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# Sabine Diaries Project

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

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

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

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

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

# Introduction

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

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

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

Benjamin Ian Sabine

# Background

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

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

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

Joseph Sabean and Ruth McNeill had the following children:

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

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

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

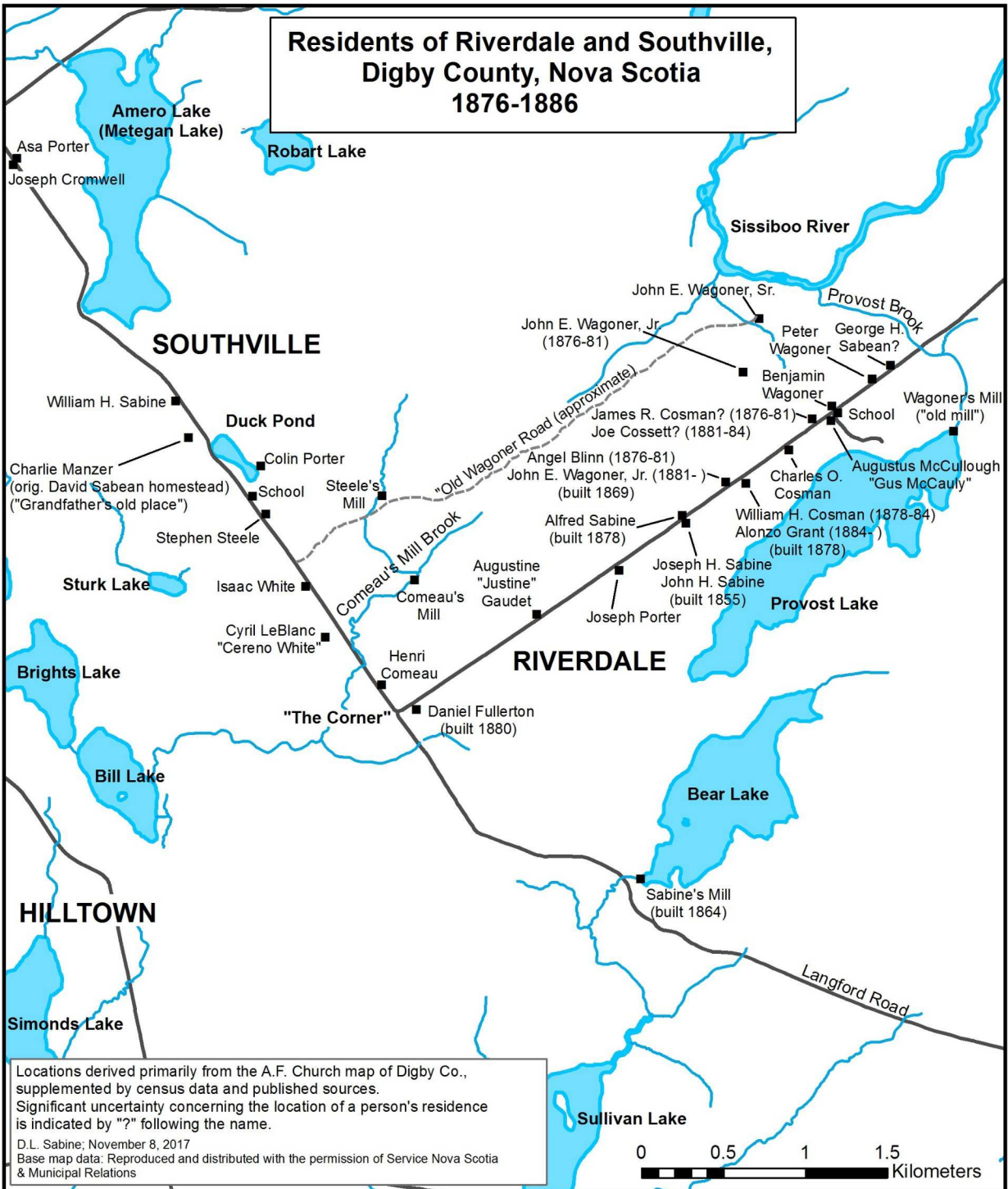
John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

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



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

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



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

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 (“Ceren White”)**

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

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

**Isaac White**

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

**Stephen Steele**

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

**Colinwood “Colin” Porter**

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

**Charles Edward Manzer**

+ Mary Elizabeth (Barr) Manzer

**William Henry Sabine**

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

**Asa Norman Porter**

+ Melissa (Weaver) Porter  
 William Christopher Porter

**Charles Joseph M. Cromwell**

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

# Transcription

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

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

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

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



**Friday, January 1st, 1886**

W. S. Raining all day. Leonard and I have been at the mill sawing, and I unable to work. Roxy and the baby spent the day at Annie's. We have stepped on the threshold of a new year with all its probabilities and possibilities. The year just passed seems to look back to be all clouds and shadows, with very few rays of brightness.

Mrs James Barr (old Sussy) is dead – and to be buried next Sunday. Capt Tom Randall with a crew from Weymouth, who started for Boston last Saturday are supposed to have been lost in the terrible of the night of that day, as no tidings have been heard of them.

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**Saturday, January 2nd, 1886**

W. W. Mild. Leonard and sawing. Father is getting better I received a number of new papers and Magazines tonight Harris Cosman is here this evening.

**Sunday, January 3rd, 1886**

W. E. Cloudy but mild. Mother Leonard Ring and Harold went to Mrs Barr's funeral. The rest of us at home. I am very miserable in health. Father is about the same.

**Monday, January 4th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy but mild. Leonard and getting up fire-wood Harold at school.

**Tuesday, January 5th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy and soft. Leonard and I went to the mill again today. We are going to stay all the week.

**Wednesday, January 6th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy and showery Leonard & I at the mill. The boys at school.

**Thursday, January 7th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snow flying – fell about a couple of inches. Leonard and I sawing

**Friday, January 8th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy, and quite cold Leonard & I began work in the mill this morning, when the box in the pitman came out, and we were obliged to Come home for tools to repair it. Went back this afternoon and fixed it up. Harold and Leslie at school. Last Tuesday Harold made Josey a sled. It was a very good attempt for a little boy. Father getting better

**Saturday, January 9th, 1886**

W. S.E. A storm of snow, hail and rain accompanied by a furious gale of wind came up suddenly this morning and lasted till noon. L & I began work in the mill, but the storm being so severe and the mill acting bad, we decided to come home. At noon the storm went down and we had a fine afternoon. P.M. We hauled fire wood. I mailed 3 letters & 3 postals to day. Letters to Ottawa and Harry Hoyt. Postals to publishers.

**Sunday, January 10th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snowing and blustering all day. Leonard Ring went up Harris Cosman's and spent the day. The rest of us at home.

**Monday, January 11th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snowing some all day A.M. Leonard cut fire wood. P.M. He and I went to the mill again taking provisions for another week. I am not very well today. About a foot of light snow has fallen.

**Tuesday, January 12th, 1886**

W. N. Cold and snow flying Leonard & I sawing.

**Wednesday, January 13th, 1886**

W. N. Cloudy and cold. Leonard & I sawing. As no tidings have yet arrived from the missing schooner R. Leach, Capt Tom Randall, it is quite certain that she was lost with all hands.

**Thursday, January 14th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
Leonard & I sawing. Leonard fell in the pond and got a complete ducking. He came home tonight for more "grub". Roxy went to Weymouth today and took poor little baby Lennie to the doctor to have his sore eye examined. The doctor is of the opinion that it is a tumour and will have to be cut out, but he gave Roxy some iodine to apply for a few days in hopes that it may be induced to break.  
Poor little fellow! I am so uneasy about him. The other boys are real well this Winter.

**Friday, January 15th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
Leonard and I sawing.  
Judson Sabine stayed at the mill all night with me.  
He is trying to start a Division of the sons of temperance  
Willie White is in a very critical condition from a cut leg.  
His life is dispared of.

**Saturday, January 16th, 1886**

W. S.E. Beautiful day. Leonard and I sawing. We came home tonight. I received a letter from the New York Health agency and circulars from "Worlds Medical Association", also specimens of three new papers as follows: "Agent's Call", "Advance Courier", "Home".  
Mother has been out to see Willie day

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**Sunday, January 17th, 1886**

W. S. Raining all day.  
All of us at home engaged in reading and social converse

**Monday, January 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine, but windy. A.M. Leonard cutting wood.  
P.M. He and I went to the mill. Joe and John Amero moved to the mill today. They are going to stay there a couple of weeks and haul logs.

**Tuesday, January 19th, 1886**

W. S.E. Looking like a storm. Leonard & I sawing.  
Father starting out lumber. Little Leonard's eye is getting better

**Wednesday, January 20th, 1886**

W. N.W. Rained in the night Fine today but windy.  
F starting out lumber. L & I sawing.

**Thursday, January 21st, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine. F hauling out lumber. L & I sawing.

**Friday, January 22nd, 1886**

W. S.E. Rained all day Leonard & I sawing.

**Saturday, January 23rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Foggy this morning, but grew cold. Leonard & I began sawing, but the nigger wheel gave out so we shut down and came home. We brought the saw with us. It wants jointing.  
I mailed five Postals today to different publishers, and received letters & papers as follows:- 3 letters - one from Publishers of Domestic Monthly, one from Publishers Christian Union one - from Medical Association - Postal from publishers of "Dorcas magazine"  
Papers as follows:- "Christian Union", Texas Siftings" Dorcas Magazine "Rural New Yorker". This afternoon I made Josey a pair of shoes.

**Sunday, January 24th, 1886**

W. N.E. Cloudy & cold all day - and looking like a storm. Judson has been here all day. Roxy & I went out to hear Mr Spencer tonight He preached from Ephesians 5th & 15. John Edd is home from his canvassing tour on Digby Neck.

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**Monday, January 25th, 1886**

W. N.E. Fine. Leonard & I hauling firewood. F filed the mill saw.

**Tuesday, January 26th, 1886**

W. S.S. Rained all day I made some mill irons this afternoon.

**Wednesday, January 27th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine day. Leonard starting lumber from the mill. F & I began making a new “nigger wheel”. I am going to stay to the mill nights till Saturday.

**Thursday, January 28th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. Leonard starting out lumber. F & I repairing the mill.

**Friday, January 29th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. L – cutting firewood. F & I fixing the linings of the saw gate.

**Saturday, January 30th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. F & I finished fixing the mill. L – cutting wood.  
I mailed four Postals to publishers and received Papers as follows,– Domestic Magazine and “Church Union” also letter from P.O.D Ottawa and Postal from Miss Davidson

**Sunday, January 31st, 1886**

W. S.W. Misty all day. P.M. Father went out to see Willie White who is no better  
Scot has been here all day

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**Monday, February 1st, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy till noon – Rained till night. Leonard and I sawing. We are going to Stay to the mill all the week.

**Tuesday, February 2nd, 1886**

W. N. Overcast. Leonard and I sawing. Father came to the mill and brought us some provision. He then went on the mill lot to look for a chance to haul some hard wood. Mother up to C. Cosman’s visiting

**Wednesday, February 3rd, 1886**

W. N. Fine. L & I sawing Father starting out deals.

**Thursday, February 4th, 1886**

W. N.E. Cloudy and severely cold. F helped me saw. Leonard went out with a load of boards to Ed. Rice He brought baby Lennie a little pair of shoes. Price of them was Seventy cents. They are his first shoes, excepting a pair that Aunt Hit sent him from the States.

**Friday, February 5th, 1886**

W. N. Fine and extremely cold. Leonard and I edging boards. F. starting out lumber

**Saturday, February 6th, 1886**

W. N.W. Very cold, but fine. Leonard took a load of boards to Ed. Rice. I have been sawing. Sadie Cosman and Ruth Cosman spent the afternoon here. F. got a Draft from Alonzo for 70 dollars. I got three Papers – Cincinnati Inquirer, Phil. Press, and Photo Copyist. There is a crowd here this evening.

3-7

I mailed a number of Postals to various publishers. I received a letter from P.O. Dpt. Ottawa accompanied by \$4.00 in stamps

**Sunday, February 7th, 1886**

W. S.W. Mild. Snowed a couple of inches last night. Dan and Annie spent the day here. I have the toothache today.

3-11

Hal and Leslie have been down to Stay with Scot. They Came home in the sleigh with Harris. Little Lennie can say “tick tock” meaning the clock and can say “cat”. He will put his hand on his head when asked where the baby’s curls are, and many other little baby “tricks”.

**Monday, February 8th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast but mild F. starting out lumber from the mill. I stayed home in the forenoon. I pulled a tooth for Leslie this morning. It is his first to come out and was quite an important matter to him. Old Mr Ruggles of Barton is dead, also old Morris Martin (White) P.M. I went to the mill again to saw

**Tuesday, February 9th, 1886**

W. S.W. Mild. Leonard went out with a load of boards to Edd Rice. Father and I sawed. I stayed in the mill house all night alone, and I enjoyed it too. Away there in the silence of the forest where no sound of civilization intruded and nothing stirred the stillness but the night-winds in the gloomy treetops and the unceasing rush of water beneath the mill.

Harold and Leslie went to the mill with me yesterday afternoon. We went on the lakes. They stayed to the mill awhile and then came home with father on the sled.

**Wednesday, February 10th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. Leonard and I sawing. Father at home. He is not very well. The boys are at School. They have great fun now days going to the lake noons. Willie Cosman and Valentine Godat are their chums. Mother is well now. Janie Cosman spent the day here.

5-13

**Thursday, February 11th, 1886**

W. S.E. Looking like rain Leonard went out with a load of deals to Campbells – got some molasses &c F. and I sawing. We edged up the boards and finished all up, and I came home tonight. Roxy has been out all day to see Willie White Mother spent yesterday at WH Sabine's

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**Friday, February 12th, 1886**

W. S.E. Foggy and soft all day – raining tonight. Leonard starting lumber from the mill A.M. I cut firewood. P.M. I went out to see Willie White The poor fellow is in a bad state. I fear he will not get well. Father is making a cart axle

**Saturday, February 13th, 1886**

W. S.E. Rained heavily all day Father went to Weymouth with the mail, and did not come home tonight as it rained. This forenoon I made the boys a little mill. P.M. I shaved Shingles. I got several new papers today and four letters.

9-13

**Sunday, February 14th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day – warm and Spring-like. All of us at home, engaged in reading.

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**Monday, February 15th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.

Leonard cutting wood. I have been shaving Shingles. This morning I helped the boys put their mill in the brook down in the pasture below the nursery. They seemed delighted with it. It seems but a little time ago since I played and built mills on the same spot. How time goes! Father came tonight from Weymouth. He got his order or Draft cashed at Campbell's Saturday.

14-13

**Tuesday, February 16th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. There were heavy rain with thunder and lightning all night. Leonard helped Alf cut cord wood. F and I went to the mill & put some new buckets in the water wheel. The boys have been at School. How they hurry home nights to go to their mills!

**Wednesday, February 17th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Leonard and I went to the mill and began sawing the Amero boy's logs. Johny and Joe were there and cut and rolled in their logs. I sent a letter today to George Hankinson in reference to a Colt which he has for sale. The boys have been at School.

**Thursday, February 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snow flying all day I stayed at the mill last & today. Father and I have been sawing Clap-boards for the French-men. Leonard took out a load of boards to Ed. Rice. He each of the boys (Hal and Les) a "Third Royal Reader". Bide Hassett's house was burned today – a sad affair indeed The boys of been at school

**Friday, February 19th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast and mild. Leonard took a load of boards to Edd Rice, and got a Bbl of flour. Father and I have been sawing. We had the bad luck to get the "haul up" broke down and a hole made in the bottom of the flume.

**Saturday, February 20th, 1886**

W. S.W. Wet day – rained last night. Father, Leonard and I at the mill. We hauled some firewood to the mill-house

– hauled a stick to put in the haul-up, and repaired the breach in the bottom of the flume. Miss Davison delivered the book “Baptist Doctrines” which I signed for last fall. I sent Postals (4) to publishers. Received two letters as follows – Houghton Mifflin & Co. Boston”. P.O. Dpt. Ottawa. Also four sample papers. Harold scalded his foot today

**Sunday, February 21st, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine, but Cold. Snowed a little last night. Harris and Cornelia Cosman with their children spent the day here. This evening F went out to hear Mr Spencer preach. I did not go as I have a lame arm which has taken to paining today.

14–15

**Monday, February 22nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. F. & Leonard at the mill. My hand and arm are so lame that I shall stay home today. Harold and Leslie at school.

**Tuesday, February 23rd, 1886**

W. S.E. Snowing lightly most all day. Father sawing all day. Leonard took out a load of Deals for Alf. I mended Harold’s boots. Leslie at School. Hal at home. Hal made a little bobsled with leather “raves”  
WH Sabine came here tonight

14–16

**Wednesday, February 24th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine, but very cold. W.H.S stayed here last night & till afternoon. Leonard hauled wood. WHS & I spent a part of the day at John Edd’s. It is very cold and windy.

14–18

**Thursday, February 25th, 1886**

W. S.E. Clear and Cold. Leonard took a load of Deals to Campbell’s – a part of the load was for Alf Sabine. Father and I sawing. This morning Harold and Leslie went down to Aunt Annie’s to get Molasses Candy. Leonard had a candy party there last night. Mother went down to Annie’s tonight

15–18

**Friday, February 26th, 1886**

W. S.E. Blustering snow in the morning – turned to rain – and tonight wind West & snowing again. Leonard & I sawing. I stayed at the mill last night.

18–18

**Saturday, February 27th, 1886**

W. N. Blustering and cold Leonard and I sawing. Father starting out lumber. Mother came home from Annie’s tonight. I received a large number of Papers, and letters as follows – Publisher of “Echo”, Pub. “Texas Siftings”, Pub. “Independent”, P. O. Dpt. Reviser’s of Electoral Roll, Postal from Geo Hankinson. Willie White is getting better.

20–18

**Sunday, February 28th, 1886**

W. N. Fearful blustering snowstorm. All of us at home.

**Monday, March 1st, 1886**

W. N. Still blustering. Above two feet of snow has fallen and the snowbanks are on a grand scale. This afternoon Leonard and I went to the mill again. We went by the road, took the old mill road, had a great wallow and did not get to the mill till most night – only in time to cut our wood for night.

**Tuesday, March 2nd, 1886**

W. N. Snowing all day. Leonard & I sawing. Harold and Leslie at home

**Wednesday, March 3rd, 1886**

W. W. [Clouday]. Leonard took a load of boards to Ed Rice I have been sawing. Father came to the mill and got the cross-cut saw.

**Thursday, March 4th, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast. Leonard and I sawing.

**Friday, March 5th, 1886**

W. N. Soft. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo Hoyt. I sawed. Joe Amero was at the mill.

**Saturday, March 6th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. I have been sawing. Leonard took a load of boards to E. Rice. Father went to Edinburgh to see Basil Amero about getting some timber from him. I mailed several Postals & Received four sample papers and three letters.

We seen by the Digby Paper that Abijah Haight of Rossway was drowned short time ago.

**Sunday, March 7th, 1886**

W. N. Clear and Cold.

Scot has been here all day. John Chandler was here to tea. We have spent a pleasant day in reading and social intercourse.

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**Monday, March 8th, 1886**

W. N. Clear and Cold

Leonard took a load of boards to E. Rice. Father and I finished sawing the Amero logs. There were 12408 ft, 518 of which were flooring. I must send them a Bill of it soon.

**Tuesday, March 9th, 1886**

W. N.E. A little snow flying. Leonard took a load of boards to E. Rice. Father working in the Shop. I have not been doing anything, not being well. John B. Gough, the great temperance reformer, is dead. Government will not erect a costly monument over his grave, or vote 20,000 dollars a year for his widow! The boys have been at School today.

There is grand sledding. Basil Amero came here tonight and informed us that he has made up his mind not to let us have the timber that father bargained for last Saturday. It is a great disappointment to us, but may be for the best.

**Wednesday, March 10th, 1886**

W. N.W. Clear and cold. Leonard took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. Got himself a pair of boots. I bound up a lot of shingles. Father making a bench for the bob-sled. Harold and Leslie at School.

**Thursday, March 11th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine – but milder. Leonard took a load of

boards to Geo Hoyt. P.M. Father and I went on the other side of Provo lake and cleared a road where we are going to haul some scantling logs. Leslie is not very well. But he and Harold at school.

**Friday, March 12th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast and mild looking like rain. A.M. F & I “sharpened” the oxen. P.M. I split shingles. Leonard cut fire wood all day. Harold at school. Leslie stayed at home as he is not well. Obed’s wife and baby were here awhile this afternoon.

**Saturday, March 13th, 1886**

W. S.W. Cloudy and raw. A.M. Father and Leonard hauled a Shingle log over the lake. P.M. They hauled some firewood. I went to Weymouth with John Edd. Wagner. I bought Mother and Roxy each a pair of boots. Bought Roxy 9 yds of G. Cotton at 14 cts per yd. I stopped to W.H.S.s on my way home, and intend to remain there until Sunday. I mailed a letter to Basil Amero and a postal to C. Goodspeed. Joe Young and his affianced were here awhile this afternoon.

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I had a number of Papers come and a letter from Ottawa.

**Sunday, March 14th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snowing and blustering this morning, but cleared anyway fine. Snow fall about 4 inches. I spent the day at W.H.S’s and came home this evening.

25–21

**Monday, March 15th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudless. Leonard took a load of deals to D. Campbell’s. Father made a sled roller. I split shingles. The boys staid home from School.

**Tuesday, March 16th, 1886**

W. S.E. Snowing and blustering. I split shingles. F. made an axe handle. Josey was sick last night but is quite well again today. The boys at home. Little baby Lennie got up on the first stair step yesterday, and I had to put a board across.

**Wednesday, March 17th, 1886**

W. N. Clear and cold. We have not done much today except saw up a shingle log. Leonard has cut wood. I have been up to Harris's this evening. Josey is most as well again as ever.

The boys have been home all day and tonight had great fun hauling on their sled the shingle blocks into the shop. Little baby Lennie took two little steps today. He is fat as a little pig.

**Thursday, March 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day  
Leonard took a lot of boards to Ed Rice and got a Bbl of flour. I have been shaving Shingles. Father fixing a Cart axle. An agent of enlarging photographs called here this afternoon. He has an Auction of brass jewellery up at the School house tonight, and Leonard has gone up to see the fun

**Friday, March 19th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudless & lovely Leonard took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. A.M. I shaved shingles. Father jointing the mill saw.  
Mr Spencer and wife got dinner and spent the afternoon here. Mother is quite unwell today.

25-23

**Saturday, March 20th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy but mild – looking like a storm. Leonard took a load of deals to Campbell's. Father jointing the mill-saw.

I have been shaving and binding Shingles. The boys helped me in "laying up" Shingles. I mailed three letters to Ottawa, and five P. Cards to Publishers. Received some sample copies of Papers – a postal from Basil Amero, a letter from the "National Tribune Pub. Co. Circulars from M. T. Richardson, and a letter from Geo. R. Allen. Also – from "The Continental Pub Co. Also – a parcel of Post Office Requisites from Ottawa.  
Mother is no better today. She can sit up but a little. Mrs John Kinney is dead.

**Sunday, March 21st, 1886**

W. S.E. Snowing and hailing all day. Leonard went up

the road. We have spent the day in reading. Mother is a little better. The boys have bad colds.

**Monday, March 22nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy and soft.  
This afternoon we went over the lake and broke our logging road. Harold and Leslie, assisted by Alec and Daly built a camp in the bushes somewhere about John Edd's premises.

**Tuesday, March 23rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy and windy F. Leonard & I hauling scantling logs on Bear lake. The boys have been to School. Mother and Roxy have got their mat done. It looks well.

**Wednesday, March 24th, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast but pleasant. Father, Leonard & I logging. The boys at school.

**Thursday, March 25th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. Logging again. The boys at school.

**Friday, March 26th, 1886**

W. N.W. Lovely day. We finished hauling our scantling logs tonight, and have put in 103 in four and a half days. Not so bad.  
William Prime is here tonight. The boys have been at school.

25-24

**Saturday, March 27th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. I made an axe handle. P.M. We went back up to Bear lake and broke another road where we are going to haul logs.  
Mr Prime stayed till after dinner I mailed a sample of Postals, and tonight got a letter – circulars

25-26

**Sunday, March 28th, 1886**

W. W. Snowed several inches of snow last night – but all thawed off again today.  
It has been fine today.  
Annie and Scot spent the day here.

25-31

**Monday, March 29th, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine. F. L. & I logging The boys have been at school. Little baby Lennie was very sick yesterday and all night but is better today

**Tuesday, March 30th, 1886**

W. S.E. Raining all day Father splitting Shingles. I have done nothing being unwell. The boys at home.

**Wednesday, March 31st, 1886**

W. S. Raining all day Father splitting shingles.  
I shaved some.  
The boys at home.  
Received a letter tonight from Jas Lawson asking to Purchase Gravenstiens.

**Thursday, April 1st, 1886**

W. S. Raining all day Father shaving shingles I lay abed till noon, being very unwell. This afternoon I went to W.H. Sabine's to confer with him as to what reply to give Mr Dawson. I called on the way to see Willie White. The boys at home. Snow going fast

26-30

**Friday, April 2nd, 1886**

W. S.W. Glorious day. I came home this forenoon from W.H. Sabine's. I was down to his mill this forenoon. The boys got their little mill in operation today Tonight Harold is building a camp. He is very busy nowadays. Little Lennie takes a step or two more every day. He most as well as ever again today  
I have been adjusting my Post Office accounts this afternoon. I feel very unwell today. Leonard Ring left yesterday afternoon. He may help us again a few days if it freezes so we can log. Looks very Spring-like today

27-36

Harris brought the old mare over tonight. I am going to "Spring her out" for her service in delivering trees.

**Saturday, April 3rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
Father and I logging.  
Leonard went home today. I gave him an order on D.

Campbell for \$16.50. I also gave him \$2.00 cash.  
Harris Cosman moved into Alonzo's house today. I mail two letters to Ottawa. Received a number of Papers tonight.

**Sunday, April 4th, 1886**

W. N.E. Fine – but raw. Roxy, Josey and the baby Lennie went down to Cornelia's a while this afternoon. I have been reading all day. Harold and Leslie have been making pictures. Harold has thoughts beyond his years, so it seems to me. I am often amused as well as puzzled at his questions. Today he asked, "Papa, when the End Day comes how is a man going to be raised from the dead who has been dug from his grave and eaten by a hyena? Will the man come out of the hyena whole? He then said, "When we get to Heaven shall we know each other? Will God tell me where to find you and Mama if I ask him?"  
These questions have perplexed the world's greatest philosophers. Dear little boys! I hope they may be so happy is to reach that happy land!

**Monday, April 5th, 1886**

W. N.W. Lovely spring day. Father and logging. Harold and Leslie have been at school Mother and Roxy washed I wrote a Postal and sent to Jas. Lawson. Alf & Chattie have gone down the river.

**Tuesday, April 6th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. Father & I logging. We finished as the hauling is about done. We wanted to have got a hundred over there but only got 78. We are hauling from the same spot where in the August 1864 father hewed a streak-sil and some other timbers for the mill that father built that Fall. How well I remember the time! The first day Father went there to hew the timber he took Alf and I with him. Alf was trying his hand at hewing on the side of a maple log and cut his foot. Father then had to carry him home. We have not been able to drive our logs on the ice, so we left them around in the woods where we shall have to "twitch" them in when the lake opens.

**Wednesday, April 7th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy all day. Father shaved a few shingles. I



half-soled Josey's shoes, pitched over part of the manure and cut some wood. I am going out to W.H.S's tonight and expect to help him saw the rest of the week. Harold and Leslie have been at school yesterday and today.

