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This photo of John Henry Sabine is from the collection of Ethel Ring Sabine Mullen - John and Roxanna's youngest child. Ethel's son Bernard Mullen is currently the custodian of the collection. The photo was scanned and shared with us by Paul Sullivan. The photo is tintype and dated abt. 1880.

## Sabine Diaries Project

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

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

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

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

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

## Dedication

This second volume of The Sabine Diaries is dedicated to Joseph Willard Sabine, son of John Sabine and Roxanna Ring. Joseph was born on 14 Nov 1882 in Riverdale, Nova Scotia. He spent a short time in Saskatchewan in the early 1900s, then returned home to take over the family farm. He married Bessie Helena Fullerton, daughter of Frederick Fullerton and Ella Selina Lockhart on 21 Aug 1912.

Joseph was a farmer, mill owner/operator, sawyer, lumberman, blacksmith, basket maker, barber, half owner of a service station in Weymouth and operated a post office out of his home. In later years he became somewhat of a cook and made all the bread for the household. Joseph was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Havelock, where he served as deacon for many years. Joseph and Bessie lived in the Sabine homestead in Riverdale and he was the keeper of the Sabine Diaries for many years. He died on 04 Dec 1959.



Circa 1915 photo of Joseph & Bessie (Fullerton) 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. My childhood in the old Sabine homestead was memorable: so many old buildings and historical elements at constant interplay with my everyday life. My appreciation for family history as a child was immature but 2014 brought about a huge change in my and my husband David's life: the birth of our son. When one experiences parenthood for the first time I believe one garners a new appreciation for one's family's past. That is certainly what occurred in 2014.

Dave's keen interest in family history, nurtured by his mother, was a propellant to this project's undertaking. 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. We appreciate any corrections readers may have to offer.

David and 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](http://www.sabinediaries.com/introduction) to learn more about the diaries and to see an updated version of this list of names and abbreviations.

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

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

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

Cottie - see Scot (Charles Scott McAlpine)

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

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

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

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

Geo. (anyone by the name of George)

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

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

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

G. Sabean (George Sabean)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ez (Ezra Bar) - employed at the homestead.

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

bbls (Barrels)

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

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

&c (Et cetera)

S. house (Schoolhouse)

Mol. (Molasses)

schr (Schooner)

C. meeting (Church meeting)

cts (Cents)

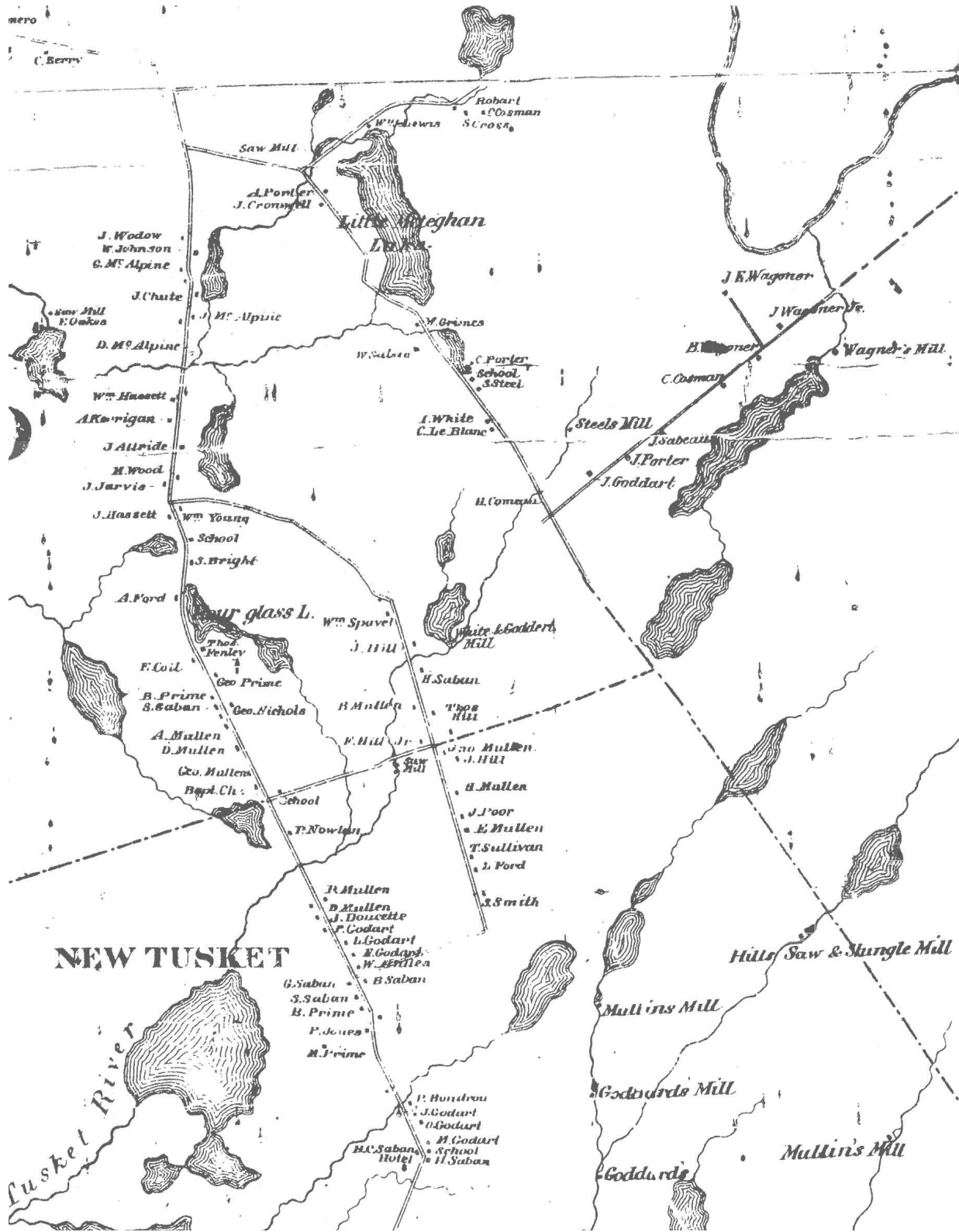
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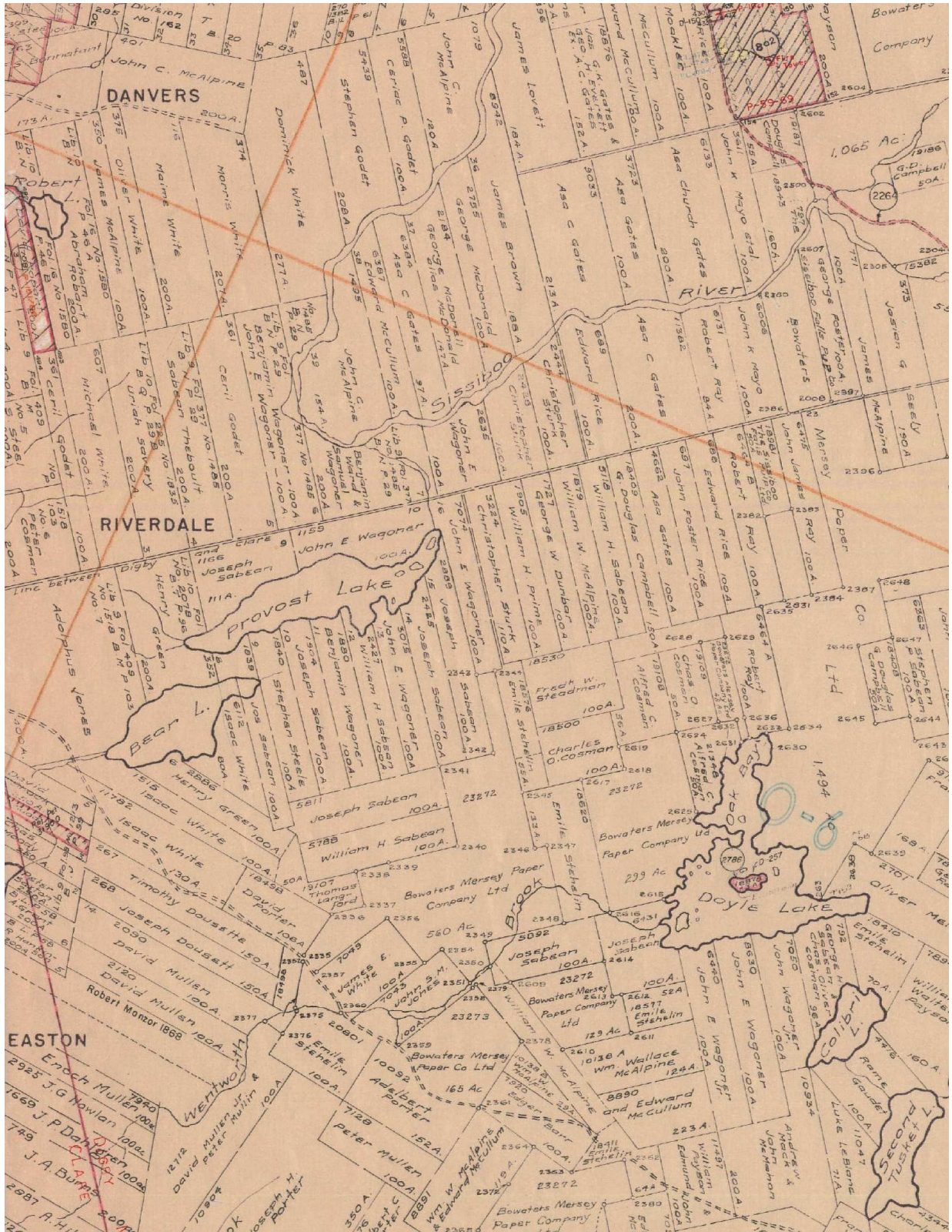
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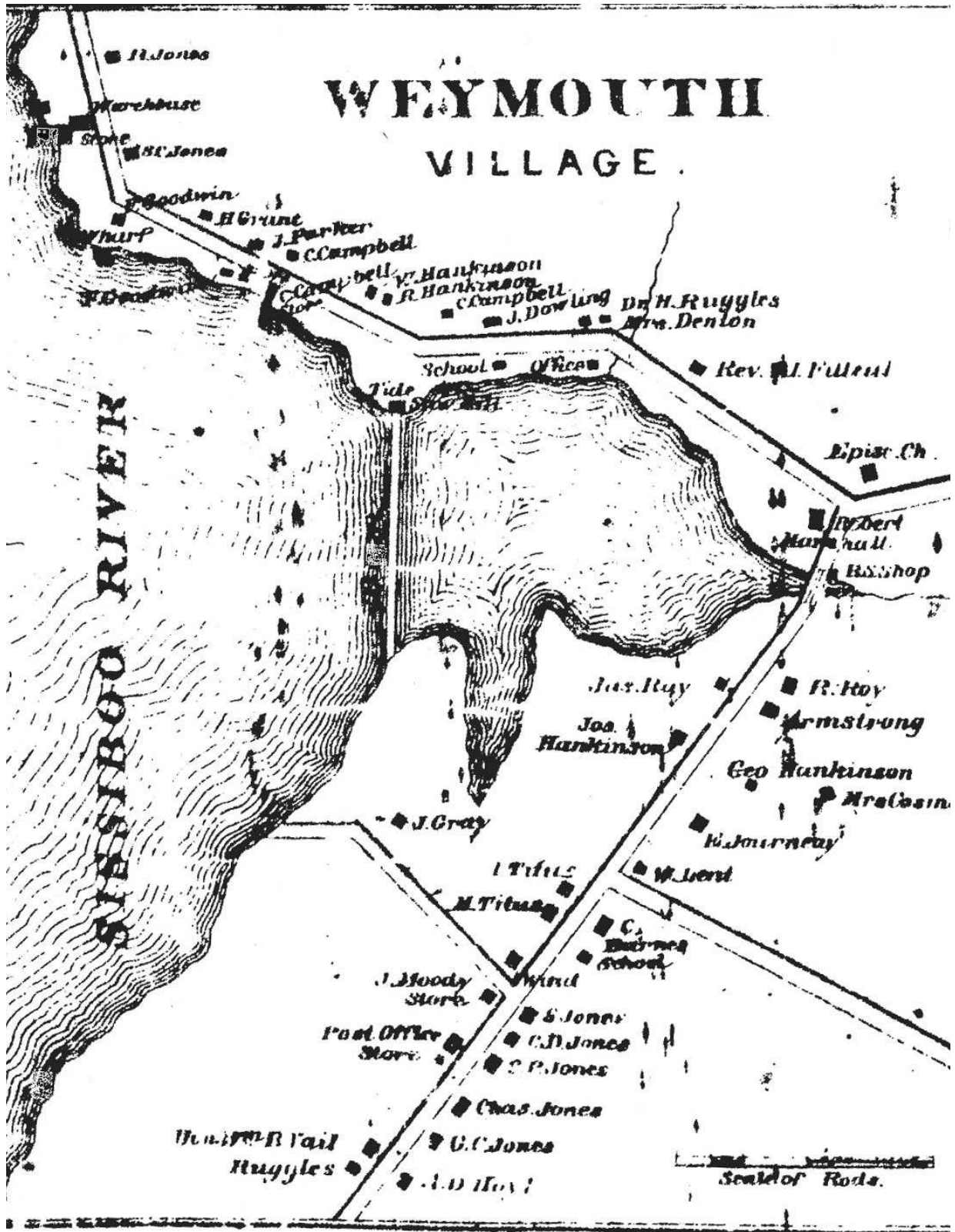
1871 map by A.F. Church showing the area surrounding Weymouth, Nova Scotia.



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



Nova Scotia Land Grant Map showing Riverdale and surrounding communities.



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

## **Tuesday, Jan 1, 1878**

New Year Day.

W. N. Cloudy, but cleared away, Beautiful tonight. F. worked in the shop at a sled. Alf did nothing but sit in the parlour with Chattie. A.M. I did about nothing. P.M. I cut wood &c. Roxanna commenced a motto. We all got an invitation to a candy party at Geo Cosman's tomorrow evening.

## **Wednesday, Jan 2, 1878**

W. N. Partly clear, and mild. Alf hauled lumber from the mill. Father worked at the sled. This afternoon he went to look for pine for clap-boards on the Amero land. A.M. I cut some wood. P.M. I fixed the seat of the express. This evening we harnessed our teams to go to Geo Cosman's to a candy party. We went as far as the School-house where we discovered that the candy party was only a myth, and as the folks had assembled for meeting, we all stopped. Mr Gates preached from Amos 4 & 12 "Prepare to meet thy God &c." Father disapproved of our going, though we did not know it till after. He was in the right of it. We were very foolish to think of such a thing as going away down there.

## **Thursday, Jan 3rd, 1878**

W. N. Cold and very windy. Snowed a little this morning. F. sawing. Alf was going to the Bridge today and I was going up the Bay, but it was so cold we both stayed home and hauled wood. Will Cosman is here this evening. He has just come home from up the Bay. He brings word that [Frant] O'Neill died last Saturday. Stephen Steele was baptized last Monday. Henry Doty and Libby Lambertson were married on New Year's Day.

## **Friday, Jan 4th, 1878**

W. S. E. Clear in the morning, but soon clouded up dark and gloomy. The air has been keen and Sharp. F. sawing. Alf went to Weymouth. I went up the Bay to get Roxy's things. I got up to Mrs Rings about 3o'clock. I put up the horse and then went up to Uncle John's. I stopped there till after tea then I accompanied Aunt Alice and George's wife to Mr Evans to a Donation, after which I went down to Mrs Rings. Commenced blowing and raining tonight.

## **Saturday, Jan 5th, 1878**

W. South, but shifted to N. W. Rained a little through the forenoon. W. shifted to N. W. with snow squalls, but finally cleared away, and ushered in a beautiful evening. I loaded up the things and started for home about 2 or 3 o'clock. Got to Weymouth at dusk. I bought a little mortising chissel at Geo. Hoyt's, and some cotton for mother at Campbell's. I gave

Subscriptions for the "Courrier" and Montreal "Witness". I got safely home at 7 O'clock. It rained some last night, and blew very heavy. The wheeling on the road is splendid. Vail is about to run another elections in this county and every-body is brimful of politics.

## **Sunday, Jan 6th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and clear. Nothing of not has occurred today. This forenoon Roxy, Father & I got her things in and put away. Jos. Porter is here this evening.

## **Monday, Jan 7th, 1878**

W. N. Sun shone out some, but very cold. F sawing. Alf starting out lumber. A.M. I cut wood. P.M. Chattie, Roxanna, & I went to the mill on the lake. F went with us to get some gum. We came out with Alf. Taylor Mullen was here to dinner.

## **Tuesday, Jan 8th, 1878**

W. N. partially clear—very cold—more severe than yesterday. F. sawing. Alf went to Weymouth with a cargo of "Laplanders"—Albert Graham & Capt Chas Morehouse. I hauled out lumber from the mill today—hauled four loads. Blinn was at the mill today to borrow lumber. We lent him 905 ft. Spruce Boards. Cottie Split up some wood today for the first for time.

## **Wednesday, Jan 9th, 1878**

W. N. But changed to South East, and the weather became mild again. Cloudy all day. Alf was going to the Cove, but it looked so like a storm that he did not. He went to the mill & hauled lumber. F. sawing. I have not done much today. I have not been feeling very well. I cut some wood, & this afternoon I attempted to do some black-smith work for Ben Swift, but having none tongs fit to use, I did not accomplish much.

## **Thursday, Jan 10th, 1878**

W. S. East. Beautiful morning. Everything covered with frost almost like a light snow: in fact it did snow a little, and that, together with the frost has covered every tree and shrub in beautiful attire. Overhead the sky is blue and mellow, while the horizon is hazy and gray. F sawing. Alf went to the Cove with a load of boards. I went up to the Sam Wagoner Settlement with Mary Elvina. I started about eleven o'clock—got up there at Three, Started again at Four, and arrived home at about 8o'clock. Tonight the wind is South East—cloudy, raw and chilly—looking like a storm.

### Friday, Jan 11th, 1878

W. S. all day. Rained some & blew heavily in the night. A.M. Foggy P.M. raining a little. F. sawing. Alf doing nothing. P.M. He went down to [Woodwirth] to get the old horse shod. He took Chattie as far as W.H.S.'s. Augustine G. & I have been making shoes for Omar. We got some clay and fixed the forge.

### Saturday, Jan 12th, 1878

W. N. Warm & soft all day, with a little snow flying. Justine & I put the shoes which we made yesterday, on Omar. F. made an axel-tree for W.H.S.'s carriage. P.M. Alf took father & mother over to Tusket. I did not do much of anything. Uncle Robert Sabean died yesterday. Capt Tooker is dead also. The candidates for the coming election were nominated today at Digby. Vail & Wade are the men.

### Sunday, Jan 13th, 1878

W. N. Beautiful fine and mild. Cloudy this afternoon and evening. It froze a little last night, but it thawed again today, and this afternoon & evening, where the roads were not icy they are very muddy. The new meeting House at Tusket was opened today. Annie, Alf, Chattie, Roxanna & I went. W.H. & Lydia went over with us. Old Jane kept house. We got over there in good season. We left our teams at Wm Mullen's. Mr Bancroft preached this morning from 1st Corinthians 3 & 10. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?". Mr Randall preached in the afternoon from John 17th, & 4th, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do". Mr Bancroft preached in the evening from Timothy 3rd & 15th. "The Church Of The Living God." Roxy and I took dinner at Wm Mullens in company with Geo Johnson & lady, & Captains Mullen & Lewis of [Tugging] town, with their ladies. F. M., Annie, Alf & Chattie went to Sear's to dinner. Roxy & I took tea at [Rin]s Mullen's. Father, Mother, & Annie went to Stillma's and Alf & Chattie went to Arthur's to tea. We all got safely home at about half past ten. We heard today that Walter McAlpine was killed recently on ship-board. We only hope that the report will prove to be a false one.

### Monday, Jan 14th, 1878

W. S. Did not freeze any last night. Cloudy & mild. Commenced raining at noon & continued more or less during the night. F., Alf, & I have done nothing much today. I have been nearly crazy with the tooth-ache. I went to bed about the middle of the afternoon. We got our first copy of the "Courier" today.

### Tuesday, Jan 15th, 1878

W. South. till night when it shifted to the N.W. Cloudy and

mild. F & A sawing. Jos. Porter helped me thresh oats. Uncle Charlton Sabean died yesterday.

### Wednesday, Jan 16th, 1878

W.N. Cloudy and pretty cold. Joseph Porter & I threshed oats all day. Alf went to the Bridge with a load of boards—got a razor &c. P.M. F. sawing. Lydia & Lizzie Manzer were here and spent the day. W. H. Sabean came in the evening. I let him have some ink.

### Thursday, Jan 17th, 1878

W. N. Cloudy and cold, The clouds cleared away towards evening, and the sunset was beautiful. Joseph P. & I finished threshing the oats this forenoon, and this afternoon we winnowed them. We had two hogsheads and two barrels—about 25 bush. Father went to Tusket to Uncle Charlton's burial. The funeral sermon is to be preached on Sunday next. Alf has not done anything today but shave a few shingles. There is a little dust of snow on the ground today. Just enough to whiten it.

### Friday, Jan 18th, 1878

W. N.W. Quite fine. Evening clear, sharp & frosty. F sawing. Alf went to the Cove. I did the chores and cut wood. Old Joe & his squaw came at noon with a lot of baskets—mother got a large clothes basket from them for Roxy. P.M. Roxy took the horse & carriage and went out to W. H. Sabean's. About Sundown I went out—took tea with Capt S.A. Steele & lady & spent the evening.

### Saturday, Jan 19th, 1878

W. Westerly—quite raw—but otherwise pleasant—beautiful sunset! Election Day. I went with the little horse & took Geo Sabean. P. Wagoner & Geo Wagoner. F. took Blin Porter, & Justine. On the road he got one of the springs broken. [illegible] Vail & Wade are the rival candidates who offer to represent the county in the Dominion house of Commons. There was considerable of enthusiasm manifested at the poll we attended. James Doucett gave publicity to his political views in a very marked manner that will long be remembered by the beholders. Another feature of the occasion was the fervour with which [Wint] & Bub Sabean disgorged themselves of their convictions. C.P. Janie harangued the crowd in a spirited manner, and Capt Kinney, though less noisy than the others, gave vent to his displeasure at Parliamentary doings in language that showed intelligence rarely met with among ordinary men. [Upon] the whole the day was [guilt]. The rum-shops were shut, & I saw no signs of liquor in the crowd. We got home about sun-down. Alf home all day doing nothing.

**Sunday, Jan 20th, 1878**

W. Westerly. It has been a glorious day. It was hazy this morning, but that soon cleared away leaving a cloudless sky, as mild & soft as Spring. Nothing of note has occurred today. Roxy & I have been reading all day. This afternoon Alf & Chattie went up to meeting. Will Cosman was here awhile. He has just traded his horse with with Rogers for a gig &c.

**Monday, Jan 21st, 1878**

W. South. Commenced raining about 10 & continued more or less all day. F with Jos. Porter & Augustine went up in the woods to track a bear. Alf & I finished sawing & edged up the boards—five loads. After we got through we went up the lakes to the bear-trap, where we found bruin's remains. We brought out two of his paws. It is a bear of medium.

**Tuesday, Jan 22, 1878**

Comical little Chattie Grant  
Wants me to kiss her, but I shant  
She thinks she looks so cute & wise  
When she gets the glasses on her eyes  
And through them then she tries to look  
Into her dictionary book.  
When Alf & Chattie wants to spark  
They go into some corner dark  
And there they hug & kiss till morning &c

Wind South. Rained most all night, and a little through the day. I have been half sick all day. Alf doing nothing & father not doing much. I helped Joseph Porter grind a new axe and knife this afternoon.

**Wednesday, Jan 23rd, 1878**

W. South West. Till tonight. It is now N.W. It rained most all night, commenced again at noon & continued till most night. A.M. Alf saved shingles & I split some. F. split some and worked a little at the sled. P.M. Alf shaved a few shingles. F fixed Scot's boots. I commenced a poem entitled "Hafed". Tonight I went down below Wagoner's road to the bear-trap. After my return F. & I cut some wood. The snow is almost entirely gone. A little patch is still to be seen here & there by fence, & it is about all out of the woods.

**Thursday, Jan 24th, 1878**

W. N. cold, snowing & blustering. Three or four inches had fallen and had blown up as much as possible. All hands doing nothing. F. cut a little wood. P.M. I wrote some upon "Hafed". Stars out tonight.

**Friday, Jan 25th, 1878**

W. South. Looked very much like a storm but the wind worked around to the West & tonight it is fine. Alf went to Weymouth with a load. He heard that Wade gained the election with a majority of 365. F & I hauled wood. This evening I went on horse back out to W. H.S. Alf got a Bbl of flour. There is only about an inch or two snow in the woods.

**Saturday, Jan 26th, 1878**

W. S.E. Looking very like a storm. It commenced raining about the middle of the forenoon and continued till it stopped. I went to the Cove with a load of Pine boards. Blin took a load for us too. Blin's counted off 919—mine 422. I left about two hundred feet along the road. Alf and Chattie & Annie went down the River this afternoon. I got our first numbers of The "Witness" today. Roxanna's Uncle J. Ring at the Island died recently.

**Sunday, Jan 27th, 1878**

W. N.W. & Snowing slightly—soon ceased & cleared off. Beautiful afternoon and evening. Looking like Spring. Mrs Blin has been here all day. Blin here to tea. I commenced a letter today to go Eva McAlpine.

**Monday, Jan 28th, 1878**

W. South. Commenced snowing this morning, turned to rain—snowed & rained by turns till night when the wind shifted to North with a little snow falling. F commenced sawing Basil Amero's logs. Alf came home from down the river this morning. P.M. We made shingles. I commenced a water wheel for Scot.

**Tuesday, Jan 29th, 1878**

W. N. Cold Snowed some and blowing. F. sawing. A. & I made some shingles. I finished Scots wheel. Alf went down to the corner and loaded for the Cove. He is going to Church Point after molasses.

**Wednesday, Jan 30th, 1878**

W. N. Blustering and very cold. It did not snow much, but what has come was whirling about pretty lovely. I do not think we have had a colder day this winter. All hands in the house doing nothing. I cut Joseph Porters hair this afternoon. Alf went up to see Ben's mill. I finished my preface to "Heafed." Father is not very well tonight. He has a cold I believe.



#### **Thursday, Jan 31st 1878**

W. South. Quite fine all day. Partly clear this morning but clouded up and has looked very much like snow all day. Tonight it has cleared up in the N. & W. but still looks very like a storm. Alf went down to Church Point & got a hoghead of molasses. He started about 3oclock this morning & got back at dusk. He took a load of boards to the Cove. J. Porter took a load to the cove today for us. F. sawing this afternoon. A.M. I went in the woods & got some withes & bound up 2 bunches of shingles. P.M. I cut wood. Will Cosman here this evening. Mother bought two baskets from the Indians.

#### **Friday, Feb 1st, 1878**

W. N.E. Cloudy, raw and cold. We unloaded and tapped the molasses this morning. Then F went to the mill & Alf & I bundled shingles. Tonight we cut some wood.

#### **Saturday, Feb 2nd, 1878**

W. N. partially cloudy and quite cold—a real old fashioned Winter day. We have had quite a long spell of cold weather now. There is only enough snow on the ground to make it white. F. sawing. Alf went to the cove with a load of Boards. I finished bundling up the shingles & cleared up the shop &c. I let Isiah Wagoner have 8 gals Molasses for Jim Cosman. He brought 301 ft Spruce boards which just paid for it. Johny came & got a gallon on tick. When Alf came home Ruth Mullen & W.H.S. were with him. W.H.S. brought some boards for sashes, doors ,&c. We braided ½ a gal. molasses tonight for candy. Mr James Barr died tonight of lung [illegible]. Gussie McNeill & H. Van B--, were married last Wednesday Jan 30th.

#### **Sunday, Feb 3rd, 1878**

W. N.W. Clear, Fine & quite mild. W.H.S. has been here all day. This afternoon Roxanna, Ruth, & I went up to meeting. This evening Alf & Ruth went down to Mrs Wagoner's.

#### **Monday, Feb 4th, 1878**

W. South—Beautiful clear & fine. F. sawing. Alf went to Weymouth with a load of Boards. I went to the mill this forenoon and brought home a load of Hemlock boards. I went again this afternoon and got another about 1000ft. This evening a number of young folk gathered here and we had a sociable evening.

#### **Tuesday, Feb 5th, 1878**

W. N. cloudy till night, but mild & pleasant. Alf went to the Cove with a load of boards. A.M. I went to the mill & got a load of H. boards. F. looking for the heifers that are strayed

away. P.M. F. sawing. I went & got another load of boards. Rox & Ruth went up the road visiting. This evening a lot gathered to Charley's where we played plays &c.

#### **Wednesday, Feb 6th, 1878**

Wind North—Fine and beautiful. F. sawing. Alf started to go to the Bridge, but by Charley Melanson's he broke his axle, and so was obliged to come home. A.M. I went to the mill and got a load of Hemlock boards. P.M. I went and got a load of Deals and brought home another load of Hemlock. Joe Hankinson & [Bob] Ray were here to dinner. P.M. Alf went down the river to get the axel mended. Mother has been to Blin's today.

#### **Thursday, Feb 7th, 1878**

W. N.W. Beautiful again. F. sawing. P.M. I went to the mill hauled out a load of Deals & brought home a load of Hemlock. P.M. I stayed home. I do not feel very well. Alf stayed Down the River last night & today came up to Melanson's & took his load to the Bridge. Roxanna & Ruth went up to Ben's visiting this afternoon. This evening we had a party up to Ben's. Will came home with Ruth and spent the greater part of the night with her. Jim Barr buried today. Young Jim Barr's wife died today.

#### **Friday, Feb 8th, 1878**

W. Westerly. Clear, fine & warm. The weather for the past few days has been mild & Spring-like. Today the air is mild and hazy, and the ground all water and mud. F. sawing. Alf went to the Bridge with a load of deals. I have been unwell today. I did nothing but make Scot's bob-sled. Charley Manzer brought home my horse which I let him have last Monday. Ruth went home this morning. Gus McCauly stayed here last Tuesday night.

#### **Saturday, Feb 9th, 1878**

Wind South till towards night when it shifted to the North. Commenced raining in the night and continued till the wind shifted when it began to freeze. F. sawing. Alf went out to the Burial of Mrs Barr & did not return till night. I worked a little in the shop. Will Cosman came this afternoon and got 2 galls Molasses on tick. Roxy is not very well today—I am not either.

#### **Sunday, Feb 10th, 1878**

W. North. Cloudy and dark till noon when the wind came to the East & commenced snowing which continued by spells till night—the ground was entirely bare till the storm commenced. Roxanna, Alf & I went over and called on Jos Porter this forenoon; we met Judson who came home with us and stopped to dinner, afterwich he & Alf went up the road. Jos Porter was

here this afternoon & to tea. I have been feeling quite unwell today.

#### **Monday, Feb 11th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy all day, but not very cold. It rained & hailed during the night & this morning about two inches of snow lay on the ground covered with a sharp crust. F. sawing. Alf starting out lumber with the sled. Tonight we got our mail. I got two letters—one of circulars from the States & one from Berwick—a Lottery affair. I see by the Courier that Wm Andrews of Barton is dead—died the tenth, I think. I worked a little in the shop & cut some wood. Gavil was here to dinner. I gave him some potatoes.

#### **Tuesday, Feb 12th, 1878**

W. North. Cloudy till noon, when the sun came out—Clear tonight. Alf hauling out lumber with the sled. A.M. F shoeing the bob-sled. I helped him some & made a chisel handle. P.M. F went & cut down a big pine tree for clap boards & I went to Mr Whites for some tools.

#### **Wednesday Feb 13th, 1878**

W. N.W. mostly cloudy. A severe squall came up about sunset, The snow whirled about in dense clouds for a short time. Alf has been helping J. Porter haul logs down the lake. F. swamped a road for to get up the pine tree he cut yesterday. P.M. He went back and cut the big bear trap pine. Roxanna washed today. I made two saw-horses and began ripping out some stuff for doors. Mother has been laid up a few days with tooth-ache. She is no better now. About an inch of snow came last night.

#### **St Valentine's Day**

W. N. Cloudy early, but cleared off; Fine tonight. It has been quite cold for a day or two. Alf & Jos Porter hauled up the tree from down below, this forenoon. P.M. they went over & hauled the Bear-trap pine, & two loads of Hemlock. A.M. I helped F. grind some axes. P.M. F getting hemlock trees ready. I got out some stuff for sashes for W.H.S. They say that the sledding is quite fair out now. Only about 3 inches snow on.

#### **Friday Feb 15th, 1878**

W. North. Clear and coldish. F & A hauling hemlock logs across the lake. I helped Jos Porter make a hay-rick for hauling meadow hay. In the evening Roxy & I went sleigh-riding. We drove down across Amero's lake to Old Jane's. Some sleds go on the road now. There is very little snow, but it is icy & solid. Mother is about well again now. Looks a little like snow tonight.

#### **Saturday, Feb 16th, 1878**

W. South, Cloudy some. Wind shifted to The N.W. cleared off & we had a most glorious day—clear & mild. A.M. F & A hauling logs. I helped Jos Porter finish his rick. He owes me half a day's work now. Cottie took quite a ramble for a little boy; He went in Jos Porter's road till he came to the head of the lake, & then went down the lake till he came to where Alf was hauling. I wrote two letter this morning to S. Seldon & J.L. Patton. "Leisure Hour". P.M. Alf went down the river with the Carriage. I helped F. haul logs. This evening Ben Swift brought my Sash planes which W. More has just made for me. I see by the paper that Pope Pius Ninth has lately died.

