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Sabine Diaries Project

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

Visit www.sabinediaries.com to learn more about the project.

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

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

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

Dedication

John Sabine's diaries provide a fascinating window into rural Nova Scotia life in the late 1800s and early 1900s. For those of us who number among his descendants, they offer far more than that though – they give us a chance to 'get to know' ancestors who have passed on long before we were born. The diaries don't compare, of course, with knowing someone in life, but John's daily writings do provide a strong sense of the flow of John's life, and of the things and people that were important to him and to other members of his (and our) family. It is a rare and special opportunity – one that is available to very few people.

The transcription of this volume of John's diaries is dedicated to Benjamin Sabine and David Watson, who had the foresight and ambition to initiate this invaluable project. Thank you Ben and Dave, for giving us this opportunity!

Dwayne Leslie Sabine

Transcription Disclaimer

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

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

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

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

Introduction

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

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

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

Benjamin Ian Sabine

Background

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

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

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

Joseph Sabean and Ruth McNeill had the following children:

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

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

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

John Henry Sabine and Roxanna Ring had the following children:

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



Circa 1920 photo of the Sabine homestead in Riverdale, Nova Scotia. It was built by Joseph Sabean in 1855.

List of Names and Abbreviations

The following names and abbreviations appear often in the diaries. We've included them here to help you better understand what John was writing about. Visit www.sabinediaries.com/introduction to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

R--, R., Rox, Rocks, Birdie, Rocksanna, Roxy (Roxanna Ring) - John's wife. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Alf, A. (Alfred E. Sabean) - John's brother. Born 17 Jun 1855 and died 10 Feb 1929.

A, Annie (Annie Minerva Sabean) - John's sister. Born about 1851 and died 1934.

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

F ("Father": Joseph H. Sabean) - John's father. Born about 1819 and died 5 Mar 1893.

M, Mother (Ruth McNeill) - John's mother. Born 1826 and died 1893.

W.H.S (William Henry Sabean) - William lived in Southville. He was a brother to Joseph Sabean and is an uncle to the author of the diaries. He was born 9 Feb 1835 and died 23 Feb 1921. He married Lydia Steele.

Is—h, I—h, Isaih. (Isiah Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

P. Wagoner (Peter Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

J. Porter, Jos Porter (Joseph Porter) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

W. Cosman, Will C., Willie, W. (Will Cosman) - b.1862. Lived nearby in Riverdale.

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

C.T. (Charles Thomas) - Someone who came to work at the Sabin homestead?

J.E.W., John Edd. (John Edd Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Dan (Daniel Fullerton) - John's brother in law, his sister Annie's 2nd husband. Born 23 Oct 1853 and died 10 Oct 1954.

Harold (Harold Fullerton "Hal" Sabine) - John and Roxanna's son, their first child. Known later in life as Hal, John refers to him as Harold in early entries in the diary. Born 9 Sept 1878 and died 19 Sept 1957.

Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine) - John's nephew, his sister Annie's son by her 1st husband, Charles Alexander McAlpine. Scot was born 18 April 1872 and died 30 June 1949.

Chattie (Charity Alice Grant) - John's sister in law, his brother Alf's wife. Born about 1855 and died 15 Feb 1933.

John Edd (John E. Wagoner) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Jim Cosman (James Cosman) - lived nearby in Riverdale.

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

Blinn (Angel Blinn) - Local farmer, of French origin, Catholic.

bbls (Barrels)

B.S.S., B.S.Shop (Blacksmith Shop)

A.M. or P.M. (Time denotation)

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

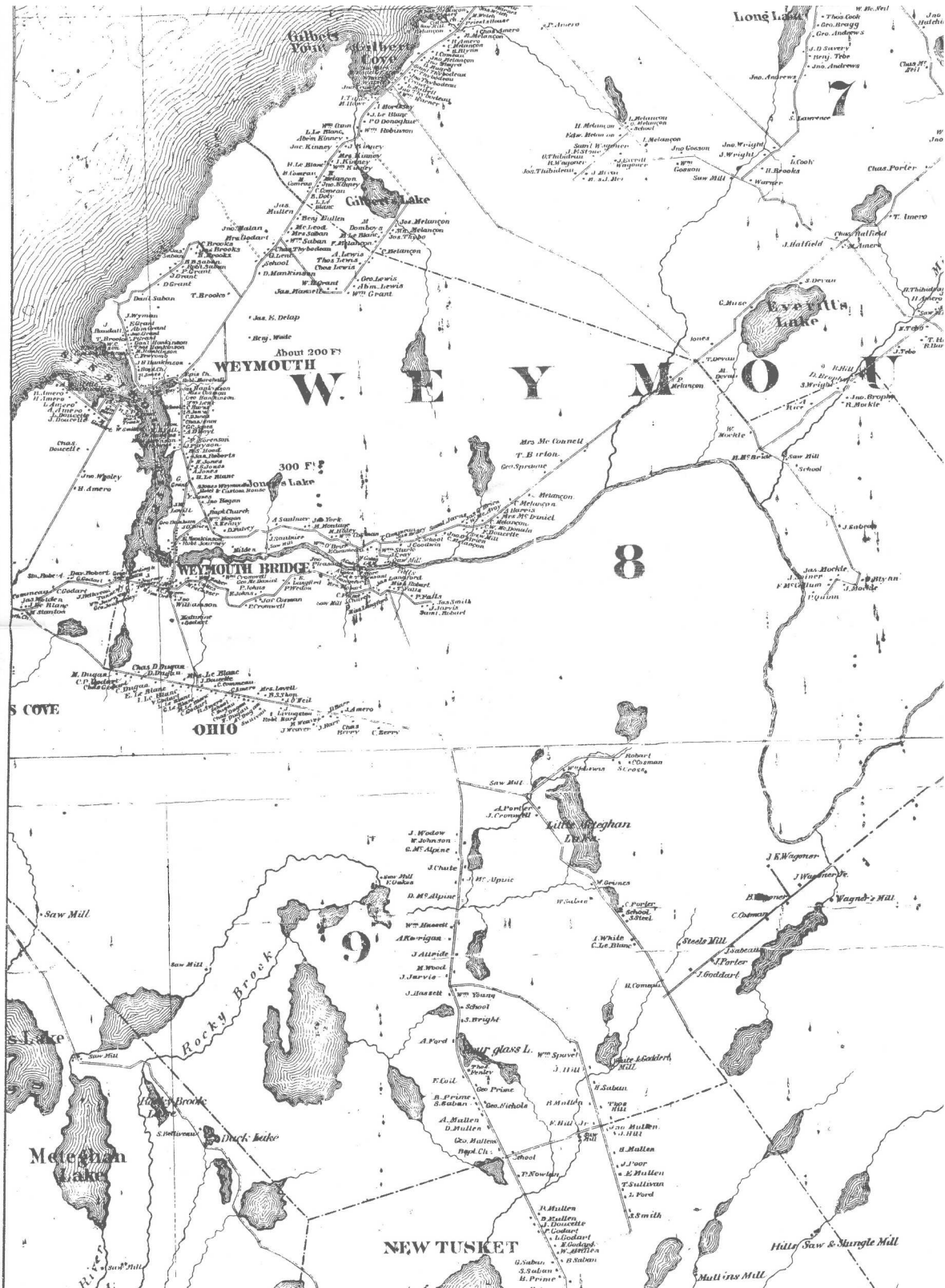
C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

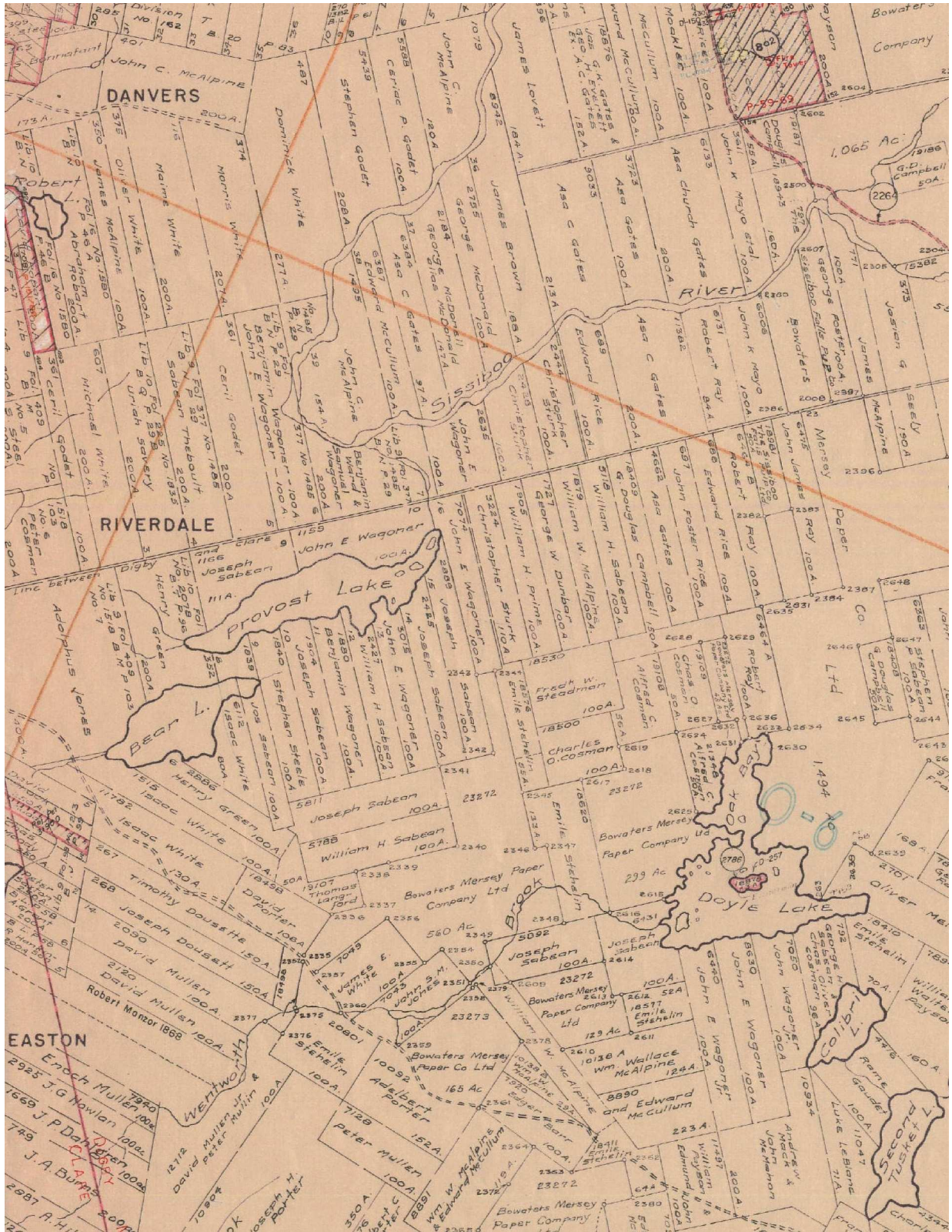
pr (Pair)

pd (Paid)

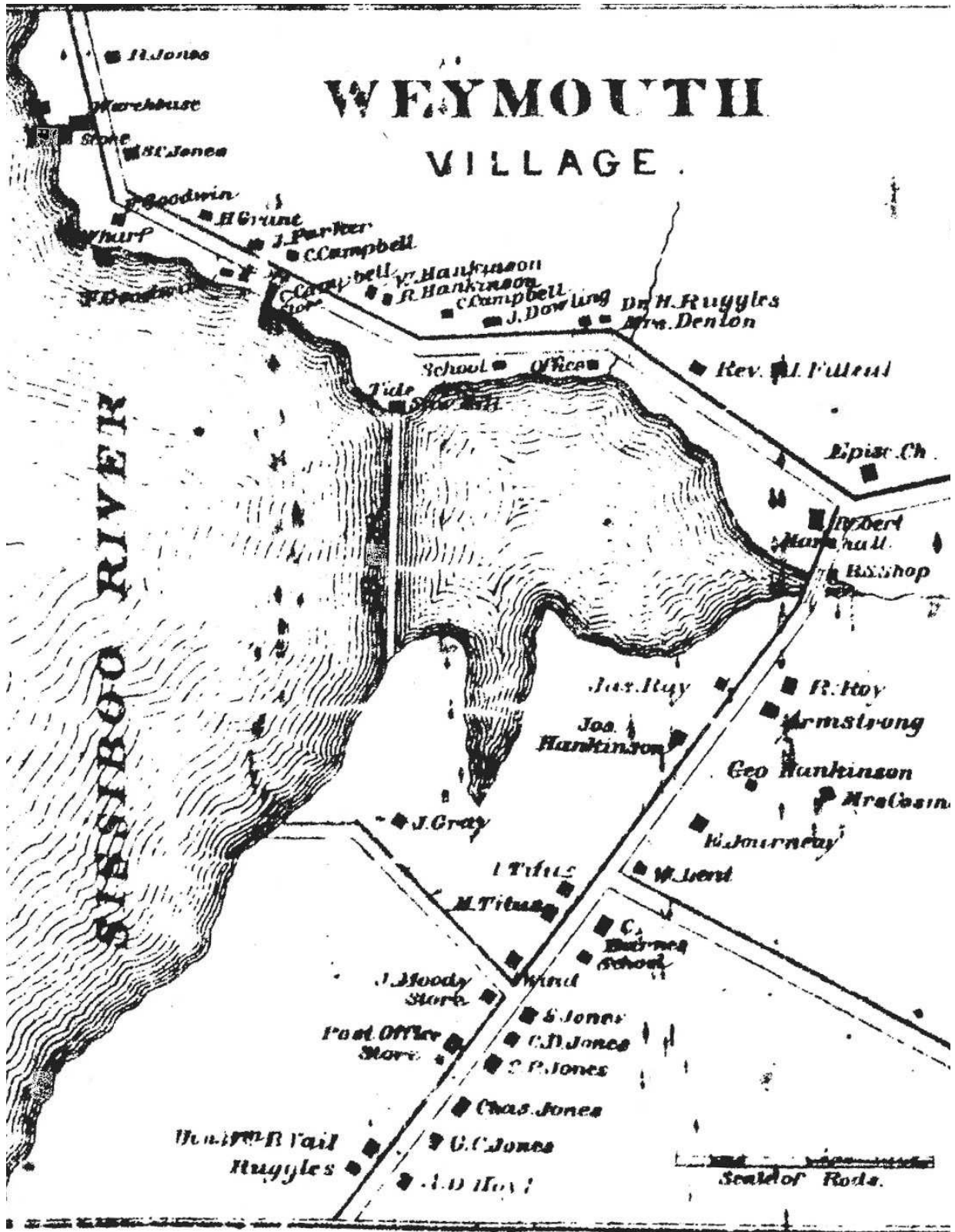
c-wood. (Cord wood)



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



1871 map by A.F. Church showing the village of Weymouth, Nova Scotia

New Years Day 1879. Wednesday, Jan 1st, 1879

W.N. Fine and quite cold. F. mended Dan's shoes and cut some wood. A.M. Dan and I threshed Barley P.M. We winnowed about ten bushels. We had roast goose for dinner. We are all well and should be thankful for it and many other blessings. This is Harold's first New Year His "Gamma" S. has made him a present of a "bib" pin this evening.

Thursday, Jan 2nd, 1879

W.N. But shifted to N.E. Fine in the morning but clouded up and began storming about dark. The weather is quite cold now, and fair sleighing as far as Weymouth. F. sawing. Dan and I finished cleaning grain this morning. Threshing Barley till night. Alf and Chattie came home tonight. Hilare Amero's wife has died lately. The Marquis of Lorne have lately arrived in Canada and assumed the Governor Generalship. In the east England is engage in war with Afghanistan. Electric light has recently been introduced with success.

Friday, Jan 3rd, 1879

W.W. Snowed and blustered all night and continued very boisterous all day. F. sawing. A.M. Dan & I threshing Barley. P.M. We cut wood here at the door. I never cut wood out here in such a fearful bluster before. Alf has been cutting a little wood at his door today. F. says tonight that a foot of snow has fallen.

Saturday, Jan 4th, 1879

W.N. Snowed some in the night -- snowed and blustered till noon. A.M. F & A went to the mill to run in logs, but were unable to effect anything and returned. A.M. Dan and I winnowed Barley. P.M. We about finished the barley. Jos. Porter is laid up with a lame leg.

Sunday, Jan 5th, 1879

W.N. Cloudy, but calm and pleasant. All hands home all day. Harris was here to tea and spent the morning. I commenced another poem today.

Monday, Jan 6th, 1879

W. N. Fine -- cloudy, but mild and pleasant. A.M. Breaking roads. Alf went with our team. P.M. F cleared a road where we are going to haul wood. Dan has done nothing today but some chores. I have been sick with tooth ache all day.

Tuesday, Jan 7th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy, but mild. Alf went out with a load of lumber to Lonegan for me amounting to \$6.37. A.M. Dan, F. & I cut and hauled 4 loads of wood on the sled. P.M. We got the sled broke so this afternoon F. fixed it down in the woods. Dan cut some wood &c. I went to the Bridge with the sleigh. The road is splendid. I got a "circular" letter from the National Sewing Machine Co. New York. E.H. Oakes Esq. retired Merchant, of Weymouth has been buried today. The deceased has been a resident of Weymouth since a young man, and carried on a mercantile business for a number of years which is now in the hands of his son Byron. By grinding the poor he succeeded in accumulating a goodly supply of the gold that pereshethe, which he has been obliged to leave for selfish heirs to fight over.

Wednesday, Jan 8th, 1879

W. S.W. Commenced snowing at Eleven and continued moderately till night, with wind. Alf went out with a load to Lonegan for me, amounting to \$7.67 cts. Dan went down to Little Brook with Omar and the sleigh. He got back at about Eleven. A.M. F & I cut and hauled five loads of wood. This evening Gus McCauly and Alf Cosman here. I cut Gus's hair. I have been casting up the amounts of School tax this evening.

Thursday, Jan 9th, 1879

W. Easterly. Scattering snow falling all day. Alf went to [Wey th] mill and hauled out lumber. p.m. Dan cutting c-wood. F cutting wood down in the woods to haul. Chattie, Annie, Rox & Harold went up to Sarah's visiting. Alf went up to tea. Dan and I went up in the evening and all hands went to singing-school. I have suffered very much today from tooth-ache.

Friday, Jan 10th, 1879

W.N.W. Shifted in the night with a heavy rain-shower. Snowing and blustering this morning and continued till towards night. Dan and Alf finished threshing the Barley today and cleaned it up. There is all-together towards thirty bushels. I have suffered very much with my tooth today again. A stray young darky who styles himself "George" is prowling about this vicinity.

Saturday, Jan 11th, 1879

W. N.W. But shifted to S.E. and began snowing at noon, which continued in large [jelly]-flakes through the afternoon. Dan cutting c-wood. F. & A. hauling wood. I have laid up with toothache, but I am getting better. David Grant and David Sabean came to Alf's tonight

Sunday, Jan 12th, 1879

W. W. Fine and mild. Alf went out to W.H.S's & brought in Willoughby in the sleigh -- W.H.S came too. Willoughby preached here at 10 oclock A.M. from Luke 2nd and 14th "Glory to God in the Highest." W.S. W.H.S. Mr Greenlough, Judson & Winnie were here to dinner. Rev. A.J. Cogswell preached at Mr Whites at 3oclok P.M. F & Willoughby walked out. Alf and Chattie went with the colt. I harnessed the horse to the h. sled and Dan, Mother, Annie, Judson& Winnie went with the wood team. W.H.S & I walked. Wm Cogswell gave a very good address from John 14th "I am the Way". Roxy and Harold stayed home alone. In the evening Alf & Chattie, Roxy & I went up to hear Wm. Greenlough speak from II Cor. 6th & 2nd "Now is the accepted time - behold now is the day of Salvation". I got a very entertaining epistle from Rev J.D. Skinner today.

Monday, Jan 13th, 1879

W. S.E. Sunny and warm. Alf went out today with a load. Chattie went with him to W.H.S's. Dan cutting cord-wood. F & I hauling wood - hauled six loads today. Kate McAlpine came here tonight. My tooth-ache is about well again.

Tuesday, Jan 14th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and mild. Alf went out with a load of boards. Dan cutting c-wood. F. & I hauling fire wood - hauled six loads. Annie has been sick all day with tooth-ache. Katy McAlpine is here yet. Wm Cosman is here tonight.

Wednesday, Jan 15th, 1879

W. N. Blustering some and severely cold -- coldest of the season as yet. All hands in the house all day excepting to cut some wood, which F. Dan & I did this afternoon. I wrote a letter to Letteney Brothers of Digby, and copied another to J.C. Wade M.D.P. in reference to the establishing of a Mail through these settlements. I also wrote some verses.

Thursday, Jan 16th, 1879

W. N. & N.E. Fine snow flying -- more moderate, but quite cold. Alf went down to R. Rays with a load. Dan cutting c-wood. F & I cut some wood to the door -- then cut a load or two in the woods to haul tomorrow. I wrote some verses today.

Friday, Jan 17th, 1879

W. N. Clear and cold. Alf went down to Ray's with a load of boards or plank. Annie went out to Dr. M. and had there tooth extracted, Dan accompanying her. He took my axe to More and

got it tempered. F & I hauled wood for Alf. Mr. Greenlough was here to dinner. Old Jane got dinner here too. I am feeling quite well now. Harold is well, and pretty as can be.

Saturday, Jan 18th, 1879

W. S. till night, and now N.W. Commenced snowing this morning, and continued all day. Wind changed suddenly about sundown to N.W. and in not much longer than it takes to write of it, the sky was cloudless. F. A. & I hauling wood for Alf -- hauled eight loads today. Dan cut c-wood till noon and then the storm drove him.

Sunday, Jan 19th, 1879

W. N. Fine mild and beautiful. Alf and Chattie went down the River this morning with the sleigh. All the rest of us home all day. During my leisure minutes for the last few days, I have been engaged in producing a poem on a few prominent events of my school-days. I composed a few stanzas today.

Monday, Jan 20th, 1879

W. N.E. Snowing and blustering all day. Alf and Chattie got home at noon. All hands in the house. I rereconed the amount of school-taxes for the District today, and added a few stanzas to my progressing poem. Dan, Annie and Scot supped over at Chatties tonight on pea soup. Harold sat alone today for the first, The place of this his first little adventure in that line was a mat in front of the kitchen stove.

Tuesday, Jan 21st, 1879

W. N. Cloudy till night. Pleasant but but quite cold. F. went to the mill to begin sawing. Alf went out with a load. A.M. I sit up a stove in our room up stairs. P.M. Annie with the sleigh took Dan down to St. Bernard's on his way to Little Brook to work. I went to the mill and brought out a load of lumber. Mrs. Jas. Payson of Weymouth died a day or two ago.

Wednesday, Jan 22nd, 1879

W. S.E. This morning and snowing - Snowed and blowed till noon. When the wind shifted to W & N.W. and cleared off quite warm. A.M. I wrote verses and read. Roxy and I with Harold took dinner over to Chatties, on Pea Soup. P.M. F cut some wood. I put a cover on a big, dry-goods box for Roxy to keep bed-quilts in. I then got in a lot of Barley to dry - thirteen bushels - three in the grain box, and ten in barrels. A little white weasel, that during the past few days, has regaled himself on eight of mothers hens, has this day at the hand of my father, with the old family gun, met his death, falling a victim to his inordinate appetite and fondness for poultry.

Thursday, Jan 23rd, 1879

W. S.E. Quite mild - looking like rain - misting through the afternoon. F. sawing. Alf went out with a load. This afternoon I went to the mill and got a load of Deals. Alf got me a joint of Stove-pipe, and tonight Will Cosman being here he assisted me in cutting it in two, it being too long. Roxy and I then adjusted it, and made a fire in our room. Tom Lovit died yesterday of consumption.

Friday, Jan 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load of Deals. A.M. I cut some wood &c. F. at home -- he fixed Annie's shoes. Mr. Gates came and gave Father a deed for a piece of land. P.M. I went and got out a load of Deals. F. sawing. Roxy went to the mill tonight with the sleigh and got F. Will C. got a barrel of apples here today. Darkey Geo. here tonight. Roxy and I writing a letter to Hit &c.

Saturday, Jan 25th, 1879

W. S.W. Thawing all day - soft snow falling. Alf went out with a load of Deal. He harnessed up the colt tonight. I hauled out three loads from the mill. F. sawing -- till about the middle of the forenoon he sawed the saw on the dog and had to hang up. Darkey George here tonight. Mrs James Payson of Weymouth and Charley Langford have died during the past week. Charley Kinney married lately. Wm C - went up the Bay.

Sunday, Jan 26th, 1879

W. W. & N.W. Commenced snowing and blustering in the night, and continued furiously all day -- Very cold. Roxy and I had a fire up in our room this afternoon. Harold has had a bad cold, but is getting better.

Monday, Jan 27th, 1879

W. N. Cloudy and cold. All hands breaking roads. A.M. I did not go; but cut up a lot of wood for Alf. P.M. I went and assisted in finishing shoveling the road, then F. & I cut up a lot of wood. Darkey George here yet.

Tuesday, Jan 28th, 1879

W. S. Soft and warm -- Rained a little. F & A. cutting over the mill saw in the BS-Shop. F. drove off Darkey George this morning. I have been sick all day, and have done nothing but take care of the barn &c -- I have written some. George Wagoner here a while tonight.

Wednesday, Jan 29th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy and windy - Quite raw. Alf went out with a load -- got us a barrel of flour and some molasses. Henry Weaver came in tonight and got Omar. His father is going to have him to carry the mail till Spring. A.M. F. & I finished "gumming" the saw. P.M. F [fillin] the saw. I cleaned out the calf stable &c.

Thursday, Jan 30th, 1879

W. N. partly clear -- Quite cold. Alf went out with a load. A.M. F. finished filing the saw. P.M. He made a last for Scot, and cut out and cramped a pair of boots for Scot. I cut a lot of wood and commenced a pair of lasts for Roxy. F. has got the tooth-ache.

Friday, Jan 31st, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load, and took a load of Hemlock down the River to Ray, which he left by the road. F. at Scots boots. I hauled out three load from the mill -- one load of shingles, being all the lumber sawn at present. The hauling is splendid.

Saturday, Feb 1st, 1879

W. N. Fine. F finished Scot's boots. Alf went out with a load. I made a pair of lasts for Roxy &c. F. & M over to Alf's to tea tonight. Annie got a letter from Dan tonight.