#### Thursday, April 8th, 1886

W. N.E. Snowing all day about two inches fell. I went to W.H. Sabine's last night and today I helped Judson saw. Alf & Chattie here to tea

27-39

#### Friday, April 9th, 1886

W. N. Fine. W.H.S- Judson and I at the mill. W.H.S. sawed. Judson and I worked at a shingle machine that he has invented and is constructing. It is an ingenious contrivance.

#### Saturday, April 10th, 1886

W. N.W. Fine again. I helped W.H.S- saw. Mailed a Postal to Joseph Cook for some papers. I also got circulars from G. Stinson &c, "Letters from High Latitudes" a pamphlet from a Minnesota real estate agent, received a parcel of Postal Cards from P.O. Dpt-, also receipt of P.O. Money deposit in Bank of Weymouth.

#### Sunday, April 11th, 1886

W. N.W. Beautiful day  
Gamma, Harold and Leslie spent the day at Annie's. Leslie was allowed to go that he might celebrate his birthday which falls on this date. Scot gave him a cap and Annie gave him a picture as presents. He and Harold brought home the remains of a shattered volume of the "Chatter Box".

#### Monday, April 12th, 1886

W. S.W. Blowing and raw. Father and I hewing barn-timber in the road by the black smith shop. Hal and Les stayed home from school to carry wood and water.

#### Tuesday, April 13th, 1886

W. S.W. Showery. Harris Cosman came in the night for Roxy, and today his family is larger than it was yesterday. I went to Weymouth this afternoon on Alf's mare. I got

some Cloth for a pair of pants, a hat for myself and some straw hats for the boys

#### Wednesday, April 14th, 1886

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
A.M. F & I were up to the mill and put on some logs P.M. We hewed barn-timber Roxy staid with Cornelia last night. Mother went down to Annie's this afternoon and is going to stay a day or two

29-30

#### Thursday, April 15th, 1886

W. S.W. Foggy and raw all day. F & I finished hewing the timber here in the road and tonight went down to the lake and sided a pine stick for a sil. Arth Marshal came tonight and got four bushels of potatoes. Little Lennie walked all the way across the kitchen floor today.

32-30

#### Friday, April 16th, 1886

W. W. Fine day.  
F & I hewing pine sils in the woods. Mother came home tonight from Annie's

35-30

#### Saturday, April 17th, 1886

W. N.W. Fine.  
F and I finished hewing the sils and hauled them home. I mailed a couple of Postals to Publishers. Received several papers tonight

#### Sunday, April 18th, 1886

W. N.W. Lovely day all of us at home.  
Tonight F. M. & I went out to hear Mr Spencer preach. His text was Hebrews 4 & 14. I went down with W.H.S. at close of meeting. Mrs Edward Green and Sarah Ann Warn died and were buried last week

#### Monday, April 19th, 1886

W. N.W. Beautiful. I came home from W.H.S's this morning where I stayed last night. This morning F & I went up to the mill and put some logs on the railway. This afternoon F and I framed the sils for the barn. Father is 67 years old today.

**Tuesday, April 20th, 1886**

W. W. Fine and beautiful. John E. Wagner and I started for French Town to canvas for trees. We had intended to go together to the "Second Division" and travel together but when we got to Sears Mullen's, where we staid to dinner. We then separated, John E. going down over the Boars Back, and I went down to the Second Division I stayed for the night at Joe Budereau's. Father went out with a load

**Wednesday, April 21st, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. I travelled down through the Second Division road but did not succeed in making any sales. I got dinner at Ephraim Smith's Through the afternoon I took several orders. I went down as far as Mark Comeau's. I then turned back and came up as far as Wm Darbyson's where I put up for the night.

**Thursday, April 22nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. I left Darbyson's this morning and walked up to Cyriac LeBlanc's, and finding him absent from his home, and at his mill. I went there and found him and got a good order. Proceeding on my way I got dinner at Joe Ray Comeau's, and at sunset I got to Levi Mullen, and almost tired to death.

**Friday, April 23rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Lovely day. I left Levi Mullen's this morning and went to Jerusalem. I went around by Nowlans. I got to Hartshorn's about noon. I stayed after dinner, and then went back to where a number of men were at work on a school-house. I canvassed them, but failed to get an order. I started for home about four o'clock and arrived at Dan Fullerton's at "Supper time". I came across the woods by Severine's field. I got supper at Dan's and then came home. John Edd got home tonight too.

**Saturday, April 24th, 1886**

W. W. Another Lovely Day. Father went to Weymouth with a load of Deals. I went out to W.H. Sabine's this morning with the mail. I stayed till the mail came in again. I have a bad cold. I got a lot of papers from David Cook

W.H. Sabine came in tonight Alf & Chattie brought Carrie White in tonight

35-31

**Sunday, April 25th, 1886  
(Easter)**

W. N.E. Fine - but raw. W.H Sabine has been here all day. P.M. Father and Mother went down to see Mrs Wagner who is ill. W.H. Sabine and I took a walk down to Moose Falls. Annie and Dan were here tonight.

35-33

**Monday, April 26th, 1886**

W. W. Glorious Day! Simon Sabine came here this morning to work at the barn wall. I have planted a lot of apple trees today. Alfred Perry from Maitland came tonight for trees. He will stay all night. He and I pulled a lot of trees today

35-34

**Tuesday, April 27th, 1886**

Wind West. Fine day. Father and Simon at the wall Harris came this morning to work. He is going to work for us the remainder of the week. I assisted Perry in loading his trees this morning He purchased 70 for which he paid me \$16.00. I have been setting out trees today down below the Nursery. I planted Gravenstein's.

35.35

**Wednesday, April 28th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine again. Father, Simon and Harris at the wall. W.H. Sabine came in this morning and he and I have been making labels all day. Annie and her children spent the day here, also Chattie and Carrie White. I went out to W.H.S's tonight and I'm going to stay there the remainder of the week.

35-41

**Thursday, April 29th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful day. Father, Simon and Harris finished at the barn wall. Mrs Ring came today. She walked part of the way from Weymouth. W.H. Sabine & I have spent the day in arranging our orders.

35-42

**Friday, April 30th, 1886**

W. W. Lovely weather.  
Father and Harris hauling stones. W.H.S & I making labels. Simon went home this morning. School Examinations

35-45

**Saturday, May 1st, 1886**

W. W. Glorious Day.  
Father and Harris rafting logs. WHS & I pulling out trees in the Southville Nursery.  
George and Charlton Prime came in and got some trees today. Charlton got dinner here. I came home tonight.

35-48

**Sunday, May 2nd, 1886**

W. S.E. Beautiful day.  
Roxy, with her Mother and Josey and Leonard spent the day down to Annie's.  
In the afternoon, Harold, Leslie and I took a walk to the lake. Scot brought Roxy and the rest of them up home tonight and when he went back I let Harold and Leslie go down with him to stay all night. People say I am foolish to let the children do such a seemingly silly things, but it is no harm, although it may look foolish to old heads. I shall endeavour to make their boyhood as bright as possible, for it will soon pass away, and there is sorrow and trouble enough ahead for them.

37-48

**Monday, May 3rd, 1886**

W. W. Fine again. W.H.S. with Herbie and David Porter, came in this morning to begin at the trees in this Nursery. They brought a Cart load with them from the other nursery.  
We have been pulling trees all day

37.51

**Tuesday, May 4th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day Father, W.H.S. Herbert, David Porter and I have been pack trees. We put up a load tonight for John Edd to take around on the neck.

**Wednesday, May 5th, 1886**

W. S. Rained all the fore noon. The first rain we have had since the first day of April. John Edd got ready to start this forenoon, but the rain prevented. He did not start till

afternoon. He had Alf's cart and Harris' old mare. P.M. We have been packing trees.

**Thursday, May 6th, 1886**

W. W. Glorious day but very warm. F. Herbie WHS & I packing trees. Harold and Leslie went down to the lake today fishing and Harold caught a trout. It is his first one, and how big he felt about it. He and Leslie are very much excited over the trouting business.

**Friday, May 7th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. All of us packing trees again Tonight Obed came in with his team and we put up a load for him to deliver to Edinburgh tomorrow. Harold Leslie and Daley have been fishing all day. I gave Harold and Leslie a week vacation before beginning school again Mrs Morehouse is going to teach again the Summer term.

**Saturday, May 8th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy till noon. Raining heavily till night. F. WHS. Herbie & I packing trees. Judson helped us. We got a letter from Alf. Perry enclosing five dollars and an order for trees. Also a letter from John Edd who is on his way to Digby neck. I got several specimen papers.

**Sunday, May 9th, 1886**

W. N.W. Showery. I went out to WH Sabine's tonight. Nothing of importance occurred in our little circle. I have spent the day in reading.

**Monday, May 10th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. I stayed at W.H. Sabine's last night. This morning we got Judson and Milton off with a load of trees for South & North Range.  
WHS, Herbert & I came in to pack trees again. Mr Banks came and got his trees (or a part of them); there are about fifty due him yet. We loaded up Dan's team and started it for Marshalltown and Broad Cove. The rest of the day we have been packing trees.

**Tuesday, May 11th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine day. I made a mistake in yesterday's

record. It was today that Banks got his trees, and that we sent Dan out. Yesterday we were packing trees all day

37-52

### **Wednesday, May 12th, 1886**

W. N.E. Showery. We packed trees in the Carriage house today. David came in tonight and got a lot of damaged trees which we are selling him cheap.

### **Thursday, May 13th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. David Porter and I started for Clare with a load of trees. We started at noon and tonight got to Church Point and put up at the house of one Peter "Joppa" (or LeBlanc) We finished packing trees this morning. Carrie White was here tonight to tea

37-53

### **Friday, May 14th, 1886**

W. W. Fine day. David Porter and I left Church Point this morning and drove back to Second Division delivering trees as we went. We dined at Mr Darbyson's and tonight got to Salmon River and stopped at the house of one Malet.

Alf started today with a load of trees for Wagner Settlement. John Edd got home last night, also Judson arrived yesterday. Cherry trees in blossom.

37.54

### **Saturday, May 15th, 1886**

W. S. Weather fine. Drove to Hectanooga, dined at Arcon Deveau's, and tonight got as far as Eutrapt Sonia's in Corberrie where we stayed. Father went out with a load today. Yesterday he was at work wooding a plow. John, the red Cart pedlar, stayed here last night.

37-55

### **Sunday, May 16th, 1886**

W. S. Showery. David & I drove up to Levi Mullen's and put up our team & went to meeting. Mr Spencer preached a good sermon from Luke 18 & 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray". I got dinner at Stillman's and then David & I came home through Hill-town. David was here to Supper I got several papers last night

37-56

### **Monday, May 17th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Father finished wooding the plow. I planted

some fruit trees - a few below the nursery and some down in my little Orchard. I also set some grafts.

Baby Leonard runs about out doors now, and cries all the time steady. He cries the most now of any baby we have had.

And he appears to be well too.

### **Tuesday, May 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine again. I started this morning to go to W.H. Sabine's, thinking that Scot would Come help Father plow, but as he would not Come, I returned and Father & I went to plough with our new plow, which does not work real well. About the middle of the forenoon, W.H. Sabine and Mr Gates came. Mr Gates wanted about twenty apple trees, which we got for him. He is to pay four dollars for them. W.H. Sabine stayed all day and he & I ploughed. Father mended some fence.

### **Wednesday, May 19th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. F and I finished ploughing and I hauled out two loads of manure and F. planted a few. Willie White was here to tea.

37-57

### **Thursday, May 20th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy and windy. Began raining tonight with thunder. Herbert Sabine helped us today. Father planted. Harold, Leslie & Josie "dropped" and I hauled manure. Herbie worked at the barn. Poor little Hal was taken sick tonight.

### **Friday, May 21st, 1886**

Fine again. Harold has been confined to the house with illness. He is better tonight. Herbie helped us again today. Leslie is dropping and Father planting.

### **Saturday, May 22nd, 1886**

Fine. Planting again. Harold is quite smart again. Herbie helped us. Chattie went to Digby with Carrie White

### **Sunday, May 23rd, 1886**

W. W. Glorious day. Mother spent the day down at Annie's The rest of us at home.

39-57

**Monday, May 24th, 1886**

W. W. Fine again.  
Father, Hal, Leslie & I planting. Mrs Byron Oakes of Weymouth and Mrs Malcolm Sabine of North Range have died very suddenly.

**Tuesday, May 25th, 1886**

W. S. Rained all day. I have not been well today and have been indulging somewhat in "poesy"

**Wednesday, May 26th, 1886**

W. S.W. Clearing off.  
Father pitched out the sink hole. I went to the mill in the forenoon and got a load of manure. W.H. Sabine was there, and came home with me. In the afternoon he & I fixed up our Nursery accounts and divided Our Cash.

39-59

**Thursday, May 27th, 1886**

W. S. Looking like rain. Quite fine in afternoon. We finished planting in the forenoon, which was cause of great rejoicing with Hal and Leslie. In the afternoon I hauled manure and prepared rows of vegetables below the Nursery. Tonight I went to W.H.S's and got some mackerel that Jasper White sent there in payment for fruit trees.

This afternoon Father took Harold and Leslie to the river trouting. It is the first time Leslie has ever been there. Harold caught four trouts, and boast greatly tonight about his exploits.

**Friday, May 28th, 1886**

W. S. Rained last night and foggy all day. This forenoon I spent the greater part of the time in trying to "hamper" the old mare in a way that will Conquer her breeching. P.M. F hauled a load of stuff from Wagner's mill. In the afternoon W.H. Sabine, Milton and I went back to the Silver River on a trouting cruise. We got back to the Langford Mill (or Smith's Mill now) about night and prepared wood &c for camping.

**Saturday, May 29th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy till sundown when it cleared up beautifully.

We spent the day in fishing. We went down below the lake below the mill, and thought to have returned in time to have got home tonight, but it was so late when we got back to the camp that we concluded not to come out till morning. We caught about 70 trouts. I got 32. We have had a very good day's sport.

**Sunday, May 30th, 1886**

W. N.E. Glorious day. We came out from Langford's mill this morning, and got home about 10 O'clock. Yesterday little Josey was very sick but is better today. Dan and Annie spent the day here

39-63

**Monday, May 31st, 1886**

W. S. Fine - Thunder clouds going over all day. A.M. We tried to get up the sheep, but failed. P.M. I picked some stones and digged around some of my trees, while F- got a load from W's mill, after which he and I made a yard to catch the sheep by John Edd's line. I am not very well tonight.

**Tuesday, June 1st, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day.  
Roxanna and Chattie went to Weymouth. Roxy get a new dress for herself and some other things. Father hauled some scantling from Wagner's mill. I have not been doing much as I am not well.

**Wednesday, June 2nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. Father took a load of scantling to Hoyt. In the afternoon I fixed the fence around the little apple-tree field, and planted some pole beans. I let Hal, Les, and Josie plant each a few hills for themselves. I am far from feeling well today.

**Thursday, June 3rd, 1886**

W. S. Rained heavily all day

**Friday, June 4th, 1886**

W. W. Fine again.  
A.M. F. hauled a load from Wagner's mill. P.M. He got a load of hemlock board from Comeau's mill. Uncle John

McNeill was here to dinner. He is canvassing for election. I paid him fifty dollars (\$50.00) for which he gave me a receipt.

This afternoon I went out to Obed White's and got their white horse to take Roxy and the babies to the Station tomorrow.

39-64

#### **Saturday, June 5th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day again. Father took a lot of deals to Campbell. I took Roxy, Josie and Lennie out to the Station and saw them on board the train for their trip up the Bay – their first ride on the cars. Waity and her "Bill" and Willie White are here tonight.

41-65

#### **Sunday, June 6th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. "Bill" Sabine Waity and Willie White, and WH Sabine spent the day here. Scot was here too.

In the afternoon WHS & I with the little boys went up to hear Mr Gates preach. I am quite unwell today and lonely too.

44-74

#### **Monday, June 7th, 1886**

W. S. Fine and very warm. F and hauling manure and planting beans and corn. Haines Sabine and his little boy were here to dinner. Father paid him \$47.00 which I endorsed on his note. I wonder how dear little Roxy and her babies are. How I would like to see them. I wrote Roxy a letter this morning.

47-79

#### **Tuesday, June 8th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. F. went out with a load of deals. I finished planting beans and helped mother some in papering the kitchen.

#### **Wednesday, June 9th, 1886**

W. W. Fine day. Father & I made another yard for in which we hope to trap the sheep. I have worked some in the Nursery. The boys of been at School. Yesterday they and Valentine sat their little mill on the brook over by Porter's. My health is still slim. I have commenced taking Fellows syrup of Hypophosphites today.

#### **Thursday, June 10th, 1886**

W. S.W. Weather Beautiful. Father took a load of boards to Campbell. I have done nothing being ill. This afternoon I penned a little poem to Roxanna dear.

#### **Friday, June 11th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful day again. Father began sawing. I made a sheep-trap in the edge of Cerino's woods. The boys are at School.

#### **Saturday, June 12th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine and very warm. F. sawing – Scot helped him. WH Sabine came in this morning and he and I trimmed trees in the nursery. I got a letter tonight from my precious little wife, and was glad to hear that she and the babies are well. I mailed a letter to her today. She is going to stay another fortnight. I also had some other mail matter.

47-81

Mrs Ring was married today – I wish her much happiness.

#### **Sunday, June 13th, 1886**

W. N. Cloudy all day with some sprinkles of rain. WH Sabine stayed here last night and this morning I went out with him. Father and Mother went out too as Mr Ford preached in the School-house from Matthew 11 & 12. His subject was earnestness in the Christian life, and he spoke well.

Harold and Leslie stayed home alone. I spent the remainder of the day at W.H.S- and went to a meeting in the evening when Mr Spencer preached.

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#### **Monday, June 14th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful Day.

Father at the mill. I did some chores around this forenoon, and this afternoon I painted the kitchen floor and finished trimming the nursery trees. I am real sick tonight with sore throat and pain all through me. I expect I am getting the distemper that is prevalent hereabouts. The boys are at school.

## **Tuesday, June 15th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful day.

The election for local members throughout the Province took place today. The Candidates were as follows:– McNeill & Robichau – Liberal R.G. Munroe of Digby, Conser– Having been appointed Poll Clerk for district no 9, Clare, and W.H. Sabine presiding officer for the same district, He and I went out this morning with Harris's old mare to Mrs Edward White's the place secured to hold the poll. I spent a very sick night, and this morning am hardly able to sit up, having a very sore throat, aching head, severe pain across back and hips, and general lassitude.

However as it seemed very necessary that I should be there, and as the remuneration was no small consideration, I made up my mind to try it at all hazards. I went, but a weary day it has been to me. How sick I was – how I longed to lie down! But I stood it through, and am now home again. At the Close of the poll we went to the Bridge with the ballot box &c. I purchased Harold and Leslie each a knife with their own money. They were 24 cts each – very pretty little knives. I also bought my darling little wife a bottle of scents for a present when she comes home. The precious pet how I would like to see her now, and kiss those lips whose pressure have so often in the sweet days past thrilled my whole being with indescribable raptures.

But the days pass on and the day will Come I hope when I shall again Clasp her to my bosom, and again hear the merry prattle of our dear babies. This afternoon Father & Alf went to Weymouth to the election.

Mr & Mrs Ford called here today. Henry Oakes is getting his steam saw mill [nearly] ready for work. Belliveau brs. are laying the foundation for a new shoe store. A fish market has been opened at Weymouth – being the first institution of its kind here.

## **Wednesday, June 16th, 1886**

W. S.W. Foggy with mist showers. A.M. F. put some poles on the fence below the potatoes. P.M. He went to the mill. I have been about the house all day, laying down the greater part of the day. I am feeling some better. Mother was taken very ill this morning. It is her old Summer complaint again. She has been very sick all day. Tonight She had a very bad spell. What a terrible night she has got to spend. I so hope that she may be better in the morning. I shall finish a letter to Roxy in the morning

and if she is not much better I shall write for her to Come home. I presented Hal & Les with their knives this morning and delighted they were. It did my very soul good to see their pleasure. They have been to school today, and how they hastened home to try their new knives. They went down on the swamp and got a lot of alder bushes to Cut. I bought the knives with their own money – cents which had been given them, which they have kept till now.

Little blue-eyed angel Roxy, how priceless one single kiss from your dear lips would be tonight!

## **Thursday, June 17th, 1886**

W. S. Foggy all day – raining heavily now. It was very dry and this rain will do much good. Father has been at the mill all day. This forenoon I stayed in the house and cared for mother, who is better. She has been up and around this afternoon. I went to Dan's bog and got a lot of witherods to straighten up the trees in the nursery – to be used to fasten them to stakes. I planted some tomatoes tonight. Well tonight I am one day nearer the longed for meeting with my darling wife (if so be we are spared to meet) and alas! one day nearer our separation. When again she is home I must endeavour to treat her better than I have. She is so good to me, so patient, loving and gentle, it seems cruel – devilish to give her one unkind look.

## **Friday, June 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Rained all night, but cleared off this morning. F. sawing I went to the mill today and got a load of edgings to stake up the crooked trees in the nursery. W.H.S was to have gone with me, but I met him on my way out from the mill. He Came home with me, when we sharpened the stakes and began straightening the trees. I completed a letter tonight to go to my darling wife. Bless her little soul and body. Mother is real smart today.

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## **Saturday, June 19th, 1886**

W. W. Fine and very warm. F. sawing. WHS & I staking up trees in the nursery. Harold & Leslie have picked a nice lot of strawberries today. I mailed a letter to my little jewel wife and tonight received one from her. She writes that she is well, and that the babies are too. She says that she did not get any letter last Saturday and that she is real

lonely. Poor little thing. I dare say she is lonely. I know I am, but it will only be a week

#### **Sunday, June 20th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. I was down to Cornelia's a while this morning, and again a little while tonight. The boys & I took a walk to the lake this afternoon. I hope next Sunday to have my precious Roxy here with me, and her darling babies.

#### **Monday, June 21st, 1886**

W. N. Glorious day. F. sawing The boys at school. I hauled a couple of load of lumber home from the mill to be used in building our barn. I mailed another letter to Roxy today. I wish I could write to her every day, and get a letter from her every day. Poor little Hal cried tonight, he wanted to see her so much. I know how to pity him

#### **Tuesday, June 22nd, 1886**

W. N. Beautiful day.  
Father sawing. I went to the mill this forenoon for a load of barn stuff, and had scarcely left the mill when the axle broke. I left my load and came home. After dinner I put in a new axle and went and got my load. I am feeling better today Harold Came home from school at noon on Mr Jos Porter's cart. He cut his foot on a sharp stone. Mrs Peter Wagner tied it up for him. He and Leslie went down to Aunt Annie's on the cart with me this afternoon, and picked strawberries in Annie's field. As long as the days are, they go by and soon will arrive the "dearly destined day" when I shall see my pets again, if Providence spares them and me.

#### **Wednesday, June 23rd, 1886**

W. S.E. Quite fine. F. sawing. Alf helped me plough the potatoes. In the afternoon we hoed.  
The red-cart peddler came here to put up for tonight. I feel quite smart today. Leslie has a bad cough

#### **Thursday, June 24th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy – looking like rain. F. sawing. I hauled two loads of stuff home from the mill and started one load to the Corner. Mother has been to Annie's to a "picking

party". Harold and Leslie kept house Tonight Prof. Jas Gilliland held a Magic Lantern show up in the school-house, and I went and took Hal & Les. They were delighted at the views, especially with the old bachelor eating rats. They will not soon forget it. I wish my little Birdie could have been here, she should have gone. But time does fly and soon I will clasp the darling again.

#### **Friday, June 25th, 1886**

W. S. A.M. F & I plowed potatoes P.M. He & I hoing (One more day!)

Not a moment goes uncounted,  
Every day is one day less;  
When again the stars have mounted  
Birdie will be in her nest.  
Only one more day of waiting  
E'er the dearly destined hour:  
How my bosom is pulsating  
With love's sweet mysterious power.  
Come home darling – how I miss you  
Autumn-like seems all the land;  
How I long once more to kiss you  
Long to clasp your little hand.

When again I write here I hope to record the safe return of life's dearest jewels – my wife and babies.

My home is sad without you;  
The summer days go by  
As gloomy as december.  
The soft winds seem to sigh  
Because they cannot kiss you,  
I fancy I can hear  
Them talk in jealous murmurs  
Because you are not near.

#### **Saturday, June 26th, 1886**

W. W. Rained some during the night – foggy till noon, then cleared off fine. Father took a load of boards to E. Rice and got a Bbl of Flour. A.M. I fixed the carriage and did some other chores. P.M. I went out to the station to meet Roxy and Josie and Lennie. Harold and Leslie went out with me. Alf & Chattie were out too this afternoon & Hal & Les came in with them. When the train came Roxy & the babies were there all well, and we had a happy



meeting. We got home before sunset. Scot hoed potatoes here this afternoon.

#### **Sunday, June 27th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Hal and Les went to Sunday School. The day has passed without any unusual events. We have spent the day in rest and reading

#### **Monday, June 28th, 1886**

W. S.W. Drizzling rain this forenoon Charley White came here to work. Commenced work at noon. P.M. We hauled the timber together and began framing the barn.

#### **Tuesday, June 29th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Working at the frame. W.H. Sabine helped us today. Alf helped us till noon. Alpha Marshall in the afternoon. I am feeling quite smart now

#### **Wednesday, June 30th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
Working at the Frame.  
W.H. Sabine Alpha Marshall and Charlie White assisting.  
Charlie White left at noon

#### **Thursday, July 1st, 1886**

W. N.W. Glorious day  
Working at the frame.  
WH Sabine and Alf helping us. Tonight Alf went out the settlement and invited "hands" to help us raise tomorrow

#### **Friday, July 2nd, 1886**

W. W. Fine day. Finished framing at noon. W.H. Sabine helping us. This afternoon a number of our friends coming to help us, we put our frame up.

#### **Saturday, July 3rd, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F & I working on the road during our "Statute labor". P.M. We ploughed and hoed potatoes I mailed a Postal to James Ziegler concerning the trees which we sent him for delivery

#### **Sunday, July 4th, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine. All of us at home all day. Beautiful Summer weather, only very dry. Alf went out and got Mrs Grant

#### **Monday, July 5th, 1886**

W. S. Heavy thunder shower this forenoon. We began boarding the barn today. John Godat is helping us. He is going to help us all the week.  
Roxy has the toothache.  
The boys went to School this afternoon.

#### **Tuesday, July 6th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm Father & John Godat boarding on the barn. We boarded the side next the road this forenoon. Before noon I went down to the Corner and got a load of boards. P.M. I went to Weymouth with Harris's old mare. My business was to see Geo. Dunbar about getting some money on the mill road. He promised me sixteen or eighteen dollars. I bought Josey a jack-knife to Campbell's. I paid 10 cts for it. It is his first knife How pleased is with it. Annis, the harness maker came in tonight and bought the old mare. I feel sorry to have her go. Chattie and old Mrs Grant spent the day here

#### **Wednesday, July 7th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine and fearful hot. Father, John G- and I boarding on the barn. Roxy has the toothache fearful bad. The boys have been at School.

