's field. Mother is very sick today. I am a little better.

**Tuesday, August 25th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy and raw F. Started lumber from the mill. Mother is very sick. Aunt Sarah spent the day here.

63–235

**Wednesday, August 26th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Father finished mowing the new John Ed field & raked it up. Harold was taken sick today. Mother is a little better. Robbie W. went out with our team today. Took a load of boards to Edd Rice and got a Bbl of meal. I do not feel as well as I have been.

Carrie & Willie White have been here today.

63–244

**Thursday, August 27th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Isaih W. helped us in the hay. We hauled in the hay – two loads from the new John Edd field. Harold is quite sick today Mother is a little better.

**Friday, August 28th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. Isaiah and Father mowed the Spring field Harold is still sick.  
I have been making Harold & Leslie a Couple of little Carts I got Harold's done tonight, and the poor little boy, as sick as he was, had to go out and haul it some. I am getting a little Stronger.

**Saturday, August 29th, 1885**

W. W. Fine. Father & Isaiah finished mowing the Spring field and raked it. Mother is a little better. Roxy mailed the letter to Hittie

**Sunday, August 30th, 1885**

W. S. Fine till noon, then showery. A.M. F & I went up to hear Mr Gates. He preached a funeral sermon for Alpha Marshal's child, from Romans 5th, 12 to 18th verses.

John Edd was here to tea. Carrie White and her father were here a while tonight

63–245

**Monday, August 31st, 1885**

W. S. Slight Showers. A.M. F & I hauled hay from the Spring field and finished haying. P.M. We digged some potatoes for Edd Rice. Mother is worse today. Leslie began going to school today. Harold is getting quite smart again.

**Tuesday, September 1st, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Mother was sick all night. She thought at one time that she Could not live till morning, but this morning she is better Father went to Weymouth today with a load for Campbell. He settled up his Bank a/c. I digged potatoes to make up eight Bbls for Edd Rice, but now he does not want them, so we shall put them in the

Cellar. Leslie has been at school. Harold & Josey helped me dig and pick up potatoes. I am feeling quite smart again.

### **Wednesday, September 2nd, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father mended his boots. I lay abed all the forenoon. I do not feel as well as I have for the past few days. Mother seems a little better.  
P.M. I picked up a barrel of little potatoes.

### **Thursday, September 3rd, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father went blueberrying. He got a pail full Ruey White spent the day here Mother is about the same I am a great deal worse today.

63-247

### **Friday, September 4th, 1885**

W. S.W. Overcast. F- working at a cartwheel. I cannot "sit up" today. Mother about the same. The boys at School.

### **Saturday, September 5th, 1885**

W. W. Rained heavily in the night, but cleared off about noon. F. hauled some slabs from the mill I am a little better tonight. Mother is about the same. I mailed two letters to Ottawa. Received a letter from Geo R. Allen & co. John Edd got home last night from canvassing on the Neck where he sold about \$70.00 worth of Stock for us.

### **Sunday, September 6th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day  
I am about the same. Mother was worse tonight. Mr Spencer preached at Southville, but none of us went as mother was so sick

### **Monday, September 7th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine day.  
I felt a little better. Mother is a little better today. F. starting out lumber from the mill. I went to Weymouth with the carriage to see the doctor and got some medicine for Mother and me. John Edd went as far as the Nigger road with me, on his way canvassing. Harold & Leslie went with me. I got some medicine from the doctor and

paid him five dollars. I bought six bottles of Fellows syrup of Hypophosphites from Burril.

### **Tuesday, September 8th, 1885**

Beautiful day. I have not felt so well today. Mother appears to be a little better. Father took a load of boards to E. Rice and got a Bbl of Flour Harold and Leslie are at school. I was down to Annie's this afternoon

### **Wednesday, September 9th, 1885**

W. W. Raining all day. I do not feel so well, my Cough is fearful WH Sabine was here a while this forenoon, also, J.E. Wagner.

Mother is about the same.

This is Harold's seventh birthday. He had invited Howard Cosman to spend the day with him, but it rained so that he did not Come till afternoon. It was a great disappointment to Harold & Leslie as they anticipated a good time.

### **Thursday, September 10th, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine, but windy. Mother & I are about the same. Father repairing an old wheel Obed White was here this afternoon to get some boards for stables

### **Friday, September 11th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine. Father at work at his wheel. Mother is getting better. I was down to Annie's this afternoon. I feel a little stronger. Agnis Godat had our team to go to the doctor for her mother today

### **Saturday, September 12th, 1885**

W. W. Fine. F. at work at his wheel. Mother seems to improve. I do not know whether I do or not. I am in a miserable state. Harris Cosman went up the Bay tonight with our team for Gamma Ring. Roxy mailed a letter to Publisher of "Ladies Journal &c"

### **Sunday, September 13th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Mother does not seem so well as she has been for the past few days. She has been thronged with Callers all day. The house has been full all day At

dinner we had Judson Sabine, Milton, Winnie, Annie Cate, William Mullen, Steve Sabine's son, and Mr and Mrs Edward Barr.

At tea – as follows:– Barr & wife and girl that was with them. Dan and Annie, Mrs Ring and Harris C– and Cornelia. I am feeling better tonight. I am taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for my Cough and I think it helps me

63–266

#### Monday, September 14th, 1885

W. S. Fine in the morning but Clouded up and the wind blew heavily. Mother is worse today I feel a little better. F. cutting piles down at the Corner Joe Jarvis came and bargained for some refuse lumber Mrs Ring stayed up to Cornelia's last night, but came here this morning

64–268

#### Thursday, September 15th, 1885

W. W. Fine. Mother is no better, and I fear she will never be any better. I am about the same. I sent to the doctor today for medicine for mother. I thought first of sending for the doctor to come and see her but concluded that in a letter I could give a detailed account of her condition. Alf brought her some medicine tonight, and the doctor will send some more tomorrow.

Father has been starting out and loading spiling. He wants to go out tomorrow.

64–271

#### Wednesday, September 16th, 1885

W. W. Beautiful day again Mother is a little better. I do not feel so well as I have.

Father went out with a load of piles. Alf too was out and brought mother some more medicine I am taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

64–274

#### Thursday, September 17th, 1885

W. S.W. Beautiful weather.

Mother is a little better today I do not feel so well, my cough is worse today. Father has been cutting and loading spiling I gathered the hops off of the Shop Cornelia and her children were here this afternoon

Geo Blackadar was here to dinner. The boys go to School They take their carts every day with them.

64–277

#### Friday, September 18th, 1885

W. W. Fine day again. Father was out to H. Oakes with a load of spiling. Aunt Sarah and Waity spent the afternoon here. Mother is no better; my health is gradually improving. Harold and Leslie at School.

64–282

#### Saturday, September 19th, 1885

W. S.W. Lovely day – slight shower tonight. F. mowing and raking oats. Mother is about the same. I went out to W.H.S's with the mail this morning, & staid till his return. Judson is making a cider press. I received a letter from P.O. Dt – Ottawa. Roxy got two letters – one from Abbie & one from Carrie White. Roxy received a new paper called Ladies Journal

#### Sunday, September 20th, 1885

W. N.E. Fine and quite raw Father and Mrs Ring went to Tusket to meeting.

Annie & Dan and W.H Sabine & Lydia were here to tea. Mother is no better

66–289

#### Monday, September 21st, 1885

W. W. Beautiful Day.

Father mowing oats and cutting pease. I gathered the hops and the boys & I gathered the Transcendent Crabs tonight after school was over. I am getting stronger, but poor mother I fear is failing daily. The weather is delightful. WH Sabine had our horse & carriage to go down the River today

66–292

#### Tuesday, September 22nd, 1885

W. S.W. Fine – wind blowing briskly. A.M. Father went over the lake to burn a piece of brush – did not burn much. I went to Porters bushy pasture to look for partridges – did not find any. Mr & Mrs Spencer spent the afternoon and evening here. Mother is not so well today

66–297

#### Wednesday, September 23rd, 1885

W. S. Rained all night and showery today.

Father has not been doing much. This afternoon he went to look for the sheep, fearing that a bear has been among them. The wind blew heavily last night shaking the apples

from the trees, tearing down the woodbines and ruffling nature up generally. The little boys have been busily bottling up dog-wood berries which the storm threw down at the door. The boys have been at school today. Mrs Ring spent the afternoon up to Cornelia's. Harris Cosman came this afternoon and got the old mare which I have sold him for \$25.00  
Mother is a little better today I do not feel so well, my cough is worse again.

66-298

**Thursday, September 24th, 1885**

W. N. Cloudy and raw. Father digging potatoes. I do not feel so well today. Mother is not quite so well today. Mrs Ring went down to Annie's this afternoon. The boys have been at school

66-300

**Friday, September 25th, 1885**

W. W. Beautiful day. Boys at school till noon when they came home to help me gather the belliveaus (apples) Father has been running about the pasture and woods all day trying to shoot a sheep, but did not succeed. Dan Sabine came here tonight. He is in after slabs. Mrs Ring spent the afternoon at Alf's. The day passed away pleasantly, but Mother is not so well tonight Lilly spent the day here

66-305

**Saturday, September 26th, 1885**

W. W. Fine – but Calm sad and melancholy. Oh such a night as we have passed through. I hope never to see such a night again but I will undoubtedly see many. We thought mother was dying all night. She was feeling bad about dusk and continued feeling worse till she was so suffocated that she could hardly get her breath, and she also had also a terrible pain in her back. She thought she was dying & we feared so too. How she suffered! About 10 O'clock Alf went for the Doctor who arrived about One ocl Mother was getting a little easier when he came. He gave her some medicine, and is to send her some more tomorrow. He sounded her lungs and though he found no sore places pronounced her a severe case of bronchitis from which there was slight hope of recovery. She rested a little and this morning was better. She has been very poorly all night. It has been a sad lonely day for me. I have wandered around friendless and forlorn. Mrs Ring went away and left us this afternoon. Harris took her

home. Harris worked here this forenoon. I wrote a letter to Uncle John this morning, telling him of mother's condition. John Ed has been to Lewis town all the week canvassing. He sold about \$42 worth

66-307

**Sunday, September 27th, 1885**

W. W. Cloudy and gloomy all day. Mother is a little better today.  
Sears Mullen with Aunt Lydia and Eliza came here today. Dan & Annie came too, and tonight Uncle Will and Aunt Minerva came. Tonight Joe Tobin and wife from Digby came for twenty specimens apple trees from our Nursery. I would not have anything to do with him but father got them the trees for which he paid six dollars. They were here to tea. Aunt Lucy came tonight with Harris

66-321

**Monday, September 28th, 1885**

W. N. Fine day. F & Harris digging potatoes. Mother had a bad spell this morning, but upon the whole has been better today. I went to Weymouth with the Carriage to see the doctor and get some things for poor Mother. Oh, how I hope she will get better. All my past life comes up before me. I can see most painfully how unkind I have been to her. She has been a darling mother to me. Her poor life has been worn out to make me Comfortable and happy. She was the light and joy of my child-hood. When I look back to those dear days her love seems to invest all with a holy radiance; and in the latter years of my life, though wife and children have shared my love, still the warmest Corner of my heart has been kept sacred to her. And should she die, I sometimes fear that I could never stand the blow, but would be crushed to the grave beneath it. I know it will be greater than I can bear unless God shall kindly grant me strength. I know she must die sometime, that soon we must part, but oh I so long for opportunity to redeem the past – opportunity to show by kindness the depth of affection that I feel for her. How delighted I was in coming home tonight to find mother better!  
Uncle Billy and Aunt Minerva went home this afternoon. I am almost tired to death tonight.

66-329

**Tuesday, September 29th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. A.M. F digging potatoes. P.M. he threshed the peas & I gathered the apples from my little



field. Mother is better today. We now have strong hopes of her recovery. I feel quite smart today. Mrs Spencer and Mrs Dan Sabine were here to dinner. Tonight Harold brought home from School his first Copy-book written through. It is certainly very creditable to him. It has been well and neatly written besides there is scarcely a blot on its pages. I Shall help him to preserve it. I have the first Copy-book and the first Copy that I wrote and I would like for Harold to preserve his.

66-334

### Wednesday, September 30th, 1885

Wind North. Beautiful day. F. digging potatoes. Mother still continues to improve and now we have strong hopes of her recovery. I am about the same. Aunt Lydia went down to Annie's today. Harold and Leslie have been at School. The teacher gave them each a reward card of merit tonight, not giving any to the other scholars, and told them they were the two best children in school. This certainly is encouraging when we consider that they have never been whipped I am more strongly convinced each day that kindness is better than the old whipping system in the training of children. The world has yet to learn the importance of following nature's laws in managing children, as well as in other matters.

66-339

### Thursday, October 1st, 1885

W. S.W. Glorious Day. The woods are now aglow with the most resplendent hues, and all nature passing through that sweet sad season so charming to poetic minds. Mother was real smart till noon, but towards night did not feel so well, and tonight had quite an ill-turn, but this evening feels better, and we hope it will not amount to much.

Father has been digging potatoes. I have been picking up apples all day. Aunt Lydia came back from Annie's.

66-343

### Friday, October 2nd, 1885

W. Variable. Lovely day. Looking like rain tonight. Mother is quite smart today. Father digging potatoes. P.M. I cut and wheeled up to the shop the beans. Harold and Leslie have been to School.

66-349

### Saturday, October 3rd, 1885

W. S.E. Foggy with slight showers. F. digging. I have been shelling beans in the shop all day, the boys assisting. Uncle John and Aunt Alice came here tonight – also Chas McNeill and Annie his daughter. They have come to see mother. She is not quite so well today.

66-361

### Sunday, October 4th, 1885

W. S.E. Showery. I tremble as I begin a new page of my journal, not daring to think what may transpire ere it's close. Mother has been a great deal worse today. Her lungs seem no worse but her stomach is badly out of order being sour and full of bile. She spent a bad night, sleeping but little and sweating profusely. It has being a gloomy day, although the house has been full of Company. I have watched by mother all day. She had a slight nap about the middle of the afternoon which revived her, and this evening she feels quite a little better. Aunt Sarah was here this afternoon to see mother. As Harold and Leslie were coming home from Aunt Cornelia's this afternoon Stephen Wagner and Howard Cosman were concealed in the bushes, and as the boys passed threw a stone which struck Leslie on his cheek near his eye leaving an ugly gash.

Mr Spencer has a turn at Southville tonight, but no one from here went. Aunt Lydia went home today.

66-363

### Monday, October 5th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine, but very windy and raw. Uncle John and Aunt Alice left here this morning for Yarmouth. Mother is better. Father and Harris Cosman digging. I have been shelling beans in the shop. The boys at school.

66-368

### Tuesday, October 6th, 1885

W. S.W. Quite fine, but windy – began raining tonight. Mother not quite so well today. Father & Harris digging. I have been Shelling beans.

66-371

### Wednesday, October 7th, 1885

W. S. Rained all night, and showery all day. Mother is quite smart today. She got out in the kitchen where she sat about an hour. A.M. F & Harris sawed up a shingle log. P.M. They split some cord-wood at the corner

66-374

#### Thursday, October 8th, 1885

W. N.E. Fine till noon – then overcast and looking like rain again tonight. Mother sat up a spell in the forenoon & again in the afternoon. She sewed some patchwork. The boys stayed home from school today as two children up the road are reported sick of diphtheria. Josey is well and shelled nearly a quart of beans today. Little Leonard is not very well. He is afflicted with bowel complaint almost continually.

Father and Harris finished digging today. We had 210 bushels – a grand Crop for the ground planted. I have been shelling beans I am feeling quite smart now and hope soon to be out at work again.

66–377

#### Friday, October 9th, 1885

W. N.E. Showery all day. Father and Harris began hewing the barn frame this morning but the rain coming on they gave it up. I finished shelling the beans this forenoon I had about 2 bushels and a half. P.M. Dan and Annie spent the afternoon here. Dan has been shoe-making.

Mother is quite smart today. Little boys at home.

66–382

#### Saturday, October 10th, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day.

Father and Harris hewing timber I went out with the mail as far as W.H.S.s where I stayed till afternoon. Annie Willoughby came in to Alf's today. Mother is quite smart today. I mailed a letter to Ottawa, and received a letter from D.M. Dewey. Also received a specimen copy of the "Tronto Mail"

67–391

#### Sunday, October 11th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine day. I went up to hear Mr Gates preach this morning from the words "Go ye into all the world &c. &c." I got dinner at Harris Cosman's. Mother is about the same I keep improving slowly.

68–394

#### Monday, October 12th, 1885

W. N. Beautiful day.

A.M. We loaded up three barrels of potatoes on Harris Cosman's Cart for him to take out in trade for fish He took part of a load for himself. He [illegible] for our

potatoes 150 lbs of Herring, and three dry pollack. I have been trying most all day to get a shot at one of our wild sheep, and not till nearly night did I succeed. Father and I dressed it. Simon Sabine came at noon and began splitting granite for our new barn wall. Mrs Henry Green was here and spent the afternoon and stayed to tea. Mother keeps about the same. The boys have been at School.

68–398

#### Tuesday, October 13th, 1885

W. S.E. Fine but looking like rain. Father is laid up from a lame back. Simon and Harris splitting rocks for the wall. P.M. I repaired the old dump-body. The boys have been at School. Mother is about the same. I can only "crawl around"

69–401

#### Wednesday, October 14th, 1885

W. S.E. Rained all day. Simon went home after dinner. Harris & I threshed some oats – about 4 or five bushels – and cleaned them. We then shelled beans Harold and Leslie have been making bow and arrow guns.

69–404

#### Thursday, October 15th, 1885

W. E. Rained all day. *(several lines of text struck out)* I believe I am crazy tonight. It is Thursday and has been a beautiful day with the wind South. Father and Harris hauled stones for the barn wall. I gathered apples. Harold and Leslie at school Mother about the same. She can now sit up all day

69–407

#### Friday, October 16th, 1885

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Father and Harris hewing barn-timber. I have been gathering apples. The boys at school. They got reward cards again tonight and are jubilant over the circumstance. My spelling does not look as though I had been blessed with an abundant amount of Schooling

69–415

#### Saturday, October 17th, 1885

W. S.W. Lovely day – warm and delightful. I have been gathering apples. Father and Harris Cosman repairing the mill I got some circulars from "The Worlds Manufacturing Co".

Little Lennie is not very well George Blackadar was here to dinner Chattie and Annie Cornwell with her little boy Reggie spent the afternoon here and stayed to tea.

69–416

**Sunday, October 18th, 1885**

W. S.W. Glorious day again. Father and Aunt Lucy spent the day down at Annie's.

I have been at home reading most all day. This afternoon I took my little boys to the lake for a little ramble. It was very amusing to see them skip stones. We found a big old burly hemlock tree blown down in the road close to the lake where we halted and moralized on Time's changes. Mother still gains in health.

71-417

**Monday, October 19th, 1885**

W. S. Partially overcast, but warm and pleasant. Simon Came back this morning to work at the wall. Harris was not here today A.M. I helped at the wall. P.M. I took Aunt Lucy over to Sears Mullens with Dan's horse. We only got as far as Mr Spencer's when an outcry was raised that Annie Spencer was drowned. Mr Spencer has a boat on the lake near his house for the amusement of his family. The children went near the lake to play, when Annie strayed from the others, and getting into the boat pushed out about thirty feet where she by some means not known, fell overboard. Her sisters heard her scream but before help could get to her she sank to rise no more alive. Her parents and sister are almost crazed with grief. Mother went outdoors today for the first.

72-419

**Tuesday, October 20th, 1885**

W. S.W. Beautiful day  
Father, Simon and Harris at work at the wall. I stayed last night at Sears Mullen's, and came home this forenoon. I had Dan's horse. P.M. I took the horse home, and then finished gathering the baldwin apples in the garden. I had three barrels of baldwins. Our apple crop this year is almost a failure.

73-419

**Wednesday, October 21st, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine and warm. Father Simon & Harris at the wall. I assisted till noon. In the afternoon, Alf & Chattie and I went to Tusket to the funeral of Mr Spencer's little girl. Mr L.B. Gates of Digby preached a sermon from 1st Cor. 15 & 26 "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death" The services were very impressive A number of us stayed to Geo. Prime's to tea, after which we drove home. It was a lovely drive by moonlight.

Henry B Shaw (Josh Billings) is dead. His timely witicisms will not be soon forgotten. Mira Wagner helped Roxy today in caring for the baby

74-419

**Thursday, October 22nd, 1885**

W. Variable. Rain till noon, then cleared away. Harris did not come till afternoon when we worked at the cellar wall.

**Friday, October 23rd, 1885**

Wind North. Fine again Simon, Father Harris & I working at the wall. The boys have been at School all the week. Mother is getting quite "smart". She has been out several times.

Miss Davison who is canvassing for a "Book on Baptist Principles" took tea with us tonight. I gave an order for a book. The price is two dollars.

74-420

**Saturday, October 24th, 1885**

Wind North. Fine, but raw. Working at the wall. Boys at School. I got a letter tonight from P.O. Dept. Ottawa

**Sunday, October 25th, 1885**

Wind North. Beautiful day I went up to meeting this morning. Mr Gates preached Dan and Annie spent the day here.

74-424

**Monday, October 26th, 1885**

W. S.W. Lovely day.  
F & Harris hewing timber I have been mending my boots. The boys at School.

**Tuesday, October 27th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine day. A.M. F & I hewing barn timber. P.M. F. hewing. I have been cobbling. The boys at School. Leslie came home at noon with a sore foot. Howard Cosman Carried him home on his back.

**Wednesday, October 28th, 1885**

W. S.W. Fine and warm. Father went out with a load of boards to E. Rice and got a Bbl of corn meal. A.M. I finished fixing my boots. P.M. Doing chores around.

Mother spent the day over at Alf's  
Cornelia and her children spent the day here. Harold at  
School all day. Leslie in the afternoon WH Sabine is here  
this evening

76-427

#### **Thursday, October 29th, 1885**

W. S. Cloudy but warm – raining this evening. F. hewed  
till noon. P.M. He went to Jim Hasset's for a pig  
Harris and mowed and got up the rushes. He has half for  
helping get them.  
The boys at School. Josey has a bad cold. Aunt Sarah is  
very sick.

#### **Friday, October 30th, 1885**

W. S. Tremendous rain last night and showery all day. I  
went up to Mrs. Morehouse's School examination Little  
Josey went with me. Harold and Leslie each spoke a  
piece. Herald recited "The Wreck of the Hesperus" and  
Leslie a piece beginning "Little Dick Docket with a hand  
in each pocket" &c

#### **Saturday, October 31st, 1885**

W. N.E. Snowing all day but melting as it came – a wild,  
churless day. I made a cellar-window frame to replace one  
that has rotted. I also shaved some Shingles I mailed a  
letter to P.O. Dpt also a postal to Fowler & Wells Pub.  
Co. F. went to the mill this afternoon to see after things

#### **Sunday, November 1st, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
A.M. Harris Cosman & I went out to hear Mr Gates He  
spoke from Acts 3rd 26. After meeting I came up to Aunt  
Sarah's and Called to see her. She is very low with  
inflammation of the lungs.  
After remaining a few minutes I went down to W.H.  
Sabine's where I stayed till meeting in the evening. Miss  
Coggins was there. She is a teacher, and appears to be  
amiable young lady.  
Mr Spencer preached a fine sermon from 2 Tim 1st & 13  
"Hold fast to the form of sound words." Roxy was at  
meeting too tonight

78-427

#### **Monday, November 2nd, 1885**

W. S.E. Cloudy and looking like rain. F. hauled a couple  
of loads of slabs from W's mill. I fixed the Carriage and  
mended a shovel. Raining tonight. School began again  
today. Mrs Morehouse still teaching The boys at School.