Sunday, Feb 2nd, 1879

W. N.W. Snowing a little by spells - snowed two or three inches last night. F & M. went to Tusket today to hear Mr C. He was away, but they attended prayer meeting. I wrote a poem today. Today, Mrs Jas. Cosman has added another to her family, so they say.

Monday, Feb 3rd, 1879

W. N.W. Rained a little last with the W. N.W. -- a bare circumstance - then cleared off. -- Today has been beautiful. F. sawing. Alf fixed up his colt sleigh. A.M. I cut wood. P.M. I cut some boot patterns for Roxy. Roxy and Alf went sleigh-riding this afternoon with the colt.

Tuesday, Feb 4th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy but pleasant. F. sawing. Alf went out. with a load. A.M. I made a coffin for Jim Cosman's little babe that died this morning. P.M. I took the coffin up the road, then went to

the school house and called on Waity's school. I then came home and cut out Roxy's boots. Will Cosmans' here this evening. He brought Roxy and I each a letter from up the Bay.

Wednesday, Feb 5th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out - took a load to B. Oakes for the black-smith. F. sawing -- took "grub" to stay at the mill tonight. I closed up Roxy's boots. Jas. Cosman buried his little baby today.

Thursday, Feb 6th, 1879

Wind variable. Cloudy -- Mild -- looking like a storm. F. sawing. I finished one of Roxy's boots today. It is very good -- but too large -- fits Annie exactly. After finishing the boot, I went to the mill and brought out a load of lumber -- brought out Handkinsons sled shoes. Mother made Hally a little pair of shoes - his first. Alf has not been very well today -- P.M. he half-soled his boots.

Friday, Feb 7th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. went out to Wm Mullins and traded some apples for turnips &c. Alf harnessed his colt, and went to the mill and got out a little "Jag" of lumber. I finished the other boot today. They fit Annie, and she is going to keep them, and I am to make another pair for Roxy. I had a severe tooth-ache last night.

Saturday, Feb 8th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and beautiful. F. home -- cutting wood. Alf went down the River to Ray's with a load of plank and shingles. I went out and got a couple of teeth drawn. I bought some flannel for dresses for Harold. I bought a knife. I mailed a letter to Selden for the Messenger. Alf and I attended a trial between John Kinney plaintiff and E. Nichol defendant before Hood. David Grant & lady came in today.

Sunday, Feb 9th, 1879

W. S.E. Scattering snow flakes. Willoughby preached here this morning from the Words -- "On Earth be peace!" Wm Mullen and lady and theirs here to dinner. P.M. Mr. Cogswell preached from a passage in Acts 14th. Minister and lady Wm M & wife here to tea. There is quite a party here this evening. They are in the parlour singing. Night before last, Dr R. brought Mrs B. Wagoner another little girl.

Monday, Feb 10th, 1879

W. N.W. Snowed some in the night and continued through the forenoon. Quite fine this afternoon. A.M. I cut some wood &c. P.M. Mr. Cogswell & lady and Willoughby who stopped here over last night went home after dinner. Mr. Grant & wife went also. Alf. fell on his axe today and cut his hand. Harold Baby, who has been real well for a week or so, is now sick with a cold again.

Tuesday, Feb 11th, 1879

W. S. Warm and soft. Rained a little tonight. F. sawing. I did the chores around, and began a pair of boots for Roxy. I do not feel very well. Mary Grant, Alonzo's sister, is over to Chattie's now. Roxy and I were over there a while tonight.

Wednesday, Feb 12th, 1879

Wind blew heavily all night from the south, with some rain -- Blowing heavily all day -- with heavy rain by times. Snow disappearing very fast. F. reading the news, and cutting wood. Alf doing nothing - I guess. I have been at Roxy's boots all day. Chattie and Mary G. have been here all day. Dr. Ruggles has been up to see Mr Greenlau today. Harold is real well today. Will C-- here all the afternoon.

Thursday, Feb 13th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine, but quite windy. The thaw has been considerable. There has been a continuous spell of good hauling since Christmas. F & Alf to the mill. I finished the first one of Roxy's boots, cut some wood &c. I have been reading, by odd times, a volume of Tennyson's Poems.

Friday, Feb 14th, 1879

W. N.W. Clear and very sharp. F. sawing. I finished Roxy's other boot today. They do splendidly. I have mended my boots, cut some wood &c. Alf mended his moccasins. Roxy and I had a fire up in our room tonight.

Saturday, Feb 15th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine but very cold. F. sawing. Alf & I commenced threshing oats today. Calvin Holmes is on this circuit now. He called in today. I cut a lot of woods tonight. Annie got a letter tonight from Annie Willoughby, and a Valentine from "Peter Blin". Chattie got her Cards which she sent for, and have awaited so anxiously.

Sunday, Feb 16th, 1879

W. S.E. this morning, but shifted to W. Quite windy with little squalls of snow -- quite mild. I have read some & began a letter to Mr. Skinner. Alf took Mary Grant over to Jim Hasset's. This afternoon F. went down to Mrs W's to see Mr. Greenlaugh, who is ill. David Porter was here tonight to tea.

Monday, Feb 17th, 1879

W. N.E. Quite fine, but looking like a storm. F sawing. A.M. I put the eyelets in Roxy's boots. The rest of the day we threshed.

Tuesday, Feb 18th, 1879

W. E. & N.E. Snowed some, and blustered all day -- snowed about four inches. F. clearing roads to haul logs on the W.H.S. land. A.M. A & I cleaned up some oats. P.M. we threshed again. One of our sheep died today from some cause.

Wednesday, Feb 19th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine, but quite cold. F. finished sawing. I hauled out four loads of lumber from the mill. Alf cut some wood.

Thursday, Feb 20th, 1879

W. N.E. -- very sharp and biting, cloudy & looking like a storm. F & A. clearing logging roads. Roxy & I went down the River with the sleigh. The sleighing is not extra. I took Mrs Cotter 49 lbs Butter for which she is to pay me ten dollars. We took dinner at R. Rays. I fell in with John Ray from Granville and had a pleasant chat about old times.

Friday, Feb 21st, 1879

W. N.E. and N. During last night a terrible storm of snow and wind arose. It has been the wildest day I have seen for years -- I don't know as I ever saw a worse storm. Happily not a great amount of snow has fallen, but the wind has made good use of what has come. The back, big barn door blew open, with some damage. The barn and out-buildings are half full of snow. I have had to cut some wood this afternoon. It is not extremely cold. P.M. I assisted Roxy in collecting scraps for a Scrap-Book she is soon to make.

Saturday, Feb 22nd, 1879

W. N.W. N & S.W. Blustered some in the morning, but soon cleared off. A.M. F. A. & I. shovelled the cattle to water. I then put eyelets in Annie's boots. P.M. Breaking Roads. Alf & I went up the road, and mustered the men. We got as far as here tonight. Cutting scraps tonight.

Sunday, Feb 23rd, 1879

Quite fine. Wind N.W. Reading &c all day. John Ray and Joseph Hankinson came here tonight. "Joe" took a short 'cut' around by our mill to get clear of the drifts. Will C. here tonight

Monday, Feb 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Squally all day. A.M. Finished shovelling road. P.M. J. Ray & Hankinson went home. Alf drove the team through the district. F. dressed out an axe handle. Roxy & I made a scrap-book. Scrap-Books are all the rage now. Mother, Annie, Rox & I, & even Scot -- are all engaged in the work.

Tuesday, Feb 25th, 1879

W. N.W. Clear and quite cold. I have been quite unwell today. A.M. F & A. winnowed some oats that were on the barn floor. P.M. F & A. went in the woods (on W.H.S. land) and broke a logging road. I cut wood &c. Harold is well -- is growing, and getting prettier every day.

Wednesday, Feb 26th, 1879

W. S.E. Shifted to S.W. tonight. Snowed and hailed some in the night -- rained some till noon. Thawing very fast. Alf peddling around. P.M. F in the woods. I cut some wood and wrote a letter to Mr Skinner & also wrote a valentine for T. A. R. I am quite Sick.

Thursday, Feb 27th, 1879

W. S.W or South. Rained hard all day. Snow disappeared amazingly. I have written all day.

Friday, Feb 28th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine, but cold. F & A logging. I broke the barn shovel-handle -- went to the woods and got a piece and made another -- fixed the stable door, cut some wood &c. Dan F. arrived tonight. Several nights this week Roxy and I have worked at our scrap-book up in our room -- Jolly good times.

Saturday, March 1st, 1879

W. S.E. Fine and warm. F & A logging. I got a piece of wood and made a handle to replace the one I broke a few days ago. I cut some wood &c. Webster Grant and Alonzo are at Alf's tonight.

Sunday, March 2nd, 1879

W. N.W. Beautiful. Roxy & I went out to Mr. Whites. Harold went too. We went with the sleigh. Alf Chattie & Webster G. are here this evening. They say that Joseph Porter & Ann are to be married tonight. There is also a report current that Andy Ford and Emma McAlpine are "no more twain, but one flesh". They were married the 25th

Monday, March 3rd, 1879

W. N. Clear and quite cold. F. A. & I logging. It is splendid working in the woods now. I am feeling some better now. Chattie took Webster G. out to Weavers. We had a concert over to Alf's tonight.

Tuesday, March 4th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and beautiful. F. A. & I logging. Dan, Annie and Chattie went out to Weymouth today with the carriage. We broke the bob-sled this afternoon, against a tree.

Wednesday, March 5th, 1879

W. S.W. Shifted to N. Rained some in the night – Soft – and warm till night. F & A. made a bunk for the little b-sled. I went to the Bridge, and got some School-Books (Six dollars and fifty-six cents worth) Tonight a crowd organized and gave Joseph Porter's house a serenade in honour of the recent nuptials. Sarah Cosman here today visiting.

Thursday, March 6th, 1879

W. S. Quite fine – Looking like a storm tonight. F. A. & I logging. I took the S-books up to the S-house this morning. Dan went in the woods with me and stopped till noon. W. Greenlough called here today. Tonight F. & D. went up to hear him Preach. Roxy and I made Scrap-book tonight.

Friday, March 7th, 1879

W. N.E Shifted to N. Snowed and blustered all day Severe storm and pretty cold – snowed six or seven inches. A.M. Roxy and I pasted scraps up in our room. P.M. F made an axe-handle, and I helped him grind an axe that I got fixed the other day. I cut some wood, and then Roxy and I commenced making a new Scrap-book out of some wrapping paper I procured for that purpose.

Saturday, March 8th, 1879

W. N. Clear and cold. A.M. Breaking Roads. P.M. Alf went down to Mrs. Wagoner's for butter-milk. I cut up a lot of wood. then Roxy and I finished our scrap-book. David Grant, Clarissa & Mable came to Alf's tonight.

Sunday, March 9th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. The people gathered to hear Willoughby, who did not come, so Mr Greenlough, on request, preached from Math. 20 & 6 "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" P.M. All hands but Roxy & I, went out to hear Mr Cogswell. Mable staid here with us. Clarissa is here this evening.

Monday, March 10th, 1879

W. S. Began raining at noon -- Showery till night. F. A. & I logging till driven out by the rain. "Old David" went home this morning. Dan F. went away. Concert over at Alf's tonight. I am quite unwell. Old Mrs Johnson, at Weymouth, was buried yesterday.

Tuesday, March 11th, 1879

W. S. Foggy all night -- till noon – Rained hard till night. A.M. I took some glass over to J. Porter to replace what was broken the other night. Ground my axe, dressed out an axe handle &c. P.M. I planed out some stuff for desks for the School-house. F. made a boot-jack &c.

Wednesday, March 12th, 1879

W. N. & N.W. Fine – quite windy. F. A. & I logging. I am feeling a little better. Got my account tonight from G. J. Hoyt – Owe him Eleven Dollars.

Thursday, March 13th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. A. & I. logging

Friday, March 14th, 1879

W. Variable. Foggy in the morning, but cleared off & became fine and very warm. Looking like rain tonight F. A. & I. logging. I made an axe handle this morning M. A. & Rox helping Chattie on her mat. I took tea with them tonight. Roxy and I worked at our scrap-book tonight.

Saturday, March 15th, 1879

W. W. Rained quite heavy all night. A.M. Foggy. P.M. Clearing off. A.M. I cut W. Cosman's hair &c. P.M. I cut Harris C.'s hair, and worked at the S-desks Alf hunting partridges &c. P.M. Alf went over the lake

Sunday, March 16th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine but quite raw. A.M. Roxy and I went down to the lake. We got some "fur-top" to make some tea for Harold, who has been sick with a cold for several days. I wrote a poem to Annie "New Temperance Alphabet". Alf and Chattie took a walk back in the logging woods. Clarissa was here this afternoon & to tea

Monday, March 17th, 1879

W. E. & S.E. Snowed a little bit toward night, when it turned to rain with Thunder & lightning. F. A. & I. logging. Abe. Robart died tonight. Peter John & Mrs. Johnson of Weymouth have died lately.

Tuesday, March 18th, 1879

W. N.W. Rained all night. Scattering snow till noon. A.M. I slept on the lounge. P.M. I finished the S-desks and took them up. Alf put a shoe on the ox. F. cut some wood. Harold is a little better.

Wednesday, March 19th, 1879

W. N. Fine and quite cold. F A & I logging. Harold better

Thursday, March 20th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine but quite cold. F. A. & I. finished logging at noon -- hauled 190. Tonight Alf went down and loaded up a load to go out with tomorrow. Tonight Roxy and I over to WHS's field for the cattle. Abe Robart buried today. Wrote a P. Card to go to J.F. Avery.

Friday, March 21st, 1879

W. S.E. Snowing till towards night when it turned to rain. Alf went out with a load to Hoyt -- got two bbls flour and some molasses. A.M. F & I cleared a road to get fence-poles, and cut some. Mr Greenlaugh was here all the afternoon and to tea. P.M. I cut a few poles. F entertained the minister.

Saturday, March 22nd, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. A. & I. cutting poles. I got a letter today from Mr Skinner.

Sunday, March 23rd, 1879

W. S. Rained all day. I commenced a letter to Mr. S--

Monday, March 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F went to Weymouth to look after some delinquent debtors. A & I hauling poles.

Tuesday, March 25th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy till night when it is raining again A.M. A & I finished hauling poles (170) PM We went down to the corner and began cutting c-wood. We went also down Comeau's brook for trout. Mother had Clarissa & Chattie helping her on the minister's quilt. F. got home tonight from Weymouth.

Wednesday, March 26th, 1879

W. Easterly. Snowed a little last night which rappidly dissapeared today -- quite fine. A & I cutting c-wood down at the corner. This afternoon F & Will C. cut poles for their line fence. Harold is about well of his cold.

Thursday, March 27th, 1879

W variable -- quite fine and warm. F A & I cutting cord wood. Good Sap weather. Parson F. in to inspect the School.

Friday, March 28th, 1879

W. S.E. Fine and warm. Alf went down the River early this morning with Chattie & Clarissa G. F & I cutting and splitting wood. I am quite well now.

Saturday, March 29th, 1879

W. S.E. Fine and warm. F & I split cord wood all day. Tim Pleasant was in looking for boards for a Darkey Club Hall. Janey Cosman with her two little sisters were here visiting. It is splendid sap-weather now. I am very sorry that I did not go into the sugar business.

Sunday, March 30th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy and warm. Roxy and I stopped in our room all day. I have been engaged in writing a poem. Will Cosman was here this forenoon for his moustache dye.

Monday, March 31st, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy, began raining at noon. F & I went down to the corner and cut wood till noon, when the rain drove us. Alf got

home from Down the River. He brought three letters -- one for F. from J.F. Avery -- one from Annie from her "Dannie" -- one for me from Hallett & Co. F. went to the mill this afternoon to look after affairs. I have been engaged a few spare minutes lately in making Scot a mill.

Tuesday, April 1st, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy & foggy. Began Raining at noon which drove F. A. & I. from our cord-wood business again. Yesterday afternoon the storm was attended with heavy thunder. Alf is engaged in making a lounge, by odd Jobs.

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1879

W. N.W. Clear, but windy. Froze some last night, and a little dust of snow fell. A & I starting out wood. F. chopping. The snow is disappearing rapidly. There is only a little snow in the road between Justines and the corner. F. says he heard frogs tonight. Waity is here now.

Thursday, April 3rd, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine, but windy and cold. A & I split c-wood all day. F. is not very well He cut some wood &c Gus McCauly was Baptized this afternoon. Mr G. preached up the road tonight. F. & A. went up to hear him.

Friday, April 4th, 1879

W. N.W. Rained in the night and turned to snow. Snowing and blustering all day -- quite Winterish. A.M. F. & A. hauled up four shingle-logs from down to the lake. P.M. F went down to Mrs Wagoner's, took some apples and got some butter and eggs. I cut a lot of wood. Alf went down to the corner tonight and loaded to go out tomorrow

Saturday, April 5th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy with snow and then a little squall of snow Did not thaw any. Alf went out with some stuff to Lonegans For Joe Hankinson. David Grant came in today, bringing Chattie home. I mailed two letters -- to Rev. J.D.S. & Hallett & Co

Sunday, April 6th, 1879

W. variable with snow squalls -- quite mild. A.M. Roxy F & I went up the road to hear Wm Greenlaw -- Text -- first part of the 8th of Hebrews. Old Stephen Wilson was here to dinner. Mr Cogswell preached here at four P.M. from the words "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son &c." The minister, Geo. Wagoner and wife were here to tea. Annie, Rox &

I went up to meeting this evening. Mr G-- spoke from the words: "What think ye of Christ? &"

Monday, April 7th, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy. Snowed & hailed a little. F. went over to the Alride place to see about the line fence. A & I cut c-wood.

Tuesday, April 8th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine. Alf went out with a load. F & I cut & split cord-wood.

Wednesday, April 9th, 1879

W. NW. Fine Alf starting out wood. F & I Splitting. Dan Fullerton came tonight.

Thursday, April 10th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine but looking like a storm. F & I Splitting wood. Alf helping Dan start out his wood. F. is quite unwell today.

Friday, April 11th, 1879

W. S.E. Hailed and snowed three or four inches last night -- raining and hailing till noon -- misty till night. F was very sick all night and all day. Alf doing nothing (so far as I know) I have been making Scot a mill. Harold is not real well -- I fear he is going to be sick again.

Saturday, April 12th, 1879

W. N.W. Squally all day. Alf fixing his boots. A.M. Dan & I cut a lot of wood. After dinner I got ready & [Whillie] White & I went to Tusket -- went over to uncle George's.

Easter Sunday, April 13th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. At ten O'clock we heard Mr Cogswell preach in the new meeting house from Psalms 68th-78th 8th I got dinner at Wm Mullens, after which I attended services at the old meeting-house. Text - John 17th & 11th. After meeting Willie W. & I came home. On my return, I found that during my absence Chattie had been taken sick & had had the doctor to her. Cottie is sick too, but F is getting better. Jos. Porter & wife spent the evening here.

Monday, April 14th, 1879

W. S. Showery all day. I have been tinkering in the shop Geo. Wagoner's baby died this morning.

Tuesday, April 15th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. filed the shingle-saw. I began a chair for Harold. Alf went down to the river to take Wyman's [cairge] home. Dan went out with him. Geo. Wagoner's child buried.

Wednesday, April 16th, 1879

W. Variable till afternoon when it settled in the N.W. and cleared off. Snow and rain squalls through the forenoon. Alf grannyng around. AM. I worked at Harold's chair. P.M. F & I sawed up two shingle logs. Aunt Sarah has been here all day. Waity & Charley here to tea. Boris White was here this morning to see about trading cows. F. is getting pretty well again. Chattie is getting better. Harold is quite well now and gets smarter every day

Thursday, April 17th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine and warm. F & I split cord-wood all day. Chattie is about the same

Friday, April 18th, 1879

W. Easterly. Fine till towards night, when a cold rain began. F & I cutting cord-wood. Nothing of importance occurred. W. stopped here last night. She and Annie went over to J.P.

Saturday, April 19th, 1879

W. N.E. Misty and raw. F cut out and cramped me a pr of Boots. I finished Harold's chair and painted it. I made some slats for our bed-stead. Tonight I put I put Cottie's mill on the brook. I am not feeling as well as usual.

Sunday, April 20th, 1879

W. N.W. Beautiful and fine. I wrote a poem today read some &c. This afternoon F. & M. started to go to meeting, but the horse getting lame, they returned. This evening they went over to J.P.

Monday, April 21st, 1879

W. N.W. Fine & Beautiful. I went to Weymouth with Potatoes. Sold 2 Bbbs to Nichols & 2 to Amero's. I had a talk with Johnson in reference to his letting me have Goods on Commission. I got some molasses [whis] got busted up on the way home. I got a lot of Willow trees. I got from the P.O. some pictures, papers, and a letter from Hallett & Co. Alf & J. Porter got two loads of hay from the Alrite place. A.M. F. made an axe-handle. P.M. he cut c-wood. I have got a very lame back.

Deliverance From Enemies

Psalm Sixth

By J.H.S.

Lord in thine anger dont rebuke,
Nor chasten in thine burning wrath,
But heal one from this trying stroke,
And break the snares that vex my path.
My inmost soul is sore distressed,
And longeth for the coming day;
My fainting spirit calls for rest--
How long, O Lord, will thou delay!
I know thy mercy still remains,
That Thou art just and full of grace;
But I am weary of these chains,
And long to meet thee face to face
For in the gloomy shades of Death
There's no remembrance of Thee;
The Grave congeals the aspiring breath,
And laughs to scorn the bended knee.
My wasting flesh sighs for relief,
My couch is watered with my tears,
My eye is dim because of grief
And waxeth old as if with years
Ye mockery of iniquity
Depart! – the Lord hath heard my voice!
His smiling face again I see –
Look up my soul – in God rejoice!
My enemies behold my joy,
With rage and enmity inflamed;
In vain the arts did employ –
“Let them return and be ashamed!”

April 20th 1879

Tuesday, April 22nd, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. cutting c-wood. This morning Alf & I went back to J.P. pasture and got the J. Cosman cow which had a fine, white-faced heifer calf. P.M. Roxanna and I set out some willows below the carriage shed along the road and some on the line by Blins. I am scarcely able to walk with a lame back. Alf is quite unwell too. Old Aunt Charity Hankinson died today

Wednesday, April 23rd, 1879

Wind westerly. Rained all day. F went down to cut wood, but the rain soon drove him home. I have been very sick all day. Messers G. and "Jimmy" were here awhile this forenoon telling their troubles. Will Cosman got home from over the Bay today. He brought Rox & I a letter from Hit. He is is jubilant over a Miss Taylor.

Thursday, April 24th, 1879

W. N. Fine, but windy and cold. I am a little better today. F. & A. cutting wood. P.M. Annie went and took Mrs Grant home. I mailed a letter to Miss Taylor.

Friday, April 25th, 1879

W. N.W. Blowing and raw, but fine. F & A cutting c-wood. Mother staying with Chattie. Annie got home at noon. She brought some seed wheat, a lot of wall paper &c. This afternoon Roxy & I have been adjusting some of our last Summer's trading accounts. I am feeling slightly better.

Saturday, April 26th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and lovely. F & A cutting c-wood. A.M. I finished fixing up my accounts & P.M. I put another coat of paint on Hally's chair. I am getting some better, but am not able to do anything yet. I got some medicine from the doctor today.

Sunday, April 27th, 1879

Fine and glorious. Warm and lovely -- might be called the first day of spring. Roxy and I went back to Porters b-pasture this morning and got some may-flowers. We came home by the lake, & had a delightful ramble. This afternoon we spent in our room. I wrote two poems and read some. Roxy read some and took care of Harold, the dear little pet. He is well now.

Monday, April 28th, 1879

W. Westerly. Fine and warm, but looking like rain tonight. F & A cutting cord wood. I made a bed to grow cabbage plants & tomatoes. I also prepared some paints for putting on the room and kitchen. Annie and Roxanna washed, and cleaned the parlor.

Tuesday, April 29th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy -- Showery all day. A.M. F & A began to make fence along the horse-pasture where we haul wood through. I am unable to do anything I layed in the hay mow till noon. S. McCormick was here to dinner He got five bushels of potatoes, at sixty cents per bushel. P.M. Alf putting a floor in his bay-window. F. made a mallet to split shingles. I moved the old cup-board out of the room into the wood-house. I then went down to Blins and got some lime to plaster over where it stood. The grass is getting quite green

Wednesday, April 30th, 1879

W. S.E. Rained all night. Foggy till noon -- raining till night.

A.M. F & A finished the fence P.M. They split c-wood till driven by the rain. A.M. I fixed the plaster over where the cup-board stood. I spent the rest of the day in helping paper Mother's bedroom painting &c. Will Cosman us up here tonight. Tonight Roxy mended one of Harold's little socks, being the first she has ever mended

Thursday, May 1st, 1879

W. S. Foggy this morning, but cleared up fine. F & A went to the mill and sawed. They say the pond is full. Young Spring is here in all its fullness. The air is warm and balmy, the grass is springing up fresh and green and the birds make the air melodious with their songs. I painted the room today while the rest papered it. Tonight I make Roxy a close rack. I got a letter tonight from Miss J.E. Taylor, saying that she cannot teach here.

Friday, May 2nd, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and warm. Alf went out and got a Bbl of meal. A.M. F & I plowed up the garden and broke up a piece of sod here among the apple trees to plant early potatoes. P.M. We hauled stones off of last year's potato piece. I planed out some stuff today for Peter W's & Geo. S's sashes. I helped Roxy fill some beds tonight. Cottie found a straw-berry blossom today.

Saturday, May 3rd, 1879

Wind westerly -- fine. Alf went to Andy Fords and got half a ton of hay. A.M. F mended fence & I made an onion bed and a cucumber bed, sowing seeds in both. P.M. I hung a pantry door for Blin, helped mother put down her carpet, helped Roxy paint some in our room &c. Cottie found a strawberry blossom yesterday.

Sunday, May 4th, 1879

Fine again. A.M. I was engaged in writing a letter to Mr S-- F went up to Cambelite meeting. Gus McCauly came here to dinner with him. P.M. All but Mother went out to meeting to Southville S-house. Annie, Rox and I walked out together, Alf and Chattie went with the horse. Mr Cogswell preached from Hebrews 4th and 5th. After meeting I went to W.H.S's to tea after which he accompanied me to the corner.