#### **Thursday, July 8th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Father John & I boarded the back of the roof today. The boys have been at School. Mother went with Alf & Chattie over to Mr Spencer's and spent day Cornelia and her children spent the day here. Roxy's toothache is better

#### **Friday, July 9th, 1886**

W. N.E. Fine. Father, John Godat & I boarded the north side of the barn roof today This afternoon Father went around the lake and burnt the brush. He tried to burn it last summer, but did not get a good burn, but today the

fire cleaned it off finely. The boys have been at School

#### **Saturday, July 10th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine again. F. J. & I finished boarding the barn. We put the Cornice on the eastern end this afternoon  
Tonight father paid John G. for his work \$3.00

#### **Sunday, July 11th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
All of us at home. Tonight Father and mother went out to hear Mr Spencer preach. Last Friday night when Harold and Leslie were after the cows Hal lost his new knife. How the poor boy cried! Today Roxy & I went down with him and looked for it without success. I am very unwell today – tired and worn out with hard work.

#### **Monday, July 12th, 1886**

W. N. Fine again. Father & I began shingling the barn. Father sawed the shingles and I put them on. We were working on the northern side of The roof. The boys have been at School. I am quite sick tonight. I feel as though I were going to have a fit of sickness.

#### **Tuesday, July 13th, 1886**

W. S.W. Cloudless and sultry. F. and I shingling the barn. The boys at School.

#### **Wednesday, July 14th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
A.M. Father and I shingling on the barn.  
This afternoon Father got a load of stuff from the mill, and Mother, Harold, Leslie, Josie & I went out to Mr Prime's cherrying. We got lots of cherries to eat, some to bring home, and had a good time. We got tea there, and came home in the evening. We had Ben Wagner's mare.

#### **Thursday, July 15th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. F. & I shingling on the S. side of the barn.  
Gus McAuley has gone to Bear River cherrying with our carriage. Poor little Josey has lost his knife.

#### **Friday, July 16th, 1886**

W. S. Showery. F and I shingling between Showers.

#### **Saturday, July 17th, 1886**

W. S. Raining in the forenoon. F doing nothing. P.M. I hauled a load of slabs from Wagner's mill for a floor under the hay-mow

#### **Sunday, July 18th, 1886**

W. S. Overcast and showery The boys went to Sunday-School. I am quite miserable in health.  
Josey knife was found in the stove with the handles burnt off. The boys each got a paper at Sunday School today for the first.

#### **Monday, July 19th, 1886**

W. S. Showery. Working at shingling. Thunders tonight

#### **Tuesday, July 20th, 1886**

W. W. Clearing off – Very warm. Finished shingling – laid the barn floor and scaffolding. I feel better today

#### **Wednesday, July 21st, 1886**

W. W. Fine. A.M. Father & I hauled two loads of hay from the old barn and put into the new barn. P.M. Father and Chattie went to Weymouth cherrying. I hoed beans. Little Lennie goes about singing "chick-a-dee-dee". It sounds very cunning indeed – at least – does to me. His eye is very swollen from fly bites now.

#### **Thursday, July 22nd, 1886**

W. W. Looked some like rain this morning, but cleared off. We began mowing today by the new barn. Father has a new "Canada" scythe, but like all Canadian goods, it is a humbug. I am very tired tonight. I do not see how I can bear up through the haying season. But there is satisfaction in the reflection that I have to live but one minute at a time.

**Friday, July 23rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Mowing and raking all day. We have it all mown and raked around the house. A French pack pedlar was here this afternoon from whom Harold bought a mouth harp. He and Leslie raked some hay today. It is their first attempt.

**Saturday, July 24th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. We opened hay in the forenoon, and in the afternoon hauled in three loads – all the hay around the house.

I got a sample copy of the paper today called the “New Dominion”

**Sunday, July 25th, 1886**

W. S.W. Clear, warm day. All of us at home, only father and mother went down to Annie’s in the afternoon. Alf took Chattie down to tugging town today to stay a week

**Monday, July 26th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine till noon – rained till night. A.M. F & I began mowing down in the lower field. This afternoon I fixed the boys up a scythe to mow brakes. I got a crooked stick from the woods upon which I hung part of an old scythe.

**Tuesday, July 27th, 1886**

W. S. Rained all day. I have amused myself in making verses.

**Wednesday, July 28th, 1886**

W. N. We have had a heavy rain. Overcast till noon then began clearing off. A.M. Alf & I went to look for the cows. We went around by Comeau’s mill and in the old Wagner Road.

P.M. F & I mowing.

Charlie Sabine spent the day here. He is going in Consumption to all appearances. Cornelia and her children spent the day here

**Thursday, July 29th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine and very hot. F. & I mowing and raking in lower field

**Friday, July 30th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast.

We hauled three loads of hay from the lower field this afternoon. Harold and Leslie loaded them.

Father went to the mill and got a load out tonight

**Saturday, July 31st, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast and very sultry. Father took out a load and got a bbl of flour I mowed and raked in the lower-field. I got a little book tonight from Humphrey Medicine Co. Alice & Lottie came up alone and spent the day.

Father got a check cashed today

**Sunday, August 1st, 1886**

W. S.W. Clear and very warm. Dan and Annie spent the day here

I have been reading all day. George Miller, the great English philanthropist, had lately died. Also Hayne the American poet.

**Monday, August 2nd, 1886**

W. S.W. Rained till noon then cleared away.

P.M. Father & I began mowing the rough field. Jed. Wagner was here this morning to look at the nursery. He gave me \$10.00. John Ed. gave me \$1.50 which one Hilaire Comeau (I think that is the name) gave him for me. I must ask again that I may be sure about the name.

**Tuesday, August 3rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Cool. Squalls of rain and hail with thunder. I finished mowing the field down on the hill. We have mowed some in the rough field

**Wednesday, August 4th, 1886**

W. N. Fine and cool. We mowed the little apple-tree field today and finished raking down on the hill.

**Thursday, August 5th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. F & I mowing below the new barn Lillie Cosman and her baby came here today. Leslie & Josie are sick tonight.

**Friday, August 6th, 1886**

W. S. Overcast. F & I mowing raking & hauling hay. The boys are better.

**Saturday, August 7th, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine. F & I raking & hauling hay. I got a copy of "Chicago Express"

**Sunday, August 8th, 1886**

W. S. Raining till most night. Tonight Father & Mother went out to hear Mr Spencer. I went Cow-hunting. The boys went with me. We went down in the woods below the pasture and followed the old "Wagner road" to Mrs Wagner's pasture where we found the cows.

**Monday, August 9th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. This morning I went down in the old Wagner road and got the wool off a dead sheep which we found there last night The boys went with me. This afternoon F & I went to the mill and mowed the little meadow. Dr. Morse was here to dinner

**Tuesday, August 10th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. Haying. Gus McCullough helping us. We mowed and raked. In the afternoon Father went to the mill and raked the meadow.

**Wednesday, August 11th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful Day.  
A.M. Began mowing on Alonzo's Farm. P.M. Father and I went to the mill and hauled home the meadow hay Harold and Leslie went with us. They had a good time damming the brook. Tonight Mr Hutchings lectured on temperance at Southville Mother went out. She says the lecture was good.

**Thursday, August 12th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. Mowing & raking Maggie Wagner came here today to work

**Friday, August 13th, 1886**

W. N. Glorious day. F. Gus. Alf & I mowing raking and hauling hay. Little Lennie is real sick tonight.

**Saturday, August 14th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy till noon then began raining with thunder and lightning.  
This morning a party of us sat out for the blue-berry burnt with the oxen and sled. The party consisted of W.H. Sabine, his two boys Herbie and Milton, Scot, Alf, father, Harold, Leslie and I. About noon, and past when we were gathering the berries very fast the rain began. We packed off for home through one of the greatest rain storms I was ever out in. We got about a bushel of berries. Harold and Leslie will not likely forget it as long as they live. It is their first blue-berry cruise.

**Sunday, August 15th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day Nothing of note occurred The boys went to Sunday School in the forenoon. Scot has been here all day.

**Monday, August 16th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. Alf Marshall & I mowing. P.M. F & I raking. Harold and Leslie spent the day down at Annie's.

**Tuesday, August 17th, 1886**

W. E. Rained till noon. Cloudy till night. A.M. I began a set of wheels with hubs and spokes for the boys a play-cart. P.M. Father & I mowing.

**Wednesday, August 18th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. Father, Gus McAuley & I haying. The boys began going to school again today.

**Thursday, August 19th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. Father, Gus, & I haying. The boys at school. Roxy spent today at Cornelia's.

**Friday, August 20th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
F & Gus working in the hay Alf. has been helping. W.H. Sabine & I went to Weymouth together with Alf's horse. And it has been a day we will not soon forget. We wanted to get some Bills printed showing Amts due us for trees which we desire to send to buyers who are indebted to us, and as there was an old "hand press" at Campbell's, we got the idea that if we could get access to "said" press we could do our own printing, though neither of us attempted to set up type before. Under the pretense of wishing to examine the press with a view of buying, we got access to it, and at once began operations. The type was all mixed up, and we had a sad time of it, but we set to work in right good earnest, and at four O'clock had the job set up, but in transferring the form the "Composing stick" to the "galley" an unlucky touch knocked the whole thing into "pye".  
Nothing daunted we "distributed" the type, and again set up our form, this time with better success, and by closing up time, had a hundred and fifty Bills struck.  
And considering everything we did very good work.  
W.H. Sabine came home with me tonight. Aunt Olive is here tonight.

**Saturday, August 21st, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine.  
F. Gus, WHS- & I working in the hay We finished Alonzo's fields tonight excepting that we left the top of a load of hay in the field that slipped off our last load tonight. This morning WHS & I sent in the Mail 63 Bills to persons owing us amounts for trees.

**Sunday, August 22nd, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. I went up to Concert with the boys. Harold and Leslie each spoke pieces. Harold's piece began as follows,-

"There is beyond the sky  
A heaven of joy and love &c"

And Leslie's piece as follows -

"I am young but I must die  
In my grave I soon must lie &c"

They recited them very well indeed.  
Scot has been here all day

**Monday, August 23rd, 1886**

W. E. Showery. A.M. F & Gus mowed in our new field by the Spring-field. P.M. I finished mowing the field alone. Gus went home.  
Boys at School

**Tuesday, August 24th, 1886**

W. S. Fine and very sultry F. Gus I mowing in the spring field. P.M. We raked up the new field Boys at School.

**Wednesday, August 25th, 1886**

W. S.E. Overcast and looking like rain. Gus McAuley has ended his services. He worked for us eight and a half days. Today father and I finished mowing the Spring-field. The boys at school. Mother went to Weymouth today with Chattie. She got some dishes.

**Thursday, August 26th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. Mother was taken sick the night and is very sick today. I was taken in the night with an attack of neuralgia, and am very unwell today. We raked the rest of the upland in the Spring-field tonight. The boys at School

**Friday, August 27th, 1886**

W. S.W. Glorious day. Mother is very sick indeed. F & I finished haying today. The boys at school WH Sabine came in at night & he and I prepared for mailing 55 Due Bills to go to our customers. I have spent a very bad day from pain in my head

**Saturday, August 28th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
F. repairing a cart wheel. I have done nothing, being unwell. Mother is a little better. WHS- stayed here last

night.

Old Mr "Jock" Amero is dead, after a long illness. Also Old Mr Hoyt of Weymouth

### **Sunday, August 29th, 1886**

W. S.W. Another fine day. Mother is better and able to sit up some. I am about the same. I suffer from pain nights that I do not sleep, and the want of rest has almost completely prostrated me. The boys have been to Sunday school today Lillie Cosman spent the day here. Alf & Chattie went down the River

### **Monday, August 30th, 1886**

W. S.E. Overcast the greater part of the day. F. finished the wheel and we tired it. He then went up to the mill and got a load of slabs.

Mother has sat up most all day. The boys have been at school.

I am some better today.

### **Tuesday, August 31st, 1886**

W. S. Showery all day. Father starting out lumber from the mill. I hewed some stuff for a dump-cart body. Mother keeps improving in some ways, but she is getting a cold and I am afraid she is going into another fit of sickness like she had last fall, but I hope not. The boys have been at school. Leslie has finished his first copy-book and brought it home. It looks very well for his first. Harold and Leslie are here in our room tonight making verses. Are they to be poets?

Do they possess the divine gift of poesy? The future may show.

"Without fair culture's kind parental aid, without enlivening suns and genial showers, and shelter from the blast, in vain we hope the tender plant shall rear its blooming head, and yield the harvest promised in the Spring."—

So says Mark Akenside, and doubtless there is much truth in it, but still God must first "imprint the secret bias of the soul."

### **Wednesday, September 1st, 1886**

W. N.W. Lovely day. Rained heavily all night. Mother is getting better, but Roxy is suffering severely from

toothache Father has been mortising wheel hubs. I have been at work at the cart-body.

The boys have been at school

### **Thursday, September 2nd, 1886**

W. W. Glorious Day.

Father went to Weymouth with a load. I worked at the cart-body. The boys have been to school. Mother is about the same.

Tonight I went out to temperance meeting held at the Southville school house. Mr Spencer & Mr Gates were the principal speakers. Before the close of the meeting a resolution was passed to meet again in four weeks, hold another meeting, and organize a Temperance Society. But now comes the chief incident of the day.

On arriving home at Eleven O'clock, I was not a little surprised to see light streaming from the upper windows. Upon inquiry I found that Mrs Peter Wagner and Cornelia had assembled and that Roxy was in a critical condition. At half past eleven I was informed that I had five boys instead of four. Yes – another little baby boy, and a fine one too.

We are at least doing our part in "perpetuating the specie"

### **Friday, September 3rd, 1886**

W. S.W. Another fine day Father finished a wood body. I finished my dump-body. The boys have been at School We weighed our little baby, and he weighed 7 1/2 lbs. We thought he would have weighed more, as he seems quite large. Roxy is real smart. Mother has a bad cough

### **Saturday, September 4th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Father went out with a load of lumber.

A.M. I half-soled my boots. P.M. Harold, Leslie & I went down in Alonzo's bushes and got a pail of blackberries.

Roxy and the baby are doing well.

### **Sunday, September 5th, 1886**

W. W. Lovely day.

All of us at home till tonight when Father & I went out to meeting. Mr Spencer preached a good sermon from Hebrews 3 chap. 12 & 13 verses.

Mother is very poorly. The boys were to Sunday school. Avis Sabine was here this forenoon Annie spent the

afternoon here. Scot has been here all day. Willie Comeau had an encounter with a bear yesterday – the details of the story are laughable

#### **Monday, September 6th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. I began laying out my road money on the mill road. I have a commission of \$20.00 The boys have been to school. Mother has a dreadful cough. Alexander Weaver is dead. He died very suddenly in the States. John Dougall of the Montreal “Weekly Witness” is also dead. In his death the Dominion will sustain a great loss. He has long stood at the head of Canadian journalists, and with his powerful pen has fought for the right.

#### **Tuesday, September 7th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Working on the road again. The boys at School. Roxy and little baby are real well Mrs John Journey of Weymouth, she who was Annie Moore, is dead. She was one of my schoolmates when I went to school at Weymouth in ‘61–’62 and I remember her as a kind, gentle, lovely maiden of about sixteen summers.

#### **Wednesday, September 8th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast. We finished on the road today and have done a good job. We blasted, sank, or otherwise removed a number of large granite boulders on the ridge in the mill road.

Jacob & Allan Kinney, with their wives have spent the day at Alf’s. The boys have been at school.

#### **Thursday, September 9th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Father went down to Woodville and got a pig from Clark Mosely. I have not been very well. I mowed and hauled home some brakes from along the road. Old Man Chaloner, the pedlar’s father is here tonight with a load of goods. He has a boy with him, and he and our boys are having a great time tonight.

It is Harold’s birthday and he and Leslie have stayed home from school. They have built dams, and amused themselves in a score of ways.

Roxy and the baby are smart.

#### **Friday, September 10th, 1886**

W. S.E. Showery. Father went to Weymouth with a load of planks for Campbels. He got a barrel of flour. He also got a bottle of Cherry Pectoral for mother who is very ill. I too am scarcely able to do anything I planed some boards for a barn door. The boys have been to school

#### **Saturday, September 11th, 1886**

W. N.W. Misty till towards night when it cleared off lovely. In the forenoon I planed some door boards. P.M. Alf, Chattie & I started to go to Mr Spencer’s to a pic-nic. We got as far as W.H.S’s where we spent the afternoon, stayed to tea, and came home. We had a good time. W.H. Sabine came in with me, and we looked over our Nursery accounts.

Mother is about the same

#### **Sunday, September 12th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day

W.H.S– has been here all day. Annie, Dan, & Scot here this afternoon. The boys went to Sunday-School. Willie White, his wife and Lydia were here and spent the evening. Mother is not so well tonight. Dan joins the Campbell’s

#### **Monday, September 13th, 1886**

W. N.W. Rained with thunder last night. Fine today. I went out to W.H.S’s this morning, intending to go up to Marshal-town with Willie White to take his team from there and go to Collecting money, but changed our arrangements, & I came home again. Roxy came down stairs yesterday for the first. She and little baby are real smart.

#### **Tuesday, September 14th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful Day.

A.M. Father finished wooding – or rather repairing the plough wood. I did nothing this forenoon but this afternoon I hewed some stuff for a barn door (or doors) Father hauled a load of slabs from Wagner’s mill. Mother is not much better. Boys at school.

### **Wednesday, September 15th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. I finished hewing stuff for the “big”-barn doors and planed out some stuff.

Tonight I went out to W.H. Sabines that I may get an early start from there tomorrow morning. I am going away collecting money. Mother is a little better the boys have been at School. Roxy is real smart and the little one is doing finely

### **Thursday, September 16th, 1886**

W. S.E. Looking like rain. I started from W.H. Sabine’s this morning with Willie White’s horse, Milton going with me. We crossed by Gate’s Bridge and went up the back road. At noon we stopped for dinner at Wm Wagner’s and tonight reached Albert Marshall’s. Money is scarce and I have not been able to collect much.

### **Friday, September 17th, 1886**

W. S.W. Showery. We left A. Marshalls this morning and travelled the North Range and Wagner Settlement. We got dinner at Cornelius Cossaboom’s. Tonight we are at Ethal Rings. This morning we visited a portable sawmill that is located by the Haines Cross-road I would greatly like to possess such a mill, and I am determined to if nothing happens.

### **Saturday, September 18th, 1886**

W. S.W. Glorious day.

We went to Digby today, going through Marshalltown. We dined at Geo. White’s, and tonight came down to the Bay again, putting up at Billy Specht’s.

What a lovely drive I have had today. The scenery about Digby never looked so grand and beautiful to me as on this occasion.

Autumn has for me a greater significance than any other season – a grander beauty and a deeper gloom. In looking back over my life history there seems to have been a kind of fatality about Autumn. It was the time of my birth. Alex died in the Fall. All my love adventures were at this sad inspiring season. Near the close of the year it was when I pronounced my nuptial vows. I have several times been near the point of death at this time, and only one year ago mother lay as we thought upon a dying bed and we watched momentarily expecting her last breath.

All of our children, except one, were born in the fall, and I Somehow fancy that with the falling leaves my life shall close. Thus all the most important scenes of my life have been enacted at this melancholy season. Is it a wonder then that it should have a deeper significance for me? And yet this strange mysterious fatalism seems still to follow, for an unseen hand amid the shifting shadows has enacted another tragedy on life’s stage.

### **Sunday, September 19th, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine till night when a thunder shower came. I have spent the day mostly at uncle John’s, who is just is just recovering from a fever. I have been sick all day. John Chaloner the peddler, spent the day here

### **Monday, September 20th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy, windy, raw, gloomy, cold, and discouraging. Milton and I left Barton this morning for home via Lewistown. We stopped and fed a Waity’s. We came through Negro town calling on such as owed us, but without getting a single cent in all that dark locality. We arrived at W.H. Sabine’s about dark. I am going to stay here till morning as I am nearly tired out, and sick too.

### **Tuesday, September 21st, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. I stayed at WH Sabine’s last night and came home this morning where I found all well except mother, and her very much better than when I went away. Roxy is almost as well again as ever. Father went out today with a load of wood. I have been sick and unable to do anything. The boys at School

### **Wednesday, September 22nd, 1886**

W. N. Fine but cold. Father and I digging potatoes.

### **Thursday, September 23rd, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.

Heavy frost last night – first of the season. Father went out again with a load of cord wood. I have been digging potatoes a part of the day. At noon I took Roxy out to W.H.Ss– to have a tooth drawn. She took the little baby It is his first drive and the first time he has been out of doors. Roxy weighed him today and he weighed ten lbs.



The boys went to School till noon.  
Josie went with us to W.H.S's today, and says he had a good time.

#### **Friday, September 24th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. A.M. Father and I digged potatoes. P.M. We hanged the frames for our big barn doors. The boys have been at school. This evening we pared apples. I am not well.  
Mother can sit up all day.

#### **Saturday, September 25th, 1886**

W. N. Fine but windy and cold Looking sad and autumn-like. Father and I have been working at the big-barn doors. I am only just able to keep around I received tonight a copy of the "Agent's Herald". How lovely I am. Why was I created thus – created with longings that cannot be satisfied. My soul hungers for love – for someone to love me. I can find plenty worthy objects upon which to bestow affection, but to be perfect, love must be returned – must be reciprocated. I am loved, but alas! where I dare not return it. I have as dear a little woman for a wife and companion as ever claimed a man's love and protection, and I believe she once loved me, but by my own base acts I forfeited that confidence, and although she is a faithful, dutiful wife, and often seems to be anxious to find something loveable about me, yet there is not that adoration – that soul-worship which only constitutes perfect love, and which seems to be necessity of my nature.

#### **Sunday, September 26th, 1886**

W. S.W. Blowing freshly with mist and showers. A day of gloom. I have wandered about the house like a ghost, my brain like that of Lord Byron's, – "A seething sea of phantasy and flame".  
We are all in our usual health, and I should be happy, but I am not. A great shadow seems to hang over me. It is not melancholy – at least not such as I have always indulged in, and sought such scenes and conditions as were calculated to induce that frame. I always preferred melancholy to gaiety. But this is a feeling of hopelessness – a dread as of an approaching calamity. I cannot rid myself of it, and it is driving me mad.

#### **Monday, September 27th, 1886**

W. N. Cloudy all day. Rained last night. A.M. F & I finished the barn doors. P.M. Father went out to Barrs where he is to stay several days, and assist them in repairing their mill. Ezra Barr came today after him. He was here to dinner. Hal & Les have been to school.

#### **Tuesday, September 28th, 1886**

W. S.E. Looking all day like rain, which began about sundown A.M. I did a number of little chores – mending a couple of broken windows – picking up apples &c, &c. P.M. I hauled a load of slabs home from Wagner's Mill. Josey went with me. After I came home Roxy, the little boys and I gathered the apples in my little orchard. Hal & Les have been at school.

#### **Wednesday, September 29th, 1886**

W. S. Rained all day and and till noon – then cleared away. A.M. I worked in the shop. W.H. Sabine was here. P.M. Alf & I spent the afternoon hunting for our calves which had strayed from the pasture.  
Cornelia and her children spent the day here. Father came home again tonight from Barr's. Harold and Leslie have been at school Tonight they are very much excited over an adventure they had with a fox today on the swamp. Poor little Lennie had the bad luck to sew his thumb fast to the sewing machine. The needle went through his thumb from side to side, but he did not seem to mind it much.  
For the past few evenings I have been reading to the boys a book entitled "Bush-men & Bush-boys". A tale of adventures of a Cape Boor and his family in the wilds of South Africa. They are delighted with it.

#### **Thursday, September 30th, 1886**

W. S. Quite fine till towards night when the rain began. I went out to W.H. Sabine this morning. I am to assist him in making sashes for a building he has a Contract for erecting for Douglas Campbell. We were to have a temperance meeting tonight, but the rain prevented. Mr Spencer spent the afternoon here. Father digging till noon. Father finished work at Barr's mill last night. The boys at school

**Friday, October 1st, 1886**

W. S.E. Rained heavily all night and all day. W.H.S & I at work at the sashes. Mr Spencer stayed here all night. He and George Prime have been at WH Sabine's today.

**Saturday, October 2nd, 1886**

W. N. Fine, but cold. WH Sabine & I at work at the windows. Harold and Leslie came to W.H.S's this afternoon where they stayed till after tea and came home with me. This afternoon Father mowed the oats.

**Sunday, October 3rd, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful Day.  
All of us at home. The boys were at Sunday School this forenoon.

**Monday, October 4th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine again. I went out to W.H.S's again this morning. I helped him on his frame down at the mill. Tonight we had a temperance meeting at Southville. A Total Abstinence Society was organized. W.H. Sabine was appointed President and I was appointed Secretary.

**Tuesday, October 5th, 1886**

W. N. Beautiful Day.  
A.M. I have been assisting W.H.S. with his windows.  
P.M. I came home and Father and I raked up the oats and hauled them in. We also gathered the corn stalks. The boys are at School. W.H.S's little baby has the Scarlet Fever. I am afraid that our children will get it.

**Wednesday, October 6th, 1886**

W. W. Lovely day. I went out to WHS's again this morning. Father took out a load of wood to Weymouth. He got a barrel of Herring.

**Thursday, October 7th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. Working for W.H.S. Father digging potatoes.

**Friday, October 8th, 1886**

W. S.W. Another Beautiful day. I painted the sashes this forenoon. P.M. I planned out stuff for window frames. Tonight we had a paring party here. I came home to attend it. We got three barrels pared. A sad accident occurred to one of Mr Weaver's girls today. She was coming in on Alex Wagner's truck, when by some means she fell off, and the wheel is supposed to have passed over her head. Her cheek bone is fractured, and her life is dispared of.

**Saturday, October 9th, 1886**

W. S.W. Charming weather. Father digging potatoes. I finished work at W.H.S's.

**Sunday, October 10th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful Day. All of us at home, but the boys who went to Sunday School.

**Monday, October 11th, 1886**

W. W. Fine and very warm F & I digging in forenoon. P.M. Father went to the mill for a load of slabs Hal went with him.  
After dinner I cut down a tree for Leslie to get beech-nuts. Roxy with Josey and the babies have been down to Cornelia's visiting.  
A.M. Hal & Les picked up potatoes for us. Alf & Chattie went to Weymouth Exhibition.

**Tuesday, October 12th, 1886**

W. N. Rained some during last night. Cloudy and cold. Father and I digging potatoes. Harold and Leslie are not going to school this week. We feared they might be going to have the scarlet fever, so we kept them home.

**Wednesday, October 13th, 1886**

W. N. Fine. Father and I digging potatoes.

**Thursday, October 14th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine. Father and Alf made a coal-pit back of the black smith shop. I digged potatoes. Tonight Charles

Haight and his wife came here.  
Herbie came in the evening for me to go out and help them again. So I went out with him He had his colt in. I have heard of four old person's having died lately all of my acquaintance. They are as follows:- Woodruff Dunbar, Stephen Young, Old Tom Trefry and Mrs Smith Kinney. Wagner's old mill was burned today

#### **Friday, October 15th, 1886**

W. S. Blowing heavily till noon and raining heavily till night. I worked at W.H.S's today putting in glass. Mr Ford worked there too at window frames.

#### **Saturday, October 16th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy and Cold I worked at the windows WHS helping me. Haight and his wife went away today.

#### **Sunday, October 17th, 1886**

W. N.W. Glorious day.  
The boys went to Sunday School. Father went down to see old Mrs Wagner tonight She is quite poorly.

#### **Monday, October 18th, 1886**

W. S.W. Showery. Father and I threshed oats.  
Lennie is getting to make quite business talking. Today he put these words together. He said, "Papa, Come - dinner"

#### **Tuesday, October 19th, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day.  
Father Alf & I began gathering apples today. We took eight barrels of Boston apples from one tree.

#### **Wednesday, October 20th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine. Gathering apples. Tonight Alf and Chattie had a paring party. Roxy and I went over.