#### **Tuesday, November 3rd, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy, but fine A.M. F. hauled a load of slabs  
I made a shovel handle. Chattie and Roxy went out to see  
Aunt Sarah. P.M. F & I ground a couple of new axes  
Tonight we went down in the field and got some quartz  
specimens.

Aunt Sarah died this afternoon between four & five  
O'clock. Father went out this evening to see them.

#### **Wednesday, November 4th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy and quite cold Father & Harris hauling  
stones for Barn wall. I have been doing chores this  
afternoon. Before noon I was sick and could not do  
anything. I gathered the Cabbage this afternoon.  
The boys have been at School Leonard has a bad cold.

#### **Thursday, November 5th, 1885**

W. Variable. Cloudy, calm and mild. F. H & I hauling  
stones for barn wall. The boys at School. "Brum" Hill  
was here this afternoon to trade oxen The boys have been  
at School

#### **Friday, November 6th, 1885**

W. S. Foggy till noon – showery till night. A.M. Father  
met Brum Hill at the Corner and traded an ox with him. I  
went down to Mrs Wagner's to look at a beef cow. P.M.  
We went to Aunt Sarah's funeral.  
Father, Roxy, Harold, Leslie and I went. It is the first  
funeral that Harold or Leslie ever was at. The sermon was  
preached in the School-house by Mr Spencer from Job 14  
& 14. "If a man die shall he live again? &c". Mother  
stayed at home being unable to go. Cornelia stayed with  
her. At the close of the funeral the men remained at the  
school-house where arrangements were made for fencing  
the graveyard. The following trustees here appointed to  
whom the ground is to be deeded to,– W.H. Sabine,  
Benjamin Wagner and George Wagner.

**Saturday, November 7th, 1885**

W. S.E. Rained all night, and cloudy, calm and very warm all day. Father and I chopped logs on this side of Bear Lake westward of the road. We cut twenty six. Lucy Specht came here tonight. She came with the mail. I mailed two Postals to publishers for specimen Copies of papers. I received circulars from pub. "Farm and Home." Alf and Chattie went down the River

78-429

**Sunday, November 8th, 1885**

W. S. Raining all day. All at home engaged in reading.

78-432

**Monday, November 9th, 1885**

W. S. Showery. Father & I began a pair of boots for me. The boys at school. Alf gave Harold an old jack knife with the blade broken in two. He is greatly pleased. We pared apples this evening and the boys were allowed to remain up and help "string" This too pleased them much

78-435

**Tuesday, November 10th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine day. F & I chopping logs. Cut 28 The boys of been at School Roxy "made soap"

78-438

**Wednesday, November 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy and cold. Father, Harris & I hauling logs Father and I trimming them and Harris driving the team We put in fifty. The boys have been at School.

Byron Cromwell was married today

78-441

**Thursday, November 12th, 1885**

W. W. Beautiful Day. Thanksgiving. Mother spent the day down at Annie's. Father hewed fence posts for the burying ground Harris and I chopping logs over by Bear Lake. We cut thirty. Harold and Leslie went over with us and stayed all day. They had fun in building camps and making fires in them. Aunt Olive is here tonight I am quite well now

80-444

**Friday, November 13th, 1885**

W. S.E. Beautiful warm day A.M. Father pulled the turnips. (about ten bushels) I was sick and did nothing. P.M. F and I went to the mill and took the float to the head of the lake, where we cut a few logs and came home.

Roxy and Lucy Specht are up to Cornelia's this evening.

80.449

**Saturday, November 14th, 1885**

W. S. Rained all night and drizzling all day. A.M. F & I working at my boots. P.M. We went to assist in fencing the graveyard. Father and I put up two panels. I mailed a Postal to publishers of "Century" Received a copy of "Phrenological Journal." How I wish I were able to become a subscriber to this magazine, which I believe to be the most useful of any publication in the world. I also received circulars from P.O., Vickery, World's manufacturing Co., Publ'r Family Herald & Weekly Star, and Fowler & Wells co. From the latter I received in addition to the magazine a copy of their Phrenological Almanac.

This is Josey's birthday. He is three years old. Will he remember it?

80-455

**Sunday, November 15th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. All of us at home. In the afternoon Roxy, Lucy, Leslie, Josey and I went to the lake for a walk. Harold, having a sore toe, was obliged to remain at home.

Aunt Olive went away today

80-460

**Monday, November 16th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy but fine. Father and I cutting logs between the lakes.

80-463

**Tuesday, November 17th, 1885**

W. N.W. Beautiful day Father and I putting logs in Bear Lake Father drove the team, and I trimmed and "swamped"

The boys have been at School. Little Leonard crying. He is a real good child nights but he yells enough days to quite make up for it.

80-466

**Wednesday, November 18th, 1885**

W. Variable. Fine – but looking like rain tonight. Father and I putting logs in Bear Lake. We have put in 118 logs, and talk of cutting some more. Roxy went to Weymouth today with Harris and Cornelia. She got a new dress.

80-469

**Thursday, November 19th, 1885**

W. S. Raining all day. Father and I at work at my boots. Mr Gates was to have a Donation tonight, and we were going, but the weather prevented.

80-472

**Friday, November 20th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. I finished my boots. P.M. Father and I butchered a sheep. I shot him down at the Corner of the hill field. Tonight we (Roxy & I) went down to Mr Gates Donation. Harris and Jess Cosman put their horses together on a truck and a crowd of us went – Eight in all, as follows;– Harris and wife, Jess. Janie Eugenia and Sadie Cosman Roxy & I. We had a jolly time. This is little Leonard's birthday. He is one year old. Riel was hanged last Monday

80-475

**Saturday, November 21st, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine. F & I rafting logs. Had a grand day for the business.

Harold and Leslie spent the day down at Aunt Annie's They went and returned with the Postman.

I mailed two Postals to Publishers Received a specimen copy of "Journal of Health" also circulars from True & Co.

80-478

**Sunday, November 22nd, 1885**

W. N.E. Fine. A.M. F– Roxy and I went up to Disciple Service Mr Gates preached from 1 Cor 1 & 10.

Mr Gates and George Wagner & wife came down here to dinner.

In the afternoon I went up to meeting again. Roxy and Lucy went up to Cornelia's to tea. I went up and spent the evening WH Sabine was here to tea.

81-484

**Monday, November 23rd, 1885**

W. N.E. A.M. F & I finished rafting logs. P.M. We took

the float up the lake, and cut logs till night.

81-487

**Tuesday, November 24th, 1885**

W. N.E. Beautiful day.

F and I cutting logs over the lake. Boys at School.

Mr Banks, an agent for the Lawrencetown Pump Co. is here tonight.

81-491

**Wednesday, November 25th, 1885**

W. N.E. Raw and Cold. Having determined to buy a pump, we put one in this forenoon. We agreed to give him seventy five apple trees from our Nursery next spring in payment for the pump. He stayed to dinner.

Harold and Leslie stayed from School till noon. They and Josey amused themselves by playing with a pet Sheep in the road. Roxy, Lucy Specht and Leonard spent the day at Annie's. P.M. We cut logs over the lake

83-494

**Thursday, November 26th, 1885**

W. N.E. Raw and windy. A.M. F & I were at home P.M. We began cutting logs this side of Provost lake. We are intending to put in some logs for Harris Cosman to raft and saw for half. Mother has a quilting today and all the female beauty of the neighbourhood are gathered

83-515

**Friday, November 27th, 1885**

W. N.E. Beautiful day.

Father, Harris & I chopping logs this side of Provost lake. We have cut 73 which we are going to put in for Harris to raft and saw. Roxy Lucy & I spent the evening at Chas.

Cosman Chas Green was here today canvassing for a paper. Mrs Henry Cornwell of Little River died lately.

83-518

**Saturday, November 28th, 1885**

W. N.E. Beautiful day

Lucy Specht went home this morning. Harris, Father and I have been putting logs in Provost Lake. Harris drove the team (his father's oxen) and put in 40 logs. Harold and Leslie stayed in the woods all day with us and had a glorious time – such a "time" as none but child-hood knows. It has been a beautiful, sunny, warm day. A holy silence seemed to pervade the Autumnal forest. The old hemlocks looked so gravid and solemn they seemed in

silent worship. Harold and Leslie made fires, chopped down fir bushes, made dams on a little brook that babbled down a mossy glen, climbed trees, hunted for gum, chased squirrels and amused themselves in the many ways that are readily suggested to the mind of a spirited boy. It filled my very soul with delight to watch their joyousness as they ran through the woods with merry shout, and visions from my own child-hood's sunny land came back, and tears of sweet regret and secret remembrances warmed my cheek.

Tonight I received copies of the following:— The “Century magazine”, “Saint Nicholas” and four copies of “Religio Philosophical Journal” also Letters from Pub. of R.P. Journal and P.O. Dt Ottawa.

I mailed two P. Cards to publishers. John Edd is here this evening

83-519

#### **Sunday, November 29th, 1885**

W. N.E. Beautiful day. All of us at home till night when Roxy & I went out with Harris to hear Mr Spencer. He spoke from Luke 19 & 13.

Vice President Hendricks is dead, also King Alphonso of Spain.

#### **Monday, November 30th, 1885**

W. N.E. Overcast and raw. Father and I putting logs in Provost lake.

Alf helped till noon with his horse. We put in 42. This makes in all 82 which we have put in this lake for Harris to raft and saw. This has been a remarkably fine month. It is the first November which has passed during my remembrance in which I have not seen a single flake of snow.

Mr Blinn is here tonight

83-520

#### **Tuesday, December 1st, 1885**

W. N.E. Quite fine.

A.M. I did nothing, being sick. F. digged the parsnips They were famous, some measuring in girth 14 inches P.M. F and I hauled some firewood. “Bub” Sabine was here today.

#### **Wednesday, December 2nd, 1885**

W. N.E. Cloudy & raw – Snow flying this afternoon.

A.M. F and butchered the hog. P.M. F. went down to the Corner and piled some cord wood. I hauled a load of edgings from Wagner's mill.

#### **Thursday, December 3rd, 1885**

W. S.E. Snowed half an inch last night – snow flying today but soft and warm.

A.M. We cut up and salted the pork. Weighed 262 lbs.

P.M. Cutting wood.

Boys at School.

#### **Friday, December 4th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy but fine. Father and shod the oxen.

The boys have been at school. Little Leonard is beginning to get around the floor a little.

Vice President Hendricks died very suddenly the other day

Alf, Chattie, Clarissa and Mable spent the evening here.

#### **Saturday, December 5th, 1885**

W. S.E. Rained all day as hard as could pour. I went up to B. Wagner's this morning and got half a gal of molasses; the remainder of the day have been engaged in mending Harold's boots. Father hauled a load of wood this morning. I mailed five Postals to publishers.

Received tonight two specimen Copies of “Problems Of Nature” The Editor is crazy or a fool or both. Old John Small and Elizabeth Green were married the other day, after a severe struggle.

#### **Sunday, December 6th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cold again – Snow squalls all day. Alf went down to Grants again, taking Clarissa and Mable home.

We have been home all day. I have been reading a couple of new Papers I got yesterday “Problems Of Nature” Cornelia has been here this afternoon. Harold, Josey & Leonard have bad Colds. Father went to the mill this morning to see how the water has raised.

#### **Monday, December 7th, 1885**

W. N.W. Snow two or three inches last night – snowing and blustering all day.

Sleds went out from up the road today – first sledding of

the season. We have not done anything today, but cut some firewood. The boys went to School, and were in a bad state when they got home.

#### **Tuesday, December 8th, 1885**

W. N. Snow squalls. A.M. I cut a lot of wood. P.M. F. and I went to the mill & made a beginning to saw. It looks very winterish.

#### **Wednesday, December 9th, 1885**

W. S. Drizzling rain all day (very sudden change of weather) Father and I sawing. Roxy & Leonard went up to Cornelia's. They are not coming home till tomorrow night. Roxy is helping Cornelia make a dress.

85-520

#### **Thursday, December 10th, 1885**

W. S. Rained all night and drizzling all day. Father sawing all day. I have been at the mill this afternoon. The boys stayed home from school and tonight they went up to Cornelia's and came home with their mother and Leonard. Harris brought them home with his horse.

87-520

#### **Friday, December 11th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy but mild. F. and I pulling logs at the head of Bear Lake. We put in 38. The lake is all open again now. Harris rafted his logs today. The boys of been at school. Little Lennie crept(?) across the floor today I am very tired tonight  
I will be glad when the boys get big enough to help me. Roxy is making a new dress. Father has a bad cold.

#### **Saturday, December 12th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy. F and I went around the Lake and finished putting in our logs. We put 56 in at the head of Bear Lake making about 250 altogether this fall. I mailed five Postals to publishers. Received two letters – one from P.O. Dpt, – One from Pub's "Toronto Globe". Received specimen papers as follows,– "New York Weekly News" "Detroit Free Press", "Manufacturer and Agents Exchange"

#### **Sunday, December 13th, 1885**

W. S.E. Quite fine. Dan and Annie and W.H. Sabine came here this afternoon. Annie & Dan stayed to tea. W.H.S – went over to Chattie's. W.H. Sabine is going to Stay here tonight.

87-522

#### **Monday, December 14th, 1885**

W. S. Rained all night and all day. Father sawing. W.H.S & I went down to see John Edd this morning. We got home at noon. W.H. Sabine stayed to dinner and then went home.

I am about laid up with a lame neck. It is fearfully lame. Josey is not very well

87-524

#### **Tuesday, December 15th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy and raw with snow flying. F and I went to the mill to saw, but thinking it would not be a very bad time to raft, and thinking also that it might be the last chance this Fall, we went after them. It was a long hard pull we had but got them there (56) down all right – at sundown. And glad I am tonight that it is done. The boys have been at school.

#### **Wednesday, December 16th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine. F. sick with a cold. Little Josey is very sick tonight. A.M. I went down to the mill and sawed a couple of logs that were in the mill so that Obed can have the mill. P.M. I cut a lot of wood and Father made a bolster for the Cart. The boys have been at School. Roxy and the baby spent the day up to Chas. Cosman's. I went up to tea. WH Sabine and I gave John E Wagner a joint order on D. Campbell for an Over coat (\$9.00)  
Last Saturday I let John E. Wagner have (\$10.00 in cash in advance for canvassing. Little Josey is awful sick tonight

90-524

#### **Thursday, December 17th, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine but Cold.

F. sick. I started two loads of boards from the mill. The boys at School.

Josey is better today. Cornelia spent the day here. Harris here to tea.

George Cornwell, of Little River, died last Sunday. Henry Cornwell's wife was buried the same day.



**Friday, December 18th, 1885**

W. S.E. Fine – but cloudy & quite cold. I went to Weymouth today taking a load of boards to E. Rice I had 777 feet of Spruce & 66 of Pine. Bad luck attended me throughout the day. In the first place I got the cart broke down. I borrowed Dan's and reloaded. The lumber being icy, worked ahead so that I had to unload and fix it. After that the stake flew out and legion is the name of the disasters which befel me at every step. I bought some “cheer” for XMAS. Josey is quite smart again. Father is better

**Saturday, December 19th, 1885**

W. S.E. Snow squalls & mist. Weather mild. A.M. Father and I hauling firewood. P.M. Father hewed a stick for a cart axel. I mailed two Postals to Publishers of “Youth's Companions” and to Cassel & Co. Publishers. Received Three sample papers as follows,– “Olive Branch” “Index”, “Our Rural Homes”. I was also in Receipt of six letters as follows:– John Dunkley. Pub. “New York Weekly”. Mrs Frank Leslie. Pub. “Free Press”, Winter & Hatch Pubs. Frank L. Smith

**Sunday, December 20th, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy with snow flying. All of us at home. Spent the day in reading.

**Monday, December 21st, 1885**

W. N.W. Cloudy but mild. F & I hauled 10 loads of swamp muck and filled the sinkhole The boys have been riding downhill. I am not very well now Alf and Chattie went down to Old David's yesterday (or rather Saturday) expecting that Clarissa was to have been married, but they missed it.

**Tuesday, December 22nd, 1885**

W. N.W. Fine weather. The ground is covered with snow but not enough for sleding though some are using sleds It is good wheeling. F and I have been hauling swamp mud and putting it under the stable. Leslie had a real sick spell this morning

but is better tonight. Harold unyoked the oxen at the Stable door at noon today It is the first time he ever did it and he Considers it a great achievement. Little Leonard has got one little tooth showing itself. It is his first, and he is thirteen months old. W.H. Vanderbilt the great millionaire and Railway magnate of New York died very suddenly the other day. He is said to have been worth two millions, and the wealthiest man in the world.

**Wednesday, December 23rd, 1885**

W. S. Soft. Father sick. A.M. I hauled four loads of mud and put under the stable. Leonard Ring came today. He going to stay with us this winter. Roxy and I went to W.H. Sabine's to a donation for Mr Spencer. Harris Cosman went with us. Mother went with Alf & Chattie We had a very good time. The “receipts of the evening” were \$14.84

Bill of Hardwood lumber for Geo. J. Hoyt  
Length – from 8 to 20 ft  
Width – from 4 to 6 in  
Thickness 1 1/4 in

**Thursday, December 24th, 1885**

W. S.W. Soft but fine. F and Leonard sawing. I hauled three loads of swamp mud and composted. I am not very well

**Friday, December 25th, 1885  
Christmas Day.**

W. N.E. Cloudy, sharp & cold  
Dan and Annie with their children spent the day here. Alf & Chattie were here too. I spent the day making playthings for the children. I made a wooden brace for Harold's bit that Santa Claus brought him last night. I made Harold a chisel and mallet. I made Harold, Leslie and Josey each a knife out of scythe. Santa Claus brought Hal and Leslie each a rule and each a lead pencil. Leslie had a dumb watch. Josey had a safe and a book. Lennie had a wooden whistle and a little copper spade. They all had a generous supply of candy, nuts &c. They went on the lake with Alf and Leonard.

### Saturday, December 26th, 1885

W. N.E. A terrible snowstorm & gale of wind came on this forenoon and increased in fury till tonight it is a fearful gale. Father is sick A.M. Leonard & I went up to Wagner's mill and piled out some slabs.

P.M. Leonard & I cut up a lot of edgings in the shop. Yesterday I mailed a letter to John Dunkley & one to H. Hoyt.

Tonight I had papers as follows:- "Farmers Advocate", "Musical Million", "Light for Thinkers", "N. Y. Weekly News", "Christian Nation" and also a number of Letters.

### Sunday, December 27th, 1885

W. N.E. Sleet falling all day. Harris Cosman came here last night from up the Bay, in the midst of the storm. He put his horse in the barn and stayed here all night. We are all home today engaged in reading. Father is very poorly

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### Monday, December 28th, 1885

W. N. Mild and cloudy.

Leonard and I sawing.

Father is no better. There fell in the storm yesterday about 10 inches of snow and hail. I am very tired tonight. Hal and Les have been snowshoeing and coasting all day.

### Tuesday, December 29th, 1885

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. Leonard and I cut up some firewood. P.M. We went to the mill with the team, taking some bedding and provisions for staying there at night when we are sawing. We hauled some wood to the camp, and brought out a load of boards with us. Harold and Leslie went to "Aunt Annie's" and stayed till we came home.

Father is no better.

The men are out breaking roads this afternoon. About ten inches of snow fell

### Wednesday, December 30th, 1885

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Leonard & I sawing. We are going to stay at the camp tonight.

### Thursday, December 31st, 1885

W. S.E. Quite fine & warm Leonard & I stayed in the camp last night, and are sawing today. I am not as well as usual. Today winds up the old year. To me it has been a hard one, as I have been sick so much, but I am thankful for the degree of health I have enjoyed, and general blessings.

The year has been made prominent in Canadian history by the North West rebellion, and the trial & execution of the famous leader Louis Riel. In Europe there has been a war between Servia and Bulgaria, and a mess between Germany and Spain in reference to the Caroline Isles. Alfonso King of Spain has died, and America has lost two able statesmen, General Grant and Vice President Hendricks. The Canada Pacific Railway has been completed.

Inventory Of Papers &c

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Phrenological Journal

Health and Hygiene

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New York Weekly News

Detroit Free Press

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Our Rural Homes

Light For Thinkers

Musical Million

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Eastman's Journal

The Racine Agriculturalist

Chicago Weekly Journal

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The Rostrum

The Mind-Cure

Rural New Yorker

Advance Courier

Home

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"Domestic Monthly"

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Weekly Messenger  
Daily Witness  
Daily Star  
Cupid's Corner  
Progress  
New York Story Paper  
Farm and Fireside  
Andover Review  
The People's Aid  
Western World  
The Coxwald Monthly  
The Echo  
Independent  
Dawn of Day  
Mail and Express  
Household Monthly  
Baby Land  
Our Little Men & Women  
Health – Hygienic Service  
American Home and Farm  
Wild Fire  
Peoples Pilot  
Philadelphia Call  
Detroit Weekly Times  
City and Farm Recorder  
The Popular Monthly  
The Weekly Inter Ocean  
The Hatchet  
The New Moon  
Our Story Paper  
The Farmer's Magazine  
The Little Folks Paper 124

## Original Diary

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

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Thursday Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
 N. N. W. Rained during the night and misty all day. Father mended Marys shoes. With this I enter upon the fourth year and fourth volume of my Diary. The keeping of it has afforded me a satisfaction beyond what I anticipated in the undertaking. I would not now lay it aside unless emergency compelled to. One parcel today I was in Gainsborough and feeling much better than do today, for thus I was able to get around and now am confined to the house from sickness. How little can I tell where the beginning of next year will find me.

Friday Jan 2  
 N. N. W. Fine but cold and the ground whitened with snow. My health is still improving slowly. Mother spent the day down to Annis. Rex and I fixed up our Post Office letters for the quarter just expired. What a happy day for me and I have spent together every passing day seems to add new charms to her character or at least discovers them to me. I thought in winning her I was a lucky boy, but did not realize why a jewel I had secured. These precious little children which have sprung up around us have tended to draw us more closely together, and every addition seems to make the compact more indissoluble. Special and Licia have availed themselves a boy and a girl which have afforded them sport all day. Josely has pulled his little cart around and shouldered and laughed to his full capacity. 1-00

Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 N. N. W. Fine but very cold in hawking and cutting wood. I am still feeling better. Special is unwell - has been so for some time. The little baby grows fast and is well.

Sunday Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 W. S. E. Cloudy, calm and mild. Mr. Sabine and Jason spent the day here. Bill Sabine was here too in the afternoon and evening. My health is still improving. 1-4

Monday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 W. S. W. Looking like rain in the morning but cleared off beautifully. Father cutting wood. I do not feel very well today. Were it not for my little family and my books life would be unbearable. When I am able to sit up I can read and the wretchedness of our children excites my heart. Mother spent the day at Chathes. 2-4

Tuesday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
 W. S. Began raining towards noon and continued increasing until noon (10:00) when it is pouring in torrents. Father left about noon by the Abbeys farm and brought home two loads of hay. I took a walk down in the woods to the lake this morning. Special and Licia were sick out. I sent out two parcels to be mailed. One for a copy of the "Pneumological Journal" and one for a copy of the "Century". I have been engaged in writing a poem this afternoon. It is a psalm that affords me much pleasure.