Monday, May 5th, 1879

W. S. Began raining in the night continuing till noon -- foggy till night. I have been planing out sash stuff all day, excepting that I put up a shelf in the clothes-room for Roxy. (P.M.) Alf went to the mill. F somewhere in the woods looking for rafting poles. Mrs Joseph Porter, Thelda Wagoner & Georgiana Sabean were baptized this morning up at the lake.

Tuesday, May 6th, 1879

W. W. Foggy but cleared away and became very warm. A.M. F took up transplanted an apple-tree &c. P.M. he [hauled] off stones. I helped Judson Sabean fix fence all day around his father's field. Alf went to Weymouth and got a bbl meal. Aunt Lydia came here today. Sam Robart was here with smelts for sale. Mother, Annie & Rox papered and painted the kitchen.

Wednesday, May 7th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy and raw till noon then fine till night. A.M. F & I finished hauling stones off where we are going to plough. P.M. Alf went to a ploughing frolic to Old Mrs. Wagoner's. F & I fixed fence along Cerine's line. Mother and Aunt Lydia visiting to Chatties's. Roxy & I went and got a lot of May-flowers tonight.

Thursday, May 8th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F went out to Henry Sabeans for seed potatoes and grafts. Aunt Lydia went home this afternoon. Mother went out to Mr White with her, coming home with father. A.M. Alf & I began plowing. P.M. A. plowed alone, and I picked up stones in my little orchard. The "wee modest violets" are making their appearance.

Friday, May 9th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine again. Isiah Wagoner came and began work. AM. He and I picked up stones down in the field, Alf ploughed and F grafted trees. P.M. F & I grafted trees in my orchard for Blins, & Alf & I--s ploughed. Mr Greenlau was here to dinner. F. Annie & Rox went up to meeting this evening. The old meeting-house at Tusket was burned last night - reflecting much credit upon the people.

Saturday, May 10th, 1879

W. Westerly. Fine again. F cutting up seed potatoes. I--h & I finished ploughing. Alf went over to Fords and got some more hay. Mother has been working in the garden. Dorithea and Annie B. Mullen were here this afternoon. The weather is beautiful now.

Sunday, May 11th, 1879

W. Westerly Fine and warm. F & M went to Tusket to meeting. This afternoon Roxy and I went across the lake and got a lot of mayflowers.

Monday, May 12th, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy. A.M. F cutting seed. Alf harrowing where we are to sow wheat. I--h. harrowed the little piece of sod below the house. He & I then furrowed it, after which we hauled out three loads of manure, he loading the cart and I putting it out. I also grafted a lot of trees. P.M. F sowed the wheat. Alf harrowed it in. I--h & I planted the little patch of potatoes. We then set out three willow trees in the corner of the orchard and five apple trees down in my field, hauling and putting a load of chip-dirt around them.

Tuesday, May 13th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. A.M. Asa Porter performed a surgical operation on Tuttle. He and I--h began furrowing and putting out manure. F went to look for a cow. P.M. Alf putting out manure. I--h & I put in a row or two of potatoes down in the field. Tonight F & I set our Blin brush afire around the edge, preparatory to burn when a fit time shall come -----

Wednesday, May 14th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and beautiful all day. Alf hauling out manure. I--h and I planting. F. working in the vegetable garden Mr & Mrs Cogswell came here tonight. The woods is beginning to look a little green. All is beautiful & spring-like

Thursday, May 15th, 1879

W. S.W. Blowing freshly. Delightful weather. Alf hauling out manure, And I--h & I planting. P.M. F & I put fire in the brush and got quite a fair burn. Mr C-- & wife went away after noon.

Friday, May 16th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy - showery all the afternoon. A.M. F. heaping and burning brush in the burnt-land. Alf hauling Manure. I--h & I planting. P.M. Scot & I went to the river where I caught eight trouts. The bilberry trees are in bloom and the first cherry blossoms out today. Dr. M called in at noon.

Saturday, May 17th, 1879

W. E. Showery. A.M. F. cutting seed. Alf went out to see Darkey Smith about trading oxen. I--h hunting cattle. I working in the shop all day. P.M. Alf hauling manure. I--h & I went to the woods and got a lot of rick-gate stuff, which he worked at till night. F helping him some

Sunday, May 18th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy & showery all of us home. Nothing of importance occurred. Roxy and I called in to J. P's this morning. I wrote some and read all day.

Monday, May 19th, 1879

W. S. Showery. This morning we hauled the smoke-house across the road for Alf a pig-sty. The rest of the day I have worked in the shop at the sashes. F & A tinkering about. Tonight I got a note from W.H.S -- in reference to a job of Constable business which he offers me. Mother is unwell today.

Tuesday, May 20th, 1879

W. Westerly. Sun shone out a little but mostly obscured by fog. I started for Metegan this morning – went as far as W.H.S's He being absent, I was obliged to remain there till after noon, when I proceeded on my way, going as far as Sam Comeau's, back of Little Brook, where I stopped over night. I had an errand there, and as he invited me to stop all night, I did so. Alonzo Grant went out with me today. Rhubarb sauce

Wednesday, May 21st, 1879

W. S.W. Foggy. Rained a hard shower towards night. I drove to Metegan this morning. I stopped at the ship-yard at Saulnierville and saw Dan a little while. At Metagan I found Monde Comeau and (alias "Weston") and served the papers on him. I then returned to Saulnierville fed my horse and got dinner at Monda Bonafonts – Dan's Boarding place. After dinner, Dan accompanying me, I drove to Weymouth Dan went down the River. And stopped to Campbell's where I purchased a box of tea, a piece of Gray Cotton and a piece of Print. I also got a shoe put on the horse at the Bridge. I mailed a letter to Rev J.D.S--. Got home at dark.

Thursday, May 22nd, 1879

W. N.E. Fine and lovely – [Everything] looking beautiful. F & Dan hauling logs. Alf putting out manure – finished. I have been planting. Harold has got a cunning little tooth coming through.

Friday, May 23rd, 1879

W. N.E. Fine, but windy and cold. F & Dan rafting – finished A.M. Alf hunting cattle – I planting. P.M. Alf & I planting. Mother is quite unwell now. I fear she is going to be real sick.

Saturday, May 24th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy, and extremely cold for the season – a few snow flakes falling this morning. A.M. A & I finished planting then F & I mended fence till noon. P.M. Alf & Chattie went down the River. F & I made a new fence along the side of the lower field. Dan chopped down on his land. I sent 9 dz Eggs out to Campbell's.

Sunday, May 25th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy till night when it cleared off beautifully. Roxy and I spent the mostly here in our room. This afternoon Dan and Annie went down for a walk to their farm. Alf & Chattie came home tonight.

Monday, May 26th, 1879

W. N. Fine and delightful. F & A sawing. I have been quite sick with a cold and have kept in all day – sleeping, reading, and composing. Dan is here yet. He is about laid up with a boil on his neck. Dr Morse called in this afternoon. He gave Dan some medicine.

Tuesday, May 27th, 1879

W. N. Fine, but quite cold. F sawing. I worked in the shop & finished Peter's sashes, or rather, Geo Sabeau's sashes. AM. Alf hauled some fence poles to mend fence. P.M. He went to the mill and hauled out some lumber.

Wednesday, May 28th, 1879

W. Westerly. Fine and quite warm. F. sawing. Alf helping Chattie paper her kitchen. I have been working in the shop what I could. I am not able to do anything, but I want to do something, so I worked some at the sashes. I cut Dan's hair today &c.

Thursday, May 29th, 1879

W. W. Fine and quite warm. F. sawing. Alf went to the Cove with a load. Dan went with him. I finished P.W. & G.S's sashes, and made a "splint" plane. I went to the lake and had a bathe. Aunt Olive came here today.

Friday, May 30th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F sawing. Alf went to Weymouth with a load. A.M. I worked in the shop some. P.M. I have been heaping & burning brush down in the Blin burnt-land.

Saturday, May 31st, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy or smoky. F sawing. Alf fixing fence. Roxy, Harold & I went up the Bay. Got there (Gramma Rings) at 2 o'clock. After dinner I went up to Uncle John's where I stopped till night. Harold has got a very bad cold.

Sunday, June 1st, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. I went down to Dunkley's this morning where I staid till noon. After Dinner I went up to Uncle John's. Aunt Alice and I went up to M. Meeting with Uncle's horse. Mr Robinson preached from Psalms 61 v & 2nd "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. After meeting I went to Mrs Saxon's where Roxy & Hally were. We stayed a little while and then came down to Uncle John's, where we took tea. I called in to see Sussie a little while, after which we drove down to M.R.

Monday, June 2nd, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. We came home today. Arrived about 2 o'clock. Harold is real sick. I got some buttons & pins from Campbell's today. F. sawing. Alf hauling dirt from around his house. Mr Cogswell preached out at the school-house yesterday.

Tuesday, June 3rd, 1879

W. S.E. Raining all day – though not heavily. F sawing Alf helping Chattie paper. I made a rick gate and put up to my orchard. I am not well now. Harold is dreadful sick, but I hope it is nothing more than a cold

Wednesday, June 4th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy all day. Showery in the afternoon. Alf went to Weymouth with a load of boards for Lonergan – bought a new molasses keg &c. I sent by him for the Doctor to come to Harold. He arrived at 2 o'clock. Harold has been very sick all last night and today. The doctor gave him some medicine, and we hope that he get well again. He seems a little better tonight. F has been sawing.

Thursday, June 5th, 1879

W. S.E. Partly fine. Rained last night. A.M. F & A to the mill. Harold seems to be worse this morning and as a slight rash appeared on him, they put him in a warm bath. Tonight he is better. P.M. F & A went to work in the burnt-land.

Friday, June 6th, 1879

W. S.E. Partly fine and very warm. F sheared the sheep. Alf planted the beans. I have been very sick today. In addition to my other troubles, I have got a severe cold. Harold is a little better again today. Dan F. came here this afternoon. Stillman Mullen is here this evening. I have spent some little time these few past days in writing a poem. The apple-trees and liliacs are in full bloom. Yesterday Alf found a ripe strawberry.

Saturday, June 7th, 1879

W. W. Thundered and rained some last night. F & A fencing the burntland. Dan chopping. Harold is getting better. I feel a little better today (quite cold)

Sunday, June 8th, 1879

W. Variable -- a little shower tonight -- cold. I do not feel so smart today as I did yesterday. Harold is gaining This forenoon R & I went down to the lake a few minutes. P.M. Dan & Annie went out to W.H.Ss. Alf & Chattie went to church.

Monday, June 9th, 1879

W. W. Fine but windy. F & A starting c-wood out of Dan's brush. Dan chopping. Hitty Robart came up this morning to see if I'd take her Mother to Digby tomorrow to attend Supreme Court -- I agreed to go. P.M. Mrs S.A. Seele & Lydia spent the afternoon here. Mrs S.A.S. had her babe Emma with her -- She is a fine smart child, but not half so good looking as Harold.

Tuesday, June 10th, 1879

W. S.W. Quite fine, but looking like rain. I started this morning at Sunrise for Digby. I took Jane & Dick. We arrived at Digby by 10 o'clock, stopping only on the way to feed, at Mrs Rings. I spent the greater part of the day in the C-house. At night I drove down to Mrs Rings. At Litteney's today I purchased for Roxy a sachel & a pair of slippers -- gave for them \$2.35cts. I have been sick all day. I took 13 dz Eggs to Campbells today.

Wednesday, June 11th, 1879

W. S.E. Raining most all day. I spent the day with Hittie and Cornelia Ring -- helping them pick wool &c. I went up to Uncle John's tonight a while.

Thursday, June 12th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy. I came home today, where I arrived at 2 o'clock, with no special occurrence excepting a war dance that I witnessed

at [illegible] Grimes' as I passed. I found them at home all well. Harold is real smart again. F & A have been at work in their burnt land

Friday, June 13th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine. F & A in the burnt-land. P.M. Mrs Wagoner and Ellen W. spent the afternoon here.

Saturday, June 14th, 1879

W. S.W. blowing freshly. F & A in the B-land. I got some brush and stuck the peas. Yesterday F & A. hoed some early potatoes here by the house, and prepared some cabbage rows. I am unable to do anything, I write most of the time.

Sunday, June 15th, 1879

W. S.E. Looking like rain all day -- Began tonight. Alf and Chattie started to go down the river with the colt, but got the shaft broke and so returned. Roxy & I got two cups of strawberries in Blin's field tonight.

Monday, June 16th, 1879

W. N.E. Raining all day. F. making shingles. I am engaged in copying my poems in a book.

Tuesday, June 17th, 1879

W. S.W. Showery all day. This morning Alf, Dan & I. took a drive out the road with the colt and old horse harnessed together. F has been making shingles. They worked in the burnt-land a while but the rain drove them.

Wednesday, June 18th, 1879

W. N. Sun and showers. Alf took a load of stuff to Dr Morse with the horse & colt. F. made shingles and hoed potatoes here by the house. I helped him some. Dan went away today. He is going to work down to Campbell's. Old Steve Wilson got lost in the woods

Thursday, June 19th, 1879

W. N.W. A glorious fine day. Today Summer is in its full glory. The clover, daisies, butter cups, [flower] & grass and everything are in full display. F. A. & Dick Robart heaping burnt-land.

Friday, June 20th, 1879

W. S.W. Glorious and lovely. F & A finished the burnt-land.

Dick helped till noon. I sat heaps afire all day. Annie has been out to Aunt Sarah's all day. I got a cup of strawberries -- they are very scarce.

Saturday, June 21st, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F & A "chunking" the heaps. I put the glass in some windows for Peter W. P.M. F & A finished shaving and bound up a lot of shingles. I finished the sashes, then we began clearing out the shop preparatory to moving it.

Sunday, June 22nd, 1879

W. S.W. Beautiful again. Roxy and I took a little stroll this morning. Nothing of importance occurred. We have spent the day in reading &c.

Monday, June 23rd, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F & A. Sowing and harrowing the burnt-land. I have been mending and cleaning the harness &c. I am about half sick now.

Tuesday, June 24th, 1879

W. S.W. Glorious weather. F & A Sowing, harrowing and packing. I greased the harness this morning. P.M. I helped Alf fix the carriage shaft, mend a parasol for Mrs C---, and mended W.H.S's harness. Jos Hankinson was here today.

Wednesday, June 25th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine again. A.M. F. A. & I moving stuff out of the old house &c. P.M. F & A finished the burnt-land. I tore boards off the shop &c. Aunt Sarah has been here today. Annie and Chattie went to the Carding Mill. They went down to David Grant's tonight.

Thursday, June 26th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine F. A. & I tearing down the old house. We got it all down. Annie and Chattie came home tonight

Friday, June 27th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. We hauled the timber and boards out of the old house across the road. Cleared up the road &c. Still Mullen is here tonight.

Saturday, June 28th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F. made Cottie a pair of shoes. Alf making a

yoke. I have done nothing but pick a few birries This afternoon Rox & I went in the woods and got a lot of moss. Mr Ford and Sussie were here a while this afternoon. He has meeting up the road tonight. David Grant & wife came in today. Dan F. came too.

Sunday, June 29th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy. Showery in the afternoon. A.M. F Dan & I went up to C. Meeting. Mr Ford spoke from 11 Cor. 1 & 21 &c. Hartshorn and Charlie Mullen were here to dinner. Mrs & Mrs Ford and Sussie were here to tea. Mr Cogswell preached out at Southville, but we did not know it & did not go. George Nickerson was married one day last week.

Monday, June 30th, 1879

W. N. Quite fine. F sawing. A.M. A finishing his yoke. Dan mended his boot. P.M. Alf went to the mill. Dan went down the River and got his clothes. I made Roxy four flower boxes, helped cover the lounge &c She and I picked two quarts of strawberries. Dan brought Omar home from Weaver's. W.H.S. wants me to help him frame on his barn this week, but but my health will not permit.

Tuesday, July 1st, 1879

W. N.W. Cool breeze -- clear and delightful. Pic-Nic Day. A.M. Alf got out a load from the mill. Dan & I went down to the lake and had a bathe. F D & I arranged a swing down here in the woods today. This afternoon the pic-nicers came as usual. There were above eighty. The afternoon passed pleasantly away and without any special occurrence. Roxy and I were looking for some of our friends from up the Bay, but were disappointed as from some cause none came.

Wednesday, July 2nd, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load. Scot went with him and Alf got him a knife. I took Dan out to W.H.S.'s to help him on his barn frame. F. sawing. P.M. I went up the road and asked "hands" to W.H.S.'s raising tomorrow.

Thursday, July 3rd, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F sawing till noon. He then went to W.H.S.'s barn raising. Alf hauling out from the mill. Mother, Chattie & Mrs G. out to Mr White's visiting. Mr Delap & lady were here to dinner & tea. I put a shoe on Omar. Roxy & I picked strawberries for tea. I weeded out the vegetables &c. I made a rick for my grape vine to grow on.

Friday, July 4th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine, but windy. F. Sawing. Alf went down the River with a load of boards for Lint; is not coming home tonight. I did nothing this forenoon but pick a few berries. Dan got home from W.H.S.'s towards noon. P.M. Dan & I plowed out half of the potatoes. Mrs G. and Chattie were here visiting.

Saturday, July 5th, 1879

W. N. Fine. F sawing. A.M. Dan & I began hoing potatoes Mrs Ring and Ethel came this afternoon. P.M. D. hoed. Eth and I strolled around, taking a row on the lake, getting some berries &c. Alf got home at noon, then harnessed up & he & Chattie went down the river. Willoughby came this afternoon. I got a letter from Mr S.

Sunday, July 6th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine A.M. F. M. & Mrs R. went out to hear W----y at the school-house. P.M. Mrs R. & Eth went home

Monday, July 7th, 1879

W. N. Fine. A.M. D. F & I hoing potatoes. P.M. F & D hoing Alf, who got home at noon -- & I finished ploughing them out

Tuesday, July 8th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy all day. A.M. F. D. A & I finished hoing the potatoes and hoed the beans. P.M. F. Fixing a cart wheel. Dan & Alf went down to the corner and loaded up a stick of hard-wood to go to the mill. It has looked all day as if rain should come down at any minute, but after dinner I got Omar, put a couple of shoes on him, put a grist of Barley in bags and with Scot aboard started at four O'clock for up the Bay. We had scarcely started before the rain began to come down, and continued heavily till I got up the Bay to Mrs Rings at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday, July 9th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Rained all night. This morning I took my grain up to Joseph McNeills mill where I got it ground P.M. Ethel Scot & I went out in a boat with Sanderson's boys, to their new Schooner which has just been launched. At 4oclk we started home where we arrived safely at Dark. Harold crept today for the first

Thursday, July 10th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. F. Dan & Alf began working on the road -- Statute labor --. I went to work on W.H.S.'s barn. Roxy took me out. I am feeling better some now.

Friday, July 11th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine - A thunder shower came up this morning. F inished on the road. Alf got out a load from the mill. I helping W.H.S.

Saturday, July 12th, 1879

W. N.W. Beautiful Weather. F. mending a cart-wheel. Alf went out with a load. Dan ground a new scythe and mowed my little field by Blin's. I finished working for W.H.Ss. Alf came out tonight with the colt and I came in with him. Mother is quite unwell.

Sunday, July 13th, 1879

W. W. Fine. Alf & Chattie went down to Old Davids with the colt. It has been a lovely day. Mother is no better. This afternoon F. went up to hear Mr Gates.

Monday, July 14th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out. A.M. F. at his cart wheel He spread the hay in my little orchard field. D & I mowing in the orchard. P.M. D & I mowed awhile, then we raked up the little field and some in the orchard. Mother is about the same.

Tuesday, July 15th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out. F at his wheels and raking hay. Dan mowed. I am so used up that I have not mowed any but have spread and helped rake

Wednesday, July 16th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. A heavy thunder shower came last night wetting our hay badly. A.M. F. at his wheels. Alf hauled a load of slabs from W's mill to fix the barn. Dan & I mowing, spreading &c. P.M. We hauled in four loads of hay - two out of my orchard, & two out of the orchard here. Looked very like a thunder shower this afternoon, but only a few sprinkles. Mother is getting better. I am feeling much better now.

Thursday, July 17th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F finished his whels and fixed the waggon wheel. Dan & I mowing &c. P.M. Alf went down to Woodwiths to get the wheels tired. F D & I hauled in a load of hay, raked & mowed

Friday, July 18th, 1879

W. N. Fine. But quite cool. Glorious day. A.M. Alf went out and got the wheels that he took out yesterday to get fixed. Dan & I got up before day-light this morning and finished mowing the piece below the B.S. shop. We then mowed (f helping us) the field here below the wood yard. P.M. All hands raking

Saturday, July 19th, 1879

W. N.E. Fine & Cool. All hands in the hay. Mowed all the field by the wagon house. & raked it -- got in five loads of hay. We have had a fine week. Mother is quite ill again. Harold has got the ear ache.

Sunday, July 20th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine Windy am. F. M. & Annie went to Tusket to meeting. Dan, Scot, Roxy Harold & I stayed home. We have spent a very pleasant day.

Monday, July 21st, 1879

W. Variable. Blowing heavily & looking like rain. A.M. D, Alf & I mowed down here in the rough field. F Butchered a calf. P.M. We hauled in two loads of hay back of the carriage house. Harold is real well now

Tuesday, July 22nd, 1879

W. S.W. Showery this forenoon -- Partly fine till night. A.M. Alf mending his shoes. Dan doing nothing. F & I mowed a little. P.M. All hands mowing & raking in the rough field. Charley Bent was here to dinner. Roxy sent a letter by him up to Hittie Ring.

Wednesday, July 23rd, 1879

W. S.W. Showery all day. A.M. Dan fixing his shoes. P.M. F went down to look at the burnt land. He and Alf hoed some cabbage. I made myself a pair of lasts and cut a pair of shoes.

Thursday, July 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Foggy till -- Cleared up. F. D. & A finished mowing the rough field. P.M. The began mowing down on the hill. I closed up my shoes and got one lasted. I raked hay awhile tonight. Harold climbed up today for the first time. He climbed up the board that goes across the back door three times. They weighed him last Saturday and his weight was 19lb 2oz.

Friday, July 25th, 1879

W. W. Fine. F A & Dan working in the hay. They mowed and raked down on the hill, and tonight we finished raking the rough field. I finished my shoes today. They fit quite good considering that they are my first attempt at making shoes for myself.

Saturday, July 26th, 1879

W. W. Fine and pretty warm. A.M. We mowed the Western part of the hill field. P.M. We hauled two loads from the rough field being all there was there – got one overturned. P.M. raked what we mowed and got up two loads below the potatoes. I am I am quite well now -- in fact, we all are well, for which we should be thankful.

Sunday, July 27th, 1879

W. S. Began raining about day-break & continued heavily until about noon. We were looking for Willoughby & Mr. Cogswell to preach here today, but the storm prevented. A few, or rather a lot, of young ones gathered here this afternoon. Judson, Winnie and Augusta Green stopped to tea.

Monday, July 28th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. (A.M.) D A & I mowed in the C. field. P.M. F helped us. We got it most mowed. F A & Dan got in a load of hay tonight from the level Hill. I have been unwell today.

Tuesday, July 29th, 1879

W. S.W. Quite fine. Alf went out with a load. D. & F working in the hay; they finished the C. field and raked most all of it, and got in a load from the level hill being all from that field. Roxy took Annie down the River. She expected to meet Hit but was dissatisfied. They took out 13 dz Eggs to Campbells for me. I got a letter tonight from Mrs Skinner. Roxy got a lot of Cards from the States. I have done nothing today but chores. I feel a little better.

Wednesday, June 30th, 1879

W. S.W. Foggy till noon, then cleared off. A.M. Alf mowed in the spring-field, being the first mown there. F reading the newspapers. P.M. F & A finished raking the C. field and mowed some in the Spring field. I took Dan down the River to go to work on the Ship. Scot went with us. We fell in with W.H.S at the Bridge who accompanied us. We drove around to Dan Sabean's. I left the team there with Dan and Scot and WHS & I went down to Willoughby's. We got a bite of dinner there had a pleasant little chat, and then came up to C-C-ship yard where we remained

awhile – then came up the Bridge. I got a keg of molasses from Amero's – five gals. W.H.S. came in with us. They are working at the R.R. again, and talk of having the work completed this Fall. I am some better tonight – though by no means well.

Thursday, July 31st, 1879

W. S.W. Fine, and the warmest of the season. A.M. F. A. & I mowed out the [illegible] in the S. field. P.M. rakes some there, and hauled the hay from the C. field having two loads. Mother and Chattie have been down to Mrs Wagoner's visiting. We had an adventure with a skunk down among the rocks below the spring field tonight. The dog first found him in a hole among the rocks. We made a fire at one end of the crevice, which drove him out at the other. It is the first one we ever saw, as they have never been known in these parts till within the past year or two. Harold is well and progressing finely.

Friday, Aug 1st, 1879

W. W. Fine and beautiful weather. A.M. F. A. & I finished mowing the Spring-field. P.M. We raked it about all up. The grass is better than it has been for a number of years. There are above forty cocks. The weather is very warm now days.

Saturday, Aug 2nd, 1879

W. W. Glorious day. A.M. Alf went to the lake and had a swim. We then unloaded a load of hay and got in one out of the S-field. P.M. F A & I hauled in three loads from the s-field making four loads – about 2 tons from that field, and finishing our haying. After we got our last load on I went out across the woods by the old Wagoner Road as far as Steel's old mill to see how far it was, and in what condition the road. I found the distance less and the road in better condition than I expected. Tonight Alf & Chattie went down the River – I should think they would get tired of it.

Sunday, Aug 3rd, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and sultry. All hands home all day. Roxy & I were thinking to go to Tusket today, but as we could not find the horses easily, we remained at home reading and otherwise diverting ourselves. Mother is half sick of tooth ache and &c.

Monday, Aug 4th, 1879

W. N.E. Fine. F & I helping Blin in his hay. Alf got home at noon from Down the River & this afternoon he has been mowing in the piece we are going to cut on Blin. W H Sabean was here to dinner.

Tuesday, Aug 5th, 1879

W. W. Fine and warm. A.M. F & I finished mowing the field "on Blin". P.M – we raked it up – had twelve cocks. Alf went out today to work on the Rail-way. Waity was here tonight to tea. We are all quite well.

Wednesday, Aug 6th, 1879

W. S. Foggy till noon and looking like rain. Cleared off then & fine till night, with a Westerly wind. A.M. F & I hauled in the hay from the field we mowed "on Blin" – one load. P.M. We went back on the burnt for blue-berries. We did not get many. I do not feel very well today.