#### **Thursday, October 21st, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast and blowing. Raining tonight. We finished gathering apples tonight, and had about a hundred bushels of Boston apples.

#### **Friday, October 22nd, 1886**

W. S.W. Lovely day A.M. F & I digging potatoes. P.M. F digging. I made W.H. Sabine a sash to go over the door of the building he is erecting for Campbell.

#### **Saturday, October 23rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast and raw This morning Father and I finished digging potatoes. We had, after all, nearly two hundred bushels of potatoes. I picked some scattering apples and did some chores around.

#### **Sunday, October 24th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. Mother spent the afternoon at Annie's. All of the rest of us at home.

#### **Monday, October 25th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine but looking rain. Father and Alf drew the Coal-pit. I hauled up swamp mud for the sinkhole. Harold and Leslie have been at School. W.H. Sabine came in this evening. He and I settled up our tree accounts. We have been reading "Bushmen and Bushboys" to Hal & Les along lately. They are highly delighted with it, and talk almost constantly of Von Bloom who they think a very hero.

#### **Tuesday, October 26th, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast and raw F. went out with a load of apples, and got a Bbl of flour.  
I set a couple of posts for hanging a little gate on the path leading to our new barn. The rest of the day I have been digging out the cellar under the barn. John Challoner, the peddler, was here to dinner. The boys have been at School.

#### **Wednesday, October 27th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy - Raining a little tonight. Father and I have been hewing timber to put under the Stable. I do not feel very well today

#### **Thursday, October 28th, 1886**

W. S.W. Misty. I have been digging under the stable.

Father got a load of slabs from the mill. Tonight we held a temperance meeting at Southville where a society was organized by creating D. Fullerton to act as President and W.H. Sabine Secretary. A pledge and by-laws which had been previously prepared were submitted by W. H. Sabine, Chairman of the Committee, and adopted by the meeting. I am going to start tomorrow to look for a Colt. School ends today, and there has been an examination. Thus ends Mrs Morehouse's administration.

#### **Friday, October 29th, 1886**

W. N.E. Pleasant. I stayed at W.H. Sabine's last night and today started in search of a colt. I got as far as Eathel Ring's tonight. I saw several on the road, but none to suit me. F. hewed some timber and tonight got his foot badly mashed while hauling up a stick of timber.

#### **Saturday, October 30th, 1886**

W. N.E. Pleasant. I spent the day looking around. Tonight I went up to Joseph Lent's and bargained for a colt. It is the first one I have seen that suits me. Mr Gavil let me have his horse to go up there Eath went up with me. Last night Mr Chute, the painter, preached in the old Marr house. There was an amusing gathering Dan Sabine & wife came here today.

#### **Sunday, October 31st, 1886**

W. S.W. Beautiful day. This morning we went down to hear the funeral sermon of "Old Oby Purdy" Mr Ruban preached from Luke 12th & 20th. I shall not easily forget today.

#### **Monday, November 1st, 1886**

W. N. Foggy till afternoon when it Cleared up beautifully. I came home today with my colt. Mr Lent came with me as far as Weymouth, where I paid him \$29.00 and with a halter on the neck of my pony started on foot for home. I stopped for a rest and a bite of dinner at Edward Barrs, and got home about dark. Dan Sabine & wife went home this morning.

#### **Tuesday, November 2nd, 1886**

W. S.E. Beautiful Day. I got some stuff from Wagner's

mill for stable floor. The boys were up to the mill with me. Father cant get out yet with his lame foot.

#### **Wednesday, November 3rd, 1886**

W. W. I have been digging under the barn. I am not well. Eugenie Cosman, Sadie Cosman, and Laura Marshall have been here visiting. Robert Ray has been here this evening. He is working on Gus McCauly's house.

#### **Thursday, November 4th, 1886**

W. S. Showery. I went out to see WHS this morning with Charley Sabine. I went to see Asa Porter concerning a yoke. This afternoon I digged under the barn. Father's foot is no better.

#### **Friday, November 5th, 1886**

W. S.W. Glorious day.  
A.M. I finished digging under the barn. P.M. I pulled the turnips, beets and parsnips. The boys helped me.

#### **Saturday, November 6th, 1886**

W. S.W. Fine again.  
The Wagner Mill Co. raised their mill today. I went and assisted. We put the frame up without any difficulty. It was a good frame. There were thirty men there. Harold and Leslie were up there this afternoon I mailed some papers to Eva Ring, also sent a letter to Eathel. Father's foot is no better.

#### **Sunday, November 7th, 1886**

W. S. Rained with high wind till noon. Clearing up this afternoon. All of us at home all day.

#### **Monday, November 8th, 1886**

W. N. Fine but quite cold. W.H. Sabine came and helped us. We began making our stable floor. Tonight W.H.S & I went down to Alpha Marshall's and spent the evening.

#### **Tuesday, November 9th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast and showery in the afternoon. This morning the ground was white with snow for the first this

fall. W.H. & I got a couple of hemlock logs out of the woods, loaded them on the cart and took them to the mill and sawed them for the stable floor. Eugenie Cosman began her School today. Hal. & Les. went to School.

#### **Wednesday, November 10th, 1886**

W. S. Overcast, but pleasant W.H.S. Father and I working at the Stable floor. We got it nearly done.

#### **Thursday, November 11th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast but pleasant A.M. Working at the stable. I got a load of slabs from Wagner's mill this morning. We hauled up some stuff for stanchions in the stable. At noon Ezra Barr came to help us shingle. He and I put up staging to the house. It is the front of the house roof that we are to shingle. The remainder of the day we worked in the stable.

#### **Friday, November 12th, 1886**

W. N.W. Quite fine. Father, W.H.S- Ezra Barr & I shingled the front of the roof of the main house. We call it a good day's work. The home was built and the roof first shingled the fall of 1855. The roof on the Southern side was shingled over again in the month of September 1871. Harold and Leslie have been at school today. John E. Wagner came home from a canvassing tour last night. He brought us \$29.53.

#### **Saturday, November 13th, 1886**

W. N.E. Rainny day. Father and I working at the stable. I got several papers tonight among others a Copy of "Gems of Art and Poetry". Bartholdi's great Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" was unveiled at New York the other day. It is said to surpass the Colossus of Rhodes or the Pharos of Alexandria.

#### **Sunday, November 14th, 1886**

W. S.W. Raining all day All of us at home. Spent the day in reading. Josey's birth-day Gamma gave him a handkerchief. He carried it around all day folded up very carefully

#### **Monday, November 15th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine, but cold and windy. Father & I butchered the "bell" Cow today. She was quite fat. We sold Alf one hind quarter which weighed 90 lbs.

#### **Tuesday, November 16th, 1886**

W. N.W. Blowing and cold We have been working at the barn today. The Councillor's election took place today. George Dunbar and Randolph Payson were the candidates. Dunbar was the successful one.

#### **Wednesday, November 17th, 1886**

W. S.E. Fine and warm. Working at the barn.

#### **Thursday, November 18th, 1886**

W. S. Rained heavily all night and all day. It is Thanksgiving Day, and Chattie has spent the day here. Alf and George Manzer were here to tea. Father and I have been working at the barn. Harris Cosman got home from the States last night. Harold and Leslie and Josey have got their saw-gate going today

#### **Friday, November 19th, 1886**

W. N.W. Snow squalls all day, till tonight the ground is white. Father and I at the barn; this afternoon we made some hinges &c. Dan came up tonight for Roxy. She went down with him taking the baby. Hal & Les. at School.

#### **Saturday, November 20th, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast but pleasant. Father & I hinged the little barn-door and put the hinges on the "dung-scuttles". This morning about daybreak Dan was presented with another son "to Comfort his old age" This is our little Lennie's birthday too. Gamma gave him a handkerchief too. He is two years old. Roxy came home this morning and Gamma went down to Annie's. I got two copies of the Brooklyn Magazine" tonight. We put the cattle in the new barn tonight for the first time.

**Sunday, November 21st, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast but pleasant Harold and Leslie did not go to Sunday School today.  
Harris & Cornelia with their children spent the afternoon and evening here

**Monday, November 22nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast but pleasant A.M. We butchered the hog. Joseph Porter helped us.  
P.M. Father & I went around to the head of Bear lake and made a boom and sawed up some trees which we hauled there last Winter.

**Tuesday, November 23rd, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy & dark, and looking like a storm – began storming tonight.  
Father and I went around the lake and put in the logs which we cut up yesterday – 52 logs. Harold and Leslie went to School. Mother came back from Annie's.

**Wednesday, November 24th, 1886**

W. S.W. Rained all night, but cleared off beautifully today. Harold went down to Alpha Marshall's and got a kettle of cider. Father cut up the hog. It weighed 274 pounds. I was sick all the forenoon. P.M. I got out some stuff for a sash for the Colt stable. I made a machine to cramp sashes together in. I gave Leslie a cent this morning for spelling correctly the name Jacques Cartier, the Frenchman who explored Canada in the year 1534. Roxy and I are going down to Harris' tonight to spend the evening. Ben Mullen brought a calf here this morning

**Thursday, November 25th, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast, but pleasant. F & I went to the mill, and cut and hauled some sticks for posts to replace five that have rotted by the flume. We sawed them out. We brought home a load of blocks for firewood. Cornelia and Mrs Alonzo have been here visiting.

**Friday, November 26th, 1886**

W. S.W. Quite fine. Rained heavily all night accompanied by a tremendous gale of wind. I am down sick with a cold

and have not been able to sit up. Harris Cosman is helping father saw. Josey was to school all day yesterday for the first. Alf took Chattie to Tugging town today to stay a week

**Saturday, November 27th, 1886**

W. W. Fine. Father and Harris sawing. I am a little better today. I got a great lot of mail tonight. Lennie has a cold. He can say about almost everything now, and begins to put words together. I was in to Annie's Thursday to see her baby-boy. He is a fine little fellow. She talks of calling him Frank

**Sunday, November 28th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy but pleasant. All of us at home all day. I am feeling better. Scot has been here all day. Mr Spencer preaches at Southville tonight, but none of us are going.

**Monday, November 29th, 1886**

W. S. Glorious day. Father and Harris rafting logs. I got out a load of slabs from the mill this forenoon, and this afternoon cut them up & made a floor in the barn where the rushes and other stuff for bedding is to be stored.  
Dan Sabine's Bertha is married.

**Tuesday, November 30th, 1886**

W. S. Rained all night – misty all day. Father and Harris rafting logs. I took down the stages from the roof of the house after putting the saddle boards on. I mended one of Leslie's shoes. W.H. Sabine and Lydia we're here to tea and spent the evening. Father has a very sore hand caused by a fall.

**Wednesday, December 1st, 1886**

W. S.W. Overcast but pleasant Father laid up with a sore hand Harris and I got stakes and began a board fence around the new barn.

**Thursday, December 2nd, 1886**

W. S. Pleasant till afternoon when it rained till night and turned to snow. Harris & I went to Bear lake and took a

raft of logs, which were lying in Basil's Cove, to the mill. We fixed up the water wheel some, and then came home.

#### **Friday, December 3rd, 1886**

W. N.W. Snowing and blustering all day. Two or three inches of snow on. A.M. Harris & I hauled firewood. P.M. We boarded up the barn-cellar &c.

#### **Saturday, December 4th, 1886**

W. N.W. Overcast & cold. I have been mending shoes all day – Father still laid up with his sore hand. Harris came and got a bbl of potatoes and a half bbl of herring. Ex-president Arthur is dead.

#### **Sunday, December 5th, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy cold and disagreeable. Alf went down to Tugging town and brought Chattie home. Mrs Willoughby Sabine came with them. At Southville a Baptist prayer meeting was started today.

#### **Monday, December 6th, 1886**

W. N.E. Snowed all night, and now there is about a foot of snow on. I have a boil on my face which almost disables me, so I have little today except cutting some wood. Roxy weighed little Bernie the other day, when he weighed 15 1/2 lbs.

#### **Tuesday, December 7th, 1886**

W. N.E. Cloudy and raw. Harris Cosman worked here this forenoon – cutting firewood. I went to the mill and started out two loads of boards. Bess. Gavil and Jim Specht were married on Nov 30.

#### **Wednesday, December 8th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy but pleasant Snowed and rained some during the night. Harris took out a load of boards for us, to E. Rice. Got a Bbl of flour and some molasses. Father and I "laid up".

#### **Thursday, December 9th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful day. I finished and painted a sash for the colt Stable. Mrs Willoughby and Chattie were here visiting. Alf here to tea. The boys have been at school. Josey spent the day down to "Aunt Cornel's".

#### **Friday, December 10th, 1886**

W. S. Fine Day. A.M. F & I helped Joseph Porter butcher his hog. P.M. I have been doing chores around. I am feeling better. The boys have been at School.

#### **Saturday, December 11th, 1886**

W. W. Beautiful Day. I went to Weymouth with the mail. I bought Harold a pair of larakins from Mr Campbell The price of them was \$1.00 I got some flannel for a dress for Roxy, and some flannel for dresses for Lennie and Bernie.

#### **Sunday, December 12th, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful Day. Mother went out to prayer meeting this morning. Dan and Annie were here this afternoon. They had their little baby with them. They talk of calling him Frank.

#### **Monday, December 13th, 1886**

W. E. Soft and looking like rain. I made a window frame and put a window in the colt stable. Hal & Les are at School.

#### **Tuesday, December 14th, 1886**

W. S.W. Soft. I have been choring around. This afternoon father went to the mill. The boys have been at school.

#### **Wednesday, December 15th, 1886**

W. S. Looking like rain F & I repairing the mill. We mended a hole in the dam and made a new gate. The boys have been at School.

**Thursday, December 16th, 1886**

W. Variable. Rained all night and all day. F & I repairing the mill. The boys at School.

**Friday, December 17th, 1886**

W. N.W. Blowing and Cold. I have been sawing. Father remained at home. He is sick. The boys at School. Charley White is here this evening.

**Saturday, December 18th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy till noon – raining till night. I have been sawing. Harold and Leslie went down to Annie's today to take some molasses. Going down Justine's hill where the ice was hidden by a slight covering of snow, Harold's larakins shot from under him, and he fell on the back of his head, stunning him badly. He will likely remember it. I received a letter from Eva Ring and another from Alf Perry. Father is some better. I am very tired tonight.

**Sunday, December 19th, 1886**

W. S.W. Rained all night, but pleasant today. Mother went to prayer meeting this morning with Alf & Chattie. I would have gone, but was too tired and lame. WH Sabine came in after meeting. This afternoon Roxy took Leslie, Josie and Bernie and went down to Harris' and stayed till after tea.

**Monday, December 20th, 1886**

W. Variable. Mild and pleasant A.M. I mowed the rushes. P.M. Father and I hauled them home. W.H.S stayed here last night. The boys have been at School. Mother is very sick tonight. Poor Mother. She has a hard time of it. I shall endeavour to use her better after this. I am not so kind to her as I should be. When I consider that she has wore out her life toiling for us, I reproach myself bitterly for coldness and neglect. I love her with an intensity that I believe few are capable of, but I am petulant, and her ill health makes her irritable, and so we have not the patience that we should have.

**Tuesday, December 21st, 1886**

W. N.W. Beautiful Day.  
I have been sawing. Hal. & Les. at School. Mother is a little better.

**Wednesday, December 22nd, 1886**

W. N.W. Another fine day. Father and I have been repairing the mill. We levelled the carriage slides. Mother is about the same. The boys have been at School. They talk much about the cards they got – the "Merits", "Goods", and "Perfects". Cornelia spent the day here

**Thursday, December 23rd, 1886**

W. W. Fine again.  
I have been sawing. Father started a load of boards from the mill. Mother is worse again today. How I wish I could do something to relieve her pain.

**Friday, December 24th, 1886**

W. S. Slight Showers.  
I have been sawing. The boys at School. Every morning before School they go down in the pasture with each an old axe, and cut and twitch home spruce bushes. Josey follows them around with his old hatchet. This morning he cried because I did not grind it for him. Mother has spent a very sick day. She cannot sit up. Joe "Lally" Barnes and Jake Gavil have been here today. Alf & Chattie went to Tugging town

**Saturday, December 25th, 1886  
Christmas Day.**

W. S. Raining all day.  
It has been somewhat of a gloomy day. We expected Annie and Dan here with their children to spend the day, but the storm prevented. Scot came up and spent the afternoon. Poor Mother is very ill. She cannot sit up today. The boys had no presents only candy and other eatables. I spent the with them in the shop making them a bow-arrow-gun I was taken sick tonight, and am about as uncomfortable as I can be.

**Sunday, December 26th, 1886**

W. N.W. Fine but quite Cold. All of us at home. Mother is a little better and I am too, but I spent a fearful night. Alf & Chattie came home from Tugging town and brought Mabel with them.



**Monday, December 27th, 1886**

W. S. Cloudy till most night when it rained and snowed and at tonight came around cold as Greenland. Father has been Cutting firewood I am getting better. Mother sat up some today

**Tuesday, December 28th, 1886**

W. N.W. Cloudy and very Cold. Father went to Hill-town to see a cow which proposed buying of Gavil. The boys have been cutting bushes in the pasture below their mill. I made a new back for the baby-chair, and did some other chores  
Willie White and Charlie were here this afternoon.  
Mother is a good deal better

**Wednesday, December 29th, 1886**

W. N. Cloudy and very Cold F. & I choring around in the forenoon. P.M. We hauled wood.

**Thursday, December 30th, 1886**

W. N. Very Cold. I cut out and cramped a pair of boots for Leslie. We moved the stove from the room to our bed-room upstairs.

**Friday, December 31st, 1886**

W. S.E. Cloudy and looking like a storm. Nothing occurred of importance.

**Saturday, January 1st, 1887**

This is the beginning of the New Year. We are all in our usual health. As I glance over the world I remember the very important events during the year. "Warring Europe" has been unusually quiet, till during the past few weeks there are rumours of wars. The political atmosphere of England has been marked by the failure of Gladstones Home Rule Bill and more stringent measures in Irish matters.

Our Dominion has seen the completion of the Pacific Railroad, and a tide immigration flowing into the newly opened lands.  
The "Liberal"s are still in power in the Local House, and our County have returned John S. McNeill and H. M. Robichau.

A number of new mill have been built on this neighborhood. Henry Oakes built a Steam Saw mill at Weymouth. Several mills were erected in Tusket. The Wagner's "built up the old mill" this past fall, and Harve & Charly Lewis are putting up a rotary mill.

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Home Companion  
Our Country  
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The American Rural Home  
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## Original Diary

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## Journal and Diary

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Friday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

W. S. Raining all day. Leonard and I have been at the mill sawing. and Jennette to work. Ray and the baby spent the day at Annie's. We have slept over the threshold of a new year with all its probabilities and possibilities. The year just past seems to look back to be all clouds and shadows, with very few rays of brightness.

Mrs James Carr (old sister) is dead - and to be buried next Sunday. Capt Tom Randall with a crew from Newmouth, who started for Boston last Saturday are supposed to have been lost in the terrible of the night of that day, as no tidings have been heard of them.

Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

W. W. Mild. Leonard and I sawing. Father is getting better. I received a number of new papers and Magazines tonight. Harris' lesson is due this evening.

Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1886

W. E. Cloudy but mild. Mother Leonard King and Harold went to Mrs Perry's funeral. The rest of us at home. I am very miserable in health. Father is about the same.

Monday Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1886

W. S. Cloudy but mild. Leonard and I getting up fire-wood. Harold at school.

Tuesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

W. S. E. Cloudy and soft. Leonard and I went to the mill again today. We are going to stay all the week.

Wednesday Jan 12<sup>th</sup>

W. S. E. Cloudy and showery. Leonard & I at the mill. The boys at school.

Thursday Jan 13<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Snow flying - fell about a couple of inches. Leonard and I sawing.

Friday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Cloudy, and quite cold. Leonard & I began work in the mill this morning. When the crew in the pitman came out, and we were obliged to come home for tools to repair it. Went back this afternoon and fixed it up. Harold and I sat at school. Last Tuesday Harold made Jerry a sled. It was a very good attempt for a little boy. Father getting better.

Saturday Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

W. S. C. A storm of snow, hail and rain accompanied by a furious gale of wind came up suddenly this morning and lasted till noon. So I began work in the mill, but the storm being so severe and the mill getting bad, we decided to come home. At noon the storm went down and we had a fine afternoon. P.M. We hauled fire-wood. I mailed 3 letters & 3 postals to day. Letters to Ottawa and Harry Hoyt. Postals to publishers.

Sunday Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

W. N. W. Snowing and blustering all day. Leonard King went up. Harris' lesson and spent the day. The rest of us at home.

Monday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1886

W. N. W. Snowing some all day a.m. Leonard cut fire-wood p.m. He and I went to the mill again taking provisions for another week. I am not very well today. About a foot of light snow has fallen.

Tuesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

W. N. Cold and snow flying. Leonard & I sawing.



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Wednesday Jan 13

W. N. Cloudy and Calm.  
Leonard & Sawing. As no tidings have yet arrived from the missing Schooner R. Leach Capt. Tom Randall it is quite certain that she was lost with all hands.

Thursday Jan 14

W. N. W. Beautiful day.  
Leonard & Sawing. Leonard fell in the pond and got a complete ducking. He came home tonight for some "grubs". Rosy went to Weymouth today and took her little baby Dennis to the doctor to have his sore eye examined. The doctor is of the opinion that it is a tumor and will have to be cut out, but he gave Rosy some cod-liver to apply for a few days in hopes that it may be induced to break. Peter little fellow! I am so uneasy about him. The other boys are real well this Winter

Friday Jan. 15-16

W. N. W. Beautiful day.  
Leonard and I sawing. Jackson Salton stayed at the mill all night with me. He is trying to start a Division of the Sons of Temperance. Willie White is in a very critical condition from a cut leg. His life is in jeopardy.

Saturday Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

W. S. E. Beautiful day. Leonard and I sawing. We came home tonight I received a letter from the New York Health Agency and Circulars from "World's Medical Association" also specimens of their New papers as follows: "Agents Call", "Advance Courier", "Home". Mother has been out to see Willie day - 3

Sunday Jan 17

W. S. Raining all day.  
All of us sat home engaged in reading and social conversation.

Monday Jan 18

W. N. W. Fine, but windy.  
A.M. Leonard cutting wood.  
P.M. He and I went to the mill. Joe and John Amers moved to the mill today. They are going to stay there a couple of weeks and haul logs.

Tuesday Jan 19

W. S. E. Looking like a storm.  
Leonard & Sawing. Felt. Starting out lumber. Little Leonard's eye is getting better.

Wednesday Jan 20

W. N. W. Rained in the night.  
Fine today but windy.  
Starting out lumber. Leonard & Sawing.

Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

W. S. E. Fine. Starting out lumber. Leonard & Sawing.

Friday Jan 22

W. S. E. Bland all day.  
Leonard & Sawing.

Saturday Jan 23

W. N. W. Foggy this morning. but grew cold. Leonard & I began sawing, but the rigging which gave out so we shut down and came home. We brought the saw with us. It wants greasing. I mailed five packets today to different publishers, and received letters & papers as follows: 3 letters - one from publisher of Domestic Monthly. One from publisher Christian Herald one from Medical Association - Postal from publisher of "Dorcas Magazine". Papers as follows: "Christian Herald", "Texas Digest", "Dorcas Magazine", "Rural New Yorker". This afternoon made Jerry a pair of shoes.



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Sunday Jan 24

W. N. E. cloudy & cold all day - and looking like a storm. Judson has been here all day. Rosy & I went out to hear Mr. Spruce tonight. He preached from Ephesians 5th 275. John Edcl is home from his canvassing tour on Digby M.L.C. 3-2

Monday Jan 25.

W. N. E. Fine. Leonard & I hauling firewood. He filed the mill saw.

Tuesday Jan 26

W. S. S. Rained all day. I made some mill irons this afternoon.

Wednesday Jan 27

W. N. W. Fine day. Leonard starting lumber from the mill. He & I began making a new "nigger skid". I am going to stay to the mill nights till Saturday.

Thursday Jan 28

W. S. E. Showery. Leonard starting out lumber. He & I repaired the mill.

Friday Jan 29

W. S. E. Showery. Leonard cutting firewood. He & I fixing the linings of the saw gate.

Saturday Jan 30

W. S. E. Showery. He & I finished fixing the mill. Leonard cutting wood. I mailed four postals to publishers and received papers as follows - Domestic News - a fine and "Republic" also letter from Rev. Attorney and postal from Mrs. Dorrison

Sunday Jan 31st

W. S. W. Misty - all day. P.M. Father went out to see Willie White who is no better. Seat has been here all day. 3-5

Feb 1st

W. S. Cloudy till noon - Rained till eight. Leonard and I sawing. We are going to stay to the mill all the week.

Tuesday Feb 2

W. N. Overcast. Leonard and I sawing. Father came to the mill and brought me some provision. He then went on the mill lot to look for a chance to haul some hard wood. Mathis up to be. Cooman's visiting

Wednesday Feb 3rd

W. N. Fine. Leonard & I sawing. Father starting out deals.

Thursday Feb 4

W. N. E. cloudy and severe cold. He helped me saw. Leonard went out with a load of boards to Ed. Rice. He bought baby Dennis a little pair of shoes. Price of them was seventy cents. They are his first shoes, excepting a pair that Aunt Pitt sent him from the States.

Friday Feb 5

W. N. Fine and extremely cold. Leonard and I sawing boards. He starting out lumber.

Saturday Feb 6th

W. N. W. Very cold, but fine. Leonard took a load of boards to Ed. Rice. I have been sawing. Sadio Cooman and Ruth Cooman spent the afternoon here. He got a draft from Aloups for 70 dollars. I got three papers - Cincinnati Enquirer, Phil. Press, and Photo Artist. There is a crowd here this evening. 3-7



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Saturday - Continued.

I mailed a number of postals to various publishers & received a letter from P. P. Dpt. Ottawa accompanied by \$4.20 in stamps

Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

W. S. W. Mild. Snowed a couple of inches last night. Dan and Annie spent the day here. I have the toothache today. 3-11

Ed and Leslie have been down to stay with Seal. They came home in the slight with Annie. Little Lemmie ~~and~~ Dan say "tick tick" meaning the clock and can say "Cat". He will put his hands on his head when asked where the baby's curls are, and many other little baby "tricks".

Monday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

W. S. W. Overcast but mild. Starting out lumber from the mill. I stayed home in the forenoon. I pulled a trail for Leslie this morning. It is his first to come but and was quite an important matter to him. Old Mr Hughes & Barton is dead, also old Morris Martine (White) P.M. I went to the mill again to saw

Tuesday Feb 9

W. S. W. Mild. Leonard went out with a load of boards to Ed Rice. Father and I sawed. I stayed in the mill house all night - alone, and enjoyed it too. Away there in the silence of the forest where no sound of civilization intruded, and nothing stirred the stillness but the night-winds in the gloomy treetops and the unceasing rush of water beneath the mill.

Agard and Leslie went to the mill with me yesterday afternoon. We went on the latches. They stayed to the mill awhile and then came home with father on the sled.

Wednesday Feb 10

W. S. W. Beautiful day. Leonard and I sawed. Father at home. He is not very well. The boys are at school. They have great fun now days going to the lake rooms. Willie Neuman and Valentine Godat are their chums. Mother is well now. Janny Cosman spent the day here. 5-13

Thursday Feb 11

W. S. C. Looking like rain. Leonard went out with a load of deals to Campbells - got home unaltered. F. and I sawed. We edged up the boards and finished all up, and I came home tonight. Moser has been out all day to see Willie White. Mother spent yesterday at W. H. Sabers 7-13

Friday Feb 12

W. S. C. Foggy and soft all day - raining tonight. Leonard starting lumber from the mill a.m. I cut firewood. P.M. I went out to see Willie White. The poor fellow is no a bad state. I fear he will not get well. Father is making a card case.