#### **Sunday, Feb 17th, 1878**

W. S. Westerly all day but clear mild and lovely. Overcast tonight and looks some like a storm. Nothing of importance has ocured today. Will Cosman was here this forenoon to have his hair cut &c. Blin is quite sick. Father was down to see him and cut some wood for him. I am feeling quite well today. Roxy is as well again as Ever I guess.

#### **Monday, Feb 18th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy – Mild till towards night when it grew colder. A.M. F & I went down to haul hemlock. I went over with one load & while we were loading the second Alf came so I gave up the teaming to him. At noon they had finished hauling the hemlock. Alf got home from down the River with Annie this morning. They brought me a letter from H.A.C. (P.M.) I have been at work at a sash plane wood. F made an axe handle. Alf got a pr of new Boots.

#### **Tuesday, Feb 19th, 1878**

W. N. Partially clear—quite cold. F. & A. went in the woods to prepare for logging. They cut some logs. I finished my plane wood. The sleighing is splendid now. About two inches of snow fell on Sunday night which I neglected to mention. Jos. Porter and Charley Manzer went up for meadow-hay today. I got a letter from H.A.C. yesterday.

#### **Wednesday, Feb 20th, 1878**

W. Westerly—clear beautiful & mild. F. A. & I logging. I hauled 9 turns—18 logs. We came home to dinner. There is not much snow, but the ground is so solid that the hauling is quite good. Obed White was here to dinner. Mother and Roxanna were to the Bridge today with the sleigh. John Prime came this morning and got 2 galls of Mol. He brought 266 ft deals. Looks little like a storm. This has been a remarkably open, fine Winter. The sheep have lived out so far without a mouthful of hay; and the white cow, though she will come in

quite early, has by feeding her a few potatoes given milk till last Sunday.

#### **Thursday, Feb 21st, 1878**

W. South till tonight—North. A little snow came last night & today has been mild & soft. Tonight cleared off, but looks some like a snow-storm. F & A working in the B.S.S. shoeing a bob-sled &c. A.M. I fixed my sash-plane & got it in working order. P.M. I have been ripping out sash stuff. Mother is most crazy with the tooth-ache tonight. Alf went out to Mr White's for to see Willie if he would come and work awhile.

#### **Friday, Feb 22nd, 1878**

W. Easterly. Cloudy cold and raw all day. F. A & I logging. I drove ten turns—21 logs. Tom Randall came here tonight. Frank White & Joe Como came here tonight. It is beginning to hail some tonight.

#### **Saturday, Feb 23rd, 1878**

Wind South East. Blowed and hailed all night; hailed and rained today till about the middle of the afternoon. Tom Randall here all day. F made an axe-handle. Alf & Tom cut some wood. I commenced a poem "On The Square". P.M. I commenced a little sash for Jos Porter, & sawed out some more sash stuff for W. H.S. I do not feel very well.

#### **Sunday, Feb 24th, 1878**

W. South East till tonight. It is now N.W. Foggy all day with a few slight showers. Tom Randall has been here all day. I have been half sick and have done nothing but write a few verses.

#### **Monday, Feb 25th, 1878**

W. N.W. Mostly clear—mild and pleasant. F & A cutting logs. The snow is mostly all off but I suppose there is some in the woods yet. It froze some last night but It all thawed out to day again. I have been planing out sash-stuff. I finished a sash for Joseph Porter. Adolbert Porter was here to dinner. Frank White was here this evening.

#### **Tuesday, Feb 26th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy this morning and snowed a little. Mild and thawy all day. Clear tonight. Father was taken sick in the night, and has been sick all day. Alf in the logging woods. I have been half sick; I planed out sash stuff and &c.

#### **Wednesday, Feb 27th, 1878**

W. N. Quite breezy—but mild and pleasant. F. is some better than he was yesterday. Alf & I have been logging. I drove 10 turns—19 logs. The snow is getting pretty thin. I do not think we shall do much hauling after tomorrow. The swamps have been solid, but the oxen is beginning to break through. Waity White has been here visiting today. Mother quilted a quilt today. Two paddy pedlars have been here. Will Cosman is here tonight. It looks very Spring-like. I am feeling better today.

#### **Thursday, Feb 28th, 1878**

W. North. Fine snowy and warm—snow melted very fast. Alf and logging. We hauled 19 logs—10 turns. Alf drove this afternoon. Father is getting better. Today Alf & I went to the place where F. hewed the streak-sil for for the mill. Scot says he thinks the cow will calve soon for the barn smells calfy. Wind South West and cloudy some.

#### **Friday, Mar 1st, 1878**

W. W. Clear but windy and quite cold. Snowed a little bit last night. A.M. Alf went over the lake and finished hauling the logs that are cut. There are 86 logs now hauled. P.M. He went across the lake and got the hemlock bark. F was with him. This forenoon F. fixed Scot's boots. I have been working in the shop all day. I got a sash done. It is very good indeed.

#### **Saturday, Mar 2nd, 1878**

W. S.E. or S.W. Cloudy and very sharp. Roxanna & I went up the bay. Alf went to the Bridge. P.M. F went to the mill. Roxanna & I got up the Bay about 3 O'clock; I went up to Uncle John's & stopped till after tea. In the evening Aunt Alice & I went over and called on [Sussie & Gussie]. [George] had an Electric Battery—the first I ever saw. We all took a "shock". It was very novel, and afforded me much pleasure to witness its strange effects and think upon the marvellous revelations of Science.

#### **Sunday, Mar 3rd, 1878**

W. S.E. Rained hard as could pour all day. Roxanna & I at Mrs Ring's P.M. Rox, Hittie, [Eth] & I went down to Dunkley's where we stayed to tea and spent the evening. Charley Como was there. The old Gent played the flute and the time passed away very pleasantly.

#### **Monday, Mar 4th, 1878**

W. South, & foggy commenced raining about eleven and continued till till Three. Wind come to the N.E. and froze tonight. Roxy & I went up to her Grandma's to dinner after

which we went up to Mrs Nickersons' where we got tea and spent the evening. Jane Hankinson went up with us.

#### **Tuesday, Mar 5th, 1878**

W. N. Clear and quite cold. Roxy & I went up to Uncle John's to dinner. Mr [S.] Jones & Doug [illegible] were there after dinner we went over to George's. We started for home about two o'clock; got home about dark. I got two bottles of Whiskey at the bridge. F & A has been cutting logs today.

#### **Wednesday, Mar 6th, 1878**

Wind North fine but windy. F & A Hauling logs. I worked at my sashes. Nothing of importance has taken place today.

#### **Thursday, Mar 7th, 1878**

W. S. Easterly – looked like rain all day. A slight shower came about noon. F & A cutting logs. Alf broke his axe and F. came home to grind it, and stopped till afternoon. I worked in the shop. Annie finished a quilt yesterday and today has commenced a mat. Two of our cows assumed new responsibilities during our visit up the Bay. I fixed up my Whisky medicine this morning. John H. Sabean.

#### **Friday, Mar 8th, 1878**

Wind variable—Rained a little during last night. W. N.W. & clearing off tonight. F & A hauling logs. I have been at my sashes. Will Cosman has gone to Tusket tonight to see Ruth. Capit is here tonight.

#### **Saturday, Mar 9th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and warm. F & A finished logging—Twitched 99 logs. Froze a little last night-but it has rappidly thawed. Willoughby came in this morning. We were looking for Tom & Chattie but they did not come. Mr Gates came along this morning. He has been on the Neck all Winter, where he & Mr Morse have been holding meetings. He preached up the road tonight [Amen]. Alf, Rox, & I went up. Text 1st John 12 verse of 5th Chap. John Cossaboom was there. I have been working at my Sashes today. I have got four pairs done.

#### **Sunday, Mar 10th, 1878.**

W. S.Easterly—Cloudy—sprinkled a little this forenoon. P.M. Wind shifted and cleared off. A.M. Alf went out to hear Mr Gates preach J. Barr's wife's funeral sermon. She died some time ago. Willoughby here all day. Preached this evening form Matthew 1st & 21, "He shall save his people from their sins." For the past few days we have been engaged in reading a very interesting book called "The Rumseller's Daughter." It is clear but quite cold tonight.

#### **Monday, Mar 11th, 1878**

W. N. Clear, but windy and cold. Willoughby went home this morning. F fixed his boot-heel before he went. I wrote two letters last night to Henrietta & Eva McAlpine. This morning I wrote to Postcards-one to D.M. Ferry for Seed cataloge, & one to Publishers of "Boston Family Journal." I worked in the shop all day. A.M. F reading. Alf worked in the shop today at a yoke. P.M. F. cutting fence poles. Roxanna's "Leisure Hours" with pictures came. They are beautiful. She is very much pleased with them.

#### **Tuesday, Mar 12th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and mild. Long, sunny warm days we have now. P.M. F & A hauled wood. P.M. They cut fence poles. Roxanna went up the road canvassing for her paper and pictures. She was very successful indeed. She got 8-or10 names. She is delighted with her success. And I am pleased for her sake. I have been "ripping" out stuff for sashes all day. I don't feel very well today.

#### **Wednesday, Mar 13th, 1878**

W. East. Rained and hailed some in the night and continued all day. Tonight the ground is glazed over with a half inch of hail and ice. F. read A.M. Alf finished his dutch yoke. I ripped up sash stuff all day. Adolbert Porter was here to dinner. F & A went with him over to J. Porter's to sign a Deed. Mother churned yesterday for the first this spring. Yesterday I put a transfer picture on a box—had good success.

#### **Thursday, Mar 14th, 1878**

W. N.W. Foggy this morning—grew colder and tonight is freezing some. There is a little sleet yet on the ground. F & M. went out to Mr Randall's to see the old gentleman who is quite ill. P.M. Alf hauling fence poles. P.M. He has been down in the woods chopping and [halloing]. I have been at my sashes most all day. Asa Porter & Thel got butter here today. Joseph Porter was here this afternoon & gave Rock an order for a paper. Yesterday Annie & Rock got a mat done.

#### **Friday, Mar 15th, 1878**

W. N.W. Snowed a little last night. Cloudy but mild and thawing all day. I have been working in the shop all day. A.M. Alf hauled up some sticks for sils. P.M. He made a few shingles. F. & M got home from Mr Randall's at noon. Night before last several buildings were burned at Weymouth. Among them were Brooks' B.S.Shop, Balcam's, Brown's & Wilson's buildings. Justine Amero was here tonight. Cottie is not very well tonight.

**Saturday, Mar 16th, 1878**

W. North West. Clear & mild. I worked at my sashes some—dressing out stuff. Alf went to Weymouth.—got a bbl flour. F shoeing the long sled. I sent a P. card to Boston Novelty Co. & a letter to Patten & Co for specimen pictures &c. Charley white was here today and got some molasses, also B. Wagoner. Phebe Sabean & Robbie Peter. Roxy and I are quite excited over the prospect of our new organ that we are talking of.

**Sunday, Mar 17th, 1878**

W. S.E. Quite fine all day, but looking tonight like a snow-storm. Roxanna & I went out to W.H.S.'s this morning and stayed till night. The roads are pretty bad. W.H. & I have spent the day in discussing various topics, from Literary and Scientific walks down to hen-coops and gooseries. [Steph] and his lady were there this evening. Will Cosman has been here all day. Alf made letters for him. Obed White is off on a crazy tour through the [ajasing] villages. Geo Bar's child was buried yesterday.

**Monday, Mar 18th, 1878**

W. East. Snowed & blustered till afternoon when the storm turned to rain and drizzled till night. F & A making shingles all day. I have not been well as usual & did nothing but begin a Temperance poem. Jos. Porter is here this evening.

**Tuesday, Mar 19th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy and thawing all day. F & A cutting & hauling fence poles. I worked a little in the shop. Do not feel well as usual. Joseph Porter was here to dinner.

**Wednesday, Mar 20th, 1878**

Wind N. W. Cloudy with an occasional hail or snow squall. F & A at the fence-poles. Alf has been getting up stuff for his sils. A.M. I worked at my sashes some. P.M. I went to Weymouth on horse-back. I went up to see Mr Randall. He is only alive. I got some finishing-nails-- a Post-card for Mother &c. The roads are very muddy.

**Thursday, Mar 21st, 1878**

W. N. Clear, windy and cold. A.M. F. & Alf getting up timber for house. P.M. F went out to Mr Randall's. Alf hauled out a load of stuff from the mill—clap-boards &c I went up the road to engage eggs from the natives. Aunt Sarah & Charley have been here all day. The white cow passed through a physiological ordeal peculiar to cows at this season of the year, whereby a miniature specimen that species came into the world to run the career of cowdom. I am also called upon to

chronicle a painful event that left a vacancy in our domestic circle. Our old cat which for several years has held a respected place by the fire-side, has this day departed to that country from whose [course] no cats return. She was all that a cat could be, possessing those rare qualifications which most enforce deference & respect notwithstanding the reproach and slander of enemies. As a companion she was affable, affectionate, & mild, at the same time a prodigious terror to vermin, terrible in battle with her enemies when rights were to be vindicated and wrongs redressed, and her frequent nightly revels vocal demonstrations—yowling, snarling and every possible sound that ever assailed the ear of man or beast, making the attached hours of sleep hideous, proclaimed that at the procreative altar she was determined to transmit to her offspring every canine proclivity. The scratched face, the torn & bloody ears of the following morning, gave unmistakable evidence as to what extent a play of [muscle] had characterized her nocturnal demonstrations. She has done much in perpetuating her species, and was about to usher into the world another instalment of juvenile yowlers, but from some embryotic malformation which rendered her delivery exceedingly painful, she prowled about the premises giving vent to the most doleful and unearthly vociferations that it is possible for one to conceive of. The crows are hovering over the corner of the field by the pasture as though something in that immediate locality particularly interested them. Here let the curtain fall.

**Friday, Mar 22nd, 1878**

W. N.W. Clear windy & quite cold. A.M. I worked in the shop. Alf hauled a load of stuff home from the mill. P.M. I worked in the shop. Alf got another load. Annie & Rox got home from Tusket. F. got home from Weymouth. This evening Will Cosman & I went to Tusket to hear Mr Parker. Text: The guest that had not on the wedding garment.

**Saturday, Mar 23rd, 1878**

Wind S.W. Quite a breeze going—mild & pleasant. A.M. F. sat in the house & read. I did the chores. Alf starting out lumber from the mill. He went down the River tonight on horse-back. P.M. Roxy and I went to Tusket with the carriage through the woods. Meeting-a prayer meeting--was held at Three o'clock. After meeting we went over to Uncle George's. F. went to the mill this afternoon. Mr Randall died at 2 o'clock.

**Sunday, Mar 24th, 1878**

W. Southerly. Spring-like, hazy & mild. Uncle George & I walked over to meeting. Roxy and Laura came in the carriage. Text 11 Cor. 5th & 1st. Roxy & I went to Arthur Nowlan's to Dinner. Mr Nowlan, Mr Parker & W. H.S. were also there. Meeting again at Three. Subject—"Abraham Offering Isaac". After meeting we started for home. Lydia came in with us.

Began to rain shortly after we started. We stopped to W.H.S.'s all night. He has got a microscope & some papers, so we spent a pleasant evening. Robins making their appearance.

#### **Monday, Mar 25th, 1878**

W. North. Cold as Greenland all day. The wind blew hard with an occasional squall of hail & snow. We stayed till afternoon & came home. F mended Scot's shoes today. Scot has got a sore throat.

#### **Tuesday, Mar 26, 1878**

W. North and cold. A.M. F & I went hauling wood. The yoke gave out & we abandoned the enterprise. Alf came home at noon from Down the River. P.M. I was afflicted with tooth-ache and lay on the lounge till night. F. went to the mill. Wilson at Weymouth died today.

#### **Wednesday, Mar 27th, 1878**

W. South. Clear in the morning, but clouded up and looked very like a storm. A little hail, snow & rain came towards night nothing to speak of though. F. & M. went to Mr Randall's funeral. P.M. Alf & I went to the River to try for Trout—did not get any. A. commenced a yoke today. F & M has not got home yet. I worked a little at my sashes today & mended the carriage shaft.

#### **Thursday, Mar 28th, 1878**

Wind South. Hazy till just night when a thunder squall came up—one heavy clap, followed by a smart shower. I worked in the shop all day. Alf at work at the yoke. Joseph Porter & Alf made or tempered a "crooked-knife". F & M. came home from Weymouth tonight. Geo. Johnson had a child buried today. Last Sunday the lakes were partly open.

#### **Friday, Mar 29th, 1878**

Wind South till night when it changed to North. Rained all last night & all today. F & A making shingles. I have been at work in the shop. Will Cosman was there all the forenoon.

#### **Saturday, Mar 30th, 1878**

W. N. Rained all night. Commenced hailing and raining this morning—continued very severe all day. Turned to snow tonight which come down tonight in a manner not soon forgotten. F.&A. made shingles all day. I finished W.H.S.'s bay windows today. We did not get our mail today. I am expecting some U.S. mail this week. I have been reading Longfellow lately.

#### **Sunday, Mar 31st, 1878**

W. North. Foggy all day. Commenced raining again tonight. A great deal of rain has fallen during the past few days. Alf & Will Cosman went to Tusket today to meeting. They have just got home now. W.H.S. & Judson came in today & brought Omar home again. They stopped till tonight.

#### **Monday, April 1st, 1878**

W. North. Snow flying all day, but thawing. It would be impossible to imagine worse weather. There are about three inches of snow on the mud. F. and A. sawing. The water is very high. They sawed fifteen logs today. I have been at work in the shop most all day. Will Cosman was there most all the forenoon talking about the girls.

#### **Tuesday, April 2nd, 1878**

W. North. Weather same as yesterday. F. & A sawing. A.M. I harnessed the horse and took mother up to Charley's. Sarah is very sick. P.M. the doctor called in and drew three teeth for Cottie. He stood it like a brick. I wrote all the afternoon, when I was not at something else. Annie & Rox is working at the mat I bought at Mrs [Milden's] for mother three years ago.

#### **Wednesday, April 3rd, 1878**

W. North. Cloudy, raw, and muddy. This morning I harnessed the horse, and Annie went up to Charley's and brought mother home. A.M. I wrote some and did my chores around. Old Jane was here at dinner. Annie & Rox at work at a mat. F. and A. sawing. P.M. I was taken with the tooth-ache after dinner, & it will be a long time, before my afternoons experience in that capacity. Harris brought in our last week's mail tonight—I had a letter from Henrietta, & Rox a Post card from J.S. Patten & co.

#### **Thursday, April 4th, 1878**

Wind North—Cloudy and dismal. F. & A sawing I have spent a harried night with my teeth; & all day have lain on the lounge by the kitchen stove and howled with with pain. Mother, Annie & Rox working at their mat. They broke the mill—"dog" today and this afternoon Alf went down to Woodwith's on horseback and got it mended.

#### **Friday, April 5th, 1878**

W. From every quarter. Cloudy & churlless. My teeth are a little easier today. I have read some. F & A sawing & rafting logs. Mother, Annie & Roxanna got their mat done tonight.

**Saturday, April 6, 1878**

W. variable. Slight showers of rain come all day. F. & A. sawing. I am still housed with tooth-ache. P.M. Annie went to Charley's to see how the sick are coming on. Charley & Sarah are tooth sick. Tom Randal & Chattie came tonight. I made a pencil sketch of the Bosphorus today.

**Sunday, April 7th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy and dark. Snow flying most all day—it of course melted as fast as it fell. A.M. F. went out thinking to hear Willoughby preach. The weather was so bad that no one met. F. went to W.H.S. to dinner afterwhich he & Willoughby came in. They brought the mail- A Floral Catalogue for me from D.M. Ferry—a letter, or account, from Geo Hoyt. There was no meeting here in the evening. Tom & Chattie here all day. My tooth-ache is better.

**Monday, April 8th, 1878 (Scot is six years old today)**

W. N.E. Cloudy and gloomy again. Tom and Chattie here all day. F and A rafting logs. We have spent the greater part of the day around the table here in the room writing and making pictures. I fixed an envelope up with pictures to send to Annie Willoughby. This evening we had club just for amusement. My tooth-ache is getting better. I will soon get around again.

**Tuesday, April 9th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and lovely today. The first sun we have seen for a fortnight tomorrow. Tom went home this morning. Chattie is going to stop in awhile. I went out with Tom to get a tooth drawn. I saw in the carriage & led our horse behind—to ride home on. After I got to the Bridge I went down the River with Tom to see his vessel. Returning I got my dinner at Mr Randall's afterwhich I had my tooth broken off and then came home. F & A has been rafting today—finished I believe. Two men from Lake George were here today to buy oxen. Obed White got home today, or is supposed to. I saw Odell Wilson today for the first for seventeen years. I did not know him. The roads are very bad, but they have dried up very much today. I mailed two letters, one to Mrs Ring—one to Continental Publishing Co. for a picture for Annie.

**Wednesday, April 10th, 1878**

Wind North. Fine and beautiful. F and A sawing. Mother up to Charley's. Jane here making soap. A.M. I did some work around and wrote some. P.M. Roxanna Chattie and I went down to the river. I caught one trout and Roxanna—one. Some of the neighbours say they heard frogs today. I am almost used up now. I thought I could not get back from the River. I am so weak. Looks a little like a storm.

**Thursday, April 11th, 1878**

W. Variable. Cloudy all day, and looking very like rain. F & A sawing. A.M. Obed White came here about ten O'clock, and stayed till towards night. P.M. I went up the road to see the old [ladies] about the eggs I spoke for. When I got home I was tired out. I am almost discouraged.

**Friday, April 12th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy. Blew heavily all the afternoon. Commenced raining about two O'clk. F & A sawing. I have not done much today. I began getting out stuff for Will's sashes.

**Saturday, April 13th, 1878**

W. South, Cloudy all day. Rained some in the night. F & A sawing. Alf came home at noon & this afternoon took Chattie home. P.M. I sawed out stuff for Will's C's doors. Mr Stephen Payson died day before yesterday. Mr Stephen Nichols of Digby Neck died recently.

**Sunday, April 14th, 1878**

W. N. East. Cloudy with an occasional mist squall. Father started to go to Tusket this morning, but meeting Mr Geo. Cornwell he returned with him. This afternoon Roxanna & I took a stroll to the lake. We found a few may flowers. After our return we went to our room where we each commenced a poem of Spring. Will Cosman is here this evening.

**Monday, April 15, 1878**

W. N. or N.E. Cloudy all day—occasional glimpses of the sun. Alf got home last night. He and Chattie were at the darkey Club on Sat. night. Geo. Cornwell went away this morning. Father accompanied him on his way to Tusket. A.M. I have been quite busy in taking in eggs this forenoon—I received [57 doz.] P.M. I made two eggs boxes for Annie & Rox to pack my eggs. I filled two barrels with potatoes for to send to the States. Father got home tonight. Will Cosman brought in our mail tonight also my express [spring].

**Tuesday, April 16th, 1878**

W. N.E. Fine and beautiful all day. Alf sawing. F. began getting out stuff for [running] a pair of old wheels. A.M. I planed out some sash stuff. P.M. I put the spring into the express; and the piece of wood to which the spring is fastened I made new. This evening Roxy and I with Scot went down in the field to hear the peep-frogs sing.

### **Wednesday, April 17th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and warm. A. sawing. F. at his wheels. I went to Weymouth and took out 2 bbls potatoes, 2 boxes eggs & some socks to put on board the schr "Onward". Cottie went out with me. He was on board the vessel and as may be expected was delighted with the novelty of the surroundings. I did not get anything today but some parafine oil. I mailed a letter to go to J.L. Patten & Co. Subscriptions to "Leisure Hours". The day is beautiful.

### **Thursday, April 18th, 1878**

Wind variable. Fine and warm—a very spring-like day. Alf sawing. F. at work at his wheels—got the rim on one. A.M. I worked a little in the shop. P.M. I put up eight Bbls potatoes to go to Boston. I see that some of the farmers are beginning to plough.

### **Friday, April 19th, 1878**

W. S.E. changed to N.W. Fine in the morning but a heavy black bank of clouds arose in the N.W. and two or three squalls of rain and hail came. It cleared away then & we had a lovely afternoon. I went to the bridge today with 8 Bbls potatoes to put on Board the "Onward"-- capt Randall. I got some rose-bushes and plants from Mr Prime's. F. at work at his wheels—got them ready to tire. A.M. Alf went down to the corner and piled some lumber. P.M. He half soled his boots.

### **Saturday, April 20th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and pleasant. F & A tired a pair of wheels. Roxy and I went out to Weymouth today. I was on my way to Boston. We went through the darkey road & got a lot of Mayflowers. When we go to the Bridge the vessel had gone. We drove down the River, the vessel anchored there. Tom came ashore and came up the Bridge with us. Roxy came home and left me there. Will Cosman came in with her. In the evening Tom and I went up to Darkey Club. Alf and quite a number from about here were there.

### **Sunday, April 21st, 1878**

W. South West. Rained heavily this morning but cleared off at noon. A.M. Mr Messinger & I sat in the room at Mr Randall's and discussed various topics. P.M. Tom & I went down to the vessel, changed our clothes and went to hear Mr Bancroft. After meeting we drove to Willoughby's and Annie & I went for a drive as far as H. Brooks. Returning we went up to Mr [Wyman's], heard some music and then [repaired] to Willoughby's to tea. After tea we went for a walk on the shore, and then to meeting. After meeting we went up to Chattie's, stayed a little time and returned to Mr Randall's.

### **Monday, April 22nd, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and beautiful. A.M. Tom and I went down to the vessel a while. P.M. we went down again. Took the boat and had a sail, got some cocoa-nuts and returned. In the evening we went down to the club.

### **Tuesday, April 23rd, 1878**

W. N. We went down to the vessel again this morning, but shortly returned. I wrote a letter to come to Roxy and then helped Tom till noon. After dinner we went on board the vessel & at 2 o'clock set sail for Boston. With a favorable breeze we progressed very well till about dark when off Brier Island, the wind sprang up ahead, and we were obliged to return to Sandy Cove.

### **Wednesday, April 24th 1878**

W. S.W. partly cloudy. Tom went ashore this forenoon and this afternoon he & I went on shore. We called at Capt Wm Morehouse's and then proceeded to Capt Sander's where we got tea and stopped all night.

### **Thursday, April 25th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. We went to the vessel his morning but came back again tonight. I went to the top of a high cliff overlooking the village and surroundings and know as the "Devil's head. From the eminence I obtained a delightful view of the country and felt well rewarded for my fatiguing ramble. I returned and spent a pleasant evening at Capt S.'s Ella Saunder's or Mrs [McLellan] now, was also there.

### **Friday, April 26th, 1878**

W.S.W. Fine again. T & I stopped all night again at the Captains's and this morning he filed a saw & I made an axe-handle and we cut up a lot of wood. We stopped till after dinner and then went on board.

### **Saturday, April 27th 1878**

W. S.W. Overcast and looking like rain. I came on shore this morning and went to Mr W. [Crowel's]. In the afternoon I went over the mountain where he was planting. In the evening Willie C. & I came around the cove & spent the evening at Capt S.'s. I returned with him & stopped all night.

### **Sunday, April 28th, 1878**

W. variable. Fine and warm. A.M. Willie & I took a walk around the cove & Tom & Sadie went back with us to dinner. P.M. All hands of us came down to [illegible] Meeting. A man



by the name of Johnson preached. His text was from Jeremiah, and was in substance this: Go ye into the highway & c.” In the evening Willie and I went to Mink Cove to meeting where we heard the same preacher and the same sermon. I stopped all night with Willie. I forgot to say that about a week ago a man at the South Range by name of Jos. Porter shot himself.

#### **Monday, April 29th, 1878**

W. N.E. Cloudy and sprinkled some through the day. We sat sail this morning for Boston again. I did not feel sick much till towards night. It is quite rough tonight.

#### **Tuesday, April 30th, 1878**

W. N.E.—A good breeze blowing, and raining some. I have not left my berth today. I will remember this day, and need record nothing to aid my memory.

#### **Wednesday, May 1st, 1878**

W. N.E. Foggy and dark. None but those who have passed through similar experiences can know what a night I spent—So sick that I could not move in my berth without vomiting—my stomach so sore that I could scarcely breathe. The sound of the water against the vessel as she leaped and plunged through the sea, the wind in the rigging, the glapping of the sails, the squeaking and clattering of the wheel gear, the groaning and straining of the vessel as she battled with the wrathful Ocean, the men at the pumps, the orders from the officers and responses of the hands as they hastened to and from to their duty—altogether make a strange and weird impression upon the mind of the novice. I have been very sick, but it will not last long.

#### **Thursday, May 2nd, 1878**

W. N.E. Foggy this morning, but cleared away & then the fog lifted. Boston Light house with the out-lying Islands were in full view. The wind was light, and we glided along pleasantly on the tide. I managed to eat a little beef soup, and then coming on deck I felt better. All day as we moved up the harbour I was highly delighted with the novelty of my situation. Every moment something new and interesting presented itself and when I think of the sights and sounds, kindling my boy-like enthusiasm into silent ecstasies, which crowded into the short hours of that day, it seems like a year rather than a day. We came to anchor about five O'clock close the East Boston Docks and right off the “Grain Elevator”. As soon as the excise officer had been dispensed with, Tom and I went on shore. We went up to Hall’s on Chatham St. and after taking a stroll went on board again. Fine and lovely tonight.

#### **Friday, May 3rd, 1878**

W. Westerly—Fine and very warm. A.M. Tom & I went on shore. Tom went to the Custom House, and I took a stroll through the market. I bought my Roxy a Geranium. I put it in the boat and Tom and I went on the tugboat & the boys on their way to the vessel got my flower pot broken. After having a good sail about the harbour the Tug Boat hitched on to our craft and took us up to Medford—a considerable distance, and through five bridges. We got there about noon. In the afternoon I took a walk about on shore, and in the evening, Tom, John B, Joe & I went up in the town and had a jolly good time. Medford is a delightful place. The buildings are splendid, the streets wide and adorned with beautiful trees.

#### **Saturday, May 4th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and very warm. It looks like Summer here the apple trees are all in full bloom, the grass six inches high and every thing as forward as in Nova Scotia about the middle of June. This forenoon I walked about town & bought a flower pot for Roxy’s Geranium. Finished unloading at noon. A tug came up with a vessel just then, and Tom employed it to tow us down to the city. We got down about 2 o'clock. We strutted about the city some & went up to Corn-Hill, bought a book or two, a revolver &c. In the evening Tom, Joe, John, & I went up in the city. I came down ahead. The other fellows thought I had got lost; We had some fun with Gil that night.

#### **Sunday, May 5th, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy and rained some through the day. I forgot to say that last evening we were to a Temperance meeting. This forenoon I went up to service at the Tremont Temple. Dr. Lorimer preached a splendid discourse from John 16 & 7, “It is expedient for you that I go away”. At the close of Service I took a circuitous route through Salem St. where I visited the Sailors home, a Congregational Institution, where I procured a number of papers. I got to the vessel at noon. After dinner Joe went to Charlestown. Tom went to Lyn. John went off on a [illegible], and Gil & I set out in search of Adventure. He first went to a beer saloon where he took several glasses & then, capped and primed, he was ready for anything. We went to a Sabath School & at it’s close, we attended [vespers] at the Catholic Church. After supper Tom and I went for a walk on the commons after which we attended prayer meeting in the Temple [Vestry].

#### **Monday, May 6th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine all day. This forenoon I took a long ramble through the city. P.M. I sold the eggs & bought my stuff. In the evening Gil went for a five dollar [Bust]. We attend a Temperance meeting this evening where I signed a Temperance

pledge and was presented with a Testament.

#### **Tuesday, May 7th, 1878**

Fine but wind S.W. & still ahead. This morning [Monde] Tibideau—a French passenger who came on board—and I took a walk and visited Bunker Hill. I assended the monument from which I enjoyed a fine view the city and surroundings. On my return the freight we had purchased came down which busied us till noon. P.M. I spent the afternoon about the city. I bought a suit of clothes, a hat &c. This evening Joe, Gil, [Monde] & I went up the city again for a ramble.

#### **Wednesday, May 8th, 1878**

W. W. this morning, but shifted to N.E. We got under weigh and sailed down the Bay and came to anchor by side of a beautiful island. After dinner Monde and I took the boat and went ashore. We took a walk about the island and before coming off we had a bathe. It came in foggy tonight.

#### **Thursday, May 9th, 1878**

W. N.E. Foggy and thick. Nothing worthy of note occurred today. I sat on deck the greater part of the time watching the steamers and sailing vessels pass by.

#### **Friday, May 10th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fair wind at last. Set sail this morning and at dark tonight were out of sight of land. The fog cleared away and the day has been fine. I sat on deck and read.

#### **Saturday, May 11th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and beautiful with a good breeze. Out of sight of land all day. I sat on deck and read the greater part of the time. I have not been very sick since we left Boston.

#### **Sunday, May 12th, 1878**

W. Westerly, Fine with a good sailing breeze. Soon after daylight we sighted Brier Island & at Eleven anchored in Sandy Cove. Tom went ashore immediately & after dinner I went too. We took tea and spent the evening at Capt S.'s and then I went home with Willie C. and stopped all night.