Thursday, Aug 7th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and [coll]. F. helping Blin. I have been helping WH Sabean hay over here in his field. Charley Manzer, Obed White and Willie W. were also there.

Friday, Aug 8th, 1879

W. Variable – Looking some like rain. F. peeling hemlock down in Dan F's piece of brush. I have been helping W H.S. again. He finished haying today. He only had Willie W. & I with him today. I am pretty tired tonight.

Saturday, Aug 9th, 1879

W. variable with drizzling rain. F & I "enjoying a quiet day at home". Will Cosman has been here all the Afternoon. I cut his hair. I cut Harris Cosman's too. Dan & Annie came tonight from Down the river. Dan & I got our Dynamite circular tonight.

Sunday, Aug 10th, 1879

W. Easterly – Dull till noon, then cleared off. Willoughby preached here this morning from Proverbs 18 & 10. W.H.S stopped to dinner and spent the afternoon here. F & M. went down on the line to meeting this afternoon. Willoughby went with them. Roxy & I took WHS home tonight with the horse and carriage.

Monday, Aug 11th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. I went to Weymouth today with a load of Boards 500ft. for McKay, and 327 ft of Pine for Joe Hankinson. Alf came home this morning from the Rail-Road, or from old David's – He took out a load of cord-wood & got a Bbl of flour. F. has been at Dan's hemlock's again today

Tuesday, Aug 12th, 1879

W. W. Fine. A.M. F & A shod the oxen. I shovelled out some stuff from under the stable to make a compost heap for top-dressing. P.M. F. A. & I peeling hemlock bark down on Dan

Wednesday, Aug 13th, 1879

W. W. Fine and breezy. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. F ranging around. I was not well and lay on the lounge. P.M. F & I finished peeling D's hemlock. Alf went down the River tonight to move Chattie in from working on the Rail-way. Annie had a quilting party this afternoon.

Thursday, Aug 14th, 1879

W. S.W. Very windy all day with scud flying. Raining tonight with thunder and lightening. A.M. F not doing much but chores. I put two shoes on Omar, packed 16 dz Eggs for Market – finished shoveling out beneath the stable, gathered some bone-set &c. Alf & Chattie got home at noon. P.M. F & Mother went out to Weymouth. I have been working in the swamp mud. I hauled up two loads and put in the yard and shoveled out a parcel more on the ground. Alf has kept himself housed this afternoon. F & M have not got home yet (10 O'clock). They will not be here tonight. Mrs Chas Lewis & Miss S. were here today to see about getting some lumber.

Friday, Aug 15th, 1879

W. W. Fine. F & M. came home this morning. They got caught in the storm last evening and stopped to WHS's. F. A. & I. went up to Oak Lake blue-berrying today, but did not get many. We are all quite well now. Will C. started to go around the Bay on a courting tour. He took my horse and the carriage. Rox sent a letter by him to Hit. Roxy is just now cutting out the first square of patch-work for the first quilt of Harold's little bed--

Saturday, Aug 16th, 1879

W. S. Quite fine till noon. Clouded up began to rain slightly about four O'clock, but came on heavily tonight. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. F & I fixed up Blin's fence where our ox has been getting his field. We also put some poles on the fence around my little field. P.M. F & M went to Tusket. I went down to the corner and began cutting cord-wood, but, a shower coming on I came home. Just as we had got comfortable in bed tonight we heard a carriage roll up the hill, & shortly after a sharp rapping at the – On going down, I was delighted in meeting Richard Sanderson with Hittie Ring.

Sunday, Aug 17th, 1879

W. E. Rained heavily all night and all day. Rich & Hit has been here all day -- we have had a very pleasant day

Monday, Aug 18th, 1879

W. S.E. Rained all day. F came home from Tusket towards night. Dan F. came tonight from Down the River. I cut up a lot of wood, helped Alf shoe the colt &c.

Tuesday, Aug 19th, 1879

W. S.E. -- Shifted to N.W. tonight. Rained till noon with a heavy wind, which has done a great deal of damage among apple, grain and everything. F has been cobbling some today. I cut wood all the afternoon. Alf has been shoeing P.W.'s oxen. R. Sanderson went out tonight.

Wednesday, Aug 20th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite fine. Cool. F. & I. have been around the lake by the mill peeling hemlocks to make board for Dan's house. This may be called the first blow struck at his house. Alf has been making a pig-yard. Dan & Annie went to French-town. They took out 8 dz Eggs for me. Waity was here to tea tonight

Thursday, Aug 21st, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and warm. Alf went out with a load of wood. F & I cutting trees down on Dan's brush which we are going to haul out for cordwood. Dan & Annie got back from French-town tonight

Friday, Aug 22nd, 1879

W. S. Foggy. Showery some this afternoon. F. D. A & I at work down at the corner. Alf starting out c-wood trees and cordwood -- the rest of us chopping. Because of the rain we came home early. I cut Gus McCauly's hair tonight.

Saturday, Aug 23rd, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy all day. A.M. F. A. Dan & I down at work at the corner. F & A starting out cord-wood & bark & Dan & I splitting c.wood &c. Dan's brother -- Fred -- from St. John put in an appearance this forenoon as we were at work down there. It was quite a surprise. Dan was delighted to see his brother after so long a separation. He and Dan came up to the house where they remained till after noon when they came down again. After getting the bark hauled -- about two cords -- I helped Dan and Fred chop -- We finished the chopping today.

Sunday, Aug 24th, 1879

W. W. Fine. F. went to Tusket for Mother. Hittie R. went with him. We were looking for Mr Cogswell's in to preach today, but he could not come, on account of a funeral. P.M. Obed White -- who has been here all day -- Fred F. & I went up to hear Mr Gates. Text in sixth of Romans. W.H.S was here to tea tonight. Harold was taken sick yesterday. Today he is quite bad, but we hope he will be better tomorrow. Alf & Chattie went down the River yesterday.

Monday, Aug 25th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy. Alf starting C.wood out along the Road with the horse. D & Fred cutting C-wood. F & I went around the lake and put in twenty hemlock logs. I brought home a load of boards. A tin pedlar was here to dinner.

Tuesday, Aug 26th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy & raw. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. Blin and I mended the line fence. P.M. F. getting the hemlock logs down to the pond. I have been mending fence. Dan & Fred went to Weymouth this morning to go [cocking]. P.M. Annie, Hittie, Rox and Harold over to Chattie to a party

Wednesday, Aug 27th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy till noon -- fine tonight. Alf went out with a load of wood. Dan & Fred came back last night, and today they have begun Dan's cellar. A.M. F & I got up a sheep and killed it. P.M. F. sawing. Roxy & I went to the mill for huckle-berries -- we got some. Harold has got well again.

Thursday, Aug 28th, 1879

W. N.E. F Sawing. Dan & Fred at their cellar. Alf repairing the old carriage. A.M. I cut a lot of stakes down by the lake to make a fence across the field. Hittie Ring went down with me. P.M. I mowed the clover in my little orchard. An excitement prevails up the road among the natives in consequence of an apparition that presented itself to Phebe Sabean in Ben's pasture and cut up several antics

Friday, Aug 29th, 1879

W. N.E. Quite fine -- Rained some last night. F sawing D. & F. at their cellar. Alf at the carriage. A.M. I hauled up some of my stakes from down by the lake & made some of them. P.M. I went up to Wagoner's mill & got a load of slabs for my fence. Roxy went with me. Isiah W. was out yesterday with a load of wood for us.

Saturday, Aug 30th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy all day. F. sawing Alf was out with a load of wood. Isiah Wagoner was also out with a load of wood for us. A.M. Dan put a patch on his shoe. Fred & I sharpened and drove stakes for a fence across the field. We went down to the lake and had a swim. P.M. D & Fred digging cellar. I finished my fence of slabs. Annie, Hittie, Rox and Harold went out to Mr Whites visiting. I see in the "Courrier" that Wallace Durland is dead.

Sunday, Aug 31st, 1879

W. N. Very fine. Richard Sanderson came here to see his Hittie this morning. Fred & Hit took a walk to the lake. They were there when Rich came. P.M. Alf & Chattie went to Weymouth to hear Mr Stubbert. Alf & C. did not come home. Dan & Fred are going out to work on the ship tonight. I wrote a poem today on "Phebe's Ghost"

Monday, Sept 1st, 1879

W. W. Fine. F sawing. Alf came home this morning. He shod Cosman's oxen & Alf C. went out for us with a load of wood. A.M. I spread the hay in my orchard field &c. P.M. I raked it up – I have also today began another Cider Press, greatly to the amusement of the folk. F. finished sawing.

Tuesday, Sept 2nd, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy & smoky. Alf went out with a load of wood. Will Cosman F. & I have been hauling fence poles to make a line-fence.

Wednesday, Sept 3rd, 1879

W. N.W. Beautiful & fine. Alf went out with a load of wood. F. making a pair of boots. Will Cosman & I made our line fence. I took dinner with him. We had apple dumplings. Annie, Hittie, Rox & Harold have been down to Mrs Wagoner's visiting today. I got in my clover tonight. Will C. helped me.

Thursday, Sept 4th, 1879

W. N.E. Partially clear. F. shoe-making. Alf fiddling around. I went out with a load of wood to E. John for Tom Randall. I took out six feet. I took Omar out to Woodwith & got him shod. I got some stuff for a pair of shirts & stuff for a pair of overalls. Annie, Hittie, Roxy & Harold have been up to Charley Cosman's visiting.

Friday, Sept 5th, 1879

W. S.E. Raining all day. F. at his boots. I have been at my cider press. Will Cosman is here this evening.

Saturday, Sept 6th, 1879

W. N.E. Partly fine. F at his boots. Alf went with a load of wood. I have been working at my press some. This afternoon Hittie Scot & I went back to Porters pasture and got some blackberries Peter W. has gone to Digby with my horse today. Harold is not very well. Dan F came tonight.

Sunday, Sept 7th, 1879

W. N. Beautifully fine. F. Annie, Dan, Alf, Chattie, Hittie & I went out with the truck to Hear Willoughby. W. came in with us F. went down to W.H.S's. Judson was here to tea. Willoughby preached here tonight. Harold is better today.

Monday, Sept 8th, 1879

W. S.E. Cloudy. F at work at a pair of boots for me. Alf went out with a load of wood. I also went out with a load of wood. Willoughby & Dan went out with me. Fred Fullerton came in with me. It has rained as hard as could pour all day. We got soaked to the "hide". Harold is well again

Tuesday, Sept 9th, 1879

W. W. Fine. A.M. F. & I cobbling. Fred cutting fire wood. P.M. F cobbling. Fred & I mowed wheat. Alf choring all day. Today is little Harold's birthday. Roxy weighed him He weighed 20 lbs and 9 oz. "Aint he precious! – "

Wednesday, Sept 10th, 1879

W. N. A.M. F. went down to Dan's field and brought up the pick & shovel. Fredie & I finished mowing the wheat. P.M. F. Fred & I began a ditch from the swamp by Blins. Alf went out with a load of wood. Weather fine.

Thursday, Sept 11th, 1879

W. W. Fine. A.M. F & Fred at the ditch. I dressed out some stuff for an extension table legs &c. P.M. F. Fred & I raked up the wheat and hauled it in. We had a large load. Alf out today with a load of wood. This Afternoon Roxy and Harold went up the Bay with Hittie. They intend staying until next Monday.

Friday, Sept 12th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. F. Fred. Alf & I at the ditch. Isiah went out for us with a load of wood. P.M. Will Cosman Freddie & I started for a cruise in the woods in search for meadow. We started about Three O'clock, went as far as "Sevenpens hapenny" Lake where we camped for the night. We had an adventure with a bear, which is not necessary to particularize as we will doubtless all remember. Chattie went down the River for Clarissa.

Saturday, Sept 13th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F. at his dich. Alf went out with a load of wood. This morning we went to the Long Tusket. Reaching there at noon, we dinned, after which we constructed a raft upon which we crossed the lake. We examined the meadow – recrossed the lake and struck for home where we arrived at dark.

Sunday, Sept 14th, 1879

W. S.E. Fine but looking like rain. Nothing of note occurred excepting this afternoon F. Fred & I sat Dan's brush on fire. We got a not very good burn.

Monday, Sept 15th, 1879

W. W. Rained during the night. Cleared off today. We hauled up the loom from Blins this morning. A.M. F & A at the ditch. P.M. Alf hauled out a load of hemlock from the mill. F. to the mill too. Freddy & I dug potatoes today down on the hill. We dug fifteen bushels. They are pretty good. Roxy and Harold got home from up the Bay. They are well and I was very glad to see them.

Tuesday, Sept 16th, 1879

W. S. Rained all day. I made a sluice to put potatoes down cellar, cleaned out the cellar, mended Annie's chair worked some at my cider press &c.

Wednesday, Sept 17th, 1879

W. S.W. Quite fine. A.M. F cobbling. Alf tinkering around. I made a work-bench in the wood-house &c. P.M. I & Joseph Porter sat a bear trap where a bear had killed one of Justine's and one of Porters sheep. Alf went out to Will Mullens. I made an apple grinder. Fred digging in Dan's cellar

Thursday, Sept 18th, 1879

W. S.W. Beautiful and lovely. Alf, Fred, & I went early to the

Bear-trap. We there beheld what I shall not readily forget. A monster bear fast in the trap by one hind foot. After taking a look at him (rather short one) We came out when F. Jos Porter, David Porter, Harris Cosman, Alf Fred & I went back to the trap. F & Jos. fired at the bear, after which we finished him with axes. We [wished] him to a pole and carried him out to Joseph's gate. When all the women gathered to see him. I carried little Harold over to see him. I sat him on the bear's back. He found it great sport. F. J. P. & Austine skinned him while the rest of us went to help Charley Cosman raise his house. F came too in the Afternoon. Mother and Annie went out to the bridge to get Annie's trosseau. Isiah went out with our team and a load of wood. Day before yesterday the first train of cars were at the Bridge

Friday, Sept 19th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy and rained a little. Cleared up beautifully tonight. F. at my boots. Fred at the cellar of Dan's. Alf took out a load of potatoes for Geo Sabean. I helped Charley Cosman on his house.

Saturday, Sept 20th, 1879

W. S.W. Beautiful and fine. This forenoon F. assisted in stretching the bear skin on J. P's barn. PM. at the boots. Alf & Isiah each went out with a load of wood. I got out stuff in the wood-house for sashes. Fred came up early from the cellar and he and I made some cider. Dan F. came tonight. I got some circulars from Dr Boyd

Sunday, Sept 21st, 1879

W. W. Fine. This morning Dan F, Fred & I went to the bear trap. Mr Cogswell preached here tonight from [Mathey] 12 & 31 His sermon was impressive indeed. He & his wife, and WHS. stopped to tea. Annie took Dan out tonight.

Monday, Sept 22nd, 1879

W. S.E. Looking some like rain. Annie came home this morning. F. finished my boots. Fred digging cellar. Alf started to take old Jane up to Digby to Court. I have been dressing out stuff for sashes. Roxy & I went down to the burnt-land tonight and got a lot of cucumbers. Isiah was out for us with a load of wood. Little Harold stood alone and took two little steps today.

Tuesday, Sept 23rd, 1879

W. S.W. Rained a little night – dull today. A.M. F at the ditch. Fred cutting wood. P.M. Fred helping F at the ditch. I have been at my sashes &c. Geo Wagoner came tonight & got my horse to go to Digby with.

Wednesday, Sept 24th, 1879

W. S. Dull all day. F. & Fred at the ditch. Isiah went out with a load of wood for us. I have been at my sashes all day. Alf got home from Digby tonight. He says that in all probability Jane will lose her case.

Thursday, Sept 25th, 1879

W. N. Fine but quite cold and fall-like. F & Fred at the ditch. Alf fixing the truck wheel. I have been at the sashes. Fred & I made some cider tonight. It rained heavily last evening.

Friday, Sept 26th, 1879

W. N. Fine and lovely. Very heavy frost last night – the first of the season. F & Fred digging ditch. Alf at the wheel. I began putting the sashes together today. Tom Wilson gave us a call again. Jake Gilliland is crazy. They say Harold is sick tonight.

Saturday, Sept 27th, 1879

W. W. Fine again. Alf went out with a load for us. Alf out too with Bark. F. & A. digging Ditch. I have been putting sashes together. I got a letter tonight from Mr Skinner.

Sunday, Sept 28th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. F & M went to Tusket to meeting. Fred & I went out to W.H.S's. This afternoon we went out to Common Meeting out at the school-house.

Monday, Sept 29th, 1879

W. S.W. Quite fine and warm. Alf went out with a load. F. Fred and I reaped the buck-wheat. It is quite [illegible] but not very well filled.

Tuesday, Sept 30th, 1879

W. S.W. A.M. Foggy. P.M. Fine. This forenoon F. Fred & I hauled up the buck-wheat and stood it up by the barn. This afternoon F. went to the mill to file the saw and saw some sled runners &c. Fred & I digged potatoes. I have got a sore hand. I fear it is going to be bad. Alf went out today with a load.

Wednesday, Oct 1st, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. Fred & I mowed oats in our Blin field. P.M. F & Fred at the oats. My hand is so bad I had to knockoff Alf and Isiah each out with a load. Tonight all hands but Roxy and I were down to Mrs Wagoners to a paring party.

Thursday, Oct 2nd, 1879

W. W. Fine. A.M. F & Fred finished mowing the oats. P.M. They threshed the buck-wheat. Alf went down to Court today. My hand is worse today

Friday, Oct 3rd, 1879

W. W. Fine. Alf went out. F. & Fred digging potatoes. My hand is very

Saturday, Oct 4th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. F. killed a sheep. Fred making cider. P.M. F & Fred digged a few potatoes I [illegible] Dan Fullerton came tonight. My hand is a little better. In the Courier I see Hittie's marriage

Sunday, Oct 5th, 1879

W. S.W. Fine. Fred and Roxy went out to hear Willoughby. He came in with them. F is not very well. WHS and Lydia were here to tea. Willoughby preached here tonight. My hand is a little better.

Monday, Oct 6th, 1879

W. W. Fine. Annie took Dan and Willoughby out today and brought Miss Hollandsworth in to make her dress. F. Fred and Alf raked up the oats today. My hand is getting better.

Tuesday, Oct 7th, 1879

W. W. Foggy and looking a little like rain. F. A. & Fred hauled in the oats – three loads.

Wednesday, Oct 8th, 1879

W. Westerly. Fine and very warm. Father and Fred have been digging. I have been reading all day in Bunyan. This afternoon Mother has been up to Sarah's visiting. Father went up this evening. Alf is sick today.

Thursday, Oct 9th, 1879

W. variable. Fine and sultry. F. Alf. Fred and I digging. Alf and I loaded up a load of wheat that Alf is going to take out to the threshing mill tomorrow. A frenchman from up the Bay who came to buy the Alride place was here to dinner. Mrs Cosman and Mrs Stanton are here visiting. Mr Cosman is here this evening. This is the first day I have worked since my hand has been sore

Friday, Oct 10th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy. Showery this afternoon. F. Fred and I digged this forenoon. P.M. F threshed out a little wheat. Fred and I dug some when it did not rain too hard. Alf went out to the threshing mill today – had had about ten bushels of wheat, 5 lb

Saturday, Oct 11th, 1879

W. N. Fine again. A.M. Fred and I digging. F & A hauled some water; then F cleared out the spring and Alf helped us till noon. P.M. F. Fred & I digged potatoes. Annie and Fred took Miss Hollingsworth out tonight. Alfred Chattie and Clarissa went out tonight. St. Claire Sabean, Allan Kinney, Annie Sabean and Gussie Newcomb came here tonight. I got some circulars from Trice & Co.

Sunday, Oct 12th, 1879

W. N. Cloudy all day. This forenoon all hands of us took a stroll down to the lake. P.M. Our visitors went away this afternoon. Roxy & I went with them to Tusket to meeting. I forgot to say that Fred and I went up the road to hear Mr Greenlaw on Friday evening. Tonight Fred & Annie are up to meeting.

Monday, Oct 13th, 1879

W. N.E. Fine but very windy. Alf and Isiah went out each with a load of wood. F. & M. went out to Mr Cogswells. Fred and I digging potatoes.

Tuesday, Oct 14th, 1879

W. N. Fine, but windy and raw. Father and Alf went down to Geo Wagoner's and brought home part of a hogshead of molasses that we bought with him. Fred and I digging potatoes. Fred went out to the Campbelite meeting tonight.

Wednesday, Oct 15th, 1879

W. N. Fine but windy. A.M. Alf teaming the horse and around harnessed together Fred and I digging. P.M. F. A. Fred & I gathering apples. Little Harold is not very well.

Thursday, Oct 16th, 1879

W. N. Cloudy. F. Fred & I digging Alf went out with his team. Harold is better. He will soon be well as ever

Friday, Oct 17th, 1879

W. N. Fine and warm. A.M. Fred and I finished digging We have about 260 bushels potatoes. F butchered a sheep P.M. F. entertaining Mr Greenlaw and reaping beans. Fred, Alf and I went up to the Sturk field for patridges. We got two. D an Fullerton came here tonight.

Saturday, Oct 18th, 1879

W. S. Quite fine. F and Fred gathered the Beans. Alf went out with a load of wood. I worked some at WHS's sashes. Dan went out today with Alf, returning again with him. Fred and I made some cider tonight.

Sunday, Oct 19th, 1879

W. South. Raining steadily all day – the first rain we have had this month. Mr & Mrs Cogswell came this afternoon and by their assistance Dan & Annie were made to rejoice in each other's possession for life. Alf and Chattie were over and we spent quite a pleasant evening.

Monday, Oct 20th, 1879

W. N. Quite fine but windy and very cold for the season. The ground froze some last night being the first of the season. Some snow flew this morning by spells. Mrs & Mr C---, with F & M. spent the forenoon and took dinner over at Alfs. A.M. F & Alf hauling wood. P.M. Alf and Harris Cosman ploughed in the orchard with the horses. F & Fred gathered apples. I have been at the sashes some – I am not feeling very well.

Tuesday, Oct 21st, 1879

W. S.W. Fine and pleasant. Alf went out. Dan went out and came back with him. A.M. F & Fred cutting up alders for a coal-pit. P.M. Fred at the same. F. threshing and cleaning the beans. I have been working at my sashes. Tonight Alf is having a candy-party. We all went over, but the molasses was so slow about boiling that we came home and left it. We got the sad intelligence tonight that J. Gilland of Edinburgh who has been crazy for some time, hanged himself today in his barn

Wednesday, Oct 22nd, 1879

W. S.W. Looking like rain. F. went to Weymouth to look after some of his delinquent debtors. Mother went as far as Mr Whites's. Alf has been fixing the horse stable I think. I have been at sashes. Annie, Roxy and Chattie worked the candy today. Petter Nichols and Augusta Prime were married last Saturday

Thursday, Oct 23rd, 1879

W. S. Began raining towards noon and continued heavily. A.M. F & Alf to the Mill Dan & F cutting cord-wood. I worked at the sashes till about 4oclk when Dan, Alf & I went to Tusket to a Church Meeting. There is a great disturbance there between the Minister and a number of the natives. They accuse him of using improper language, of being one of the number who burned the old meeting-house last spring, or of being an instigator. He could not stand the press any longer – so had a meeting called that some measure might be adopted to release him from the calumny which they are heaping on him. This was the meeting which we attended tonight. A committee was appointed to investigate the reports. Father was also at the meeting. He walked out through the woods and did not return tonight.

Friday, Oct 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Raw and disagreeable. I worked at the sashes and got them all together at last. Alf has been pedaling around. Dan & Fred cutting cord wood. F. got home tonight. I went out to W.H.S's tonight on horse back to talk to WHS.

Saturday, Oct 25th, 1879

W. W. Cloudy, windy with squals. F at his alder coal pit till tonight when he finished gathering the apples. I painted my sashes today. Roxy undertook to weave today but found it cold. Alf went through to Geo. Wagoners to see about selling the horse. I puttied the glass in one of the sashes tonight.

Sunday, Oct 26th, 1879

W. W. Fine and glorious. Alf and Chattie went down the River. P.M. Fred went to C. meeting. Dan & Annie, Roxy, Scot & I went up to the Sturk field for a stroll. Roxy & I put a stove up in our room yesterday, and this forenoon we had a fire in it. F & M. were up to hear Mr G. tonight.

Monday, Oct 27th, 1879

W. W. Quite fine. F & I finished the coal pit. F. put fire [] it tonight. Mr. Greenlau was here to dinner. Uncle Ben is [h] tonight. Alf & Chattie have not got home yet. Dan & Fred are cutting cord wood. Alf and Chattie came home this evening.

Tuesday, Oct 28th, 1879

W. S. Quite fine till noon, when it clouded up, and began raining just night. Alf went out with a load of boards. Dan & Fred chopping. A.M. I hauled some compost from the slop-hole [and] put in my little field as top-dressing – four loads. F [tending] his

coal pit &c. P.M. F & I hauled up three loads of mud from [the] swamp and put in the slop-hole

Wednesday, Oct 29th, 1879

W. S.E. Rained quite heavily all day. Alf went to the mill to saw clap-boards for “Old David’s” barn. P.M. F. & Fred [we] the mill too. I puttied windows all day.

Thursday, Oct 30th, 1879

W. W. Fine and mild. A.M. F. sewed up Fred’s boots. Alf hauling slabs from the mill. P.M. F went to Tusket to attend a meeting of a Committee convened to investigate charges against Mr Cogswell. He is not coming home tonight. I hauled [] loads of top dressing from the end of the barn and put in my little field. Fred & Dan are cutting C-wood. On Friday last Edward Specht’s house on St Mary’s Bay was burned. We hear that Capt. Abner Lewis of Weymouth, and John Ford of Tusket were lost or died at sea – both of the same ship.

Friday, Oct 31st, 1879

W. W. Raw and windy. I puttied windows till Four Oclock, when Alf & I went to Tusket to a Church meeting where the report of the investigating committee were to be presented. The meeting was quite a lively one. Fred went out afoot with Obed and Willie White. Dan and Roxy went to Weymouth today. They took 23 1/2 lbs of butter to Mrs Cotter & 2 1/2 dz Eggs to Campbells. F took 8 dz Eggs to Campbells the other day

Saturday, Nov 1st, 1879

W. N.W. Fine but. Windy. Alf sawing pig-pen stuff. F & I undertook to draw the coal-pit but gave it up. I worked at my windows the end of the day. Father at different jobs. Ethel Ring and Leonard came here at noon. Willoughby and Charles Thomas were also here to dinner.