Saturday Feb 13

W. S. E. Rained heavily all day. Father went to Weymouth with the mail, and did not come here tonight as it rained. This forenoon I made the boys a little mill. P.M. I shaved shingles. I got several new papers today and four letters. 9-13

Sunday Feb 14

W. S. W. Beautiful day - warm and spring-like, all of us at home engaged in reading. 12-13



Monday Feb 15

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Leonard cutting wood. I have been shaving shingles. This morning I helped the boys put their mill on the brook down in the pasture below the Nursery. They seemed delighted with it. It seems but a little time ago since I played and built mills on the same spot. How time goes! Father came tonight from Weymouth. He got his order on Draft, cashed at Campbells Saturday. 14-15

Tuesday Feb 16

N. N. W. Fine. There were heavy rains with thunder and lightning all night. Leonard helped Alf cut cordwood. I and I went to the mill & put some new buckets in the water wheel. The boys have been at school. How they hurry home nights to go to their mills!

Wednesday Feb 17

N. W. Fine. Leonard and I went to the mill and began sawing the Amos boys logs. Henry and Joe were there and cut and rolled in their logs. I sent a letter today to George Han Binson in reference to a Colt which he has for sale. The boys have been at school.

Thursday Feb 18

N. N. W. Snow flying all day. I stayed at the mill last & today. Father and I have been sawing clap-boards for the Peniston mill. Leonard took out a load of boards to Ed Rice. He each of the boys (Hal and Ben) a "Third Royal Reader". Bids Hassells house was burned today. A sad affair indeed. The boys have been at school.

Friday Feb 19

N. S. W. Overcast and mild. Leonard took a load of boards to Ed Rice, and got a load of flour. Father and I have been

sawing. We had the lead brick to get the "haulup" broken down and a hole made in the bottom of the flume.

Saturday Feb 20

N. S. W. Wet day - rained last night. I visited Leonard and I at the mill. We hauled some firewood to the mill house. I hauled a stick to put in the haulup and repaired the breach in the bottom of the flume. Miss Davison delivered the Book "Baptist Doctrines" which I signed for last Fall. I sent Postals (14) to publishers. Received two letters as follows - "Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Boston". "P. O. Dept. Ottawa. Also four sample papers. Harold Scoldard his foot today.

Sunday Feb 21

N. N. W. Fine, but cold. Snowed a little last night. Harry and Caroline come with their children spent the day here. This evening I went out to hear Mrs. Spencer preach. I did not go as I have a lame arm which has taken to paining today. 14-15

Monday Feb 22

N. N. W. Fine. I & Leonard at the mill. My hand and arm are so lame that I shall stay home today. Harold and Estlin at school.

Tuesday Feb 23rd

N. S. E. Snowing lightly most all day. Father sawing all day. Leonard took out a load of boards for Alf. I mended Hubert's eyes. Estlin at school. Hal at home. Hal made a little tob-horn. Hal with leather "rags" shed with Leonard. W. H. Salmon came here tonight. 14-16

Wed. Feb 24th

N. N. W. Fine, but very cold. W. H. S. stayed here last night till afternoon. Leonard hauled wood. W. H. S. spent a part of the day at John Eds. It is very cold and windy. 14-18.



Thursday Feb 25

N. S. E. Clear and Cold.

Leonard took a load of Deals to Campbells - a part of the load was for Alf Sabins.

Father and I sawing. This morning Harold and Estlin went down to Aunt Annie's to get Malassars Candy.

Leonard had a Candy party there last night. Mother went down to Annie's tonight.

15-18

Friday Feb 26

N. S. E. Blustering snow in the morning - turned to rain and tonight wind West & snowing again. Leonard & I sawing. Stayed at the mill last night.

18-18

Saturday Feb 27

N. N. Blustering and Cold Leonard and I sawing.

Father starting out lumber.

Mother came home from Annie's tonight. Received a

large number of Papers, and

letters as follows - Publisher

of "Vehs" Pub. "Texas Diggins"

Pub. "Independent" P.O. & Apt.

- Review of Ecological Hall.

Postal from Geo. Hankinson.

Willie White is getting better.

20-18

Sunday Feb 28

N. N. Fearful blustering snow storm. All of us at home.

Monday Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

N. N. Still Blustering.

Above two feet of snow has fallen and the snow banks are on a grand scale.

This afternoon Leonard and I went to the mill again.

We went by the road, took the

old mill road, had a great

swallow and did not get to

the mill till next night -

only in time to cut our wood

for night.

Tuesday Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

N. N. Snowing all day.

Leonard & I sawing.

Harold and Estlin at home.

Wednesday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. N. Breeze. Leonard took

a load of boards to Ed Pico

I have been sawing. Father

came to the mill and got

the cross-cut saw.

Thursday Mar 4

N. N. W. Breeze. Leonard

and I sawing.

Friday Mar 5

N. N. S. Breeze. Leonard took a

load of boards to Geo Hoyt.

I sawed. Joe Amers was at

the mill.

Saturday Mar 6

N. N. S. Breeze. I have been

sawing. Leonard took a

load of boards to E. Pico

Father went to Edinburgh to

see Basil Amers about

getting some timber from him.

I mailed several Postals &

received four sample papers

and three letters.

We saw by the Daily Paper that

Abigail Haight of Rapway

was drowned a short time

ago.

Sunday Mar 7

N. N. Clear and Cold.

Seab has been here all day

John Chandler was here to

see. We have spent a pleasant

day in reading and social

intercourse.

20-21

Monday Mar 8

N. N. Clear and Cold

Leonard took a load of boards

to E. Pico. Father and I

finished sawing the Amers log.

There were 12408 ft. 578 ft.

which were floating. I found

and then a rib of it soon



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Tuesday Mar 9

N. N. E. A little snow flying. Leonard took a load of boards to S. Rice. Father working in the shop. I have not been doing anything, not being well. John B. Gough, the great temperance reformer, is dead. Government will not erect a costly monument over his grave or vote 20,000 dollars a year for his widow! The boys have been at school today.

There is grand sledding. Basil Amos came here tonight and informed us that he has made up his mind not to let us have the timber that father bargained for last Saturday. It is a great disappointment to us, but may be for the best.

Wednesday Mar 10<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Clear and Cold.

Leonard took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. Got himself a pair of boots. I found up a lot of shingles. Father making a bench for the bob-sled. Harold and Basil at school.

Thursday Mar 11

N. N. W. Fine - but mild. Leonard took a load of boards to Geo Hoyt. P.M. Father and I went on the other side of Provo Lake and cleared a road where we are going to haul some scantling logs. Basil is not very well. But he and Harold at school.

Friday Mar 12

N. S. W. Overcast and mild, looking like rain. A.M. F. of "Charplund" the oxen. P.M. I split shingles. Leonard cut fire wood all day. Harold at school. D. Clin stayed at home as he is not well. Fred's wife and baby were here another this afternoon.

Saturday Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 1886

N. S. W. Cloudy and raw. A.M. Father and Leonard hauled a shingle log over the lake. P.M. They hauled some firewood. I went to Weymouth with John Odd Wagon. I bought Mother and Rosy each a pair of boots. Bought from 9 yds S. Cotton at 14 cts per yd. I stopped to W. H. S. on my way home and visited 15 minutes there until Sunday. I mailed a letter to Basil Amos and a postal to L. Goodspeed. Joe Young and his affianced were here while this afternoon. 22-21 I had a number of papers come and a letter from Ottawa.

Sunday Mar 14

N. N. W. Snowing and blustering this morning, but cleared away this forenoon. Snow fall about 14 inches. I spent the day at W. H. S. and came home this evening. 25-21

Monday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Cloudy. Leonard took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. Father made a sled roller. I split shingles. The boys staid home from school.

Tuesday Mar 16

N. S. E. Snowing and blustering. I split shingles. F. made an axe handle. Joseph was sick last night but is quite well again today. The boys at home. Little baby Dennis got up on the first stair step holiday, and I had to put a board across.

Wednesday Mar 17

N. N. Clear and Cold. We have not done much today except saw up a shingle log. Leonard has cut wood. I have been up to Harris's this evening. Joy is most as well again as ever. The boys have been home all day and tonight had great fun hauling out their sled the shingle blocks into the shop. Little baby Dennis took two little slips today. He is fat as a little pig.



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Mar 18th 1886

M. N. W. Beautiful day Leonard took a load of boards to Ed Rice and got a load of Shingles. I have been shoveling floors. Father fixing a cart wheel. An agent of enlarging photographs called upon this afternoon. He has an Auction of brass jewelry up at the school house tonight and Leonard has gone up to see the fun.

Friday Mar 19

M. N. W. Cloudless & lovely Leonard took a load of Deals to D. Campbell. A. M. I shoveled shingles. Father pointing the mill saw. Mr. Spencer and wife sat dinner and spent the afternoon here. Mother is quite unwell today. 25-23

Saturday Mar 20th

M. S. C. Cloudy but mild-looking like a storm. Leonard took a load of Deals to Campbell. Father pointing the mill saw. I food very shoveling and binding shingles. The boys helped me in "laying up" shingles. I mailed three letters to Ottawa and five Records to Publishers. Received some Sample Copies of Papers—a parcel from Basil G. Miro. A letter from the "National Tribune, Pub. Co." Circulars from W. J. Pickersdon. and a letter from Geo. R. Allen. Also—from "The Continental Pub. Co." Yes—a parcel of Post Office Requisites from Ottawa. Mother is no better today. She can sit up, but little. Mrs. John Timmy is dead.

Sunday Mar 21st

M. S. C. Snowing and hailing all day. Leonard went up the road. We have spent the day in reading. No tidings a little better. The boys have had Colds.

Monday Mar 22

M. S. W. Cloudy and soft. This afternoon we went over the lake and broke our logging road. Harold and Leticia, assisted by Ike and Daly built a camp on the bushes, some time about John Eddy's premises.

Tuesday Mar 23

M. N. W. Cloudy and windy. Leonard & J. hauling scantling logs on Bear Lake. The boys have been to school. Weather and Roy have got their meal done. It looks well.

Wednesday Mar 24

M. N. W. Overcast but pleasant. Father Leonard & J. logging. The boys at school.

Thursday Mar 25

M. S. W. Fine. Logging again. The boys at school.

Friday Mar 26

M. N. W. Lovely day. We finished hauling our scantling logs tonight and have put in 160 1/3 in four and a half days. That is bad. William Pines is here tonight. The boys have been at school. 25-24

Saturday Mar 27

M. S. W. Fine, A. M. I made an axe handle. P. M. We went back of Bear Lake and broke another road where we are going to haul logs. Mr. Pines stayed till after dinner. I mailed a couple of Postals and tonight got a letter—Circulars 25-26

Sunday Mar 28

M. N. Snowed several inches of snow last night—but all thawed off again today. It has been fine today. Annie and Scott spent the day here. 25-27

Monday Mar 29th

M. S. C. Fine. A. M. Logging. The boys have been at school. Little baby Lemmie was very sick yesterday and all night but is better today.



M.P.H.

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Tuesday Mar 30

N. S. P. Raining all day  
Father splitting shingles.  
I have done nothing being  
unwell. The boys at home.

Wednesday Mar 31

N. S. Raining all day  
Father splitting shingles.  
I should have done.  
The boys at home.  
Received a letter tonight  
from Jas Dawson asking  
to purchase Groceries.

Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>

N. S. Raining all day  
Father shovelling shingles  
I lay about till noon, being  
very unwell. This afternoon  
I went to W. H. Sabine's to  
confer with him as to what  
reply to give Mr Dawson.  
I called on the way to see  
Willie White. The boys at  
home. Snow going fast  
26-50

Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

N. S. W. Stormy day.  
I came home this forenoon  
from W. H. Sabine. I was  
down to his mill this fore-  
noon. The boys get this  
little mill in operation today  
Tonight Harold is building  
a camp. He is very busy  
nowadays. Little Bennie  
takes a step or two snow  
every day. He must as well  
as level again today  
I have been adjusting my  
Post Office accounts this  
afternoon. I feel very unwell  
today. Leonard Ruby left  
yesterday afternoon. He may  
help us again a few days  
if it freezes so we can log  
again. Looks very spring like  
today  
27-56  
Harris brought the old mare  
over tonight. I am going to  
"spring her out" for her service  
in delivering twins.

Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
Father and I logging.  
Leonard went home today.  
I gave him an order on  
D. Campbell for \$16.50. I also  
gave him \$2.<sup>00</sup> cash.  
Harris Cosman moved into  
Aloups house today.  
I mailed two letters to Ottawa.  
Received a number of papers  
tonight.

Sunday April 4

N. N. E. Fine but raw.  
Rory, Josie and baby Leonie went  
down to Leonard's until this  
afternoon. I have been reading  
all day. Harold and Leslie  
have been making pictures.  
Harold has thoughts beyond  
his years, so it seems to me.  
I am often amused as well  
as puzzled at his questions.  
Today he asked, "Papa, when  
the End Day comes how is  
a man going to be raised from  
the dead who has been dug  
from his grave and eaten by  
a hyena? Will the man come  
out of the hyena's stomach?  
He then said, "When we  
get to Heaven shall we know  
each other? Will God tell me  
when to find you and MaMa  
if I ask him?"

These questions have perplexed  
the world's greatest philosophers.  
Dear little boys! I hope they  
may be so happy as to reach  
that happy land!

Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Borey spring day  
Father and logging. Harold  
and Leslie have been at school  
Mother and Rory washed  
I wrote a letter and sent to  
Jas Dawson. Alf & Chellie  
have gone down the river.



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Tuesday April 6th

W. S. E. Showy. Father & I logging. We finished up the hauling is about done.

We wanted to have got a hundred over there but only got 78. We are hauling from the same spot where in the August of 1864 father hewed a streak-sil and some other timber for the mill that father built that fall. How well I remember the time! The first day father went there to hew the timber he took Alf and I with him. Alf was trying his hand at hewing on the side of a maple log and cut his foot. Father then had to carry him home.

We have not been able to drive our logs on the ice so we left them around in the woods where we shall have to "twitk" them in when the lake opens.

Wednesday April 7

W. S. E. Cloudy all day.

Father shaved a few shingles. I half-shod Joseph's shoes. pitched over part of the manure and cut some wood. I am going out to W. H. S. tonight and expect to help him saw the rest of the work. Harold and Laska have been at school yesterday and today.

Thursday April 8

W. N. E. Snowing all day about two inches fell.

I went to W. H. S. school last night and today I helped Judson saw. Alf & Laska here to a

Friday April 9

W. N. Snow. W. H. S. Judson and I at the mill. W. H. S. David. Judson and I worked at a shingle machine that he has invented and is constructing. It is an ingenious contrivance.

Saturday April 10

W. N. W. Fine again.

I helped W. H. S. saw. I mailed a Postal to Joseph Cook for some papers. I also got circulars from S. Stinson St. Letters from High Latitude, a pamphlet from a Minnesota real estate agent. Received a parcel of Postal Cards from P. O. Dept. also Receipt of P. O. money deposit in Bank of Weymouth.

Sunday April 11

W. N. W. Beautiful day. Gamma, Harold and Laska spent the day at Annie's. Laska was allowed to go that he might celebrate his birth day which falls on this date. Leta Scot gave Laska a cap and Annie gave him a picture as presents. Harold brought home the remains of a shattered volume of the "Katherine Book".

Monday April 12

W. S. W. Blowing and raw

Father and I hewing barn-timber in the road by the blacksmith shop. Hal and Leo stayed from school to help carry wood and water.

Tuesday April 13

W. S. W. Showy. Harris's lesson came in the night for P. O. and today his family is larger than it was yesterday. I went to Weymouth this afternoon on Alf's snow. I got some cloth for a pair of pants a hat for myself and some straw hats for the boys.

Wednesday April 14

W. N. W. Beautiful day. a.m. I & I were up to the mill and put on some logs. P.M. We hewed barn-timber. P. O. stayed with Laska last night. Mother went down to Annie's this afternoon and is going to stay a day or two.



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Thursday April 15

N. S. W. Foggy and raw all day. So I finished hewing the timber here in the road and tonight went down to the lake and sided a pine stick for a sil. Mr. Marshal came tonight and got four bushels of potatoes.  
Little Dennis walked all the way across the kitchen floor today.  
32-30

Friday April 16th

N. W. Fine day.  
So I hewing pine sils in the woods. Mother came home tonight from Annie's  
35-30

Saturday April 17

N. N. W. Fine.  
So and I finished hewing the sils and hauled them home. I mailed a couple of Postals to Publishers. Received several papers tonight.

Sunday April 18

N. N. W. Lovely day all day at home.  
Tonight - So. M. I went out to hear Mr. Spencer preach. His text was Hebrews 4: 14. I went down with W. H. S. at close of meeting. Mrs. Edward Green and Sarah Ann Warr did and were buried last week.

Monday April 19th

N. N. W. Beautiful. I came home from W. H. S. this morning when I stayed last night. This morning So went up to the mill and put some logs on the railway. This afternoon So and I framed the sils for the barn.  
Father is sixty seven years old today.

Tuesday April 20

N. N. Fine and beautiful.  
John E. Wagner and I started for French Town to canvass for trees. We had intended to go together to the "Second Division" and travel together but when we got to Deary Mullens, where we staid to dinner. We then separated, John E. going down over the Board's back, and I went down to the Second Division I stayed for the night - at Joe Budereau's. Father went with <sup>me</sup> ~~me~~ <sub>me</sub>.

Wednesday April 21

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
I traveled down through the second Division road but did not succeed in making any sales. I got dinner at Sphrain Smith's. Through the afternoon I took several orders. I went down as far as Mark Coman's. I then turned back and came up as far as Mr. Darbyson's where I put up for the night.

Thursday April 22

N. N. W. Fine. I left Darbyson's this morning and walked up to Cayiac Becklanc's, and finding him absent from his home, ~~at~~ at his home mill. I went there and found him, and got a good order. Proceeding on my way I got dinner at Joe Ray Coman's and at sunset I got to Levi Mullens, and almost tired to death.

Friday April 23

N. N. W. Lovely day. I left Levi Mullens this morning and went to Jerusalem. I went around by Nowlan's. I got to Heartshorn's about noon. I stayed till after dinner, and then went back to where a number of men were at work on a school-house. I canvassed them, but failed to get an order. I started for home about four o'clock and arrived at Dan Fullerton's at "supper time". I came across the woods by Dennis field. I got supper at Cay's and then came home. John Ed got home tonight too.



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## Saturday April 24

N. N. Another Snow Day.  
Father went to Weymouth  
onto a load of Deals. I went  
out to W. H. Sabine's this morning  
with the mail. I stayed till  
the mail came in again.  
I have a bad cold. I got a lot  
of papers from David Cook  
W. H. Sabine came in tonight  
at 9 o'clock brought Carrie 35-31  
White in tonight.

## Sunday April 25 - (Easter)

N. N. C. Fine but raw.  
W. H. Sabine has been here all  
day. Mr. Father and Mother  
went down to see Mrs. Wagner  
who is ill. W. H. Sabine and I  
took a walk down to Moose  
falls. Annie and I am  
were here tonight. 35-33

## Monday April 26

N. N. Glorious Day!  
Simon Sabine came this  
morning to work at the barn  
wall. I have planted a  
lot of Apple trees today.  
Oxford Perry from Whitland  
came tonight for trees. He  
will stay all night. He and  
I pulled a lot of trees today. 35-34

## Tuesday April 27

Wind West. Fine day.  
Father and Simon at the wall  
Harris came this morning  
to work. He is going to work  
for us the remainder of the  
week. I assisted Perry in  
loading his trees this morning  
He purchased 70 for which  
he paid me \$16.00. I have  
been setting out trees today  
down below the Nursery. I  
planted scabious. 35-35

## Wednesday April 28

N. N. W. Fine again.  
Father, Simon and Harris  
at the wall. W. H. Sabine  
came in this morning and  
he and I have been making  
labels all day. Annie and  
her children spent the day  
here also Charles and Cassie  
White. I went out to W. H. S.  
tonight and am going to stay  
there the remainder of the week. 35-41

## Thursday April 29

N. N. Beautiful day.  
Father, Simon and Harris  
finished the barn wall.  
Mrs. King came today. She  
walked part of the way from  
Weymouth. W. H. Sabine &  
I have spent the day in arranging  
our orders. 35-42

## Friday April 30

N. N. Lovely weather.  
Father and Harris hauling  
stones. W. H. S. & I making  
labels. Simon went home  
this morning. School Examination. 35-43

## Saturday April May 1

N. N. Glorious Day.  
Father and Harris rafting logs.  
W. H. S. & I pulling out trees in  
the Southville Nursery.  
George and Charlton Prime  
came in and got some trees  
today. Charlton got dinner here.  
I came home tonight. 35-48

## Sunday May 2

N. N. C. Beautiful day.  
Rosy, with her Mother and Jerry  
and Leonard spent the day  
down to Annie's.  
In the afternoon, Harold Dick  
and I took a walk to the lake.  
Leat brought Rosy and the  
rest of them up home tonight  
and when he went back I  
let Harold and Letic go down  
with him to stay all night.  
People say I am foolish to  
let the children do such seem-  
ingly silly things, but it is no  
harm, although it may look  
foolish to old heads. I shall  
endeavour to make this boy  
good as bright as possible for  
it will soon pass away, and  
there is sorrow and trouble  
enough ahead for them. 37-48

## Monday May 3

N. N. Fine again. W. H. S. with  
Herbie and David Porter came  
in this morning to begin at  
the trees in the Nursery. They  
brought a Cart load with them  
from the other Nursery.  
We have been pulling trees all  
day. 37-57



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Tuesday May 4

N. S. W. Beautiful day  
Father, W. H. S. Herbert,  
David Parto and I have  
been packing trees. We  
put up a load tonight  
for John Edd to take  
around on the neck.

neck. I got several specimen  
papers.

Sunday May 9

N. N. W. Showery. I went out to  
W. H. Sabine's tonight.  
Nothing of importance occurred  
in our little circle. I have spent  
the day in reading.

Wednesday May 5

N. S. Rained all the fore  
noon. The first rain we  
have had since the first  
day of April. John Edd  
got ready to start this  
morning but the rain  
prevented. He did not start  
till afternoon. He had  
Cly's Cart and Harris' old  
mare. P.M. We have been  
packing trees.

Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1886

N. N. W. Fine. I stayed at  
W. H. Sabine's last night. This  
morning we got ridson and  
Milton off with a load of trees  
for South & North Cove.  
W. H. S. Herbert & I came in to  
pack trees again. Mr Banks came  
and got this trees (or a part of  
them) there are about fifty more  
yet. We loaded up Dan's team  
and started it for Marshalltown  
and Broad Cove. The rest of  
the day we have been packing  
trees.

Thursday May 6

N. W. Glorious day but  
very warm. F. Herbert  
W. H. S. packing trees.  
Harold and Leslie went  
down to the lake today  
fishing and Harold caught  
a trout. It is his first  
one. and how big he felt  
about it. He and Leslie  
are very much excited over  
the fishing business.

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

N. N. W. Fine day. I made a  
mistake in yesterday's record.  
It was today that Banks got  
his trees and that we sent Dan  
out. Yesterday we were packing  
trees all day 37-52

Friday May 7

N. S. W. Fine. All of  
us packing trees again  
tonight. Obed came  
in with his team and  
we put up a load for him  
to deliver to Edinburgh  
tomorrow. Harold  
Leslie and Dalry have  
been fishing all day.  
I gave Harold and Leslie  
a week vacation before  
beginning school again  
Mrs. Nicholson is going  
to teach again the summer  
term.

Wednesday May 12

Wednesday May 12  
N. N. E. Showery. We packed  
trees in the Carrie's house  
today. David came in tonight  
and got a lot of broken damaged  
trees which we are selling him  
cheap.

Saturday May 8

N. S. E. Cloudy till noon.  
Raining from till night.  
F. Herbert & I packing  
trees. Ridson helped us. We  
got a letter from Alf. Perry enclosing  
five dollars and an order for  
trees. also a letter from John Edd  
who is on his way to Dixie

Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1886

N. N. W. Fine. David Parto  
and I started for Clare with a  
load of trees. We started at  
noon and tonight got to Church  
Point - and put up at the house  
of one Peter "Jappa" (or Le Blanc)  
We finished packing trees  
this morning. Carrie White was  
here tonight to tea 37-53



Friday May 14

W. W. Fine day. David Porter and I left Church Point this morning and drove back to Second Division delivering trees as we went. We dined at Mr. Darbyson's and tonight got to Salmon River and stopped at the house of one Maht. Off started today with a load of trees for Nagoye Settlement. John Ed got home last night, also Judson arrived yesterday. Cherry trees in 37-54 blossom.

Saturday May 15

W. S. Weather fine. Drove to Heclayoga, dined at Arcon Devenant's, and tonight got as far as Outrapt Point in caribou where we stayed. Father went out with a load today. Yesterday he was at work wooding a plough. John, the red coat pedlar, stayed here last night. 37-55

Sunday May 16

W. S. Showery. David & I drove up to Levi Mullens and put up our teams & went to meeting. Mr. Spence preached a good sermon from Luke 18 7-10. Two men went up to the temple to pray. I got dinner at Stelman's and then David & I came home through Hill town. David was here to supper. I got several papers last night. 37-56

Monday May 17

W. W. Fine. Father finished wooding the plough. I planted some fruit trees - a few below the nursery and some down in my little orchard. I also set some grafts. Baby Leonard runs about out doors now and cries all the time steady. He cries the most now of any baby we have had. And he appears to be well too.

Tuesday May 18

W. W. W. Fine again. I started this morning to go to W. H. Sabins, thinking that Seat would come with Father plough, but as he would not come. I returned and Father & I went to plough with our new plough, which does not work real well. About the middle of the forenoon W. H. Sabins and Mrs. Gates came. Mr. Gates wanted about twenty apple trees which we got for him. He is to pay four dollars for them. W. H. Sabins stayed all day and he & I ploughed. Father mended some fences.

Wednesday May 19

W. W. Fine. I and I finished ploughing and hauled out two loads of manure and I planted a few. Willie White was here to tea. 37-57

Thursday May 20

W. S. Cloudy and windy. Began raining tonight with thunder. Herbert Sabins helped us today. Father planted. Harold, Esbie & Josie "dropped" and I hauled manure. Herbie worked at the barn. Poor little Hal was rather sick tonight.

Friday May 21

Fine again. Harold has been confined to the house with illness. He is better now. Herbie helped us again today. Esbie is now chopping wood. Father planted.

Saturday May 22

Fine. Planting again. Harold quite small again. Herbie helped us. Chatter went to dig with Corrie.



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Sunday  
Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

N. W. Glorious day. Mother  
Spent the day doing at home.  
The rest of us at home. 39-57

Monday May 24

N. W. Fine again.  
Father, Hal, Lisle, & I planting.  
Mrs Byron, Orlers of Meymouth  
and Mrs Malcom Sabine  
of North Range have died  
very suddenly.

Tuesday May 25

N. S. Rained all day.  
I have not been well today  
and have been indulging  
somewhat in "porsy"

Wednesday May 26

N. S. W. Clearing off.  
Father pitched out the sink  
hole. I went to the mill in  
the forenoon and got a load of  
manure. W. H. Sabine was  
here, and came home with  
me. In the afternoon he & I  
fixed up our Nursery accounts  
and divided our Cash. 39-59

Thursday May 27

N. S. Looking like rain.  
Quite fine in afternoon.  
We finished planting in the  
forenoon, which was cause  
of great rejoicing with Hal,  
and Lisle. In the afternoon  
I hauled manure and pre-  
pared rows of vegetables  
below the Nursery. Tonight  
I went to W. H. S. and got  
some mackerel that Gaspar  
White sent there in payment  
for fruit trees.