Wednesday Jan 7  
 W. S. Rained hoarily all night with heavy wind and has been foggy all day. Alf and Lethia have spent the day here. Father has been fixing up a load of Peat. 2-8

Thursday Jan 8  
 W. N. W. Breeze but more than cleared up beautifully. Father has been to Stillhouse to carry a petition through to "Burrin Hill". Lethia has been here all day. I have been amusing myself by taking an inventory of all the books in the house and one of all the different papers and magazines. I shall copy out the results of my researches. 3-9

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I have been amusing myself today by taking an inventory of the books and papers in the house. Ever since I could read I have been writing to Publishers for specimens Copies of Papers and Magazines. Whom I would see the prospectus of a new Periodical the next mail would carry an order from my hand for a "specimen" copy. When the International Postal-card system was established it was such a joyous change from the old six-cent stamp arrangement of my boyhood that the cost of obtaining specimens and answering advertisements seemed of little moment to my peculiar literary taste. The greater portion of my papers I have preserved with miserly care though many of them would not be considered fit for anything but wrapping paper. In the scrap-book page a few winters ago I allowed a few to cut up. The regard acquisitiveness is largely predominant in my cerebral structure which gives me the hoarding up principle almost to a fault, and this taken in conjunction with my fondness for literature accounts in some measure perhaps for this ~~hobby~~ hobby of preserving with such jealousy all my papers and letters. Of all the letters and circulars which I ever received I think I can safely say that not a half dozen have been lost or destroyed. Not that I consider many of them of any real value, but only for the gratification of this propensity have I preserved them. I have often thought, when rolling up and putting away so carefully a lot of worthless circulars what will my children or perhaps my grand children, think they were saved for, unless it be that they inherit my literary misanthropy, in which case they will of course understand it, and if veneration be developed in connection therewith may guard them as jealously as I have. For the amusement of those who in after years may chance to look over these pages I copy out a list of all the papers and magazines which I can find in the house.

I copy the names here just as I picked them up, without classification.

- Waverley Magazine
- New York Weekly
- Dominion Churchman
- Young Folks Illustrated Paper
- Montreal Witness (weekly)
- Scientific American
- Leitago and Artisan
- Happy Hours
- Rude and Blossoms
- Weekly Magnet
- Youths Companion
- British Workman
- Work and Play
- Illustrated Record
- The Benefactor
- Crickit On The Hearth
- Welcome Guest
- Canadian Messenger
- Western Advertiser
- What Next
- Peoples Magazine
- British Workman <sup>women</sup>
- Illustrated Family Herald
- British Messenger
- Young Peoples
- Boston Gazette
- Good News
- Good Words
- Sunday School World

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Our Home and Foreign Magazines  
 Dignity Courier  
 Yankee Blade  
 Little's Living Age  
 Ballou's Monthly Magazine  
 American Messenger  
 Harm and Home  
 Children's Messengers  
 Seaside Victor  
 The Young Ladies Journal  
 Frank Leslie's Pleasant Hours  
 Canadian Illustrated News  
 Peoples Literary Companion  
 Golden Age  
 Bow Bells  
 American Miscellany  
 Infants Magazine  
 My Little Friend  
 Little Lovers  
 Crapner's Young People  
 Examiner & Chronicle  
 Illustrated Living World  
 The Deciple  
 Sunshine  
 Western Chronicle  
 Buffalo Evening Times  
 Floral Cabinet  
 Our Young People  
 Good Cheer  
 Youth's Temperance Banner  
 Sabbath Reading  
 Family Herald & Weekly Star

Joseph's Transcript  
 Burlington Hawkeye  
 Leisure Hour  
 Christian Herald  
 Portland Transcript  
 Public Ledger  
 Floral and Fashion Journal  
 British Evangelist  
 The Family Friend  
 Christian Herald  
 Agents Bureau  
 Fairview Trading  
 Student  
 New England Monthly  
 Peterson's Magazine  
 Lock's National Monthly  
 Baptist Leader  
 Mother's Treasury  
 Ladies Floral Cabinet  
 Contributor  
 Illustrated Household Magazine  
 New Era  
 Pennine Register  
 Arthur's Home Magazine  
 Harmonic Advocate  
 Young Folks Weekly (Dwight)  
 The Graphic  
 American Art Advocate  
 Eclectic Magazine  
 Wall Street Pioneer  
 Bible Society Record  
 Missionary Magazine

Pleasant Hours  
 The Illustrated Weekly  
 Boston Weekly Advertiser  
 Union Bible Teacher  
 Canadian Record  
 Youth's Visitor  
 Weekly Telegraph  
 The Week Illustrations (circ)  
 Missionary Link  
 Canadian Basket  
 National Temperance Advocate  
 The Baptist Teacher (Paper)  
 Illustrated London News  
 Church Chronicle  
 Christian Statesman  
 The Abstainer  
 Today's Ladies Book  
 The True Catholic  
 Canadian Missionary  
 Household Gazette  
 The Sun  
 Church and Home  
 Illustrated Missionary News  
 The Heart's Stone  
 Home Visitor  
 Montreal Daily Witness  
 Our Sabbath Home  
 Dear Drops  
 Agents Aid  
 St. John Reporter  
 Chicago Tribune  
 People's Illustrated Journal  
 New Dominion Monthly

Juvenile Offering  
 The Century  
 Metropolitan Pulpit  
 Our Continent  
 Christian Messenger  
 Yarmouth Herald  
 Yarmouth Tribune  
 People's Magazine  
 Toledo Blade  
 Pioneer Farmer  
 Agents Bulletin  
 Democrats Magazine  
 Chatter Box  
 Ladies Journal 140  
 The Sporting World  
 The Family Welcome  
 The Cottage Heart  
 Hearn's Young People  
 Literary World  
 Christian Nation  
 Christian at Work  
 Roman's Magazine  
 Home Guest  
 The American  
 Domestic Journal  
 Weekly Evangelist  
 City and Country  
 Heart's Stone Popular Monthly  
 Green's Fruit Grower  
 Western Planter  
 Farmer and Manufacturer  
 Ladies Home Journal <sup>Home</sup>  
 Journal of Education <sup>Practical</sup>



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I have also made an inventory of the Books in the house - the Books belonging to me only. There are a large number of German books in the house but I say nothing of these. There are many books portions of which are gone, which I do not mention. Books marked x belong to Henry and I, the rest to other members of the family.

Religious

- Holy Bible (5 vols.) <sup>Three to Henry</sup> x
- New Testament (4 vols.) x
- Hymn Book (Watts) x
- Balmist x
- Hymn book (Wesley) x
- Hymns & Spiritual Songs (1000) x
- x American Treatise (music) x
- x Gospel Hymns (music) x
- x Gospel Hymns x
- x Common Prayer x
- Spurgens Sermons (14 vols.)
- Christian Home Life
- x Tracts On Predestination x
- Kings Of Judah x
- The Four Questions x
- A Present Saviour x
- Saints Rest x
- Bagatzky's Golden Treasury
- Bunyan's complete Works
- A Miscellany Of The Apostles <sup>Edited</sup>
- x The Still Point
- x Pike's Early Religion x
- Woody & Lanby In England x
- x Leaf To Prayer x

Bible Dictionary

- x Bible Stories
- x Life In Death
- x Blood Of Jesus

(Educational)

- History Of The World (2 vol)
- Wis. Indian Wars Of American
- Chem. Outlines Of Eng. History
- x History Of Australia x
- x History Of Venice x
- x History Of Hannibal x
- Euclids Geometry
- Algebra
- Greenleafs Nat. Arithmetic
- Walkingams Arithmetic
- x Book Keeping (Hosters) x
- x Book Keeping (Caton & Seagus) x
- Noxestus Dictionary
- Johnson's Dictionary
- x Dceper's Chemistry x
- x Herschels Natural Philosophy x
- x Arts Of Heaven x
- x Smiths St. Astronomy x
- x Dicke's Scenery Of The Heavens x
- Countings Geography & Atlas
- Morse's Geography
- Chambers' Geography
- Lowels Geography
- x Lennis Eng. Grammars x
- Outlines Of Etymology
- x Outlines Of Eng. Grammars x



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- Blossome And Genit  
 x De lahaie Recipus  
 x De Wellingtons And His Wife  
 Spuys Meditations  
 x Book Of Stump Speechie  
 x Infants Magazine (2 vols)  
 x Disinherited  
 Marriage Ring  
 x Tell Of Night  
 x British Workmen (2 vols)  
 Cottage And Cottage  
 x Suicide Readings  
 x Woman Against Woman  
 x Race And Glory  
 x Mansfield Park  
 x Student In Search Of A Profession  
 x Valentine Vox  
 x The Animal World  
 x Noisy, Winning And Molding  
 x Science Of Life  
 x Alice Louette  
 x Practical Magician  
 x Gentlemen's Letters Written  
 x McBeides All Kinds Of Dialogues  
 x Debates And Chairman's Assistant  
 x The Semi-Attached Couple  
 x How To Become A Clergyman  
 x Frank Beaucamp  
 x Convert And Confessional  
 x Climbing Up The Mountains  
 x Save The Evening  
 x Boston Incident  
 x Bushlife In Australia

Guardian Angel

Family Annual

x River of Water 1882

x National Encyclopedia

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Friday Jan 9th

N. S. Quite fine - but looking like rain. Tom & I work our little baby Leonard have spent the day down at Annie, Stig the West farm we have had him out down. He grows like a little pig and is real well. I have spent the evening in making an inventory of the books in the house or rather copying them into this book for I had the list prepared yesterday. Harold and Eddie were here to school today 5-7. Father began a new sled. He is quite small. His stomach troubles him.

Saturday Jan 10

N. W. W. Sleamed a little in the night but cleared off fine today. Mary mailed a letter to Sister Cozmae. Father mailed a Parcel to Goodspeed for a continuation of the Messenger. I mailed a letter to P. H. Perry, Con- Lawrence, Vermont, for 1885. Father has worked a little at the sled but has not been able to do much. I have spent the day in writing, excepting a part of the forenoon when I had to tie down.

Sunday Jan 11

N. W. W. Fine - Annie McNeill spent the day here. Seat has been here too. Father was down to Dan's this afternoon 5-11

Monday Jan 12

N. S. Began raining in the night and continued all day accompanied by a terrible gale of wind - the heaviest yet, have had for a long time. Father has been working at a sled. I am unable yet to do anything so I amuse myself in spinning rhymes.

Tuesday Jan 13

N. S. W. Fine and pleasant. A. M. I went out to Curran's and got a sled having finished what I had for me. P. M. He has been cutting wood. He is sick too. Mother has spent the day up at Frank's Cozmae, Dan and Alf went down to the Session of the Class Council with a road sled. 6-11

Wednesday Jan 14th, 1885

N. W. W. Quite fine but cold. Father has been cutting and hauling wood. My hand got better very slowly. I do the chores about the barn now but I can only use one hand yet. My fingers are stiff and very tender.

Thursday Jan 15

N. S. E. Snowed a little last night and a little has been falling all day. I. has been getting up a little firewood.

Friday Jan 16

N. S. E. Scattering snow falling all day. It is at night at a sled. One of Chas. T. Cornwall's was here today and father gave him for his father an Order on Ed. Rice for a barrel of flour. Harold has not been well for a day or two.

Saturday Jan 17th

N. S. E. Sub-storm all night and raining hard with a gale of wind till storm when the wind shifted. Sister was taken sick all noon today and is very sick tonight. I think it is a "worm" speam. He is subject to these spells. He will flush up with fever for a few minutes with vomiting and then turn pale and go to sleep, and after a little while wake again with fever and vomiting. Little Joey is sick too tonight. He was taken about dusk and seems much the same as Dexter. Harold is about the same. I mailed a Post Card to the publishers of "The Youth's Companion" for a Specimen Copy. We got the first copy of the "Messenger & Visitor" which is the old "Christian Messenger" of Halifax and the "Visitor" of St. John's. It is now published in St. John's and edited by the Rev. L. Goodspeed of Yarmouth. Mother got tonight the first copy of "Bonds & Blossoms" for the year. I was to have bought for a copy of the "Spinozological Journal" bought but was disappointed. Father has been working some at the sled today but his health is so bad that he cannot do much.

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Sunday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1885

P. M. Fine but Cold. The wind blew heavily all night. Leslie and Jessie were very sick all night. I did not sleep much. They seem a little better today. Dan and Annie with the boys, spent the day here. 6-15

Monday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Fine but Cold. It has been doing about around. I am getting so I take care of the farm. Mother is getting quite smart again, but little Jessie does not seem much better. Mother was taken sick tonight with a cold. Harold is about down sick with a fearful cold and cough.

Tuesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Cloudy and Cold. Father finished the sled. Our little boys are all better. I tease poor little Jessie about an expression he made the other day. I rec'd in a nursery poem, which Harold and Leslie have been singing around for a day or two, goes something like this: "The sheepes bleat, bleat, came over the road" This is Jessie's version - "The Seeps 'ba, ba, comey O clate"

Wednesday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

P. M. Mild with snow squalls. Father took a load of boards to Edward's place. I finished a shoe for Harold. My hand is getting so I can begin to use it some. The children are better, but Harold has a fearful cough. We weighed little Dennis again today. He weighs eight pounds and one ounce. He has gained just two pounds since Christmas day. Mother is half sick from a cold.

Thursday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

P. M. Snow flying and extremely cold. Nothing of importance has transpired. I have "sat within silent and speaking little". I spend three days in reading and composition. He reads with great supple progress on the latter occupation. has been very careful.

Friday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>

P. M. Cloudy - snow flying and very cold, though slightly more moderate than yesterday. Father has been cutting wood. I go out considerable snow.

Saturday Jan 24

P. M. Snowing all day - fell about eight inches and will make good hauling - being the first to call hauling this winter. Father starting lumber from the mill. He is a very bad cold. I had some circulars from the Publisher of the "Physiological Journal" and some from the publisher of the "Cric'at On the Earth". I also had a letter from the P. D. Department re. Halifax. Little Leonard is getting a cold and cough. The other boys are getting better. We got the first copy of "Farm Home" which we have subscribed for.

Sunday Jan 25

P. M. Foggy all day. Our little baby is quite sick today. Mother was taken worse tonight. I wore up a part of last night with little Leonard. He was so hoarse that he could not stay in bed. Annie McMill and Benjamin Coomson were here while this afternoon.

Monday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1885

Wind variable - Snow flying all day. It has been starting out lumber. Mother is very sick today and little Leonard is too hoarse to sit up all night with him. I have got a pain in my head again. It is not very bad yet and I do hope that I am not to have another "seige". Annie's little baby Lydia is very sick. They do not expect it to live today.

Tuesday Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Blowing and very cold. We got the sad intelligence this morning that little baby is dead. It died about three o'clock this morning. It is another sad "blow" for poor Annie. She has so many trials. Father made a Coffin for the dear little dead baby. Mother is better. She has sat up the greater part of the day. Our little Leonard is dreadfully sick with a cough. But we try to take all the care we can of him. Poorer was up all night - again with pain in the head - only had to have today. He has been here since 6-16. I was here since 6-16.

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Wednesday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

N.E. Frightful Snow and  
Sleet Storm. Snowed till about  
the middle of the afternoon when  
it changed to hail and rain.  
Father and Dan buried poor  
little Lydia today. Our little  
babe baby is so sick today  
that we are afraid it will not  
live. We are doing all for it that  
is possible. Mother is a little  
better. Mary & I covered the little Coffin  
this morning.

Thursday Jan 29

N.W.W. Very Cold day - About  
a foot of snow on ground and a very  
sharp crust that will bear one up.  
I am having another full visit  
Neuralgia in my head. Yesterday  
and today I have suppressed much  
of my hair cutting the wood  
Mother is worse. But baby is  
some better.

Friday Jan 30

N.W.W. Very gloomy day  
Father hauled up a few drags of  
wood. Mother is very sick  
The baby still improves.  
Father was taken sick tonight  
with chills and fever, and a painful  
pain in his left side.  
Off & went out to W.A. Sutton  
consult and get the Mail Contract  
papers fixed up.

Saturday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

N.W.W. Beautiful day.  
Father is very sick today.  
Mother is a little better. Baby is  
a little better. I am feeling quite  
smart again. I have cut some  
wood today for the first for  
a couple of months. Mr. Spencer  
has been in today for the  
Deed. Annis M. Mill is  
here tonight. I mailed two  
postal cards today - One to  
Hearne & Co for a specimen copy  
of "Young People" - One to  
Wm. Fisher of "Pleasant Home"  
or "Home Pleasants". I also  
mailed three letters to Adolph  
concerning P.O. matters. I received  
Circulars from Rm. Gosson & Co  
Circulars from H. C. Altst & Co  
a letter from Ottawa, and a  
letter from Ottawa containing a  
Draft for \$100 for mail service.  
I also received two copies of  
the "Fruit's Companion". 16-17

Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

N.E. Beautiful day - Looking like  
a storm. Annis M. Mill spent  
the day here. Mrs. Gals TM & Co.  
Called 2:30 tonight. D. Fullerton was  
here to dinner. Clark Mosley was  
hurt himself badly in the woods  
one day last week. He is scarcely  
expected to live. Father & Mother  
are about the same. Dennis is  
better. 6-21

Monday Feb 2

N.W.W. Snowed four or five inches  
in the night - Cold, snowing & blowing  
all day. P.M. I went with Dan  
to show him a road to the lake  
where he wants to haul up Cordwood.  
P.M. I cut wood.  
Father & Mother are getting better.

Tuesday Feb 3

N.W.W. Clearing & very cold  
I have been cutting wood most  
all day. My hand is so lame  
that I find chopping very tedious.  
My arm, too, is very weak.

Wednesday Feb 4

N.W.W. Fine but very cold  
Father and mother are about  
the same. I have been cutting  
wood etc.

Thursday Feb 5

N.E. Cloudy soft glooming like  
rain. Annis spent the day here  
with her other little baby.  
Dan was here again this  
evening. Father is a little better  
and I think mother is too  
though she will scarcely get  
up it. I sent out by Alex today  
for a pair of snow shoes. The  
price was two dollars 6-23

Friday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1885

N.E. Cloudy dark mild &  
calm. Snowed about three inches  
during the night. I have been  
mending a red shirt all day.  
I mended a pair for Dan and one  
for Roxanna. Rice's Schooner  
the "Seaside" was wrecked on  
Gull Rock last Sunday night  
during a thick snow squall.

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Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

W. N. W. Snowing and blustering all day. I hauled wood. rather is still very poor, but managed to drive the team. I mailed two cases today - One to Publisher of "Literary World", and one to Pub. "Herald". I also mailed two letters to P. O. D. Ottawa. I received a letter from P. O. D. Ottawa. I wish I had the money I have tonight and cut his head off.  
Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1885

W. N. W. Clear cloudy & dark. Mr. Sabine came here this afternoon. Weather is getting better. 6-24

Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Beautiful day. A.M. I went with the crowd and helped make roads. P.M. I spent the day here. This afternoon he helped me cut wood. Tonight he and I went down to see Clark Mosby. I got tea at W. N. W.'s. We found the poor fellow in a terrible bad state. 7-26

Tuesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>

W. S. E. Raining and blowing all day. W. N. W. & Clark stayed last night with me. He had three fits during the night. I came home this morning. Have spent the day in cutting "Scraps" from old papers. It is rare pastime.

Wednesday Feb 11

W. N. W. Cold and blustering. Some I have been hauling lumber from the mill. Factored went to the mill with me this morning. He is not very smart.

Thursday Feb 12

W. N. W. Cold and snow flying. I have been hauling lumber from the mill. Harold and F. S. went with me one trip. They got dinner with me on the mill house. They spent the rest of the day at Gummy's. Aunt Sarah and Willis wife spent the day here.

Willie came to tea and spent the evening. Leornelia was here a little while. 7-31

Friday Feb 13

W. N. W. Fine but cold. I have been hauling lumber from the mill. Frost is not very well.

Saturday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

W. N. E. Clear and sharp. I went out with a load of Pine to area to Edward Rice. Hollowell counted them on the wharf. I mailed six Postal Cards for specimens papers as follows: "The Cottage Hearts" Boston. "Christian at Work" N. Y. "Ballroom New York" "Christianity in Relation" (New York) "Christianity in America" (Chicago Ill) "The American" (Washington D.C.) "Woman's Magazine" (Franklin Mass. Bristol road) I got a letter from Halifax (P. O. Dept) John C. Mill, of Boston has been married lately. Clark Mosby is getting better.

Sunday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

W. N. E. Snowed and blustered till noon. Clara White came this morning for Henry to go on "professional" business, but she declined.

Monday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

W. N. E. Fine. A.M. I found the Ash's share, and attended the Shed Ball. P.M. I got a load from the mill to go to bed with. Harold made a shed for F. S. today. They are five feet by 30 feet. The house was 1235 2 ft of lumber.

Tuesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

W. S. E. A fearful snow storm & bluster this morning. Did not last long but as severe as I ever witnessed. It only lasted a few hours but blocked the roads up. P.M. Breaking roads.

Wednesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1885

W. N. W. Fine but cold. I got getting up from woods. Leornelia spent the day here. W. N. Sabine came this evening. 7-33

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Thursday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Fine. I & I hauling  
up firewood. W. H. - stayed here  
last night. 8-34

Friday Feb 20

P. M. W. Beautiful day.  
C. M. & I cutting logs to go to  
Wagner's mill. I made an aw-  
-saw. P. M. F. Chopping. I  
have been starting the logs out in  
the field. George spent the day at  
Chattis. I have been awfully  
lousy about the day yesterday at  
Went Sarah's. Child's wife gave  
birth to a son last Sunday. 11-34

Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

P. M. W. Snow a little this  
morning - cleared away. I took  
a load of boards to Leo Post.  
I got a bill of glow from Tom Rice  
and a bill of meal from Ed. Rice.  
Newel, Wm. Specht and Aunt Miriam  
came today. I got four new papers  
to night as follows - "Society World",  
"Family Welcome", "Gleanings of  
People", "Cottage Hearth", "The  
Ladies & Postal Card" from Wm. Rice  
Dispensary, Publishers Cottage Hearth  
and Postal from Publishers of  
"Christian World". 18-36

Sunday Feb 22

P. M. W. Cloudy but mild and  
pleasant. Arrive and Don  
spent the day here & I went out to  
near Mr. Spencer. To Son, work  
tonight. Lousy on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. -  
"I'm in on a right spirit." 8-44

Monday Feb 23

P. M. W. Cloudy but calm.  
Newel and Carol went from the  
morning. Father & I started  
the rest of some logs out of the woods.  
We have only winter. I took a  
load up to Wagner's mill tonight.  
Today is not very well. And Sister is  
not in as good a state of health as I  
could desire. We bought little  
Lionel yesterday. He weighed 11<sup>lb</sup> 5<sup>oz</sup>. 8-46

Tuesday Feb 24

P. M. W. Fine. Left some up to the  
meadow and got less loads of hay.  
Lousy has been real sick with pain  
in the head today.

Wednesday Feb 25

P. M. W. Snow squall this  
morning - cleared off beautiful.  
All night with a strong  
drifted load of hay. We have  
sold George the rest of the  
hay. Father & I have been  
making irons for fixing up  
a horse sled.  
Jancy, George (Mrs Grant) and  
Aunt M. Will have been  
here today visiting.  
George Hood was here today. 8-47

Thursday Feb 26

P. M. W. Beautiful Day!  
Father is quite sick. So that  
he is unable to do anything.  
I went out with a load of  
spruce boards for Tom Rice as  
follows - 883 Shingles & 158 of  
I got a pair of boots for Sister  
at Storeys price \$1.75. When I got  
them home I found them too  
large for him so concluded to  
let Harold have them, and  
try to get Sister a pair when I  
go out again.