Sunday, Nov 2nd, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F. Alf & Chattie, Fred, Eth, Leonard and Scot were out to hear Willoughby. Dan & Annie went in the carriage. Text 2 [] of 117 Psalm. Willoughby came in with us. P.M. Fred, Eth & I w[] to Communion Meeting. Willoughby preached here tonight Mother is sick with toothache and a cold

Monday, Nov 3rd, 1879

W. Easterly Fine but sharp Ethel and Leonard went home this morning Willoughby went home with them. Alf went down the River with a load of slabs. A.M. F drew the coal pit I puttied

windows. P.M. F & I picked up the coal – about 20 bushels. I then hauled two loads of coal ashes and put around my apple-trees. Geo Wagoner bought our big black horse tonight. He gave about 52 dollars for him. Robt Ray is here this evening. Dan and Fred at the cellar

Tuesday, Nov 4th, 1879

W. N.E. Snowed three or four inches last night and squally all day. F. went out to John T. Sabean's for a pig. I puttied some windows. David Grant came in today for slabs. Fred and I went down to the spring field tonight and got Alf's calf. It looks very winter-like

Wednesday, Nov 5th, 1879

W. N. Cloudy and cold – real winter weather. F. got home this forenoon with a pig. Alf fixed the stable today A.M. I puttied some more sashes. P.M. I did some chores around, and went up to Charley's where Robt Ray was putting in the cornice. F. fixing the pig barn. Tom Wilson was here today. D & Fred at the cellar

Thursday, Nov 6th, 1879

W. S.E. Quite fine. Today is Thanks Giving Day. This afternoon Fred and I went up to the Sturk field shooting but we got no game. Alf has been fixing up horse-[rings]. He and Chattie were here to dinner. F has been getting grain ready for mill Mother has had a "long drill" with tooth-ache, but she is getting better. Dan has set in the house today and read &c.

Friday, Nov 7th, 1879

W. S.E. Quite fine, but soft, and looking like rain. Alf went down the River with a load of grain. He is going to stop all night and bring in Jim Grant's things. I accompanied him as far as W.H.S's taking a part of his sashes to him. I went down to his mill where he and Charley Manzer was sawing. I stopped there till he came home at 3 o'clock. F. has been hauling up timber to put in the old house

Saturday, Nov 8th, 1879

W. W. Not clear but mild and pleasant. The snow has left fast today. A.M. Scot and I hauled up some wood for Alf. F. went down to Joe Cosman's to see about a beef-cow. P.M. I began a plain wood. After F. came home He & I hewed a stick of [timer]for the shop. Dan & Fred finished their cellar. Alf came home with Grant's things.

Sunday, Nov 9th, 1879

W. S. Mild and pleasant. The snow was all gone this morning. P.M. Alf & Chattie, Rox & I went down to John McAlpine's to Church

Monday, Nov 10th, 1879

W. W. or N.W. Foggy till noon, then cleared off beautifully & warm, as Summer. F. A. & I. pulled the turnips. We had about 35 bushels. This evening we have been over to Alf's helping them pare apples. Adelaide White was here this afternoon I wrote a letter tonight to go to True and Co. for some pictures. Dan and Fred digging their cellar drain

Tuesday, Nov 11th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine. Alf went out with a load of boards. Dan and Fred piling cord-wood and heaping burnt-land. F & I mowed the rushes, and in hauling them up we got the cart broke down and had to leave our load. We heard tonight that John Everette was killed yesterday at Metegan by falling off a bridge – Railway bridge

Wednesday, Nov 12th, 1879

W. S.E. Drizzling rain and foggy. A.M. Alf and I hauled up the rushes. Fred hunting partridges – got two. F. has got a lame side. P.M. F & I pulled the parsnips and beets and hewed a sil for the shop. Alf & Chattie out to Mr White's visiting. Dan fixing his boots. F. hunting got one bird Roxy is making Harold a pair of shoes – his second pair

Thursday, Nov 13th, 1879

W. S.E. A.M. F splitting shingles. I puttied some windows. Dan & F cut some timbers for his house frame. They got lost in the woods P.M. F. A. & I. gathered the cabbage. Alf went down to Joe Cosman to help butcher a cow, but did not for some reason.

Friday, Nov 14th, 1879

W. S.W. Cloudy, but pleasant. F & Fred hewing shop timber. Alf went to Joe Cosman again to butcher. He brought home half a cow tonight. This morning I went up the road with W.H.S to see about getting some [lime]. The rest of the day I have been helping Dan haul [sones] for his rough cellar wall. One of Nichol's girls was here [tonight] taking orders for a paper

Saturday, Nov 15th, 1879

W. S.W. Rained heavily in the night. Foggy all day. A.M. I

finished Peters sashes – putting in the glass. F & A in the B.S. Shop. P.M. F. cut up the beef. Alf made a hen-pen. Dan & I went to look over his land, trace out the lines &c.

Sunday, Nov 16th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and warm as summer. This forenoon Roxy and I sat in our room and read “The Nonwritten Word”. Judson came at noon bringing our mail. He and I spent the afternoon in traveling around, and conversing. Obed White was here to tea. Dan & Annie F & Fred went up tonight to meeting

Monday, Nov 17th, 1879

W. N.W. Fine and warm. Alf began chopping a piece. Harris Cosman is helping him. F & I hauled up 11 loads of mud. Dan & Fred went to French Town. The came home tonight Old Willoughby [Sibbens] was here to dinner today.

Tuesday, Nov 18th, 1879

W. N.E. Cloudy. Began snowing about noon. Continued. Alf and Chattie went down the River to the Consecration of the new Episcopal Church. Dan and F began heaping burnt land. F & I hauled 10 loads of mud.

Wednesday, Nov 19th, 1879

W. N. Cloudy, but mild. Yesterday and last night about six inches of snow fell. Dan and Fred cutting C-wood. A.M. I finished putting windows. P.M. F & I hauled up five drags of wood. This evening Fred and I went out to Mr Steele to try to get the lodge books. We did not get the books, but Sarah played and sang for us, & we spent a very pleasant evening.

Thursday, Nov 20th, 1879

W. N.E. Began snowing this morning, and continued all day – quite a severe storm. A.M. D & Fred went down to chop but the storm drove them. P.M. F went to the mill to see if the snow was breaking down the roof

Friday, Nov 21st, 1879

W. N. Cloudy and snowing some. Alf and Harris went to the mill and got some sled stuff, and hard wood generally. This afternoon F went to the mill and braced up the floom posts. There is about a foot of snow on now. It fell soft and loaded the trees down, so that many are broken down. Two of three considerable trees are broken down across the road on the “swamp”. This afternoon I cut a lot of wood, and put heels on a pair of old slippers, which mother has mended for me. It looks very much as though Winter were here.

Saturday, Nov 22nd, 1879

W. N. Cloudy with snow flying. Dan and Fred at their cord-wood. Alf making a horse-sled tongue. P.M. F made a barrel of sour-croust down cellar. I fixed the barn some – putting some boards between the mangers. I cut up a lot of wood &c. Roxy and I had four beautiful pictures come tonight from True & Co, and three papers (“Family Herald”) came to. I also had a letter from True & Co. A dialogue book for Fred from St. John, came also.

Sunday, Nov 23rd, 1879

W. S – shifted to N.W. tonight. Began snowing this morning continued till noon when it softened to rain. It did not rain much, but remained soft till night. The snow has settled most one half. Gus McCauly was out yesterday with a sled for the first. There will be good going yet when the road becomes broken. We are all home today. I have written a poem on the Fifth [Psalm]

Monday, Nov 24th, 1879

W. N.W. Cloudy and quite cold. D & F at their c-wood A.M. F. A & I butchered the hog. P.M. F. made an axe handle. I knocked around. This evening I have been engaged in writing a poem Mother has been sick for some time with the tooth-ache but she is some better now.

Tuesday, Nov 25th, 1879

W. S. Cloudy this morning and quite cold – grew warmer and began raining about noon, and continued moderately till night when the shifted and cleared up fine. F. cut up the pork &c. Alf at his sled. I have been helping Will Cosman make a door. One day not long ago, Harold threw one of his little shoes in the fire. We heard him cry and ran to see what the matter was. We found him with a stick trying to get it out of the fire. He is growing finely. Today he has walked as much as crept. Mother is having an awful time with her teeth.

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Tuesday, Dec 23rd, 1879

W. N.W. Sunny – fine and warm. Dan chopping. A.M. F. fixed up the shop roof around the chimney P.M. F. went to the mill to saw. I finished Mother’s boots. Lodge again tonight. Four were initiated tonight. Scot, Judson, Alonzo and Saidie Cosman.

Wednesday, Dec 24th, 1879

W. S.E. Began snowing this morning continued till towards when it rained a little. W shifted. D. chopping. F. sawing. I have been choring around. I cut a lot of wood. Alf is getting around. He came over here this morning. Tonight Fred & Will Cosman is Santa Clausing tonight

Thursday, Dec 25th, 1879

Christmas Day. W. N.W. Quite cold. Cloudy. Chattie and Alf here all day. Santa Claus brought little Harold a book entitled "Sleeping Beauty". This afternoon Dan, Fred and I went up to Charley Cosman's to fire at a goose that Ben Swift sat up. Dan got it for 35 cts. When we came home Rich Sanderson and Hittie were here. They stopped here till about 8 o'clock, when they went home. Colin Porter broke his leg today. Ruth Mullen and Geo W. Prime married yesterday.

Friday, Dec 26th, 1879

W. N. Very cold. [Vapour] flying all day. Father & Dan sawing. F. to B.W's. A.M. I cut 10 drags of wood for Alf. P.M. I hauled up 6 of them.

Saturday, Dec 27th, 1879

W. N.W. Quite cold. F sawing. Dan at his moccasins. I finished hauling Alf's wood. Cut up a lot of wood for him – cut some wood for ourselves &c. Fred down to Bens

Sunday, Dec 28th, 1879

W. S.E. Shifted around to N.W. A little snow flying. Mild and pleasant. Wm Mullen & wife came here this morning. P.M. All hands but Roxy, Harold & I went out to hear Mr Cogswell. The sleighing is beautiful, and has been so for some time

Monday, Dec 29th, 1879

W. S.E -- Foggy and warm. Began raining around Eleven &c. Continued till towards night when the wind shifted to N.W. and snowed. F. sawing. Dan and Fred chopping till noon. Then Dan worked at his moccasin. This morning I fixed the hammock chain, and then I fixed the sled roller. I was going to the mill to haul out some lumber, but the rain prevented. Alf and Chattie went down the River to stay a week.

Tuesday, Dec 30th, 1879

W. W. Rained in the night and some today. turned to snow and was quite rough tonight so we had no lodge. F. sawing. Dan at

his moccasins. F. at an axe-handle. I helped Geo Sabean shoe his oxen. Little Harold is real sick. He has a high fever, & we fear, has a sore throat.

Wednesday, Dec 31st, 1879

W. N.W. Clear, and quite cold. Fred and Dan chopping. F & I made shoes, and shod the oxen all but one foot. Little Harold is better. Roxy soaked his feet, put some drafts on them, and gave him some senna. The poor little boy has spent a sick night. Mr Blin is very sick with the shingle. This is the last night of the old year.



Roxanna Ring in 1877. This photo gives us a pretty good idea of what Roxanna looked like when John fell in love with and married her. It is possible that this photo was intended as the mate to the one we have of John Sabine at about that same age. Perhaps these photos were their engagement or wedding pictures.

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Wed. Jan 1st 1879

New Year Day
1879

W. A. Fine and quite cold. I mended Dan's shoes
and cut some wood. A.M. Dan & I threshed barley
P.M. We winnowed about ten bushels. We had roast
goose for dinner. We are all well, and should be thankful
for it and many other blessings. This is Harold's first New Year
I. A. "Samsha" D. has made him a present of a "bills" pin
this evening.

1879 N. N. But shifted to N. E. Fine in the morning but clouded up and began storming about dark. The weather is quite cold now, and fair sleighing as far as Weymouth. Sawing. Dan & I finished cleaning grain this morning. Thrashing Barley till night. Alf and Ekattis come home tonight. Hilare Amoro's wife has died lately. The Marquis of Lorne here lately arrived in Canada and assumed the Governor Generalship. In the East England is engaged in war with Afghanistan. Electric light has recently been introduced with success.

Thursday Jan. 3rd

N. N. Snowed and blustered all night, and continued very boisterous all day. Sawing. A.M. Dan & I thrashing Barley. P.M. We cut wood here at the door. I never cut wood out here in such a fearful bluster before. Alf has been cutting a little wood at his door today. It says tonight that a foot of snow has fallen.

Friday Jan 4

N. N. Snowed some in the night - snowed and blustered till noon. A.M. J. & A went to the mill to run in logs, but were unable to effect anything and returned. A.M. Dan and I winnowed Barley. P.M. We about finished the barley. Jos. Porter is laid up with a lame leg.

Sat. Jan 5
Sunday Jan 6

N. N. Cloudy, but calm and pleasant. All hands home all day. Harris was here to tea and spent the morning. I commenced another poem today.

1879

Mon. Fine - Cloudy, but mild and pleasant.

A.M. Breaking roads. Alf went with our team.

P.M. Jo cleared a road where we are going to haul wood. Dan has done nothing today but some chaw. I have been sick with tooth ache all day.

Wet. E. Cloudy, but mild. Alf went out with a load of lumber to Sonegan for me. Amounting to \$6.57

A.M. Dan. F. & I cut and hauled 4 loads of wood on the sled. P.M. We got the sled broke so this

afternoon I fixed it down in the woods. Dan cut some wood &c. I went to the Bridge with the Sleigh. The road is splendid. I got a Circular letter from the National Sewing Machine Co. New York.

E. A. Oaks Esq. retired Merchant, of Weymouth has been buried today. The deceased has been a resident of Weymouth since a young man and carried on a mercantile business for a number of years which is now in the hands of his son Byron. By grinding the poor he succeeded in accumulating a goodly supply of the gold that perishes, which he has been obliged to leave for selfish heirs to fight over.

W. S. W. Commenced snowing at Eleven and continued moderately till night, with wind. Alf went out with a load to Sonegan for me, amounting to \$7.67 etc.

Dan went down to Little Brook with Omar and the Sleigh. He got back at about Eleven. A.M. F. & I cut and hauled five loads of wood. This evening Geo. McCarty and Alf Cosmere here. I cut Quoskair. I have been casting up the amounts of School tax this evening.

Monday Jan 6th

Tuesday Jan. 7th 1879

Wed. Jan. 8th 1879

1879 W. Easterly. Scattering snow falling all day.
Self went to Wag the mill and hauled out lumber.
p.m. Dan cutting c-wood. If cutting wood down in
the woods to haul. Chatter, Annie, Rose & Harold
went up to Sarah's visiting. Self went up to tea. Dan
and I went up in the evening and all hands went to
singing-school. I have suffered very much today
from toothache.

W. S. W. Shifted in the night with a heavy rain-snow.
Snowing and blustering this morning and continued
till towards night. Dan and Alf finished threshing
the barley today and cleared it up. There is all-to-
gether upwards thirty bushels. I have suffered very much
with my teeth today again. A stray young turkey
who styles himself "George" is prowling about the
vicinity.

W. S. W. But shifted to S. E. and began snowing at
noon, which continued in large flaky flakes through
the afternoon. Dan cutting c-wood. F. & C. hauling
wood. I have laid up with toothache, but I am getting
better. David Grant & David Sabean come to Alf's
tonight.

W. W. Fine and mild. Self went out to N. D. S. &
brought in Willoughby in the sleigh - N. D. S. came too.
Willoughby preached here at 10 o'clock A.M. from Luke 2nd
and 14th "Glorify to God in the Highest." W. S. W. S. W. S. W.
Greenough, Judson & Winnie were here to dinner.
Rev. A. J. Cogswell preached at Mr. White's at 3 o'clock P.M.

Sunday Jan. 19th

Saturday Jan. 18th

Thursday Jan. 9

Friday Jan 11

1879 P. M. Clear and cold. Alf went down to Rays with a load of boards or plank. Annie went out to Dr. W. and had three teeth extracted, Dan accompanying her. He took my axe to Moore and got it tempered. F. & I hauled wood for Alf. Mr. Deunlanck was here to dinner. Old Jones got dinner here too. I am feeling quite well now. Harold is well, and pretty as he can be.

Sat. Jan. 13th

P. M. Still sight, and now N. W. Commenced snowing this morning, and continued all day. Wind changed suddenly about sundown, to N. W. and in not much longer than it takes me to write of it, the sky was cloudless. F. & I hauling wood for Alf - hauled eight loads today. Dan cut @ wood till noon and then the storm drove him.

Sunday Jan 19

P. M. Fine Mild and beautiful. Alf and Chatter went down the River this morning with the sleigh. All the rest of us home all day. During my leisure moments for the past few days, I have been engaged in producing a poem on a few prominent events of my school days. I composed a few stanzas today.

Monday Jan 20th

P. M. Snowing and blustering all day. Alf & Chatter got home at noon. All hands in the house. I reconced the amount of School-tax for this District today, and added a few stanzas to my progressing poem. Dan, Annie and I sat supped over at Chatter's tonight on pea-soup. Harold still alone today for the first, the place of this his first little adventure in that line was on a mat in front of the kitchen stove.

1878
Tuesday Jan 21

9. A. Cloudy till night. Pleasant but but quite cool. I went to the mill to begin sawing. My aunt went out with a load. A.M. I set up a stove in our room up stairs. P.M. Arrive with the sleigh took Don down to St. Bernard's on his way to Little Brook to work. I went to the mill and brought out a load of lumber. Mrs. Jas. Pappas of Weymouth died a day or two ago.

Wednesday Jan 22 and 1878
Thursday Jan 23

W.S.E. This morning, a cold snowing - snowed and blew all day. When the wind shifted to N. & N.W. and cleared off quite warm. P.M. I wrote over and read. Roy and I with Harold took dinner over to Chatteris, on Pa Sup. P.M. I cut some wood. I put a cover on a big, dry goods box for Roy to keep bed-quills in. I then got in a lot of Barley to dry - thirteen bushels - three in the grain box, and ten in barrels.

A little white weasel, that during the past few days, has regaled himself on eight of mother's hens, has this day at the hand of my father, with the aid of family gun, met his death, falling a victim to his voracious appetite and fondness for poultry.

Friday Jan 24

W.S.E. Into wind - looking like rain - misting through the afternoon. I sawing. My aunt went out with a load. This afternoon I went to the mill and got a load of Deals. My aunt got one a joint of Stove-pipe, and tonight - Will Crossman being here he assisted me in cutting it in two, it being too long. Roy & I then adapted it, and made a fire in our room. Tom Dovit died yesterday of Consumption.

W. at W. Snow. My aunt went out with a load of Deals. A.M. I cut some wood &c. I at home - he fixed Ann's shoes. Mr. Bates came and gave Father a Deed for a piece of land. P.M. I went & got out a load of Deals. I sawing. Roy went to the mill tonight with the sleigh to get S. Will Co. got the barrel of Apples here today. Durkey Geo. here tonight. Roy & I writing letters to J. & C. &c.

1879 N.S. H. Heavy all day - soft snow falling.
I went out with a load of Deal. He harnessed up the
coll tonight. I hauled out three loads from the mill.
I sawing till about the middle of the forenoon he sawed
the saw on the dog and had to hang up. Darkey George
here tonight. Mrs James Payson of Weymouth and Liberty
Langford have died during the past week. Charles Binney
married lately. Mrs C went up the Bay
N. N. & N. N. Commenced snowing and threatening in
the night, and continued furiously all day - Very cold
Rory and I had a fire up in our room this afternoon
Herold has had a bad cold, but is getting better.

N. N. cloudy and cold. All sheds breaking loads.
A.M. I did not go; but shouldered out up a lot of wood
for Alf. P.M. I went and assisted in finishing
shoveling the road, then F. & J. cut up a lot of wood
Darkey George here yet

N.S. Soft and warm. Rained a little. F. O. Cutting over
the mill saw in the B.S. Shop. F. drove off Darkey George
this morning. I have been sick all day, and have done
nothing but take care of the barn &c. - I have written some.
George Wagoner here awhile tonight.

N. N. N. Cloudy and windy - Quite raw. Alf went out
with a load - got us a barrel of flour and some Molasses.
Henry Weaver came in tonight and got Omar. He is father is
going to have him to carry the Mail till Spring. A.M. F.
& I finished "gumming" the saw. P.M. F. filling the
saw. I cleaned out the calf stable &c.

Saturday Jan 26
Sunday Jan 27
Monday Jan 28

Tuesday Jan 29

Wed. Jan 29

8th of Nov. Partly clear - Doves feed. Alf went out with
 a load. A.M. F. finished filing the saw. P.M. He
 made a last for Seat, and cut out & cranked a pair of
 boots for Seat. I cut a lot of wood and commenced a pair
 of lasts for Ross. F. has got the tooth ache.

9th of Nov. Fine. Alf went out with a load, & took a load
 of hemlock down the River to Bay, which he left by the road.
 F. At Ross Seat's boots. I hauled out the load from the
 mill - one load of shingles, being all the lumber sawn at
 present. The hauling is splendid.

10th of Nov. Fine. F. finished Seat's boots. Alf went out with a
 load. I made a pair of lasts for Ross &c. F. & M. orn to
 Alf's tea tonight. Annie got a letter from Dan tonight.

11th of Nov. Snowing a little by spells - Snowed two or three inches
 last night. F. & M. went to Inskit today to hear Mr. C.
 He was away, but they attended prayer meeting. I made a
 pair today. Today Prof. Cosman has added another
 to his family, so they say.

12th of Nov. Rained a little last with the W. A. W. a rare
 circumstance - then cleared off. - Today has been beautiful.
 F. sawing. Alf fixed up his cart wheel. P.M. I cut
 wood. P.M. I cut out some boot patterns for Ross & Alf.
 Ross and Alf went high-riding this afternoon with the
 13th of Nov. Cloudy but clear out. F. sawing. Alf went out
 with a load. A.M. I made a coffin for Jim Cosman's little babe
 that died this morning. P.M. I took the coffin up the road, then
 went to the school-house and called on Miss's School. I then
 came home and cut out Ross's boots. Will Cosman's has
 this evening. He brought Ross & I each a letter from up the Bay.

Thursday, Feb. 1st 1850
 Friday, Feb. 2nd 1850
 Saturday, Feb. 3rd 1850
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Wed. Feb. 5

W. A. W. Fine. My aunt out took a load to D. Oakes for the blacksmith. H. Sawing - took "quels" to stay to the mill tonight. I closed up Ross's boots. Jas. Crossman buried his little baby today.

Thursday. Feb. 6. 1855

W. A. W. Wind variable. Cloudy - Wind - looking like a storm. H. sawing. I finished one of Ross's boots today. It is very good - but too large - fits Annie exactly. After finishing the boot, I went to the mill and brought out a load of lumber - brought out Stand Knives and sled shoes. My horse has been very well today - P. M. he half-soled his hooves. Mother made Hally a little pair of shoes - his first boots.

Friday. Feb. 7. 1855

W. A. W. Fine. I went out to Mrs. Patten and traded some apples for turnips &c. My horse harnessed his coll, and went to the mill and got out a little "jag" of lumber. I finished the other boot today. They fit Annie, and she is going to keep them, & I am to make another pair for Ross. I had a severe tooth-ache last night.

Sunday Feb. 9. 1855

W. A. W. Fine and beautiful. H. sawing - cutting wood. My aunt down the River to Ray's with a load of plank and shingles. I went out and got a couple of teeth drawn. I bought some flannel for dresses for Harold. I bought a knife. I mailed a letter to Selden for the Prepergo. My aunt and I attended a trial between John Hickey plaintiff and E. Nichol defendant before Hood. David Grant gladly came in library. N. S. E. - Scattering snow flakes. Willoughby preached here this morning from the words - "On earth be peace!" Mrs. Martin and lady kind others here to dinner. P. M. Dr. Cogswell preached from a passage in Acts 14th. Minister and lady Mrs. M. were here to tea. There is quite a party here this evening. They are in the parlour singing. A night before last, Dr. R. thought Mrs. B. was a mother little girl.

W. N. A. D. Snowed some in the night, and continued through the forenoon. Quite fine this afternoon. A. M. I cut some wood &c. P. M. Mr Cogswell lady and Willoughby, who stopped here over last night went home after dinner. Mr Grant & wife went also. Alf fell on his axe today and cut his hand. Harold Baby, who has been real well for a week or so, is now sick with a cold again.

Jan 10 Monday

W. N. Warm and soft. Rained a little tonight. I sawing. I did the chores around, and began a pair of boots for Popsy. I do not feel very well. Mary Grant, George's sister, is over to Chathie's now. Popsy and I were over this evening

Jan 11 Tuesday

Wind blew heavily all night from the south, with some rain - Blowing heavily all day - with heavy rain by times. Snow disappearing very fast. I reading the news, and cutting wood. Alf doing nothing - Guess. I have been at Popsy's boots all day. Chathie and Mary G. have been here all day. Dr. Ruggles has been up to see Mr Greenlan today. Harold is real well today. Will be here all the afternoon.

Jan 12 Wed

W. N. D. Fine but quite windy. The thaw has been considerable. There has been a continuous spell of good hauling since Christmas. I off to the mill. I finished the first one of Popsy's boots, cut some wood &c. I have been reading, by odd times, a volume of Jennyson's Poems.

Jan 13 Thursday

W. N. D. Clear and very sharp. I sawing. I finished Popsy's other boot today. They do splendidly. I have mended my boots, cut some wood &c. Alf mended his moccasins. Popsy and I had a fire up in our room tonight.

Jan 14 Friday

1879 N. N. Fine, but very cold. F. sawing.

Feb. 15th Sat. I commenced threshing Oats today. Calvin Holmes is on this circuit now. He called in today. I cut a lot of wood tonight. Annie got a letter tonight from Annie Milloughby, and a Valentine from "Peter Blair" Whattie got her Cards which she sent for, and have awaited so anxiously.

Sunday, Feb. 16. N. S. E. this morning, but shifted to N. Late windy with little squalls of snow - quite cold. I have read some & began a letter to Mr. Skinner. Alf took Mary Dent over to Jim Hassels. This afternoon F. went down to Mrs. G's to see Mr. Greenough, who is ill. David Porter was ^{tonight} here to tea.