This afternoon Father took  
Harold and Lisle to the  
river trouting. It is the first  
time Lisle has ever been  
there. Harold caught four  
trouts and boast greatly  
tonight about his exploits.

Friday May 28

N. S. Rained last night,  
and foggy all day. This fore-  
noon I spent the greater part  
of the time in trying to "hammer"  
the old mare in a way that  
will conquer her breeding.  
8 P.M. I hauled a load of stuff  
from Wagners mill. In the  
afternoon W. H. Sabine, Milton  
and I went back to the Silver  
River on a trouting cruise.  
We got back to the Langford  
mill (or Smiths mill now) about  
night and prepared wood etc  
for camping.

Saturday May 29

N. S. Cloudy till sundown when  
it cleared up beautifully. We  
spent the day in fishing. We  
went down below the lake  
below the mill, and thought  
to have returned in time to  
have got home tonight, but  
it was so late when we  
got back to the Camp that  
we concluded not to come  
out till morning. We caught  
about 70 trout. I got 32.  
We have had a very good day's  
sport.

Sunday May 30

N. W. Glorious day. We  
came out from Langfords  
mill this morning, and got  
home about 10 o'clock.  
Yesterday little Joey was very  
sick but is better today.  
Day and Ann spent the  
day full 39-60

Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>

N. S. Fine - Thunder clouds  
going over all day. 8 A.M. We  
tried to get up the sheep, but  
failed. 10 P.M. I picked up  
some stones and dugged around  
some of my trees, while Fr  
got a load from W. S. mill.  
After which he and I made  
a yard to catch the sheep by  
John Edd's line. I am out  
very well tonight.



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Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

N. N. W. Beautiful day.  
 Roxanna and Chatter went  
 to Weymouth. Rosy got a  
 new dress for herself and  
 some other things. Father  
 hauled some scantling from  
 Wagner's mill. I have not  
 been doing much as I am  
 not well.

Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

N. N. W. Fine. Father took a  
 load of scantling to Hoyt.  
 In the afternoon I fixed the  
 fence around my little apple  
 tree field, and planted some  
 pole-beans. I let Hal, Geo.  
 and Josie plant each a few  
 hills for themselves. I am  
 far from feeling well today.

Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. S. Rain and heavy all day

Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Fine again.  
 A. M. I hauled a load from  
 Wagner's mill. P. M. He got a  
 load of hemlock board from  
 Comen's mill. Uncle John  
 McMill was here to dinner.  
 He is canvassing for  
 election. I paid him  
 fifty dollars (\$50.<sup>00</sup>) for which  
 he gave me a receipt.  
 This afternoon I went  
 out to Obed White and got  
 his white horse to take  
 Rosy and the babies to the  
 Station tomorrow. 39-64

Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Beautiful day again.  
 Father took a load of deals to  
 Campbell. I took Rosy, Josie  
 and Blessie out to the Station  
 and saw them on board  
 the train for their trip up  
 the Bay - their first ride  
 on the cars. Warty and his  
 "Bill" and Willie White are  
 here tonight. 41-65

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine. "Bill" Sabino,  
 Warty and Willie White, and  
 W. H. Sabino spent the day here.  
 Seat was here too.  
 In the afternoon, W. H. S. &  
 with the little boys went up  
 to hear Mr. Gatis preach.  
 I am quite unwell today  
 and lonely too. 44-74

Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Fine and very warm.  
 I and hauling manure and  
 planting beets and corn.  
 Haines Sabino and his  
 little boy were here to dinner.  
 Father paid him \$47.<sup>00</sup>  
 which I redressed on his  
 note. I wonder how dear  
 little Rosy and her babies  
 are. How I would like to  
 see them. I wrote Rosy a  
 letter this morning. 47-79

Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Fine. I went  
 out with a load of deals.  
 I finished planting the  
 beets and helped mother  
 & Jane in papering the  
 kitchen.

Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>

N. N. Fine day. Father  
 & I made another yard for  
 in which we hope to trap  
 the sheep. I have worked  
 some in the Nursery.  
 The boys have been at  
 school. Yesterday they and  
 Valentine sat this little mill  
 on the brook over by Parker's.  
 My health is still improving.  
 I have commenced taking  
 yellow's syrup of hypophosphite  
 today.

Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Weather beautiful. Father took  
 a load of boards to Campbell.  
 I have done nothing today.  
 In the afternoon I put  
 a little poem to Roxanna  
 dear.



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Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1886

P. M. Beautiful day again.  
Father began sailing.  
I made a ship-trip in  
the edge of Leavins woods.  
The boys are at school.

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>

P. M. W. Fine and very warm  
I sawing - Seal helped  
him. Mr Sabins came  
in this morning and he  
and I trimmed trees in  
the nursery. I got a letter  
tonight from my precious  
little wife, and was glad  
to hear that she and the  
babies are well. I mailed  
a letter to her today. She  
is going to stay another  
fortnight. Sales had  
a very rather small matter.  
My ring was married 47-81  
today - I wish her much happiness

Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Cloudy all day  
with some sprinkles of  
rain. Mr Sabins stayed  
here last night - and this  
morning I went out with  
him. Father and Mother  
went out to a Mr Ford  
preached in the School-house  
from Matthew 11:17.  
His subject was earnestness  
in the Christian life, and  
he spoke well.  
Harold and Leslie stayed  
home alone. I spent the  
remainder of the day at  
M. S. - and went to  
meeting in the evening  
when Mr Spencer preached.  
47-81

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Beautiful Day.  
Father at the mill. I did  
some charrs around this  
forenoon, and this afternoon  
I painted the kitchen floor,  
and finished trimming the  
nursery trees. I am a bit  
sick tonight with sore throat  
and pain all through me.  
I expect I am getting the dis-  
temper that is prevalent here  
at night. The boys are at school.

Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>

P. M. Beautiful day.  
The election for local  
members throughout the Province  
took place today. The candi-  
dates were as follows: -  
McNeill & Robichau - Liberal  
P. S. Moun of Digby, Conserva-  
Having been appointed Poll  
Clerk for district No 9, Clark,  
and Mr. Adams presiding  
Officer for the same district,  
etc and I went out this  
morning with Harris and  
my wife to Mrs Edward Whites  
the place secured to hold the  
poll. I spent a very sick  
night - and this morning am  
hardly able to sit up, having  
a very sore throat, aching head,  
severe pain across back and  
hips, and general lassitude.

Tomorrow as it seemed very neces-  
sary that I should be there, and  
as the remuneration was so  
small considering, I made  
up my mind to try it at all  
hazards. I went, but a weary  
day, it has been to me. How  
sick I was - how I longed  
to lie down! But I stood  
it through and am now home  
again. At the close of the poll  
I went to the Bridge with the  
Ballard box etc. I purchased  
Harold and Leslie each a knife  
with their own money. They  
were \$4.00 each - very pretty  
little knives. I also bought my  
darling little wife a bottle of scents,  
for a present when she comes  
home. The precious put how I  
would like to see her now, and  
kiss those lips whose pressure  
have so often in the sweet days  
past thrilled my whole being  
with indelible captures.

But the days pass on, and the  
day will come I hope when I  
shall again clasp her to my  
bosom, and again hear the  
merry prattle of our dear babies.

This afternoon Father & Alf went  
to Weymouth to the club.  
Mr & Mrs Ford called here today.  
Henry Oakes is getting his steam  
saw mill ready for work.  
Bellman Bros. are laying the  
foundation for a new shoe store.  
A fish market has been opened  
at Weymouth - being the first  
institutions of the kind here.



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Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>

W. S. W. Foggy with mist showers  
 E. W. I put some poles on the  
 fence below the potatoes.  
 P. M. He went to the mill.  
 I have been about the house  
 all day laying down the greater  
 part of the day. I am feeling  
 some better. Mother was taken  
 very ill this morning. This  
 morning. It is her old Summer  
 complaint - again. She has been  
 very sick all day. Tonight she  
 had a very bad spell. What a  
 terrible night she has got to spend  
 I do hope that she may be better  
 in the morning. I shall finish  
 a letter to Poxey in the morning  
 and if she is not much better  
 I shall write for her to come  
 home. I presented Gal & Les  
 with their knives this morning  
 and delighted they were. It did  
 my very soul good to see their  
 pleasure. They hope very to  
 school today and now they  
 hastened home to try their new  
 knives. They went down on  
 the swamp and got a lot of  
 Alder bushes to cut. I bought  
 the knives with their own  
 money - cents which had been  
 given them, which they have  
 kept till now.

Little blue-eyed angel Poxey, how  
 precious are single kisses from  
 your dear lips would be tonight!

Thursday Evening June 17

W. S. W. Foggy all day - Raining  
 heaving snow. It was very deep  
 and they rain will do much  
 good. Father has been at the  
 mill all day. This forenoon I  
 stayed in the house and cared  
 for mother, who is better. She has  
 been up around this afternoon.  
 I went to Dan's bog and got a  
 lot of withwoods to straighten  
 up the trees in the nursery - to  
 be used to fasten them to stakes.  
 I planted some tomatoes tonight.  
 Well tonight I am one day nearer  
 the longed for meeting with my  
 darling wife (if so be we are spared  
 to meet) and alas! one day  
 nearer our separation.  
 When again she is home I  
 must endeavour to treat her  
 better than I have. She is so good  
 to me, so patient, loving and  
 gentle, it seems cruel - devilish  
 to give her one unkind look.

Friday Evening June 18

W. N. W. Rained all night but  
 cleared off this morning. F. Sawing  
 I went to the mill today and got a  
 load of edgings to stake up the  
 crooked trees in the nursery.  
 W. S. W. was to have gone with me,  
 but I sent him on my way and  
 from the mill. He came home  
 with one, when we sharpened the  
 stakes and began straightening the  
 trees. I completed a letter tonight  
 to go to my darling wife. Bless her  
 little soul and body. Mother is  
 real smart today. 49-82

Saturday June 19

W. N. Fine and very warm.  
 F. Sawing. W. S. & I staking up  
 trees in the nursery. Harold &  
 Leslie have picked a nice lot  
 of strawberries today. I mailed a  
 letter to my little jewel wife and  
 tonight received one from her.  
 She writes that she is well and  
 that the babies are too. She says  
 that she did not get any letter  
 last Saturday and that she is  
 real lonely. Poor little thing. I don't  
 say she is lonely. I know I am,  
 but it will only be a week

Sunday June 20

W. S. W. Beautiful day. I was  
 down to Carnies a while  
 this morning, and again a  
 little while tonight. The boys  
 took a walk to the lake this  
 afternoon. I hope next Sunday  
 to have my precious Poxey  
 here with me, and her darling  
 babies.

Monday June 21

W. N. Glorious day. F. sawing  
 the boys at school. I hauled a  
 couple of loads of lumber home  
 from the mill to be used in  
 building our barn. I mailed  
 another letter to Poxey today.  
 I wish I could write to her  
 every day, and get a letter from  
 her every day. Poor little Harold  
 and tonight, he wanted to see  
 so much. I know how to put



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Tuesday June 22.

P.M. Beautiful day.

Father sowing. I went to the mill this forenoon for a load of barn stuff, and had scarcely left the mill when the axel broke I left my load and came home.

After dinner I put in a new axel and went and got my load. I am feeling better today. Harold came home from school at noon, on Mr. Loo's cart. He cut his foot on a sharp stone. Mrs. Pils wagon took it up for him. He and Leslie went down to Aunt Annie's on the cart with me this afternoon, and picked Strawberries in Auntie's field. So long as the days are they go by and soon will arise the "dearly destined day" when I shall see my little again. If Providence plans them and me.

Wednesday June 23

M.S.E. Duller fine. F. sowing.

Self helped one plough the potatoes in the afternoon we hoed.

The red-cart pedlar came here to put up for tonight.

I feel quite smart today. Leslie has a bad cough

Thursday June 24

M.S.E. Cloudy - looking like rain. F. sowing. I hauled two loads of stuff home from the mill.

and started one load to the corner. Mother has been to Annie to a "picking party."

Harold and Leslie left house tonight - Prof. Jas. Gilliland had a Magic Southern Show up in the school-house and I went and took Dal. Des.

They were delighted at the views especially with the old bachelor eating cats. They will not soon forget it. I wish my little Birdie could have been here, she should have gone. One time down fly and soon I will clasp the darling again.

Friday June 25th

M.S. A.M. F. sowing potatoes

P.M. He & I sowing (One more day)

Not a moment goes uncounted,

Every day is one day less;

When again the stars <sup>mountain</sup> have

Birdie will be in her nest.

Only one more day of waiting

For the dearl' destined hour:

How my bosom is pulsating

With love's sweet mysterious <sup>power</sup>

Come home darling - how I miss

Autumn-like fumes all the land;

How I long once more to kiss <sup>you</sup>

So long to clasp your little hand.

When again I write here I hope to record the safe return of life's dearest jewels - my wife and babies.

My home is sad without <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~.

The summer days go by

As gloomy as December.

The soft winds seem to sigh

Because they cannot kiss you.

I fancy I can hear

Them talk in jealous murmurs

Because you are not an ear.

Saturday June 26

M.W. Rained some during the night - foggy till seven, then cleared off fine. Father took a load of boards

to E. Rico and put a Bob of boards

A.M. I fixed the cart, so as it did

some other clean. P.M. I went out to the station to quit - Roy and Jessie

and Annie. Harold and Leslie went out with me. My little was out till

this afternoon. Dal. Des. came in with them. When the train came Roy & the

babies were there all well, and we had a happy meeting. We got home before

supper. Scott had potatoes here this afternoon.



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Sunday June 27  
 N. N. W. Beautiful day. Hal and I went to Sunday School. The day has passed without any unusual events. We have spent the day in rest and reading.

Monday June 28  
 N. S. W. Drizzling rain this forenoon. Mr. Sabin came here to work. Commenced work at noon. P.M. We hauled the timber together and began framing the barn.

Tuesday June 29  
 N. N. Fine. Working at the frame. Mr. H. Sabin helped us today. Alf helped us till noon. Alpha Marshall in the afternoon. I am getting quite smart now.

Wednesday June 30  
 N. S. W. Beautiful day. Working at the frame. N. H. Sabin, Alpha Marshall and Charlie White assisting. Charlie White left at noon.

Thursday July 1st  
 N. N. W. Glorious day. Working at the frame. N. H. Sabin and Alf helping us. Tonight Alf went over the settlement and invited hands to help us raise lumber.

Friday July 2nd  
 N. N. Fine day. Finished framing at noon. N. H. Sabin helping us. This afternoon a number of our friends coming to help us, we put our frame up.

Saturday July 3rd  
 N. S. W. Fine. A.M. Had work on the road during our "statute labor". P.M. We ploughed and had potatoes. I mailed a Postal to James Fielder concerning the trees which we sent him for delving.

Sunday July 4  
 N. S. C. Fine. All of us at home all day. Beautiful summer weather, only very dry. Alf went out and got Mrs Grant.

Monday July 5  
 N. S. Heavy thunder showers this forenoon. We began boarding the barn today. John Godat is helping us. He is going to help us all the week. Roy has the toothache. The boys went to school this afternoon.

Tuesday July 6  
 N. S. W. Fine and very warm. Father & John Godat boarding on the barn. We boarded the side next the road this forenoon. Before noon I went down to the Corn and got a load of boards. P.M. went to Weymouth with Harris' old snake. My business was to see Geo. Dunbar about getting some money on the quilt road. He promised me sixteen or eighteen dollars. I bought Jessy a jack-knife. To Campbell's I paid 10¢ for it. It is his first time I was pleased in with it. Annis, the harness snaker came in tonight and bought the old mare. I feel sorry to have her go. Charlie and old Mrs Grant spent the day here.

Wednesday July 7  
 N. S. W. Fine and fearful hot. Father, John G. and I boarded on the barn. Roy has the toothache fearful bad. The boys have been at school.

Thursday July 8  
 N. N. W. Beautiful day. Father, John & I boarded the back of the roof today. My boys were busy at school. Mother went with Alf & Charlie over to Mrs. Shuck's and spent day learning and her children spent the day here. Roy's toothache is better.



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Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1886

N. W. C. Line. Father John Godat & I boarded the north side of the barn roof today. This afternoon Father went around the lake and burnt the brush. He tried to burn it last summer but did not get a good burn, but today the fire cleaned it off fine. The boys have been at school.

Saturday July 10

N. S. W. Line again. H. J. & I finished boarding the barn. We put the Carnice on the east - cry end this afternoon. Tonight Father paid John G. for his work \$3.00.

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Beautiful day. All of us at home. Tonight Father and mother went out to hear Mr. Spencer preach. Last Friday night when Harold and Leslie were after the boys that lost his snow knife. How the poor boy cried! Today Rosy & I went down into him and looked for it but without success. I am very unwell today - tired and worn out with hard work.

Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Line again. Father & I began shingling the barn. Father sawed the shingles and I put them on. We were stoving on the northern side of the roof. The boys have been at school. I am quite sick tonight. I feel as though I were going to have fits of sickness.

Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Cloudless and sultry. Hand I shingling the barn. The boys at school.

Wednesday July 14

N. S. W. Beautiful day. A. M. Father and I shingling on the barn.

This afternoon Father got a load of stuff from the mill, and mother Harold Leslie Josie & I went out to Mrs. Thimie's cherrying. We got lots of cherries to eat some to bring home, and had a good time. We got tea there, and came home in the evening. We had Ben Wagner's share.

Thursday July 15

N. S. E. Showery. I & I shingling on the S. side of the barn. Mrs. McLean has gone to Bear River cherrying with our carriage. Poor little pony has lost his knife.

Friday July 16

N. S. Showery. Hand I shingling between showers.

Saturday July 17

N. S. Raining in the forenoon. I doing nothing. P. M. I packed a load of slabs from Wagner's mill for a floor under the hay mow.

Sunday July 18

N. S. Overcast and showery. The boys went to Sunday school. I am quite miserable in health. Josie's knife was found in the stove with the bundles burnt off. The boys each got a paper at Sunday school today for the first.

Monday July 19

N. S. Showery. Working at shingling. Thunder tonight.

Tuesday July 20

N. W. Clearing off - Very warm. Finished shingling - laid the barn floor and scaffolding. I feel better today.



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Wednesday July 21

N. N. Fine. A.M. Father & I hauled two loads of hay from the old barn and put into the new barn. P.M. Father and Chattie went to New mouth carrying. I heard bears. Little Lennie saw one about singing "Chick-a-dee-dee". It sounds very cunning indeed - At least done to me. His eye is badly swollen from fly bites now.

Thursday July 22

N. N. Looked some like rain this morning, but cleared off. We began mowing today the new barn. Father has a new "Canada" scythe but like all Canadian goods, it is a rambler. I am very tired tonight. I do not see how I can last up through the haying season. But there is satisfaction in the reflection that I have to live but one minute at a time.

Friday July 23

N. N. W. Beautiful day. Mowing and raking all day. We have it all mown and raked around the house. A French pack pedlar was here this afternoon from whom Harold bought a mouth harp. He and Leslie asked some hay today. It is their first attempt.

Saturday July 24

N. N. Fine. We opened hay in the forenoon and in the afternoon hauled in two loads - all the hay around the house. I got a sample copy of a paper today called the "New Dominion".

Sunday July 25

N. S. W. Clear warm day. All of us at home, only father and mother went down to Annis in the afternoon. We took Chattie down to Hugginstown today to stay a week.

Monday July 26

N. S. W. Fine till noon. Rained till eight A.M. I began mowing down in the lower field. This afternoon I fixed the boys up a scythe to mow across. I got a crooked stick from the woods upon which I hung part of an old scythe.

Tuesday July 27

N. S. Rained all day. I have amused myself in making verses.

Wednesday July 28

N. S. We have had a heavy rain. Overcast till seven then began clearing off. A.M. I went to look for the cows. We went around by Corneaus mill and in the old Wagner road.

P.M. It is snowing. Leharic Sabine spent the day here. He is going in Consumption to all appearances. Larnia and her children spent the day here.

Thursday July 29

N. S. W. Fine and very hot. I am mowing and raking in lower field.

Friday July 30

N. S. W. Overcast.

We hauled three loads of hay from the lower field this afternoon. Harold and Leslie loaded them. Father went to the mill and got a load out tonight.

Saturday July 31

N. S. W. Overcast and very sultry. Father took out a load and got a little of flour. I mowed and raked in the lower field. I got a little book tonight from Humphrey Medicine Co. Alice & Chattie came up alone and spent the day. Father got a check cashed tonight.



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Sunday Aug 31  
 P. S. W. Clear and very warm. Dan and Annie spent the day here. I have been reading all day. George Muller the great English Philanthropist had lately died. Also Hayne the American poet.

Monday Aug 1  
 N. S. W. Rained till noon then cleared away. P.M. Father & I began mowing in thorough field. J. D. Wagner was here this morning to look at the nursery. He gave me \$10.00. John Ed. Galloway \$1.50 which one H. Isaac Cosmian (I think that is the name) gave him for me. I must ask again that I may be sure about the name.

Tuesday Aug 30  
 N. N. W. Cool. Squalls of rain and hail with thunder. I finished mowing the field down on the hill. We have mowed some in the rough field.

Wednesday Aug 4  
 N. N. Fine and cool. We mowed the little apple tree field today and finished raking down on the hill.

Thursday Aug 5  
 N. N. W. Fine. Got mowing below the new barn. Lillie Cosmian and her baby came here today. Lillie & Josie are sick tonight.

Friday Aug 6  
 N. S. Overcast. Got mowing raking & hauling hay. The boys are better.

Saturday Aug 7  
 N. S. E. Fine. Got raking & hauling hay. Got a copy of "Chicago Exports"

Sunday Aug 8  
 N. S. Raining till noon sight. Tonight father & mother went out to near Mr. Spencer. I went cow-hunting. The boys went with us. We went down in the woods along the pasture and followed the old "Wagner road" to Mrs. Wagner's pasture where we found the cows.

Monday Aug 9  
 N. N. W. Fine. This morning I went down in the old Wagner road and got the wool off a dead sheep which we found there last night. The boys went with me. This afternoon I went to the mill and mowed the little meadow. In morn was here to dinner.

Tuesday Aug 10  
 N. N. W. Fine. Haying. Sus. McCallough helping us. We mowed and raked. In the afternoon father went to the mill and raked the meadow.

Wednesday Aug 11  
 N. S. W. Beautiful Day. A.M. Began mowing on Clowdy Farm. P.M. Father and I went to the mill and hauled home the meadow hay. Harold and Leslie went with us. They had a good time damming the brook. Tonight Mr. Hatching's lecture on Temperance at Southville. Mother went out. She says the lecture was good.

Thursday Aug 12  
 N. N. W. Fine. Mowing & raking Maggie Wagner came here today to work.



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Friday Aug 13

N. N. Glorious day.  
F. Gus. Alf & I morning  
raking and hauling hay  
Little Linnie is real  
pick tonight.

Saturday Aug 14

N. South. Cloudy till noon  
then began raining with  
thunder and lightning.  
This morning a party of us  
sat out for the blue-berry  
bushes with the oxen and  
sled. The party consisted of  
W. H. Sabine his two boys  
Herbie and Milton Scot  
Alf. Father, Harold, Leslie  
and I. About noon and  
just when we were gathering  
the berries very fast the rain  
began. We packed off for  
home through one of the  
greatest rain storms I  
was ever out in. We got  
about a bushel of berries.  
Harold and Leslie will  
not likely forget it as long  
as they live. It is their  
first blue-berry cruise.

Sunday Aug 15

N. N. W. Beautiful day  
Nothing of note occurred  
The boys went to Sunday  
School in the forenoon. Scot  
has been here all day.

Monday Aug 16

N. N. W. Fine. A. M.  
F. Alf Marshall & I morn-  
ing. P. M. F. I raking  
Harold and Leslie spent  
the day down at Annies.

Tuesday Aug 17

N. E. Raymond till noon.  
cloudy till night. A. M. I  
began a set of wheels with  
wheels and spokes for the  
boys a play cart. P. M.  
Father & I mowing.

Wednesday Aug 18

N. N. W. Fine. Father  
Gus. McLeary & I haying.  
The boys began going to  
School again today.

Thursday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Fine. Father Gus. &  
I haying. The boys at school.  
P. M. spent today at Carnichea

Friday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
F. Gus. working in the hay  
Alf. has been helping.  
W. H. Sabine & I went to Weymouth  
together with Alf's horse. And it  
it has been a day we will not  
soon forget. We wanted to get  
some Bells printed showing cuts  
but no for trees which we  
intended to send to buyers who are  
indubited to us and as there  
was an old "hand press" at  
Leampells we got the idea  
that if we could get access  
to "said" press we could do  
our own printing, though instead  
of us we intended to get up  
type before. Under the pretense  
of wishing to examine the  
press with a view of buying we  
got access to it and at once  
began operations. The type  
boxes all mixed up, and we  
had a sad time of it but we  
set to work in right good  
earnest and at four o'clock  
had the job set up, but in  
transferring the form the "com-  
posing stick" to the "galley" my  
unlucky touch knocked the  
whole thing into "jail".  
Nothing daunted we "dis-  
tributed" the type, and again  
set up our form, this time  
with better success, and by  
closing up time, had a hundred  
and fifty Bells struck.  
And considering everything  
we did very good work.  
W. H. Sabine came home with  
one tonight. Aunt Oliver  
here tonight.



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Saturday Aug 21

N. N. W. Line.  
H. S. S. W. H. S. & S.  
working in the hay  
We finished along's  
fields tonight excepting  
that we left the top of  
a load of hay in the  
field that slipped off  
our last load tonight.  
This morning Mr. S. &  
sent in the Mail 63  
Bills to persons owing  
us amounts for cash.

Sunday Aug 22

N. S. W. Line. I went  
up to Concert with  
the boys. Harold and  
Lishie each spoke pieces.  
Harold's piece began as  
follows. -

"There is beyond the sky  
A mourning joy and love  
And Lishie's piece  
as follows -

"I am young but I must die  
In my grave I soon must lie"

They recited them very  
well indeed.

Scot has been here all  
day

Monday Aug 23

N. E. Showery. A.M.  
H. S. S. mowed in our  
new field by the Spring  
field. P.M. I finished  
mowing the field alone.  
Lishie spent home  
Boys at School

Tuesday Aug 24

N. S. Line and very sultry  
H. S. S. I mowing in the  
Spring field. P.M. W.  
Laid up the new field  
Boys at School.

Wednesday August 25

N. S. E. Overcast and looking like  
rain. Lishie & Lishie has ended  
his services. He worked for us  
eight and a half days. Today  
Father and I finished mowing  
the Spring field. The boys at School.  
Mother went to Weymouth today  
with Chattie. She got some dishes.

Thursday August 26

N. S. W. Line. Mother was taken  
sick in the night and is very sick  
today. I was taken in the night  
with an attack of neuralgia and  
am very unwell today. We asked  
the Dist. of the upland in the Spring  
field tonight. The boys at School

Friday Aug 27

N. S. W. Clearing day. Mother  
is very sick indeed. I finished  
today. The boys at School  
W. H. Sabine came in at night  
he and I prepared and for mowing  
55 Dues bills to go to our customers.  
I have spent a very bad day  
from gain in my head

Saturday Aug 28

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
I'm repairing a cart wheel.  
I have done nothing, being unwell.  
Mother is a little better. W. H. S.  
Stayed here last night.  
Old Mr. "Jack" Oliver is dead  
after a long illness. Also Old  
Mr. Dept of Weymouth

Sunday Aug 29

N. S. W. Another fine day.  
Mother is better and able to sit  
up some. I am about the  
same. I suffer so from pain  
nights that I do not sleep, and  
the want of rest has almost com-  
pletely prostrated me. The boys  
have been to Sunday School today  
Lishie's cousin spent the day  
here. Alf & Chattie went down the River

Monday Aug 30

N. S. E. Overcast the greater part of  
day. I finished the wheel and get  
lired it. He then went up to the  
mill and got a load of slabs.  
Mother has sat up most all day. The  
boys have been at School.  
I am some better today.