#### **Monday, May 13th, 1878**

W. N.W.—Fine. We left Sandy cove at Five O'clock and were soon at Weymouth Bridge. I went up to Mr Randall's a while, spent an hour or so at F. Goodwin's Auction, helped land freight on board the "Onward" & c and at 2 o'clock started for home. I came some of the way with Shook Mullen. I called in

at W.H.S.'s a few minutes and at six O'clock was home again. And I was glad enough too to see Roxy & all hands again, but I am pretty tired tonight.

#### **Tuesday, May 14th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine again. F cutting seed. Alf putting out manure, Isiah picking up stones. P.M. Alf went out to Weymouth with six barrels Potatoes—two for Wm Prime—two for T. Randall—one for G.M. and one for J. Sabean. He brought my things home. Mother was to Mr White's & came home with him. Annie & Rox washed. Isiah W. has been here since May 3rd. Alf has got the manure about half out. Several deaths & marriages have occurred during my absence. Mr Sabean Savary, Mrs J. Murray and Mrs [Robt] Holmes have died; and Capt J. Wyman & Geo B. Sabean have been married. A shouting affray took place at Weymouth a night or two ago between young Livingston & Journey. Roxanna and Annie have washed today.

#### **Wednesday, May 15th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine all day. F Cutting Seed. Alf and Isiah at work down in the field. I priced my goods and wrote the rest of the day. Ben & Peter Wagoner got each a load of potatoes here last night. It is a very early spring, the cherry trees at Weymouth were in full bloom last Monday and they are partly out here. The trees are all green and beautiful, and the grass as bright as it is commonly by the tenth of June.

#### **Thursday, May 16th, 1878**

W. S.E. Rained all day very steady and heavily. F. cutting seed. Alf & Isiah pitched the mud from beneath the stable. I have been a great part of the day with customers.

#### **Friday, May 17th, 1878**

W. N.E. Quite raw, cleared off through the day. A.M. F made a pair of bar posts and put them in the ground. Alf, Is—, & I hauled the stones from the ground where we had potatoes last year & where we intend to sow Barley. P.M. F & Is—planting. Alf I picking stones where oats grew last year.

#### **Saturday, May 18th, 1878**

W. N.E. Fine. F & Is—h planting. Alf & I plowed the piece where we had potatoes last year—a big days work. Some darkeys from the Falls come and got some potatoes today. Old Jane got 18 bushels one day this week.

**Sunday, May 19th, 1878**

W. N.E. Fine but chilly. Alf has been strotting about all day. A.M. F. M. R. went to look at a partridge nest. P.M. Roxy and I went down to the lake. I wrote a good deal in my diary. J.P. here tonight.

**Monday, May 20th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and pleasant. All hands planting today. Dick Robart helping us. Waity W. is here tonight. It looks a little like rain. D. Porter—borrowed some money here today.

**Tuesday, May 21st, 1878**

W. S.E. Looked some like rain this morning, but the clouds broke away and the sun shone till noon. The clouds then began to gather and darken and about the middle of the afternoon it commenced raining. Planting again today. A.M. Alf finished putting out the manure. F. I—h Dick R. & I planting. P.M. Alf harrowing the oats [ground] till the rain drove. We would have finished.

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 1878**

W. S.E. till tonight—Now it is Westerly. A.M. (Foggy all day) F doing chores around. I picked around some apple-trees by the house. Alf & Isiah went to Tusket with both teams for hay. P.M. F & I planting – got all done but one row. We have been using Phosphate. Jos. Cosman & Tom Langford got potatoes here. For the past week or ten days the weather has been quite cold and has retarded vegetation but still everything is flourishing. One little crab-apple tree is showing its blossoms.

**Thursday, May 23rd, 1878**

W. S.E. Rained all A.M. Alf went down to Mrs Wagoner's and got a cat. F doing nothing all day. P.M. A & Isaih working at shingles. F finished planting – only one row that we left yesterday. I was taken with the tooth-ache this morning & have been housed all day. Rox finished her cotton dress.

**Friday, May 24th, 1878**

W. N. Foggy this morning—partly clear tonight. A.M. F. A & Is—h fixing fence. P.M. A & Is—h hauling stones off of my apple tree field. F. pitched out the pig yard. I have had another toothache day.

**Saturday, May 25th, 1878**

W. Northerly. Partly fine—not very peasant. Alf & I—h went to Weymouth—each with a load, F. went with the carriage. They got a lot of lime. I have been housed all day with tooth-

ache. On Thursday May 23rd Geo Cosman had an heir born to them. This book records their marriage as having taken place on Oct 11th of last year.

**Sunday, May 26th, 1878**

W. S.E. But fine and warm. All of us home today. This afternoon Alf went up to “Communion” & Roxy and I took a walk over to Joseph Porter's place. He gave us some maple sugar & sent some to Annie. Some of the apple trees are in full bloom & everything remarkable forward. It has been delightful today. My tooth-ache is a little better & I hope soon to be well again.

**Monday, May 27th, 1878**

W. N.W. Foggy this morning, but fine tonight. F. sheared today. We have got ten sheep now and six lambs. A.M. A & I—h finished plowing m field by Blin's & then (P.M.) hauled manure down in the field for corn & beans. I have not done much today but I am feeling better. I commenced a poem entitled “When I am Gone”.

**Tuesday, May 28th, 1878**

W. N. Beautiful. Alf went to Weymouth. F & Is—h sowed and harrowed the oats. A.M. I did not do much. P.M. I made a cucumber bed, and then Annie, Rox & I went for a row on the lake. The boat was up by Charley's. We brought it down & went across the lake where I tried to catch some fish. We had a splendid time. We had a smoke in the boat to keep away the flies. The liliac are coming out & everything looks gay.

**Wednesday, May 29th, 1878**

W. N. Rained some in the night a little this forenoon. Fine this afternoon. A.M. I believe F. & I—h were harrowing or something down in the field. Alf shovelling dirt around the apple trees. P.M. Alf at the trees. I—h & I harrowed my little field by Blins & F. sowed it Barley and oats.

**Thursday, May 30th, 1878**

W.N. Rained a little last. Fine & warm today. I took Geo. Hoyt a load of boards. I got some writting paper & paste board. Before I started this morning I made a yoke for Omar. A.M. Alf went to Crosse's for a pig. F & I—h. fixed the road to haul C. wood on. P.M. I—h starting up wood. F & A fixed a new mill saw & then planted beans. Mother had a picking party this afternoon.

**Friday, May 31st, 1878**

W. N.E. Till P.M. then Westerly. Fine & beautiful. A.M. I did

not do much—not feeling well. P.M. I went down where Will was heaping & then working at his sashes. F planting beans. A & I—h hauling cellar stones.

#### **Saturday, June 1st, 1878**

W. W. Fine and very warm. I—h went out with a load of Deals. Alf went out with a load of Deals & I drove out Omar. Alf took Omar up the River to try & trade him & I drove the other team home. Willoughby & Lonzo & W.H.S. came in with me. Roxy got two letter from Hit. This evening Rox & I went over where Will was heaping burnt-land. Geo Prime & lady here tonight.

#### **Sunday, June 2nd, 1878**

W. W. Fine and lovely. We all went out to meeting. Text Zechariah 6th & 7, "Who art thou O great mountain." I went down to W. H. Sabean's to dinner. Mr Bar, Geo P. & wife were there to dinner. W.H.S. came in with me in the afternoon. D. Porter & wife were here. Meeting here in the evening. Text Psalm 110th & 3, "My people shall be willing in the day of my power" &c.

#### **Monday, June 3rd, 1878**

W. S.W. Foggy in the morning & cloudy all day. Alonzo & Willoughby stopped here all night. They went out this morning. Alf went out today to get the carriage wheels fixed. F making a cord-wood "body". I—h leveled the ground in the carriage shed. I worked at Will's sashes. The apple-trees and liliacs are now in full bloom.

#### **Tuesday, June 4th, 1878**

W. S.W. Overcast all day. F & I—h at the cart today. I worked a little in the shop—I have not felt very well today. Alf got home at noon. He heard that Mrs A. Lewis is dead. Tonight I went to the lake for a bathe. I gathered a lot of herbs & some [Sarsaparilla] roots tonight & stewed them for medicine. Good growing weather.

#### **Wednesday, June 5th, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy all day, & looking like rain. A.M. F. & I picked up potatoes for D. Bar 22 bushels. A & I—h hauling stones for cellar. P.M. F. began to hew Alf's house sils. A & I—h took down the chimney in the old house. I worked a little in the shop. Roxanna, Annie, & Scot went up the Bay today. Roxanna is going to be gone till July. How long the time [illegible]. It seems like a week now since she left.

#### **Thursday, June 6th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy all day and quite raw—a real June day. F. hewing timber. A & I—h hauling stones for cellar. I went to Weymouth with my eggs &c. I had 69 ½ dz eggs & 16 prs [ducks] and a crock of butter which I left in G. Taylor's store for Capt R. to take to B—n his next trip. Tom was there & he & I settled up our affairs. I took the wool to the mill—32 lbs. Annie came home today & brought Chattie with her.

#### **Friday, June 7th, 1878**

W. N.W. Clear & beautiful, but windy & quite cool. A & I—h hauling stones. A.M. F went to the mill & sawed a few sticks of timber. P.M. he hewed in the road. I worked in the shop all day. [P. Nowal] was here to dinner. Mrs D. Porter & daughter was here this forenoon trading. This has been a dear old June day. It is now about sunset & how glorious. If Roxy were here that she & I could take a little walking joy would be complete.

#### **Saturday, June 8th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine, but windy & cool. F hewing all day. This morning Alf I—h & I started to look for the boat which had gone from its moorings. John Godat had taken it & we feared it had gone adrift. We all went down to the foot of the lake & not finding it Alf came home & Isaih & I kept on around the lake. We found the boat after a tedious tramp, up at the head of the lake. We got home at noon. P.M. I worked in the shop. A & I—h hauled stones. Will Cornwell was married last Thursday. Capt F. A. Randall came here tonight. It looks like rain some. I found some ripe strawberries today—the first.

#### **Sunday, June 9th, 1878**

W. South till night, or afternoon then shifted to North. Commenced raining in the early part of the night and continued quite heavily till noon today. This afternoon Annie, Chattie, Tom, Alf, Cottie & I went up to meeting. After communion I came home. Will came down with me to try on some pants. I commenced to write a letter to Roxy. I must try to finish it tonight. I would much rather [see] her but that cannot be.

#### **Monday, June 10th, 1878**

W.N. Cloudy all day—a smart shower came up this afternoon, but soon passed over, and the sunset was beautiful. Alf & I—h started up cordwood. F. hewed timber in the forenoon, and at four ocl he and mother started for up Bay. It is court-week. I finished Will's sashes today & began a small oar for my boat. I sent a bouquet to Roxy.

## Tuesday, June 11th, 1878

W. S.E., E. & N.E. Raining hard all day. Alf has done nothing but talk to Chattie. A.M. I made an oar for my boat. P.M. I barbered Wm Cosman & blacked his Beard. I also made some rhymes. Will was here to tea. Roxy won't do much visiting today, I fear.

## Wednesday, June 12th, 1878

W. N. Fine. Fresh and cool. Alf went down to Steve Crosse's for a pig. Chattie accompanied him. I—h hauled up cord-wood. A.M. I hewed a stick for my [portico]. P.M. I hooped a butter tub tore away the front stoop, cut some wood &c. Alf & I—h hauling stones from Wagoner's Mill. They got the cart broken down. W.H.S. is here tonight. I am feeling quite well today for me. I wonder where Roxy is.

## Thursday, June 13th, 1878

W.S.E. and partly cloudy till toward night when it began to clear up in the West. This is a beautiful evening. W.H.S. stayed here all night. Alf & I—hauling stone. I have been working a little at my Portico. Mrs A. Porter came here today to make my [Duster]. Morris [illegible] was here yesterday to dinner. Blin had my team to go to French Town yesterday afternoon. F. & Mother came home from up the Bay tonight. M. brought me a letter from my Birdie. With what eagerness I broke the wrapper. I was so anxious to see what she had to say. I have something to live for, somebody to love.

## Friday, June 14th, 1878

W. Westerly fine and beautiful. F. hewing timber all day. A.M. Alf went to the mill & got a load of timber. I—h hoed some potatoes here in the garden. P.M. A. went down in the woods an got a maple for an axel-tree, then went to the mill for timber. I have been at work at my portico—got the bottom together & floor laid. This afternoon Annie & Chattie went to Cosman's to a "Picking" Party. Alf & I—h went up tonight. Chattie picked the first pink rose today.

## Saturday, June 15th, 1878

W.S.—this morning but shifted to N.W. Fine & lovely. F. made a cart axel. Alf & I—h each went out with a load. A.M. I mended W.H.S.'s harness. P.M. J. Porter & I went to hunt crow's nests. I have not felt well. I have got a pain or distress between my shoulders which is very unpleasant. Will Cosman went up the Bay with my horse. I sent a letter by him to Birdie. I see by yesterday's "courrier" that Celia Trefry is dead.

## Sunday June 16

W. W. Fine and lovely. A.M. I arrayed myself in Duster & Beaver and accompanied by Chattie & Alf called on Joseph Porter. Cottie went to Sunday School. Joseph was here to dinner. P.M. Father and Mother went out to the Darkey meeting. Alf & C--. c. meeting. I wrote some verses to Birdie. Joseph is here again this evening.

## Monday June 17

W. S.E. Cloudy – commenced raining at noon & continued showery till night. John McAlpine was here to breakfast. Asa Porter came here to operate in a surgical manner upon one of our domestics. Aunt Olive, Catherine Prime, Mrs. B. Prime came this morning and remained till towards night. Aunt Olive is here yet. A.M. F finished the [axel]. Alf went to the corner for a load of timber. I—h dug weeds in the garden. P.M. Alf went to the mill for the last of his lumber. Father read the newspapers. I have worked some at my Portico. Well do I remember two years ago today. My darling little Birdie rode with me down the Bay. Her cheek is just as pink as then, her eye is just as blue and she is just as swell as then, yes, ten times sweeter too. If I were where she is tonight I'd kiss her half an hour and then—go to bed. Mrs. Justine had a party of old ladies last night, so they say.

## Tuesday June 18

W. S.W Foggy – Rained a little in the afternoon. F. & A. sawing. I--h got a load from the mill. A.M. I worked a little at my P—o. P.M. I went down to Basils Amero's on horse-back to see about some sugar. Will Cosman got home from up the Bay. He brought me a letter from Birdie. As long as it has been since we went away I will see her again. Aunt Olive went home tonight.

## Wednesday June 19 [a dear old fashioned summer day]

N. Westerly - foggy in the morning but cleared off. Beautiful, fine and warm till now. F. got some cabbage plants from J. Godat & sat out this morning. He has been hewing timber the rest of the day. Alf has been at the mill sawing shingles. I have handed out two loads of lumber from the mill (hauled them home). I have been working at my [portico]. I worked at the corner-plank today. I picked a little dish of strawberries for Chattie's dinner they being the first of the season. Geo. [Nowlan] was in here this morning. O. White is home again. He has got a girl with him this time.

Where are you tonight, little Birdie,  
And what are you finding to do?  
Let me think—well, perhaps little Birdie  
Is dozing in somebody's pew.  
Tonight is club night, and my Birdie  
Is there as sure as can be;

If I were a bird a few minutes.  
 I would peep in the window & see  
 In the crowd I could hardly find Birdie,  
 She's so cozy and cunning and small;  
 But I'd find here the same as I used to  
 By that dear little red plaided shawl.  
 How is H—y tonight little birdie?  
 For shortness, we'll just call him [H—b]  
 Does he keep himself still little Birdie  
 When you take him with you to the club?  
 But wherever you are little Birdie.  
 I would like to be with you tonight;  
 I guess I would kiss you some birdie—  
 I guess I would hug you up tight.

#### Thursday June 20

W. S.W. - Fine and warm. F hewing lumber in the forenoon.  
 P.M. He & I—h went out and got a load of sand. A- sawing  
 shingles. A.M. I--h got a load from the mill. I worked in the  
 shop all day. Will Cosman was there all the afternoon. We had  
 strawberries for tea. In the evening I wrote a letter for Will to go  
 to Annes. Two sap-heads from Digby came and examined? the  
 school today.

#### Friday June 21

W. S.W. - Fine and very warm. A.M. F & A got the sils of A's  
 frame together. P.M. They went to help J.E. Wagoner raise a  
 barn frame. I—h got [up] three load of c—wood. I worked in  
 the shop all day. Miss Rachel Ray called here today – on an  
 [Agency] I believe. Mrs. Wagoner & Sarah C. spent the  
 afternoon. J. Porter came over tonight and traded a steer calf  
 for a heifer c-. The day drags away slow now for I am so  
 anxious for a week to pass that I may see my Birdie again.

#### Saturday June 22

W. S.E. – Fine and very warm. A.M. F & A at work at the  
 frame. P.M. F & M went to Tuskett. Alf went down to B.  
 Amero's and got a bbl of sugar. I—h went to the Bridge today.  
 I worked at my Portico. I got it together and up. Only one  
 short week more and I will see my Birdie. Well today winds up  
 this volume of my Diary. It has extended through a year and  
 eight months and has recorded many days of happiness and  
 some of a [worse] nature. The brightest days of my existence are  
 recorded in these pages and I hope the coming volume may  
 witness seasons as joyful; but life is uncertain & may never see  
 the completion of another volume.

**Note:** Pages are missing for the dates spanning June 23 - July 8.

#### Tuesday July 9th, 1878

W. W. Fine. A.M. Wint, Bub & I—h finished the wall. The rest  
 of us worked on the road. P.M. They put the sils on the wall.  
 Roxy and I went to Weymouth to get the things that Capt T.  
 Randall brought for us from Boston—dry goods-tea & fabric.  
 We went to Mr Randalls to tea. [Fen] Journey & I had a swim.  
 Rice's new Schooner "Eureka" sailed this afternoon for Boston  
 her "Maiden" trip.

#### Wednesday, July 10th, 1878

Cloudy all day, but fine. Wint & Bub went home this morning.  
 Stillman M— came yesterday to go to work at Will's house. He  
 boards here. We all worked on the road today but I—h. He  
 hoed the corn and beans. Annie, Roxy & I went to Tuskett  
 tonight to meeting—prayer meeting. Mr S. was there.

#### Thursday, July 11th, 1878

W. N. Fine. Began working on the road today for money—F.  
 A. & I. I—h scrapped up the yd &c.

#### Friday, July 12th, 1878

W. N. Fine and beautiful. F. & I working on the road. Finished  
 up today. Alf and Isiah mowed some today. Nothing of  
 importance transpired today.

#### Saturday, July 13th, 1878

W. S.W. Fine. F. hewed out two pieces for a hay-rick. Alf  
 went down to Joe [Hanldkinson's] with a load. Tonight he went  
 down the river. I—h went out with a load of cord-wood. I  
 shingled a little on my portico today. P.M. F. & I raked up the  
 hay that Alf mowed yesterday. Hon. J.C. Wade came [about]  
 today canvassing. A clock-mender also passed. Tonight I  
 barbered Still Mullen & Gus McCauly.

#### Sunday, July 14th, 1878

W. S.W. Quite fine but very windy. A thunder squall came up  
 tonight with heavy rain. Roxy & I slept all the forenoon. P.M.  
 She commenced to write a story and I commenced a lyric  
 entitled "Digby". We took a walk down to the lake tonight.  
 Mrs Jacob Wyman died this morning.  
 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."  
 I see by the papers that Dr. J.C. Ayer the Patent medicine  
 millionaire has died recently.

#### Monday, July 15th, 1878

W.N.E. Cloudy and raw. Cleared up tonight. A.M. F began a  
 hay-rick. Alf & Jim Cosman mowed all day in the orchard. I-h

went out with a load of c. wood. I worked at my portico a little. A clock-peddler repaired up our clock a little & got dinner here. P.M. I went to the Bridge with the express & took out a box of eggs 24dz. I took tea with Capt T.A.R--. Got as many cherries as I could [eat] & had a good time.

#### **Tuesday, July 16th, 1878**

W. S.W. Quite fine. F. finished the hay-rick. A.M. Jim C. Alf I—h & I mowed in the orchard. P.M. We raked it up. F. is about laid up with a boil on his arm. Mother is sick too.

#### **Wednesday, July 17th, 1878**

W. S. Began raining about 9 am. Continued hard all. Ezra Bar came here this morning to work. He & Alf mowed a little, then cocked up some hay & poled some into the barn. I was down to Will's house where Still was at work awhile.

#### **Thursday, July 18th, 1878**

W. S. Foggy all A.M. I finished the portico. P.M. Alf. Ez & I mowing down here in the rough field. Mr Skinner preached here this evening from Luke 5th 12 & 13 verses.

#### **Friday, July 19th, 1878**

W. S.W. Dull in the forenoon. W. shifted and fine in the afternoon. Mr Skinner here all day. Alf & Ez worked in the hay today. I have not been well and have kept in. Drs Morse & Smith were here to dinner. They are canvassing. Mary Hawksworth of Digby and Ena Smith of Plympton have been married quite recently.

#### **Saturday, July 20th, 1878**

W. W. Fine all day. Got in five loads of hay from the orchard today. I helped rake some tonight. Mr Skinner went home this morning. Looking like rain.

#### **Sunday, July 21st, 1878**

W. S. Cloudy in the morning. Began raining about noon, & continued showery till night. Annie and Alf. went to Tusket to meeting. Aunt Sarah and Charley were here all day. I read some and wrote a little. My health is very poor now.

#### **Monday, July 22nd, 1878**

W. N.W. Drizzly in the morning, but afternoon quite fine. Alf mowed a little in the rough field. I have been very unwell. P.M. F & A finished mowing the rough field—I—h & I raked hay.

#### **Tuesday, July 23rd, 1878**

W. N. Rained all the forenoon. P.M. We mustered up a few hands and raised a part of Alf's house. An old Dutchman from Yarmouth by name of Hanf. stopped all night.

#### **Wednesday, July 24th, 1878**

W. N. Fine. A.M. Finished mowing a little left in the orchard. & upped a lot of cocks. P.M. Hauled in four loads of hay—2 from the orchard & two out of the rough [ground]. Annie & Scot went to Tusket tonight with the carriage. Mother has been sick today.

#### **Thursday, July 25th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine. We mowed down and raked up the field here at the end of the house among the apple trees. P.M. We got in the last load out of the rough field- being three loads from that field. Annie got home from Tusket at noon. Mr Skinner came with here to Mr Whites. He preached at Southville this evening from Rev. 3 & 20 "Behold! I stand at the door and knock &c." Still Mullen attached his horse to our Express & he Hanley S--. Will C. & I went on board to meeting. F. A. Rox & I—h went in the other carriage. Mr S—came in after meeting.

#### **Friday, July 26th, 1878**

W. S.W. Quite fine in the morning, but clouded up & began raining about three o'clock. We mowed down a part of this field back of the carriage house. & got in two loads from among these little apple-trees. The name by which I designate the fields may to some appear ridiculous, but there must be some way to distinguish them. Harley Sabeau was here to dinner. This afternoon he took Still's horse & our express and took Mr S--. to Tusket.

#### **Saturday, July 27th, 1878**

W. S. Began raining this morning and continued heavily all day. Held up a little tonight. A.M. I was down where Still was at work till most noon. Isiah started to go out with a load of wood, but turned back. This morning Alf harnessed the colt. Alf went down the River tonight. Day before yesterday we were especially favoured with agents. A man called in the morning with patent Window blinds books &c. Two others in the afternoon with "Dry-Goods".

#### **Sunday, July 28th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine and glorious. F. M. & Annie went to Tusket to meeting and left Roxy and I at home alone. We planned on having a real good old-fashioned time. We commenced the

day's pleasure by taking a nap on the lounge in the kitchen. and scarcely had we begun dozing when O. White put in an appearance. so the remainder of the day we spent in entertaining him. Joseph Porter was here in the afternoon.

#### **Monday, July 29th, 1878**

W. N. Fine all day. Alf came home this morning. F & I finished mowing in this field and began mowing down on the hill. P.M. We raked up and got in all the hay out of the this field—three loads—and raked what was mowed in the forenoon. Annie loaded the hay. The sun was eclipsed tonight. Barney Barnes of St Mary's Bay died last week suddenly.

#### **Tuesday, July 30th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy all day and looking like rain. We got in a load of hay from the hill. Getting out of the field got it "up-sat" and made two loads of it. Will Cosman helped us today. Got all the level field mowed, and a part of a field of Blin's which we are getting on shares. P.M. I layed abed. Yesterday's work about used me up. Last Thursday-25th we had a mess of new potatoes and green peas being our first for the season.

#### **Wednesday, July 31st, 1878**

W. E. Looking like rain. P.M. Quite fine. A.M. I did about nothing. A. finished mowing the Blin field and then harnessed his colt. F & I—h raked a while. P.M. We raked the Blin field, and A & I mowed a while in the spring-field. The French are having a great Pic-nic today down at St. Bernard's.

#### **Thursday, August 1st, 1878**

Quite fine. W. E. & every way. We opened some hay this forenoon & all hands mowed some in the spring field around the spring. P.M. We got in one load of hay off of the hill when the rain drove us, only a shower came, the wind shifted and the rest of the day was fine. About three O'clock I went out and met Mr Skinner at the rocky-hill. He preached here tonight—subject the parable of the Prodigal's son.

#### **Friday, August 2nd, 1878**

W. S. Cloudy, began raining at Eleven & continued most all day. Mr. S-- & Annie went down the River. A.M. We got a load of hay out of the Blin field & mowed a little in the spring field. F killed a lamb this morning. P.M. I wrote, read, & slept. A & I—h went back to the bear's—den. Rev. Bernard Shafner died in Yarmouth this week.

#### **Saturday, August 3rd, 1878**

W. S.W. A.M. Alf & I went down to mow, but the rain drove us out. P.M. Alf went to the mill and got a load of lumber. F worked at A's frame. I—h & I went on horse-back on a blue-berrying ramble. We got some & had a good time. Georgie Newcomb married tonight.

#### **Sunday, August 4th, 1878**

W. S.W. Foggy, but cleared off. Mr S. Annie. Alf, Rox & I went to Tusket to meeting. Morning sermon from Ezra VII & X "Ezra prepared his heart &c." Rox & I took dinner at Stillman's. Afternoon sermon from the words, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and loose his own soul?"

#### **Monday, August 5th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine. Charles Thomas helped us today. Finished mowing the S. field—got it all raked & one load out of it. Got a load off of the hill, being the last.

#### **Tuesday, August 6th, 1878**

W. S.E. Partially fine. A.M. Mowed in the new field. P.M. Hauled all the hay out of the S. field—two more loads. & raked up part of the C. field. J. Handkinson and Ray came this morning to begin Alf's house. Mary Eliza Mullen & Georgie Newcomb have been married quite lately.

#### **Wednesday, August 7th, 1878**

W. S.E. Rained most all day. Alf helped the [Joiners] some. I have done nothing at all but read, write, & slept.

#### **Thursday, August 8th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. Alf and I finished mowing. P.M. we raked up and "got in" all our hay—two loads. Tonight Alf went down the River on horse-back to a Dutcher lecture. Mother went out the road today visiting. Isiah took her out. F. Annie & I—h went out to hear Mr S. at Southville tonight. Mr S. came in with them.

#### **Friday, August 9th, 1878**

W. W. Fine till about five o'clock when a severe thunder shower came up. I helped Blin in his hay. Jim Cosman helped him too. Alf came home from down the river this forenoon. P.M. He worked for B. too.

#### **Saturday, August 10th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and beautiful. A.M. F. at Alf's frame. A. helping



the Joiner. Is—h. went out with a load of wood. A.M. Mr S. Annie and I went for Lake-lilies. P.M. I helped Blin rake hay. Tonight Mr S. Annie & I went out to “Darkey Club”. We had a good time.

#### **Sunday, August 11th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine. F. M. & Mr S. went to Tusket. Ray & H-, around here all day. P.M. R. H- Alf & I went down to the lake. Mrs Stephen A. Steele “borned” a daughter today (so the old ladies say).

#### **Monday, August 12th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and beautiful. F. at the frame. A. & I—h helping Blin. I am not well, and lay in bed till noon. P.M. M & I fixed the waggon seat. Rox & I killed the bugs on our apple trees. We then went for raspberries. The moon is eclipsed tonight.

#### **Tuesday, August 13th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and beautiful. F. A. & I—h at work at the frame &c. Mother and I went to Weymouth. I took out a box of eggs—19-½ dz. Scot went with us. The “Milton Brass Band” held a concert on the “Splendid Grounds of George H. Dunbar [Esq].” Two steam “tugs”, the “Alida” & “G. W. Johnson” came up from Yarmouth crowded with pleasure seekers. There was a large gathering. & the day passed pleasantly away. In a field, by the road near Mrs Randalls, a Yankee showman sat up his tent & exhibited. The show consisted of a “Goat with a Human Brain!-”, a parrot, two monkeys, & a dead snake. I took Scot in to see the “fun”. W.H.S-. & family were all out too. “Milty & Sadie” were never in “town” before. We all took tea at Mrs Randall’s & then drove home. Poor little Roxy could not go.

#### **Wednesday, August 14th, 1878**

W. W. Fine & beautiful. A.M. F & I—h went to the mill with the team to saw & haul home some timber for Alf’s frame. I did nothing scarcely. P.M. Alf & I worked some at Alf’s frame—mortised the plates for the kitchen. A.M. Alf shoed the horse and hauled up a load of stuff from the corner.

#### **Thursday, August 15th, 1878**

W. S.E. Overcast and very sultry. A.M. F. A. & I. worked at Alf’s kitchen frame. P.M. F & A. framing. Lydia and aunt Sarah came in about four oclock and Lydia said W.H.S. wanted me to go over and help him rake hay. I did so. He finished haying. Mr Mullen & wife came also, bringing Mr Skinner. He preached here tonight from the words, “No other foundation has any man laid than that &c.” Waity White stopped here all night. Isiah went out with a load of wood—Got Alf’s sashes.

#### **Friday, August 16th, 1878**

W. S. Cloudy and warm. A.M. Finished A’s frame. P.M. Raised the kitchen all but the rafters. Mr Skinner here all day. He and I had a little controversy tonight.

#### **Saturday, August 17th, 1878**

W. S.W. Rained during the night & showery this forenoon. I have not felt as well as usual today. This afternoon I had a severe attack of cramp. P.M. F. M. Annie & Mr S- went to Tusket. Alf went down the river with Omar taking the carpenters with him.

#### **Sunday, August 18th, 1878**

W. W. Cloudy all day with a few slight showers. Roxy and I home all day alone—except Cottie. We read most all day. We picked black-berries for our dinners. F. M. & A came home from Tusket tonight. David Barr & wife were baptized at Tusket today.

#### **Monday, August 19th, 1878**

Rained heavily all night with Thunder, --Showery all day. P.M. I ripped out some stuff for G. Sabean’s sashes. Alf came home from down the River. Ray came back with him. P.M. We raised the rafters on Alf’s house. Jos. Porter helped us. Will Cosman got home from up the Bay tonight—he is here this evening.

#### **Tuesday, August 20th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy—commenced raining about nine Oclock and continued till now—9 P.M.—A.M. I—h & I went to the lake to see if the boat was all right. I picked some herbs for Roxy. F & A fixing a fence around the cord wood. P.M. A. helped Ray in the barn. F. cobbling. I—h doing nothing. I got out some stuff for Peter Wagoner’s sashes. J. Handkinson came here tonight again.

#### **Wednesday, August 21st, 1878**

W. N. Partially clear—cool & pleasant. F. A. I—h & I boarding in A’s house. We boarded the Western side and back end. Mary Gates has been here all day. She is a nice little girl. Hence John and Aunt Alice came here tonight.

#### **Thursday, August 22nd, 1878**

W. N. cloudy this forenoon—Afternoon fine. A.M. F. A. I—h & I got up the sheep. Uncle John went up the road canvassing. & I accompanied him. P.M. I went with him again to Hill-town. We came through by [Cereña’s] Mill. It was very dark, but we

had no difficulty. F & A have been “boarding in” today. Mrs S- preached at Southville tonight. F. A. Annie & Aunt Alice Mr S- came home with them.

#### **Friday, August 23rd, 1878**

W. S.W. fine and lovely. I have been sick all day. Uncle John & Aunt A- went home this afternoon. Tonight Mr S- Annie, Rox, and I had a row on the lake, and got some black-berries.

#### **Saturday, August 24th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine. I have been very unwell all day. I have a headache—a very sore throat, & am generally debilitated. F. & A. put up stagings around Alf's house. P.M. Annie went to Tusket with Mr S-. Rev R. Langford took dinner here today. He came to see me about Omar.

#### **Sunday, August 25th, 1878**

W. S.W. & S. Cloudy till noon when it commenced raining—rained hard all the afternoon & evening. F. went to Tusket today through the woods. J. Handkinson and Ray went blackberrying. I have been sick today.

#### **Monday, August 26th, 1878**

W. N. Quite fine. F & Annie got home from Tusket. Alf went out to see about tracing Omar. The carpenters began to put up Alf's cornice.

#### **Tuesday, August 27th, 1878**

W.W. Fine. I—h went out with a load of wood. I sent a letter out to Langford concerning the horse. D. Porter & wife here to dinner. Roxy and I went tonight and gathered some herbs. I am quite sick.