Monday Feb. 17 N. N. E. Quite fine, but looking like a storm. F. sawing 11 A.M. I put the uplets in Rossy boots. The rest of the day we threshed.

Tuesday Feb. 18 N. E. N. W. Snowed some, and thinned all day - snowed about four inches. F. clearing roads to haul logs on the M. D. S. land. A.M. A. I cleaned up some Oats. P.M. we threshed again. One of our sheep died today from some cause.

Wed. Feb. 19 N. N. W. Fine, but quite cold. F. finished sawing. I hauled out four loads of lumber from the mill. Alf cut some wood.

Thursday Feb. 20 N. N. E. - very sharp and biting, cloudy looking like a storm. F. & A. clearing logging roads. Rossy I went down the River with the sleigh. The sleighing is not extra. I took Mrs. Leathes 49 lbs of Butter for which she is to pay me ten dollars. We took dinner at R. Ray's. I fell in with John Ray from Grassville and had a pleasant chat about old times.

1879 N. N. E. and at. During last night a terrible storm
of snow and wind arose. It has been the wildest day
I have seen for years - I don't know as I ever saw a
worse storm. Happily not a very great amount of snow
has fallen, but the wind has made good use of what has
come. The back, big barn doors blew open, with some
damage. The barn and out-buildings are half full of
snow. I have had to cut some wood this afternoon.
It is not extremely cold. P.M. I assisted Rosy in
collecting scraps for a Scrap-Book she is soon to make

N. N. W. & S. W. Battered some in the morning, but soon
cleared off. A.M. F. A. S. shouldered the cattle to water, I then
put eyelids in Annie's boots. P.M. Breaking roads. Alf & I went
up the road, and mastered the snow. We got as far as here tonight
Cutting scraps to night.

Quite fine. Wind at N. W. Reading &c all day. John Ray &
Joseph Hankinson came here tonight. Joe took a short cut
around by our mill to get clear of the drifts. Will be here tonight

N. N. W. Squally all day. A.M. finished shouldering load.
P.M. J. Ray & Hankinson went home. Alf drove the team
through the district. F. dressed out an axe-handle. Rosy & I
made a scrap book. Scrap Books are all the rage now.
Methu. Annie. Rose & I, & even Beat are all engaged on the ^{work}

N. N. W. Clear and quite cold. I have been quite unwell
today. A.M. F. & L. winnowed some oats that were on the
barn floor. P.M. F. & L. went in the woods (on N. W. S. land)
and broke a logging road. I cut wood &c. Harvest is
well is growing, and getting prettier every day.

John H. Sabau

Monday Feb. 9th

Sat. Feb. 22

Sunday Feb 24

Monday Feb 27

Tuesday Feb 28

1879 N. E. C. Shifted to S. W. tonight. Snowed and
 hailed some in the night - rained some till noon. Thawing
 very fast. My peddling around. P.M. F. in the woods.
 I cut some wood and wrote a letter to Mr. Skinned also
 wrote a valentine for J. A. B. I am quite sick

Thurs. Wed. Feb. 26
 Feb 27
 N. E. W. or South. Rained hard all day. Snow
 disappeared amazingly. I have written all day.

Friday Feb 28
 N. E. W. Fine, but cold. F. O. L. Logging. I broke the
 barn shovel handle - went to the woods and got a
 piece and made another - fixed the k-stable door,
 cut some wood &c. Dan F. arrived tonight.
 Several nights this week Rosy and I have worked at
 our scrap-book up in bunk room - jolly good times.

Saturday Mar. 1st
 N. S. E. Fine and warm. F. O. L. Logging. I got a
 piece of wood and made a handle to replace the one
 I broke a few days ago. I cut some wood &c.
 Webster Grant and Alony are at Ceys tonight.

Sunday Mar. 2nd
 N. O. W. Beautiful. Rosy and I went out to Mr. White. Harold
 went too. We went with the sleigh. My Chattie Webster
 G. are here this evening. They say that Joseph Porter &
 Anne are to be married tonight. There is also a report
 current that Andy Ford and Emma McAlpin are
 "no more twain, but one flesh". They were married the 25th

Monday Mar. 3rd
 N. E. Clear and quite cold. F. O. L. Logging. It is
 splendid working in the woods now. I am feeling
 some better now. Chattie took Webster G. out to Neawas
 We had a concert over to Ceys tonight

Sunday
Mar 14

1879 W. S. W. Fine and beautiful. F. A. D logging.
Dan, Annie and Chatham went out to Weymouth today with
the carriage. He broke the bot-rod this afternoon, against a tree.

Monday
Mar 15

W. S. W. Shifted to St. Rained & snow in the night - Soft
and warm till night. F. A. made a bunk for the little
bed. I went to the bridge, and got some School-Books
(Six dollars and fifty six cents worth) Tonight a crowd
organized and gave Joseph Porter's house a serenade in
honour of the recent nuptials. Sarah Cosman here ^{visiting} today

Tuesday
Mar 16

W. S. Quite fine - Looking like a storm tonight. F. A. D
logging. I took the S-books up, the S-house this morning.
Dan went in the woods with me, and stopped till noon
W. Greenough called here today. Tonight F. D. D. went up
to hire him Peack. Rosy & I made Scrap-book tonight

Wednesday
Mar 17

W. N. E. Shifted to St. Snowed and blustered all day
Severe storm, and pretty cold - snowed six or seven ^{inches}

Thursday
Mar 18

A. M. Rosy & I pasted scraps up in our room. P. M. F.
made an axe handle, and I helped him grind an axe
that I got fixed the other day. I cut some wood, and
then Rosy and I commenced making a new Scrap-book
out of some wrapping paper which I procured for that purpose.

Friday
Mar 19

W. A. Clear and cold. A. M. Breaking Roads. P. M.
I went down to Mrs. Rogers for butter-milk. I cut
up a lot of wood. Then Rosy and I finished our ^{book} Scrap
David Grant, Clarissa & Mable come to O'Leary tonight.

Saturday
Mar 20

W. A. W. Fine. A. M. The people gathered to hear Pillsbury,
who did not come, so Mr. Greenough, on request, preached
from Math. 23 & C "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"
P. M. All her do but Rosy & I went out to hear Mr. Cogswell.
Mable staid here with us. Clarissa is here this evening

1879 G. S. Began raining at noon - Showy till
 night. F. A. S. Logging till driven out by the rain.
 "Old David" went home this morning. Dan & I went
 away. Went out over at Oef's tonight. I am quite unwell.
 Old Mrs Johnson, at Weymouth, was buried yesterday.
 M. S. Foggy all night still moon - Rained hard till
 night. A.M. I took some glass over to J. Porter to replace
 what was broken the other night. - Ground very ice, dressed
 out an axe-handle &c. P.M. I planned out some stuff
 for desks for the School-house. F. made a boot-jack &c.
 M. S. & M. S. Fine - quite windy. F. A. S. Logging.
 I am feeling a little better. Got my account tonight from
 P. J. Hoyt. - Owe him Eleven Dollars.
 M. S. Fine. F. A. S. Logging
 M. variable. Foggy in the morning, but cleared off &
 became fine and very warm. Looking like rain tonight
 F. A. S. Logging. I made an axe-handle this morning
 M. A. Rox keeping blanket on her mat. I took tea with
 them tonight. Rosy & I worked at our scrap-board ^{tonight}.
 M. S. Rained quite heavily all night. A.M. Foggy.
 P.M. Clearing off. A.M. I cut W. Gosman's hair &c.
 P.M. I cut Harris's hair, and worked at the S desks
 Oef hunting partridge &c. P.M. Oef went over the lake
 M. S. Fine but quite raw. A.M. Rosy and I went
 down to the lake. We got some "fur-top" to make some tea
 for Harold, who has been sick with a cold for several
 days. I wrote a poem to Elsie - "New Temperance
 Alphabet." J. & Cathie took a walk back in the logging
 woods. Clarissa was here this afternoon - the tea

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Saturday Mar 16th

1879
 N. E. S. E. Snowed a little till towards night,
 when it turned to rain with Thunder & lightning. J. A. & I
 logging. Mr. Robert died tonight. Peter John & Mrs.
 Johnson of Heymouth have died lately.
 N. N. W. Rained all night. Scattering snow till noon,
 A. M. I slept on the lounge. P. M. I finished the 2
 desks and took them up. Alf put a shoe on the ox. J.
 Cut some wood. Harold is a little better.
 N. N. Fine and quite cold. J. A. & I logging. Harold better
 N. N. W. Fine but quite cold. J. A. & I finished logging
 at noon - hauled 190. Tonight Alf went down and
 loaded up a load to go out with tomorrow. Tonight
 Prouy and I went over to Mrs. S's field for the cattle
 to J. F. Avery
 Ube Robert buried today. Matea & P. heard to go
 N. S. E. Snowing till towards night when it turned
 to rain. Alf went out with a load to Hoyle - got
 two bbls flour and some molasses. A. M. J. & I cleared
 a road to get fence-poles, and cut some. Mr
 Greenough was here all the afternoon and to tea.
 P. M. I cut a few poles. Entertained the minister
 N. N. W. Fine. J. A. & I cutting poles. I got a
 letter today from Mr Skinnard.
 N. S. Rained all day. I commenced a letter to Mrs. S.
 N. N. W. Fine. I went to Heymouth to look after some
 delinquent debtors. ^{A. S.} Alf having poles.
 N. S. Cloudy till night when it is raining again
 U. M. A. & I finished hauling poles (110) P. M. We went
 down to the carrier and began cutting wood. We
 went also down Cornearns brook for wood. Mother
 had Clarissa & Lettie helping her on the minister's quilt
 I got home tonight from Heymouth.

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5/19 W. Easterly. Snowed a little last night which rapidly disappeared today - quite fine. A & I cutting C-wood down at the corner. This afternoon F & I Mill Co. Cut poles for their line fence. Harold is about well ^{his cold.}
 20 N. variable - quite fine and warm. F. A. & I cutting cord wood. Good Saps weather ^(Pareon Jim to inspect the School.)
 21 W. S. E. Fine and warm. Alf went down the River early this morning with Whattie & Clarissa Q. F & I cutting and splitting wood. I am quite well now.
 22 W. S. E. Fine and warm. F & I split cord wood all day. Jim Pleasant was in looking for boards for a Durkey Club Hall. Janey Coe man with her two little sisters were here visiting. It is splendid saps weather now. I am very sorry that I did not go into the sugar business.
 23 W. S. E. Cloudy and warm. Roy and I stopped in our room all day. I have been engaged in writing a poem. Will Coe man was here this forenoon for his Manstache eye.
 24 W. S. E. Cloudy, began raining at noon. F & I went down to the corner and cut wood till noon, when the rain drove us. Alf got home from Down the River. He brought three letters - one for F. from J. H. Avery - one for Annie from her "Dannie" - one for me from Hallett. etc.
 25 F. went to the mill this afternoon to look after affairs. I have engaged a few spare minutes lately in making Seata mill.
 26 W. S. E. Cloudy & foggy. Began Raining at noon which drove F. A. & I from our cord wood business again. Yesterday afternoon the storm was attended with heavy thunder. Alf is engaged in making a lounge, by odd jobs.

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1879 N. N. W. Clear but windy. Froze some last night. and a little dust of snow fell. A & S starting out wood. & chopping. The snow is disappearing rapidly. There is only a little snow in the road between Junction and the corner. F. says he heard Jago tonight. Party is here now.
N. at N. Quite fine but windy and cold. A & S split C-wood all day. F. is not very well. He cut some wood & Geo M^cCarthy was baptized this afternoon. Mr. G. preached up the road tonight. F. & A. went up to hear him.
N. at N. Rained in the night and turned to snow. Snowing and blustering all day - quite Protestant. A. M. F. & A. hauled up four shingle logs from down to the lake. P. M. I went down to Mrs. Wagners, took some apples and got some butter and eggs. I cut a lot of wood. My wife went down to the corner tonight and loaded to go out tomorrow.
N. at N. Windy with snow and then a little squall of snow did not thaw away. My wife went out with some stuff to Longue for Joe Lamberson. David Grant came in today, bringing Chattie home. I mailed two letters to Rev. J. D. S. T. Sattell & Co.
N. Variable with snow squalls quite mild. A. M. Roy & I went up the road to hear Mr. Greenlaw - last part of the 8th of Schuons. Old Stephen Wilson was here to dismiss. Mr. Cogswell preached here at four P. M. from the woods: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son &c." The minister, Geo. Wagoner and wife were here to tea. Annie, Rose & I went up to meeting this evening. Mr. G. spoke from the woods: "What think ye of Christ? &c."
N. S. N. Clouds. Snowed & rained a little. I went over to the Alvida place to see about the line fence. A & S cut C-wood.

<p>Thurs Sept 9</p>	<p>8/9 N. S. & W. N. Quite fine. My went out with a load. F. & I Cut & Split Cord-wood</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 9</p>	<p>W. N. N. Fine My starting out wood. F. & I Splitting Dan Fullerton came tonight.</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 10</p>	<p>W. N. N. Quite fine but looking like a storm. F. & I Splitting wood. My helping Dan start out his wood. F. is quite unwell today.</p>
<p>Mon Sept 11</p>	<p>W. S. E. Hailed and snowed three or four inches last night - raining and hailing till noon - misty till night. I was very sick all night and all day. My doing nothing (so far as I know) I have been making Seat a mill. Harold is not real well - I fear he is going to be sick again.</p>
<p>Sat Sept 12</p>	<p>W. N. N. Squally all day. My fixing in boots. A. M. Dan & I Cut a lot of wood. After dinner I got ready & F. & I went to Inskate - went over to uncle Georges.</p>
<p>Wed Sept 13</p>	<p>W. N. N. Fine. At ten O'clock we heard Mr. Cogswell preach in the New meeting house from Psalm 68-78. I got dinner at Mr. Fullers, after which I attended service at the old meeting-house. Seat - John 17th & 11th. After meeting Wilkie N. & I came home. On my return, I found that during my absence, Leattie had been taken sick & had had the doctor to her. Leattie is sick too but F. is getting better. Jos. Porter wife spent the evening here.</p>
<p>Thurs Sept 14</p>	<p>W. S. Showy all day. I have been tinkering in the shop. Geo. Wagners baby died this morning.</p>
	<p>W. N. N. Fine. F. filed the shingle-saw. I began a chair for Harold. My went down the River to take Nyman's Cringe home. Dan went out with him. Geo. Wagners child buried.</p>

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879 W. Variable till afternoon when it settled in the A.M.,
and cleared off. Snow & rain squalls through the forenoon.

My prancing around. P.M. I worked at Grand's chair
P.M. H.D. sawed up two shingle logs. Aunt Sarah has been
here all day. Daisy & Charley here to tea. Louis White has
been this morning to see about trading cows. It is getting
pretty well again. Chattie is getting better. Harold is
quite well now, and gets prunier every day.

W. N. W. Quite fine and warm. H. J. split cord wood
all day. Chattie is about the same.

W. E. Clear. Fine till towards night, when a cold rain
began. H. D. cutting cordwood. Nothing of importance
occurred.
M. stopped here last night. She and Annie went over to J. P.

W. N. E. Misty and raw. I cut out and cramped one a pair
of boots. Finished Harold's chair and painted it. Some
done slate for curled shed. Tonight I put I put Chattie
milk on the brook. I am not feeling as well as usual.

W. N. W. Beautiful and fine. I wrote a poem today
read some &c. This afternoon H. D. M. started to go to
meeting, but the horse getting lame, they returned. This evening
they went over to J. P.

W. N. W. Fine & beautiful. I went to Weymouth with Paterson
Said 2 bbls to Nichols & 2 to Arnolds. I had a talk with Johnson
in reference to his letting me have Goods on Commission. I got
some Molasses which got busted up on the way home. I got a
lot of Willow-trees. I got from the P.O. some pictures, papers, and a letter
from Keattell & Co. My O. S. Porter got two loads of hay from the White
place. A.M. I made an axe-handle. P.M. he cut C-wood.
I have got a very lame back.

End of Volume Second

Evelyn
read &
took notes

Deliverance from Cornelia
Psalm Sixth
By J. H. S.

Lord, in thine anger don't rebuke,
His character in thy burning wrath,
But heal me from his trying stroke,
And break the snares that vex my path.
My inmost soul is sore distressed,
And languish for the coming day,
My fainting spirit sighs for rest—
How long, O Lord, will thou delay!
I know thy mercy still remains,
That Thou art just and full of grace;
But I am weary of these chains,
And long to meet Thee face to face
For in the gloomy shades of death
There's no remembrance of Thee;
The Grave congeals the aspiring breath,
And laughs to scorn the banded knee.
My wasting flesh sighs for relief,
My couch is watered with my tears,
My eye is dim because of grief
And waxeth old as if with years
Ye workers of iniquity
Depart!—the Lord that heard my voice!
His smiling face again I see—
Look up my soul—in God rejoice!
My enemies behold my joy,
With rage and enmity explained:
In vain the arts did employ—
Let them return and be ashamed!"
April 25th 1879

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 May 1st

P.M. Fine. I Cutting C-wood. This morning I
 went back to J.P. pasture and put the J. Coenen cow which had a
 fine white faced high calf. P.M. Rosanna & I set out some
 willows below the carriage shed along the road and some on the
 line by Blins. I am scarcely able to walk with a lame back.
 It is quite unwell too. Old Capt. Charity Hunkinson died today
 of a fever. Rained all day. I went down to cut wood but the rain
 soon drove me home. I have been very sick all day. My wife and
 "Jimmy" were here while this forenoon telling their troubles.
 Will Coenen got home from over the Bay today. He brought Rox & a letter
 from Kati. He is in jail now over a Miss Taylor.

P.M. Fine, but windy and cold. I am a little better today. I'll cutting wood
 P.M. Rosanna went and took Mrs. G. and home. I mailed a letter to Miss Taylor.
 P.M. Windy and low, but fine. I'll cutting C-wood. Mother staying
 with father. Annie got home at noon. She brought some dead wheat, a
 lot of wall paper &c. This afternoon Rox & I have been adjusting some of
 our last summer's trading accounts. I am feeling slightly better.

P.M. Fine and low. I'll cutting C-wood. P.M. I finished giving
 up my accounts & P.M. I put another coat of paint on Kati's
 chair. I am getting some better, but am not able to do anything yet.
 I got some medicine from the doctor today.

Fine and glorious, warm and low. Might be called the first
 day of Spring. Rox and I went back to Parker's pasture this morn-
 ing and got some May-glows. He came home by the lake, I had
 a delightful ramble. This afternoon we spent in our room. I
 made my frame and read some. Rox read some and took
 care of Harold, the dear little pet. He is well now.

P.M. Fine and warm, but looking like rain tonight. I'll
 cutting C-wood. I made a bed to grow cabbage plants &
 tomatoes. I also prepared some paints for putting on the garage
 and kitchen. Annie and Rosanna washed and cleaned the
 J. & C. Cloudy - Showy all day. P.M. I'll began to make fence along the
 horse-pasture where we had wood through. I am unable to do anything
 stand in the hot sun till noon. P.M. Coenen was here to dinner.
 He got five bushels of potatoes and seats cents per bushel. P.M. He
 put a floor in his cow's window. I made a mallet to split
 shingles. I moved the old cup board out of the room into the
 wood house. I then went down to Blins and got some lime
 to plaster over where it stood. The grass is getting quite green.

P.M. Rained all night, foggy till noon - clearing till eight. U.M.
 I'll finished the fence. P.M. They split C-wood till driven by
 the rain. U.M. I graded the place over where the cup-board stood
 I spent the rest of the day in helping paper Mother's last room
 painting &c. Will Coenen is up here tonight. Tonight Rox
 mended one of Harold's little socks being the first she has ever mended.

P.M. Foggy this morning, but cleared up fine. I'll went to the mill
 and sawed. They say the pond is full. Young Spring is here in
 all its fullness. The air is warm and balmy, the grass is spring-
 ing up fresh and green and the birds make the air melod-
 ious with their songs. I painted the room today while the rest
 prepared it. Tonight I make Rox a Close Rock. I got a letter
 tonight from Miss J.E. Taylor, saying that she cannot come here.

P.M. Fine and warm. I'll went out and got a Red meal.
 U.M. I'll plowed up the garden and broke up a piece of sod here
 among the white trees to plant early potatoes. P.M. He painted
 some of the last year's walls piece. I plowed out some stiff clay
 for Peter's & Ed. So sashes. I helped Rox till some beds
 tonight. Will Coenen & Mrs. Coenen were here today.

179. Wind overcast - fine. I went over to Andy Jordan and
 had a cucumber bed, sowing seeds in both. P.M. I sprung a potato
 door for Blin, helped Mother put down her carpet, helped Ross find
 some in our room &c. Celia found a Shawbury horse yesterday.
 From again. A.M. I was engaged in writing a letter to Mrs S. - I went
 up to Cambridge meeting. Two McClearys came home to dinner with them.
 P.M. Call but Mother went out to meeting to Southville 3rd time. From
 Ross and I walked out together, & he & Kattie went with the horse.
 Mr Cogswell preached from Hebrews 4th 8th. After meeting I went
 to J. H. to tea after which he accompanied me to the Carner.
 P. S. Pagan raining in the night continuing till noon - foggy till
 night. I have been planing out each stuff all day, excepting that I
 put up a shelf in the clothes room for Ross. (P.M.) I went to the mill
 to Somersville in the woods to bring in a few things.
 Mrs Joseph Parter, Shelda Wagner & Georgeen Saban were baptized
 this morning at the lake.

P. M. Foggy but cleared away and became very warm. A.M. I took up
 transplant an apple tree &c. P.M. he hauled off stones. I helped
 Anderson Selman fix fence all day around his father's field. I went to
 Raymond and got a few shales. Aunt Lydia came here today. ^{James} Robert
 was here with Smith for sale. Mother Annis ^{the 10th day} those papers ^{for} ^{her} ^{land}
 W. H. W. Cloudy and raw till noon then fine all night. A.M. I h. & I finished
 hauling stones of where we are going to plough. P.M. I went to a
 ploughing party to Old Mrs. Dragoner's. I & I fixed fence along
 Carner's line. Mother and Aunt Lydia visiting to Chester. Ross & I
 went and got a lot of May flowers for night.
 P. M. Fine. I went out to Perry Salvars for seed potato and grass.
 Aunt Lydia went home this afternoon. Mother went out to Mrs White
 with her Commission home with father. A.M. I & I began plowing
 P.M. A. plowed alone, and I picked up stones in my little orchard.
 The "wee smallest wickets" are making their appearance.
 P. M. Fine again. Isaiah Dragoner came and began work. A.M. I h.
 and I picked up stones down in the field, I ploughed and I
 grafted trees. P.M. I & I grafted trees in my orchard by plow. I & I
 ploughed. Mr Greenlay was here to dinner. J. Annis & her
 went up to meeting this evening. The old meeting-house at
 Inklet was burned last night - reflecting much credit upon the
 P. M. Fine again. I cutting up seed potatoes. I h. & I finished
 ploughing. I went over to Jordan and got some more hay. Mother
 has been working in the garden. Martha and Annis B. Parkers
 were here this afternoon. The weather is beautiful now.
 P. M. Fine and very warm. I & I went to Inklet to meeting.
 In afternoon Ross and I went across the lake and got a lot of May flowers
 P. S. W. Cloudy. A.M. I cutting seed. I h. harrowing where we are to sow
 wheat. I h. harrowed the little piece of sod below the house. I & I then
 harrowed it, after which we hauled out three loads of manure, he load-
 ing the cart level, I putting it out. I also grafted a lot of trees.
 P.M. I sowed the wheat. I h. harrowed it in. I h. & I planted the little
 patch of potatoes. We then set out three willow trees in the carner
 of the orchard and five apple trees down in my field, hauling and
 putting a load of Chip dirt around them.
 P. S. Fine and very warm. A.M. Asa Parter performed a surgical
 operation for Celia. He and I h. began furrowing and putting out
 manure. I went to look for a cow. P.M. I h. putting out manure.
 I h. & I put in a row or two of potatoes down in the field. Tonight
 I & I set our Blin back a few around the edge, preparatory to drive
 when a fit time shall come.

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 P. M. Fine and delightful. To & A sawing.
 I have been quite sick with a cold and have kept in all day - sleeping, reading and composing. Dan is here yet. He is about laid up with a lovel on his neck. Dr. Thomas called in this afternoon. He gave Dan some medicine. P. M. Fine but quite cold. To & A sawing. I worked in the shop & finished Peter Sashy (or rather Ed Sabons Sashy) (A.M. left) headed some fence poles to mend fence. P.M. He went to the mill and hauled out some lumber.
 P. M. Mostly fine and quite warm. To & A sawing. My helping Whittie paper for kitchen. I have been working in the shop what I could. I am not able to do anything, but I want to do something. So I worked some at the sashy. I cut Dan's hair today & c.
 P. M. Fine and quite warm. To & A sawing. I went to the Cove with a load. Dan went with him. I finished 14 ft. & 9 ft. sashy, and made a "Splint" plane. I went to the lake and had a bath. Aunt Olive came here today.
 P. M. Fine. To & A sawing. I went to Weymouth with a load. A.M. I worked in the shop some. P.M. I have been heaping & burning brush down in the Burnt land.
 P. M. Cloudy or smoky. To & A sawing. My fixing fence. Roy Harold I went up to Key. Got there (Prairie Ridge) at 9 o'clock. After dinner I went up to Uncle John's where I stayed till night. Harold has got a very bad cold.
 P. M. Fine and very warm. I went down to Drunkly's this morning where I staid till noon. After dinner I went up to Uncle John's. Aunt Alice & I went up to M. Meeting with Rachel's horse. Mr. Robinson preached from Psalm 61st to good effect. My heart is overblown, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. After meeting I went to Mrs. Saxon's where Roy & Harry came. We stayed a little while and then came down to Uncle John's where we took tea. I called in to see Susie a little while, after which we drove down to M.R.
 P. M. Fine and very warm. We came home today. Arrived about 2 o'clock. Harold is real sick. I got some button spines from Campbell today.
 To & A sawing. Left hauling dirt from around his house. Mr. Caswell preached out at the School here yesterday.
 P. M. E. Raining all day - though not heavily. To & A sawing. My helping Whittie paper. I made a sick gate and put up to my orchard. I am not well now. Harold is dreadful sick, but I hope it is nothing more than a cold.
 P. M. E. Cloudy all day. Showy in the afternoon. My went to Weymouth with a load of boards for Sonergan - bought a new wheelbarrow & c. I sent by him for the doctor to come to Harold. He arrived at 2 o'clock. Harold has been very sick all last night, and today. The doctor gave him some medicine, and we hope he will get well again. He seems a little better tonight. He has been sawing.
 P. M. E. Partly fine Rained last night. A.M. To & A to the mill. Harold seems to be worse this morning, and as a slight rash appeared on him, they put him in a warm bath. Tonight he is better. P.M. To & A went to work in the burnt land.