Friday Feb 27

P. M. W. Fine this morning  
but clouded up and drizzling  
a little tonight. A. M. 4<sup>th</sup>  
made shaves for the horse sled.  
P. M. F. Cut some wood. I  
started a load of deals from the  
mill. Larnie spent the  
afternoon & evening here.  
Harris here to bed and spent the  
evening. 9-57

Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 1885

P. M. W. Fine. I took a load  
of deals to the Campbell. I got  
Sister a pair of boots from Storeys  
price of which was \$1.75. He was  
very pleased with them. My hat  
the more to go to Wagoner's  
Monday. I mailed four Postal  
Cards for specimens. Copies of  
papers as follows - Household  
Monthly, Frank Leslie's Popular  
Monthly, Rural New Yorker,  
"Little Ones and the Nursery",  
I received a letter from H. F. Holland  
and one from W. H. Sabing.  
Also received copies of the  
following papers - "Liberation of  
Work", "Christian Nation", "Woman's  
Magazine". I paid the money  
for the boots I bought. 10-57



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Sunday, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 1855.

N. S. Fine this morning but a weak chill wind sprang up, and tonight the sky is clouded over, and seems to threaten rain.

I went out and spent the day with W. B. & my old friend, and Godfather. Mother went with me and spent the day at Aunt Sarah's. Harold and Estlin went as far as Cumings. Harold got put out at Seal and came home again, but Estlin stayed and came home with us this evening. Remember very vividly twenty one years ago today.

It was Tuesday, and a beautiful day that followed a rain storm.

Father was at the mill sawing.

In the morning Alf & I went down on the Lake. We had not been there long when David and Obad White came on the lake with their sled and skates.

It was the first time I ever saw anyone skate. The boys came

here and got a bag of potatoes for their brother Henry who was sick. They got their dinner here.

and then went back again. I went with them, for as the mill and came home around the road. Alfred Coesman

was born in that day. That day with its surroundings

as plain as before my mind as any day within the past week.

13-57

Monday Mar 2

N. S. Rained all night and all day. I have done nothing

today in the way of work excepting mending a horse

collar. I have been engaged in selecting snuff for a scrap book.

Tuesday Mar 3

N. N. W. Fine. N. S. Siline

and I went down to see Peter Dugan and arrange with

him to canvass some for us in Frenchtown. We got

dinner at his house after which we drove to the Cove.

On the way home I stopped to N. A. to tea and spent the

evening. I purchased at Mrs. Lovell's a paper wash-basin.

It is the first article made from that material that I have seen.

Wednesday Mar 4

N. S. E. Mild with snow-

squalls. I started a load of lumber (408 ft) down as far

as Widow Lovell's, with the old man. I intended to have

gone to the Bristol, but heard that the ground was too

ahead so concluded it wise to return. Father started a

load of logs up to the mill, and cut a load down on

the swamp. Concorda Run was marked

the other day.

Thursday Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Cloudy, calm & mild

father cutting logs in the swamp. I hauled three loads

(9 logs) up to the mill. Little Leonard has got the

Spine

Friday Mar 6<sup>th</sup>

N. N. E. Fine. Fr. cutting logs

and barn timber. I took a load of pine boards to Ed-

Rice. John Barre's boy (George) is dead - died Wednesday.

Saturday Mar 7<sup>th</sup>

N. W. Fine - but cold

I went to Newmont with a load of pine boards for Geo. Bly.

Alf was out too. Fr. has been chopping in the woods today.

I mailed this letter and prospectus today as follows - a letter to

Wm. Brothers Wapington, enclosing \$2.00; One to C. Goodspeed, St-

John N. B. enclosing \$2.00. One to Alonzo Grant. Postals to

Publishers of "Linnæus Hermit Ground," "The Family Journal," "City & County,"

"Domestic Journal," "The Weekly Evangelist,"

and two specimen papers; "Christianity and Progress" and "The Little One and the Many." W. B. Putnam Jones of

Brighton has died lately.

Sunday Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Fine. Father and Mother went to the Barr Log's funeral

Dan spent the afternoon here

I am sick with a cold and did not go out to meeting. 13-52

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Monday, Mar. 9th, 1885  
P. M. W. Snowing a little all day. Father went out with a load of Deals. I am confined to the house with a severe Cold.

Tuesday Mar 10th  
P. M. S. This morning the snow was coming in heavy as fast as I can see it. It continued till towards mid-day, when the wind shifted to the West. About a foot fell. I have been editing a scrap-book when I could sit up. Father cut some fire wood. After this I am going to tell each day in my Journal what my boys are engaged in so far as I am able. Might it not be a source of satisfaction to them in later years to read a record of their little sports and pastimes? It is my duty to do all in my power to perpetuate and intensify <sup>their</sup> childhood - that their remembrance of these halcyon days may be vivid; for after all, all this is of life is childhood. I am determined to do all in my power to make their lives bright and happy, and if I see the way is of the least way of the heart. Harold has been working all day trying to make a face-pump. He has succeeded in making a fair imitation. Sister has been cutting scrap-pictures out of pieces of old News-papers. Josie has been wandering around with his little wooden shallop and pounding everything he can get a crack at, and bathing Bab and his all he can. Little baby Leonard is getting better of his Sprue.

Wednesday Mar 11th  
P. M. W. Snowed some in the night and a little through the day. Father took a load of pine boards to Geo Hoyt. I am a little better of my Cold. I cut some wood etc. Harold made a few gates and two water-wheels. Sister made gun and kuba triggs on the side of it. Tonight they slid on a lot of maple wood to the wood-house door which I had belted up. Ross made me a pair of molar skin pants.

Thursday Mar 12  
P. M. W. Cloudy & cold. Father took a load of Deals to Campbell. I made Josie a pair of shoes - his first home-made shoes. Harold has been trying to make a mill frame. He is engaged in various plays. Little Josie has been helping me shoe snakes. The baby is getting well of his Sprue. My Coad is better.

Friday Mar 13  
P. M. Clear and very cold. I took a load of Deals to D. Campbell - got half barrel Molasses Sugar. Father has been working in the woods. Harold at his mill-frame. He tells me tonight that he has got it done. Sister cutting Sorafas. Mrs Martin of Plymouth is dead - did this week.

Saturday Mar 14  
P. M. S. Cloudy - cold & bleak. Cutting logs. I took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. I bought a broom. The boys have been amusing themselves in various ways. They went over to Joseph Parris and asked where Peter for rails. They got an old antelope and a pill box and some rails. Mother is quite unwell today. Mrs Martin was buried today. I mailed three Postal Cards - One to Publishers of "Western Ploughman" One to Pub. "Home Workshop" One to Pub. "Home Journal" Received a copy of "Home Journal" and a copy of "The American" Also two letters from P. O. Dept. Father recd a Postal from Mr. Goodspeed receiving the \$2.25 sent him, also a letter from Miller Park receiving money sent them last week.

Sunday Mar 15  
P. M. S. Quite fine. Spent the day here, making gimfortons & c. around. Do all spirit the day over & adeny. 15-54

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Sunday Mar 16<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Began raining in the night and continued till seven. When the wind shifted to N. W. Father wrote a poem, P.M. Father went to the mill to look around, and I hinned a load of deals to take out tomorrow. This afternoon the boys have been playing in the orchard with their sled.

Tuesday Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

N. E. steady. Snowing till afternoon - fell about four inches. I took a load of deals to Campbell's - I bought a new axe.

Wednesday Mar 18

N. W. W. Fine. P.M. L.S.D. hauled a load of logs to B. Wagner's mill. Harold and Leslie went up with me. They got some edgings P.M. I took up another load and hinned and brought down a load of deals and boards to take out tomorrow. Father went in the wood with a couple of Frenchmen to look at a speck. They found a big one on the mill lot, where Father has bargained with them for twenty five dollars.

Thursday Mar 19

N. W. A tremendous blizzard storm - the greatest for several years. Father made an axe-handle, and I have been cutting scraps for scrap-books. I cut some wood this afternoon and I found the storm very soon. Harold, Leslie and Jessie have been building mills out of deal ends. Harold has made two little saw-gates - one for his mill and one for Leslie's mill. It is very pleasing to watch their play.

Friday Mar 20

N. W. W. Snowing and blowing some. We have been breaking roads all day. Harold has been making wooden snow-shoes and proving them over the snow banks.

Saturday Mar 21

N. W. W. Bluebirds and Crows I have been compiling scrap-books all day. John Edal had a hard time getting through with the mail. He had to leave his team at Mevors and go apart to Weymouth. Sent two letters to Ottawa. Received three new specimens Copies of the following papers: - "Domestic Journal", "Weekly Evangelist", "City and Country", "Dart Spring" the emerald. We weighed Leonard today and his weight was 11<sup>lb</sup> 12<sup>oz</sup>.

Sunday Mar 22

N. W. Quite fine, but cold and windy. All of us at home. Spent the day in reading. John O'Neill of Barlow has been married lately.

Monday Mar 23

N. W. W. Fine - but windy & raw. We have been breaking roads all day. Harold and Leslie playing with sticks, knives and gimlets. Some of the boys have been collecting snails for scrap books this evening.

Tuesday Mar 24

N. W. W. Fine day. P.M. In ground and being a sun day. P.M. he went to the lake to begin cutting the scattering trees in a "piece" we are going to clear and from the cord wood has been cut. I am about half sick today, but have been engaged in writing some Duds. Father went down to Annie's this afternoon for a visit. Harold and Leslie spent the forenoon in coasting down hill, and this afternoon they went up to Aunt Cornelia's with their sleds and spent a greater part of the time. Jessy has been playing with a little pair of buttons and Leonard had made the house lively by his crying. 14-54

Wednesday Mar. 25

N. S. W. Snowing smart all day - falling about three inches. Mr. Hatha and the lake Chopping. I made a pair of wooden snow-shoes. P.M. stormed so badly that I stayed at home. I cut some wood. Dean was here to tea. Matha has not come home yet. Harold and I have been making snow shoes and going around on them. Leticia made a scrap-book this afternoon. It is a funny affair. Harris comes in here this evening. I have been making a scrap-book of poetry - or rather verses - for but few pieces are worthy the name of poetry. 17-55

Thursday Mar 26

N. A. W. Beautiful day. Hatha and I chopping across the lake. It is about as discouraging looking job as ever I undertook. The trees and bushes are full of snow. And the snow on the ground is about four feet deep. I fixed up a pair of wooden snow-shoes with which I went to and parse my work. We are going to chop three acres over there. Joseph Parks talks of cutting a four-acre piece along side of ours. Matha came home from Ann tonight. Seat has been here this afternoon and made a pair of bows for the snow-shoes and of bevel hoops for Harold. Snow-shoes are all the rage now. 19-55

Friday Mar 27

P. S. Cloudy - soft - windily looking like rain. Hatha and I chopping across the lake. This forenoon Rossy helped Harold fill his snow-shoes with fish-tiney. P.M. Matha, Rossy and the little boys made some Malasso Candy.

Saturday Mar 28

N. W. P. M. Showery. P.M. Cloudy up beautiful. Hatha and I chopped over the lake till seven P.M. Did nothing but cut some wood. My hand is very lame from chopping. It is same hand that I was crippled with during

the first of the winter. Two of the fingers are stiff and I fear they will never be better. Received a copy of the following - "Ladys 17 civil." "Frank's Weekly Popular Monthly." "Green's Snow-Grower" and a Sud Catalogue from Green. Also records of letters as follows: Two from Frank's Weekly Popular Monthly from World's Dispensary Association.

Sunday Mar 29th

N. W. C. Bunching snow storm - snow falling about five inches. All of us at home all day. How delightful to sit by the fire when the winter storm is raging without and enjoy the companionship of a fresh Magazine full of sagacious and charming literature from the pen and pencil of earth's most talented sons. I am indeed thankful for this capacity of enjoyment, for it as far transcends all animal pleasures as mind is above matter. Seals was here this afternoon.

Monday March 30

N. N. W. Fine. A.M. I shouldered the sled and a load piled out of the snow and loaded the sled to start a load this afternoon. P.M. started my load out on the Duck Pond hill. Hatha has been over the lake chopping this afternoon.

Tuesday Mar 31

N. S. Cloudy and looking like rain. I took a load of boards to Ed. Park about eight hundred and fifty feet - partly pine and partly Spruce. I got a barrel of flour at Campbell's on D. Fullerton's life - price I think 20.50. I bought another barrel from Ed. Park - price 8.50. I bought Rossy a pair of boots at Campbell's - 2.10. P.M. Hatha chopped over the lake. He stayed at home and entertained Mr. & Mrs. Spencer this afternoon and evening here. Harold and Leticia have been snow bathing today. 19-57

Wednesday April 1st

N. Y. Rainy all night - fine today. I was chopping over the lake. Rossy out to dinner and went over to Ann's to play a couple of days. Harold and Leticia have been

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making flumes today

Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. N. Beautiful day. Father and I have been chopping over the lake. The boys come down on the lake this morning with us. They had their sled and we left them on the ice enjoying themselves finely. Popsy came home from Linnis tonight. The boys are very impatient for the snow to go off. 23-57

Friday April 4

N. E. Looking like rain all day. Finished chopping fence poles. I have been sick and unable to do anything.

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Rained all day. I have been writing the Quebec part of the diary. I mailed six letters as follows: Three to Ottawa. One to P. H. "Squid Seal". One to Algonquin. One to Lillian Connor. Received a letter from Ottawa.

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Foggy till noon then cleared away. Mother spent the day over to Alton. Harry and Corinna were here a while this afternoon and to tea. 24-59

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Snowed all the forenoon but melted as fast as it fell. Shifted to West in afternoon & cleared off. A. M. Alf and I hauling fence poles to make a line between the orchard and pasture. Finished some poles in the woods to cut poles but a slab fell on his arm & dislocated him so that he was obliged to come home. He fears the log is cracked. P. M. Alf hauling poles. Harold laid his first chopping wood today. He cut up a piece of wood six or seven feet long with an old ax. He will burn it no more. Mrs. W. St. John's "barned" a little baby girl yesterday.

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Beautiful Spring day. Alf and chopped poles all day. The old horse road. Ethel's wife spent the day here. Harold and Leslie have been making snags to draw water from a hole we dug last fall for the new barn wall. 24-61

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Drizzling rain all day. Alf and I hauling fence poles with both teams. Finished hauling for the line fence in the orchard and began a fence which is to enclose the portions of the horse pasture in the field. Alf and I are in the scrap-book business this evening.

Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Fine but cold and windy. A. M. Alf and I hauling Cutting poles. P. M. Hauling. Making scrap-books again this evening. Harold and Leslie have been following us in and out the woods today for the sake of that which is always so pleasant to boys and girls on the sled. An amusement which I never enjoy more with the season except by means "What fun is it?" I take pleasure in allowing children to do what ever amuses them and is harmless. There is great excitement now about the half-breed rising in the Northwest. There is tales of war threatening between England and Russia!

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Beautiful day. A. M. I chopped poles and Alf hauled them. We have now cut and hauled 570 poles. P. M. Alf began cutting barn timber. Mrs. Smith spent the day here. Leslie and Alf were here to dinner and to tea. 24-66

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Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
A.M. Off to at the bridge poles -  
Cut hauling and hauling. We  
hauled out 100 ft pine shrouded  
poles this Spring 1891.

N. S. K. Fine. A.M. I went  
to the mill - started out a load of  
refuge boards to the Carno pond  
went back and got a crate of food  
which I brought home. Harold  
and Leslie went with me. It is  
Leslie's first day and I am allowing  
him every indulgence possible.  
P.M. I have been doing chores  
around. Mrs. Smith stayed here  
last night. Mail is to be sent  
a Postal box follows - P.O. Di. Ottawa  
- Bank of Montreal, Ottawa Postal  
to Fredericton, N. Brunswick.  
Recd. a letter from Miss McDougal  
Happes with mail. Contract also,  
a letter from P.O. Di. Ottawa with an  
order on Bank for \$1.00 and also  
one on lot Falls P.O. Quebec.  
24-67

Sunday April 12

N. N. W. Fine day. Daniel  
Ludlow, Annie, Seal and  
the other children spent the  
day here.

Monday April 13

N. S. K. Snow all the forenoon  
but melted as it came. Chores  
up tonight. A.M. I hauled  
large timber. P.M. I cut some  
sticks for frame. Stetson McAllen  
was here today to arrange for  
collecting money for David  
Mullen who is disabled from injury  
accident last fall and who  
is intending to go to Boston to  
seek medical aid. I gave him  
twenty five cents. And I rather  
gave him a dollar. 24-68

Tuesday April 14

N. N. W. Fine. I have been  
cutting and hauling timber.  
Harold and Leslie stay in  
the woods with me, engaged  
in building "infin" Camps  
building dams and climbing  
trees.

Wednesday April 15

N. N. W. Beautiful day  
I have been cutting and  
hauling barn timber. Today  
with Joey and Leonard have  
been up to Carnelia's visiting.  
It is the first time little  
Leonard has been "up the road".  
Aunt Sarah was here so we  
spent the afternoon. 26-69  
M. & C. the evening down the  
river today with the old  
man John Smith of Boston  
who lost his wife last  
has been married again  
late. His daughter Ella  
was married late. 26-69

Thursday April 16

N. N. W. Fine. Cutting and hauling  
barn timber. The snow is  
three feet deep in the woods  
in places. Mrs. Smith, Annie  
McNeill and Joey went  
the afternoon here. Harold  
and Leslie took their  
axe down in the woods where  
I was at work and Harold  
cut down two little spruce trees  
large enough for small fence  
poles. They gave the first trees  
that ever he cut down.  
I don't say he will remember  
as long as he lives.  
Leslie cut down a couple  
of bushes too. being his first  
experience in that line 26-72

Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine. Cutting and  
hauling timber. Nothing of  
importance occurred.  
Father's lame leg is getting  
better slowly. There is a  
france boy here now they  
evening. He is looking for  
work I believe.

Saturday April 18

N. N. W. Fine day again. We  
decided to keep the boy who  
stayed here last night. His  
name is Charley Conison. He  
belongs to Chazy, Vt. We are  
going to keep him for a  
month. P.M. We finished  
hauling barn timber & hauled  
loads of poles. P.M. I made  
and did some other  
chores.

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I mailed two letters today - one to  
 Wm. D. Dorned, Calif. - one  
 to P. O. Department Ottawa.  
 Received a letter from Ottawa,  
 also a Specimen Copy of the  
 "Western Snowman"

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine day. This  
 evening Father went out to  
 muddle. I did not go being  
 unwell. I have spent the  
 day in reading.

Monday April 20

N. N. W. Beautiful day.

Charley, Omer & Chapping  
 over the lake. We crossed  
 over on the ice this morning  
 but dared not try it tonight  
 I could drive the axe through  
 when we crossed this morning.

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

N. N. W. Snowy day again

Charley & Chapping over the  
 lake. Father's arm is still  
 far from well. The little  
 boys are amusing themselves  
 by building dams now & cry

Wednesday April 22

N. E. Cloudy & raw-looking  
 like rain. We have been  
 chopping over the lake.  
 The lake where we crossed  
 Monday was all open yesterday.

Thursday April 23

N. S. Beautiful day.

A. M. Charley, pitching manure  
 to S. Chapping.  
 P. M. Father & I went to Weymouth  
 today. Father took some ideas  
 down to Blackadar. He also  
 went to the Registration Office to  
 look over some old records.  
 Brother Harold & Harold and  
 Esler a pound of Shingle-nails  
 This they will consume no  
 doubt.

Friday April 24

N. N. S. Fine day. C. & S. Cutting  
 over the lake. Annie McNeill  
 stayed here last night. She had  
 her examination today. Ross &  
 the boys went.

Saturday April 25

N. N. Beautiful day. Charley & I  
 finished Chapping over the lake  
 today. I mailed a letter to Ottawa  
 also received one from Ottawa.

Sunday April 26

N. S. W. Fine - looking like a  
 storm tonight. This forenoon  
 Rossy, Charley & I with the children  
 took a walk to the lake. P. M.  
 Rossy & I with Josy & Edward started  
 to go out to W. P. S. We met him  
 at the canoe and turned back.  
 He came home with me but Rossy  
 and the babies stopped to Annie.  
 They remained there till evening  
 and I went down with the carriage  
 to get them, taking W. P. S. on his  
 way home.

Monday April 27

N. S. E. Snowed a little in the night  
 and ceased till noon. Clearing  
 off tonight. P. M. Charley & I  
 went to Amansmill and  
 piled up some hemlock boards.  
 George Blackadar is here tonight.

Tuesday April 28

N. N. W. Fine - but cold.  
 Charley & I pitched over the manure  
 Father went to Forest to look  
 for a sale of four trees. I went  
 out to W. P. S. tonight with the  
 horse & carriage.  
 Mrs. Stearns Jones of Weymouth  
 died last Friday. She was a  
 very fine woman and her  
 death will be greatly lamented.

Wednesday April 29

N. S. E. Rained with hail and  
 thunder during the night, and  
 continued showery all day.  
 I came home from W. P. S. this  
 morning. Between showers  
 Charley & I began to build a fence  
 that is to enclose a portion of  
 the horse pasture which I am  
 going to "break" for potatoes this  
 spring. Dan Hurlston was here  
 to see yesterday I mailed a  
 letter to Wm. Grant in reference  
 to fruit trees. I also mailed a  
 letter to Abraham Nichols of Big  
 Ridge in reference to trees.

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Thursday April 30

W. N. Cloudy bleak & cold. Charles & I working at the fence. Charles came from Litch this afternoon. 34-77

Friday May 1st, 1885

W. N. W. Fine but cold. I have been grafting some Cherry trees. Charles & I working at our fence. We pulled down & hauled away the old fence between the field and pasture.

Saturday May 2nd

W. S. E. Raining all day. James Sabino ships spend the day here. He sold me 13 apple trees. Father told him to endorse the bond. (250) on the note that he holds against Father. Grant Sabino too has been here all day. He gave an order for fifty trees. I made a new nipple-bar for the carriage.

Received tonight two letters from Ottawa and a Postal from J. Dawson, Rochester also received the "Crown Picture" from Montreal - magazines and my subscriptions to the "Star". Willie Sales was here to tea tonight. 34-87

Sunday, May 3rd

W. N. W. Sunday. Father & mother spent the afternoon at Annie's. Cory & I read "Christian Home Life". 36-81

Monday May 4th

W. N. W. Fine but windy. This morning I found the carriage which W. H. Sabino I went to Weymouth. He came in this morning and we did not get off till after dinner. Our mission to Weymouth was to see Mr. Patten about canvassing for us this season. We had an interview with him but failed to make a bargain. We mailed a letter to Dr. W. Dewey for five dollars. I found the money in his pocket. Also mailed a letter to Jas. Dawson & a card to Jos. Sabino. I paid the balance. I got six yards of shirting for Charles. The price was \$1.25. I also paid for a pair of pants. I also paid for a pair of pants. I also paid for a pair of pants. 36-82

Tuesday May 5th

W. N. W. Fine. Father went down to attend a session of the Municipal Council at Essex. Charles & I spent with him. I finished the fence around the field. 37-83

Wednesday May 6

Wind W. N. Fine. Joseph Parke helped us break up a piece of sod. John Chalony (the red car pedlar) stayed here last night and a big agave to dinner. John Cold Water came and put a dog in the house. 37-85

Thursday May 7th

W. N. W. Fine. Parke came and helped finish plowing. A. M. We got out a lot of trees for delivery. Jackson came & helped get them out. I started about ten o'clock stopped to W. H. Sabino where we put in some more trees. and after dinner we drove down to Dr. W. Dewey's class Campbell's delivery his trees. We then proceeded up the River delivering as we went. Got to at 10 o'clock. We passed through the Arch Settlement out through the Mount Royal and went down to Mrs. King's.