#### **Wednesday, August 28th, 1878**

W. W. Fine. I have been sick all day. Nothing important transpired.

#### **Thursday, August 29th, 1878**

W. W. Fine—very fine. John Kinney was here to dinner. Chandler was here this afternoon. I am very sick today.

#### **Friday, August 30th, 1878**

W. W. Fine again. Nothing of note occurred today. Mr Greenlau is in town. Mr S—preached here tonight. I was too sick to set up and so Roxy and came to bed. Tonight I was broken out with an itching rash—and O ye gods of Rome!—ye

monsters of the “holy Inquisition,” lay aside your cunning implements of torture; your infernal ingenuity is out done.

#### **Saturday, August 31st, 1878**

W. N. Fine. F & Mr. S. went to Weymouth. I sent a letter to the doctor who sent me some medicine. Roxy got a letter tonight from home. A copy of the “May Flower” came tonight. I—h went out with a load of c—wood. Alf went down the River—the carpenters with him. I have itched today beyond the power of language to describe.

#### **Sunday, September 1st, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy—commenced raining at noon continued heavily all the afternoon and all night. M. & Annie went to Tusket—& Scot. Will Cosman here to dinner. I have not scratched much today and am getting better.

#### **Monday, September 2nd, 1878**

W. S.W. Rained all night and most all day. Thundered heavily all day—or all the morning. Roxy and I went and picked blackberries for tea.

#### **Tuesday, September 3rd, 1878**

W. E. Showery all day. Alf came home this morning with the carpenters. Roxy began to quilt—her cradle quilt. Tonight mother & I went and picked blackberries for tea. I am getting a good deal better. I did not itch any yesterday nor today.

#### **Wednesday, September 4th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy all day. Jane washed. F & A shingling. I—h went to the Bridge with a load of wood. In the afternoon I went back to Porter's pasture and picked a basket of black-berries. The Black-berries are very thick this Fall!

#### **Thursday, September 5th, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy till towards night.—now partly clear. F & A. finished shingling the W. side of Alf's house. I—h finished starting up the c—wood. A.M. I went back again to Porter's pasture and picked a big pail of Black-berries—I intend having wine made from them. On my return I very unsuspectedly found my old friend Dan Fullerton here. Squire [Colin] Campbell died today.

#### **Friday, September 6th, 1878**

W. W. Fine. A.M. Dan went to Weymouth and got his trunk. F & A shingling on the back of the kitchen. I went and helped Gus McCauly take the boat down the lake. Mrs David Mullen

and Catherine Prime spent the day here. P.M. Mr Skinner & I went back to Porter's pasture black-berrying. This evening he and I went out the settlement calling at the houses of his friends. A [smart] shower came up this evening, but soon passed away. I am feeling quite smart again.

#### **Saturday, September 21st, 1878**

Wind S.W. Looking like rain. F. went down to Geo Wagoner's to see some cattle. Alf went out with a load of Deals & I--h with a load of wood--they got two casks of lime. Dan & I pitched some rushes up in the pig-pen. I then went to painting on Alf's house--the Bay window &c. Tonight Dan & I went down to the lake and had a bathe. F mended some baskets tonight.

#### **Sunday, September 22nd, 1878**

W. N. Clear and beautiful. The carpenters went black-berrying. P.M. Annie, Hit, Dan & Alf went up to meeting. Willie White and Judson were here to tea. Judson got Omar for his Father to go to Digby. Father & Mother went up to see Ben Wagoner who is sick. Will & Harris were here this evening. I wrote a poem today. Inscribed to Annie, congratulating her for her good fortune in matrimonial prospects.

#### **Monday, September 23rd, 1878**

W. N.W. Glorious and fine. I--h went out with a load of wood. F. D. A. & I. commenced digging. The potatoes turn out very well, but are about one half rotten. We dug thirty one bushels today. The carpenters began clap-boarding today. Roxy is getting real smart; she went out doors today for the first. Harold is smart and growing like a pig.

#### **Tuesday, September 24th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine and delightful weather. A.M. F. A. D. & I--h and I digging. P.M. Alf went out to Weymouth with the express and took out my eggs-21 1/2 dz.'s. F & I gathered the beans--we have got a fine crop. We digged twenty-seven bushels of potatoes today. Mother is sick tonight with tooth ache. Dan, Annie and Hit are going up the road tonight. Cottie has got a fourth book--he is delighted with it.

#### **Wednesday September 25th, 1878**

W. S. Shifted to N.W. Rained in the night & showery till noon, then cleared off. Alf went down the river with a load of boards for Ray. He is going to stop all night and bring in a load of brick. A.M. F. Dan, I--h, & I shelled beans in the barn. P.M. F. went for birch-bark. Dan, I--h & I digged potatoes -- digged 10 bushels.

#### **Thursday, September 26th, 1878**

W. S. Fine again--lovely weather. F. D. I--h & I digged potatoes--twenty-five bushels. Alf came home this afternoon. Mr D. Grant came with him--each brought a load of brick. J. Porter & Will Cosman were here last evening. Will had a another [matrimonial] defeat.

#### **Friday, September 27th, 1878**

W. N. Beautiful Day. A.M. Alf went up to the mill with Mr Grant for slabs. F. D. I--h & I digged potatoes.--digged thirty eight all day. P.M. I painted on Alf's house till about four Oclock. I then got ready & went up the Bay taking Hittie home with me. We got up the Bay about 8oclock. I am feeling quite well now.

#### **Saturday, September 28th, 1878**

W. N.E. Fine but quite cool. I went to Bear River today after Winter Wheat. Annie McNeil accompanied me. We had a very pleasant drive--Dined at Mr H. Chute's. we found them very clever folk. The lady gave us all the apples we could eat, and several Geraniums--showed us her hogs, corn and apples. After spending a pleasant hour we started for home, visiting two threshing mills. We got back to the Bay quite early in the evening.

#### **Sunday, September 29th, 1878**

W. Westerly--fine and warm. I went up to Methodist Meeting this morning. Mr Evans preached a very able sermon from the words, "Lead us not into temptation". I took dinner at Uncle John's. I spent the afternoon there in company with H. Jones and Emily Young. I took at [Sussie's], after which I went to Baptist prayer meeting. The Darkey association is now in [ineligible] at the Joggin.

#### **Monday, September 30th, 1878**

W. S.W.--Fine again. I came home this morning. Went down round the point for Wint. I visited Jone's Grain Mill which is being constructed. I purchased a [peck] of Wheat to make coffee for Roxy. At Weymouth Bridge I got a pair of boots for Roxy. I met Annie there. She had taken Willoughby out. He preached here yesterday. We got home at noon. P.M. Dan & I went and looked over some [land] that he is talking of buying. Wint commenced Alf's flue. F laid the rough floor in Alf's kitchen. Alf & I--h helping Wint. Alf & Wint have gone up to School Meeting tonight. I found Roxy & Harry well.

**Tuesday, October 1st, 1878**

W. Westerly—Fine. A.M. Dan & Alf took down the cellar wall for to put in the steps. P.M. F & D at work at the steps. Wint at work at the flue—finished it tonight. I—h tended him. Handkinson clap-boarding on the back of the house. I have painted all day. Roxy and I moved our bed up stairs again today. She is well again as ever. It is looking quite Fallish. The woods are putting on their hues of “crimson and gold”. I got a letter last night from Mr Skinner.

**Wednesday, October 2nd, 1878**

W. S. Cloudy all day. I painted some this morning then Dan and I went to digging. P.M. F. helped us. We finished tonight—had about 175 bushels.

**Thursday, October 3rd, 1878**

W. Westerly. A.M. F. A. & Dan “tinkering around.” I made a flower box, and picked and shelled the “Case Knife” beans. Wint finished his mason-job. P.M. Annie & Dan went down the river to a ‘Goose Supper,’ I harnessed up and took out Wint as far as J. Doucett’s. The afternoon has been glorious. The wood looks glorious. Not a leaf has fallen. They have assumed every hue that fancy can devise, and in their rich, but melancholy vesture, await silently the frost king’s footsteps. F & A. hauled some logs for lath. Last evening we pared apples. Isaih discharged himself last night.

**Friday, October 4th, 1878**

W. W. Lovely weather still. Alf went out with a load of c-wood—got a Bbl of meal. F sawed lath. The carpenters finished the outside of the house today. I painted some, husked the corn—began threshing the beans—and busied myself about generally. Mr Ray got back last night. John McDonald was married day before yesterday—and not as recorded previously.

**Saturday, October 5th, 1878**

W. Westerly. Fine—A.M. F & Dan butchered a sheep. I threshed beans and cut McCauly’s hair. Alf went out with a horse-load of wood—got broken down returned at noon. P.M. F. went to the mill to finish sawing lath for Alf. Dan went to look over the Amero-land. I picked up some apples and then went to the mill for a load of lath. Alf went out to Darkey Club tonight. Jos Porter here this evening.

**Sunday, October 6th, 1878**

W. N.E.—Fine all day. There has been meeting up the road this afternoon, but none of us went. Roxy and I went down to the lake for a walk. I began a letter to go to Mr Skinner.

**Monday, October 7th, 1878**

W. W. Fine but quite chilly. I took Dan down to Little Brook today. We started about Eleven o'clock & got down there about Three. We got dinner, fed the horse &c, and about Five I took my leave of Dan & started for home. On my way I went to Edinburgh to Gililand’s for a pig. His pigs were too young so I did not get one, but left the box and came home. I got home at half past Nine. Alf went out with a load of boards for Longan. I—h went out with a load too for Longan. The carpenters began lathing Alf’s kitchen today—F. helping them.

**Tuesday, October 8th, 1878**

Wind Variable. Looking some like rain—a slight mist shower came up tonight. Alf went out with another load of boards for Longan. F helping lath. A.M. I hauled down a load of slabs from W—’s mill for wood. P.M. I went to the mill and got some lath [and] shingles. Mrs R Ray & her mother Mrs Hurlbert were here to dinner.

**Wednesday, October 9th, 1878**

W. S.W. Fine again. Alf went out with a load of Deals. Jos Porter, I—h and I hauled out Deals from the mill. We hauled four loads apiece—over seven thousand. F. helped the carpenters. Jos. Porter & Geo Sabean are here tonight. The wind is blowing quite heavily tonight, and looks like rain.

**Thursday, October 10th, 1878**

W. W., N.W. & N.E. Quite fine, but windy. Alf went out with a load of Deals. I—h went out for us with a load of Deals. Jos Porter also went out with a load for us. The price of Deals is about to fall to seven dollars, so we put on all the force we could to get them all out this week. We had about nine thousand to get out. Last evening there came a great squall of wind accompanied by rain and hail. A.M. I cleaned up the beans & helped to lath some. F. helping lath. P.M. I picked up apples—about twenty bushels. Roby Wagoner, Jimmy & Alice Blin & Scot helping me. F. went to the mill & cut some more Hemlock for laths. This evening we had a paring party—quite a good time.

**Friday, October 11th, 1878**

W. N. Fine and lovely. Alf went out with a load of Deals. Dick Robert and Charley Sabean went out for us too with Deals. F. sawed lath. I started four hemlock logs to the mill this morning. Then hauled out to the corner two loads of Deals, being the last of them. I brought home a load of lath.

**Saturday, October 12th, 1878**

W. S. Looking like rain all day—began raining about four o'clock. F. lathed. Alf went out with a load of Deals. Blin & I —h each took out a load for us. A.M. I picked over some apples in the wood-house. P.M. I picked up apples. Dan Sabean & wife & Mrs D. Grant came here tonight.

**Sunday, October 13th, 1878**

W. N.E. Rained quite heavily all night all day today. Nothing special occurred. I read and wrote. Mr Sabean went home tonight.

**Monday, October 14th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine and lovely all day. F. lathing—Alf laying a rough floor in his kitchen chamber. I lathed some this morning and picked up apples the rest of the day. Roxy helped this afternoon. Will Cosman was here tonight. The marriage of Ophelia Ring graced the marriage list of last week's "Courier".

**Tuesday, October 15th, 1878**

W. W.—Fine and delightfully warm. F. went to Weymouth with the carriage—I finished picking up the apples—and hauled them in—had between forty and fifty bushels. Alf tinkering around. Tonight he went down and traded horses with Mr Weaver. We peeled apples tonight.

**Wednesday, October 16th, 1878**

W. S. Looked a little like rain this morning, but cleared off lovely. I went to French-town and traded three barrels of apples with Peter Blin for a barrel of mackerel. F & A lathing.

**Thursday Oct 17th, 1878**

W. S.W. A.M. Cloudy & dark—P.M. cleared up fine. A.M. F. lathing. Alf & I went up to the "sand-bed" and got two loads of sand. P.M. I plained out some stuff for W.H.S's door. Alf went out and got a load of sand then helped Will C. get some bark over the lake. F. began to fix my boots. I don't feel well today. Poor little Harrie is sick today. I hope he is not going to dangerously ill.

**Friday, Oct 18th, 1878**

W. S.W. AM. Fine but clouded up and began to rain about four O'clock. I am real sick today. F. is working at my boots. Alf went out with a load of wood. Poor dear little Harold is dreadful sick today. They watched with him all night. This afternoon.

**Friday-Continued**

I went out for the doctor. I got there—found him home and by dusk I got him here. He said little Harold had Inflammation of the bowels, but did not think him dangerous. He gave him a little powder, left another for him to take tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and said he must have a dose of oil in the afternoon. He also left drops to ease his little pains. He appears to be a little better tonight, and we have hopes he will get well. But Oh! how anxious we have been today. I will never never forget it. If Harry will only get well.

**Saturday, Oct 19th, 1878**

W. S. Rained quite heavily all night and till noon. F. finished my boots today. Alf went down the river and took Mrs Grant. I am quite sick today. Little Hary was better this morning, but he had a very bad spell at noon, and we thought he was dying. Oh! what language could express my feelings, when Roxy came in the bedroom when I was dozing, and sobbing as if her heart would break, told me to come out for little baby darling was dying. We all hastened to the little suffer's side and, mute with grief, I watched his struggles; but proved to be only a sort of a fit, probably caused by action of medicine. As soon as this had passed off, he fell into a deep sleep from which we feared he would not wake. No little cries, no struggles convulsions such as marked his slumbers before were here; no fitful half waking starts from [dreams]

**Saturday Oct 19th continued**

As though little thoughts were flickering on the shadowy disc of his little soul; but still and unconscious he lay—the only indications of life being his softly drawn breath that could only be heard by placing the ear close to his little face. About dark while they were watching by him in the room—I was laying in the lounge in the kitchen and Roxy was out doors.—I heard some one say he had waked up and looked better—Oh, the joy of that moment! Could it be possible that our darling baby would yet get well? I had given up almost every hope—I hastened the joyful news to Roxy, and we were soon at his side. There were those bright blue eyes wandering from face to face with pretty intelligence. Every indication was present that he was "on the mend". After laying awake awhile he ate? a good hearty meal and went to sleep. This is my Birthday, and a sad one it has been. It's return, and the speedy flight of the past year suggest many thoughts which I would like to express here, but I have already occupied so much space with today's record that I must retain them—at least for the present. F. finished my boots. Jim Dunbar married.

**Sunday Oct 20th, 1878**

W. N.E. Cold and disagreeable. Harry is better today. Nothing of importance has occurred. Tonight I went down to Blin's awhile. I am very unwell.

**Monday, Oct 21st, 1878**

Cloudy and cold all day. Alf up the Bay looking for [hair]. Mrs Blin came up this morning, & she & I settled. Harry continues to get better, but I am getting sicker.

**Tuesday, Oct 22nd, 1878**

W.N. Fine. Carpenters finished this morning & went home. Alf got home from Down River and loaded up some stuff—shingles for Ray—and went back again—not returning tonight. Mother & Mrs D. Sabean out to W.H.S.'s visiting. Mrs Wm Mullen came in with them. F. has been to the mill this afternoon. Alf traded back horses—bringing Omar home last night.

**Wednesday, Oct 23rd, 1878**

W. S. Windy and looking like rain. F. gathering apples. Alf got home at noon. P.M. Mrs Wm Mullen went home. Annie took Mrs D. Sabean home. Wint & Bub came tonight. Annie brought me a bottle of Shoshonees Remedy. Leaves about all off & looking fallish.

**Thursday, Oct 24th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy, damp and dismal. Masons at work. F & A. helping them. I am awful sick.

**Friday, Oct 25th, 1878**

W. S.E. Dark & cloudy. Lizzie Manzer called in this morning. I wrote a not to the Doctor for some medicine. I am dreadful sick—have got the jaundice. The masons finished here at 2oclock & went to Blin's.

**Saturday Oct 26th, 1878**

Weather unchanged. Alf helping the masons at Blin's. F. gathering apples. D. Barr here for apples—got 13 Bushels, David Sabean came at noon. I got my Doctor medicine tonight.

**Saturday, Oct 27th, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy all day. I am a little better. F went out to hear Willoughby this morning. Alf and David ranging about all day. I am a little better. Willoughby preached here tonight. I was up stairs to bed & did not hear. Roxy got circulars today from J.S. Patten & Co.

**Monday, Oct 28th, 1878**

W. S.W. Misted some, but cleared off tonight. I am feeling some better today. This afternoon F. & A. have been cutting shingle-logs.

**Tuesday, Oct 29th, 1878**

W. N.W. Glorious and fine all day. Alf went out with a load of wood. F. and Alf Cosman at the mill—brought home a shingle-log. I went down on the swamp to look for partridges. I did not feel able to walk about much so I returned 'gameless'. I do not feel as well as yesterday. I have nothing of note to relate as occurring in these posts. In the "East" "questions" are not yet settled. England is about getting into a war with Afghanistan. The Mohammedan States in the interior of Asia are threatening England with a war. In the Southern States a malignant fever is carrying off hundreds daily. The [Dominion] is agitated over the "New Government"—some foretelling direful things—others wrathful in prognostications of an opposite nature.

**Wednesday, Oct 30th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy—Began raining about noon. Very heavy frost last night—the ground frozen some. Alf went out today with a load of potatoes for an Island vessel. He got some worm lozenges for Harry. Henry C. Sabean and Heartly were here to dinner. F. has not been doing much. I am a little better today.

**Thursday, Oct 31st, 1878**

W. S. Foggy and warm—Rained a little this afternoon. F. & A. sawed up a shingle-log in the road and made a few shingles. I wrote a little today. & read some. I am scarcely able to do anything—scarcely to "sit up" Joe Como is here this evening.

**Friday, Nov 1st, 1878**

W. S.W—A.M. Alf smoothing his plaster. F. hewed a couple of posts and fixed up the fence in front of the garden. I made an egg-box and packed 25-1 dz eggs. P.M. Annie went out to Weymouth with my eggs. She took out a crock of Butter—25lbs—to go up the Bay by [Ham]. Dan Fullerton came today from Frenchtown. Quite fine tonight.

**Saturday November 2nd, 1878**

W. Westerly—fine and warm. Alf went down the River with a load of hemlock for Ray. A.M. F & I finished gathering the apples in the garden. There were seven or eight barrels in the garden. We have had about 200 bushels of apples this year. P.M. F went over and fixed the Alride barn. I made Cottie a "Bow-arrow" gun. Mrs Gates and Alonzo were here tonight to tea and spent the evening.

### Sunday November 3rd, 1878

W. N.W. Quite fine. Alf went down the River today. Dan and Annie cooing around. W.H.S—Lydia & Judson here to tea, and spent the evening. Annie & Dan went up to meeting tonight. I have been at work at a letter to Mr Skinner.

### Monday November 4th, 1878

W. N.W. Fine all day. Alf gone to Digby for “cards” Wint came here this morning to put on the last coat of plaster in A’s house. F. has been helping him. F plained out some stuff for saddle-boards. I got out some stuff for Alf’s side-lights. It is snowing thick tonight.

### Tuesday November 5th, 1878

W. N.W. The ground was all covered with snow this morning. It has been squally all day—at times looking very Winterish. A.M. I put the sled together and father and I hauled in a lot of apples out of the barn. We have got almost a hundred bushels of apples in the cellar. Alf got home about noon. P.M. I plained out some stuff for Alf’s side-lights. Alf put up some boards around his front door. Blin & Will Cosman are here tonight. Rox got a letter from up the Bay today.

### Wednesday November 6th, 1878

W. N.W. Cloudy and quite cold. F & A hauled some wood—some to Alf’s house and some here. The also fixed Alf’s cellar steps. I went out today to see Capt T. A. Randall. I took him 64 prs socks which I intend to pay O. Cornwell’s Bill which is \$ 17.62cts. The socks at 25cts will pay \$16. I gave Tom \$1.62 in money to pay the balance. I gave him also \$6.20 (@5.00 of which is F.s.) to bring a barrel of Parafine. I bought Alf a broom-price 35cts. I bought two bench-screws from Geo. Hoyt—92—each. I attended a dry-goods auction where I purchased a couple of towels. Gus McCauly came in with me.

### Thursday, November 7th, 1878

W. S.W. Fine. A.M. Alf hauled up mud to put under the [stable]. F. hung the front gate. I hewed a stick for a sil to go under the horse stable. P.M. Alf went out and got a tooth pulled. F & I at work at the horse-[stable].

### Friday, November 8th, 1878

W. N.W. Snowed about two inches again last night—Thawy today with squalls of rain and snow. P.M. F and A. made shingles. I made a door for the horse-stable &c. We got the calves up tonight for the first. Jane made soap here today.

### Saturday, November 9th, 1878

W. Westerly. Snowed about three inches again last night, and snowing a little all day—Looking very Winterish. A.M. F. cutting wood &c. I did the chores—peeled some apples &c. Alf went down the River this morning. He intends to enter “Hymen’s bright portals” tonight at Six oclock. He may find it “all serene” there; but the first part of his way this morning was pretty rough—six inches of snow over a foot of mud. P.M. F finished splitting [Wint’s] shingles, and then went to the mill to run some logs into the pond. The float was gone, and after a fruitless search around the lake through the snow-laden bushes, he returned home without accomplishing anything. I finished shaving [Wint’s] shingles, and put a hinge and latch on the horse-stable door. F. says the snow is six inches deep in Porter’s back field. Isiah Wagoner got two barrels of apples here today.

### Sunday, November 10th, 1878

W. S.W. Quite fine. Snowed a little again last night. A dense snow squall came up tonight from the N.W. I read “History of Reformation” and wrote some poems. I expect Alf is jubilant today in possession of his new made spouse. It is a day he will never forget, but will be among memory’s choicest treasures. Many a year has passed since I underwent a similar ordeal: I have not regretted it yet.

### Monday, November 11th, 1878

W. N.W. Thawy and warm. F. went to raft logs. He made a float and other preparations. Instead of Porter assisting him, as he should have done, I went through to Delbert’s to dig sarsapparilla. Alf came home tonight with his Bride. A.M. Besides doing my barn chores, I went down in Cereno’s woods and got a stick of Spruce for to make an apple-smasher. Stephen Sabean was here to dinner. He is circulating a subscription paper for Rev. A. J. Cogswell, who offers himself as pastor of the Tusket Church, for the coming year, if the desired sum (\$400.00) can be raised. I “signed” \$4.00, mother \$1.00, & I put down one for Alf. P.M. I worked some at my apple-grinder &c. Some of the boys came this evening to salute him. Gus McCauly, Foe. Como, Harris Cosman, Alf Cosman and B. Swift were the party—they [manned] three [guns]. Reb J.W. Bancroft of Weymouth preached his “farwell sermon” yesterday, and starts today for Sydney. A considerable excitement has lately been aroused over a singular story that comes from Amherst. A young woman who has lately had some defalcation with a suitor, has become the victim of Spiritual disturbances. The spirit of her rejected lover is said to intrude his ghostly presence upon her in an unceremonious and ridiculous manner. The “Etherial Essense” pervades bed-clothing, furniture—in fact every movable article in her presence, which perform strange antics; besides [rapping],

thumping & various [manifestations]. We are anxious to know more of the strange tale.

#### **Tuesday, November 12th, 1878**

W. S.E. Thawy all night. Began raining about noon which came down smartly for awhile. The snow is about gone. We butchered the Big hog this forenoon; we have two others which we intended to [mange] too, but the rain prevented. P.M. Alf & Chattie puttied nails in their house. I worked a little at my apple-grinder. F. laid up a bundle of shingles &c. Waity Began her Winter term of school today.

#### **Wednesday, November 13th, 1878**

W. S.E. Tonight Westerly. A.M. Quite fine, but looking like rain. We butchered the two little pigs—got them done at eleven o'clock. Mr Tufts was here to dinner. We bought books from him as follows:--F. a bible and a "[Callger] & Artizan" book. Mother—a book of Moody's sermons & a little one she gave Chattie. Roxy bought a tune-book, Alf a Psalmist. I got a Christmas book for Cottie. P.M. F. & M. cleaning "pig guts." Annie, Alf & Chattie cleaning the new house. I worked at my apple-grinder. Gavil got two barrels of apples here today. Cut up the pigs tonight.

#### **Thursday, November 14th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine. A.M. F & A bundled up Wint's shingles. They had six bunches. I hauled up a stick out of the woods and hewed it. P.M. I hewed some more stuff and worked at my grinder. F pulled the turnip, beets & parsnips & gathered the cabbage. Alf tinkering around. Jim Bar was here for apples.

#### **Friday, November 15th, 1878**

W. N.W. Beautiful and fine all day. Alf went out with Wint's shingles. He got his first barrel of flour—The price was \$8.25. Father has been to the mill finishing his float; he made the oars today. I went to the mill and hauled out three loads of lumber—Pine—mostly clear. Hary is growing splendidly. He is the dearest baby on earth.

#### **Saturday, November 16th, 1878**

W. S.E. Quite fine, but looking like a storm tonight. F. & A rafting logs. I have been fixing a stall for Omar. Chattie has been painting in her house. Cottie is jubilant tonight over a pair of new pants, being the first he has ever had buttoning in front. Annie wrapped Harold up today and took him over to Alf's house—the first he has ever been there—I wonder if he will remember it. I am feeling quite well now. Oh! John what a husband you are my dear.

#### **Sunday, November 17th, 1878**

W. N.W. Looked very much like a storm this morning, but cleared off & became beautiful & fine. Roxy & I went out to W.H.S.'s & spent the day and evening. W.H.S. has a volume of [Talmage's] sermons so he & I spent the day reading them. I brought home a volume of Shakespeare.

#### **Monday, November 18th, 1878**

W. S.E. & East. F. A. & Jos Porter rafting logs. I worked at my horse stable. Tonight we had a special School-meeting up the road to see about getting wood &c. Joe Handkinson came here tonight. Chattie has been painting today.

#### **Tuesday, November 19th, 1878**

W. N.E. rained all night & all day. Joe Handkinson here. F. cobbling. Alf making a wood-box, Chattie painting her floor. I have been working in the shop.

#### **Wednesday, November 20th, 1878**

W. E. & N.E. F. A. & Jos. Porter finished rafting logs today. Joe. Handkinson went home this morning, taking a cow for R. Ray. I am quite unwell today. I have worked at my apple machine some. Began raining again tonight.

#### **Thursday, November 21st, 1878**

W. N.W. foggy and warm all day. F making pantry shelves for Alf. A. to the mill sawing plank for door steps. Chattie painting. I have been at work in the shop. Geo Barr got two barrels of apples here today. He was here to dinner Waity is here tonight.

#### **Friday, November 22nd, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy, windy & looking like rain all day. Alf, Chattie & Roxy were going down the River this morning. They—or at least the females—were in a great "sweat" to go; but all hands dangled the storm scare-crow in their faces which made considerable sport. [Waity] presented her school agreement for Alf's signature. F. has been at work at the pantry shelves and mending the truck-[trace]. Alf went to the mill and got a load of planks. Geo. Wagoner was here this afternoon to get father to help him butcher his ox. I have been at work in the shop some today. Last Sunday made Will Spavil happy in the possession of Lucy Barr.

#### **Saturday, November 23rd, 1878**

W. South. Warm and showery. F. went down to Geo. Wagoner's and helped him butcher an ox, half of which he



brought home tonight. Alf and Chattie went down the River today with the truck cart for Chattie's "things". I finished my apple-grinder. I mailed four Post Cards—to [N.] Crosby, Yarmouth, to Sherman & Co. Michigan, and two to Publishers. F & I cut up the beef tonight.

#### **Sunday, November 24th, 1878**

W. S. but N.W. tonight. Showery all day. I have been writing and reading. Will Cosman has been here all this afternoon.

#### **Monday, November 25th, 1878**

W. S.W. Cloudy but mild all day. A.M. I cut some wood &c. P.M. I dressed out a log to make a cider press. Roxy went down the River today to bring Chattie in—Alf having to bring a load of Chattie's stuff with his team. Roxy took some wool to the carding mill. She got some stuff to make Harold a dress and cloak. F (am) fixed some fence, pickled some meat &. (P.M.) at Alf's pantry shelves.

#### **Tuesday, November 26th, 1878**

W. N.W. Rained all night, and awhile this morning. Alf went to the mill and sawed some shingles for Geo. Wagoner. F. finished Alf's shelves. I have done nothing today but write. I am not well today. I have been engaged in reading Shakspeare's Plays lately.

#### **Wednesday, November 27th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine, warm and beautiful. Alf hauling out stuff from the mill. F sawing. I have at work at my press. I have got it most done.

#### **Thursday, November 28th, 1878**

W. S.E. Raining this morning, and rained hard all day. F. made an axe-handle. Alf doing nothing. I worked in the wood house all day at my my press. I have got it most done. It is "Thanks Giving" today; but the storm spoilt it.

#### **Friday, November 29th, 1878**

W. N.W. Rained all night again. Cloudy all day. F went out to assist G. Sabeau, D. Porter & others in laying out a road to Tusket. Mother up to Charley's visiting—father went up tonight. A. shooting partridges, and making a stoop to his backdoor. I finished my cider press today and made a little cider.

#### **Saturday, November 30th, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine and glorious. A squall of hail & snow came up tonight, but soon passed over; but the sky and clouds this morning were beautiful. A.M. F. cut three drags of wood & I hauled them. I then went over to Will's and got a hardwood barrel & hogs head-tub which we had there to put sap in. Alf finished door stoop. P.M. I picked up two loads of stuff out of the road and hauled in for wood. F. hooped the barrel which I got for to put cider in. I carried & filled it with water, cut up a lot of wood &c. F & A put the saddle-boards on Alf's house tonight. Mother made some mince-pies—the first of the season.

#### **Sunday, December 1st, 1878**

W. N.W. Fine but quite cold. Roxy & I went out to hear Willoughby preach. B. Wagoner went with us. Text in Joshua. "I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee." Willoughby & W.H.S. came in with us. P.M. Alf & Chattie went up to hear Mr Gates, and again in the evening. I got a bunch of circulars or catalogues from Crosby & Co Yarmouth.

#### **Monday, December 2nd**

W. S.E. Fine. Looks very like a rain storm tonight. F putting saddle-boards on Alf's house &c. A.M. I helped Alf fix up a bed-stead &c. P.M. I threshed oats. Alf & Chattie moved in their house today.

#### **Tuesday, December 3rd, 1878**

W. S.E. Rained and blew heavily all night and part of the day—wind shifted to N.W. Alf doing chores about his house. F. did some work in the B. S. Shop. I helped him. I made a bread-board for Chattie, fixed up my cider-press &c. Mr Gates has a singing school up the road this Winter, beginning tonight. Alf & Chattie have gone up.

#### **Wednesday, December 4th, 1878**

W. S.E. Cloudy—commenced raining about noon & continued quite heavily till now. F & A went to the mill to fix the nigger wheel &c. I fixed my press and made some more cider. Will Cosman got a barrel of apples here tonight for Jim Cosman. This is Thanksgiving Day. The other was not genuine. I am quite smart today, but sick yesterday.

#### **Thursday, December 5th, 1878**

W. S.E. (N.W. tonight) Showery all day. F repairing the mill. Alf. hauled himself two drags of wood & one to our door. I made a floor in the loft in the wood-house-with steps to go up &c. The horse kicked my leg tonight. I fear it is going to be

lame. The following is a recipe for keeping eggs. "A pound of lime and one pint of salt to three gallons water." In this mixture eggs are said to keep for a year. Blin & Joe Como are here tonight.

#### **Friday, December 6th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy till night. Snowed a little last night; about all off now. F. repairing the mill. A.M. A. hauled a couple of sticks to make a platform for the barn-well. P.M. He went to the mill. I cleaned up the wood-house, hooped a crock, did some repairing in the barn, made a tub to feed my horse in, cut some wood &c. Dan Fullerton came here this afternoon. Dolbert Porter was here to tea, & he & Will Cosman here this evening.

#### **Saturday, December 7th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy and quite cold, but pleasant. Alf went to Weymouth with a load of pine-boards to Lonegan for me. F. hewed stuff for a well-platform. A.M. Dan & I went to the lake, hauled up and turned over my boat. P.M. I helped F. fix the well, board up the end of the shop &c. Chas. Thomas threshed Barley here today. He took home two bbls of apples from here tonight. I got several papers tonight: "Western Advertiser," "Farmer's Magazine & Home Advocate" "The People's Paper", and a lot of circulars from Sherman & Co. Marshall, Mich. I see by today's papers that "Aunt" Emilina Nickerson is married, also Lindlay Journeay.

#### **Sunday, December 8th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy but fine. A little snow came last night—about an inch—and continued squally this forenoon. I read my new papers today. Alonzo G. & Will Cosman are blessing Alf & Chattie with their company. Alonzo as here this afternoon.