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Tuesday Aug 31

M. S. Showery all day.  
Father starting out lumbered  
from the mill. I hewed  
some stuff for a dump-  
cart body. Mother keeps  
improving in some ways,  
but she is getting a cold  
and I am afraid she is  
going into another fit of  
sickness like she had  
last fall, but I hope not.  
The boys have been at  
school. Leslie has fin-  
ished his first copy-book  
and brought it home.  
It looks very well for his  
first. Harold and Leslie  
are here in our room  
tonight making verses.  
Are they to be poets?  
Do they possess the divine  
gift of poetry? The future  
may show.

"Without fair Culture's kind  
parental aid, without enlivening  
sun's and genial showers, and  
shelter from the blast, in rain  
we hope the tender plant shall  
rear its glooming head and  
yield the harvest promised  
in the Spring."

So says Mark Twain,  
and doubtless there is much  
truth in it, but still God  
must first "imprint the  
secret bias of the soul."

Wednesday Sept 1st

M. V. V. Lovely day. Rained  
heavily all night. Mother is  
getting better but Roxy is  
suffering severely from tooth-ache.  
Father has been mortising  
wheel hubs. I have been at  
work at the cart-body.  
The boys have been at school.

Thursday Sept 2

M. V. V. Glorious Day.  
Father went to Weymouth with  
a load. I worked at the cart-  
body. The boys have been to school.  
Mother is about the same.  
Tonight I went out to a temperance  
meeting held at the Southville  
School house. Mr Spencer &  
Mr Gates were the principal

speakers. Before the close of  
the meeting a resolution was  
passed to meet again in four  
weeks, held another meeting and  
organize a Temperance Society.  
But now comes the chief  
incident of the day.

On arriving home at eleven  
o'clock I was not a little surprised  
to see light streaming from the  
upper windows.  
Upon enquiry I found that  
Mrs Peter Wagner and Caroline  
had assembled and that Roxy  
was in a critical condition.  
At half past eleven I informed  
that I had five boys instead of  
four. Yes - another little baby  
boy, and a fine one too.  
We are at least doing our part in  
"perpetuating the species."

Friday Sept 3

M. S. V. Another fine day.  
Father finished a wood body.  
I finished my dump-body.  
The boys have been at school.  
We weighed our little baby, and  
he only weighed 7 1/2 lbs. We thought  
he would have weighed more,  
as he seems quite large. Roxy is  
real smart. Mother has a bad  
cough.

Saturday Sept 4

M. V. V. Fine. Father went out  
with a load of lumber.  
A. M. I half-sold my boat.  
P. M. Harold, Leslie & I went  
down in Along's bushes and  
got a pair of black-berris.  
Roxy and the baby are doing well.

Sunday Sept 5

M. V. V. Lovely day.  
All of us at home till tonight  
when Father & I went out to  
meeting. Mr Spencer preached a  
good sermon from Hebrews  
3 chap. 12 & 13 Verse.  
Mother is very poorly. The boys  
went to Sunday school.  
Avis Sabine was here this forenoon.  
Annie spent the afternoon here.  
Spot has been here all day.  
Yesterday Willie Leonard had  
an encounter with a bear.  
The details of the  
story are laughable.



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Monday Sep 6

N. W. Fine. I began lay-  
ing out "my road money"  
on the mill road. I have  
a commission of \$20.00  
The boys have been to school.  
Mathis has a dreadful  
cough. Alexander Weaver  
is dead. He died very  
suddenly in the States.  
John Duggall of the Montreal  
"Nucky Witness" is also dead.  
In his death the Dominion  
will sustain a great loss.  
He has long stood at the  
head of Canadian journalists,  
and with his powerful  
pen has fought for the right.

boys are having a great time  
tonight. It is Harold's birthday  
and he and Leslie have  
stayed home from school.  
They have built dams and  
amused themselves in a  
score of ways.  
Rody and baby are smart.

Friday Sept 10

Tuesday Sept 7

N. W. Fine. Working on  
the road again. The boys  
at school. Rody and  
little baby are real well.  
Mrs. John Journey of  
Weymouth, she who was  
Annie Moore, is dead.  
She was one of my school-  
mates when I went to  
school at Weymouth in '61-62  
and I remember her as a  
kind, gentle, lovely maiden  
of about Sister Sumner's  
age.

N. S. E. Showay. Father went  
to Weymouth with a load of  
planks for Campbell. He got a  
load of stone. He also got a barrel  
of Cherry Sectors for mother  
who is very ill. I too am  
scarcely able to do anything.  
I planed some boards for a  
barn-door. The boys have been to  
School

Saturday Sept 11

N. N. W. Misty till towards  
night when it cleared off lovely.  
In the forenoon I planed some  
door boards. P. M. Alf. Chaffin &  
started to go to Mr. Spencer's to a  
pic-nic. We got as far as St. H. So  
where we spent the afternoon, stayed  
to tea, and came home. We had  
a good time. W. H. Sabino came  
in with me and we looked over  
our Nursery accounts.  
Mathis is about the same

Wednesday Sept 8

N. S. W. Overcast. We fin-  
ished on the road today  
and have done a good  
job. We blasted, scrubbed,  
or otherwise removed a  
number of large granite  
boulders on the sledge in  
the mill road.  
Jacob & Allan Kinney with  
their wives have spent the  
day at Alf's. The boys have  
been at school.

Sunday Sept 12

N. S. W. Beautiful day  
W. H. S. has been here all day.  
Annie, Dan, & Leah here this  
afternoon. The boys went to  
Sunday School. Willie White's  
wife and Lydia were here and  
spent the evening. Mathis is  
as at home well tonight. Dan joins the  
beauties

Thursday Sept 9

N. W. Fine. Father went  
down to Woodville and got  
a pig from Chalk Massey. I  
have not been very well.  
I moved and hauled some  
crabbers from along the road.  
Old Man Chaloner, the pedlar,  
father is here tonight with a  
load of goods. He has a boy  
with him, and he and our

Monday Sept 13  
N. A. N. Rained with thunder last  
night. Fine today. I went out  
this morning intending to go  
up to Marshalltown with Willie White  
to take his team from there and go to  
collecting money, but changed our  
arrangements, and came home again.  
Rody came down stairs yesterday  
for the first. She and little baby are  
real smart.



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Wednesday Sept 14

N. S. W. Beautiful Day.

A.M. Father finished working - or rather repairing the plough - I did mending this forenoon but this afternoon I heard some stuff for a barn door (or door) - Father hauled a load of slabs from Wagner's mill. Mathis is neat which beho. Boys at school.

Thursday Sept 15

N. S. W. Fine. I finished heaving stuff for the "big" barn doors and hauled out some stuff. Tonight I went out to W. H. Sabins that I may get an early start from here tomorrow morning. I am going away collecting grounds. Mathis is a little better the boys have been at school. Pony is real small and the little one is doing finely.

Thursday Sept 16

N. S. E. Looking like rain. I started from W. H. Sabins this morning with Willie White's horse, Milton going with me. We crossed by Gates Bridge and went up the back road. At noon we stopped for dinner at Mrs Wagner's and tonight reached about Marshall. Money is scarce and I have not been able to collect much.

Friday Sept 17

N. S. W. Showery. We left A. Marshall this morning and travelled the north Range and Wagner Settlement. We got dinner at Cernis's baseabarns. Tonight we are at Ethal Rings. This morning we visited a Portable Saw mill that is located by the Harris Cross-wood I would greatly like to possess such a mill, and am determined to, if nothing happens.

Saturday Sept 18

N. S. W. Glorious day. We went to Digby today, going through Marshalltown. We dined at Geo. White's and tonight came down to the Bay again putting up at Bishy Speckles. What a lovely drive I have had today. The country about Digby never looked so grand and beautiful to me as on this occasion.

Autumn has for me a greater significance than any other season - a grander beauty and a deeper gloom. In looking back over my life's history there comes to me a kind of fatality about Autumn. It was the time of my birth. She died in the fall. All my my love adventures were at this sad inspiring season. Near the close of the year it was when I pronounced my nuptial vows. I have several times been near the point of death at this time, and only one year ago Mathis lay as we thought upon a dying bed and we watched monotonously expecting her last breath. All of our children, except one, were born in the fall, and I somehow fancy that with the falling leaves my life shall close. Thus all the most important scenes of my life have been enacted in this melancholy season. Is it a wonder then that it should have a deep significance for me? And yet this strange mysterious fatality seems still to follow, for an unseen hand amid the shifting shadows has enacted another tragedy on life's stage.

Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

N. S. E. Fine till night when a thunder shower came upon I have spent the day mostly at Uncle John's, who is just is just recovering from a fever I have been sick all day. John Leblond the peddler spent the day here



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Monday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

N. S. W. Cloudy windy, saw gloomy, cold, and disagreeable. Milton and I left Barre this morning for Rome, via Lewiston. We stopped and fed a Mailgo. We came through Lewisboro town calling for such a crowd. But without getting a single cent in all that dark localit. We arrived at W. H. Adams' about 4 P.M. I am going to stay here till morning as I am nearly tired out, and sick too.

Tuesday Sept 21

N. S. W. Fine. I stayed at W. H. Adams' last night and came home this morning where I found all well except another, and but very much better than when I went away. Pony is almost as well again as ever. Father went out today with a load of wood. I have been sick and unable to do anything. The boys took her to school.

Wednesday Sept 22

N. S. Fine but cold. Father and I digging potatoes.

Thursday Sept 23

N. S. W. Beautiful day. Heavy frost last night - first of the season. Father went out again with a load of wood. I have been digging potatoes a part of the day. At noon I took Pony out to W. H. S. to have a look drawn. She took the little baby. It is his first drive and the first time he has been out of doors. Pony weighed him today and he weighed two lbs. The boys went to school till noon. Josie went with us to W. H. S. today, and says he had a good time.

Friday Sept 24

N. S. W. Beautiful day, P. M. Father and I dug potatoes, P. M. We hanged the plume for over big barn doors. The boys have been at school this evening we passed apples. I am not well. Mother can sit up all day.

Saturday Sept 25

N. S. Fine but windy and cold. Looking sad and guttural-like. Father and I have been working at the big-barn doors. I am only just-able to keep around. I received tonight a copy of the "Republic Herald". How lovely I am. Why was I created thus - created with longings that cannot be satisfied. My soul hungers for love - for someone to love me. I can find plenty worthy objects upon which to bestow affection but to be perfect love must be returned - must be reciprocated. I am loved, but alas! where I dare not return it. I have as dear a little woman for a wife and companion as ever claimed a man's love and protection, and I believe she once loved me but by my own base acts I forfeited that confidence, and although she is a faithful, beautiful wife, and often seems to be anxious to find something lovable about me yet there is not that adoration - that soul-worship which only constitutes perfect love and which seems to be a necessity of my nature.

Sunday Sept 26

N. S. W. Blowing fresh with mist and showers. A day of gloom. I have wandered about the house like a ghost, my brain like that of Lord Byron's - "A nothing sea of phantoms and flames." We are all on our usual health, and I should be happy, but I am not. A great shadow seems to hang over me. It is not melancholy - it is not a great shadow, but a great shadow. I am not such as I have always been - subjected, in, and sought such delicate conditions as were calculated to induce that frame. I always preferred melancholy to gaiety. But this is a feeling of apprehension - a dread of an approaching calamity. I cannot get rid of myself of it, and it is driving me mad.



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Monday Sept 27

N. N. Cloudy all day. Rained last night. A. M. I finished the barn doors. P. M. Father went out to Barrs where he is to stay several days, and assist them in repairing their mill. Agre Barr came today after home. He was here to dinner. Hal, Lies, have been to school.

Tuesday Sept 28

N. S. E. Looking all day like rain, which began about sundown. A. M. I did a number of little chores - mending a couple of broken windows - picking up apples &c. P. M. I hauled a load of slabs from Wagners mill. Josy went with me. After I came home Pony the little boys and I gathered the apples in my little orchard. Hal & Lies have been at school.

Wednesday Sept 29

N. S. Rained all night and did till noon - then cleared away. A. M. I worked in the shop. W. H. Sabino was here. P. M. Alf & I spent the afternoon hunting for our calves which had strayed from the pasture. Carnley and his children spent the day here. Father came home again tonight from Barrs. Harold and Leslie have been at school tonight - they are very much excited over an adventure they had with a fox today on the swamp. Poor little Bennie had the bad luck to sew his thumb fast to the sewing machine. The needle went through his thumb from side to side but he did not seem to mind it much. For the past few evenings I have been reading to the boys a book entitled "Bushmen & Bush-boys" a tale of adventures of a Cape Boy and his family in the wilds of South Africa. They are delighted with it.

Thursday Sept 30

N. S. Quite fine till towards night when a rain began. I went out to W. H. Sabino this morning. I am to assist him in shipping sacks for a building he has a contract for erecting for Digles Campbell. We were to have a temperance meeting tonight, but the rain prevented. Mr Spencer spent the afternoon here. Father digging till noon. Father finished work at Barrs mill last night. The boys at school.

Friday  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 1886

N. S. E. Rained heavily all night and all day. W. H. Sabino at work at the sacks. Mr Spencer stayed here all night. He and George Pimo have been at W. H. Sabino's today.

Saturday Oct 2

N. N. Fine, but cold. W. H. Sabino is at work at the windows. Harold and Dick came to W. H. Sabino's this afternoon where they stayed till after tea and came home quite late. This afternoon Father mowed the oats.

Sunday Oct 3

N. S. W. Beautiful Day. All of us at home. The boys were at Sunday School this forenoon.

Monday Oct 4

N. S. W. Fine again. I went out to W. H. Sabino's again this morning. I helped him on his frame down at his mill. Tonight we had a temperance meeting at Southville. A. Local Abstinence Society was organized. W. H. Sabino was appointed President and I was appointed Secretary.



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Tuesday Oct 5th

P. A. Beautiful Day. I have been assisting W. S. with his windows. P. M. I came home and washed and hauled the corn stalks. The boys at school. W. S.'s little baby has the Scarlet Fever. I am afraid that our children will get it.

Wednesday Oct 6

M. M. Lovely day. I went out to W. S.'s again this morning. Father took out a load of wood to Weymouth. He got a barrel of Herring.

Thursday Oct 7

M. S. W. Fine. Working for W. S. Father digging potatoes.

Friday Oct 8th

M. S. W. Another Beautiful day. I painted the sashes this forenoon. P. M. I planed out stuff for window frames. Tonight we had a passing party here. I came home to attend it. We got three barrels pored. A bad accident occurred to one of Mrs Weaver's girls today. She was coming in on Mr. Alva Wagner's truck, when by some means she fell off, and the wheel is supposed to have passed over her head. Her skull bone is fractured, and her life is in danger.

Saturday Oct 9

P. S. W. Charming weather. Father digging potatoes. I finished work at W. S.'s.

Sunday Oct 10

M. W. Beautiful Day. All of us at Sunday School. Mother and the boys who went to Sunday School.

Monday Oct 11

P. M. Fine and very warm. I am digging in forenoon. P. M. Father went to the mill for a load of slabs. Hal went with him. After dinner I cut down a tree for Leetie to get beech-nuts. Rosy with Jerry and the babies have been down to Leamings visiting. P. M. Hal & Sis. picked up potatoes for us. Alf & Leathie went to Weymouth exhibition.

Tuesday Oct 12

M. S. Rained some during last night. Cloudy and cold. Father and I digging potatoes. Harold and Leetie are not going to school this week. We feared they might be going to have the scarlet fever. So we kept them home.

Wednesday Oct 13

M. M. Fine. Father and I digging potatoes.

Thursday Oct 14

P. M. W. Fine. Father and I made a coal-pit back of the blacksmith shop. I digged potatoes. Tonight Charles Knight and his wife came here. Herbie came in this evening for one to go out and help them again. I went out with him. He had his call in. I have heard of four old persons having died lately, all of my acquaintance. They are as follows: Woodruff Dunbar, Stephen Young, Old Tom Freely and Mrs. Spitch. Mrs. Wagner's old mill was burned today.



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Friday Oct 15  
 W. S. Blowing heavily till noon and raining heavily till night. I worked at W. H. S. today putting in glass. Mr. Ford worked three too at window frames.

Saturday Oct 16  
 W. A. W. Cloudy and Cold I worked at the windows with helping Mr. Straight and his wife went away today.

Sunday Oct 17  
 W. A. W. Fair day. The boys went to Sunday School. Father went down to see Ad Mr. Wagner tonight. She is quite poorly.

Monday Oct 18  
 W. S. W. Showy. Father and I threshed oats. Lennie is getting to make quite business talking. Today he put three swaths together. He said, "Papa, Come-dinner"

Tuesday Oct 19  
 W. S. W. Beautiful day. Father Alf & I began gathering apples today. We took eight barrels of Boston apples from one tree.

Wednesday Oct 20  
 W. S. W. Fine. Gathering apples tonight Alf and Chatter had a party. Roy and I went over.

Thursday Oct 21  
 W. S. W. Overcast and blowing. Raining tonight. We finished gathering apples tonight. and had about a hundred bushels of Boston apples.

Friday Oct 22  
 W. S. W. Coolly day 9. M. Alf & I digging potatoes. 5. P. Alf digging. I made W. H. Saline a dash to pour the door of the building he is erecting for Campbell.

Saturday Oct 22nd  
 W. S. W. Overcast and blowing heavy rained a little tonight. We finished gathering apples tonight. We have about a hundred bushels of Boston apples. The boys have been home today helping me gather apples.

Saturday Oct 23  
 W. A. W. Overcast and rain. This morning Father and I finished digging potatoes. We had, after all, nearly two hundred bushels of potatoes. I picked some scattering apples and did some chore around.

Sunday Oct 24  
 W. A. W. Beautiful day. Mother spent the afternoon at Anshie's. All of the rest of us at home.

Monday Oct 25  
 W. S. W. Fine but looking rain. Father and Alf drew the coal-pit. I hauled up swamp mud for the sink hole. Harriet and Peetie have been at school. W. P. Adams came in this evening. He and I settled up our two accounts. We have been reading "Rushmore and Bushboys" to Hal, Leo, along lately. They are highly delighted with it, and talk almost constantly of you, whom they think a very near.



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Tuesday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1886

P.M. Overcast and raw  
I went out into a load of apples  
and got a bit of snow.  
I set a couple of posts for hanging  
a little gate on the path leading  
to our new barn. The rest of  
the day I have been digging  
out the cellar under the barn.  
John Whalloner the peddler was  
here to dinner. The boys have  
been at school.

Very that suits me.  
Mr Savit lit my stove his horse  
to go up there both went up  
with me. Last night Mr  
Lehute the painter, preached  
in the old man house.  
There was an amusing  
gathering.  
Ogg Sabine wife came here  
today

Wednesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Cloudy - Raining a  
little tonight. Father and I  
have been hewing timber to put  
under the stable. I do not feel  
very well today

Sunday Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

N. S. W. Beautiful day.  
This morning we went  
down to hear the funeral  
sermon of "Old Clay Pardy"  
Mr Pulhage preached from  
Luke 12<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> I shall not  
easily forget today.

Thursday Oct 28

N. S. W. Misty. I have been  
digging under the stable. Father  
got a load of stabs from the  
mill. Tonight we held a tem-  
perance meeting at Southville  
where a society was organized  
by creating D. Fullerton to  
act as President and M. H. Sabine  
Secretary. A pledge and by laws  
which had been previously  
prepared were submitted by  
M. H. Sabine, Chairman of the  
Committee, and adopted by  
the meeting. I am going to  
start tomorrow to look for  
a coll. School ends today and  
there has been an examination.  
Thus ends Mrs Marshalls  
administration.

Monday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

N. N. Foggy till afternoon  
when it cleared up beautifully.  
I came home today with  
my coll. Mr Lent came  
with me as far as Weymouth.  
Where I paid him \$29.25 and  
with a halter on the neck of my  
pony started on foot for home.  
I clapped for a rest and a  
dinner at Edward Bases  
and got home about dark.  
Dale Sabine wife went home  
this evening.

Friday Oct 29

N. N. E. Pleasant. I stayed  
at M. H. Sabines last night  
and today started in search  
of a coll. I got as far as  
Cathel Pards tonight. I saw  
several on the road, but none  
to suit me. I hired some  
timber and tonight got his  
coll. leadly smashed while  
hauling up a stick of timber.

Tuesday Nov 2

N. S. E. Beautiful Day.  
I got some stuff from  
Wagners mill for stable floor  
The boys were up to the mill  
with me. Father cant get out  
yet with his lame foot.

Saturday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

N. N. E. Pleasant. I spent the  
day looking around. Tonight  
I went up to Joseph Beards  
and bargained for a coll.  
It is the first one I have

Wednesday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

N. N. Fine. I have been digging  
under the barn. I am not well.  
Eugenie Cozman, Sadie Cozman  
and Emma Marshall have been here  
visiting. Robert Ray has been here  
this evening. He is working on  
Gus M. Charles house.

Thursday Nov 4

N. S. Showy. I went out to see Mrs  
this morning with Charles Sabine. I went  
to see Lee Parke concerning a job.  
This afternoon I dug under the  
barn. Fathers foot is no better



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Friday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

P. S. W. Gloomy day. A. M. I finished digging under the barn. P. M. I pulled the turnips, beets and parsnips. The boys helped me.

Saturday Nov 6

W. S. W. Fine again.

The Wagner Mill Co. raised their mill today. I went and assisted. We put the frame up without any difficulty. It is a good frame. There were thirty men there. Harold and Leslie were up there this afternoon. I mailed some papers to Eva. Rain, also sent a letter to Eatal. Father's fool is rebelling.

Sunday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

P. S. Rained with high wind till noon. Clearing up this afternoon. All of us at home all day.

Monday Nov 8

P. S. Fine but quite cold. M. H. Sabino came and helped us. We began making our stable floor. Tonight M. H. Sabino went down to Alpha Marshalls and spent the evening.

Tuesday Nov 9

P. S. W. Overcast and showery in the afternoon. At this morning the ground was white with snow for the first this fall. M. H. Sabino got a couple of hemlock logs out of the woods. loaded them on the cart and took them to the mill and sawed them for the stable floor. Eugenio's bossman began his school today. Hal & Les. went to school.

Wednesday Nov 10

P. S. Overcast but pleasant. W. S. W. father and I working at the stable floor. We got it nearly done.

Thursday Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

P. S. W. Overcast but pleasant. A. M. Working at the stable. I got a load of slats from Wagner's mill this morning. We hauled up some stuff for slanchions in the stable. At noon Ezra Barr came to help us shingle. He and I put up slating to the house. It is the front of the house roof that we are to shingle. The rain ended the day we worked in the stable.

Friday Nov 12

P. S. W. Quite fine. Father, M. H. Sabino & I shingled the front of the roof of the main house. We call it a good days work. The house was built and the roof first shingled the fall of 1855. The roof on the Southern side was shingled over again in the month of September 1871. Harold and Leslie have been at school today. John C. Wagner came home from a canvassing tour last night. He brought news \$29.53.

Saturday Nov 13

P. S. E. Rainy day. Father and I working at the stable. I got several papers tonight among others a copy of "Sons of Art and Poetry." Bartholde's great statue of "Liberty enlightening the World" was unveiled at New York the other day. It is said to surpass the Colossus of Rhodes or the Pharos of Alexandria.

Sunday Nov 14

P. S. W. Raining all day. All of us at home. Spent the day in reading. John's girls play Sammie gave him a round ball - chip. Hal carried it around all day folding up very carefully.

Monday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

P. S. W. Fine but cold and windy day. Father & I butchered the "bull" cow today. She was quite fat. We sold Alf one hind quarter which weighed 90 lbs.



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Tuesday Nov 16

P.M. Blowing and Cold  
P.M. have been working at  
the barn today.  
The Councillary election took  
place today. George Dunbar  
and Randolph Poyson were  
the candidates. Dunbar  
was the successful one.

Wednesday Nov 17

P. S. E. Fine and clear.  
Working at the barn.

Thursday Nov 18

P. S. E. Rained heavily all  
night and all day. It is Shrove  
telling Day and Leathie has  
spent the day here. Alf and  
George Manzer were here to see  
father and I have been working  
at the barn. Harris Leosnow  
got home from the States  
last night. Harold and  
Leslie and Jessy have got their  
saw-gate going today

Friday Nov 19

P. N. W. Snow squalls  
all day till tonight the ground  
is white. Father and I at  
the barn; this afternoon we  
made some tings etc.  
Dan came up tonight  
for Rosy. She went down  
with him taking the baby.  
Hal & Les. at School.

Saturday Nov 20

P. N. W. Overcast but  
pleasant. Father & I fixed  
the little beam-ax and put  
the hinges on the "dung-scuttles".  
This morning about day-  
break Dan made presents  
with another son "to com-  
pense his old age" This is  
our little Gennie's birth-  
day too. Gamma gave  
him a handkerchief too.  
He is two years old.  
Rosy came home this  
morning and Gamma  
went down to Annie's.  
I got two Copies of the  
"Alphar Magazine" tonight.  
We put the cattle in the new barn  
tonight for the first time

Sunday Nov 21

P. N. W. Overcast but pleasant  
Harold and Leslie did not go to  
Sunday School today.  
Farris & Leosnow with their children  
spent the afternoon and evening here

Monday Nov 22

P. N. W. Overcast but pleasant  
at 11 P.M. but started the hog.  
Joseph Peto helped up.  
P.M. Father & I went around to the  
head of Bear Lake and made a  
boom and saved up some tings  
which we hauled there last winter.

Tuesday Nov 23

P. S. E. cloudy & dark, and  
looking like a storm - began  
drizzling tonight.  
Father and I went around the  
lake and put in the logs which  
we cut up yesterday - 52 logs.  
Harold and Leslie went to School.  
Mother came back from Annie's.

Wednesday Nov 24

P. S. W. Rained all night but  
cleared off beautifully today.  
Harold went down to Alpha  
Marshall and got a bottle of  
Cider. Father cut up the hog. It  
weighed 274 lbs. I was sick  
all the forenoon. P.M. I got out  
some stuff for a dash for the  
Calt stable. I made a machine  
to cramp & ashed together in.  
I gave Leslie a cent this  
morning for Spelling Correctly.  
The game Jacques Carier, the  
Frenchman who explored  
Canada in 1792 as 1534.  
Roy and I are going down  
to Harris tonight to spend the  
evening. Ben Mullin brought a  
calf here this morning

Thursday Nov 25

P. S. W. Overcast but pleasant. At 8  
went to the mill and cut and hauled  
some stumps for posts to replace  
some that had rotted by the fence.  
I gave that hog out. We brought  
home a load of blocks for fire-  
wood. Carneria and Mrs. Clump  
have been here since.



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Friday Nov 26

P. S. W. Quite fine. Rained heavily all night - accompanied by a tremendous gale of wind. I am down sick with a cold and have not been able to get up. Harris's lesson is helping Father saw. Jossey is at school all day yesterday for the first. We took to hatching Luggingtown today to stay a week.

Saturday Nov 27

P. S. Fine. Father and Harris sawing. I am a little better today. I got a great lot of mail tonight. Dennis has a cold. He can say almost everything now and begins to put words together. I went up to Annie's chamber to see her baby boy. He is a fine little fellow. She talks of calling him Grant.