Friday May 8

W. N. W. Fine. W. H. Sabino went to Digby this morning & got the team up at St. John's. We dined at George's. He took after which we visited the County Office where we arranged about some printing. We paid five \$89.50. We then called on Sabino, had an interview, got tea at White's and drove down the Bay again to Mrs. King's.

Saturday May 9

W. S. E. Cloudy till noon. Rained till night. W. H. Sabino went up to Uncle John's where we stayed till dinner. We arranged with him for some money. We went up to Binney's where we called at 8 o'clock. He has some for us. I also paid for a pair of pants. I also paid for a pair of pants. I also paid for a pair of pants. (Paid a letter to Ottawa)



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So heavily that we did not come home but put up for the night. Spending the evening at Mr. Dunkley's, back to Postal from Aloups.

## Sunday May 10th

N. S. W. Fine. We came home today. Aunt Olive and Aunt Sarah were here when I came home. Dan and Annie also were here. I found them all well, but little babies who have Colds. 37-93

## Monday May 11

N. N. W. Fine. W. H. Sabino came in this morning and he and we got out and labeled a lot of trees for delivery. W. H. S. took them out tonight with our team. He is going to deliver tomorrow.

Ad Albert Parter was here today. Aunt Sarah & Aunt Olive were here around here all day. Charly helped 37-99  
Mrs. Parter today

## Tuesday May 12

W. N. Fine. Father & I have been cross plowing our potato ground. Charly has been helping for 1 1/2 hours. Helped him yesterday and is going to again tomorrow. W. H. Sabino is going to deliver trees today. School began again today. Mrs. Marchonier's teacher

## Wednesday May 13

N. S. W. Fine. Father & I began ploughing again, but W. H. Sabino is going for more trees, so "brocked off" and helped get the trees out. W. H. Sabino was here to deliver, after he went away. He made a box to put trees in and then pulled up some. W. H. Sabino came back today tonight. 37-100

## Thursday May 14th

N. W. Cloudy - began raining about noon. Continued till about 4. The packed up 200 trees and for delivery in Freychtown. It was going with them today had it been fine. 37-102

## Friday May 15

N. N. E. - Rained all the forenoon fine till night. Father made a bag of trees. I planted a lot of apple trees around as follows:  
1 Red Astor can 1 Ben Davis  
1 Early Harvest 1 Greening  
1 New Brunswick 1 Emp. Texas  
and two his name unknown  
Charly harrowed the sod for father. Uncle Willie Gato was here tonight to tea. He came for a few apple trees. Three Bishop-Tippins and paid for them 2 1/2 ct. Our poor little baby Dennis has been very sick with a bowel complaint for several days. If he gets no better soon we shall have to get some medicine from the doctor for him. We hear tonight that Gabe White of the Township Line has died suddenly 37-103

## Saturday May 16

N. S. W. Beautiful day. We began planting today. I packed out manure and started Charly planting. Our Order books from W. H. S. came to hand today. I received a Postal from N. N. Dewey saying our money (\$1.00) was received and the plate books would be prepared and mailed soon. I sent a letter to Ottawa today. Lemond is better

## Sunday May 17

N. S. W. Beautiful day again. Father & I went out the Settlement and spent the day. Cornelia and her children spent the afternoon here. Tonight I went out to Mr. Spencer's meeting. He had a splendid sermon from the 12 & 13 verses of 2nd Chap. of Paul to the Philippians. Mr. & Mrs. Meow and Ed Barr were baptized at Sunset today. Emma Barr a dis-satisfied Campbellite was received into the Church. 37-104

## Monday May 18th

N. S. E. Slight showers. Father went to Frenchtown with a load of apple trees for sale. He took about \$70 1/2. I have been hauling out manure. Charly planting. I got the cart wheel broke down and some other mishaps here - don't any doing a very large day's work.

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Tuesday May 19

N. E. Rainy heavy part of the day. We worked some at planting. Tonight Harold and Leticia and I went down to the lake by Will's fence and caught a couple of Frogs. The boys were delighted. I am not able to do much today - have lain a bed part of the day

Wednesday May 20

N. E. Beautiful day. We have been planting today. Father came home tonight. He sold all the trees but collected very little money. The boys are going to school now.

Thursday May 21

N. N. W. Fine. Father pitched the compost pile under the stable and I hauled out manure. Charly planting. I went out to the field tonight and stayed all night.

Friday May 22

N. N. Beautiful day. All hands planting.

Saturday May 23

N. S. W. Beautiful day. W. S. Sabino came in this morning to see about Blackberry trees. We sent a Postal to him saying we thought the trees unfit for removal. I also sent a Postal to Charlie Wilson. Tonight read our Plate Book from D. M. Dewey. We finished planting today. And tonight I planted a lot of Apple trees. I see by today's paper that Bill, the leader of the N. W. howls, has been captured. This will likely end the war. Harold has a very bad cough. Roy went out today with John Edd. She got the boys some hats. Mrs. Mrs. Sully of Brighton is dead.

Sunday May 24

N. S. W. A glorious day. The trees are beginning to show green. The first cherry blossoms appear today. Roy & I with my little boys went down in the woods tonight to hear the birds sing

Monday May 25

N. S. Foggy. A. M. Father and Charly fixed John Edd's fence. P. M. Charly picked up stones. Father went out to see Mr. Spencer. I have been sick and done very little except work some among the apple trees - a species of employment in which I take great delight. 47. 10 1/4

Tuesday May 26

N. S. W. Foggy till noon - then cleared off beautifully. Sumner Sabino came this morning to see the Nursery. He is in Jas. Dawson's employ who sent him to inspect the trees and report. I spent out to W. S. Sabino's with him that he might see the trees there. He expressed the greatest satisfaction at their appearance. Mr. A. Dutcher of Weymouth was also in to see the trees. He desired want us at W. S. Sabino's. Father borrowed a load of Deals to go out with tomorrow. Council of Plymouth did recently. 47. 3. 10 1/4

Wednesday May 27

N. N. W. Beautiful day. Father went out with a load of deals. Charly digging among the apple trees. In the forenoon I made a bedstead for the boys by Stephen. In the afternoon I pitched out the sink-hole.

Thursday May 28

N. N. W. Fine. A. M. Alfred, Charly and I spent all the forenoon in trying to get up the ship for shearing. We had a great romp in the French wood without success. P. M. Charly & I played the last year's Potato ground for Oats. Father at work in the Nursery.

Friday May 29

N. N. W. Fine all of us working in the Nursery except in the afternoon when Charly harrowed the Oats ground.

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Saturday May 30

N. N. N. Beautiful day.  
 A.M. Father sowed the oats.  
 C. S. digging in the Nursery.  
 P.M. C. harrowed. I finished the Nursery.  
 I mailed a letter to A. G. Avery Halifax today.  
 Bought - Received a Specimen Copy of *Fernis & Manufactures* 1875

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. N. N. Clear up through the day.  
 A.M. Father hauled in some peas. I finished mending my shoes.  
 P.M. Father went around the Lake & cut some logs. I found this in the Nursery. Charly went out with the team - took a load of boards to Mr. Campbell and got himself a suit of clothes. Price with shoes that 1875

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>

N. S. E. Cloudy. We met at the School-house this morning and organized a Sabbath-school for the season. Or perhaps I should say reorganized as there has been a Sunday School every Summer here for several years. thought I have not identified myself with it till now. Set at Spent the day here. 43-106

Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>

N. N. N. Fine. A.M. With the assistance of John E. Wagner and son we made another attempt to get up the Shup but again failed.  
 P.M. Father put in the horse Charly helped Alf drive logs. Charly is better. Harold goes to School but Felix is in so delicate a State of health that we have concluded to keep him home awhile. Received a letter tonight from W. P. Sabin referring to our date at J. Campbell's. Several of the apple-trees were in full bloom in May this year

Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>

N. E. Rained all night foggy all day. A.M. Father and Alf finished a line fence in the Orchard.  
 I counted the grapefruit trees in the Nursery making 12534. Charly hauled a couple of loads of slabs from No mill for wood Mr. Spencer goes here to dinner. He paid Father one hundred dollars.  
 P.M. We put out mionne for some vegetables, made the cows and planted part of the end. Rainning again tonight. Rossy is sick tonight. Mother went up the road canvassing for *Fernis and Horns* she got 24 subscribers.  
 Victor Hugo the great French poet is dead.

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Cloudy till noon rained till night. Father & Charly refitting logs on the Lake. I made a hopple for the horse - put two shoes on her and did some other chores.  
 P.M. I went accompanied by W. P. Sabin down to John Campbell to settle a note of fifty dollars. I paid my part - (\$25 - my least interest. W. P. Sabin is going to resurvey it soon so late when I put me to W. P. Sabin that I put up for the night 44-106

Tuesday May June 2

N. N. N. Cloudy till noon Rain till night. A.M. Father and Charly made a row across the lake. I put some logs in the lake. I finished the part of the afternoon in getting up the Shup - failed I then spent the rest of the day in cutting.

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Beautiful day. I came home this morning from W. P. Sabin. He counted the grapefruit trees in his Nursery this morning and there were 7474 good looking.  
 Mr. Spencer accompanied by John Hutchings Egg with at W. P. Sabin's this morning. Mr. H. is to Lecture at Southville next Monday Evening.  
 I finished putting logs in the Shup till noon. P.M. Charly hauled and made some squash hills. I planted some beans and made hills for tomatoes. Mailed a letter to Ottawa. 8

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Sunday June 7th 1885  
 N. S. W. Fine. A typical day. I went to Sunday School in the morning accompanied by my four boys. It is the first time I have been to Sunday School. I thought he did nothing to gaze around. He was a good boy and made no disturbance. Sent to Ann and Phila Sabine to tea  
 44-208

Monday June 8th 1885  
 N. W. Showery. We have spent the day chasing sheep and after a severe chase got them into the stable. All left a dog open and after dinner they were all in the pasture again which was very discouraging. Father and I went out to the fields tonight at the close of which an effort was made to organize a De-union of the Dorks of Temperance but without success, an evidence that the place is in a state of stagnation. Fifteen years ago this spring a ridge of J. O. G. T. was found here and for several years did a good work.

Tuesday June 9th  
 N. N. W. Fine - Cool & windy. A. M. We finished pulling logs in Brown Lake. P. M. Got chopping logs over the lake. Charley digging in Nursery.

Wednesday June 10  
 N. N. W. Fine but windy & cold. A. M. Got made a boom in Bear Lake and cut a few logs. I was taken sick and was unable to work this afternoon. Got Charley cutting and hauling logs in Bear Lake.

Thursday June 11  
 N. S. W. Fine. Father & Charley cutting logs. I have been confined to the house with sickness. Sister who has been staying home from school for some time, went this afternoon. His health is delicate and I do not consider him in a fit condition to go to school.

Friday June 12th 1885  
 N. S. W. Fine. Father hauling in logs in Bear Lake - have put about fifty in B. Lake. Charley helping Harris log men cut in logs and help in Brown Lake. I am still sick.

Saturday June 13  
 N. S. W. Fine. A. M. Charley helped run the logs down the brook. He has been making a Copt Paul. M. Charley went to Punchbowl. I am feeling a little better. Today is really as well again as ever. I saw a letter to World & D. W. Association and tonight received one from Jas. Brown. Several numbers of Mother, Pears and Blossoms came tonight.

Sunday June 14  
 N. S. W. Cloudy all day. Pony and the boys went to Sunday School. I did not go. Tonight father, Pony & I started to go out to meetings. We had good weather. Charley drove us back.

Monday June 15  
 N. S. W. Cloudy this morning but cleared off. F. finished his ad. I went out to W. B. Sabers this morning with the carriage and stayed all day expecting to take him out tonight to go down on the train. He gave up going and I came home tonight. 46-108

Tuesday June 16th  
 N. S. W. Fine. A. M. Father made a yard in the woods lake to catch the sheep in. Dan helped us, and at noon we had lunch all in. This afternoon we sheared. I helped. It was my first experience at shearing. I rather liked it. I took the coats off of five. M. & Spencer and Harris skins were here to dinner. Dan was also here to dinner. I let Dan have the old mare for awhile to work  
 Friday 46-111

Wednesday June 17  
 N. S. W. Fine. A. M. We made chaps and closed the shop. P. M. I worked in the Nursery. Father went to the mill and took some grain for the running gears. Yesterday Harrell at school entered the "Second" reading book. It was a great event with him. He is reading well.

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Thursday June 18

N. S. W. Fine. Father took a load of Boards to Campbell. He bought a Bbl of Flour and paid the money for it. (\$5.25) I have been chasing the sheep most all day, there being two got unshaved. This afternoon I have been digging in the Nursery. Harold has been to School.

Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Fine again. Father sawing. 2 P.M. I dug some roots for boat timber. 3 P.M. I went to the mill with the traps and started out a load of Skoots to take out tomorrow. Harold at School. Bessie and Joey play around.

Saturday June 20

N. S. W. Beautiful day. I got to the mill. I went out with a load of Skoots for E. Hogan (75 ft) I got Harold and Bessie each a new jack-knife from Tom Kie's. They are pretty little knives with brown wooden handles and cost twenty five cents each. How delighted the little boys were. They ran and met me on the Swamp, Joey and little Josie were there too, and Joey said "Get one for me!" I forsook that, and had a stick of candy ready. These are the first new knives they have had excepting a cheap, poor white handled knife that Santa-claw bought Bessie a year ago last Christmas. I received a letter tonight from Post Office at Montreal.

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

N. S. W. Fine again. Joey and the boys went to Sunday School this morning. I did not go, not feeling well enough. Seat has been around here nearly all day. I have spent the day in reading and loafing alone. 46-112

Monday June 22

N. South - Showy and thunder. Father sawing. I took another load of Short Boards to E. Hogan making in all 1512 ft. I took up the work of my beds at the Store. Heberly, Comens came back again tonight. I got a complete soaking.

Tuesday June 23

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Father & Charly sawing. I worked part of the day in the Nursery and part of the day in Mr. Haring's ground and planting Cabbages. Agneta and her children spent the day here. She has been helping in the school. 46-113

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Fine. Charly & I at the mill. I do not know what Father has been doing. This morning Grandmother Harold's knife blade was two. Poor little Bessie's heart seemed so very broken. He cried most pitifully till Uncle stepped up and said the knife was not injured much, and offered to trade temporary knives with Hal. Hal said, "If you will I will give you five cents to boot." Bessie said he would and Hal counted out the money. It was a sad yet amusing scene. Capt. Hunt's room was here today collecting rats. Pooey paid mine which was \$0.70.

Thursday June 25

N. S. W. Fine. Charly & I sawing. Father at the mill with snow helping him in long logs. I went out to D. Hamilton's tonight where Mr. H. Patino & I hired and equipped him to go canvassing for me. He is to start tomorrow morning. Mr. H. Patino came home with me tonight. Annis spent the day here. 47-115

Friday June 26

N. S. W. Fine. Charly & I at the mill. Father mending a broken cart wheel. Mr. H. stayed here last night. Strawberries are getting thick. Cornelia spent the day here again. 47-118

Saturday June 27

N. S. Cloudy with a slight shower. Charly working on the road for Alf. Alf took a load of deals out for me with an old mare he got yesterday for hire from Elizabeth Mathew. I have been sawing. 3 P.M. I hired the wheel. P.M. I started out loads of deals from mill. I got a copy of Farmer & Mechanic's

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Sunday June 28

N. S. Looking like rain.  
 Rosy and the children went to  
 Jambley school this morning  
 I was so tired and miserable  
 that I did not go. I received  
 a card to "Monarchs Novelty Co.  
 York Ind. and a letter to Montreal  
 Post office. Mother received a  
 card tonight from publishers  
 of "Farm and Storm" saying her  
 money had been received and  
 her premiums (hammock)  
 shipped. Also a card from  
 Ontario Home Dpty. saying the  
 parcel was there and held for  
 payment of Ontario. 49-119

Monday June 29

N. S. Showy. Father went out  
 with a load of Deals. This  
 morning I went down to the  
 Council with W. H. & Dan  
 in reference to Camusing. Got  
 breakfast and dinner there.  
 P.M. I went to the mill & saw  
 45-119

Tuesday June 30th

N. S. E. Raining all day  
 Charly & I sawing. I do not  
 know what Father has been doing.

Wednesday July 1st

N. S. Showy. Charly & I finished  
 sawing. I'm working on the road  
 doing Statute Labor.  
 Mary Boudreau, who has been  
 staying here since last fall, went  
 away today.

Thursday July 2

N. S. W. Fog till noon then clear  
 off. A.M. Fr. Charly & I working on  
 road. Finished.  
 P.M. Ploughed part of the potatoes  
 and began hoing.

Friday July 3rd

N. S. W. Cloudy & looking like  
 rain. Began hoing at seven  
 and continued till towards  
 night. P.M. hatched Charly, Dea  
 and honey potatoes. P.M. I made  
 up my g. skirt, P.D. aft. and  
 tonight I put frames and probed  
 the beans. Fr. Charly got some  
 ticks for a hay sick. Tonight they  
 ploughed a few more rows of  
 potatoes.

Saturday July 4

N. S. W. Fine. Father & Mother  
 went to the carding mill with  
 the wool. Father got a new  
 grand stove from Ed. Rice.  
 Charly Dea & I hoing potatoes.  
 Tonight I received by mail  
 a copy of the Nationalency-  
 clopaedia from the World's  
 Dispensary Medical Assoc.  
 in that return for some services  
 done there. I also received  
 some circulars from Dr.  
 Aidaman of New York. Fr.  
 received a letter from John  
 Grant containing twenty five  
 dollars. I mailed two letters  
 to Ottawa and one to Rev. W.  
 White in Dgty. Mother got Hal  
 a bottle of ink for him to begin on.

Sunday July 5

N. S. W. Fine. Rosy & I with  
 the children went to Sunday  
 School.

Monday July 6th

N. S. Cloudy till noon when a  
 heavy thunder storm came up  
 which lasted till the middle of the  
 afternoon. P.M. Fr. Charly Dea  
 & I hoing. P.M. Fr. and Co.  
 after the rain went to the head  
 of Bear Lake and picked up some  
 Hagg. I had potatoes.  
 Mother and Chalky went to Lusk  
 and got Chas. Wilson who is  
 going to Spine for us. Harold  
 began writing today in school  
 for the first with pen & ink.  
 52-119

Tuesday July 7

N. S. W. Fine. Fr. Charly & I  
 working on the road with  
 Al who is laying out money.  
 We worked over by Porters.  
 Dea's stayed over this with  
 us all day. Abbie Ring and her  
 Cousin Jane Ring from Fairport  
 came here today - were here to  
 dinner & then went up to Pease.  
 Mrs. Bly had no was here (I think)  
 also. Dan Harguhart 57-119  
 is married at last.

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## Wednesday July 8

W.S. Showery all day.  
A.M. H. C. & J. working on  
the road. P.M. I picked  
strawberries all day between  
the Showers.

## Thursday July 9

W. & W. Fine. A.M. F. & J. took a cart of logs from  
Sandy Cove to the mill.  
P.M. M. finished hosing the  
potatoes and hoed the beans  
after which I went Strawberrying  
with Roy, Abbie and Jane  
King. Tonight we digged a  
few rows in the nursery. Hal  
and Sis were to school today.  
Mother got her hammock  
tonight which she sent for.  
and we put it up in the  
garden. Abbie and Jane  
King have spent the day here  
52-123

## Friday July 10th

W. & W. Cloudy and sprinkled  
some this forenoon. then cleared  
away. A.M. H. and Charly  
digger in the Nursery. P.M.  
Father and I started out Straw-  
berrying. Charly started two loads  
of debris from the mill. I have  
been sawing. Abbie and Jane King  
have been here all day. 52-129

## Saturday July 10th

W. & W. glorious day.  
Father has been at work in the  
Nursery. Charly went to Campbell's  
with a load of debris. I have  
been sawing. Harold and  
Dodie have been to the mill  
all day with me. They have had  
great sport. and will remember  
this day's doings long years  
after their father will love them  
so fondly has been cherishing  
in the grove. Poor little Leslie  
yet very tired consuming honey  
and I carried him part of the  
way. I had to carry Hal too  
a little way. Dodie had a good  
nap in the Camp after dinner  
I mailed a Parcel to Albany  
today a Knives, my a Receipt  
of the money he sent (\$25.00)  
I received two letters one from  
D.M. Dewey one from Newmarket  
Hought Co. also a Copy of  
"Garden & Nursery" returned  
Jackson and Carrie White

Came here tonight. Roy and  
Jane and Abbie have spent the  
day over to Chatteris. 53-133

## Sunday July 11th

W. & W. Beautiful day. Jackson  
Carrie, Abbie, and Jane have been  
around here all day. It has been  
very pleasant. I spent the forenoon  
digging in the hammock in the garden  
with a book or paper. Tonight  
Roy, Abbie, Jane and I went  
out to milk. Mr. Spencer spoke  
from Mark 110 & 49.  
Father went out to W.H.S. after  
afternoon. 54-139

## Monday July 10

W. & W. Light and very warm.  
A.M. H. & Charly working in Nursery  
I shod the horse and mended the  
harness. P.M. Charly started two  
loads of debris from the mill. F. & J.  
repaired the "migger" wheel in the mill  
This afternoon Roy took Abbie and  
Jane King up the Bay. She took little  
Leonard too of course. It is the first  
time he has been out past Aunt  
Sarah's. 55-143

## Tuesday July 11th

W. & W. Very warm and look-  
ing like rain. A.M. F. working  
in Nursery. I did nothing, being  
sick. P.M. I helped F. and Mary  
We finished digging it. Charly went  
out with a load. Mr. May, a  
Colportor in the employ of B.A. B.S.  
L.S. came here tonight. 55-144

## Wednesday July 13

W. N. W. Cloudy till noon then  
cleared off. Rained in the night.  
Father & I made a hay rack in  
the door yard. Mr. May stayed  
here last night and was here to dinner  
Charly hauled debris from the mill  
for fire wood. Roy came home  
tonight bringing Aunt Minerva Specht  
with her 55-147

## Thursday July 16

W. & W. Clear very warm. Father  
began mowing. I sawed out the  
mill. Charly went out again with a load  
of debris to Campbell's 55-150

Friday, July 17. W. & W. Fine. A.M.  
Charly off with a piece of grass below  
the nursery. P.M. We loaded a cart or two  
to make a road from the "Cow-bay"  
I started a load of debris from mill. F. & J.  
raked up the hay. 55-158

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Saturday July 18th

W. N. Snow. To Charly hauled in two loads of hay with the old man. I went out with a load of deals. I got myself a suit of clothes, and a pocket watch & Aunt Minnie's horse was visiting at Annie's place & Dickie went down there tonight and came home with me. Hunch Will and Lino came here tonight. 56-157

Sunday July 19th

A. S. W. Snow. A.M. The boys and I went up to Sunday school after which Mr. G. C. preached a good sermon. Harleford was here to dinner. P.M. Carry White, who was at App's visiting, went with me to W. N.'s with the carriage and spent the afternoon. Hunch Will and Auntie went home this afternoon. 57-168