#### **Monday, December 9th, 1878**

W. N.W. Quite fine, but looking like a storm. F cutting wood &c. Alf & I made a sett of ox-shoes & partly shod one ox. Dan here all day. W.H.S. & wife here to tea and part of the evening.

#### **Tuesday, December 10th, 1878**

W. S.E. Began snowing in the night in the and continued till towards noon when it turned to rain which is falling yet. A.M. F & Will Cosman cut down the big Birch tree that stood in the corner of Will's woods, for a keel-piece. It will go 36 feet, cutting off fifteen inches. Alf & I finished shoeing the oxen. I then commenced making a sink for Alf.

#### **Wednesday, December 11th, 1878**

W. S.E. & South. Rained very heavily all night and till noon. Heaviest rain of the season. A.M. F cobbling. I worked some at the sink. P.M. F. & Will hewing their keel-timber. Alf went out to Mr Steel's & got some Parafine oil—1 gallon. Mr Gates & I made a black-board in the shop.

#### **Thursday, December 12th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy. A.M. F. finished hewing the keel piece. P.M. Mending his boot. Alf sawing. I worked in the shop. Dan went out to Weymouth on his way to French-town.

#### **Friday, December 13th, 1878**

W.N. Cold and snow flying. Alf sawing. A.M. F & I hauled up three loads of chips from where the keel was hewed. P.M. F went to the mill. I worked in the shop.

#### **Saturday, December 14th, 1878**

W. N. quite cold. F. sawing. I sat up Alf's sink. Alf went to get the horse shod. David Grant & Clarisa came in. Dan got back from Frenchtown last night about mid-night. I received a fine lot of books—school-books—from Yarmouth

#### **Sunday, December 15th, 1878**

W. S.—S.W. & N.W. Scattering snow and rain falling all day—Quite warm. I wrote and read all day.

#### **Monday, December 16th, 1878**

W. N.W. Snowed, rained and blew till about noon—very disagreeable. I went to the Bridge with the horse and truck. I expected to see Capt Tom Randall, and get a barrel of Parafine oil which I was expecting from Boston. I went up to Mrs Randalls, saw Tom, paid him \$3.20 being he paid to T. [Olonor] to square my account with him. I got a barrel of flour from Campbells—price \$8.00. Got a keg of molasses, and Dan's trunk from F. Jone's. I mailed a post card to "Enterprise" Publishing Co. Boston. Dan began chopping on his land. F. & A. sawing.

#### **Tuesday, December 17th, 1878**

W. N.W. Quite cold & windy. F. sawing. Alf & Will Cosman started out the keel-piece and loaded it. I helped Dan chop. We took our dinners with us. I bought a new axe yesterday. Dan has got a new axe too.

### **Wednesday, December 18th, 1878**

W. N.W. F sawing. Alf & Will Cosman started to go out with the keel. After going a distance Alf returned, & Will went on. A.M. I made an axe-handle &c. Dan chopping. P.M. I helped Dan chop. Annie, Cottie, Roxy & Harold went out to "Gampa" McAlpine's, and spent the day. Alf threshed Barley a little I guess.

### **Thursday, December 19th, 1878**

W. N.W. Windy and cold. F. sawing, Alf went down to R. Ray's with a load. Dan & I went down to chop. About Eleven O'clock I broke my axe handle and came home. Dan remained till night. P.M. I went down below Wagoner's road and got a piece of ash and dressed out a handle. Tom Handkinson has been in today assessing.

### **Friday, December 20th, 1878**

W. N.W. Cold again. F. sawing. A.M. Alf hauled himself a little wood. I finished my handle and hung my axe. Dan worked at a handle. We then ground our axes. P.M. Dan chopping. I began to make a sett of horse shoes. Robby Wagoner got lost in the woods today, creating quite a sensation. A number sat out to look for him, but after cruising all day, he found his own way out, & arrived safely home at night. The lakes are frozen now so as to be crossed on foot.

### **Saturday, December 21st, 1878**

W. N.W. Cloudy but quite mild. F. sawing. Alf went out with a load of boards. Dan chopping. I finished my horse-shoes today. I succeeded in getting them well steel-corked; and, had I not got them badly burned, would consider them a pretty good job for me. In our papers tonight we have the sad intelligence of the loss of Benny VanBlarcom, from the ship Ada Capt. N. Raymond. Wind S.E. tonight, looking like a storm.

### **Sunday, December 22nd, 1878**

Wind variable. Snowed some in the night, and this morning was raining. Rained [tonne] through the day. Wind N.W. tonight. We have read all day. Annie and Scot went out to Mr White's last night. Dan went out tonight with the carriage and brought them home. I completed a letter tonight to Mr Skinner.

### **Monday, December 23rd, 1878**

W. W. Fine. F. sawing. Dan chopping. A.M. A. mended his shoes. I hauled six drags of wood and cut W. Cosman's hair. P.M. I mended the carriage-shaft and put one shoe on my horse. This evening Dan, Alf & I finished shoeing him. Jim

Cosman got a barrel of apples here. Ben Swift brought mother a goose. David Grand & Lady came in tonight.

### **Tuesday, December 24th, 1878**

W. N.W. Snowed about six inches during the night and continued slightly through the day. F. went to the mill. Dan and I cut wood till most night when I harnessed to the sleigh and went out to Mr Steels and got a gallon of parafine oil. There is hardly enough snow for sleighing. Alf & Mr Grant went to the mill this afternoon. Roxy and I were going up the Bay today, but the snow has prevented. [Hetty] Robart brought up a goose for mother. This Harold's first Christmas Eve.

### **Wednesday, December 25th, 1878**

W. N. Cloudy but pleasant—quite cold. Christmas Day. W.H.S. & Lydia. Mr Grant & Wife. Alf & Chattie. All took dinner here today. We all took tea over to Alf's. We have spent a very pleasant day. W.H.S. brought with him a volume of [Talmage's] sermons, from which he and I read several beautiful discourses. This is little Harold's first Christmas. He is well, and seems to enjoy himself finely. I hope he may live to see many more.

### **Thursday, December 26th, 1878**

Wind variable, but settled to N.W. F. sawing—Alf went to the bridge. Dan tending around. Roxy, Harold and I went up the Bay today. Got up there about 2oclock. They were all delighted to see little Harold. Etta Nickerson was there. And Geo. N. in the evening. Our afternoon and evening at Mrs Ring's was very pleasant indeed. Maggie Sanderson was there too.

### **Friday, December 27th, 1878**

W. N. Fine. Mrs Ring, Roxy, Harold & I went up to Roxy's Grandmother Saxon's to Dinner. Although there is snow enough to make "fair" sleighing in places, still it is splendid "wheeling". After dinner we went up to Mrs—or rather George-Nickerson's where we stopped till after tea. I called on Gussie Van Blarcom this afternoon for the first time since she has been in her own house. After tea we drove back again to Mrs Rings. Beautiful Evening.

### **Saturday, December 28th, 1878**

W. N. East Looking a little like a storm, but cleared off beautifully. Roxy and I went up to Uncle John's this morning. On the way I call in to John [Urquhart's] to see him about some butter I let him have. He had no money for me, but I got the crock. We did not take Harold, so after dinner Roxy had to go down home again to see to him. I stopped at Uncle John's till evening. I called on Sussie a little while this afternoon.

**Sunday, December 29th, 1878**

W. N. Quite fine. Roxy, Harold and I started for home at about ten o'clock. We got home "safe and sound" at about 1 o'clock.

**Monday, December 30th, 1878**

W. S.E. Fine Early, but clouded up, and since noon a little fine snow has been falling. F. sawing. Dan chopping—he began cutting cord-wood today—cut a cord. A.M. Alf hauled some wood. I am unwell I remained in doors. P.M. Alf went out to Steel's with the colt and got a h-sled. I went to J.E. Wagoner's and got a 'Rate Roll'. I then went up to Peters and got an—an—"upper sheep". Isiah W. helped me catch him. Mrs Grant, Alf & Chattie were here to tea. Isiah W. & Jesse C. here this evening.

**Tuesday, December 31st, 1878**

W. N. Quite cold. F. sawing. Dan chopping c. wood. Alf went down the River taking Chattie and Mrs G. A.M. I hunted up the sheep &c. P.M. I fixed up the flails ready for threshing. Snowed a little this morning.



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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Journal of Diary  
1878 New Year Day.

Tuesday

W. S. cloudy, but cleared away. Beautiful tonight. F. worked in the shop at a sled. He did nothing but sit in the parlour with Chattie. A. M. I did about nothing & M. I out wood &c. Roxanna commenced a snatch. We all got an invitation to a candy party at Geo. Cosman's tomorrow evening.

Wednesday Jan 2

W. S. Partly clear, and mild. My hauled lumber from the mill. Father worked at the sled. This afternoon he went to look for pine for clap boards on the Amos land. A. M. I cut some wood. P. M. I fixed the seat of the express. This evening we harnessed our team to go to Geo. Cosman's to a candy party. We went as far as the School house where we discovered that the candy party was only a myth, and as the folks had assembled for meeting, we all stopped. Mr. Bates preached from Amos 4 7 12 "Repairs to Dwellings God &c". Father disapproved of our going, thought we did not know it till after.

Thursday Jan 3

He was in the right of it. We were very foolish to think of such a thing as going away down there. W. S. cold and very windy. Snowed a little this morning. F. sawing. My was going to the bridge today & I was going up the Bay, but it was so cold we both stayed home and hauled wood. Will Cosman is here this evening. He has just come home from up the Bay. He brings word that Grant Conill died last Saturday. Stephen Stute was baptized last Monday. Henry Dady and Abby Hamblin were married on New Year's day.

1848 W. J. E. Clear in the morning, but soon clouded up dark and gloomy. The air has been keen and sharp. To evening. Off out to Weymouth. I went up the Bay to get some things. I got up to Mr. Kings about 3 o'clock. I put up the horse and then went up to Uncle John's. I stopped there till after tea. then I accompanied Aunt Alice and Georges wife to Martineau's to a Donation. after which I went down to Mr. Kings. commenced blowing and raining tonight.

W. South, but shifted to S. W. Rained a little through the forenoon. W. shifted to S. W. with snow squalls, but finally cleared away, and ushered in a beautiful evening. I loaded up the things and started for home about 2 or 3 o'clock. Got to Weymouth at dusk. I bought a little martingale chisel at Geo. Doyle's, and some Cotton for Mother at Campbell's. I gave Subscriptions for the "Courier" and Montreal "Witness". I got safely home at 7 o'clock. It rained some last night, and blew very heavy. The whacking on the road is splendid.

Will is about to run another election in this County and every-body is brimful of politics.

W. S. Fine and clear. Nothing of note has occurred today. This forenoon Miss Gaster got her things in and put away Mrs. Pater is here this evening.

W. S. Sun shone out some, but very cold. To evening. Off starting out tomorrow. A. M. I cut wood. P. M. Charlotte Rowan & I went to the mill on the lake. I went with us to get some grain. He came out with Mr. Taylor Muller was here to dinner.

Friday Jan 11th

Saturday Jan 13th

Sunday 6

Monday

1878 W. A. partially clear - very cold - more severe than yesterday. F. Sawing. Myself went to Heymouth with a cargo of "Lapwood" - Albert Graham & Capt. Charles Parkehouse. I hauled out lumber from the mill today - hauled four loads. Rhinn was at the mill today to borrow lumber. He lent him 905 ft. Spruce Boards. Cathie split up some wood today for the first for him.

W. A. But changed to South East, and the weather became misty again. Cloudy all day. Myself was going to the Cove, but it looked so like a storm that he did not. He went to the mill & hauled lumber. F. Sawing. I have not done much today. I have not been feeling very well. I cut some wood, & this afternoon I attempted to do some black-smith work for Ben Swift, but having no more tongs fit to use, I did not accomplish much.

W. S. East. Beautiful morning. Everything covered with frost almost like a light snow; in fact it did snow a little, and that, together with the frost has covered every tree and shrub in beautiful attire. Overhead the sky is blue and mellow, while the horizon is hazy and gray.

F. Sawing. Myself went to the Cove with a load of boards. I went up to the Sam. Wagoner Settlement with Mary Elvina. I started about eleven <sup>o'clock</sup> got up there at three, started again at four, and arrived home at about eight. Tonight the wind is South East - cloudy raw and chilly - looking like a storm.

Friday Jan 9th

Sat. Jan 9th 1877

Sunday Jan 10th



1878 N. S. all day Rained some & blew  
heavily in the night. A. M. Foggy P. M.  
raining a little. F. sawing. My doing nothing  
P. M. He went down to Woodville to get the  
old horse shod. He took Chatter as far as  
W. H. S. Augustine G. & I have been making  
shoes for Omar. He got some clay and  
fired the forge.

Friday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

N. S. Warm & soft all day, with a little snow  
flying. Justice & I put the shoes which we made  
yesterday, on Omar. I made an axle-tree  
for W. H. S. carriage. P. M. My took father &  
mother over to Lusk. I did not do much  
of anything. Uncle Robert Sabian died yesterday.  
Capt. Looker is dead also. The candidates  
for the coming Election were nominated  
today at Digby. Pail & Wade are the men.

Saturday Jan 12

N. S. Beautiful fine and mild. Windy this  
afternoon and evening. It froze a little last  
night, but it thawed again today, and this  
afternoon & evening, where the roads were not  
icy they are very muddy. The new Meeting  
House at Lusk was fired today. Annie,  
M. Chatter, Roxanna & I went. W. H. & Lydia  
went over with us. Old Jane kept house.  
We got over there in good season. We  
left our teams at Mrs. Mullins. Mr. Bancroft  
preached this morning from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3 & 16  
"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God &c."  
Mr. Randall preached in the afternoon from  
John 17 & 24. "I have finished the work which  
thou gavest me to do."

Sunday Jan 13 1878

1878 Sunday Continued

Mr Bancroft preached in the evening from  
Genesis 3rd 5-15. "The Church Of The Living  
God." Ross and I took dinner at Mrs Mullers  
in company with Geo Johnson stally, &  
captain Muller & Lewis of Suggins town,  
with their ladies. J. M. Annie & Schatte went  
to Sears's to dinner. Ross & I took tea at  
Mrs Mullers. Fatho Mother & Annie went to  
Sittman, and Schatte went to Arthur's to  
tea. We all got safely home at about half  
past ten. We heard today that Walter Mc  
Alpine was killed recently on ship-board,  
We only hope that the report will prove to be false  
one.

Sunday - Continued - 15

It did not freeze any last night. Cloudy &  
mild. Commenced raining at noon & con-  
tinued more or less during the night. Cloudy  
& Alf & I have done nothing much today. I  
have been nearly crazy with the tooth ache.  
I went to bed about the middle of the afternoon.

We got <sup>our</sup> first copy of the "Courier" today.  
It. South. till night when it shifted to the N.W.  
cloudy and mild. Got sowing. Jos Parley  
helped me thresh oats Uncle Charltan Salme  
did today. yesterday

Sunday - 14

It. sp. cloudy and pretty cold. Joseph Porter & I  
threshed oats all day. My went to the bridge with  
a load of boards - got a razor &c. P. M. &  
sawing. Lydia & Lizzie Mary, were here and  
spent the day. W. Reuben came in the  
evening. I let him have some ink

Mon. Jan 16

18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Windy and cold, The clouds cleared away towards evening, and the sunset was beautiful. I finished stitching, & wrote this journal, and this afternoon we swimmored them. We had two hogheads and two barrels about 25 bush. I then went to Church to Uncle Charltains burial. The funeral sermon is to be preached on Sunday next. My has not done anything today but shave a few shingles. There is a little dust of snow on the ground today, just enough to whiten it.

Thursday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 18. Quite fine, evening clear, sharp & frosty. A strong, stiff wind to the west. I did the chow and cut wood. Old Joe & his son came at noon with a lot of baskets. Dister got a large clothes basket from them for Pomp. P.M. Perry took the horse & carriage and went out to Mr. Seabane. About sundown I went out to tea with Capt. P.C. Quite shady & spent the evening.

Friday Jan 18

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - quite raw - but otherwise pleasant - beautiful sunset!  
Election Day. I went with the little horse to look at the election. W. Wagoner & Geo. Wagoner. He took him to the Justice. On the road he got one of the springs broken. Messrs Pail & Pate are the rival candidates who offer to represent the County in the Dominion House of Commons. There was considerable intemperance manifested at the poll was attended. James Donnell gave publicity to his political views in a very marked manner that will long be

Saturday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

1878 remembered by the beholder.

Saturday 19th combined

Another feature of the occasion was the furor with which Will & Frank Jackson discharged themselves of their convictions. W.P. Jones harangued the crowd in a spirited manner, and left Quincy, though less noisy than the others, gave vent to his spleen at Parliamentary doings in language that showed intelligence rarely met with among ordinary men. Upon the whole the day was quiet. The sun-shine were short, & I saw no signs of liquor in the crowd. We got home about sun down, & left home all day, doing nothing.

Sunday June 20

W. Heston. It has been a glorious day. It was hazy this morning, but that soon cleared away leaving a cloudless sky as mild & soft as June. Nothing of note has occurred today. I have been reading all day. This afternoon Alf & Chas. went up to Queting. Phil Coombs was here awhile. He has just traded his horse with Rogers for a pig &c

Monday June 21

W. South. Commenced raining about 10 & continued more or less all day. Alf with Jos. Peter & Augustine went up in the woods to track a bear. Alf & I finished sawing & edged up the boards - finer loads. After we got through we went up the lake to the bear-trap, where we found Wain's remains. He brought out two of his jaws. It is a bear of medium.

1878

Comical little Chattie Grant

Wants me to kiss her, but I shant -  
 She thinks she looks so cute & wise  
 When she gets the glasses on her eyes  
 And through them then she tries to look  
 Into her Dictionary book.  
 When Alf & Chattie wants to speak  
 They go into some corner dark  
 And there they hug & kiss till morning &c

Tuesday Jan 22nd

Wind South. Rained most all night, and  
 a little through the day. I have been half sick  
 all day. Alf doing nothing, & father not doing  
 much. I helped Joseph to grind a new axe  
 and knife this afternoon.

Wednesday Jan 23rd

W. South West. Still tonight. It is now A.M.  
 It rained most all night, commenced  
 again at noon & continued till mid  
 night. A.M. Alf shaved shingles & I split  
 some G. split some and crooked a little  
 at the sled. P.M. Alf shaved a few things,  
 & fixed Seals boots. I commenced a  
 poem entitled "Hoped". Tonight I went  
 down below Wagon's road to the bear-trap.  
 After my return G. & I cut some wood  
 The snow is almost entirely gone. A little  
 patch is still to be seen here & there by our  
 fence, & it is about all out of the woods.

Thursday Jan 24

W. Ct. Cold, snowing obstructing. The or four  
 inches had fallen and had blown up as much as  
 possible. All hands doing nothing. G. cut a little wood  
 P.M. I wrote some upon "Hoped". Stars out tonight

878 W. Samb. Looked very much like a storm  
but the wind worked around to the West tonight  
it is fine. Alf went to Meymouth with a load.  
He heard that Wade gained the election with  
a majority of 365. I hauled wood.  
This evening I went on horse back out to N.P.S.  
I got a 1/2 lb of flour. There is only <sup>two snow in the woods</sup> about an inch on  
N.P.C. Looking very much like a storm. It commenced  
raining about the middle of the forenoon and  
continued till it stopped. I went to the Cove  
with a load of Pine boards. Blin took a load  
for us too. Blin's Comated off 9/19 - Prime 1422  
I left about two hundred feet along the road.

Alf and Leathie & Annie went down the River  
this afternoon. I got one first-summer of  
the "Pitman" today. Enamels Keacle J. King  
at the Island died recently.

W. M. W. & Snowing slightly - soon ceased &  
cleared off. Beautiful afternoon and evening.  
Looking like Spring. Mrs Blin has been here  
all day. Blin here to tea. I commenced  
a letter today to go to the Mill place.

W. Samb. commenced snowing this morning,  
turned to rain - snow & rained by turns till  
night when the wind shifted to North with a little  
snow falling. I commenced carrying Basil  
Annie's logs. Alf. come home from down the  
river this morning. P.M. I made shingles. I  
commenced a water wheel for Sab.

W. S. held. Snowed some and blowing S. heavy  
A.D. I made some shingles. I finished Teats wheel.  
Alf went down to the corner and loaded for the Cove  
He is going to Church Point after Malacca

Friday June 20

Saturday June 21

Sunday June 22

Monday June 23

Tuesday June 24

178<sup>th</sup> N. of. Blustering and very cold.  
It did not Snow much, but what has  
come out whirling about pretty lively. I do  
not think we have had a colder day  
this winter. All hands in the house doing  
nothing. I cut Joseph & Peter's hair this  
afternoon. Alf went up to see Ben's mill.  
I finished my Preface to "Heaped".  
Father is not very well tonight. He has a  
cold I believe.

Wed. Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

N. East. Quite fine all day. Partly clear  
this morning, but clouded up and has  
looked very much like snow all day.  
Tonight it has cleared up in the N. W.  
but still looks very like a storm. Alf went  
down to Church Point & got a hoghead of  
molasses. He started about 3 o'clock this  
morning & got back at dusk. He took a  
load of boards to the Cove. J. Peter took a  
load to the Cove today for us. In evening  
this afternoon. A.M. I went in the woods  
& got some oishes & bound up 2 bunches of  
shingles. P.M. I cut wood. Hill has men  
here this evening. Mother bought two  
baskets from the Indians.

Thurs. Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

N. E. Windy, raw and cold. We unloaded  
and tapped the molasses this morning. Then  
I went to the mill & Alf got bundled things.  
Tonight we cut some wood.

Friday. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

1878  
Sunday Jan 4  
Monday Jan 5  
Tuesday Jan 6  
Wednesday Jan 7  
Thursday Jan 8

W. Ct. partially cloudy and quite cold - a real old-fashioned Winter day. We have had quite a long spell of cold weather now. There is only enough snow on the ground to make it white. F. Sanning. Alf went to the Cove with a load of Boards. I finished unloading up the slings & cleared up the shop &c. I let Leach Wagoner haul 8 gal. Molasses for Jim Casman. He brought 301 ft. Spruce boards which just paid for it. Johnny came & got a gallon on tick. Phyllis came home Ruth & Ellen & W. S. & were with him.

W. S. & I brought some boards for Lashie, doors &c. We loaded 1/2 a gal. Molasses tonight for Leandy. Mr. James Kora died tonight of Lung Fever. Essie McNeill & Dr. Jank's - were married last Wednesday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.

W. Ct. clear, fine & quite mild. W. S. & I have been here all day. This afternoon I examined Ruth & I went up to Meeting. This evening Alf & Ruth went down to Mrs. Wagoner's

W. Ct. - Beautiful clear & fine. F. Sanning. Alf went to McEwan's with a load of Boards. I went to the mill this forenoon and brought home a load of Hemlock Boards. I went again this afternoon and got another about 1000 ft. This evening a number of young folk gathered here and we had a sociable evening.

W. Ct. cloudy till night but mild & pleasant. Alf went to the Cove with a load of boards. I went to the mill & got a load of H. boards. F. looking for the heifer that are strayed away. 1 P.M. F. Sanning. I went & got another load of Boards. Dan & Ruth went up the road evening. This evening a lot gathered to celebrate where we played Whist &c



1875 Wind North - Fine and beautiful.

Working. Alf started to go to the Bridge, but by  
Charles Melanson he broke his axle, and so was  
obliged to come home. A.M. I went to the mill  
and got a load of Hemlock boards. P.M. I went  
and got a load of Deals and brought home another  
load of Hemlock. Joe Hankinson & Rob. Ray were  
here to dinner. P.M. Alf went down the River  
to get the usual amount. Mother has been to  
Bliss <sup>day</sup> tonight

Wed. Feb. 6

W. A. W. Beautiful again. Working.

P.M. I went to the mill hauled out a load  
of Deals & brought home a load of Hemlock.

P.M. I stayed home. I do not feel very well.

Alf stayed down the River last night & today  
came up to Melanson's & took his load to the  
Bridge. Rosanna & Ruth went up to Ben's  
visiting this afternoon. This evening we had  
a party up to Ben's. Will come home with  
Ruth and spent the greater part of the night  
with her. Jim Barr arrived today.

Young Jim Barr's wife died today

W. W. W. Clear fine & warm. The weather  
for the past few days has been mild & spring  
like. Today the air is mild and haze, and  
the ground all water and mud. Working.  
Alf went to the Bridge with a load of Deals. I  
have been unwell today. I did nothing but  
make Deal's bot-les. Charles Manfr brought  
home my horse which I let him have last  
Monday. Ruth went home this morning.  
Uncle McCarty stayed here last Tuesday night

Thursday Feb 7th 1875

Friday Feb 8th 1875

1878

Sat. 26th. Feb

Wind S.W. till towards night when it shifted to the North. Commenced raining in the night and continued till the wind shifted when it began to freeze. At 2 o'clock I went out to the Burial of Mrs Barr. & did not return till night. I worked a little in the shop. Will Crossman came this afternoon and got 2 yells Malers on kick.

Sunday Feb 27th

Wind is not very well today & I am not better. N. North. Cloudy and dark till noon when the wind came to the West. & commenced snowing which continued by spells till night - the ground was entirely bare till the storm commenced. Roxanna, Alf & I went over and called on Jos Parto this forenoon; we met Judson who came home with us and stayed to dinner, afterwards he & Alf went up the road. Jos Parto was here this afternoon & to tea. I have been feeling quite unwell today. N. N. Cloudy all day, but not very cold.

Monday Feb 28th

It rained & hailed during the night & this morning about two inches of snow lay on the ground covered with a sharp crust. At 10 o'clock I started out lumber with the sled. Tonight we got our mail. I got two letters - one of course from the States & one from Perwick - a Fatherly affair. I see by the Courier that Mr. Anderson of Barton is dead - died the 26th, I think. I worked a little in the shop & cut some wood. Gavil was here to dinner. I gave him some potatoes.

Tuesday Feb 29th

N. North. Cloudy till noon when the sun came out - clear tonight. Alf hauling out lumber with the sled. A.M. At 10 o'clock I helped him. Some made a chisel handle. P.M. I went out & cut down a log for chip board & I went to Mr. White for some tools.

1878 W. A. W. Mostly cloudy. A severe squall came up about sunset. The snow whirled about in dense clouds for a short time. Alf has been helping J. Parter haul logs down the lake. F. swamped a road for to get up the pine tree he cut yesterday. P. M. He went back and cut the big bear trap pine. Roxanna washed today. I made two saw-horses and began ripping out some stuff for doors. Mother has been laid up a few days with tooth ache. She is no better now. About an sick <sup>came</sup> ~~last~~ <sup>last night</sup> ~~night~~

W. A. W. Cloudy early, but cleared off; fine tonight. It has been quite cold for a day or two. Alf & J. Parter hauled up the tree from down below, this forenoon. P. M. They went over & hauled the Bear trap pine, & two loads of lumber. A. M. I helped F. grind some axes. P. M. F. getting lumber trees ready. I got out some stuff for sashes for M. S.

They say that the skidding is quite fair but now. Only about 3 inches snow on. W. A. W. Clear and coldish. Still hauling lumber tags across the lake. I helped J. Parter make a hay-rick for hauling dreadow hay. In the evening Tony & I went sleigh-riding. We drove down across Amers' lake to Cold Jones. Some sleds go on the road now there is very little snow, but it is icy & solid. Mother is about well again now. Looks a little like snow tonight

Wed. Feb 13

St. Valentine's day.

Friday Feb 15

1878 W. South. Cloudy some. Wind shifted to the N.W. cleared off. We had a most glorious day - clear & mild. A.M.  $\frac{1}{2}$  & A hauling logs. Helped Jas Porter finish his sick. He owes me half a days work now. Cathie took quite a tumble for a little day. He went in Jas. Porters road till he came to the head of the lake & then went down the lake till he came to where Alf was hauling. I wrote two letters this morning to S. Seldens & J. S. Patten. "Dearest Hows"  
 P.M. Alf went down the River with the carriage I helped to haul logs. This evening Ben Swift brought my Sash planes which W. Ware has just made for me. I see by the paper that Pope Pius Ninth has lately died.

W. S. Mostly all day. but clear mild and lovely. Overcast tonight and looks some like a storm. Nothing of importance has occurred today. Will Cosman was here this forenoon to have his hair cut &c. Bin is quite sick. Father was down to see him and cut some wood for him. I am feeling quite well today. Pomp is as well again as ever I guess

W. S. Cloudy - Mild till towards night when it grew colder. A.M.  $\frac{1}{2}$  & I went down to haul hemlock. I went over with one load & while we were loading the second Alf came. so I gave up the teaming to him. At noon they had finished hauling the hemlock. Alf got home from down the River with Annie this morning. They brought me letter from J. A. Co. (P.M.) I have been at work of a sash plane wood. I made an axe handle. Alf got a pair new Boots.

Saturday Feb. 16. 1878  
 Sunday Feb. 17  
 Monday Feb. 18

1878 V.P.S. Partially clear - quite cold.  
 Got A went in the woods to prepare for  
 logging. They cut some logs. I finished my  
 plane wood. The sleighing is splendid now.  
 About two inches of snow fell on Sunday  
 night which I neglected to mention.  
 Jos. Porter and Charley Keegan went up for  
 meadow-hay today. I got a letter from H. A. to get  
 W. O'Connell - clear beautiful & mild.  
 J. A. & I logging. I hauled 9 turns - 18 logs.  
 He came home to dinner. There is not much  
 snow, but the ground is so solid that the  
 hauling is quite good. Obed White was here to  
 dinner. Mother and Roseanna were to the  
 bridge today with the sleigh. John Prime  
 came this morning and got 2 galls of brood  
 he brought. 2 left seals. Looks little like a storm.  
 This has been a remarkably open fine winter.  
 The sheep have lived out so far without a  
 mouthful of hay, and the white cow, though  
 she will come in quite early, has by feeding  
 her a few potatoes given milk till last Sunday.  
 W. South hill brought - clear. A little snow  
 came last night & today has been mild &  
 soft. Tonight cleared off, but looks some like  
 a snow-storm. Got working in the B.S.S.  
 showing a bob-sled at 8 A.M. I fixed up  
 each plane & got it in working order. P.M.  
 Have been sipping out each stuff. Mother is  
 most crazy with the tooth-ache tonight.  
 My aunt out to Mr. White for to see  
 Hillier if he would come and work awhile

Tuesday 27/19

Wednesday 28/19

Thursday 29/19

1878

Friday Feb 27

Saturday Feb 28

Sunday Feb 29

Monday Feb 25

Tuesday Feb 26

W. Easterly. Bland, cold and saw all day. J. A. & J. logging. I drove two turns - 21 logs. Tom Randall came here tonight.

Frank White & the Combs come here tonight. It is beginning to hail some tonight.

Wind South East. Blowed and hailed all night; hailed and rained today till about the middle of the afternoon. Tom Randall here all day. I made an axe-handle. Alf & Tom cut some wood. I commenced a room "On the Square". P.M. I commenced a little sash for Jos Porter & sawed out some more sash stuff for J. D. & P. I do not feel any W. South East till tonight. It is now at N.

Foggy all day with a few slight shows. Tom Randall has been here all day. I have been half sick and have done nothing but write a few verses.

N. & N. Mostly clear - mild and pleasant. J. & A. Cutting logs. The snow is mostly all off but I suppose there is some in the woods yet. It froze some last night but it will thaw out to day again. I have been planing out sash stuff. I finished a sash for Jos Porter. Adalbert Porter was here to dinner. Frank White was here this evening.

N. & N. Cloudy this morning and snowed a little. Mild and thawed all day. Clear tonight. Luther and was taken sick in the night, and has been sick all day. Alf in the logging woods. I have been half sick; I planed out sash stuff and &

1848 N. St. Quite breezy - but mild and  
pleasant G. is some better than he was  
yesterday. Alf & I have been logging. I  
drove 10 turns - 14 logs. The snow is getting  
pretty thin. I do not think we shall be  
much halting after tomorrow. The snags  
have been solid but the oxen is beginning  
to break through. Nifty White horse been here  
visiting today. Mother quilted a quilt today  
Two peddy peddlars have been here.  
Phil Cozeman is here tonight It looks very  
Spring-like. I am feeling better today

Wednesday Feb 20

N. St. Fine sunny and warm - snow  
melted very fast. Alf and logging He  
hailed 14 logs - 10 turns. Alf drove this afternoon  
Gaston is getting better. Today Alf & I went  
to the place where G. heard the streak oil for  
for the mill. Seat says he thinks the cow  
will calve soon for the barn smells calfy  
kind Dark Heat. and cloudy some.