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P.K.C. Party fine and very warm. It sheared the sheep. Alf planted the beans. I have been very sick today. In addition to my other troubles I have got a severe cold. Harold is a little better again today. Dan Jr. came here this afternoon. Stillman Muller is here this evening. I had spent some little time these few past days in writing a poem. The apple trees and lilacs are in full bloom. Yesterday Alf found a ripe strawberry.
 W. W. Thunders dained some last night. It'll freezing the burnland. Dan chopping. Harold is getting better. I feel a little better today (Quite cold)
 P. Variable - a little snow tonight - Cold. I do not feel so smart today as I did yesterday. Harold is gaining. This forenoon Mr. & I went down to the lake a few minutes. P.M. Dan & Annie went out to W.D.S. Alf & Chattie went to Church
 W. P. Fine but windy. It'll starting around out of Dan's brush. Dan chopping. Kitty Robert came up this morning to see if I'd take her Mother to Digby tomorrow to attend Supreme Court - I agreed to go. P.M. Mrs. S.A. Stone & Lydia spent the afternoon here. Mrs. S.A. had her babe Emma with her. She is a fine smart child, but not half so good looking as Harold.
 P.S.W. Quite fine but looking like rain. I started this morning at sunrise for Digby. I took Jane & Dick. We arrived at Digby half past 10, stopping only on the way to Jud. at Mrs. Kings. I spent the greater part of the day in the C-house. At night I drove down to Mrs. Kings. At Stillman's today I purchased for Roy a sachel & a pair of slippers - gave for them \$1.50 etc. I have been sick all day. I took 13 doz Eggs to Campbell's today.
 W.D.C. Raining most all day. I spent the day with Kitty and Cornelia King - helping them pick wool etc. I went up to Uncle John's tonight a while.
 W.S.C. Cloudy. I came home today where I arrived at Ledock. with no special occurrence excepting a war dance that I witnessed at Myro Guines' as I passed & found them at home all well. Harold is real smart again. It'll has been at work in their burnland
 W.S.W. Quite fine. It'll in the burnland. P.M. Mrs. Tragon and Ellen W. spent the afternoon here.
 W.S.W. Blowing fresh. It'll in the B-land. I got some brush and struck the peas. Yesterday It'll had some early potatoes here by the house, and prepared some cabbage rolls. I am unable to do anything. I write most of the time.
 P.S.C. Dripping like rain all day. Began tonight. Alf and Chattie started to go down the river with the Coll. but got the shaft broke and so abandoned. Now I got two cups of Strawberry in Pine field tonight.
 P.K.C. Raining all day. It's making shingles. I am engaged in copying my poems in a book.
 W.S.W. Shows all day. This morning Alf, Dan & I took a drive out the road with the Coll. and old horse harnessed together. It has been making shingles. They worked in the burnland a while but the rain drove them.
 P.K. Sun and showers. Alf took a load of Hay to D's house with the horse & Coll. It made shingles and had potatoes there by the house. I helped him some. Dan went away today. He is going to work down to Campbell's. Old Steve Wilson got lost in the woods

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P.M. A glorious fine day. To day summer is
 in its full glory. The clover, daisies, buttercups, flowers
 grass and everything are in full display. To A. &
 Dick, Robert heaping burnt-land.
 W.S.W. Glorious and long. To A finished the burnt-
 land. Dick helped till noon. I set heaps of fire all
 day. Ammings has been out to Aunt Sarah's all day.
 I got a cup of straw berries - they are very scarce.
 W.S.W. Fine. A.M. To A "shaking" the heaps. To put
 the glass on some windows for Peter W. P.M. To A
 finished shoring and bound up a lot of shingles. I finish
 the sashes then we began clearing out the shop -
 preparatory to moving it.
 W.S.W. Beautiful again. Roy and I took a little
 stroll this morning, nothing of importance occurred.
 We have spent the day in reading &c.
 W.S.W. Fine. To A. Sowing and harrowing the
 burnt-land. I have been mending and clearing the
 harness &c. I am about half sick now.
 W.S.W. Glorious weather. To A. Sowing, harrowing and
 hacking. I mended the harness this morning. P.M. I mended
 Alf's fine the carriage shaft, mended a parasol for Mrs C.,
 and mended W.H.S.'s harness. Joe Frankinson was
 here today.
 W.S.W. Fine again. A.M. To A & I moving stuff out of
 the old house &c. P.M. To A finished the burnt-land.
 I tore boards off the shop &c. Aunt Sarah has been here today.
 Annie and Chattie went to the Carding Mill. They went
 down to David Grant's tonight.
 W.S.W. Fine. To A. & I leaving down the old house. We got
 it all down. Annie & Chattie came home tonight.
 W.S.W. Fine. We hauled the timber and boards out of the old
 house across the road. Closed up the road &c.
 Still Mullin is here tonight.
 W.S.W. Fine. To made Callic a pair of shoes. Alf making
 a yoke. I have done nothing but pick a few birch
 this afternoon. Roy & I went in the woods and got a
 lot of snow. Mrs Ford and Susie were here a while
 this afternoon. He has mending up the road tonight.
 David Grant & wife came in today. Dan J. came too.
 W.S.E. Clancy. Showery in the afternoon. A.M. To Dan & I
 went up to Co. Mulling. Mrs Ford spoke from floor 1 & 21 to
 Hartshorn and Charlie Mullin were here to dinner. Mrs & Mrs
 Ford and Susie were here to tea. Mr Cogswell preached
 out at Southville, but we did not know it, & did not go.
 George & Dickerson was married one day last week.
 P.M. Quite fine. To sawing. A.M. To finishing his yoke.
 Dan mended his boat. P.M. Alf went to the mill. Dan
 went down the River and got his clothes. I made
 Roy four flour boxes. helped her cover the lounge &c
 and I packed two quarts of straw berries. Dan brought
 Omar home from Weaver. W.H.S. wants me to
 help him frame on his barn this week, but but
 my health will not permit.

W. N. W. Cool breeze - clear and delightful.
Pic-Nic Day. A.M. Alf got out a load from the mill. Dan & I
went down to the lake and had a bath. I & D. I arranged
a swing down here in the woods today. This afternoon
the pic-nickers came as usual. There were above eighty.
The afternoon passed pleasantly away and without any
special occurrence. Roy and I were looking for some
of our friends from up the Bay, but were disappointed
as from some cause none came.

W. N. W. Fine. Alf went out with a load. Seal went with
him and Alf got him a knife. I took Dan out to W. N. W.'s
to help him on his barn frame. J. Sawing. P.M. I went
up the road and asked 'hands' to W. N. W.'s raising tomorrow.

W. S. W. Fine. J. Sawing, till noon. He then went to
W. N. W.'s barn raising. Alf hauling out from the mill.
Mother, Chattie & Mrs. G. out to Mr. White's visiting. Mr. Delap & lady
were here to dinner & tea. I put a shoe on Omar. Roy
& I picked strawberries for tea. I weeded out the vegetable &c
I made a visit for my grape vine to grow on.

W. S. W. Fine, but windy. J. Sawing. Alf went down the
River with a load of boards for Lent. is not coming
home tonight. I did nothing this forenoon but pick
a few berries. Dan got home from W. N. W.'s towards
noon. P.M. Dan & I plowed out half of the potatoes
Mrs. G. & Chattie were here visiting.

W. N. W. Fine. Following. A.M. Dan & I began hoing potatoes
Mrs. King and Ethel came this forenoon. P.M. D. hard.
Eth and I strolled around, taking a row on the lake,
getting some berries &c. Alf got home at noon then
harnessed up the & Chattie went down the river.
Williamly came this afternoon. I got a letter from Mrs. D.

W. S. W. Fine. A.M. J. M. & Mrs. R. went out to hear
Gray at the school-house. P.M. Mrs. R. & Eth. went home.

W. N. W. Fine. A.M. D. & I hoing potatoes. P.M. J. & D. hoing
Alf who got home at noon - J. finished ploughing them out.

W. S. Cloudy all day. A.M. J. D. & I finished hoing the
potatoes and hoed the beans. P.M. J. fixing a Cart wheel.
Dan & Alf. went down to the corner and loaded up a stick
of hard wood to go to the mill. It has looked all day
as if the rain should come down at any minute
but after dinner I got Omar, put a couple of shoes
on him, put a quart of Barley in bags and with Seal aboard
started at 4 our Oelbat for up the Bay. We had scarcely
started before the rain began to come down, and continued
heavily till I got up the Bay to Mrs. Kings at 7 o'clock.

W. N. W. Fine. Rained all night. This morning I took
my grain up to Joseph M. Wells mill where I got it ground.
J. M. Ethel, Scott & I went out in a boat with Sandersons
boys to their new Schooner which has just been
launched. At 4 o'clock we started for home where we
arrived safely at Dark. Harrod crept today for the first
time.

W. N. W. Fine. J. Dan & Alf began working on the road -
Statute Labor - I went to work on W. N. W.'s barn.
Roy took me only I am feeling better some now.

W. N. W. Fine - A thunder storm came up this morning.
I finished on the road. Alf got out a load from the mill.
I helping W. N. W.

W. N. W. Fine. July 1st

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W. N. W. Fine. July 8th

P. M. Beautiful weather. I mended a cart wheel.
 I went out with a load. Dan ground a new gutter and
 mowed my little orchard field by Blaine. I finished
 working for W. J. S. Alf came out tonight with the
 call and I came in with him. Weather quite small.
 W. J. S. Alf & I went down to Old David's with
 the call. It has been a hard day. Weather is no better.
 This afternoon I went up to hear Mr. Gaten.
 W. J. S. Alf went out. A. M. J. at his wheel. Alf
 spread the hay in my little orchard field. D & I mowing in
 the orchard. P. M. D & I snowed awhile, then we raked up
 the hills first and soon in the orchard. Weather is about
 W. J. S. Alf went out. So at his wheel & raking
 hay. Dan mowed. I am so tired up that I have
 what mowed any but have spread and helped rake
 W. J. S. Alf. A heavy thundered shower came last
 night wetting our hay badly. A. M. J. at his wheel. Alf
 hauled a load of staves from W. J. S. Alf to fix the barn.
 Dan & I snowing spreading etc. P. M. Alf hauled in
 four loads of hay - bus out of my orchard, & tossed
 of the orchard here. Looked very like a thunder shower
 this afternoon, but only a few sprinkles. Weather is getting
 better. I am feeling much better now.
 W. J. S. Alf. A. M. J. finished his wheel & found the
 wagon wheel. Dan & I mowing etc. P. M. Alf went
 down to Woodville to get the wheels fixed. D & I
 hauled in a load of hay, raked & mowed.
 W. J. S. Alf. Real quite cool. Glorious day. A. M. Alf
 went out and got the wheels that he took out yesterday
 to get fixed. Dan & I got up before day-light this
 morning and finished moving the piece below
 the W. S. shop. We thus moved (if heeding no) the field
 here below the wood yard. P. M. All hands raking.
 W. J. S. Alf. Real cool. All hands in the hay. Mowed
 all the field by the wagon house. Raked it & got in
 five loads of hay. We have had a fine week.
 Weather is getting ill again. Harold has got the car ash.
 W. J. S. Alf. Windy. J. M. & Annie went to Susket to
 meeting. Dan sent Roy Harold & stayed home.
 We hope spent a very pleasant day.
 P. Variable. Blowing heavily & looking like rain. A. M.
 D & I snowed down here in the rough field. So
 butchered a calf. P. M. We hauled in two loads of hay
 back of the carriage house. Harold is real well & in
 W. J. S. Alf. Showy this forenoon - partly fine till night. A. M.
 Alf mending his shoes. Dan doing nothing. D & I
 snowed a little. P. M. All hands mowing & raking
 in the rough field. Charley Bent was here to borrow
 Roy sent a letter by him up to Gillie King.
 W. J. S. Alf. Showy all day. A. M. Dan fixing his shoes. He
 P. M. I went down to look at the burnt load. He
 Alf had some cabbage. I made myself a pair of pants
 and cut out a pair of shoes.
 W. J. S. Alf. Foggy till cleared up. J. P. & I finished mowing the rough
 field. P. M. She began snowing down on the hill. I closed up
 my shoes and got one fixed. I raked hay awhile tonight.
 Harold climbed up today for the first time. He climbed
 up by the board that goes across the back door three times.
 They weighed him last Saturday and his weight was 19 1/2 lbs.

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W. W. Sims. To A & Dan working in the hay. They mowed and raked down on the hill, and tonight are finished raking the rough field. I finished my shoes today. They fit quite good considering that they are my first attempt at making shoes for myself.

W. W. Sims and pretty warm. A.M. We mowed the Western part of the hill field. P.M. We hauled two loads from the rough raked what we mowed and got one overturned. P.M. potatoes. I am quite well now in fact, we all are well, for which we should be thankful.

W. S. Bryan coming about day break & continued leaving till about noon. We were looking for Willoughby & Mr. Leggs well to reach here today, but the storm prevented. A few, or rather a lot - of young ones gathered here this afternoon. Judson, Minnie and Ragnosa Deem stopped to tea.

W. A. W. Sims. (A.M.) We mowed in the C. field. P.M. S helped us. We got it most mowed. To A & Dan got in a load of hay tonight from the level hill being the last grass I have been unwell today.

W. S. W. Quite fine. All went out with a load. D. & A working in the hay, they finished the C. field and raked most all of it, and got in a load from the level hill being all from that field. Rosy took Minnie down the River she expected to meet D. but was she disappointed. They took out 1/3 of Eggs to Campbell for me. I got a letter tonight from Mrs Skirmur. Rosy got a lot of Cards from the States I have some nothing worthy but cheap. I feel a little better.

W. S. W. Foggy till noon, then cleared off. A.M. All ground in the Spring-field, being the first mown there. Reading the news-papers. P.M. S & A finished raking the C. field and mowed some in the Springfield. I took Dan down the River to go to work on the ship. Seat went with us. We fell in with W. H. S at the Bridge who accompanied us. We drove around to Dan Sabian's I left the team there with Dan and Seat, and W. H. S & I went down to Willoughby's. We got a bite of dinner there had a pleasant little chat and then came up to C. C. ship yard where we remained awhile - then came up the Bridge. I got a Bag of molasses from Amers - five Gals. W. H. S came in with us. They are working at the RR. again, and talk of having the work completed this Fall. I am some better tonight - though by no means well.

W. S. W. Fine and the warmest of the season. A.M. H. C. I mowed out the swam in the S. field. P.M. rakes some there and hauled the hay from the C. field having two loads. Mother and Chattie have been down to Mrs Nagones visiting. We had an adventure with a Skunk down among the rocks below the Springfield tonight. The dog first found him in a hole among the rocks. We made a fire at one end of the crevice which drove him out at the other. It is the first one we ever saw, as they have never been known in these parts till within the past year or two. A cold is well and progressing finely

Friday
Aug 1st

Fine and beautiful weather. A.M. F.O.S. finished mowing the Spring field - P.M. We raked it about all up. The grass is better than it has been for a number of years. There are about forty Cocks. The weather is very warm now days.

Saturday
Aug 2nd

W. W. Glorious day. A.M. A.O.S. went to the lake and had a swim. We then unloaded a load of hay and got in one out of the S. field. P.M. F.O.S. hauled in three loads from the S. field making four loads - about 2 tons from that field, and finishing our mowing. After we got our last load on I went out across the woods by the old Wagon Road to see a Steel old mill to see how far it was, and in what condition the road I found the distance less and the road in better condition than I expected. Tonight Alf & Chatter went down the River - I should think they would get tired of it.

Sunday
Aug 3rd

Fine and sultry. All hands home all day. Rosey & I were thinking to go to Market today but as we could not find the horses easily, we remained at home reading and otherwise diverting ourselves. Mother is half sick of tooth-ache and so.

Monday
Aug 4th

W. S. C. Fine. F.O.S. helping Blin in his hay. Alf got home at noon from Down the River & this afternoon he has been mowing in the piece we are going to cut on Blin. J. W. Sabran was here to dinner.

Tuesday
Aug 5th

W. W. Fine and warm. A.M. F.O.S. finished mowing the field on Blin. P.M. we raked it up - had twelve Cocks. Alf went out today to work on the Rail way. Moby was here tonight to tea. We are all quite well.

Wednesday
Aug 6th

W. S. Foggy till noon and looking like rain. Cleared off the fine till night with a W. wind. A.M. F.O.S. hauled in the hay from the field we mowed "on Blin" - one load. P.M. We went back on the Drunt for blue-berris. Did not get many. I do not feel very well today.

Thursday
Aug 7th

W. S. W. Fine and Coll. F.O.S. helping Blin. I have been helping J. W. Sabran hay over here in his field. Charley Mingo, Old White and Willie W. were also there.

Friday
Aug 8th

W. Variable - Looking some like rain. F.O.S. peeling hemlocks down in Dan's piece of brush. I have been helping W. S. again. He finished haying today. He only had Willie W. & I with him today. Dan & Phill were here tonight.

Saturday
Aug 9th

W. Variable with drizzling rain. F.O.S. enjoying a quiet day at home. Phil Crossman has been here all the afternoon. I cut his hair. I cut Harris Crossman's too. Dan & Annie came tonight from Down the River. Dan & I got our Dynamite Circular tonight.

Sunday
Aug 10th

W. Easty - Dull till noon then cleared off. Pillsbury preached here this morning from Revels 18 & 20. D.M.S. clapped to dinner & spent the afternoon here. F.O.S. went down on the Line with mulling this afternoon. Pillsbury went with them. Rosey & I took Moby home tonight with the horse & carriage.

Monday
Aug 11th

W. S. W. Fine. I went to Raymond's today with a load of Boards 500 ft. for Moby and 327 ft. of pine for Joe Hankinson. Alf came home this morning from the Rail Road on from Old Davids. Ie took out a load of cord-wood & got a load of Flour. It has been at Dan's hemlocks again today.

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Fr. 11. Fine. A.M. J & A shod the oxen. I shouldered out some stuff from under the stable to make a compost heap for safe-dressing. P.M. J. & A. & D. putting hemlock bark down on W. W. Jim and Creasy. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. ranging around. I was not very well and lay on the lounge. P.M. J. & I finished putting D's hemlocks. Alf went down the River tonight to move Chattie in from working on the Rail way. Annie had a quilting party this afternoon. W. S. W. Day windy all day with sand flying. Raining tonight with squalls and lightning. A.M. J. not doing enough but chores. I put two shares on Omar. packed 110 of Eggs for Market - finished shoveling out beneath the stable, gashed some cone set etc. Alf & Chattie got home at noon. P.M. J. & Mother went out to Weymouth. I have been working in the swamp mud. I hauled up two loads and put in the yard, and shoveled out a parcel more on the ground. Alf has kept himself busy this afternoon. J. & M. have not got home yet (probably) They will not be here tonight. Mrs. Mrs. Lewis & Miss S. were here today to see about getting some lumber.

Fr. 11. Fine. W. & M. came home this morning. They got caught in the storm last evening & stopped to W. S. W. J. A. & D. went up to Oak Lake blue-berrying today, but did not get many. We are all quite well now. Will. C. started to go around the Bay on a Courting tour. He took my horse and the carriage. Rod sent a letter by him to Pitt. Rain is just now cutting out the first square of patch work for the first quilt of Harold's little bed.

Fr. 11. Quite fine all noon. Clouded up & began to rain slight about four o'clock, but came on heavily tonight. Alf went out with a load of wood. A.M. J. & I fixed up Volinia fence where over on has been getting his ficed. M. also put some poles on the fence around my little fued. P.M. J. & M. went to Market. I went down to the Corn and began cutting Card wood but a shower coming on I came home. Just as we had got comfortable in bed tonight we heard a carriage roll up the hill & shortly after a sharp rapping at the - Oz going down I was delighted in meeting Richard Sanderson with little King.

Fr. 11. Rained heavily all night and all day. Rich & Pitt has been here all day. We have had a very pleasant day. P.M. Rained all day. J. came home from Market towards night. Dan J. came tonight from Down the River. I cut up a lot of wood. helped Alf shod the Colt etc.

Fr. 11. Rained till noon with a heavy wind, which has done a great deal of damage among apple grain and everything. It has been cutting some today. I cut wood all the afternoon. Alf has been shod W. S. W. oxen. R. Sanderson went out tonight.

Fr. 11. Quite fine. Cool. J. & D. have been around the lake by the mill putting hemlocks to make board for Dan's house. This may be called the first blow struck at his house. Alf has been making a pig-yard. Dan & Annie went to French-town. They took out 8 of Eggs for me. Mait was here to tea tonight.

N. D. W. Fine and warm. Myself went out with a load of wood, Fred cutting trees down on Dan's brush which we are going to haul out for cordwood. Dan & Annie got back from French town tonight.
 N. D. Foggy. Stayed home this afternoon. F. D. A. D. at work down at the corner. Myself starting out C. wood and cordwood - the rest of us chopping. Because of the rain we come home early. I cut Geo. M. Coan's hair.
 N. D. W. Cloudy all day. A.M. F. U. Dan & I down at work at the corner & starting out cordwood & bark. Dan & I splitting C. wood & Dan's brother - Fred - from St. John put in an appearance this forenoon as we were at work down there. It was quite a surprise. Dan was delighted to see his brother after so long a separation. He and Dan came up to the house where they remained till after noon when they came down again. After getting the bark hauled - about two cords - I helped Dan and Fred chop - He finished the chopping today.
 N. D. W. Fine. I went to Frank for Mother. Father R. went with him. We were looking for Mr. Feagwell in to preach today, but he could not come on account of a funeral.
 P. M. Obed White - who has been here all day - Fred, F. & I went up to hear Mr. Dater. Text in Father's Romanes.
 N. D. W. I was here to tea tonight. Harold was taken sick yesterday. Today he is quite bad but we hope he will be better tomorrow. Myself & Abathie went down to their yesterday.
 N. D. W. Cloudy. Myself starting C. wood out along the Road with the horse. Fred cutting C. wood. Fred & I went around the lake and put in twenty hemlock logs. I brought home a load of boards. A Tin pedlar was here to dinner.
 N. D. W. Cloudy draw. Myself went out with a load of wood. A.M. Blin & I mended the line fence. P.M. Fred getting the hemlock logs down to the pond. I have been mending fence. Dan & Fred went to Weymouth this morning to go cutting.
 P.M. Annie, Mother, Rod & Harold over to Chatter's to a party.
 N. D. W. Cloudy till noon - fine tonight. Myself went out with a load of wood. Dan & Fred came back last night, and today they have begun Dan's cellar. A.M. F. & I got up a sheep and killed it. P.M. F. sawing. Rosy & I went to the mill for huckle berries - We got some. Harold has got well again.
 N. D. W. Fine. Dan & Fred at this cellar. Myself repairing the old carriage. A.M. I cut a lot of stakes down by the Lake to make a fence across the field. Father Ring went down with me. P.M. I mowed the clover in Pony little prebath. An excitement prevails up the road among the natives in consequence of an apparition that presented itself to Phoebe Sabeau in Reno's pasture and cut up several articles.
 N. D. W. Late fine - Rained some last night. Fred sawing at the cellar. Myself at the carriage. A.M. I hauled up some of my stakes from down by the lake. & made some of them. P.M. I went up to wagoners Mill & got a load of slabs for my fence. Rosy went with me. Frank N. was out yesterday with a load of wood for me.

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N. N. E. Cloudy all day. Jo & ariving Alf was out with a load
 of wood. I wish Wagoner was also out with a load of
 wood for us. A. M. Dan put a patch on his shoe. Fred & I
 sharpened and drove stakes for a fence across the field. We went
 down to the lake and had a swim. P. M. Fred & I had
 digging cellar. I finished my fence of slabs. Annie, Hattie, Roy
 and Harold were out to Mr. White's visiting. I see in the
 "Courier" that Wallace Durland is dead.

N. N. Very fine. Richard Sanderson came to see his. I with
 this infirming. Fred & I hit took a walk to the lake. They are
 there when Dick came. P. M. Fred & I. Alf & Chattie went to
 Weymouth to hear Mr. Stubbart. Alf & I did not come home.
 Dan & Fred are going out to work on the ship tonight.
 I wrote a poem today on "Phoebe's Ghost".

N. N. Fine. I sewing. Alf came home this morning.
 He shod Cooman's own & Alf & I went out for us
 with a load of wood. A. M. I spread the hay in my
 orchard field &c. P. M. I raked it up - I have also
 today began another Cider Press, greatly to the amusement
 of the folks. I finished sailing.

N. S. W. Cloudy & smoky. Alf went out with a load of
 wood. Will Cooman, Jo & I have been hauling fever
 poles to make a line fence.

N. N. W. Beautiful of fine. Alf went out with a load of wood.
 He making a pair of boots. Will Cooman & I made other
 line fence. I took dinner with him. We had apple
 dumplings. Annie, Hattie, Roy & Harold have been
 down to Mrs. Wagoner's visiting today. I got in my
 clova tonight. Will C. helped me.

N. N. E. P. Partly Clear. Jo she making. Alf justifying around.
 I went out with a load of wood to E. John for Tom Randall
 I took out six feet. I took Omar out to Goodwin & got
 him shod. I got some stuff for a pair of shirts & stuff for
 a pair of overalls. Annie, Hattie, Roy & Harold have been up
 to Charley Cooman's visiting.

N. S. E. Raining all day. Jo at his boots. I have been at
 my Cider Press. Will Cooman is here this evening.

N. N. E. Partly fine. Jo at his boots. Alf went with a load of wood.
 I have been working at my press some. This afternoon Hattie
 Seat & I went back to Peter's pasture and got some black-burnin
 Peter W. has gone to Dig with my horse today. Harold is
 not very well. Dan & I came tonight.

N. N. Beautifully fine. Jo Annie, Dan, Alf, Chattie, Hattie & I
 went out with the truck to Henry Willoughby. Dr. came in with
 us. Jo went down to N. H. S. Johnson was here to tea.
 Willoughby preached here tonight. Harold is better today.