Monday July 20th

W. N. Snow. Father, Charly and I began snowing down on the hill. I have a nice scythe. It is a good one. We have mowed all day. Carry White has been here. Last Friday Annie was as to Weymouth - the Carding mill - with our team. Mathew went with her for company. 57-171

Tuesday July 21st, 1885

N. S. Cloudy and looking like large rain. Carriage at noon which returned till night. P.M. F. Ch. finished a road that we have been making. P.M. We did nothing it being so rainy. 57-174

Wednesday July 22nd

N. N. Snow. A.M. Father mowed some rakes. Charly & I mowed down on the hill. P.M. We stacked up and corked a lot of hay.

Thursday July 23rd

N. S. W. Morning and raining all day. Mrs. Call with her son and daughter are making themselves very conspicuous in some of the work. Carry White is around here. 57-177

Friday July 24th

N. S. Quite foggy, but looking like rain. I have been very sick all day. Father and Charly with help hauled in four loads of hay for us and one load for Alf today. We had a spruce for tea - the first of the season! Carry White has been here. Mathew went down to Annie to call upon Lydia Fullerton who is visiting there. Dickie went up to Corntown Wednesday to stay awhile with her for company, but this morning he got home sick and came home. Aunt Arald went up today. 57-180

Sat July 25

N. S. W. Rained all the forenoon heavily - cloudy till night. A.M. Father split shingles. I am unable to do anything. P.M. F. and C. finished snowing down on the hill. Carry White went away this morning. I had sold C's shoes. 57-181

Sunday July 26

N. S. Foggy till noon then cleared away - very sultry. Lillie Coxman came here this afternoon. She has a fine little boy baby. Rosy and Jessie went to "Sunday School" forenoon. Tonight after tea Rosy, Lillie & I went down to Annie with the carriage. 57-182

Monday July 27

N. N. Fine and very warm. We mowed the little Apple tree field and raked it. Finished raking the field on the hill and mowed it too - one load. Lillie has been here all day. 57-185

Tuesday July 28

N. Variable Fine & warm. We mowed the field by the garden and hauled in the hay from the little orchard. 57-188



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Wednesday July 29

N. S. Fine and exceedingly sultry. We mowed the clover in our new ploughed field below where the barn is to be built. and raked up and hauled six hay from this field - one load. Began mowing in the rough field. Dillie is staying here this week. 58-191

Thursday July 30th

N. S. W. Fine & warm. Mowing & raking in rough field. Anna with her children. Lydia's Tutor spent the day here. 58-199

Friday July 31st

N. S. W. Fine. Mowing & raking in rough field. Mother took Chatter Wilson home today. Harold went with her as far as George Parris where he stayed till she came back & pickled blue-berris 60-201

Saturday Aug 1st 1885

N. S. W. Fine and very warm. A.M. I and I finished mowing the rough field. P.M. I & Charly raking. I went back on the horse & plowing. I took the old mare, Valentine. So far went very well. We got a fine lot of berries. I got two letters tonight. One from Orlan and one with Crellars. 60-204

Sunday Aug 2nd

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Roy & I visit the children went up the road this afternoon. Roy went to Corbitt's and I went to Deception. W. J. Sabino came home with me to tea. Charly had the harness & carriage to go to Weymouth N.S. 61-215

Monday Aug 3rd

N. S. W. Fine. A.M. I & I began mowing a piece of rough ground by the potato field. Charly ran away and took the horse of parage and gave it to him. I went as far as Weymouth but could not find time. Dillie went with me

Tuesday Aug 4

N. S. W. Fine. A.M. I & I finished mowing the little rough field and began mowing tonight in the Will Osmond field. I sent a letter to Charly today trying to induce him to return. Roy was very sick all day yesterday. She is better today. Mother & I as quiet as usual last week. Harold has had a great cough but is about over it again. Dillie Osmond & I are back again today. 61-207

Wednesday Aug 5

N. S. W. Rained heavily till noon - then cleared off very hot. A.M. I doing nothing. I cut out some wheels to make the boys some carts. P.M. I mowed. I went down to Church Point to look for Charly but could not find him. I have heard since that he is loafing around Weymouth. I am worse tonight and feel as though I were getting a cold. General Grant, one of America's greatest men, has died lately from a tobacco-cancer - Disgraceful! 61-210

Thursday Aug 6th

N. N. W. Fine. A.M. We mowed the swamp by Will's House. P.M. We mowed and raked & some I have done a very hard day's work and am dreadful tired tonight. My cold is worse. A High Meth. Sunday School Pic-nic has been afflicting Weymouth today. Off Charly's nose out 61-213

Friday Aug 7th

N. N. W. Fine. Haying in Will's field. Alf. Marshall helping us. I worked part of the day and then was obliged to go to bed. I am in a bad state of health and have, in addition to my old troubles, a fearful cold and cough. My sweet friends as usual declare the difficulty to be nervousness, and advise me to be quiet when I have help, instead of loafing around the house. 61-216

W. J. Sabino wife had her horse & carriage to go to Weymouth

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Saturday Aug 8th

N. S. W. Fine. I & Alf marshal hauling hay most all day. I am very sick. Phil has had his trial and sentenced to die on Sept 19th next. 61-219

Sunday Aug 9th

N. S. W. Fine. Lillie went away last night. Dan, Annie and their children have been here to tea. I think I feel a little better today. 61-222

Monday Aug 10th 1885

N. S. E. Dint's fine. I and Alf Marshall working in the hay. I am not so well as I was yesterday. I can only sit up a little.

Tuesday Aug 11

N. S. Showery. Nothing going on of account. I am no better. A parcel of logging tools wash was expected here today but Providence, mercifully interfering by sending a storm, has gladdened our souls.

Wednesday Aug 12th

N. S. Showery till noon then cleared away very hot. H. moving John Barr had a child buried at Southville today. Chattie here to tea. I think I feel a little better today. 61-223

Thursday Aug 13

N. S. Cloudy all day. Showery rather snowing. Sus M. Caugh helping. I and about the same. Poor little Leonard is quite unwell from a bad cold complaint. He has also a cough.

Friday Aug 14th

N. S. Blowing hard with high showers. Rovey spent the day with Chattie. I was over to tea. I am perhaps a little better. 63-223

Saturday Aug 15

N. S. W. Cleared off fine 9 AM. I went out to W. H. S. field where he was mowing 10 AM. W. H. S. Sus M. Caugh and Alf helped rake hay. I raked a little but could not do much. I got a copy tonight of "Christian Nation" plus a letter from its publisher. W. H. S. was here to dinner 63-224

Sunday Aug 16

N. N. W. Fine. I am about the same. Little Leonard is quite sick. Cornelia, woman and her children were here to tea. Harold went up to mowing along this afternoon 63-225  
Geo Blackford married today

Monday Aug 17

N. N. W. Beautiful day Alf & Sus M. Caugh helped with the hay 10 AM. I helped get my four loads of hay. W. H. S. is here tonight to tea. 63-226  
George Nowlan was married regard's father, both Leonard & day

Tuesday Aug 18th 1885

N. S. Looking very like rain W. H. S. staid till 10 AM. I had an evening to and Sus had no two loads of hay. W. H. S. & Fredson helped father around this afternoon I am about the same, only my cough is no better. Poor little Leonard was very sick yesterday forenoon. We hardly knew whether he would live or die, but he got better, and today still continues to improve.

Wednesday Aug 19th

N. S. Foggy till noon - showery till night. W. H. S. W. H. S. & Sus snowed. Sus went home at noon. W. H. S. staid till night. Leonard is about the same, he is quite sick yet. W. H. S. & Fredson stayed here last night.

Thursday Aug 20

N. N. Foggy till noon then cleared away. Sus helping father in the hay. I raked some this afternoon. I am some better. Little Leonard is some better. Carey and Mully White are around here today.



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Tuesday Sept 1st

N. S. W. Fine. Mother was very sick all night. She thought at one time that she could not live till morning, but this morning she is better. Father went to Weymouth today with a load for Amos. He set it up his bank. I dug potatoes to make up light-bags for Dad Rice, but now he does not want them, so we shall put them in the cellar. Leggie has been at school. Harold & Jerry helped me dig and pick up potatoes. I am feeling quite smart again.

Wednesday Sept 2nd

N. S. W. Fine. Father mended his boots. I lay abed all the forenoon. I do not feel as well as I have for the past few days. Mother seems a little better. P.M. I picked up a barrel of little potatoes.

Thursday Sept 3

N. S. W. Fine. Father went to Chipping. He got a pail full of white spirit the day here. Mother is about the same. I am a great deal worse today. 63-247

Friday Sept 4

N. S. W. Overcast. I am working at a cartwheel. I cannot sit up today. Mother about the same. The boys at school.

Saturday Sept 5

N. W. Rained heavily in the night, but cleared off about noon. It rained some slabs from the mill. I am a little better tonight. Mother is about the same. I mailed two letters to Ottawa & received a letter from Geo. H. Allen & Co. John had got home last night - poor canvassing on the neck, where he kept about 70¢ worth of stock for us.

Sunday Sept 6

N. S. W. Beautiful day. I am about the same. Mother was worse tonight. Mr. Spence preached at Southville, but none of us went as Mother was so sick.

Monday Sept 7

N. S. W. Fine day. I feel a little better. Mother is a little better today. Starting out lumber from the mill, I went to Weymouth with the carriage to see the doctor and get some medicine for Mother and me. John had went as far as the Higgin road with me, on his way canvassing. Harold & Lucie went with me. I got some medicine from the doctor and paid him five dollars. I bought six bottles of Holloway's Syrup of Hyppocrepis from Perrot.

Tuesday Sept 8

Beautiful day. I have not felt so well today. Mother appears to be a little better. Father took a load of boards to Rice and got a Peck of Flour. Harold and Lucie are at school. I was down to Ferris this afternoon.

Wednesday Sept 9

N. W. Raining all day. I do not feel so well, my cough is fearful. W. H. Salms was here until this forenoon, also, J. E. Wagner. Mother is about the same. This is Harold's seventh birthday. He had invited Howard Cooman to spend the day with him, but it rained so that he did not come till afternoon. It was a great disappointment to Harold & Lucie as they anticipated a good time.

Thursday Sept 10

N. W. Fine, but windy. Mother & I are about the same. Father repairing an old wheel. Old White was here this afternoon to get some boards for stables.

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Friday Sept. 11

W. S. W. Simo. Father at work at his wheel. Mother is getting better. I was down to Angus's this afternoon. I feel a little stronger. Angus & Edal had our boys to go to the Co. clear for our mother today.

Saturday Sept 12

W. S. W. Simo. I. at work at his wheel. Mother seems to improve. I do not know whether I do or not. I am in a miserable state. Harris Cooman went up the Bay tonight with our team for Samma Reef. My mother's letter to Publisher of "Badini Journal" etc.

Sunday Sept 13

W. S. W. Beautiful day. Mother does not seem so well as she has been for the past few days. She has been through six calls all day. She never has been full all day. At dinner we had. Johnson Sabino. Milligo. Wiggins Annie Cole. Willie Mullins Steve Salin's son. And Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Barb. At tea - as follows: Ray wife and girl that was with them. Dan and Annie. Mrs. Ring and Harris C. and Carnika. I am feeling better tonight. Cherry and taking hyper-cherry Richard for 3/4. Cornie and I think it helps me. 63-266

Monday Sept 14

W. S. W. Fine in the morning but clouded up and they would blow heavily. Mother is worse today. I feel a little better. I. cutting piles down at the corner. Harris Cooman and Harris Cooman for some reason. Harris Cooman stayed up to Mrs. Ring's last night, but Harris Cooman here this morning. 64-268

Tuesday Sept 15th

W. S. W. Mother is no better. and I fear she will never be any better. I am about the same. I sent to the doctor to get for medicine for mother. I thought first of sending for the doctor to come and see her but concluded that in a letter I could give a detailed account of her condition. Alf bought her some medicine tonight, and the doctor will send some more tomorrow. Father has been starting out and loading spiting. He wants to go out tomorrow. 64-271

Wednesday Sept 16

W. S. W. Beautiful day again. Mother is a little better. I do not feel so well as I have. Father went out with a load of piles. Alf was out and bought mother some more medicine. I am taking Ayus Cherry Peaches. 64-274

Thursday Sept 17

W. S. W. Beautiful weather. Mother is a little better today. I do not feel so well my cough is worse today. Father has been cutting and loading spiting. I gathered the hops off of the shop. Carrotia and her children were by this afternoon. Geo Blackadar was here to dinner. The boys go to school. They take their carts every day with them. 64-277

Friday Sept 18

W. S. W. Sunday again. Father was out to St. Oakes with a load of spiting. Aunt Sarah and Mary spend the afternoon here. Mother is no better. My health is gradually improving. Harold and Leticia at school. 64-282

Saturday Sept 19th

W. S. W. Fine day - slight showers. Mother is about the same. I went out to M. H. to see the man this morning. I stayed till his return. I did not see anything of interest. I received a letter from P. O. of Ottawa. My mother's letter from Abner Stone says Carrotia's boy. Carrotia's own paper called "Badini Journal".

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Sunday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

M. V. Fine and quite calm. Father and Mrs King went to Secret to meeting. Annis & Dan and W. H. Sabre & Lydia were here to ca. Mother is not better 66-289

Monday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

M. V. Beautiful Day. Father mowing out and cutting grass. I gathered the hops and the boys & I gathered the Transcendent. Crab tonight after school was over. I am getting stronger but poor who the spar is failing daily. The weather is delightful. W. H. Sabre had 66-292 and some earnings to go down the river today.

Tuesday Sept 22

M. S. M. Fine - wind blowing briskly. A. M. Father went over the lake to burn a piece of brush - did not burn much. I went to Peter's Amosby pasture to look for potatoes - did not find any. Mr. & Mrs. Spencer spent the afternoon and evening here. Mother is not so well today 66-297

Wednesday Sept 23

M. S. Rained all night and showering today. Father has not been doing much. This afternoon he went to look for the sheep, fearing that a bear had been among them. The wind blew heavily last night shaking the apples from the trees, tearing down the woodbines and ruffling the hair of generally. The little boys have been busy bottling up dog wood bark which the stars threw down at the door. The boys have been at school today.

Mrs King spent the afternoon up to Corry's. Harris Cozman came this afternoon and set the old mare which I have sold him for \$25.00. Mother is a little better today. I do not feel so well, my cough is worse again. 66-298

Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1885

M. V. Cloudy and raw. Father digging potatoes. I do not feel so well today. Mother is not quite so well today. Mrs King went down to Annis this afternoon. The boys the have been at school 66-300

Friday Sept 25

M. V. Beautiful day. Boys at school till noon when they came home to help me gather the bellows (apple). Father has been running about the pasture and woods all day trying to shoot a sheep, but did not succeed. Dan Sabre came here tonight he is in after slats. Mrs King spent the afternoon at Alf's. The day passed away pleasantly, but Mother is not so well tonight. Lily spent the day here 66-305

Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

M. V. Fine but calm sad and melancholy. Oh such a night as we have passed through. I hope never to see such a night again but I will undoubtedly see many. We thought Mother was dying all night. She was feeling bad about Dick and continued feeling worse till she was so suffocated that she could hardly get her breath, and she had also a terrible pain in her back. She thought she was dying & we feared so too. How she suffered! About ten o'clock Alf went for the doctor who arrives about one. Mother was getting a little easier when he came. He gave her some medicine, and is to send her some more tomorrow. He sounded her lungs, and thought he found no sore places pronounced but a severe case of bronchitis from which she got slight hope of recovery. She rested a little and this morning was better. She has been very poorly all night. It has been a sad lonely day for me. I have wandered around friendless and forlorn. Mrs King went away and left us this afternoon Harris took her home. Harris worked here this forenoon. I wrote a letter to Uncle John this morning, telling him of mother's condition. John told has been this to Lewis town all the week and passing. He sold about \$42.00 worth 66-307

Sunday Sept 27

M. V. Cloudy and gloomy all day. Mother is a little better today. Sears Mullen with Aunt Lydia and Eliza came here today. Dan & Annis came too. and bought Uncle Will and Aunt Minerva came tonight. Dan Sabre and wife from Dick came for burnt speciosa apple trees from my nursery. I would not have anything to do with them but they got us the large for a tree for \$10.00. Give Dallas. They were here to see Aunt Mary came tonight. Harris 66-311

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## Monday Sept 28

Fine day. F & Hams digging potatoes. Mother had a bad spell this morning but upon the whole has been better today. I went to Weymouth with the carriage to see the doctor and get some things for poor Mother. Oh how I hope she will get better. All my past life comes up before me. I can see most painfully how unkind I have been to her. She has been a darling mother to me. Her poor life has been worn out to make me comfortable and happy. She was the light and joy of my child hood. When I look back to those dear days her love seems to invest all with a holy radiance. And in the latter years of my life, though wife and children have shared my love still the warmest corner of my heart has been kept sacred to her. And should she die, I sometimes fear that I could never stand the blow, but would be crushed to the grave beneath it. I know it will be gentler than I can bear unless God shall kindly grant me strength. I know she must die sometime, that soon we must part, but Oh I so long for opportunity to redress the past opportunity to show her kindness to the depth of affection that I feel for her.

How delighted I was on coming home tonight to find mother & Harriet, Bill, and Aunt Minerva went home this afternoon.

I am almost tired to death tonight. 66-329

## Tuesday Sept 29

W. S. H. Beautiful Day. A.M. I digging potatoes. P.M. he dressed the trees & gathered the apples from my little field. Mother is better today. My own have strong traces of her recovery. I feel quite smart today.

Mrs Spencer and Mrs Dan Salton were here to dinner.

Tonight Harold brought home from school his first copy book written through. It is certainly very creditable to him. It has been well and neatly written, besides there is scarcely a blot on its pages. I shall help him to preserve it. I have the first copy book and the first copy that I made, and I would like for Harold to preserve his. 66-337

## Wednesday Sept 30

W. S. H. Beautiful Day. Digging potatoes. Mother still continues to improve and now we have strong traces of her recovery. I am about the same.

Aunt Lydia went down to Annie's today. Harold and Dick have been at school. The teacher gave them each a reward card of merit tonight, not giving any to the other scholars, and told them they were the two best children in school. This certainly is encouraging when we consider that they have never been whipped. I am more strongly now convinced each day that kindness is better than the old whipping system in the training of children. The world has yet to learn the importance of following Nature's laws in rearing children, as well as in rearing plants. 66-339

## Thursday Sept 30

W. S. H. Glorious Day. The woods are now aflame with the most resplendent fires, and all nature passing through that sweet sad season so charming to poetic minds. Mother was real smart all noon but towards night did not feel so well and tonight had quite a cold. I'll have it will not amount to much.

Father has been digging potatoes. I have been picking up apples all day. Aunt Lydia came back from Annie's. 66-343

## Friday Oct 2

W. S. H. Variable. Poorly day. Looking like rain today tonight. Mother is quite smart today. Father digging potatoes. I put and washed up to the top the beans. Harold and Dick have been to school. 66-347

## Saturday Oct 3

W. S. H. Foggy with light showers. I have been pulling beans with sheep all day, the boys assisting. Uncle John and Aunt Alice came here tonight. Also Mrs. Wall and her two daughters. They have come to see Mother. She is not quite so well today. 66-361

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Sunday Oct 4

N. E. Showery. I tremble as I begin a new page of my Journal not daring to think what may transpire ere its close. Mother has been a great deal worse today. Her lungs seem no worse but her stomach is badly out of order being sour and full of bile. She slept a bad night, sleeping but little and sweating profusely. It has been a gloomy day, although the house has been full of company. I have watched by mother all day. She had a slight nap about the middle of the afternoon which revived her, and this evening she feels quite a little better. Aunt Sarah was here this afternoon to see mother. As Harold and Leticia were coming home from Aunt Cornelia's this afternoon Stephen Wagner and Howard Ormou were concealed in the bushes and as the boys passed threw a stone which struck Leticia on his cheek near his eye leaving an ugly gash.

Mr. Spencer has a letter at Southville tonight but no one from here except Aunt Lydia went 66-363 happy today.

Monday Oct 5

N. N. W. Fine but very windy and raw. No ice yet, and Aunt Alice left here this morning for Harrowood. Mother is better. Father and Harris continue digging. I have been shelling beans in the shop. The boys at school. 66-368

Tuesday Oct 6th

N. S. W. Quite fine, but windy, began raining tonight. Mother not quite so well today. Father & Harris digging. I have been shelling beans. 66-371

Wednesday Oct 7th

N. S. Rain all night and showery all day. Mother is quite smart today. She got out in the kitchen when she sat at out an hour. A.M. F. & Harris sawed up a shingle bag. P.M. They split some cord wood at the 66-374

Thursday Oct 8

N. N. C. Fine till noon - then overcast and looking like rain again tonight. Mother sat up a spell in the forenoon & again in the afternoon. She sewed some patchwork. The boys stayed home from school today as two children up the road are reported sick of diphtheria. Jerry is well and shelled nearly a quart of beans today. Little Leonard is not very well. He is afflicted with bowel complaint & upset continually. Father and Harris finished digging today. We had 210 big shels - a grand crop for the ground planted. I have been shelling beans. I am feeling quite smart now and hope soon to be out at work again. 66-377

Friday Oct 9

N. N. E. Showery all day. Father and Harris began heaving the barn frame this morning but the rain coming on they gave it up. I finished shelling the beans this forenoon. I had about two bushels and a half. P.M. Dan and Ann spent the afternoon here. Dan has been shot & is eating. Mother is quite smart today. Little boys at home. 66-382

Saturday Oct 10

N. E. W. Beautiful day. Father and Harris heaving timber. I went out with the mail as far as N. H. Bowline & stayed till afternoon. Annie Wiloughby came in to see today. Mother is quite smart today. I mailed a letter to Ottawa, and received a letter from W. M. Dewy. Also received a Specimen Copy of the "Protestant Mail" 67-391

Sunday Oct 11th

N. N. W. Fine day. I went up to hear Mr. Sato preach this morning from the words, "So ye miss all that would ye." I got dinner at Harris's Corners. Mother is about the same. I keep improving slowly. 68-394



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Monday Oct 12

N. S. Beautiful day.  
 P.M. We loaded up three barrels of potatoes on Harris Johnson's Cart for him to take out and trade for fish. He took part of a load for himself. He was for our potatoes 15¢ the bushel, and this day most all day to get a shot at one of our wild sheep, and not till nearly night did I succeed. Father and I dressed it. Simon Sabino came at noon and began splitting granite for our new band wall. Mrs Henry Green was here and spent the afternoon and stayed to tea. Maggie keeps about the same. The boys have been at school. 68-398

Tuesday Oct 13

N. S. E. Fine, but looking like rain. Father is laid up from a lame back. Simon and Harris splitting rocks for the wall. P.M. I repaired the old dump-body. The boys were again at school. Mother is about the same. I can only "crawl around" 69-401

Wednesday Oct 14

N. S. E. Rained all day. Simon went home after dinner. Harris & I threshed some oats - about 4 or five bushels - and cleaned them. We then shelled some beans. Harold and Lizzie have been making sow and arrow pens. 69-404

Thursday Oct 15

N. S. Beautiful warm fine N. E. Rained all day. Harris and I threshed some oats and winnowed them (about 5 bushels) Father laid I believe I am crazy tonight. So in Thursday and this being a beautiful day with the wind S.W. Father and Harris hauled stones for the barn wall. I gathered apples. Harold and Lizzie at school. Mother about the same. She can now sit up all day. 69-407

Friday Oct 16

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Father and Harris hewing barn-logs. I have been gathering apples. The boys at school. They got around cords again tonight and are jubilant over the circumstance. My spelling does not look as though I had been blessed with an abundant amount of schooling. 68-416

Saturday Oct 17

N. S. W. Lovely day - warm and delightful. I have been gathering apples. Father and Harris Cosman repairing the mill. I got some circulars from "The World's Manufacturing Co." Lillo Lennox is not very well. George Blackader was here to dinner. Chattie and Annie Cornwell with in little boy Reggie spent the afternoon here and stayed to tea. 69-416

Sunday Oct 18

N. S. W. Glorious day again. Father and Aunt Lucy spent the day down at Annie's. I have been at home reading most all day. This afternoon I took my little boys to the lake for a little ramble. It was very amusing to see them skip stones. We found a big old burk hemlock tree blown down in the road close to the lake where we halted and marveled on time's changes. Mother still gains in health. 71-417

Monday Oct 19

N. S. Partially overcast, but warm and pleasant. Simon came back this morning to work at the wall. Harris was not here today. P.M. I helped at the wall. P.M. I took Aunt Jacey over to Sears Mulhens with Drus' horse. We had only got as far as Mr. Spencer's when an out-cry was raised that Aggie Spencer was drowned. The Spencer has a boat on the lake near his house for the amusement of his family. The children would near the lake to play, when Annie strayed from the others, and getting into the boat pushed out about half past when she by some means was known fell overboard. Her sister heard her scream and before help could get to her she sank to rise no more alive. Her parents and sister are almost crazed with grief. Mother went out doors today for the first. 72-419

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Tuesday Oct 20th

W. S. W. Beautiful day  
Father, Simon and Harris at  
work at the wall. I stayed last  
night at Sears Muller's, and  
came home this forenoon.  
I had Dan's horse. P. M. I  
took the horse home, and then  
finished gathering the Baldwin  
apples in the garden. I had  
two barrels of Baldwin's new  
apple. Crop this year is almost  
a failure. 73-419

Wednesday Oct 21

W. S. W. Fine and warm.  
Father, Simon and Harris at the  
wall. I a ceased till noon.  
In the afternoon Alf & Chatty  
and I went to Lucretia to the  
funeral of Mr. Springer's little  
girl.  
Preached a sermon from 1st  
Cor. 15: 26 "The last enemy  
that shall be destroyed is death."  
The services were very impressive.  
A number of us stayed to see  
Paim's tea, after which we  
drove home. It was a lovely  
drive by moonlight.  
Henry W. Shaw (Josh Billings)  
is dead. His trenchant criticisms  
will not be soon forgotten.  
Miss Wagon helpful. 74-419  
Pray today in caring for  
the baby.