Thursday Feb 21

N. St. Clear but windy and quite cold.  
Snowd a little bit last night. A.M. Alf  
went over the lake and finished hauling  
the logs that are cut. There are 8 1/2 logs now  
hailed P.M. He went across the lake and  
got the hemlock bark. Alf goes with him  
This forenoon G. found Seat's boots. I  
have been working in the shop all day I got  
a sack done. It is very good indeed

Friday Mar 1st

1848 W. S. C. or S. W. Cloudy and very  
 sharp. Rosanna & I went up the day.  
 My went to the bridge. P.M. I went to the  
 mill. Rosanna & I got up the Bay about 3  
 O'clock. I went up to Harold Johns & stopped  
 till after tea. In the evening Aunt Alice & I  
 went over and called on Susan & Susan  
 George had an Electric Battery - the first  
 I ever saw. It all took a "shock." It was  
 very novel, and afforded me much pleasure  
 to witness its strange effects and think  
 upon the marvellous revelations of Science.  
 W. S. C. Rained hard as could pour all  
 day. Rosanna & I at Mrs King's P.M. Nov.  
 Fitch, both & I went down to Dunkleys  
 where we stayed to tea and spent the evening  
 Charly Comos was there. The old Gent played  
 the flute and the time passed away very  
 pleasantly.  
 W. S. C. Foggy commenced raining about  
 eleven and continued till till Three. Wind  
 come to the N.E. and froze tonight. Rosy & I  
 went up to her Grandma's to dinner after  
 which we went up to Mrs Atkinson's where  
 we got tea and spent the evening. Jane  
 Hankinson went up with us.  
 W. S. Clear and quite cold. Rosy & I went  
 up to Harold Johns to dinner. Mr Johns & Day  
 were there after dinner we went over to George's.  
 He started for home about two O'clock; got home  
 about dark. I got two bottles of Whiskey at the  
 bridge. As it has been cutting logs today

Sunday Nov 20th Monday Nov 21st Tuesday Nov 22nd



18<sup>th</sup> Wind stork fine but windy 40th.

Wed  
Mar 6

hauling logs. I worked at my sashes. A thing of importance has taken place today.

Thursday  
Mar 7

W. S. Central - looked like rain all day. A slight shower came about noon. H & Ed cutting logs. My broke his axe and I came home to grind it, and stopped till afternoon. I worked in the shop. Annie finished a quilt - yesterday and today has commenced a mat.

Two of our cows assumed our responsibility during our visit up the Bay. I dried up my Whisky medicine this morning. John H. Calhoun

Friday  
Mar 8

Wind variable - Rained a little during last night. W. S. W. & clearing off tonight. H & A hauling logs. I have been at my sashes. Will Cosman has gone to Gustat tonight to see Ruth. Capit is here tonight. W. S. Fine and warm. H & A finished logging - Switched 99 logs. Froze a little last night - but it has capfully thawed. Willoughby came in this morning. He was looking for Tom & Chattie but they did not come. Mrs. Gates came along this morning. He has been in the neck all winter, where he & Mrs. Garre have been holding meetings. He preached up the road tonight. Ann, My. Cox & I went up. Sent 1<sup>st</sup> John 12 cases of 3<sup>rd</sup> class. John Cosman was there. I have been working at my sashes today. I have got four pairs done.

Sat - Mar 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Mar 10

1878 W.D. Eastley - Cloudy - sprinkled a little this forenoon - P.M. Wind shifted and cleared off. A.M. Alf went out to hear Mr. Gales preach J. Barr's wife's funeral sermon. She died some time ago. Willoughby here all day. Preached this evening from Matthew 1st & 21 "He shall save his people from their sins." For the past few days we have been engaged in reading a very interesting book called "The Cornsellers Daughter." It is clear but quite cold tonight.

Monday Mar 11

Wet. Clear, but windy and cold. Willoughby went home this morning. He fixed his boot heel before he went. I wrote two letters last night to Henrietta & Eva McAlpine. This morning I wrote to Post cards - one to D. Mt. Ferry for Seed catalogue, & one to Publishers of "Boston Family Journal". I worked in the shop all day. A.M. of reading. Alf worked in the shop today at a yoke. P.M. of cutting fence poles. Roxanna's "Leisure Hours" with picture came. They are beautiful. She is very much pleased with them.

Tuesday Mar 12

Wet. Fine and mild. Long sunny warm days we have now. P.M. Alf & A hauled wood. P.M. Alf cut fence poles Roxanna went up the road canvassing for her paper and pictures. She was very successful indeed. She got 8 or 60 names. She is delighted with her success. And I am pleased for her sake. I have been "ripping" out stuff for sabb. all day. I don't feel very well today.

1878 N. East. Rained and hailed some  
in the night and continued all day.

Tonight the ground is glazed over with a  
half inch of hail and ice. A. read A.M.  
Mf finished his dutch yoke. I ripped up  
sash stuff all day. Adolbist, Parker was here  
to dinner. A. & A. went with him over to  
J. Parker to sign a deed. Mother churned  
yesterday for the first this spring. Yesterday I put  
a transfer picture on a box - had good success

N. S. W. Foggy this morning - grew colder &  
tonight is freezing some. There is a little  
sleet yet on the ground. A.M. went out to  
Mr. Randall's to see the old gentleman who is  
quite ill. P.M. Mf hauling fence posts.

P.M. Hee has been down in the woods  
chopping and halloing. I have been at my  
sashed most all day. Asa Parker & I'll get  
butter here today. Joseph Parker was here this  
afternoon & gave Rock an order for a paper.

Yesterday Jennie & Rock got a mat done  
N. S. W. Snowed a little last night  
lonely but mild and thawing all day.  
I have been working in the shop all day  
A.M. Mf hauled up some sticks for sills.

P.M. He made a few shingles. A.M.  
got home from Mr. Randall's at noon.  
Night before last several buildings were  
burned at Heymouth. Among them were  
Brooks B. P. Shop, Balcom's, Brown's & Wilson  
buildings. Justice Amers was here tonight  
Weather is not very bad tonight.

Wed. Mar. 13

Thursday, Mar. 14

Friday Mar 15<sup>th</sup>

1878

W. North West. Clear & mild

I worked at my desk some - dressing out stuff. My aunt to Heymanth. got a 6 lb flour & shaving the long sled. I sent a P. Card to Boston South Co. & a letter to Pettin oleo for specimens pictures &c. Charly White was here today and got some Quolans, also B. Wagoner. Philo Salaman & Robbie Peter.

Rony and I are quite excited over the prospect of our new organ that we are talking of.

W. S. C. Quite fine all day, but looking tonight like a snow storm. Povanma & I went out to W. S. C. this morning and stayed till night.

The roads are pretty bad. W. S. C. I have spent the day in discussing various topics. from literary and Scientific walks down to hen-coops and fenseries. Dapth and his lady were there this evening. Will Coorman has been here all day. My made letters for him. Abel White is off on a crazy tour through the adjacent villages. Geo. Bars child was buried yesterday.

W. East. Snowed & obstructed till afternoon when the storm turned to rain and drizzled till night.

W. A. making shingles all day. I have not been well as usual & did nothing but begin a Temperance poem. Jos Porter is here this evening.

W. N. cloudy and thomy all day. W. A. Cuttings hauling finee jobs. I worked a little in the shop. Do not feel well as usual. Joseph Porter was here to dinner.

Sat. Mar. 16. Th.

Sunday Mar. 17. A. Fair to day

Sunday Mar. 18

Sunday Mar. 19

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Wed. Mar. 20.

Wind S.W. Cloudy with an occasional hail or snow squall. Got to the fence-poles. Alf has been getting up stuff for his sills. A.M. I worked at my sashes & some. P.M. I went to Heymouth on horse-back. I went up to see Mr. Randall. He is only alive.

I got some finishing-nails - a Post-card for Mother & c. The roads are very muddy. N. of Clear, windy and cold. A.M. 4.

W. Alf. getting up timber for house. P.M. 4 I went out to Mr. Randall's. Alf hauled out a load of stuff from the Mill-clap-board. I went up the road to engage eggs from the natives. Aunt Sarah & Charley have been here all day. The white cow passed through a physiological ordeal peculiar to cows at this season of the year, whereby a miniature specimen that species came into the world to run the career of cowdom. I am also called upon to chronicle a painful event that left a vacancy in our domestic circle.

Thursday, Mar. 21.

Our old cat which for several years has held a respected place by the fire-side, has this day departed to that country from whose house no Cats return. She was all that a cat could be, possessing those rare qualifications which must enforce deference & respect notwithstanding the reproach and blunders of enemies. As a companion she was affable, affectionate & mild, at the same time a prodigious terror to vermin, terrible in

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battle with her enemies when rights were  
to be vindicated and wrongs redressed,  
and her <sup>frantic</sup> ~~real~~ <sup>nightly</sup> ~~real~~ demonstrations - growling,  
snarling and every possible sound that ever  
assailed the ear of man or beast, making  
the allotted hours of sleep hideous, proclaimed  
that at the procreative altar she was determined  
to transmit to her offspring every canine  
ferocity. The scratched face, the torn &  
bloody ears of the following morning, gave  
unmistakable evidence as to what extent  
a play of muscle <sup>had</sup> characterized her nocturnal  
demonstrations. She has done much in  
perpetuating her species, and was about to usher  
into the world another installment of juvenile  
Howlers, but from some embryonic malform<sup>ation</sup>  
which rendered her delivery exceedingly painful,  
she prowled about the premises giving vent to  
the most doleful and unearthly vociferations  
that it is possible for one to conceive of.

The crows are hovering over the earning  
the field by the pasture as though something  
in that immediate locality particularly in-  
terested them. Here at the Curtain fall.

W. of W. clear windy & quite cold. A.M.  
I worked in the shop. My hauled a load of  
stuff from the mill. P.M. I worked  
in the shop. My got another load. Amos & Cox  
got home from Lucket. G. got home from <sup>the</sup> Wagon.  
This evening Will Cosman I went to Lucket  
to hear Mr. Parker. Text: - The first that  
had sat on the wedding garment.

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Unusual

W. of W. clear

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Sat. Mar 23

Wind S.W. Quite a breeze going. Mild & pleasant. A.M. G. sat in the house & read. I did the chores. My starting out lumber from the mill. He went down the River tonight on horse-back. P.M. Roy and I went toasket with the carriage through the woods. Meeting - a prayer-meeting - was held at Three Cells. After meeting we went over to Uncle Georges. G. went to the mill this afternoon. Mr. Randall died at 2 o'clock at St. Southby. Spring-like. hazy & mild. Uncle George & I walked over to meeting. Roy and Laura came in the carriage.

Sunday Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>

Went 11 Car. 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Roy & I went to Arthur's bowlans to dinner. Mr. Arolan, Mr. Parker & Mr. P. were also there. Meeting again at Three. Subject - "Abraham offering Isaac". After meeting we started for home Lydia came in with us. began to rain shortly after we started. We stopped to Mr. S. all night. He has got a microscope & some papers, so we spent a pleasant evening. Robins making their appearance.

Monday Mar 25

St. Southby. Cold as Greenland all day. The wind blew hard with an occasional squall of hail & snow. He stayed till afternoon & came home. He wounded both throats today. Seat has got a sore throat.

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Sunday Jan. 26

W. South and cold. A.M. To I went  
hunting wood. The yoke gave out & we abandoned  
the enterprise. Alf came home at noon from  
down the river. P.M. I was afflicted with  
tooth-ache and lay on the lounge till night.

Tue. Mar. 27

Went to the mill. Wilson at Heymouth did for Alf  
W. South. Clear in the morning, but clouded up  
and looked very like a storm. A little hail,  
snow & rain came towards night - nothing to  
speak of though. F.M. went to Mr. Pundalls  
funeral. P.M. Alf & I went to the river to  
try for trout - did not get any. A. commenced  
a yoke today. Alf has not got home yet.  
I worked a little at my <sup>the</sup> sashes today &  
overhauled the carriage shaft.

Wind South. Duff till just night when a thunder  
squall came up - one heavy clap, followed by a  
smart shower. I worked in the shop all day.  
Alf at work at a yoke. Joseph Porter & Alf  
made or tempered a "crooked-knife". F.M.  
came home from Heymouth tonight.

Geo. Johnson had a child buried today.  
Last Sunday the Lakes were greatly open.

Wind South till night when it changed to North.  
Rained all last night & all today. Alf  
making shingles. I have been at work in  
the shop. Will Cooman was there all the  
forenoon.

Wet. Rained all night. Commenced hailing  
and raining this morning - Continued very  
severe all day. Turned to snow tonight  
which came down tonight in a manner that  
<sup>soon forgotten</sup>



1878 Saturday Continued

Sat. Con

F.A. made shingles all day. I finished  
W.D. & boy windows today. He did not  
get our mail today. I am expecting some  
W.D. mail this week. I have been reading  
Longfellow lately.

Sunday, Dec. 31

W. & M. Foggy all day. Commenced  
raining again tonight. A great deal of  
rain has fallen during the past few days.  
My & Will Cosman went to Lunenburg today  
to meeting. They have just got home now.  
W.D. & Judson came in today & brought  
Omar home again. They stopped till tonight.

Tuesday, April 1st

W. & M. Snow flying all day, but thawing  
It would be impossible to imagine worse  
weather. There are about three inches of snow  
on the ground. F. and A. sawing. The water  
is very high. They sawed fifteen logs today.  
I have been at work in the shop most  
all day Will Cosman. Was there most all  
the forenoon talking about the girls.

Wednesday, April 2nd

W. & M. Weather same as yesterday. F. & A.  
sawing. A.M. I harnessed the horse and  
took matter up to Charlevoix. Sarah is very sick  
P.M. The doctor called in and drew three  
teeth for Cathie. He stood it like a brick.  
I wrote all the afternoon, when I was not at  
Annie & Fox is working at the mill I bought  
at Mrs. Mildens for weather three years ago

1878 W. Stark. Cloudy, raw and muddy.

Wed. April 3rd

This morning I harnessed the horse, and Annie went up to Charley's and brought Mother home. A.M. I wrote some and did my chores around. Old Jane was here at dinner. Annie & Fox at work at a meal. F. and A. sawing. P.M. I was taken with the Toothache after dinner, & it will be a long time before my afternoons experience in that capacity. Harris brought in our last week's Mail tonight - I had a letter from Penelope, & Fox a Post Card from J. L. Patton.

Thursday Apr. 4

Wind Storm - Cloudy and dismal. F & A sawing. I have spent a hard night with my teeth; & all day have lain on the lounge by the kitchen stove and howled with with pain. Mother Annie & Fox working at their meal. They broke the Mill "dog" today and this after-noon Alf went down to Woodwith on horse back and got it mended.

Sat. Apr. 6 Fri. Apr. 5

W. From every quarter. Cloudy & cheerless. My Teeth are a little easier today. I have read some. F & A sawing & rafting logs. Mother, Annie & Penelope got their meal done tonight.

W. Variable. Slight showers of rain came all day. F & A sawing. I am still harassed with tooth-ache. P.M. Annie went to Charley's to see how the sick are coming on. Charley & Sarah are both sick. Tom Randal & Chattie came tonight. I made a pencil sketch of the Bozporus today.

1878 N.S. Cloudy and dark. Snow flying most all day - it of course melted as fast as it fell. A.M. F. went out thinking to hear Willoughby preach. The weather was so bad that no one met. F. went to W.W.S. to dinner after which he & Willoughby came in. They brought the mail - a Floral Catalogue for me from D.M. Ferry - a letter or account, from Geo Hoyt. There was no meeting here here in the evening. Tom & Chattie here all day. My tooth ache is better.

N.S. Cloudy and gloomy again. Tom and Chattie here all day. Hand A capturing logs. We have spent the greater part of the day around the table here in the room writing and making pictures. I tried an envelope of with picture to send to Annie Willoughby. This evening we had Chk. just for amusement. My tooth-ache is getting better. I will soon get around again.

N.S. Fine and lovely today. The first sun we have seen for a fortnight tomorrow. Tom went home this morning. Chattie is going to stay in awhile. I went out with Tom to get a tooth drawn. I sat in the carriage & led our horse behind to ride home on. After I got to the bridge I went down the river with Tom to see his vessel. Returning I got my dinner at Mr. Randalls after which I had my tooth broken off and then came home. F & A has been capturing today. finished

Sunday April 7th

Monday April 8th  
Sent in six years old today

Tuesday April 9th

1878 *Continuing*  
 Two men from Lake George were here  
 today to buy corn. Ched White got home  
 today, or is supposed to. I saw Odell  
 Willon today for the first for seventeen years.  
 I did not know him. The roads are very  
 bad, but they have dried up very much today.  
 I mailed two letters, one to Mrs Pine - one to  
 Continental Publishing Co for a picture for Annie.  
 Wind stark. Fine and beautiful. Hand &  
 sawing. Mashed up to Charlay. Jane here making  
 soap. A.M. I did some work around and  
 wrote some. P.M. Roxanna, Chettie and I  
 went down to the river. I caught one trout and  
 Roxanna one. Some of the neighbours say  
 they heard frogs today. I am almost used  
 up now. I thought I could not get back from  
 the River. I am so weak. Looks a little like a  
 N. Variable. Cloudy all day, and looking very  
 like rain. *Sp. A. sawing.* A.M. Ched White  
 come here about ten o'clock, and stayed till to-  
 wards night. P.M. I went up the road to see  
 the old ladies about the eggs I spoke for. When  
 I got home I was tired out. I am almost <sup>exhausted</sup> ~~done~~  
 N.S. cloudy. Blew heavily all the afternoon.  
 Commenced raining about two o'clock. *Sp. A.*  
 sunny. I have not done much today. I began  
 getting out stuff for Mills & Asher.  
 N. S.W. cloudy all day. Rained some in the  
 night. *Sp. A. sawing.* Alf. came home at noon  
 this afternoon took Chettie home. P.M. I sawed out  
 stuff for Mills & Asher. Mr Stephen Payson died  
 day before yesterday. Mr Stephen Nichols of Digby Street  
 died recently.

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Thursday - 11

Saturday 13

848 N. S. East. Cloudy with an occasional  
mist squall. Father started to go to Lusk this  
morning, but meeting Mr Geo. Carmell he  
returned with him. This afternoon Panama &  
I took a stroll to the lake. We found a few May flowers  
After and return we went to our room where we  
each commenced a poem of Spring. Will Cosman  
is here this evening.

N. S. or N. E. Cloudy all day - occasional  
glimpses of the sun. Alf got home last night.  
He and Leathe were at the derby table on Sat.  
night. Geo. Carmell went away this morning.  
Leathe accompanied him on his way to Lusk.  
A.M. I have been quite busy in taking in eggs  
this forenoon - I received 54 doz. P.M. I  
made two egg trays for Annie & took to pack my  
eggs. I filled two barrels with potatoes for to send  
to the States. Father got home tonight. Will Cosman  
brought in our mail tonight also my express <sup>Spring</sup>.

N. N. E. Fine and beautiful all day.  
Alf sawing. I began getting out stuff for  
remising a pair of old wheels. A.M. I  
blended out some sack stuff. P.M. I put  
the spring into the express, and the piece of  
wood to which the spring is fastened I made over.  
This evening Roy and I with Seat went  
down in the field to hear the peep-frogs  
sing.

N. S. Fine and warm. A. sawing. I  
at his wheel. I went to Weymouth and  
took out 2 Bbls Potatoes, 2 boxes Eggs & some  
socks to put on board the s.s. "Onward"

Sunday, April 14

Tuesday April 16

Wednesday April 16

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April 18th

Good Friday April 19th

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 Collier went out with me. He was  
 on board the vessel, and as may be ex-  
 pected was delighted with the novelty of the  
 surroundings. I did not get anything today  
 but some paraffine oil. I mailed a letter  
 to go to J. S. Patten Geo. - Subscription to  
 "Disunion Hours". The day is beautiful.  
 Wind variable. Fine and warm - a very  
 spring-like day. My sawing. That work at  
 his wheels - got the rim on one. A.M. I  
 worked a little in the shop. P.M. I put up  
 eight 15 lb potatoes to go to Boston. I see  
 that some of the farmers are beginning to plough.  
 N. S. C. changed to C. W. Fine in the morning  
 but a heavy black bank of clouds arose in  
 the C. W. and two or three squalls of rain  
 and hail came. It cleared away then &  
 we had a lovely afternoon. I went to the  
 Bridge today with 8 15 lb potatoes to put on  
 Board the "Onward" Capt. Randall. I got  
 some rose-bushes and plants from Mr. Pinner.  
 That work at his wheels got them ready to tire.  
 A.M. My went down to the corner and piled  
 some lumber. P.M. He half doled his tools.  
 N. S. C. Fine and pleasant. I'll tire a pair of wheels.  
 Ross and I went out to Hyman's today. I was on  
 my way to Boston. I went through the darky road & got a lot  
 of May flowers. When we got to the river, the vessel had gone  
 I'd row down the river, the vessel anchored there. I  
 come ashore and came up to the bridge with me.  
 Ross came home and left one there. Will Cozmore  
 came in with her. In the evening I and I went

1878 - up to Darky Club, Alf. and quite a number from about here were there.

W. S. W. This morning Tom and I went down to the beach. Rained heavily this morning but cleared off at noon. A.M. Mr. Gussinger & I sat in the room at Mr. Randall's and discussed some topics. P.M. Tom & I went down to the vessel, changed our clothes and went to hear Mr. Bancroft. After meeting we drove to Pillsbury's and Annie & I went for a drive as far as Pt. Barcks. Returning we went up to Mr. Hyman's, heard some music and then repaired to Pillsbury's to tea. After tea we went for a walk on the shore, and then to meeting. After meeting we went up to Lehall's, stayed a little time and returned to Mr. Randall's.

W. S. W. Fine and beautiful. A.M. Tom and I went down to the vessel a while. P.M. we went down again. Took the boat and had a sail, got some Cocoa-Nuts and returned. In the evening we went down to the Club.

W. S. W. We went down to the vessel again this morning, but shortly returned. I wrote a letter to some Dr. Ross and then helped Tom till noon. After dinner we went on board the vessel & at 1 o'clock set sail for Boston. With a favorable breeze we progressed very well till about dark, when off Deer Island, the wind sprang up ahead, and we were obliged to return to Sandy Cove.

W. S. W. Partly Cloudy. Tom went ashore this forenoon, and this afternoon he & I went on shore. We called at Capt. W. Warhouse and then proceeded to Capt. Sonders where we got tea and stopped all night.

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Monday April 22

Tuesday April 23

Wed. April 24

1878 N.S.W. Fine and very warm.  
 Thursday April 25  
 He went to the vessel this morning, but came back again tonight. I went to the top of a high cliff overlooking the village and surroundings and known as the "Devils head". From the eminence I obtained a delightful view of the country and felt well rewarded for my fatiguing climb. I returned and spent a pleasant evening at least. So. Ella Sanders, or Mrs. McSullan now, was also <sup>there</sup>  
 Friday April 26  
 N.S.W. Fine again. I stopped all night again at the Captains and this morning he filed a saw & I made an axe-handle and we cut up a lot of wood. He stopped till after dinner and then went on <sup>board</sup>  
 Sat. April 27  
 N.S.W. Overcast and looking like rain. I came on shore this morning and went to Mr. Wilson's. In the afternoon I went over the mountain where he was planting. In the evening Willie & I came around the Cove & spent the evening at Capt. So. I returned with him & stopped all night.  
 Sun. April 28  
 N. Variable Fine and warm. A.M. Willie & I took a walk around the Cove & Tom & Lacie went back with us to dinner. P.M. All hands of us come down to the Meeting. A man by the name of Johnson preached. His text was from Jeremiah and was in substance this: "Go ye into the highway &c." In the evening Willie and I went to Frank Cove to the Meeting where we heard the same preacher and the same sermon. I stopped all night with Willie. I forgot to say that about a week ago a man at the South Range by name of Jas. Porter shot himself.



878 N.S.C. Cloudy and sprinkled some  
through the day. Heat sail this morning for  
Boston again. I did not feel sick much till  
towards night. It is quite rough tonight

P.M. - A good breeze blowing and raining some  
I have not left my berth today. I will remember  
this day, and need record nothing to and my

P.M. Foggy and dark. None but those who  
have passed through similar experiences can know  
what a night I spent - So sick that I could not  
move in my berth without vomiting - my stomach  
so sore that I could scarcely breathe.

The sound of the water against the vessel as she  
leaped and plunged through the sea, the wind in  
the rigging, the flapping of the sails, the squeaking  
and clattering of the wheel gear, the groaning and  
straining of the vessel as she heaved with the  
swathful Ocean, the men at the pumps, the  
Orders from the Officers and responses of the  
hands as they hastened to and from to their  
duty - altogether make a strange and weird  
impression upon the mind of the novice.

I have been very sick, but it will not last  
N.S.C. Foggy this morning, but cleared away  
when the fog lifted Boston Light house with the  
out-lying Islands were in full view. The wind  
was light, and we glided along pleasantly on  
the tide. I managed to eat a little beef soup,  
and then coming on deck I felt better. All day as  
we moved up the harbour I was highly delighted  
with the novelty of my situation. Every moment  
something new and interesting presented itself,

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Tuesday, May 1st

Thursday May 3rd

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cont. when I think of the sights and sounds,  
kindling my boy-like enthusiasm into <sup>silent</sup> ecstasies,  
which crowded into the short hours of that day,  
it seems like a year rather than a day.

Thursday -

We come to anchor about five o'clock close the East  
Boston Docks and right off the "Grain Elevator".  
As soon as the excise officer had been dispensed  
with. Tom and I went on shore. He went up  
to Stalls on Chatham St. and after taking a stroll  
went on board again. Fine and lovely tonight.

Friday May 3rd 1878

W. S. W. Fine and very warm. W. M. Tom  
I went on shore. Tom went to the Customs  
House, and I took a stroll through the Market  
I bought some *Rosa* & *Geraniums*. I put it in the  
boat and Tom and I went on the long boat. &  
the boys on their way to the vessel got my flowers  
put broken. After having a good sail about  
the harbor the long boat fetched on to our  
craft and took us up to Medford - a consider-  
able distance, and through five bridges. We got there  
about noon. In the afternoon I took a walk  
about on shore, and in the evening, Tom  
John B. Joe & I went up in the town and had  
a jolly good time. Medford is a delightful  
place. The buildings are splendid, the streets  
wide and adorned with beautiful trees.

W. S. W. Fine and very warm. It looks like Summer  
here the apple trees are all in full bloom, the grass  
six inches high and everything as forward as in  
Nova Scotia about the middle of June. This forenoon  
I walked about town & bought a flower pot for  
*Rosa* & *Geraniums*. - Continued on next page

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Finished unloading at noon. A tug came up with a vessel just then, and Tom employed it to tow us down to the city. We got down about 2 o'clock. He strolled about the city some, went up to Carn Hill, bought a book or two, a revolver &c. In the evening Tom, Joe, Gil, John & I went up in the cit. I came down ahead. The other fellows thought I had got lost. We had some fun with Gil that night.

W. S. W. cloudy and rained some through the day. I forgot to say that last evening we were to a Temperance Meeting. This forenoon I went up to service at the Tremont Temple. Dr. Lorimer preached a splendid discourse from John 16:7 "It is expedient for you that I go away."

At the close of service I took a circuitous route through Salem St. where I visited the Sailors Home a Congregational Institution, where I procured a number of papers. I got to the vessel at noon.

After dinner Joe went to Charlestown, Tom went to Syn. John went off on a scutt, and Gil & I set out in search of Adventure. He first went to a beer saloon where he took several glasses & then, capped and primed, he was ready for anything.

We went to a Sabbath School & at its close, we attended vesper at the Catholic Church. After supper Tom and I went for a walk on the corner after which we attended prayer meeting in the Temple Vestry.

Sunday May 3rd

Mon May 4

W. S. W. fine all day. This forenoon I took a long ramble through the city. P.M. I sold the Eggs & bought my stuff. In the evening Gil went for

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a five dollar boat. We attend a Temperance Meeting this evening, where I signed a Temperance pledge and obtained was presented with a testimonial. Fine but wind S.W. & still ahead. This morning Monde Tibideau - a French passage who come on board - and I took a walk and visited Bunker Hill. I ascended the monument from which I enjoyed a fine view the city and surroundings. On my return the freight we had purchased came down which busied us till noon. P.M. I spent the afternoon about the city, I bought a suit of clothes a hat &c. This evening Jno. Gil Monde & I went up the city again for a ramble.

May 7  
Tuesday

N.W. This morning, but shifted to S.E. We got under weigh and sailed down the Bay and came to anchor by side of a beautiful island. After dinner Monde and I took the boat and went ashore. We took a walk about the island, and before coming off we had a bath. It came in foggy tonight.

May 8  
Wednesday

N.E. Foggy and thick. Nothing worthy of note occurred today. I sat on deck the greater part of the time watching the steamers and sailing vessels pass by.

May 9  
Thursday

N.W. Fair wind at last. Sat sail this morning and at dark tonight were out of sight of land. The fog cleared away and the day has been fine. I sat on deck and read.

May 10  
Friday

N.W. Fine and beautiful with a good breeze. Out of sight of land all day. I sat on deck and read the greater part of the time. I have not been very sick since we left Boston.

May 11  
Sat.

1878 W. Hesterly Fine with a good sailing  
breeze. Soon after daylight we sighted Pine  
Island, & at eleven anchored in Sandy Cove.  
Soon went ashore immediately, & after dinner I  
went too. We took tea and spent the evening at  
Capt. S's and then I went home with Publice.  
and stopped all night.

Sunday, May 12

W. H. W. - Fine We left Sandy Cove at five o'clock  
and were soon at Plymouth Bridge. I went up  
to Mr. Randall's office, spent an hour or so at  
J. Goodwin's Auction, helped load freight on  
board the "Onward" &c and at 1 o'clock started  
for home. I came some of the way with  
Shook Muller, I called in at W. H. S's a few  
minutes and at five o'clock was home again.  
And I was glad enough to be on my feet  
again, but I am pretty tired tonight.

Monday, May 13

W. H. W. Fine again. I cutting seed. My putting  
out manure. I said picking up stones. P.M. I  
went out to Plymouth with six barrels Potatoes - two  
for Mr. Pine - two for J. Randall - one for G. H. S.  
and one for J. Sabean. He brought my things home.  
Mother was to Mr. White & came home with him.  
Annie & Rox crashed. Isaiah W. has been here  
since May 3rd. My dog got the manure about half  
out. Several deaths & marriages have occurred  
during my absence. Mr. Sabean, Savary, Prof.  
Murray and Mrs. Robt. Roberts have died, and  
Capt. J. Wyman & Geo. B. Sabean have been married.  
& shooting affray took place at Plymouth a night  
or two ago between young Livingston & James  
Pouanna and Annie have crashed today.

Tuesday, May 14

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Wed. May 15  
A.P. N. N. N. Fine all day. At Cutting Seed,  
Alf and Esiah at work down in the field. I  
priced my goods and wrote the rest of the day.  
Ben & Peter Wagner got each a load of potatoes here  
last night. It is a very early spring. The cherry  
trees at Heymouth were in full bloom last Monday  
and they are partly out here. The trees are all green  
and beautiful, and the grass as high as it is  
commonly by the tents of June.

16  
Thurs. May 16  
N. S. C. Rained all day very steady and heavy.  
At Cutting Seed, Alf & Esiah pitched the mud from  
beneath the stable. I have been busy a great  
part of the day with customers.

17  
Fri. May 17  
N. S. E. Quite raw, cleared off through the day.  
A.M. At Cutting made a pair of bar posts and put  
them in the ground. Alf, Esiah & I hauled the stones  
from the ground where we had potatoes last  
year & where we intend to sow barley.

P.M. Alf & Esiah planting, Alf & I picking stones  
where oats grew last year.

18  
Sat. May 18  
N. S. E. Fine. Alf & Esiah planting, Alf & I plowed  
the piece where we had potatoes last year - a big  
days work. Some darken from the Falls come  
and got some potatoes today. Eld. Jones got  
18 bushels one day this week.

19  
Sunday May 19  
N. S. E. Fine but chilly. Alf. has been strolling about  
all day. A.M. S.M. H. went to look at a feathered  
nest. P.M. Ross and I went down to the lake.

I wrote a good deal in my diary & P. here tonight.  
N. S. Fine and pleasant. All hands planting  
today. Dick Robert helping us. Wait. P. is here  
tonight. It looks a little like rain. I only borrowed  
some money here today.

1878 W. S. E. Looked some like rain this morning but the clouds broke away and the sun shone till noon. The clouds then began to gather and darken and about the middle of the afternoon it commenced raining. Planting again today. A.M. Alf finished pulling out the manure. W. S. & Dick P. & J. planting. P.M. Alf harrowing the oats ground till the rain drove. He would have finished.

Thursday May 21

W. S. E. till tonight - now it is Westing. P.M. (Foggy all day) I'm doing chores around I picked around some apple trees by the house. Alf & Isak went to trucked with both teams for hay. P.M. W. S. & J. planting - got all done but one row. We have been using Phosphate. Jas. Cosman & Tom Langford got potatoes here. For the past week or ten days the weather has been quite cold and has retarded vegetation but still everything is flourishing. One little crab-apple tree is showing its blossoms.

Friday May 22

W. S. E. Rained all A.M. Alf went down to Mrs. Nagome and got a cat. I'm doing nothing all day. P.M. A. & Isak working at stump. I finished planting - only one row that we left yesterday. I was taken with the tooth-ache this morning, I have been hoarse all day. P.M. finished her cotton dress.

Saturday May 23

W. S. F. Foggy this morning - partly clear tonight. P.M. W. S. & Isak fixing fence. P.M. A. & Isak hauling stones off of my apple tree field. I finished out the pig yard. I have had another tooth-ache day.

Sunday May 24

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Monday Aug 26  
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Wednesday Aug 28

W. Starbuck. Partly fine - not very pleasant  
Alf & I went to Heymouth each with a load. I went  
with the carriage. They got a lot of lime. I have been  
housed all day with tooth-ache.

On Thursday May 23rd Geo Cosman had an heir  
born to them. His Book records their marriage as  
having taken place on Oct. 11th of last year

W. S. C. Partly fine and warm. All of us home  
today. This afternoon Alf went up to "Communion" &  
Pony and I took a walk over to Joseph Posters place.