N. S. E. Cloudy. Jo at work at a pair of boots for me. Alf went
 out with a load of wood. I also went out with a load of wood.
 Willoughby & Dan went out with me. Fred & Butterton came
 in with me. It has rained as hard as could pour all
 day. We got soaked to the "hide". Harold is well again.

N. N. Fine. A. M. Jo & I colthing. Fred cutting firewood.
 P. M. Jo colthing. Fred & I mowed wheat. Alf choring all day.
 Today is little Harold's birth day. Roy weighed him. The
 weighed 20 lbs and 9 of "Clint he precious!"

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M. S. J. A. M. I went down to Dan's field and brought
 up the sick & stone. Fredie & I finished growing the wheat.
 P. M. Fred & I began a ditch from the swamp by Blaine.
 Self went out with a load of wood. Weather fine.
 M. S. Tues. A. M. Got hold at the ditch. I dressed out
 some stuff for an extension table legs &c. P. M. Fred & I
 raked up the wheat and hauled it in. We had a large
 load. Self went today with a load of wood. This afternoon
 Roy and Harold went up the Bay with Hattie. They
 intend staying till next Monday.
 M. S. Wed. A. M. Fred, self & I at the ditch. Isiah
 went out for us with a load of wood. P. M. Will Cosman
 & I started for a cruise in the woods in search
 for meadow. We started about three o'clock, went as far
 as "Sevenpenny" Lake where we camped for the night.
 We had an adventure with a bear, which is not necessary
 to particularize as we will doubtless all remember.
 Charley went down the River for Clarissa.
 M. S. Thurs. At his ditch. Self went out with a load
 of wood. This morning we went to the Song Lucket.
 Reaching there at noon we dined, after which we con-
 structed a raft upon which we crossed the lake. We
 examined the meadow, crossed the lake and struck
 for home when we arrived at dark.
 M. S. Fri. but looking like rain. Nothing of note occurred
 excepting this afternoon. Fred & I got Dan's brush
 on fire. We got a neat very good burn.
 M. S. Rained during the night. Cleared off today. We hauled
 up the loam from Blaine this morning. A. M. Got at the
 ditch. P. M. Self hauled out a load of lumber from the mill.
 To the mill too. Fred & I dug potatoes today down
 on the hill. We dug fifty bushels. They are pretty good.
 Roy and Harold got home from up the Bay. They are well
 and I was very glad to see them.
 M. S. Rained all day. I made a stove to put potatoes
 down cellar. Cleaned out the cellar, mended Annies shoes
 & marked some at my Cedar press &c.
 M. S. Sat. Fine. A. M. Got cooking. Self tinkering around.
 I made a work bench in the wood house &c. P. M.
 I & Joseph Parter set a bear trap where a bear had killed
 one of Fishers and one of Parter's sheep. Self went out to
 Will Mullens. I made an apple grinder. Fred digging
 in Dan's cellar.
 M. S. Beautiful and lovely. Self, Fred, & I went early to the
 Bear trap. We shall hold what I shall not readily forget. A
 monstrous bear foot in the trap by one kind foot. After
 taking a look at him (rather short one) we came out when St.
 Joe Parter. David Parter Harrie Cosman Self Fred & I went back
 to the trap. Got Joe's fire at the bear after which we finished
 him with axes. We wished him to a pole and carried him out
 to Joseph's gate. When all the women gathered to see him. I
 carried little Harold over to see him. I set him on the bear's
 back he found it great sport. St. J. P. & Orestion skinned
 him while the rest of us went to help Charley Cosman raise
 his house. He came too in the afternoon. Mother and
 Annie went out to the bridge to get Annies dress.
 Isiah went out with our lions and a load of wood.
 Day before yesterday the first train of cars were at the River.

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Mon	Sept	19	A. M. Cloudy and rained a little. Cleared up breakfast tonight at my work. Fred at the Cellar & Dan. Alf took out a load of potatoes for Geo. Sabian. I helped Charly Coeman on his horse.
Tue	Sept	20	M. D. W. Bantley and Jim. The forenoon I assisted in stretching the bear skin on J. To Barn. P. M. at the work. Alf assisted each went out with a load of wood. I got out stuff in the wood house for Sashes. Fred came up early from the Cellar and he and I made some Cider.
Wed	Sept	21	Dan & Cornaby. I got some Cider from D. Boyd. M. W. Fine. This morning Dan, J. Fred & I went to the bear trap. Mr. Coagwell reached here tonight from Mackay 12:31. His sermon was very impressive indeed. He & his wife with 9 Hds. stopped to tea. Annie took Dan out tonight.
Thu	Sept	22	M. D. W. Looking some like rain. Annie came home this morning. J. finished my Ditch. Fred digging cellar. Alf started to take sled Jane up to Digby to Court. I have been dressing out stuff for Sashes. Roy & I went down to the burnt land tonight and got a lot of Cucumbers. Deak was out for us with a load of wood. I could stand alone and took two little sleds today.
Fri	Sept	23	M. S. W. Rained a little night - dull today. A. M. at the ditch. Fred cutting wood. P. M. Fred helping J. at the ditch. I have been at my Sashes etc. Geo. Wagner came tonight & got my horse up to Digby with.
Sat	Sept	24	M. D. Dull all day. J. & Fred at the ditch. Deak went out with a load of wood for J. I have been at my Sashes all day. Alf got home from Digby tonight. He says that in all probability Jane will lose her case.
Sun	Sept	25	M. N. Fine but quite cold and full like. J. & Fred at the ditch. Alf having the buck wheel. I have been at the Sashes. Fred & I made some Cider tonight. It rained heavily last evening.
Mon	Sept	26	M. A. Fine and cold. Very heavy frost last night - the first of the season. J. & Fred digging ditch. Alf at the wheel. I began putting the Sashes together today. Jim Wilson gave us a call again. Jake Cilleland is crazy they say Harold is sick tonight.
Tue	Sept	27	M. N. Fine again. Alf out with a load for us. Alf out too with horse. J. & Fred digging ditch. I have been putting Sashes together. I got a letter tonight from Mr. Skinned.
Wed	Sept	28	M. S. W. Fine. J. & Fred went to Market to Meeting. Fred & I went out to W. H. S. This afternoon we went to Comm. Meeting out in the school house.
Thu	Sept	29	M. S. W. Gentle fine and warm. Alf went out with a load. J. Fred and I reaped the buck wheel. It is quite short but not very well filled.
Fri	Sept	30	M. S. W. A. M. Foggy. P. M. Fine. This forenoon J. Fred & I hauled up the buck wheel and stowed it up by the barn. This afternoon I went to the mill to file the saw and Jan & some sled ropes etc. Fred & I chipped potatoes. I got a sore hand. I fear it is going to be bad. Alf went out today with a load. Alf took Dick down to Co.
Sat	Oct	1	M. N. W. Fine. A. M. J. Fred & I moved oats in our plainfield. P. M. J. & Fred at the oats. My road is so bad I had to knock Alf and Deak both out with a load. Tought all hands but Roy and I were down to Mr. Wagner's a pairing party.
Sun	Oct	2	M. N. Fine. P. M. J. & Fred finished showing the oats. P. M. Alf finished the buck wheel. Alf went down to Court today. My hand is worse today.
Mon	Oct	3	M. N. Fine. Alf went out. J. & Fred digging potatoes. My hand is worse.
Tue	Oct	4	M. S. W. Fine. Alf went out with a load of wood. A. M. J. killed a sheep. Fred making Cider. P. M. J. & Fred chipped a few potatoes. I saw Dan Fullerton came tonight. My hand is a little better. In the Courier I see Hattie's Marriage.
Wed	Oct	5	M. S. W. Fine. Fred and Roy went out to hear Willoughby. He came in with sheep. It is not very well. M. H. S. and Lydia were here to tea. Willoughby reached here tonight. My hand is a little better.
Thu	Oct	6	M. N. Fine. Annie took Dan and Willoughby out today and brought Mrs. Hollander's worth in to make her dress. J. Fred and Alf raked up the oats today. My hand is getting better.
Fri	Oct	7	M. N. Foggy and looking a little like rain. J. A. & Fred hauled in the oats - three loads.

Wed Oct 8 P. M. Meeting fine and very warm. Father and Fred have
 been digging. I have been reading all day in Bangs. This
 afternoon Mother has been up to Sarahs visiting. Mother went
 up this evening. Alf is sick today.

Thurs Oct 9 P. M. Fine and sultry. Fred and I digging.
 Alf and I loaded up a load of wheat that Alf is going to
 take to the threshing mill tomorrow. A gentleman from
 up the Bay who came to buy the Central place was here to
 dinner. Mrs Cosman and Mrs Langdon were here visiting.
 Mr Cosman is here this evening. This is the first day
 I have worked since my hand has been sore.

Friday Oct 10 P. M. Cloudy. Spent the afternoon. Fred and I dug this
 forenoon. P. M. Fred and I threshed out a little wheat. Fred and I dug
 some when it did not rain too hard. Alf went out to
 the threshing mill today - had about ten bushels of wheat.

Sat Oct 11 P. M. Fine again. Fred and I digging. Alf hauled
 some water. When it cleared out the spring and Alf helped
 us till noon. P. M. Fred and I dug potatoes. Annie
 and Fred took Miss Hollingsworth out tonight. Alfred
 Chatter and Clarissa went out tonight. St. Claire Sabian
 Allan Kinney, Annie Sabian and Jessie Stewart
 came here tonight. I got some circulars from Mrs Co.

Sunday Oct 12 P. M. Cloudy all day. This forenoon all hands of us
 took a stroll down to the lake. P. M. Our visitors about away
 this afternoon. Fred and I went with them to Siskiets. Much
 I forgot to say that Fred and I went up the road to Leahs
 Mr Greenlaw on Friday evening. Bought Fred Illwaco
 are up to evening.

Monday Oct 13 P. M. Fine but very windy. Alf and Isaac went out
 each with a load of wood. P. M. went out to Mr Bogens
 Fred and I digging potatoes.

Tuesday Oct 14 P. M. Fine but windy and rain. Mother and Alf went down to
 Mr Wagoners and brought home part of a hoghead of molasses
 that we bought with him. Fred and I digging potatoes.
 Fred went out to Campbell's meeting tonight.

Wed Oct 15 P. M. Fine but windy. A. M. Alf teaming the horse and
 ground harnessed together. Fred and I digging. P. M.
 St. A. Fred and I gathering apples. Little Harold is real well.

Thurs Oct 16 P. M. Cloudy. Fred and I digging. Alf went out with his team
 at 16 Harold is better. He will soon be well as ever.

Friday Oct 17 P. M. Fine and warm. A. M. Fred and I finished digging
 we have about 260 bushels potatoes. I butchered a sheep
 P. M. Fred and I entertaining Mr Greenlaw and reaping beans.
 Fred Alf and I went up to the State field for partridge. We
 got two. Dan Ballston came here tonight.

Sat Oct 18 P. M. Fine and warm. Fred gathered the beans. Alf went out
 with a load of wood. I worked some at Mr S's sashes.
 Dan went out today with Alf, returning again with him.
 Fred and I made some cider tonight.

Sunday Oct 19 P. M. B. South. Raining steadily all day - the first rain we have
 had this month. Mrs & Mrs Goswell came this afternoon
 and by their assistance Dan & Annie were made to
 rejoice in each others possession for life. Alf and Chatter
 were over and we spent quite a pleasant evening.

Monday Oct 20 P. M. Fine but windy and very cold for the season.
 The ground froze some last night being the first of the
 season. Spent some time in morning by Office.
 Mrs & Mr C with Fred & Alf spent the forenoon and wrote
 dinner over at Alf's. A. M. Fred and Alf hauling wood. P. M.
 Alf and Annie Cosman ploughed in the orchard with the
 horses. Fred and I gathered apples. I have been at the
 sashes some - I am not feeling very well.

Tues Oct 21 P. M. Fine and pleasant. Alf went out. Dan went out
 and came back with him. A. M. Fred cutting up Alders for
 a coal-pit. P. M. Fred at the same. Fred cutting up Alders for
 beans. I have been working at my sashes. Tonight Alf is
 having a Candy party. We all went over but the molasses was
 so slow about boiling that we came home but the molasses was
 We got the sad intelligence tonight that J. Dillard of
 Edinburgh who has been crazy for some time, hanged
 himself today in his barn.

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N. S. M. Looking like rain. I went to Weymouth to look
 after some of his delinquent debtors. Mother went for as Mr White
 has been joining the horse stable I think, I have been at
 Cashes, Lewis, Ross, and Chatter worked the Canal today.
 Peter Nichols and Augusta Binn were married last Saturday
 P. M. began raining towards noon and continued hard.
 A. M. I set out to the mill. Dan & I cutting cord wood. I
 worked at the sashes till about 11 o'clock when Dan, Alf & I
 went to Inskit to the Church Meeting. There is a great dis-
 sent between the Ministers and a number of the members
 they believe him of using improper language, of being one
 of the members who burned the old meeting-house last spring
 or of being an intrigator. He could not stand the Pres-
 byterian - so had a meeting called that some measure
 might be adopted to release him from the excommunication
 which they are heaping on him. This was the meeting which
 we attended tonight. A committee was appointed to inves-
 tigate the reports. Father was also at the meeting. He called
 out through the words and did not return tonight.
 M. P. D. Rain and disagreeable. I worked at the sashes. Alf
 got them all together at last. Alf has been peddling around
 Dan & I had cutting cord wood. Alf got home tonight. I
 went out to W. H. S. tonight on horse back to take to W. H. S.
 M. P. D. Cloudy, windy with hail squalls. Father's Alder coal pit till
 tonight when he finished gathering the apples. I painted my
 sashes today. Ross undertook to weave today but found it
 cold. Alf went through to Geo. Wagoner to see about selling
 the horse. I pulled the glass in one of the sashes tonight.
 M. P. D. Storm and glorious. Alf and Chatter went down the hill
 P. M. Fred went to P. meeting. Dan & Annin Ross, Seat
 I went up to the Stark field for a stroll. Ross got put
 store up in our room yesterday and this forenoon we had
 a fire in it. Alf & M. were up to hear Mr G. tonight.
 M. P. D. Late fine. Fred finished the coal pit. Alf put fire
 it tonight. Mr Greenman was here to dinner. Three Ben is
 tonight. Alf & Chatter have not yet home yet. Dan & I
 are cutting cord wood. Alf and Chatter came home this evening.
 M. P. D. Quite fine till noon when it clouded up, and began raining
 just night. Alf went out with a load of boards. Dan & I
 chopping. A. M. I hauled some compost from the stop-hole
 pit in my little field as top dressing - four loads. I found
 his coal pit &c. P. M. Alf & I hauled up three loads of mud from
 a swamp and put on the stop-hole.
 M. P. D. Rained quite heavy all day. Alf went to the mill to saw
 clap boards for "Old & new" barn. P. M. Alf and I. Fred went
 the mill too. I pulled windows all day.
 M. P. D. Fine and mild. A. M. I sewed up Judy's coat. Alf
 hauled slabs from the mill. P. M. I went to Inskit to attend
 a meeting of a committee convened to investigate charges against
 Mr Cogswell. He is not coming home tonight. I hauled
 loads of top dressing from the end of the barn and put in my
 little field. Fred & Dan are cutting cord wood. On Friday last
 Edward Shecht's house on St Mary's Bay was burned.
 We hear that Capt. Abner Lewis of Weymouth and John Ford of
 Inskit was lost or died at sea - both of the same ship.
 M. P. D. Rain and windy. I pulled windows till four o'clock when
 Alf and I went to Inskit to a Church Meeting where the reports
 of the investigating committee were to be presented. The meeting
 was quite a lively one. Fred went out about 10 o'clock
 public White. Dan and Ross went to Weymouth today.
 Alf took 2 1/2 bushels to Mrs Catter & 2 1/2 of eggs to Camp
 Alf took 8 of eggs to Caspella the other day.
 M. P. D. Fine but Wind. Alf saving pig pen stuff. I worked
 Alf & I undertook to clean the coal-pit - but gave it up.
 at my windows the rest of the day. Father at different jobs.
 Eshel Ring and Leonard came here at noon. Drilling by an old
 Charles Thomas were also here to dinner.
 M. P. D. Fine. A. M. Alf & Chatter, Fred, Eth. Leonard and Seal
 out to hear Willoughby. Dan & Annin went in the carriage. Text &
 of 117 Psalm. Willoughby came in with us. P. M. Fred, Eth. & I
 to Commemorative Meeting. Willoughby preached here tonight.
 Mother is sick with toothache and a cold.

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Nov 9. Easter Time but sharp Collet and Leonard, went home this morning. Billingsly went home with them. Alf went down the River with a load of staves. P.M. I pulled the coal pit I pulled windows. P.M. Alf picked up the coal - about 20 bushels. I then hauled two loads of coal ash and put around my apple trees. Geo. Wagoner bought my big black horse tonight. He gave about \$2 dollars for him. Robt Ray is here this evening. Dan and Fred at the cellar. W. N. E. Snowed three or four inches last night and squally all day. It went out to John S. Salomon in a pig. I pulled some windows. David Grant came in today for staves. Fred and I went down to the Spring field tonight and got Alf's calf. It looks very winter-like.

Nov 10. Cloudy and cold but winter weather. Fred and Leonard this forenoon with a pig. Alf fixed the stable today. P.M. I pulled some more staves. P.M. I did some chow around, and went up to Charley's where Robt Ray was putting in the Cornices. He fixing the dig pen. Tom Wilson was here today. Dan and Fred at the cellar.

Nov 11. A fine day. Today is Henry's Giving Day. In the afternoon Fred and I went up to the Stork field shooting but we got no game. Alf has been fixing up horse engo. He and Charley were here to dinner, and has been getting grain ready for mill. Mother has had a "long drill" with tooth aches, but she is getting better. Dan has set in the house today and read it.

Nov 12. A fine day but soft and looking like rain. Alf went down the River with a load of grain. He is going to stop all night and bring in few plants things. I accompanied him as far as W. N. E. taking a part of my sacks to him. I went down to his mill where he had Charley Wagoner was coming. I stopped there till he came home but I believe he has been hauling up timber to put in the old house.

Nov 13. Not clear but mild and pleasant. The snow has left just today. P.M. Seat and I hauled up some wood for Alf. It went down to Joe Cosman's to see about a beef-cow. P.M. I began a plain wood. Alf came home. He and I hewed a stick of timber for the shop. Day and Fred finished their cellar. Alf came home for with some things.

Nov 14. Mild and pleasant. The snow was all gone this morning. P.M. Alf and Charley, Rex and I went down to John M. Alford's to Church.

Nov 15. Foggy till noon, then cleared off beautifully warm, no sun. P.M. I pulled the turnips. We had about 35 bushels this evening we have been over to Alf's helping them here a while. Adelaide White was here this afternoon. I wrote a letter tonight to go to June Co. for some picture. Dan and Fred chugging their cellar-drain.

Nov 16. Fine. Alf went out with a load of boards. I and Fred piled cord-wood and heaping lumber land. Fred and I mended the benches, and in hauling them up we got the cart broke down and had to leave our load. We heard tonight that John Everett was killed yesterday at Melphoe by falling off a bridge - Railway bridge.

Nov 17. Drizzling rain and foggy. A.M. Alf and I hauled up the benches. Fred hunting partridge - got two. He has got a lame side. P.M. Fred pulled the parsnips and beets and hewed a sill for the shop. Alf skattered out to Mr. White waiting. Dan fixing his boots. Alf hunting got one bird. Rex is making it hold a pair of chow - a second pair.

Nov 18. A.M. It splintering shingles. I pulled some windows. Dan and I cut some timber for horse frame. They got lost in the woods. P.M. F. A. D. gathered the cabbage. Alf went down to Joe Cosman to help butcher a cow, but did not for some reason.

Nov 19. Cloudy but pleasant. Fred having shop timber. Alf went to Joe Cosman again to butcher. He brought home half a cow tonight. This morning I went up the road with W. N. E. to see about getting some timber. The rest of the day I have been helping Dan haul stones for his dough cellar wall. One of Michael's girls was here tonight taking orders for a paper.

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W. S. W. Rained heavily in the night. Foggy all day.
A. M. I finished Peter's coats, putting in the glass. At 11 o'clock
of B. S. Shop. P. M. F. cut up the beef. Alf made a hen pen.
Dan & I went to look over his land, beside one of the lines & Henry
W. W. W. Fine and warm as summer. The forenoon Henry
and I eat in our room and read "The Remonstrance Word."
John came at noon bringing our mail. He and I spent the
afternoon in hawking around and conversing. Old White
over here to tea. Dan & Annie F. & Fred went up tonight
to smoking.
W. W. W. Fine and warm. Alf began chopping a piece.
Harris Cosman is helping him. At 11 I hauled up 11 loads of wood.
Dan & Fred went to French town. He came home tonight
old Philo by. Diggins was here. He dined today.
W. W. W. Cloudy. Began snowing about noon. Continued.
Alf and Chatter went down the River to the Consecration
off the new Episcopal Church. Dan and I began heaping
brunt land. At 11 I hauled 10 loads of wood.
W. W. W. Cloudy, but mild. Yesterday and last night about
six inches of snow fell. Dan and Fred cut up wood.
A. M. I finished putting windows. P. M. F. & I hauled up
five drags of wood. This evening Fred and I went
out to Mr. Stiles to buy to get the Dodge books. We did
not get the books, but Sarah played and sang for us, &
we spent a very pleasant evening.
W. W. W. Began snowing this morning and continued all
day - quite a severe storm. A. M. D. & Fred went down
to chop, but the storm drove them. P. M. F. went to the
mill to see if the snow was breaking down the roof.
W. W. W. Cloudy and snowing some. Alf and Harris went to
the mill and got some sled stuff, and hard wood generally.
This afternoon I went to the mill and braced up the beam
posts. There is about a foot of snow on snow. It felt soft
and loaded the trees down so that many are broken down.
Two or three considerable trees are broken down across the road
on the "Dev ampi". This afternoon I cut a lot of wood, and
put huts on a pair of old skippers, which Mother has made
for me. It looks very much as though Winter were here.
W. W. W. Cloudy with snow flying. Dan and Fred cut
their cord wood. Alf making a horse-sted tongue.
P. M. F. made a barrel of four-front down. I found
the barn some - putting some boards between the mangers.
I cut up a lot of wood &c. Henry and I had four beautiful
pictures come tonight from J. H. & Co and three papers
("Family Herald") came to. I also had a letter from J. H. & Co.
A dialogue book from Fred from St. John came also.
W. S. - shifted to W. W. tonight. Began snowing this morning
continued till noon when it softened to rain. It did
not rain much but remained soft till night. The snow
has settled now one half. Gus M. Cahill was out
yesterday with a sled for the first. There will be good
going yet when the road becomes broken. We are all
home today. I have written a poem on the "Shifted Road".
W. W. W. Cloudy and quite cold. D. & F. at their C-wood
A. M. F. & I butchered the hog. P. M. F. made an
one handle. I knocked around. This evening I
have been engaged in writing a poem.
Mother has been sick for some time with the back.
but she is some better now.
W. S. Cloudy this morning and quite cold - grew warmer and began
raining about noon and continued moderately till night when
it stopped and cleared up fine. F. cut up the part &c. Alf at
his sled. I have been helping Will Cosman make a dook.
One day not long ago. Harold threw one of his little pigs on the
fire. We heard him cry and ran to see what the matter was.
He found him with a stick trying to get it out of the fire. He
is growing fine. Today he has walked as much as eight.
Mother is having a painful time with her back.

N. N. W. Snowing - fine and warm. Dan chopping
 N. N. W. find up the shaft of arched chimney
 N. N. W. went to the mill to saw. I finished
 getting boots. Spoke again tonight. Snow was melted
 tonight. Seal, Judson, Stango and Saidie Cosman
 N. S. E. Began snowing this morning. Continued till
 towards evening it rained a little. I shifted
 to chopping. H. sawing. I have been chopping around
 I cut a lot of wood. Alf is getting around.
 He came over here this morning. Tonight Fred &
 Will Cosman is Santa Clausing tonight.

Christmas Day. N. N. W. Quite cold. Cloudy. Chattie and
 Alf here all day. Santa Claus brought little Harold.
 Alf took entitled "Sleeping Beauty". This afternoon Dan had
 and I went up to Chasley Cosman's to fire at a goose shot
 Ben Swift sat up. Dan got it for 35 cts. When we came
 home Rich Sanderson and Mithie were here. They stopped
 here till about 9 o'clock when they went home. Collins Porter
 broke his leg today. Ruth Mullen & Geo. W. Prime married
 yesterday.

N. N. W. Very cold. Dew or flying all day. Justus & Dan
 sawing. Got to 10. N. W. A. M. I cut 10 cords of wood for Alf
 P. M. I hauled up 6 of them.

N. N. W. Quite cold. H. sawing. Dan at his mooccasins.
 I finished hauling Alf's wood. Cut up a lot of wood for
 him - cut some wood for ourselves &c. Alf done to Ben.

N. S. E. Shifted around to N. W. A little snow flying.
 Mild and pleasant. Mr. Mullen's wife came here this
 morning. P. M. Alf hauled but Ross, Harold & I went out
 to hear Mr. Cogswell. The sleighing is beautiful, and has
 been so for some time.

N. S. E. Foggy and warm. Began raining about eleven o'clock.
 Continued till towards night when the wind shifted to
 N. W. and snowed. H. sawing. Dan and Fred chopping
 till noon. Then Dan worked at his mooccasins.
 This morning I fixed the hammock chains, and then I
 fixed the sled roller. I was going to the mill to haul
 out some lumber but the rain prevented. Alf and Chattie
 went down the River to stay a week.

N. N. Rained in the night and some today. Winded to snow
 and was quite rough tonight so we had no work.
 H. sawing. Dan at his mooccasins. H. at an ad-hondle.
 I helped Des Sabon shoe his oxen. Little Harold is
 real sick. He has a high fever, & we fear, has a sore throat.

N. N. W. Clear, and quite cold. Fred and Dan chopping.
 Foot made shoes and shod the oxen all but one foot.
 Little Harold is better. Ross soaked his feet, put some
 drafts on them, and gave him some Penina. The poor
 little boy has shunt a sick night. Mr. Pelin is very sick
 with the shingle. This is the last night of the old year.

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THE SABINE DIARIES

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