Sunday Nov 28

P. S. Cloudy but pleasant. All of us at home all day. I am feeling better. Sept has been here all day. Mr. Spencer preaches at Southville tonight. But none of us are going.

Monday Nov 29

P. S. Glorious day. Father and Harris rafting logs. I got a load of slabs from the mill this forenoon and this afternoon cut them up & made a floor in the barn where the casks and other stuff for bedding is to be stored. Dan Sabins's Bertha is married.

Tuesday Nov 30

P. S. Rained all night - misty all day. Father and Harris rafting logs. I took down the slabs from the roof of the house after putting the saddle boards on. I mended one of Eschier's shoes. W. H. Sabins and Lydia were here to tea and spent the evening. Father has a very sore hand caused by a fall.

Wednesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

P. S. W. Overcast but pleasant. Father laid up with a sore hand. Harris and I got stakes and began a board fence around the new barn.

Thursday Dec 2

P. S. Pleasant till afternoon when it rained till night and turned to snow. Harris & I went to Bear Lake and took a raft of logs, which were lying in Basil's Cove, to the mill. We fixed up the water wheel some, and then came home.

Friday Dec 3

P. S. W. Lugging and blasting all day. Two or three inches of snow on. A. M. Harris & I hauled firewood. P. M. We hauled up the barn-cellar etc.

Saturday Dec 4

P. S. W. Overcast & cold. I have been mending shoes all day - Father still laid up with his sore hand. Harris came and got a box of potatoes and a half bushel of herring. Ex-president Arthur is dead.

Sunday Dec 5

P. S. C. Cloudy cold and disagreeable. My son went down to Luggingtown and brought what's home. Mrs. Willoughby Sabins came with them. At Southville a Baptist prayer meeting was started today.

Monday Dec 6

P. S. C. Snowed all night and now there is about a foot of snow on. I have a coil on my face which almost disables me, so I have little to do except cutting some wood. Jossey might tell Dennis this latter day, when he weighs 5 1/2 lbs.



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Tuesday Dec 7

N. N. E. Cloudy and raw. Harris Coe man worked here this forenoon - cutting firewood. I went to the mill and started one of the traps of boards. Mrs. S. and Jim Spick's were married on Sat. 5.

Wednesday Dec 8

N. N. W. Cloudy but pleasant. Snowed and rained some during the night. Harris took out a load of boards for us, to E. Rice. Got a Pk of yellow and some molasses. Father and I "aid up".

Thursday Dec 9

N. N. W. Beautiful day. I finished and painted a dash for the calf table. Mrs. Welloughty and Leattie are visiting. Set here to tea. The boys have been at school. They spent the day down to "Munt Gerny".

Friday Dec 10

N. S. Fine Day. A. M. Got helped Joseph Partz butcher his hog. P. M. I have been doing Harris around. I am pulling barks. The boys have been at school.

Saturday Dec 11

N. N. Beautiful Day. I went to Weyon with the mail. I bought & sold a pair of Carakins from Mr. Campbell. The price of them was \$1.50. I got some flannel for a dress for Polly, and some flannel for dresses for Lennie and Bernie.

Sunday Dec 12

N. N. W. Beautiful Day. Mother went out to prayer meeting this morning. Her and Annie were here after noon. They had their little baby with them. They talk of calling him Frank.

Monday Dec 10

N. E. Soft and looking like rain. I made a window frame and put a window in the calf stable. Hal was at school.

Tuesday Dec 11

N. S. W. Soft. I have been clearing around. This afternoon I went to the mill. The boys have been at school.

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N. S. Looking like rain. I am repairing the mill. We made a hole in the dam and made a new gate. The boys have been at school.

Thursday Dec 16

N. Variable. Rained all night and all day. I am repairing the mill. The boys at school.

Friday Dec 17

N. N. W. Blowing and cold. I have been daying. Father is quipped at home. He is sick. The boys at school. Charly White is here this evening.

Saturday Dec 18

N. S. Cloudy till noon - raining till night. I have been sawing. Harold and Leshie went down to Annies today to take some molasses. Going down Justice hill where the ice was hidden by a slight covering of snow. Harold's Carakins shot from under him and he fell on the back of his head, stunning him badly. He will likely remember it. I received a letter from Bob King and another from Alfy Perry. Father is some better. I am very tired tonight.



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Sunday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

N. N. W. Rained all night-but pleasant today. Weather could be made meeting this morning with Alf Chattie. I could have gone but was too tired and Carrie. Mr. Sabins came in after meeting. This afternoon Josie and Bernie and went down to Harris' and stayed till after tea.

Monday Dec 20

N. Variable. Mild and pleasant. 2 P.M. I mowed the bushes. P.M. Father and I hauled them home. Mrs. S. stayed here last night. The boys from here at school. Mother is very sick tonight. Poor Mother. She has a hard time of it. I shall endeavor to see her better after this. I am not so kind to her as I should be. When I consider that she has worn out her life toiling for us. I reproach myself bitterly for coldness and neglect. I love her with all my heart but I believe few are capable of, but I am reticent and her ill health makes her irritable and so we have not the patience that we should have.

Tuesday Dec 21

N. N. W. Beautiful Day. I have been sewing. At school. Mother is a little better.

Wednesday Dec 22

N. N. W. Another fine day. Father and I have been repairing the mill. We levelled the carriage slides. Mother is about the same. The boys have been at school. They talk much about the cards they get - the "mirits", "goods", and "presents". Coramla spent the day here.

Thursday Dec 23

N. N. Fine again. I have been sewing. Father started a load of boards from the mill. Mother is worse and worse today. How I wish I could do something to relieve her pain.

Friday Dec 24

N. S. Slight Showers.

I have been sewing. The boys at school. Early morning before school they go down in the pasture and each an old axe and cut and twitk home spruce bushes. Josie follows them around with his old hatchet. This morning he ~~cried~~ cried because I did not grind it for him.

Mother has spent a very sick day. She cannot sit up. Joe (Sally) Barnes and Jake Govil have been here today. Alf & Chattie went to Springfield.

Saturday Dec 25  
Christmas Day.

N. S. Raining all day. It has been somewhat of a gloomy day. We expected Annie and I am here with their children to spend the day, but the storm prevented. Seal came up and spent the afternoon. Poor Mother is very ill. She cannot sit up today. The boys had no candy presents only candy and other eatables. I spent the with them in the shop making them a bow-arrow. I was taken sick tonight and am about as uncomfortable as I can be.

Sunday Dec 26

N. N. W. Fine but quite cold. All of us at home. Mother is a little better and I am too but I spent a few hours with Alf & Chattie. Carrie from home. I got some and brought Mabel with them.



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Monday Dec 27

N. S. cloudy till most night when it rained and snowed and at tonight came around cold as Greenland. Father has been cutting firewood I am getting with. Mother sat up from today

Tuesday Dec 28

N. N. W. cloudy and very cold. Father went to Highgate to see a cow which proposed buying of him. The boys have been cutting bushes in the pasture behind their mill. I made a new hole for the baby chair, and did some other chores. Willie White and Charlie were here this afternoon. Weather is a good deal better

Wednesday Dec 29

N. N. cloudy and very cold. J. S. Charing around in the forenoon. P. M. We hauled wood.

Thursday Dec. 30

N. N. Very cold. I cut out and cramped a pair of boots for Lish. We moved the stove from the room to our bed-room up stairs.

Friday. Dec 31

N. S. E. cloudy and looking like a storm. Nothing occurred of importance.

Saturday Jan 1st

This the beginning of the New Year. We are all in our usual health. As I glance over the world I remember no very important events during the year. The "Warrior Europe" has been unusually quiet till during the past few weeks there are rumors of wars

The political atmosphere of England has been marked by the failure of Sedstones Home Rule Bill and more stringent measures in Irish matters.

Our Dominion has seen the completion of the Pacific Railroad and a tide of immigration flowing into the newly opened lands. The Liberals are still in power in the Local House, and our County have returned John S. McNeill and H. W. Stabichaw.

A number of new mills have been built in this neighborhood. Henry Peters built a Steam Saw mill at May month. Several mills were erected in Forest. The Wagners built up the old mill this past fall, and Harve & Charly Lewis are putting up a rotary mill.

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# List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit [www.sabinediaries.com/introduction](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih.(Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

C. meeting (Church meeting)

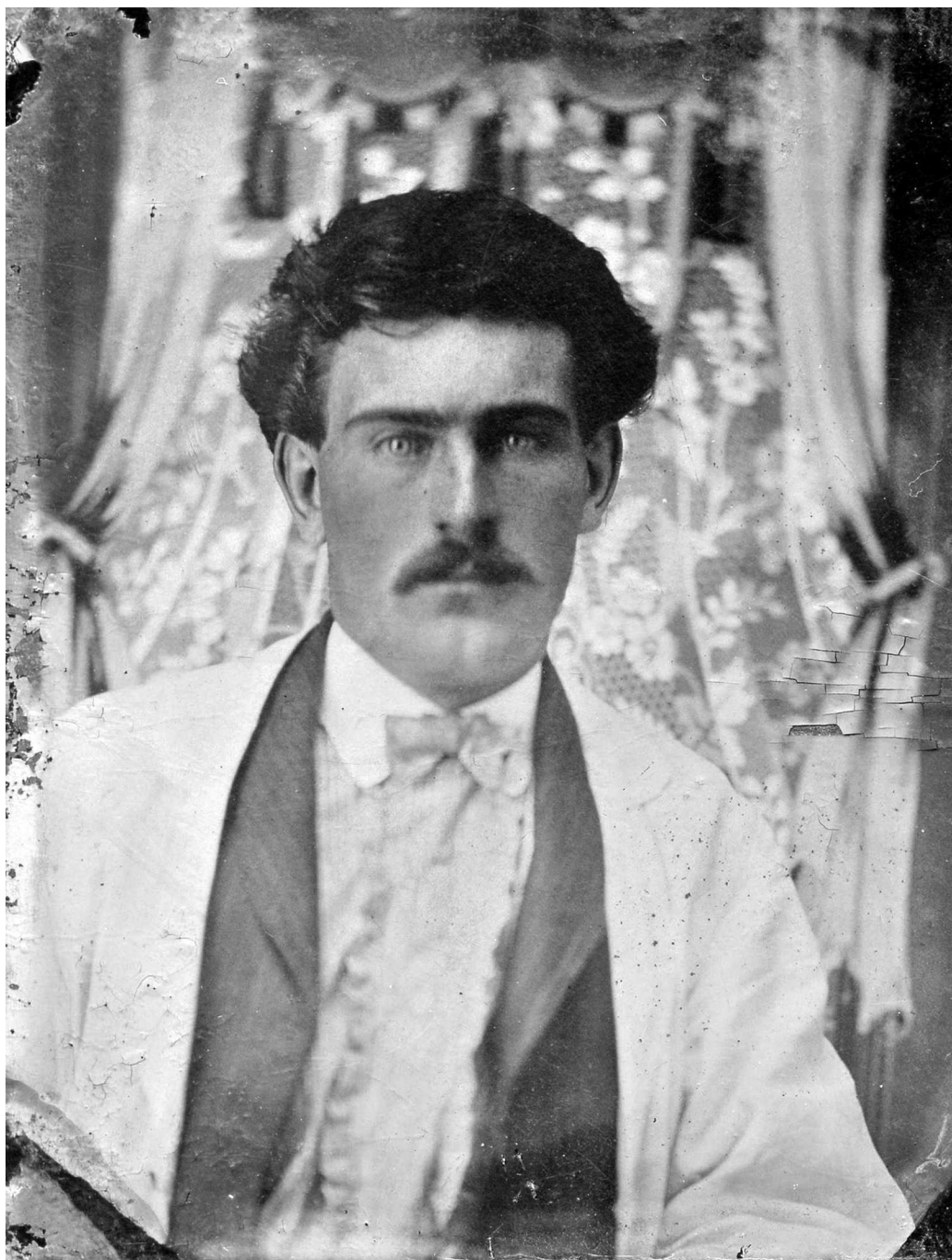
cts (Cents)

pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

c-wood. (Cord wood)





John Henry Sabine (1853 - 1920), author of the Sabine Diaries.

Source: Bernard Mullen.



Roxanna Ring, wife of John Sabine.

Source: Bernard Mullen.





Alfred Leslie Sabean (1856 - 1929), brother of John.

Source: Verna Sabine.



Annie Minerva Sabean (1851 - 1934), sister of John.

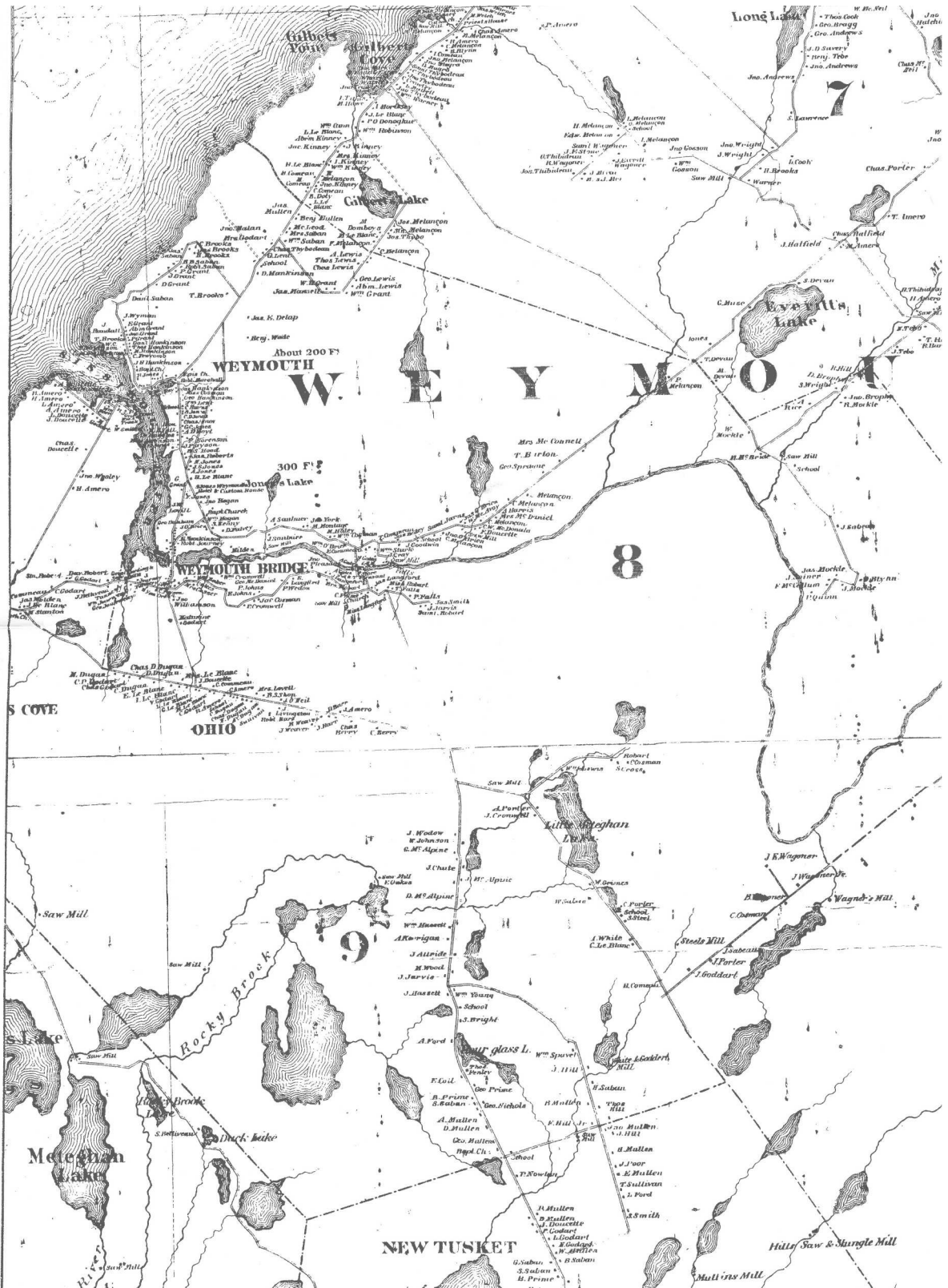
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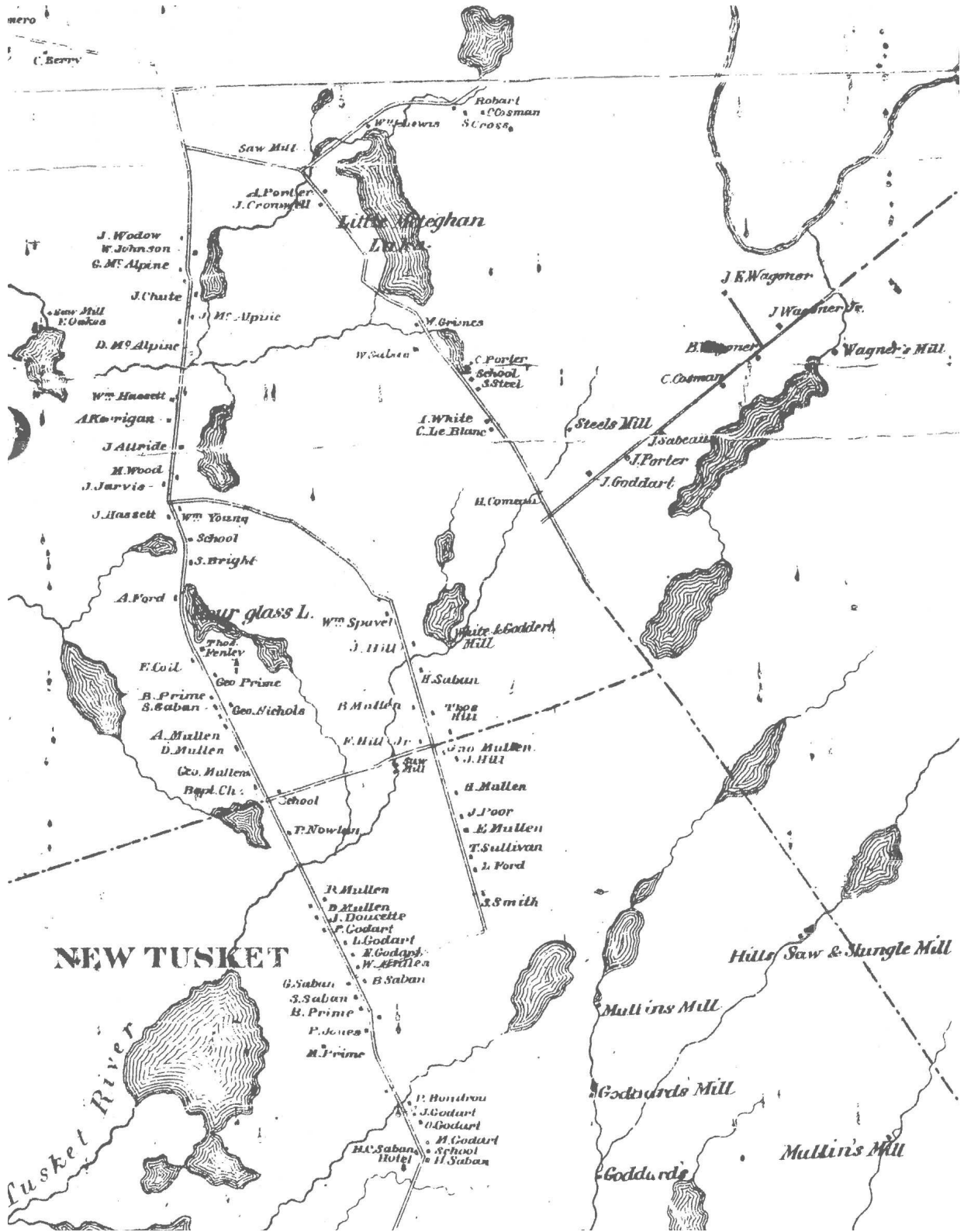
Wealthy Mehitable Saxton (1833 - 1929), mother of Roxanna Ring.

Source: Douglas Gillespie.

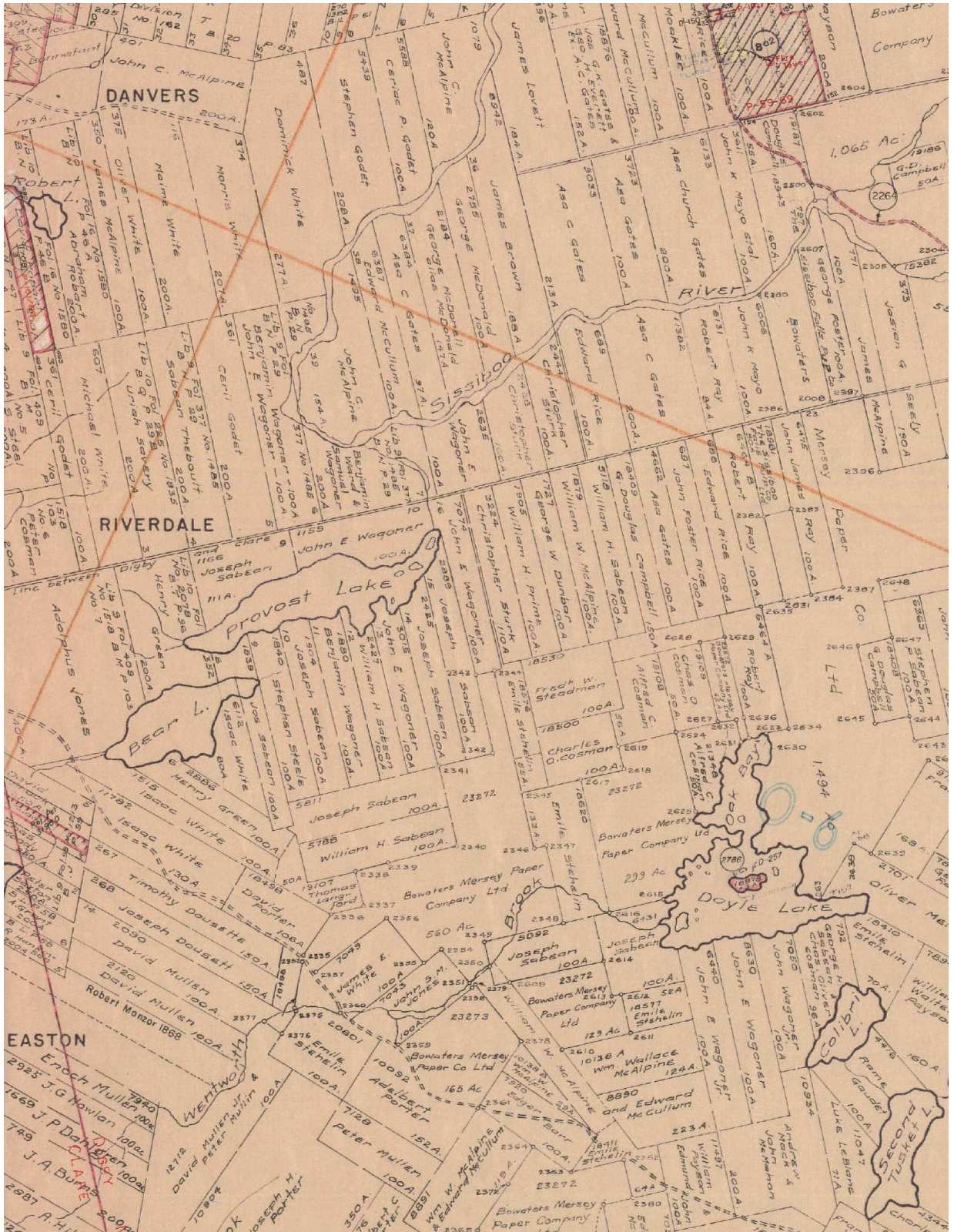


1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



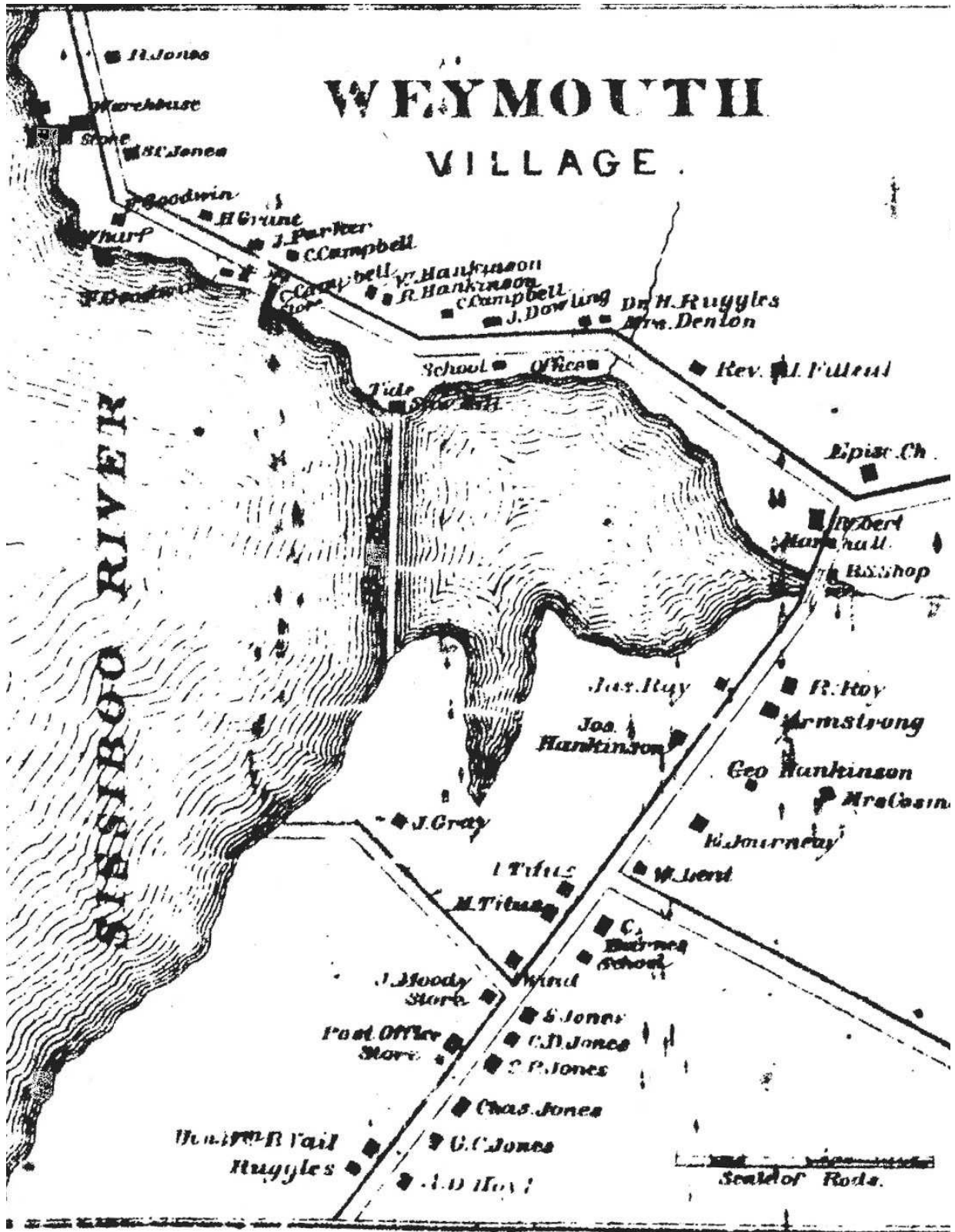


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Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.





1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia





# THE SABINE DIARIES

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This tenth volume is comprised of entries from 1886.