He gave us some Maple Syrup & sent some to Annie  
Some of the Apple trees are in full bloom, & everything  
remarkable forward. It has been delightful today  
My tooth-ache is a little better & I hope <sup>will</sup> soon be <sup>again</sup> better

W. N. W. Foggy this morning, but fine  
tonight. I sheared today. We have got ten  
sheep now and six lambs. A. M. A & I  
finished plowing my field by 3 o'clock & then  
(P. M.) hauled Manure down on the field for  
corn & beans. I have not done much today  
but I am feeling better. I commenced a poem  
entitled "When I Am Gone".

W. N. Beautiful. Alf went to Heymouth  
& I & I. b. sowed and harrowed the Oats.  
A. M. I did not do much. P. M. I made a  
Cucumber bed and then Annie Row & I went  
for a row on the lake. The boat was up by 4 o'clock  
We brought it down & went across the lake  
where I tried to catch some fish. We had a  
splendid time. We had a smoke in the  
boat to keep away the flies. The lilies  
are coming out. & everything looks gay



1878 W. A. Rained some in the night &  
a little this forenoon. Fine this afternoon  
A. M. I believe to I h. was harrowing or  
something down in the field. Alf shovelling  
shit around the Apples. P. M. Alf at the tree  
I h. & I harrowed my little field by Pelino &  
I sowed it in Barley and Oats  
W. A. Rained a little last. Fine & warm today  
I took Geo. Holst a load of Boards. I got  
some writing paper & paste-board. Before I  
started this mornning I made a joke for  
Omar. A. M. Alf went to Crosses for a pig  
I & I h. fixed the road to haul @ wood on.  
P. M. I h. starting up wood. I & C. fixed a  
saw-mill saw & then planted Beans.  
Mother had a picking party this afternoon  
W. A. E. til P. M. Fine & beautiful.  
A. M. I did not do much - not feeling well.  
P. M. I went down where Will was heaping &  
then working at his baskets. I planting beans,  
A & I h. hauling cellar stones  
W. W. Fine and very warm. I & I went out  
with a load of boards. Deals) Alf went out with a  
load of Deals & I drove out Omar. Alf took  
Omar up the River to try & trade him & I drove  
the other beans home. Willoughby & George & W. H. came  
in with me. Rosy got two little from Hil.  
This evening Rox & I went over where Will  
was heaping burnt-wood. Ser Pin & lady here to visit.  
W. W. Fine and lovely. We all went out to Making  
Just Jeremiah 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> "The art show a great monition"  
I went down to W. J. Sabane to dinner.

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>

1878  
Monday June 4  
Tuesday June 5

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Wm Bar, Geo! & wife were there to  
 dinner. W.F.S. came in visit me in the afternoon  
 & Porter & wife were here. Meeting here in the evening  
 Just before 11th & 3 "My people shall be willing in  
 the day of my power" &c

W.S.W. Foggy in the morning & cloudy all day  
 Along & Milbrough stopped here all night. They  
 went out this morning. Alf went out today  
 to get the Carriage wheels fixed. In making a  
 Cart wood "body". I leveled the ground in the  
 Carriage shed. I worked at Mills tasks. (Myonin  
 The Apple trees and lilacs are now in full  
 W.S.W. Overcast all day. G & I-h at the Cart  
 body. I worked a little in the shop - I have not  
 felt very well today Alf got home at noon.  
 He heard that Mrs A. Brooks Lewis is dead.  
 Tonight I went to the lake for a bath. I gathered  
 a lot of herbs & some Sassafras roots brought &  
 stewed them for medicine. Good growing weather

W.S.W. Cloudy all day, looking like rain.  
 A.M. G & I picked up potatoes for D. Bar  
 22 bushels. A & I-h hauling stone for cellar.  
 P.M. G began to haul Alf's house site. A & I-h  
 took down the chimney in the old house. I  
 worked a little in the shop. Roxanna, Annie  
 & Scot went up the Bay today. Roxanna is going  
 to be gone till July. How long the time seems.  
 It seems like a week now since she left

1878 W. S. W. Cloudy all day and quite rain-  
a real June day. I hewing timber. A & I h  
hauling stones for cellar. I went to Raymond  
with my eggs &c. I had 67¢ of Eggs & 16¢ pro Dicks  
and a crock of Butter. which I left in J. Taylor's  
store for Capt. R. to take to W-n on his next trip.  
John was there & he & I settled up our affairs  
I took the wood to the mill - 32 lbs. Annie came  
home today & brought Chattie with her

Thursday June 6

W. S. W. Clear & beautiful, but windy & quite cool.  
A & I h hauling stones A.M. I went to the mill  
& saw a few sticks of timber. P.M. Ice hewed  
in the road. I worked in the shop all day  
P. Howard was here to dinner. Mrs D Porter &  
daughter was here this forenoon trading.

Friday June 7 1878

This has been a dear old June day. It is now  
about sunset show glorious. If Roy were  
here that she & I could take a little walk my joy  
would be complete

W. S. W. Fine, but windy & cool. I hewing all  
day. This morning Capt. I h I started to look  
for the boat which had gone from its mooring.  
John Dotal had taken it & we feared it had gone  
adrift. We all went down to the foot of the lake, &  
not finding it all came home & I said I kept on  
around the lake. We found the boat after a tedious  
hump, up at the head of the lake. We got home at  
noon. P.M. I worked in the shop. A & I h  
hauling stones. Will Comwell was married  
last Thursday. Capt. J. A. Randall came here  
tonight. It looks like rain & some.  
I found some ripe Strawberries today - the first

1878  
Sunday June 9  
Went to work till night, or afternoon then stopped  
to North. Commenced raining in the early  
part of the night and continued quite heavily till  
noon today. This afternoon Annie, Chattie, Tom  
Alf, Lattie & I went up to meeting. After Communion  
I came home. Will come down with me to  
tap on some parts. I commenced to write a  
letter to Roy. I must try to finish it tonight.  
I would much rather see here but that cannot  
be.

Monday June 10  
A.M. Cloudy all day a smart shower came up  
this afternoon, but soon passed over and the sun  
set was beautiful. Alf & I h started up cordwood  
I hewed timber in the forenoon, and at <sup>four</sup> o'clock  
he and <sup>myself</sup> started for up Bay. It is <sup>now</sup> about  
I finished Mills <sup>so</sup> she today & began a small  
car for my boat. I sent a bouquet to Roy.

Tuesday June 11  
A.M. I made an over for my boat. P.M. I  
barbared Mr. Crossman blacked his beard.  
I also made some rhymes. Will was here to tea  
Roy wont do much visiting today I fear.

Wednesday June 12  
A.M. Fine. Fresh and cool. Alf went down to  
Steve Crossens for a pig Chattie accompanied him  
I h hauled up cord wood. A.M. I heard a  
dick for my portico. P.M. I hooped a  
Butter tub. Took away the front stoop. Cut some  
wood &c. Alf & I h hauling stones from  
Nagurs Mill. They got the cart broken down.  
M.F.S. is here tonight. I am feeling quite  
well today for me. I wont be at home Roy.

1878 N.S.E and partly cloudy till toward  
night when it began to clear up in the West.

Thursday June 13

This is a beautiful evening. W.A.S. stayed here  
all night. Alf & I-h hauling stone. I have been  
working a little at my portico. Mrs A. Porter came  
here today to make my duster. Morris Green  
was here yesterday to dinner. John had my team  
to go to French Town yesterday afternoon  
Al & Martha came home from up the Bay tonight.  
M. brought me a letter from my Birdie.

Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>

With what eagerness I desire the wrapper. I  
was so anxious to see what she had to say.  
I have something to live for, somebody to love.

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

W. Westly fine and beautiful. F. sawing  
timber all day. A.M. Alf went to the mill & got a load of  
timber. I-h had some potatoes here in the garden.  
P.M. A. went down in the woods and got a maple  
for an ash tree, then went to the mill for timber.  
I have been at work at my portico - got the bottom  
together of floor laid. This afternoon Annie & Chattie went  
to Cosman's to a "Picking" Party. Alf & I-h went up  
tonight. Chattie picked the first pink rose today.  
W.S. this morning but shifted to N.W. Fine day  
I made a cart wheel. Alf & I-h each went out with a  
load. A.M. I mended W.A.S.'s harness. P.M. J. Porter  
& I went to hunt Crone's master. I have not felt well  
I have got a pain or distress between my shoulders  
which is very unpleasant. Will Cosman went up the  
Bay with my horse. I sent a letter by him to Birdie  
I see by yesterday's "Cosmie" that Eliza Jeffrey is dead.

1878 W. M. fine and lovely. A. M. I mended  
myself in Buster & Beavers and accompanied  
by Charles & Jeff. Called on Joseph Porter. Cattle sent  
to Sunday School. Joseph was here to dinner.  
P. M. 4 o'clock went out to Darkey Meeting. Left  
to C. meeting. I wrote some verses to Birdie.  
Joseph is here again this evening.

Sunday June 16

W. D. C. Cloudy - Commenced raining at noon &  
continued showing till night. John McAlpine was  
here to breakfast. Asa Porter came here to operate in a  
surgical manner upon one of our domestics.

Monday June 17

Aunt Olive, Catherine Pine & Mrs B. Pine came  
this morning and remained till towards night.  
Aunt Olive is here yet. A. M. I finished the Ocul.  
Jeff went to the Currier for a load of timber. I did  
some work in the garden. P. M. Jeff went to the mill for  
the last of his timber. I read the news papers.  
I have worked some at my Parties.

Well do I remember two years ago today  
My Darling little Birdie rode with me down the Bay  
Her cheek is just as pink as then, her eye is just as blue  
And she is just as sweet as then, yes, ten times sweeter too.  
If I knew where she is tonight I'd kiss her half an hour  
and then - go to bed. Mrs Justice had a party of  
old ladies last night, so they say

Tuesday June 18

W. S. W. Foggy - Rained a little in the afternoon  
Took a Sawing. I got a load from the mill.  
A. M. I worked a little at my P. M. I went  
down to Basils Amuro for horse back to see about  
some sugar. Phil Cooman got home from up the  
Bay. He brought one a letter from Birdie. As long  
as it has been since she went away, I will see her again  
Aunt Olive went home tonight

1878 W. H. Estley, foggy in the morning, but  
 cleared off. Beautiful, fine and warm till now.  
 I got some cabbage plants from J. Godet & set out  
 this morning. He has been hewing timber the rest  
 of the day. Alf. has been at the mill sawing shingles  
 I have hauled out two loads of lumber from the mill  
 (hauled them home) I have been working at my  
 Politics. I worked out the corner planks today.  
 I picked a little dish of strawberries for Charles dinner  
 they being the first of the season. Geo. Norton was  
 in here this morning. O. White is home again  
 He has got a girl with him this time.

Received June 19th 1878. - All clear, do not know if  
 summer day.

Where are you tonight, little Birdie,  
 And what are you finding to do?  
 Let me think - well, perhaps little Birdie  
 Is drooping in somebody's paw.  
 Tonight is club night, and my Birdie  
 Is there as sure as can be;  
 If I were a bird a few minutes,  
 I would peep in the window & see  
 In the crowd I could hardly find Birdie,  
 She's so cozy and cunning and small,  
 But I'd find her the same as I used to  
 By that dear little red plaided shawl.  
 How is it - of tonight, little Birdie?  
 For shortness, will just call him It-b  
 Does he keep himself still little Birdie  
 Whose you take him with you to the club?  
 But wherever you are little Birdie,  
 I would like to be with you tonight;  
 I guess I would kiss you some Birdie -  
 I guess I would hug you up tight.

1878 W.S.H. Fine and warm: I having finished  
in the forenoon P.M. He & I went out and got a  
load of sand & sawing shingles. A.M. I got  
a load from the mill. I worked in the shop all day  
Phil Cooman was there all the afternoon. He had  
straw berries for tea. In the evening I wrote a letter  
for Phil to go to Annias. Two sap-heads from Dix  
came and examined? the school today.

W.S.H. Fine and very warm. A.M. I got  
the sills of A's frame together. P.M. They went to  
help J.E. Wagoner raise a barn frame. I got up  
three load of C-wood. I worked in the shop all  
day. Miss Rachel Ray called here today - on an  
agency I believe. Mrs Wagoner Sarah C. spent the  
afternoon. J. Porter came over tonight and traded  
a steer calf for a heifer @. The dog drag away  
slow now for I am so anxious for a week to  
pass that I may see my Birdie again.

W.S.H. Fine and very warm. A.M. I got  
a work at the frame P.M. I & M. went to Lunenburg.  
M. went down to W. Amos and got a bill of sugar.  
I went to the Bridge today. I worked at my  
Parties. I got it together and up. Only one  
short week more and I will see my Birdie.  
I'll today winds up this volume of my Diary.  
It has extended through a year and eight  
months, and has recorded many days of happiness  
and some of a reverse nature.

The brightest days of my existence are recorded in  
these pages, and I hope the coming volume  
may witness seasons as joyful; but life is  
uncertain & may never see the completion of  
another volume.

Thursday Jan 20

Friday Jan 21st

Saturday June 22nd 1878



(June 22 - July 9 missing. E)

Journal & Diary

Tuesday July 9th

W. W. Fine A.M. Wint, Pub & I - he finished the wall. The rest of us worked on the road. P.M. They put the sils on the wall. Romy and ~~and~~ I went to Heynawts to get the things that Capt. I. Randall brought for us from Boston - Dup. Foods - Tea & Sugar. We went to Mr. Randall's to tea. Ten journey ~~of~~ had a swim. Rice's new Schooner "Eureka" sailed this afternoon for Boston on her "Maiden" trip. Cloudy all day, but fine. Wint & Pub went home this morning. Mr. Sittman M. came yesterday to go to work at Hills house. He boards here.

Wed. July 10

We all worked on the road today but I - h. He had the corn and beans. Annie, Romy & I went to Lucket brought to meeting. Prayer meeting. Mr. S. was

Thurs. July 11

W. W. Fine. Began working on the road today for money. F. A. S. I & I scrapped up the 1st & 2d

Friday July 12

W. W. Fine and beautiful. I & I working on the road finished up today. Alf and Essie mowed some today. Nothing of importance transpired today.

Sat. July 13th

W. S. W. Fine. I hewed out two pieces for a hay rick. Alf went down to Joe Donblinson's with a load tonight he went down the river. I - h went out with a load of cord-wood. I brought a butter on my portico today. P.M. I & I raked up the hay that Alf mowed yesterday. Ann J. C. Wade came aboard today canvassing. A clock on shore also passed. Tonight I barbed Pitt Muller & Geo. W. C. C. C.

Journal of Henry

1878 N.S.W. Quite fine but very windy. A thunder squall came up tonight with heavy rain. Cox & I slept all the forenoon P.M. she commenced to write a story and I commenced a lyric entitled "Daisy" We took a walk down to the lake tonight. Mrs Jacobus Hoffman died this morning

Sunday July 14

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

I see by the papers that Dr J. C. App the Patent Machine millionaire has died recently.

N.S.W. Cloudy and raw. Cleared up tonight.

Monday July 15th

A.M. I began a hay-rick. Alf & Jim Cosman mowed all day in the orchard. I-h went out with a load of C. Wood. I worked at my lectures a little. A clock-peddler repaired up our clock a little & got dinner here. P.M. I went to the Bridge with the express took out a box of eggs 24. I took tea with Capt. Gill - got as many cherries as I could eat & kept a good time.

Tuesday July 16

N.S.W. Quite fine. I finished the hay-rick.

A.M. Jim C. Alf I-h & I mowed in the orchard. P.M. We raked it up. It is about laid up with a soil on his arm. Mother is sick too.

Wed. July 17

N.S. Began Raining about 9. Am. Continued hard all. Ezra Bar come here this morning to work. He & Alf mowed a little, then raked up some hay & piled some into the barn. I was down to Hill's house where Gill was at work while.

1878 N.S. Jogged all A.M. I finished the pasture.  
P.M. Alf & I mowing down here in the rough field  
Mr Skinner preached here this evening from Luke 5<sup>th</sup>  
12. 873 verses.

4 Thursday July 19 N.S. Gull in the forenoon. It shifted and fine in the afternoon. Mr Skinner here all day Alf & I worked in the hay today. I have not been well and have kept in. Mrs. Morse & Smith were here to dinner. They are canvassing. Mary Hawksworth of Digby and Lena Smith of Plympton have been married quite recently.

5 Sat. July 20 N.S. Fine all day. Got in five loads of hay from the orchard today. I helped rake some tonight. Mr Skinner went home this morning. Looking like rain.

6 Sunday July 21 N.S. Cloudy in the morning. Began raining about noon, & continued showery till night. Annie and Alf went to Lunenburg to meeting. Aunt Sarah and Charley were here all day. I read some and wrote a little. My health is very poor now

7 Monday July 22 N.S. Drizzle in the morning, but afternoon quite fine Alf mowed a little in the rough field. I have been very unwell. P.M. Alf finished mowing the rough field - I & Alf raked hay.

8 Tuesday July 23 N.S. Rained all the forenoon. P.M. We mastered up a few boards and raised a part of Alf's house. An old Dutchman from Yarmouth by name of J<sup>r</sup> <sup>all night</sup> ~~arrived~~ stopped

9 Wed. July 24 N.S. Fine A.M. Finished mowing a little left in the orchard. raked a lot of cocks. P.M. Hauled in four loads of hay - 2 from the orchard & two out of the rough ground. Annie & I went to Lunenburg tonight with the carriage. Mother has been sick today.

1878 W.S.W. fine. We mowed down and raked  
up the field here at the end of the house among the  
apple trees. P.M. We got in the last load out of  
the rough field - being three loads from that field  
some got home from Lucket at noon. Mr. Skinner  
came over here to Mr. White. He preached at Southville  
this evening from Rev. 3 & 20 "Behold! I stand at  
the door and knock &c." Still Mullen attached  
his horse to one Express The Harley S. Miller & I  
went on board to Meeting. H. A. Cox & I h. went in  
the other Carriage. Mr. S. came in after meeting

W.S.W. Quite fine in the morning, but clouds up &  
began raining about three o'clock. We mowed down  
a part of this field back of the Carriage house, & got in  
two loads from among these little apple-trees.

The name by which I designate the fields may to  
some appear ridiculous, but there must be some way to  
distinguish them. Harley Sabean was here to dinner.  
This afternoon he took Still's horse & our express and  
took Mr. S. to Lucket.

W.S. Began raining this morning and continued  
heavily all day. Held up a little tonight. P.M. I was  
down when Still was at work till most noon.

Leah started to go out with a load of wood, but turned  
back. This morning Alf harnessed the Cult.

Alf went down the River tonight. Day before yesterday  
we were especially favored with agents. A man  
called in the morning with patent Window Blinds & other  
two others in the afternoon with "Dry Goods."

Thursday July 25

Friday July 26

Saturday July 27

1878 N.E.W. Fine and glorious. F.M. Ann  
 went to Lucket to meeting and left Roy and I at  
 home alone. We planned on having a real good old  
 fashioned time. We commenced the days pleasure  
 by taking a nap on the lounge in the kitchen, and  
 scarcely had we began closing when O. White put in  
 an appearance, so the remainder of the day we spent  
 in entertaining him. Joseph Porter was here <sup>afternoon</sup> in the  
 N.E. Fine all day. Alf came home this morning.  
 A & I finished mowing in this field and began  
 mowing down on the hill. P.M. We raked up and  
 got in all the hay out of this field - three loads -  
 and raked what was mowed in the forenoon.  
 Annie loaded the hay. The sun was eclipsed  
 tonight. Barney Barnes of St. Marks Bay died <sup>Last week</sup> suddenly.  
 N.E. Cloudy all day and looking like rain.  
 We got in a load of hay from on the hill. Getting out  
 of the field got it "up-dot" and made two loads fit.  
 Will Cosman helped us today. Got all the level  
 field mowed, and a part of a field of Blin's which we  
 are getting on shaws. P.M. I layed abed. Yesterday's  
 work about used me up. Last Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> we  
 had a mess of new potatoes and green peas being one <sup>first for the season.</sup>  
 N.E. Looking like rain. P.M. Quite fine. A.M. I did  
 about nothing. A. finished mowing the Blin field and  
 then harnessed his Colt. A & I raked a white.  
 P.M. We raked the Blin field, and A & I mowed a  
 while in the Spring-field. The French are having a  
 great Pic-nic today down at St. Bernards.

Sunday July 28

Monday July 29

Tuesday July 30

Wed. July 31st

1878 Quite fine N. E. & every way.

Thursday Aug 21

We opened some hay this forenoon & all hands mowed some in the spring field around the spring. P.M. We got in one load of hay off of the hill when the rain drove us, only a shower came, the wind shifted and the rest of the day was fine. About Three O'clock I went out and met Mr Skirra at the rocky-hill. He preached here tonight - Subject the parable of the Prodigal's son.

Friday Aug 22

W.S. Cloudy, began raining at Eleven & continued most all day. Mr S. & Annie went down the River. A.M. We got a load of hay out of the Blin field. & mowed a little in the spring field. It killed a lamb this morning. P.M. I wrote, read, & slept. A & J-h went back to the bear's den. Rev Bernard <sup>in farm of J. S. S.</sup> Shafner died.

Sat - Aug 23

W.S.W. A.M. Mr S. went down to mow, but the rain drove us out. P.M. Mr S. went to the mill and got a load of lumber, I worked at the frame. J-h & I went on horse-back in a blue-berrying scumble. We got some & had a good time. <sup>married tonight</sup> Fergie Newcomb

Sunday Aug 24

W.S.W. Foggy, but cleared off. Mr S. & Annie. Mr. Ross and I went to Lusk to meeting. Morning sermon from Eccl. VIII 8 x "Eccl. prepared his heart &c." Ron & I took dinner at Stillman's. Afternoon sermon from the words, "What shall it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Monday Aug 25

W.S.W. Fine. Charles Thomas helped us today. Finished mowing the S. field - got it all raked & one load out of it. Got a load off of the hill, being <sup>Cont.</sup>

1878 N. D. E. Partly fine. A. M. mowed in the  
new field. P. M. Hauled all the hay out of the S. field  
-two more loads. Raked up part of the C. field.  
J. Handkinson and Ray came this morning to begin  
Alfo's house. Mary Eliza Mullen & George Newcomb  
have been married quite lately.

N. D. E. Rained most all day. Alf helped the Joneses  
sow. I have done nothing at all but read, write, &

N. N. W. Fine. A. M. Alf and I finished mowing.  
P. M. we raked up and "got in" all our hay - two loads.  
Tonight Alf went down the River on horse back to a  
Dutch lecture. Mother went out the road today visiting  
Leiah took her out. F. Annie & I went out to hear  
Mr. S. at Southville tonight. Mr. S. came in with them.

N. N. Fine till about five o'clock when a severe thunder  
shower came up. I helped Blin in his hay, Jim Casman  
helped him too. Alf came home from down the river  
this forenoon. P. M. He worked for B. too.

N. N. Fine and beautiful. A. M. F. at Alf's frame. F.  
helping the Joneses. I. S. H. went out with a load of wood.  
A. M. Mr. S. Annie and I went for Lake lakes.  
P. M. I helped Blin rake hay. Tonight Mr. S. Annie & I  
went out to "Darky Club". He had a good time.

N. N. W. Fine. F. M. Mr. S. went to Lusk. Ray & H. -  
mowed here all day. P. M. R. H. Alf & I went down to the  
Mrs. Stephen A. Steele "barned" a daughter today (so the old folks  
say)

N. N. Fine and beautiful. F. at the frame. A. & I helping  
Blin. I am not well, must lay in bed till noon. P. M. Mr. S. fixed the  
wagon seat. Row & I killed the bugs on our Apple tree. We then  
went for easterns. The moon is eclipsed tonight

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1878 W. D. W. Fine and Beautiful.

F. A. & I. h. at work at the frame &c.

Prother and I went to Weymouth. I took out a box of Eggs - 19 1/2 doz. Seat went out at. The "Milton Brass Band" held a concert on the "Splendid Grounds of George St Dunbar Esq." Two Steam "tugs" the "Sheld" & "G. W. Johnson" came up from Yarmouth crowded with pleasure seekers. There was a large gathering. The day passed pleasantly away. In a field, by the road near Mrs Randall's, a Yankee showman set up his tent & exhibited. The show consisted of a "Goat with a Human Brain! -", a parrot, two monkeys, & a dead snake. I took seat in to see the "fun". W. D. W. & family were all out too. "Mitty & Sadie" were never in "town" before. We all took tea at Mrs Randall's & then drove home. Poor little Pony could not go.

Monday Aug 13

W. D. W. Fine & Beautiful U. M. F. & I. h. went to the mill with the team to saw & haul home some timber for the frame. I did nothing special. P. M. Alf & I worked some at Alf's farm - mortised the plates for the kitchen. A. M. Alf shod the horse and hauled up a load of stuff from the corner.

Wednesday Aug 14

W. D. W. Overcast and very sultry. A. M. F. A. & I. worked at Alf's kitchen frame. P. M. F. & A. fearing Lydia and Aunt Sarah came in about four o'clock and Lydia said W. D. W. wanted me to go over and help him rake hay. I did so. He finished raking. Mr Muller's wife came also, bringing Mr Skinner. He preached here tonight from the words, "No other foundation can any man lay than that of". Daisy White stuffed her all night. Esiah went out with a load of wood - Got Alf's sashes

Thursday Aug 15



1878  
 N. S. Windy and warm. A.M. Finished the frame  
 P.M. raised the kitchen all but the rafters. Mr. Skinnis here  
 all day. He and I had a little controversy tonight.

N. S. It Rained during the night & showering this forenoon.  
 I have not felt as well as usual today. This afternoon I  
 had a severe attack of cramp. P.M. G. M. Annie & Mr. S  
 went to Tusket. My went down the River with Oscar  
 taking the carpenters with him.

N. N. Cloudy all day with a few slight showers. Rosy and  
 I home all day alone - except Cattie. He read most all  
 day. He picked black-burnis for our dinner. G. M. & C  
 came home from Tusket tonight. David Barr & wife were  
 baptized at Tusket today.

Rained heavily all night with thunder, showering all day  
 P.M. I ripped out some stuff for P. Nahan's sashes.  
 My came home from down the River. Ray came back with  
 him. P.M. We raised the rafters on Ue's house. Jrs.  
 Porter helped us. Will Cooman got home from up the  
 Bay tonight - he is here this evening.

N. N. N. Cloudy - Commenced raining about nine o'clock  
 and continued till now - 9 P.M. - A.M. I & I went to  
 the lake to see if the boat was all right. I picked some  
 herbs for Rosy. G. & C fixing a fence around the Cord wood.  
 P.M. A. helped Ray in the barn. G. cobbling. I & I doing  
 nothing. I got out some stuff for Peter Wagoner's sashes  
 J. Handkinson came here tonight again.

N. N. Partially clear - cool & pleasant. G. O. I & I boarding  
 up the house. We boarded the Western side and back road.  
 Mary Gales has been here all day. She is a nice little girl.  
 Hence John and Aunt Alice came here tonight.

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 Friday Aug 19  
 Saturday Aug 20  
 Sunday Aug 21  
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 Wednesday Aug 24

1878 W. L. Cloudy this forenoon - Afternoon fine.

A.M. F. A. & I got up the ship. Uncle John went up the road amassing. I accompanied him.

P.M. I went with him again to Hill-town. We came through by Caines Mill. It was very dark, but we had no difficulty. F. A. has been "boarding in" today. Mrs S. preached at Southville tonight. F. A. Annie & Aunt Alice Mr S. came home with them.

W. S. W. fine and lovely. I have been sick all day. Uncle John & Aunt A. went home this afternoon.

Tonight Mr S. Annie, Roy, and I had a row on the lake, and got some black-berrin.

W. S. W. Fine. I have been very unwell all day.

I have a head-ache - a very sore throat, & am generally debilitated. F. A. put up staggings around Alf's house.

P.M. Annie went to Lucket with Mr S.

Rev. R. Langford took dinner here today. He <sup>came</sup> to see me about Omar.

W. S. W. & S. Cloudy till noon when it commenced raining - rained hard all the afternoon & evening.

F. went to Lucket today through the woods. J. Handbaker and Roy went blackberrying. I have been sick today.

W. S. D. Quite fine. F. & Annie got home from Lucket.

I went out to see about trading Omar. The Carpenter began to put up Alf's carriage.

W. S. Fine. I went out with a load of wood.

I sent a letter out to Langford concerning the horse.

D. Partis & wife here to dinner. Roy and I went tonight and gathered some herbs. I am quite sick

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W. W. Fine. I have been sick all day. Nothing important haspired.

Thurs  
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W. W. Fine - very fine. John Kinney was here to dinner. Chandler was here this afternoon. I am very sick today.

Friday Aug 30

W. W. - Fine again. Nothing of note occurred today. Mr Greenlan is in town. Mr S. preached here tonight. I was too sick to sit up and so Rossy and Corne lodged. Tonight I was broken out with an itching rash - and O ye Gods of Rome! - ye monsters of the "Holy Inquisition," lay aside your cunning implements of torture; your infernal ingenuity is outdone.

Sat. Aug 31

W. W. Fine. Mr S. went to Heymouth. I sent a letter to the doctor who sent me some medicine Rossy got a letter brought from home. A copy of the "May Flower" came tonight. I had went out with a load of c-wood. Alf went down the River - the Carpenters with him. I have itched today beyond the power of language to describe.

Monday S. Dec Sunday Sep 1

W. S. W. Cloudy - commenced raining at seven continued heavily all the afternoon and all night. Mr. Sturrie went to Tuskot - & Sect. Will Casman here to dinner. I have not scratched much today and am getting better.

W. S. W. Rained all night, and most all day. Thundered heavily all day - or all the morning. Rossy and Anson and picked blackberry for tea.

Tuesday Sept. 3

W. C. Showery all day. Alf came home this morning with the carpenters. Roy began to quilt - his cradle quilt. Tonight mosquito & I went and picked blackberries for tea. I am getting a good deal better. I did not itch any yesterday nor today.

Wed. Sept 4

W. S. E. Windy all day. Jane washed. F o l l shingling. I - h went to the Bridge with a load of wood. In the afternoon I went back to Porters pasture and picked a basket of black-burns.

The black-burns are very thick this Fall!

Thursday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>

W. S. W. Windy till towards night - now partly clear. F o l l finished shingling the W. side of Alf's house. I h finished starting up the C-wood.

A. M. I went back again to Porters pasture and picked a big pail of black-burns. I intend having wine made from them. On my return I very unexpectedly found my old friend Dan.

Heatherston here. Dquine lecture Campbell died <sup>today</sup>

Friday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

W. W. Fine. A. M. Dan went to Weymouth and got his trunk. F o l l shingling on the back of the kitchen.

I went and helped Gus McCauley take the boat down the lake. Mrs David Mullen and Catharine Prime spent the day here. P. M. Mr Skinner & I went back to Porters pasture black-berrying. This evening he and I went out the settlement calling at the houses of his friends.

A smart shower came up this evening, but soon passed away. I am feeling quite small again.

Sat. Sept 29th

Wind S.W. Looking like rain. I went down to Geo Wagoner to see some cattle. My went out with a load of Deale & I-h with a load of wood - they got two casks of Lime. Dan & I pitched some makes up in the pig-pen. I then went to painting on Aef's home - the Bay window &c. Tonight Dan & I went down to the lake and had a bath. I mended some baskets tonight.

Sunday Sept 30th

W. N. clear and beautiful. The carpenters went black-burying. P.M. Annie, Hil. Dan & I went up to hunting. Willie White and Judson were here to tea. Judson got Omar for his father to go to Digby. Father & Mother went up to see Ben Wagoner who is sick. Hil & Annie were here this evening. I wrote a poem today I inscribed to Annie, congratulating her for her good fortune in Matrimonial prospects.

W. N. W. Clear and fine. I-h went out with a load of wood. F. D. A. D. commenced digging. The potatoes turn out very well, but are about one half rotten.

We dug thirty one bushels today. The carpenters began clap boarding today. Ross is getting real smart; she went out doors today for the first. Harold is smart and growing like a jay.

W. S. W. Fine and delightful weather. A.M. F. A. D. I-h and I digging. P.M. My went out to Appamoth with the express and took out my eggs - 2 1/2 doz. F. D. gathered the beans - we have got a fine crop.

We digged twenty seven bushels of potatoes today. Mother is sick tonight with tooth ache. Dan, Annie and Hil are going up the road tonight. Cattie has got a Fourth Book - he is delighted with it.

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Wed. Oct. 25

W. S. Slept to W. H. Rained in the night & snowing till dawn, then cleared off. My went down the river with a load of boards for Ray. He is going to stop all night, and bring in a load of brick. A. M. J. Dan, J. L. & I shelled Peas in the barn. P. M. I went for buck-bark. Dan J. L. & I dug potatoes - dugged 10 bushels.

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Thurs. Oct. 26

W. S. Fine again - lovely weather. J. D. J. L. & I dugged potatoes. - twenty-five bushels. My came home this afternoon. Mr. D. Grant came with him - each brought a load of brick. J. Porter & Will were here last evening. Will had a another Matrimonial Defeat.