Thursday Oct 22

W. Variable. Rained till  
noon, then cleared away.  
Harris did not come till  
afternoon when we worked  
at the cellar wall.

Friday Oct 23rd

Wind North. Fine again  
Simon, Father Harris at  
working at the wall. The  
boys have been at school all  
the week. Mother is getting  
quite "smart." She has been  
into several times.

Miss Davison who is  
cavassing for a "Book  
On Puffed Principles" took  
a visit us tonight. I gave  
an order for a book. The  
price is two dollars. 74-420

Saturday Oct 24

Wind North. Fine but saw  
working at the wall. Boys at  
School. I got a letter tonight  
from P. O. Dept. Ottawa.

Sunday Oct 25

Wind North. Beautiful day  
I went up to inspect the  
morning. Mr. Galt's preached.  
Dan and Annie spent the  
day here. 74-424

Monday Oct 26

W. S. W. Lovely day.  
Harris is having timber  
I have been mending my boots.  
The boys at School.

Tuesday Oct 27

W. S. W. Fine day. A. M. Frost  
heaving barn timber. P. M.  
cobbling. I have been  
cobbling. The boys at School.  
Leticia came home at noon with  
a sore foot. Howard Cosman  
carried home home on his back.

Wednesday Oct 28

W. S. W. Fine and warm.  
Father went out with a load of  
boards to E. Rice and got a load  
of corn meal. A. M. I finished  
fixing my boots. P. M. doing  
chores around. Mother spent  
the day over at Alf's.  
Cognelia and the children spent  
the day here. Harold at School  
all day. Leticia in the afternoon.  
H. H. Sabins is here this evening.  
76-427

Thursday Oct 29

W. S. Cloudy but warm. Rain-  
ing this evening. I heard  
till noon. P. M. We went to  
Jim Hasselt's for a pig  
Harris and snowed and got up  
the cures. He has help for  
helping get them.  
The boys at School. Jesse has a  
bad cold. Aunt Sarah is  
very sick.

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# Journal And Diary

Friday Oct 30

A. S. Terrible rain last night and shower all day. I went up to Mrs. Moore's school examination with Josie and with me. Harold and Leslie each spoke a piece. Harold recited "The Wreck of the Hesperiad" and Leslie a piece beginning "Little Pick Pocket with a hand in each pocket" etc

Saturday Oct 31

N. N. E. Snowing all day but melting as it came - a wild, cheerless day. I made a cellar window frame to replace one that has rotted. I also shaved some shingles. I mailed a letter to P. O. Dept Wells P. M. Co. I went to the mill this afternoon to see after the

Sunday Oct Nov 1st

N. N. W. Beautiful day. A. M. Harris Cosman & I went out to hear Mr. Bates. He spoke from Acts 3rd 26. After meeting I came up to Aunt Sarah's and called to see her. She is very low with inflammation of the lungs. After remaining a few minutes I went down to N. H. Sabine's where I stayed till meeting in the evening. Miss Coggins was there. She is a teacher, and appears to be amiable young lady. Mr. Spencer pre a child a fine sermon from 2 Tim 1:13 "Hold fast to the form of sound words." Proxy was at meeting too tonight 78-427

Monday Nov 2nd

N. S. E. Cloudy and looking like rain. H. hauled a couple loads of slabs from Mr. Prosser. I fixed the carriage and mended a shovel. Raining tonight. School began again today. Mrs. Morehouse still teaching the boys at school.

Tuesday Nov 3rd

N. S. W. Cloudy, but fine A. M. H. hauled a load of slabs & made a shovel handle. Chattie and Proxy went out to see Aunt Sarah. P. M. H. & I ground a couple of new axes. Tonight we went down in the "Wreck of the Hesperiad" field and got some quartz specimens. Aunt Sarah died this afternoon between four & five o'clock. Father went out this evening to see them.

Wednesday Nov 4th

N. N. W. Cloudy and quite cold. Father & Harris hauling stones for Barn wall. I have been doing chores this afternoon. Before noon I was sick and could not do anything. I gathered the cabbage this afternoon. The boys have been at school. Leonard has a bad cold.

Thursday Nov 5th

N. Variable. Cloudy, calm and mild. H. & I hauling stones for Barn wall. The boys at school. "Brun" Hill is here this afternoon to trade oxen. The boys have been at school.

Friday Nov 6th

N. S. Foggy till noon - shower till night. A. M. Father met Brun Hill at the Corner and traded an ox with him. I went down to Mrs. Wagners to look at a beef cow. P. M. We went to Aunt Sarah's funeral. Father, Proxy, Harold, Leslie and I went. It is the first funeral that Harold or Leslie ever was at. The sermon was preached in the school-house by Mr. Spencer from Job 14 & 15. "If a man die shall he live again? or? Mother stayed at home being unable to go. Cornelia stayed with her. At the close of the funeral the men remained at the school-house where arrangements were made for fencing the graveyard. The following trustees were appointed to whom the ground is to be deeded to: N. H. Sabine, Benjamin Wagner and George Wagner.

Saturday Nov 7

W. S. E. Rained all night and cloudy, calm and very warm all day. Father and Schoppell logs on this side of Bear Lake Westward of the road. We cut twenty six. Suey Specht came here tonight. She came with the mail. I mailed two Postals to publishers for the census. Copies of papers. I received Circulars from J. H. Green and Home. (W. S. Chatie 78-429 went down the river)

Sunday Nov 8

W. S. Raining all day. All at home engaged in reading. 78-432

Monday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

W. S. Showay. Father & I began a pair of boots for me. The boys at school. Alf gave Harold an old jack knife with the blade broken in two. He is greatly pleased. We pared apples this evening and the boys were allowed to remain up and help "string" this too pleased them much. 78-435

Tuesday Nov 10

W. A. W. Fine day. F & I chopping logs. Cut 28. The boys have been at school. Roy "made soap" 78-438

Wednesday Nov 11

W. A. W. Cloudy and cold. Father, Harris & I hank logs. Father and I turning them and Harris driving the team. We put in fifty. The boys have been at school. Byron Cromwell was married today. 78-441

Thursday Nov 12

W. N. Beautiful Day. Thanksgiving. Mother spent the day down at Amies. Father hewed fence posts for the burning ground. Harris and I chopping logs over by Bear Lake. We cut thirty. Harold and Leticia

went over with us and stayed all day. They had fun in building camp and making fires on them. Aunt Olive is here tonight. I am quite well now. 80-444

Friday Nov 13

W. S. E. Beautiful warm day. A. M. Father pulled the trap (about ten bushels). I was sick and did nothing. P. M. I and I went to the mill and took the float to the head of the lake. We then cut a few logs and came home. Rosy and Suey Specht are up to Cornelia this evening. 80-449

Saturday Nov 14

W. S. Rained all night and dripping all day. A. M. Frost working at my boots. P. M. I went out to assist in fencing the graveyard. Father and I put up two pannets. I mailed a postal to publishers of "Century". Received a copy of "Phrenological Journal". How I wish I were able to become a subscriber to this magazine, which believe to be the most useful of any publication in the world! I also received Circulars from P. O. Vickary, World's Manufacturing Co. Public Family Herald & Weekly Star, and Fowler & Wells Co. From the latter I received in addition to the magazine a copy of their Phrenological Almanac.

This is Rosy's birthday. He is three years old. Will he remember it? 80-455

Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

W. A. W. Beautiful day. All of us at home. In the afternoon Rosy, Suey, Leticia, Jesse and I went to the lake for a walk. Harold, having a sore toe, was obliged to remain at home. Aunt Olive went away today. 80-460

# Journal and Diary

Monday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

W. N. P. Cloudy but  
fine. Father and I cutting  
logs between the lakes.  
80-465

Tuesday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

W. N. P. Beautiful day  
Father and I putting logs  
in Bear Lake. Father drove  
the team, and trimmed  
and "swamped"  
the boys have been at school.  
Little Leonard crying.  
He is a real good child right  
but he yells enough days to  
quite make up for it.  
80-466

Wednesday Nov 18

W. Variable. Fine but  
looking like rain tonight.  
Father and I putting logs  
in Bear Lake. We have put in  
118 logs, and talk of cutting  
some more. Rosy went to  
Noyonville today with Harris  
and Cornelia. She got a new  
dress.  
80-467

Thursday Nov 19

W. S. Raining all day.  
Father and I work at my  
boots. Mr. Gates was to have  
a donation tonight and we  
were going, but the weather pre-  
vented.  
81-472

Friday Nov 20

W. N. P. Fine. A.M. I  
finished my boots.  
P.M. Father and I butchered  
a sheep. I shot him down  
at the corner of the hill field.  
Tonight we (Rosy & I) went  
down to Mr. Gates donation.  
Harris and Jev Caspar and  
their horses together on a  
truck and a crowd of us went  
right in all as follows:  
Harris and wife, Jev, Nancy  
Engene and Jevie, Corson  
Rosy & I. We had a jolly time.  
This is little Leonard's birth  
day. He is one year old.  
Reel was hanged last  
Monday  
80-475

Saturday Nov 21

W. N. E. Fine. No rafting  
logs. Had a grand day  
for the business.  
Harold and Lizzie spent the  
day down at Aunt Annie's.  
They spent and returned with  
the postman.  
I mailed two Postals to Publish  
Received a Specimen Copy of  
"Journal of Health" also circular  
from Jane & Co.  
80-478

Sunday Nov 22

W. N. E. Fine. A.M. I  
Rosy and I went up to Double  
Service Mr. Gates preached from  
1 Cor 15:10.  
Mr. Gates and George Wagner wife  
came down here to dinner.  
In the afternoon I went up to  
smoking again. Rosy and Lucy  
went up to Cornelia's to tea.  
I went up and spent the evening  
W. H. Sabine was here to tea.  
81-484

Monday Nov 23

W. N. E. A.M. I & J finished  
rafting logs. P.M. We took the  
float up the lake, and cut logs  
till night.  
81-487

Tuesday Nov 24

W. N. E. Beautiful day.  
Father and I cutting logs over the  
lake. Boys at school.  
Mr. Banks, an agent for the  
Lawrencetown Pump Co. is  
here tonight.  
81-491

Wednesday Nov 25

W. N. E. Raw and Cold.  
Having determined to buy a  
pump, we put one in this  
forenoon. We agreed to give  
him twenty five apple trees  
from our Nursery next Spring.  
in payment for the pump.  
He stayed to dinner.  
Harold and Lizzie stayed  
from school till noon. They  
and Jevie amused themselves  
by playing with a pet sheep in  
the road. Rosy, Lucy, Specht  
and Leonard spent the day at  
Annie's. P.M. We cut logs over  
the lake  
82-494

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Thursday Nov 26.  
 N. N. E. Raw and windy.  
 P.M. First meal at home.  
 P.M. We began cutting logs  
 this side of Provoost Lake. We  
 are intending to put in some  
 logs for Harris Cosman on  
 raft and saw for half.  
 Martha has a quilting today  
 and, all the female beauty  
 of the neighborhood are gathered  
 83-515

Friday Nov 27  
 N. N. E. Beautiful day.  
 Hattie, Harris & I chopping logs  
 this side of Provoost Lake.  
 We have cut 73 which we are  
 going to put in for Harris to  
 raft and saw. Rossy, Suey &  
 spent the evening at Elias Cosman.  
 (Chas Green was here today  
 came asking for a Paper.  
 Mrs Henry Cornwall of Little  
 River died lately. 83-518

Saturday Nov 28  
 N. N. E. Beautiful day.  
 Suey Specht went home  
 this morning. Harris Hattie  
 and I have been putting logs  
 in Provoost Lake. Harris drove  
 the team (his father's own) and  
 put in 40 logs. Harold and Leslie  
 stayed in the woods all day with  
 us and had a glorious time -  
 such a "time" at none but child-  
 hood knows. It has been a  
 beautiful sunny warm day.  
 A holy silence seemed to pervade  
 the Autumnal forest. The  
 old hemlocks looked so grand  
 and solemn they seemed in  
 silent worship. Harold and  
 Leslie made fires, chopped down  
 fir bushes, made dams on a  
 little brook that gabbled down  
 a mossy glen, climbed trees,  
 hunted for gun, chased  
 squirrels and amused them-  
 selves in the many ways that  
 are readily suggested to the  
 mind of a spirited boy. It  
 filled my boy soul with delight  
 to watch their joyousness as  
 they ran through the woods  
 with merry shout, and visions

from my own childhood  
 sunny land came back  
 and tears of sweet regret  
 and sacred remembrance  
 warmed my cheek.  
 Tonight I received copies  
 of the following: "The  
 Century Magazine", "St  
 Nicholas" and four copies  
 of "Religio Philosophical  
 Journal" also letters  
 from Pub. of P. Journal  
 and P. J. Dr. Ottawa.  
 I mailed two P. Cards to  
 Publishers. John Cold is  
 here this evening 83-519

Sunday Nov 29  
 N. N. E. Beautiful day.  
 All of us at home till  
 night when Rossy &  
 went out with Harris to  
 see Mr Spencer. He spoke  
 from Luke 19 & 18.  
 Vice President Hendricks  
 is dead, also King Alfonso  
 of Spain.

Monday Nov 30  
 N. N. E. Overcast and raw.  
 Hattie and I putting logs  
 in Provoost Lake.  
 Alf helped us till noon.  
 with his horse. We put in  
 44. This makes all 82  
 which we have put in this  
 lake for Harris to raft and  
 saw. This has been a  
 remarkably fine month.  
 It is the first November  
 which has passed during  
 my remembrance in which  
 I have not seen a single  
 flake of snow.  
 Mr Blinn is here tonight  
 83-520

Tuesday Nov Dec 1st  
 N. N. E. Quite fine.  
 A.M. I did nothing, being  
 sick. I did dig the parsnips.  
 They were famous. Some  
 measuring in girls 14 inches.  
 P.M. I and I hauled some  
 firewood. "Bub" Sabine  
 was here today.

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Wednesday Dec 2nd

N.W. Cloudy & raw - Snow flying this afternoon. P.M. F and butchered the hog. P.M. S. went down to the corner and piled some cord wood. I hauled a load of edgings from Wagners mill.

Thursday Dec 3rd

N. S. E. Snowed half an inch last night - Snow flying today but soft and warm. P.M. We cut up and salted the pork. Weighd 26 lbs. P.M. Cutting wood. Boys at school.

Friday Dec 4th

N. E. W. Cloudy but fine. Father and shod the oxen. The boys have been at school. Little Leonard is beginning to get around the floor a little. Vice President Hendricks died very suddenly the other day. Alf. Thayer, Calarissa and Mable spent the evening here.

Saturday Dec 5th

N. S. E. Rained all day as hard as could pour. I went up to Wagners this morning and got half a gal of Gualadys, the remainder of the day have been engaged in mending Harolds boots. Father hauled a load of wood this morning. I mailed five letters to publishers. Received tonight two specimens Copies of "Problems of Nature" The Editor is crazy or a fool or both. Old John Small and Elizabeths drum were overrid the other day. after a severe struggle.

Sunday Dec 6th

N. N. W. Cold again - Snow squall all day. Alf went down to Spauld again taking Calarissa and Mable home. We have been home all day. I have been reading a couple of my papers I got yesterday "Problems of Nature" Cornelia has been here this afternoon. Harold, Roy & Leonard have had Colds. Father went to the mill this morning to see how the water has caught.

Monday Dec 7th

N. N. W. Snowed two or three inches last night - Snowing and blustering all day. Slides went out from up the road today - first sliding of the season. We have not done anything today but cut some firewood. The boys went to school and went in a bad state when they got home.

Tuesday Dec 8

N. W. Snow squalls. P.M. I cut a lot of wood. P.M. F. and I went to the mill & made a beginning to saw. So looks very white with.

Wednesday Dec 9

N. S. Drizzling rain all day (very sudden change of weather) Father and I sawing. Roy & Leonard went up to Carverias. They are not coming home till tomorrow night. Roy is helping Calarissa make a dress. 85-520

Thursday Dec 10

N. S. Rained all night and drizzling all day. Father sawing all day. I have been at the mill this afternoon. The boys stayed home from school and tonight they went up to Carverias and came home with their mother and Leonard. Harpiss brought them home with his horse. 87-520

Friday Dec 11

Wind N. E. Cloudy but mild. F. and I putting logs at the head of Bear Lake. We put in 38. The lake is all open again now. Harpiss rafted his logs today. The boys have been at school. Little Annie crept (?) across the floor today. I am very tired tonight. I will be glad when the boys get big enough to help me. Roy is making a new dress. Father has a bad cold.

# Journal and Diary

Saturday Dec 12

M. N. W. Cloudy. Sailed about around the Lake and finished putting in our logs. We put 56 in at the head of Mas Lake making about 250 altogether this fall. I mailed five letters to publishers. Received two letters - one from P. O. P. L. - One from Pubs "Toronto Globe". Received three papers as follows - "New York Milk & Creams" "Detroit Free Press" "Manufacture and Agents Exchange"

The boys have been at school. Roy and the baby spent the day up to their lessons. I went up to tea. W. H. Sabine and I gave John E. Wagner a joint order on E. Campbell for an Overcoat (\$9.50). Last Saturday I let John E. Wagner have \$10.00 in cash in advance for canvassing. Little Joey is awful sick tonight.

90-524

Sunday, Dec 13

M. S. C. Quite fine. Dan and Annie and W. H. Sabine came here this afternoon. Annie & Dan stayed to tea. W. H. S. went over to Chatham. W. H. Sabine is going to stay here tonight.

87-522

Thursday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

M. N. W. Fine but cold. I sick. I started two loads of boards from the mill. The boys at school. Joey is better today. Harris has to go. George Carnwell, of Little River, died last Sunday. Harry Carnwell's wife was buried the same day.

90-527

Monday Dec 14

M. S. Rained all night and all day. Father sawing. M. H. S. went down to see John. I did this morning. We put home at noon. W. H. Sabine stayed to dinner and then went home. I am about laid up with a lame neck. It is fearfully lame. Joey is not very well.

87-524

Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>

M. S. C. Fine - but cloudy & quite cold. I went to Weymouth today taking a load of boards to E. Rice. I got 777 ft of Spruce & 66 of Pine. Bad luck attended me throughout the day. In the first place I got the cart broke down. I repaired Dan's and reloaded. The lumber being icy, worked ahead so that I had to unload and fix it. After that the stake flew out, and again is the name of the disasters which kept me at every stop. I bought some "Chas" for Xmas. Joey is quite smart again. Father is better.

Tuesday Dec 15

M. N. W. Cloudy and saw with snow flying. Sailed again to the mill to saw, but think I would not be very bad time to stop and thinking also that it might be the last change this fall, we went after them. It was a long hard pull we had but got them down (56) down all right at sundown. And glad I am tonight that it is done. The boys have been at school.

Saturday Dec 19

M. S. C. Snow squalls & mist. Weather wild. A. M. Father and I hauling firewood. P. M. Father heard a stick for a cart wheel. I mailed two letters to Publishers of "Youth's Companion" and to Cassell & Co Publishers. Received three sample papers as follows - "Olive Branch" "Index" "Our Rural Home". I was also in receipt of six letters as follows - from E. Campbell, P. O. New York, "The Milk & Creams", Mrs. George Little, "The Free Press", "Milk & Creams", "Frank S. Smith".

Wednesday Dec 16

M. N. W. Fine. I sick with a cold. Little Joey is very sick tonight. A. M. I went to the mill and sawed a couple of logs that were in the mill so that Dad can have the mill. P. M. I cut a lot of wood and Father made a bolster for the cart.



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Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

P. M. P. Cloudy with snow flying. All of us at home. Spent the day in reading.

Monday Dec 21

P. M. P. Cloudy but not too.

Ed hauled 10 loads of swamp mud and filled the sink hole. The boys have been riding down hill. I am not very well now. Alf and Chattie went down to old David's yesterday (or rather Saturday) expecting that Marissa was to have been married, but they missed it.

Tuesday Dec 22

P. M. P. Fine weather. The ground is covered with snow but not enough for sliding though some are using sleds for good whirling.

Ed and I have been hauling swamp mud and putting it under the stable. Leslie had a real sick spell this morning but is better tonight. Harold was up and worked the saw at the stable floor at noon today. It is the first time he ever did it and he considers it a great achievement. Little Leonard has got one little tooth showing itself. So is his first and he is thirteen months old.

Mr. St. Vanderbilt the great millionaire and Cantorway magnate of New York died very suddenly the other day. He is said to have been worth two millions, and the wealthiest man in the world.

Wednesday Dec 23

P. M. P. Soft. Father sick. A.M.

I hauled four loads of mud and put under the stable. Leonard King came today. He is going to stay with us this winter. Ruby and I went to W. H. St. James to a donation for Mrs. St. James. Frank's lesson went with us. My father went with Alf & Chattie. We had a very good time. The receipts of the "Army" were \$14.84

Bill of Hardwood lumber for Geo. J. Hoop

Length - from 8 to 20 ft  
Width - from 4 to 6 in  
Thickness - from 1 1/4 in

Thursday Dec 24

P. M. P. Soft but fine. Ed and Leonard sawing. I hauled three loads of swamp mud and composted. I am not very well.

Friday Dec 25

Christmas Day.

P. M. P. Cloudy, sharp & cold

Ran and Annie with their children spent the day here. Alf & Chattie were here too. I spent the day making playthings for the children. I made a wooden

terrace for Harold's bed that Santa Claus brought him last night. I made Harold a chisel and mallet. I made Harold Leslie and Jerry each a knife out of scythe.

Santa Claus brought Hal and Leslie each a rule and each a lead pencil. Leslie had a drum watch.

Jerry had a safe and a book. Bennie had a wooden whistle and a little capful spade. They all had a generous supply of candy, nuts &c.

They went on the lake with Alf and Leonard. 90-534

Saturday Dec 26

P. M. P. A terrible snow storm & gale of wind came on two forenoons and increased in fury till tonight it is a fearful gale. Halted in night. A.M. Leonard & I went up to Wagoner's mill and piled out some slabs. P.M. Leonard & I cut up a lot of edging in the shop. Yesterday I mailed a letter to John Danahy of One to St. Hoyle. Found I had papers as follows: "Harvard Advocate," "Musical Opinion," "Night for Kings," "N. Y. Water News," "Christian Nation" and also a number of letters.

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Journal  
W. H. H. H.

Sunday Dec 27

N. N. E. Slept falling all day. Harris team and came here last night from up the Bay, in the midst of the storm. He put his horse in the barn and stayed here all night. We are all home today engaged in reading. Father is only poorly  
90-536

Monday Dec 28

W. H. Mild and cloudy. Leonard and I sawing. Father is no better. Then fell in the storm yesterday about 10 inches of snow and hail. I am very tired tonight. Hal and Les have been snow-shoveling and coasting all day.

Tuesday Dec 29

N. N. W. Snow, A.M. Leonard and I cut up some firewood. P.M. We went to the mill with the team, taking some bedding and provisions for staying three nights when we are sawing. We hauled some wood to the camp, and brought out a load of boards etcetera. Harrah and Leslie went to "Aunt Annie's" and stayed till we came home. Father is no better. The men are out breaking roads this afternoon. About two inches of snow-fall

Wednesday Dec 30

N. N. W. Beautiful day. Leonard sawing. We are going to stay at the camp tonight.

Thursday Dec 31

N. S. E. Quite fine warm Leonard stayed in the camp last night and are sawing today. I am not as well as usual. Today winds up the old year. I wish it has been a hard one, as I have been sick so much, but I am

thankful for the degree of health I have enjoyed, and general blessings. The year has been made prominent in Canadian history by the North West Rebellion and the trial & execution of the famous leader Louis Riel. In Europe there has been a war between Serbia and Bulgaria, and a Russo Russo Germany and Spain in reference to the Carathian Icho. Alfonso King of Spain has died and America has lost two able Statesmen, General Grant and Vice President Hendricks. The Canada Pacific Railway has been completed.

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Read Nov 1984 Earl  
Read Feb/997 Earl

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Phrenological Journal	Arkansas Traveller
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St Nicholas	Daily Star
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New York Weekly News	Progress
Detroit Free Press	New York Story Paper
Manufactured Agents Exchange	Farm And Fireside
The Index	Andover Review
Olive Branch	The Paper's Aid
Our Rural Homes	Western World
Light For Thinkers	The Household Monthly
Musical Million	The Echo
The Quiver	Independent
Eastman's Journal	Dawn of Day
The Prairie Agriculturist	Mail and Express
Chicago Weekly Journal	Household Monthly
Cassell's Family Magazine	Baby Land
The Rostrom	Our Little Men & Women
The Mind-Cure	Health - Hygienic & Domestic
Rural New Yorker	American Home and Farm
Advance Courier	Wild Fire
Home	Peoples Pilot
The Agents Call	Philadelphia Call
Dorcas Magazine	The Troy Weekly Times
Texas Liftings	City and Farm Recorder
Domestic Monthly	The Popular Monthly
The Church Union	The Weekly Indian Ocean
The Christian Leader	The Hatchet
Cincinnati Weekly Inquirer	The New Moon
Philadelphia Weekly Press	Our Story Paper
Photo-Copist	The Farmers Magazine
	The Little Folks Paper 124

# List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit [www.sabinediaries.com/introduction](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

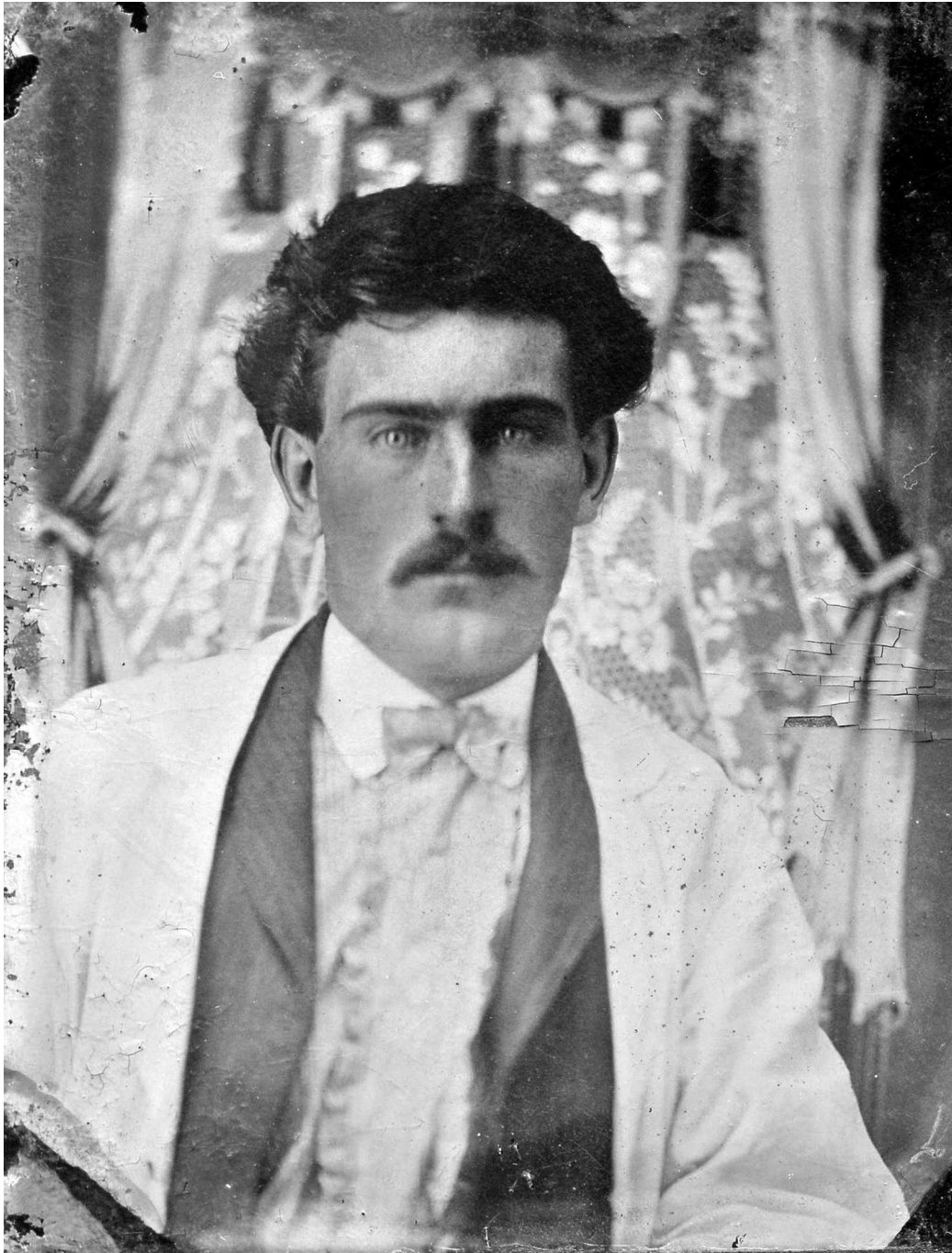
C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

c-wood. (Cord wood)



John Henry Sabine (1853 - 1920), author of the Sabine Diaries.

Source: Bernard Mullen.



Roxanna Ring, wife of John Sabine.

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Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.



Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

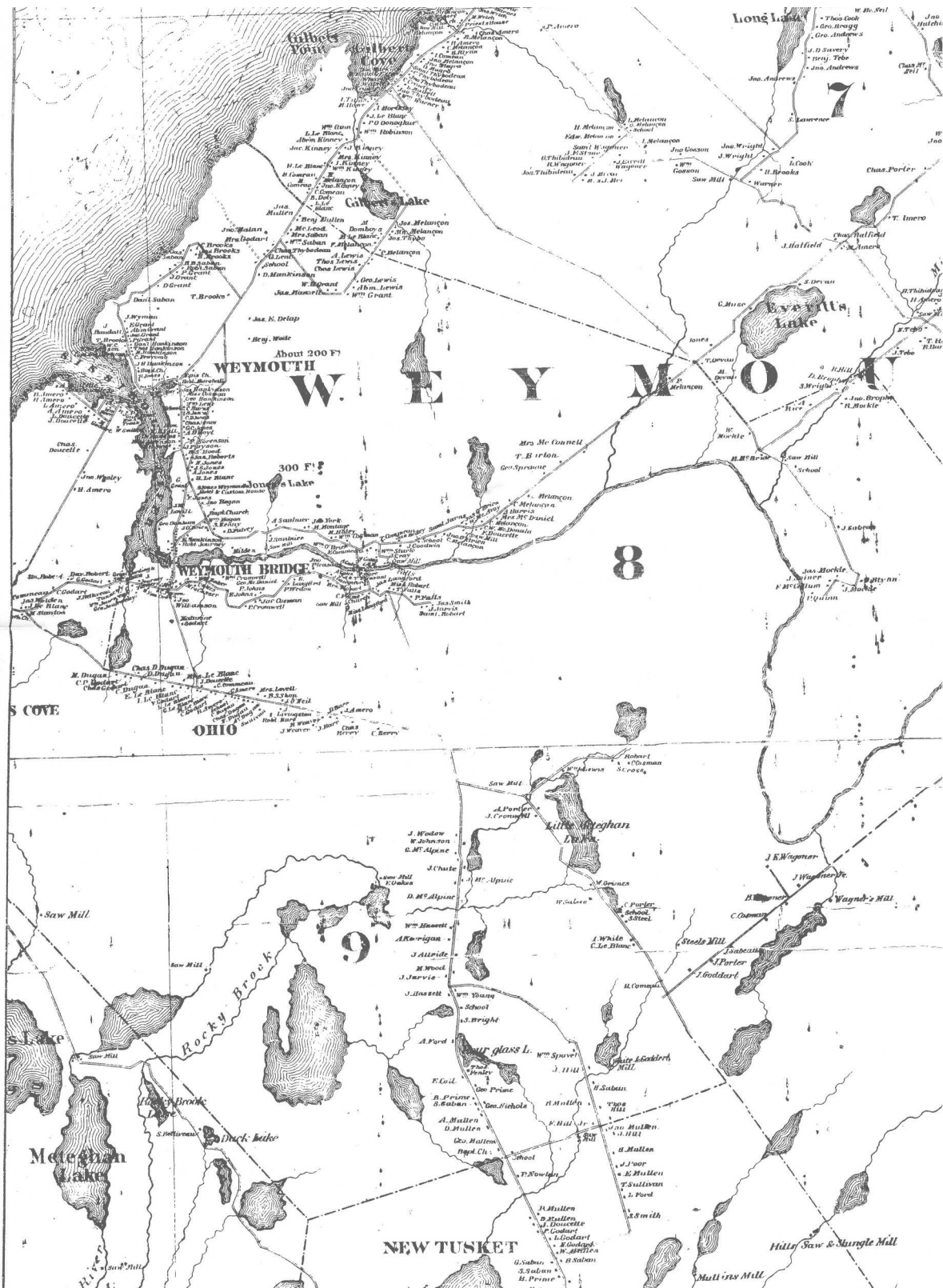
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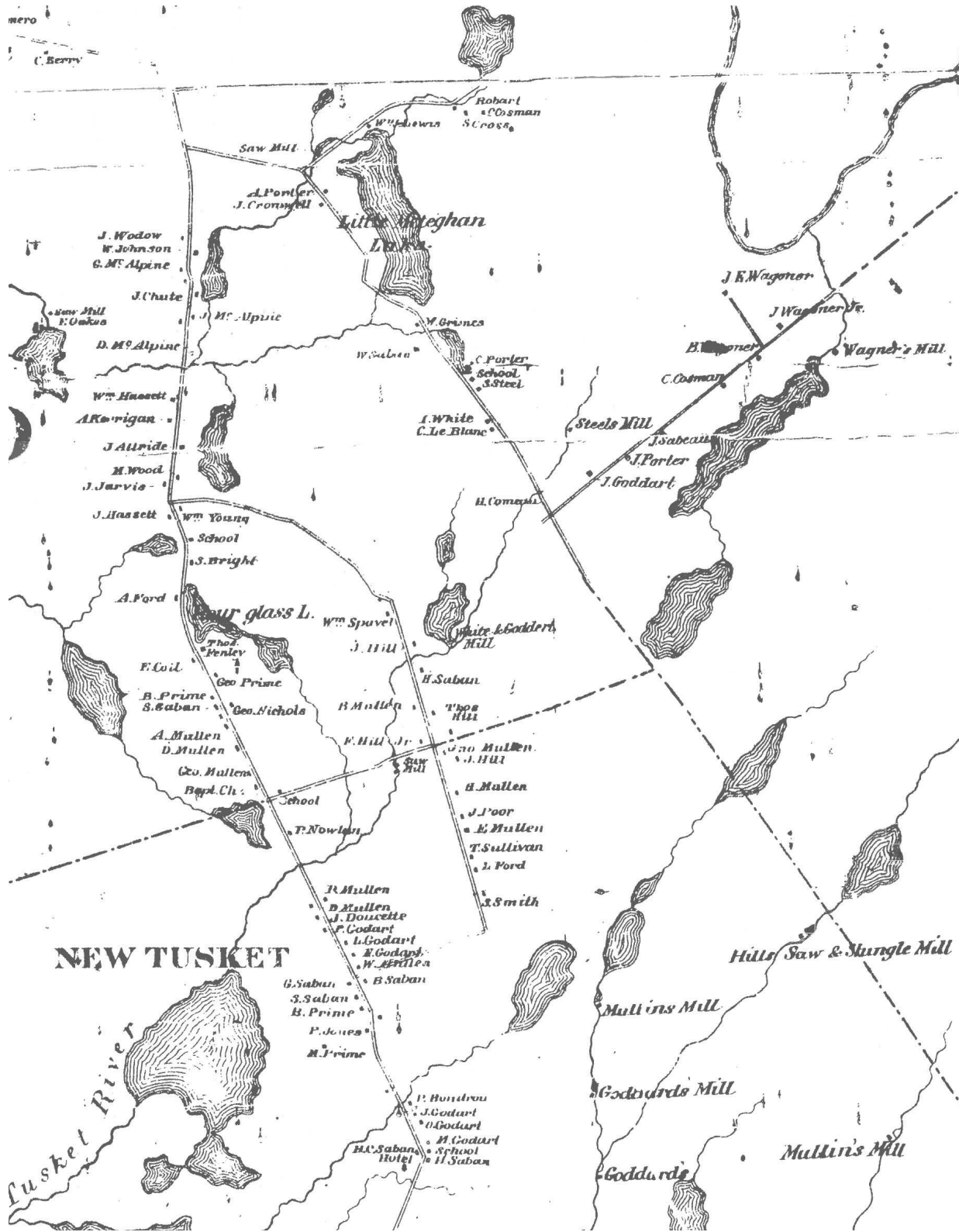


Wealthy Mehitable Saxton (1833 - 1929), mother of Roxanna Ring.

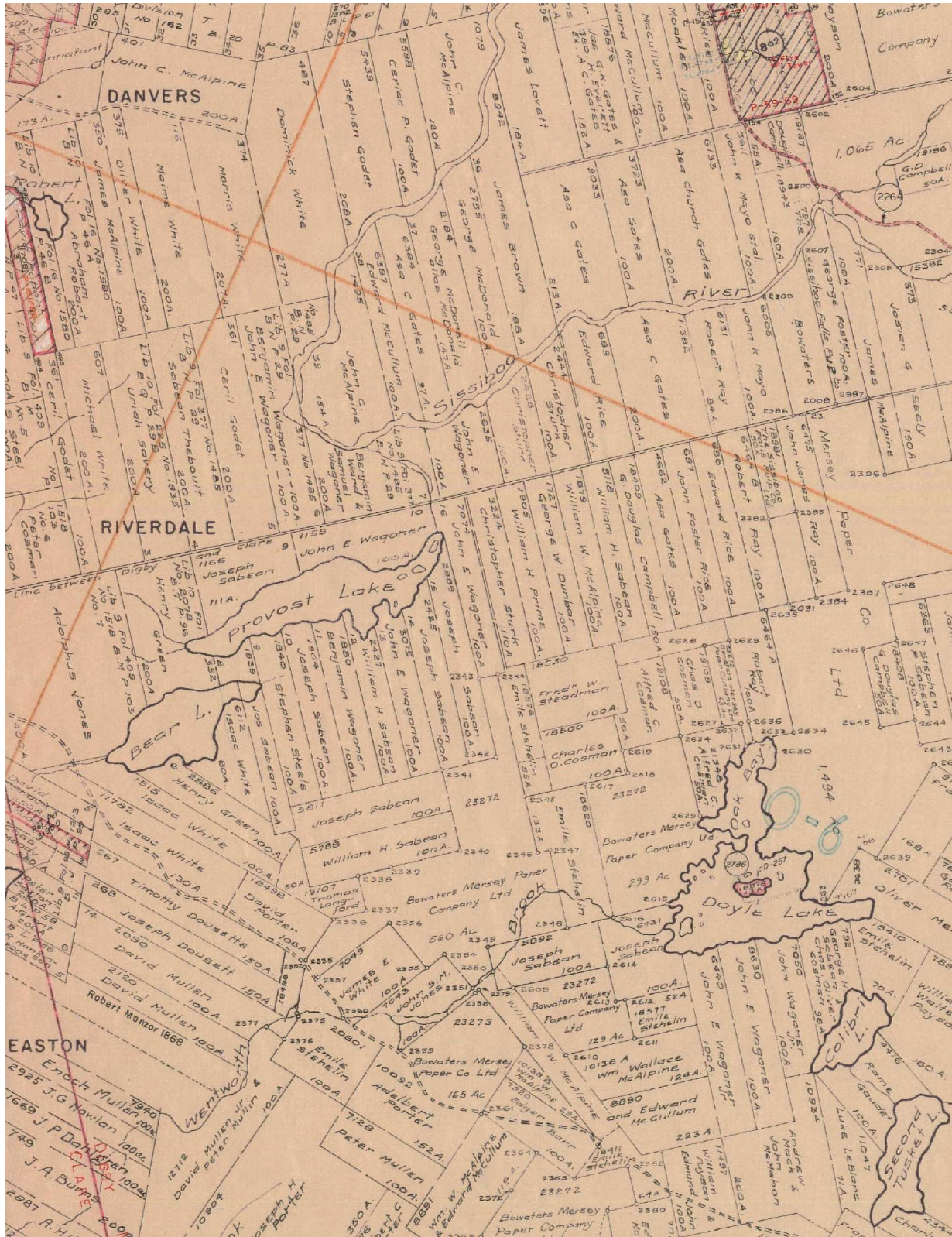
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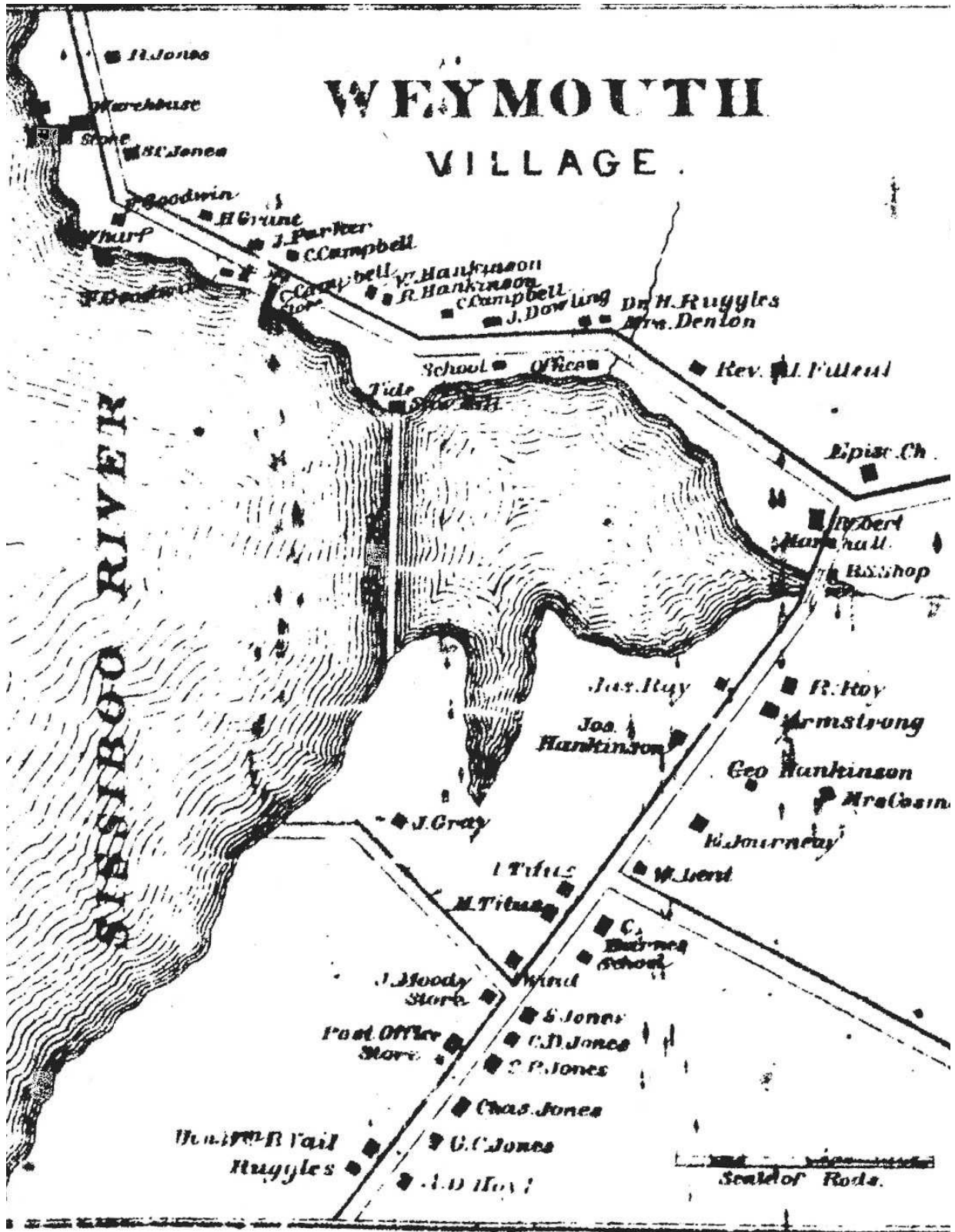
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



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Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia





# THE SABINE DIARIES

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This ninth volume is comprised of entries from 1885.