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Friday Oct. 27

W. S. Beautiful Day. A. M. My went up to the mill with Mr. Grant for slabs. J. D. J. L. & I dugged potatoes dugged thirty eight all day. P. M. I painted on Alf's horse till about four O'clock. I then got ready & went up the Bay taking Heith's home with me. We got up the Bay about 8 o'clock. I am feeling quite well <sup>now</sup>

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Saturday Oct. 28

W. S. Fine but quite cool. I went to Bear River today after Winter Wheat. Annie McNeill accompanied me. We had a very pleasant drive. - Dined at Mr. J. Carter's. We found them very clever folk. The lady gave us all the apples we could eat, and several Geraniums - showed us her hogs, corn and apples. After spending a pleasant hour we started for home, visiting two threshing mills. We got back to the Bay quite early in the evening.

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Wed. 9. History - fine and warm. I went up to Methodist Meeting this morning. Mr. Evans preached a very able sermon from the words, "Lead us not into temptation." I took dinner at Corcoran's. I spent the afternoon there in company with St. John and Emily Young. I took at Ennisville, after which I went to Baptist Prayer Meeting. The Derby Association is now in session at the Jaggins.

Sunday Sept. 29

Th. 10. - Fine again. I come home this morning. Went down toward the point for Mint. I visited Jones' Grain Mill which is being constructed. I purchased a peck of Wheat to make coffee for Rosy. At Gaymans Bridge I got a pair of Boots for Rosy. I met Annie there. She had taken Willoughby out. He preached here yesterday. We got home at noon. P.M. Dan & I went and looked over some land that he is talking of buying. Mint commenced Alf's fire. He laid the rough floor in Alf's kitchen. Alf & I helped Mint. Alf & Mint have gone up to School Meeting tonight. I found Rosy & Harry well.

Monday Sept. 30

11. History - Fine. A.M. Dan & Alf. took down the cellar wall for to put in the steps. P.M. Got I at work at the steps. Mint at work at the fire - finished it tonight. I helped him. Handkerchiefs clop-boarding on the back of the house. I have painted all day. Rosy and I moved our bed up stairs again today. She is well again as ever. It is looking quite fallish. The woods are putting on their hues of "Crimson and gold." I got a letter last night from Mr. Skime

Tuesday Oct. 1st

1878 W.D. Cloudy all day! I painted some this  
 morning. then Dan and I went to digging. P.M.  
 J. helped us. We finished tonight - had about 175 lbs  
 N. Westly. A.M. J. & Dan "linking around". I made  
 a flower box, and picked and skulled the "Case knife"  
 Beans. We finished his mason job. P.M. Annie & Dan  
 went down the river to a 'Goose Supper'. I harnessed up  
 and took out Pint as far as J. Donetto. The after-  
 noon has been glorious. The wood looks glorious.  
 That a leaf has fallen. They have assumed every one  
 that fancy can devise, and in their sick, but melan-  
 choly posture, await silently the great king's footsteps.  
 J. & A. hauled some logs for bark - Last evening  
 we <sup>had</sup> picked apples. Jack discharged himself last night  
 W. H. Donly washed still. My went out with a load  
 of C wood - got a Bbl of bark. I sawed bark. The  
 carpenter finished the outside of the house today.  
 I painted some. mucked the room - began thrusting  
 the beams - and lined <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>generally</sup>. Mr. Ray  
 got back last night. John M<sup>c</sup>Donald was married  
 day before yesterday - and not as recorded previously.  
 W. Westly. Fine - A.M. J. & Dan hatched a sheep.  
 I thrust beans and cut M<sup>c</sup>Canly's hair. My went  
 out with a horse load of wood - got broken down  
 returned at noon. P.M. I went to the mill to  
 finish sawing bark for Alf. Dan went to look  
 over the Amuro land. I picked up some apples  
 and then went to the mill for a load of ~~clap~~ bark.  
 My went out to Darkey Club tonight. Joe Porter is  
 here this evening.

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Friday Oct. 5 o'clock

Friday Oct. 4th

Sat. Oct. 6th 1878



1878 W. H. E. - Fine all day. There has been skating  
up the road this afternoon, but none of us went.

Roy and I went down to the lake for a walk. I  
began a letter to go to Mr. Skinner.

W. H. Fine but not quite chilly. I took Dan down  
to Little Brook today. We started about eleven  
o'clock & got down there about three. We got dinner  
fed the horse &c, and about five I took my leave  
of Dan & started for home. On my way I went to  
Edinburgh to Silslands for a pig. His pigs were too  
young so I did not get one, but left the box and came  
home. I got home at half past nine. My aunt sent  
me a load of boards for Songam. I sent out with  
a load too for Songam. The Carpenters began tacking  
Elf's kitchen today - helping them.

Wind Variable. Looking some like rain - a slight mist  
shown <sup>to</sup> come up ~~last~~ night. Elf sent out with another  
load of boards for Songam. Helping Cath. A.M.

I hauled down a load of slabs from W's mill  
for wood. P.M. I went to the mill and got some  
lath and shingles. Mrs R. Ray & her mother Mrs. Hart-  
but - were here to dinner.

W. H. Fine again. My aunt sent out with a load of  
beats for Porter. I sent and I hauled out beats from  
the mill. We hauled four loads apiece - over seven  
thousand. I helped the Carpenters. Jos. Porter &  
Geo. Sabran are here tonight. The wind is blowing  
quite heavily tonight, and looks like rain.

Sunday  
Oct. 6

Monday  
Oct. 7

Tuesday  
Oct. 8

Wed. Oct. 9

1878 W. W. W. & W. E. Quite fine, but windy.  
Myself went out with a load of Deals. I-h went  
out for me with a load of Deals. Jos Porter also  
went out with a load for me. The price of Deals  
is about to fall to seven dollars, so we put on  
all the force we could to get them all out this week.  
He had about nine thousand to get out.

Thursday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Last evening there came a great squall of wind  
accompanied by rain and hail. A.M. I cleaned  
up the beans & helped to catch some. Helping catch.  
P.M. I picked up apples - about twenty bushels.  
Robt Wagoner, Jimmy & Ellice Blin & Scot helping me.  
I went to the mill & cut some more hemlock for logs.

Friday Oct. 11

This evening we had a fishing party - quite a good time.  
W. H. Lane and Cooby. Myself went out with a load  
of Deals. Dick Robert and Charles Saban went out  
for me two with Deals. I sawed catch. I started  
four hemlock logs to the mill this morning. They  
hauled out to the curner two loads of Deals, being  
the last of them. I brought home a load of catch.

Sat. Oct. 12

W.S. Looking like rain all day - began raining about  
four o'clock. I caught. Myself went out with a load of  
Deals. Blin & I-h each took out a load for me. A.M.  
I picked over some apples in the wood-house. P.M.  
I picked up apples. Dan Saban wife & Wood D. Grant  
came here tonight.

Sunday Oct. 13

W. H. E. Rained quite heavily all night - all day today.  
Nothing special occurred. I read and wrote.  
Mr Saban went home tonight.

1848  
W. S. W. Fine and lovely all day. F. lathing  
by laying a rough floor in his kitchen chamber.  
I lathed some this morning and picked up apples the  
rest of the day. Roy helped this afternoon. Will Leasmas  
was here tonight. The marriage of Ophelia King graced  
the marriage list of last weeks "Courier".

W. W. Fine and delightfully warm. F. went to  
Weymouth with the carriage - I finished picking  
up the apples and hauled them in - had between  
forty and fifty bushels. Alf tinkering around.  
Tonight he went down and traded horses with  
Mr. Weaver. We hauled apples tonight.

W. S. Looked a little like rain this morning, but  
cleared off lovely. I went to Franktown and traded  
three barrels of apples with Peter Klein for a barrel  
of Mackrel. F. all lathing.

W. S. W. A.M. cloudy & dark - P.M. cleared up fine.  
A.M. F. lathing. Alf & I went up to the "Sand-beds"  
and got two loads of sand. P.M. I planed out  
some stuff for W. S. & a door. Alf went out and  
got a load of sand then helped Will to get some  
dark over the lake. F. began to fix my boots  
I don't feel well today. Poor little <sup>Harold</sup> ~~Harold~~ is sick  
today. I hope he is not going to be dangerously ill.

W. S. W. A.M. Fine but clouded up and began to  
rain about four o'clock. I am real sick today. F.  
is working at my boots. Alf went out with a load  
of wood. Poor dear little Harold is dreadful sick today  
They watched with him all night. This afternoon

1878 Continued - - - I went out for the doctor.

Friday - Continued

I got there - found him home. and by dusk I got him here. He said little Harold had Inflammation of the Bowels, but did not think him dangerous. He gave him a little powder, left another for him to take tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and said he must have a dose of oil in the afternoon. He also left drops to ease his little pains. He appears to be a little better tonight, and we have hopes he will get well. But Oh! how anxious we have been today. I will never ever forget it. If Harry will only get well. N. S. Rained quite heavily all night and till noon. I finished my boots today. I went down the River and took Mrs. Grant. I am quite sick today. Little Harry was better this morning. But he had a very bad spell at noon, and we thought he was dying. Oh! what language could express my feelings, when Rosy came in the bedroom when I was drooping, and sobbing as if her heart would break, told me to come out for little baby darling was dying. We all hastened to the little sufferer's bed and, with great grief, I watched his struggles, but proved to be only a sort of a fit, probably caused by the action of medicine. As soon as this had passed off, he fell into a deep sleep from which we feared he would not wake. No little cries, no struggles, convulsions such as marked his slumbers before were here; no pitiful, half waking starts from sleep.

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878 - as though little thoughts were flickering on the shadowy disc of his little soul; but still and unconscious he lay - the only indications of life being his softly drawn breath that could only be heard by placing the ear close to his little face.

About dark while they were watching by him in the room. - I was lying on the lounge in the kitchen and Rosy was out doors. - I heard some one say he had waked up and looked better - Oh, the joy of that moment! Could it be possible that our darling baby would yet get well? I had given up almost every hope - I hastened the joyful news to Rosy, and we were soon at his side. There were those bright blue eyes wondering from face to face with pretty intelligence. Every indication was present that he was "on the mend". After lying awake awhile he ate a good hearty meal and went to sleep.

This is my birth day, and a bad one it has been. Its return, and the speedy flight of the past year suggest many thoughts which I would like to express here, but I have already occupied so much space with today's record that I must retain them - at least for the present. I finished my boots. Jim Dunbar married.

W. N. E. Cold and disagreeable. Harry is better today. Nothing of importance has occurred. Tonight I went down to Blin's article. I am very unwell.

Cloudy and cold all day. Off up the Bay looking for hair. Mr. Blin came up this morning, & she & I settled. Harry continues to get better, but I am getting sicker

Sat. Oct. 19 Continued

1878  
Tuesday Oct. 22  
Wed. Oct. 23  
Thurs Oct 24  
Friday Oct 25  
Sat. Oct. 26  
Sunday Oct. 27

M. H. Stone Carpenter finished this morning & went home. Alf got home from Down River and loaded up some stuff - shingles for Ray - and went back again - not returning tonight. Mother & Mrs D. Sabean went to W. H. S's visiting. Mrs Geo Muller came in with them. F. has been to the mill this afternoon. Alf traded back horses - bringing Omar home last night. W. S. Windy and looking like rain. F. gathering apples. Alf got home at noon. P. M. Mrs Geo Muller went home. Annie took Mrs D. Sabean home. Print & Bule came tonight. Annie brought me a bottle of Rhubarb & Honey Remedy. Leaves about all off looking yellow. W. S. E. Cloudy, damp and dismal. Masons at work. H. & A. helping them. I am awful sick. W. S. E. Dark & cloudy. Siggie Granger called in this morning. I wrote a note to the Doctor for some Med. I am dreadful sick - have got the jaundice. The Masons finished here at 1 o'clock & went to Blinn. Weather unchanged. Alf helping the Masons at Blinn. F. gathering apples. D. Kerr here for apples - got 13 Bush. David Sabean came at noon. I got my Doctor medicine tonight. W. S. W. Cloudy all day. I am a little better. F. went out to hear Willoughby this morning. Alf and David ranging about all day. I am a little better. Willoughby preached here tonight. I was up stairs to bed & did not hear. Rosy got circular today from J. S. Patton etc.

1878 W.S. W. Rained some, but cleared off tonight.

Monday  
Oct. 28

I am feeling some better today. This afternoon F. & H. have been cutting shingle-logs

W. H. W. Glens and fire all day. My went out with a load of wood. F. and Alf. Crossman at the mill brought home a shingle-log. I went down on the swamp to look for partridges. I did not feel able to walk about much so I returned 'gameless'. I do not feel as well as yesterday

Tuesday Oct. 29th 1878

I have nothing of note to relate as occurring in these parts. In the "East" "Questions" are not yet settled. England is about getting into a war with Afghanistan. The Mohammedan States in the interior of Asia are threatening England with a war. In the Southern States a malignant fever is carrying off hundreds daily.

The Dominion is agitated over the "New Government" - some barrelling direful things - others wrathful in prognostications of an opposite nature.

W.S.C. Cloudy - began raining about noon.

Very heavy frost last night - the ground frozen some. My went <sup>out</sup> today with a load of potatoes for an Island vessel. He got some warm loggers for Henry.

Henry C. Sabian and Hearty were here to dinner. F. has not been doing much. I am a little better today.

Wed. Oct. 30th  
Thursday Oct. 31

W.S. Foggy and warm - Rained a little this afternoon.

F. & H. sawed up a shingle-log in the road and made a few shingles. I wrote a little today. I read some I am scarcely able to do anything - scarcely to "sit up". Joe Coome is here this evening.

1878  
Friday Nov 1st  
W. D. W. A.M. Alf smoothing his plaster.  
He hewed a couple of posts and fixed up the fence  
in front of the garden. I made an egg-box and  
packed 25-1 doz eggs. P.M. Annie went out to Weymouth  
with my eggs. She took out a crock of Butter - 25 lbs -  
to go up the Bay by Steam. Dan Fullerton came  
today from Frenchtown. Quite fine tonight.

Saturday Nov 2nd  
W. D. W. - fine and warm. Alf went down the  
River with a load of hemlock for Kay. A.M. I & D  
finished gathering the apples in the garden. There were  
seven or eight barrels in the garden. We have had  
about 200 bushels of apples this year. P.M. I went over  
and fixed the Alindo barn. I made Cathie a  
"Bow-arrow" gun. Mrs Gato and Blouge were here tonight  
to tea and spent the evening.

Sunday Nov 3rd  
W. D. W. Quite fine. Alf went down the River today  
and Annie cooking around. W. D. W. Lydia Judson  
here to tea, and spent the evening. Annie & Dan went  
up to meeting tonight. I have been at work at a  
letter to Mr. Stearns.

Monday, Nov. 4.  
W. D. W. Fine all day. Alf gone to Digby for "Cards"  
Wint came here this morning to put on the last  
coat of plaster in Al's house. He has been helping  
him. I planned out some stuff for saddle-boards  
I got out some stuff for Alf's side-lights.  
It is snowing thick tonight.



1878 W. W. W. The ground was all covered with snow this morning. It has been squally all day - at times looking very Wintery. A.M. I put the sled together and father and I hauled in a lot of apples out of the barn. We have got almost a hundred bushels of apples in the cellar. Alf got home about noon. P.M. I planned out some stuff for Alf's side-lights. Alf put up some boards around his front door. Blin & Will Coomer are here tonight. Rose got a letter from up the Bay today.

W. W. W. Cloudy and quite cold. I & A hauled some wood - some to Alf's house and some here. The also fixed Alf's cellar steps. I went out today to see Capt. L.A. Randall. I took him 64 pr. Socks which I intend to pay O. Cornell's Bill which is \$17.62<sup>cts</sup>. The Socks at 25<sup>cts</sup> will pay \$16. I gave Tom \$1.62 in money to pay the balance. I gave him also \$6.20 (\$5.00 of which is <sup>to</sup> L.A.) to bring a barrel of Peasfine. I bought Alf a broom - price <sup>cts</sup> 55. I bought two bench-screws from Geo. Hoyt - 93-cash. I attended a day-goods Auction where I purchased a couple of bowls. Geo. McCleary came in with one.

W. S. W. Fine. A.M. Alf hauled up snow to put under the slate. I hung the front gate. I hewed a stick for a bit to go under the horse stable. P.M. Alf went out and got a tooth pulled. I & A at work at the horse-stable.

1878  
 W. N. W. Snowed about two inches  
 again last night - Heavy fog with squalls of rain  
 and snow. P.M. F. and C. made shingles. I  
 made a door for the horse stable &c. We got the  
 calves up tonight for the first. Jesse made soap here today.  
 W. Westery. Snowed about three inches again last  
 night, and snowing a little all day - Looking very  
 winterish. A.M. F. cutting wood &c. I did the  
 chous-poled some apples &c. My went down the  
 River this morning. He intends to enter "Hesperus  
 light-boat" tonight at six o'clock. He may find  
 it "all serene" there, but the first part of his way this  
 morning was pretty rough - six inches of snow over  
 a foot of sand. P.M. F. finished splitting Pinta  
 shingles, and then went to the mill to burn some logs  
 into the pond. The float was gone, and after a fruit-  
 less search around the lake through the snow-laden  
 bushes, he returned home without accomplishing any-  
 thing. I finished shoving Pinta shingles, and put a  
 hinge and latch on the horse stable door. F. says  
 the snow is six inches deep in Porter's back field.  
 Isaiah Hagoner got two barrels of apples here today.  
 W. S. W. Pinta fire. Snowed a little again last night.  
 Adense snow squall came up tonight from the N.W.  
 Read "History of Reformation" and wrote to me poems.  
 I expect Cep. is jubilant today in possession of  
 his new made spouse. It is a day he will never  
 forget, but will be among Rumor's choicest treasures.  
 Many a year has passed since I underwent a  
 similar ordeal. I have not regretted it yet.

Monday  
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Saturday  
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Sunday  
 Nov 10

1878 N. N. W. Heavy and warm. I went to  
raft logs. He made a float and other preparations.  
Instead of Porter assisting him, as he should have done,  
I went through to Delbert's to dig pers apparatus.  
Ref came home tonight with his Bride. A.M.  
Beside doing my barn chores, I went down in  
Lerwin's woods and got a stick of Spruce for to  
make an Applesmasher. Stephen Sabau was here  
to dinner. He is circulating a subscription paper  
for Rev. A. J. Cogswell, who offers himself as pastor  
of the Luaket Church for the coming year, if  
the desired sum (\$4000.00) can be raised. I  
"signed" \$4.00, Mother \$1.00, I put down one for  
Cef. P.M. I worked some at my Apple-grinder &  
some of the boys came this evening to salute him.  
Gus McLeary, Jr. Combs, Harris Cushman, Sibley  
and B. Swift were the party - they named three gentlemen  
Rev. J. W. Bancroft of Weymouth. preached his "farewell  
sermon" yesterday, and starts today for Sydney.  
A considerable excitement has lately been aroused  
over a singular story that comes from Amherst.  
A young woman who has lately had some defalcation  
with a suitor, has become the victim of Spiritual  
disturbances. The spirit of her rejected lover is said  
to intrude his ghostly presence upon her in an uncon-  
-erminously and ridiculous manner. The "Ethereal  
Presence" pervades bed-clothing, furniture - in fact every  
onorable article in her presence, which perform strange  
antics; besides capping, thumping & various manifi-  
-estations. We are anxious to know more of the strange tale

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Wed. Nov. 13

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Thursday Nov. 14

W. S. E. Heavy all night. Began raining about noon which came down smartly for awhile. The snow is about gone. We butchered the pig this forenoon; we have two others which we intended to orange too, but the rain prevented. P.M. Alf & Cathie putted seats in their house. I worked a little at my apple-grinder. F. laid up a bundle of string &c. Wait, began her winter term of school today.

W. S. E. Tonight Westly. A.M. Quite fine, but looking like rain. We butchered the two little pigs - got them done at eleven o'clock. Mr. Tufts was here to dinner. We bought books from him as follows: - F. A Bible and a "Callus & Artizan" Book. Mother - a Book of Moody's sermons & a little one she gave Cathie. Roy brought a bond-book, Alf a Palmist. I got a Christmas book for Cathie. P.M. F. & M. cleaning "pig guts". Annie, Alf & Cathie cleaning the deer house. I worked at my apple-grinder. Gavil got two barrels of apples here today. Cut up the pigs tonight

W. N. W. Fine. A.M. F. & M. hauled up Pete's things. They had six bunches. I hauled up a stick out of the woods and hewed it. P.M. I hewed some more stiffs and worked at my grinder. F. pulled the turnip, beets & parsnips & gathered the cabbage. Alf tinkering around. Jim Bar was here for apples

1878

Friday. Nov. 15

W. H. W. Beautiful and fine all day.  
 My went out with Print's shingles. He got his  
 first barrel of flour - The price was \$25.  
 Father has been to the mill finishing his float;  
 he made the oars today. I went to the mill and  
 hauled out three loads of lumber - Pine - mostly clear  
 Ray is growing splendidly. He is the dearest baby  
 in earth  
 W. S. E. Quite fine, but looking like a storm  
 tonight. F. O. rafting logs. I have been fixing  
 a stall for Omar, Chattie has been painting in  
 her house. Cattie is jubant tonight over a  
 pair of new pants, being the first he has ever had  
 buttoning in front. Annie wrapped Harold  
 up today and took him over to Alf's house - the  
 first he has ever been there - I wonder if he will  
 remember it. I am feeling quite well now.  
 Oh! John what a husband you are my dear.

Saturday. Nov. 16

W. H. W. Looked very much like a storm this  
 morning, but cleared off & became beautiful & fine.  
 Pong I went out to N. N. So spent the day and  
 evening. W. H. has a volume of Talmage's  
 sermons, so he & I spent the day reading them.  
 I brought home a volume of Shakespeare.

Sunday. Nov. 17

W. S. E. & East F. O. J. O. J. O. rafting logs.  
 I worked at my horse stable. Tonight we had  
 a special School meeting up the road to see about  
 getting wood &c. J. F. Frankinson came here  
 tonight. Chattie has been painting today.

1878 W. H. E. Rained all night & all day.  
Joe Handkinson here. J. Cobbling. Ref. making  
a wood-box, Chattie painting her floor. I have  
been working in the shop.

W. H. E. & N. E. J. A. of Jos. Porter finished rafting  
logs today. Joe Handkinson went home  
this morning, taking a cow for R. Ray.  
I am quite unwell today. I have worked at  
my apple machine some. Began <sup>again tonight.</sup> canning

W. H. W. Foggy and warm all day. J. making  
pantry shelves for Ref. A. to the mill sawing  
plank for door steps. Chattie painting. I have  
been at work in the shop. Geo Barr got two  
barrels of apples here today. He was here to dinner.  
Maity is here tonight.

W. S. E. Blandly, Windy, looking like rain all day.  
Ref. Chattie & Roy were going down the River this  
morning. They - or at least the jamals - were  
in a great "sweat" to go; but all hands dangled  
the storm scare crow in their faces which  
made considerable sport. Maity presented her  
school agreement for Ref's signature. J. has  
been at work at the pantry shelves and mending  
the truck-trace. Alf went to the mill and got a  
load of planks. Geo. Wagoner was here this  
afternoon to get father to help him deceler his ox.  
I have been at work in the shop some today.  
Last Sunday made Will & Parit happy in  
the possession of Sney Barr.

Tuesday  
Nov 19

Thursday Nov 21 W. H. E. Nov 20

Friday Nov 22 W. H. E.

848 N. South. Warm and stormy. I went down to Geo. Wagoner's and helped him butcher an ox, half of which he brought home tonight. Alf and Chattie went down the River today with the truck cart for Chattie's "things". I finished my apple-grinder. I mailed four Post Cards - To N. Crosby, Farmsust. to Sherman also Michigan, and two to Father. I cut up the beef tonight.

N. S. but N. W. tonight. Showery all day. I have been writing and reading. Will Cosman has been here all the afternoon.

N. S. N. Cloudy but mild all day. A. M. I cut some wood &c. P. M. I dressed out a log to make a cider press. Rossy went down the River today to bring Chattie in - Alf having to bring a load of Chattie's stuff with his team. Rossy took some wool to the carding mill. She got some stuff to make Harold a dress and cloak. I (a m) fixed some fence, pickled some meat &c. (P. M) at Alf's pantry shelves.

N. N. W. Rained all night, and awhile this morning. Alf went to the mill and saved some things for Geo. Wagoner. I finished Alf's shelves. I have done nothing today but write. I am not well today. I have been engaged in reading Shakespeare's Plays.

N. N. W. Fine, warm and beautiful. Alf hauling up stuff from the mill. I sawing. I have at work set my press. I have got it most done.

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Sunday Nov 24  
Monday Nov 25  
Tuesday Nov 26  
Wed Nov 27

1848 N.E.C. Raining this morning, and rained  
 hard all day. F. made an axe-handle. Alf  
 doing nothing. I worked in the wood-house all  
 day at my my press. I have got it most done.  
 It is "Thanks Giving" today; but the storm spoilt  
 it.

Monday Dec 29  
 N.N.W. Rained all night again. Cloudy all day.  
 F. went out to assist G. Sabean, D. Porter & others  
 in laying out a road to Lucket. Mother up to Charles  
 visiting - Father went up tonight. A. Plasting partridges,  
 and making a stoop to his backdoor. I finished  
 my Cider press today, and made a little cider.

Tuesday Dec 30  
 N.N.W. Fine and Clear. A squall of hail &  
 snow came up tonight, but soon passed over, but  
 the sky and clouds this morning were beautiful.

Wednesday Dec 31  
 A.M. F. cut three drops of wood & hauled them. I then  
 went over to Pills and got a hardwood barrel & hog head-  
 tub which we had there to put Laps in. Alf finished  
 door stoop. P.M. I picked up two loads of stuff  
 out of the road and hauled in for wood. F. hooped  
 the barrel which I got for to put Cider in. I carried filled  
 it with water, cut up a lot of wood &c. F. & Alf put the  
 saddle-bands on Alf's horse tonight. Mother made  
 some mince-pies - the first of the season.

Thursday Dec 1st  
 N.N.W. Fine but quite cold. Ross & I went out  
 to hear Willoughby preach. B. Wagoner went with us.  
 But in Joshua. "I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee."  
 Willoughby & Mr. H. S. came in with us. P.M. Alf & Chattie  
 went up to hear Mr. Gates, and again in the evening. I  
 got a bunch of circulars or Catalogues from Crosby's  
 farmstead.



Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Tuesday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Wednesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1898  
Thursday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1898

W.S.E. Fine. Looks very like a rain storm tonight. I putting saddle boards on Alf's horse &c. A.M. I helped Alf fix up a bedstead &c. P.M. I thrust a cat. Alf & Chattie moved in their house today. W.S.E. Rained and blew heavily all night and part of the day - wind shifted to N.W. Alf doing chow about his house. I did some work in the P.S. Shop I helped him. I made a bread-board for Chattie, fixed up my Pickles &c. Mr. Bates has a singing school up the road this winter, beginning tonight. Alf & Chattie have gone up.

W.S.E. Cloudy - commenced raining about noon. It continued quite heavily till now. I'll want to the mill to fix the sugar wheel &c. I fried my peas and made some more cider. Will Cosman got a barrel of apples here tonight for Jim Cosman. This is <sup>the</sup> Thanksgiving Day. The other was not genuine. I am quite smart today, but sick <sup>yesterday</sup>.

W.S.E. (W.W. tonight) Showery all day. I repairing the mill. Alf hauled home a lot of drag of wood & one to our door. I made a floor in the loft in the wood-house - with steps to go up &c.

The horse kicked my leg tonight. I fear it is going to be lame. The following is a recipe for keeping eggs. "A pound of lime and one pint of salt to three gallons water." In this mixture eggs are said to keep for a year. Blind Eye Combs are here tonight.

1878 W. W. W. Cloudy till night. Snowed a little last night; about all off now. H. repairing the mill A.M. A. hauled a couple of sticks to make a platform for the barn-well. P.M. He went to the mill. I cleaned up the wood-house, hooped a crock, did some repairing in the barn, made a tub to feed my horse in, cut some wood &c. Dan Futterton came here this afternoon. Dobert Porter was here to tea & he & Mill Cosman here this evening.

Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

W. W. W. Cloudy and quite cold but pleasant. Alf went to Raymond with a load of pine-boards to Soregon for me. H. hauled stuff for a well-platform. A.M. Dan & I went to the lake, hauled up and turned over my boat. P.M. I helped H. fix the well, board up the end of the shop &c. Chas. Thomas threshed barley here today. He took home two bbls of apples from here tonight. I got several papers tonight: - "Western Advertiser," "Farmer's Magazine & Home Advocate" "The People's Paper" and a lot of circulars from Sherman & Co. Marshall, Mich. I see by today's papers that "Punt Cornelia Mickerson is married, also Sunday Journey

Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

W. W. Cloudy but fine. A little snow some last night - about an inch - and continued equally this forenoon. I read my new papers today. Alrops G. & Mill Cosman are blessing H. & Chattie with their company. Alrops was here this afternoon.

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

W. W. W. Quite fine, but looking like a storm. H. cutting wood. Alf I made a set of ox-shoes & partly shod one ox. Dan here all day. W. W. & Wife here to tea and part of the evening.

Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Dec 10

1878 N. S. E. Began snowing in the night in the  
and continued till towards noon when it turned to  
rain which is falling yet. A M. F. & Will Cooman  
cut down the big Birch tree that stood in the corner of  
Wills woods, for a keel-piece. It will go 36 feet, cutting off  
fifteen inches. Alf & I finished shoring the oven. I then  
commenced making a sink for Alf.

Wednesday Dec 11

W. S. E. & South. Rained very heavily, all night and  
till noon. Heaviest rain of the season. A. M. F.  
cutting. I worked some at the sink. P. M. F. & Will  
hewing their keel-timber. Alf went out to Mrs. Dicks &  
got some Paraffine oil - 1 gallon. Mr. Bates & I made a  
black-board in the shop.

Thursday Dec 12

N. N. W. cloudy. A. M. F. finished hewing the  
keel-piece. P. M. Mending his boot. Alf sawing.  
I worked in the shop. Dan. went out to Weymouth  
on his way to French-town.

Friday Dec 13

N. N. Cold and snow flying. Alf sawing. A. M. F. & I  
hailed up three loads of chips from where the keel  
was hewed. P. M. F. went to the mill. I worked in  
the shop.

Sat. Dec 14

N. N. quite cold. F. sawing. I set up Alf's sink  
Alf went to get the horse shod. David Grant &  
Clarina come in. Dan got back from Frenchtown  
last night about midnight. I received a fine  
lot of Books - school-books - from Farnmouth

N. S. - S. W. & N. W. Scattering snow and rain falling  
all day - quite warm. I wrote and read all day

1878 W. N. W. Snowed, rained and blew till  
about noon - very disagreeable. I went to the  
bridge with the horse and truck. I expected to see Capt  
Tom Randall, and get a barrel of Paraffin oil which I  
was expecting from Boston. I went up to Mrs Randall  
saw Tom, paid him \$3.20 being he paid to J. Knorr  
to square my account with him. I got a barrel of flour  
from Campbell's - price \$8.00. Got a keg of molasses, and  
Dan's truck from J. Jones. I mailed a post card to  
"Enterprise" Publishing Co Boston. <sup>J. O. L. Sawing</sup> Don began chopping on his <sup>(long)</sup>

Monday Dec 16

W. N. W. Quite cold & windy. J. Sawing. Alf & Will Coon  
started out the kelp piece and loaded it. I helped Dan  
chop. We took our dinners with us. I bought a new axe  
yesterday. Dan has got a new axe too.

Tuesday Dec 17

W. N. W. J. sawing. Alf & Will Coonmen started to go out  
with the kelp. After going a distance Alf returned, & Will  
went on. A.M. I made an axe-handle &c. Dan chopped  
P.M. I helped Dan chop. Annie, Lattie Perry & Harold  
went out to "Gampa" McAlpin's land spent the day.  
Alf thrust Barley a little I guess

Wed. Dec 18

W. N. W. Windy and cold. J. sawing. Alf went  
down to R. Ray's with a load. Dan & I went down  
to chop. About eleven o'clock I broke my axe-handle  
and came home. Dan remained till night. P.M.  
I went down below Wagoner's road and got a piece  
of ash and dressed out a handle. Tom  
Handkinson has been in today assessing

Thursday Dec 19

Friday Dec 20  
1878 N. N. W. Cold again. F. sawing A.M. Alf  
hailed himself a little wood. I finished my handle  
and hung my axe. Dan worked at a handle. We  
then found our axes. P.M. Dan chopping. I began to  
make a set of horse shoes. Rabby Wagoner got lost  
in the woods today, creating quite a sensation. A number  
sat out to look for him, but after cruising all day, he  
found his own way out, & arrived safely home at  
night. The lakes are frozen over so as to be crossed

Saturday Dec 21st  
N. N. W. Cloudy but quite mild. F. sawing. Alf went  
out with a load of boards. Dan chopping. I finished  
my horse shoes today. I succeeded in getting them  
well steel-corked, and, had I not got them badly  
burned, would consider them a pretty good job for  
me. In our papers tonight we have the sad intelligence of  
the loss of Henry Van Blarcom, from the ship *Ada*  
Capt. A. Raymond. Wind S. E. tonight. <sup>a storm</sup> blowing like  
Wind variable. Snowed some in the night, and  
this morning was raining. Rained some through  
the day. Wind N. W. tonight. We have read all day  
Annie and Seal went out to Mr. White last night.  
Dan went out tonight with the carriage and <sup>their</sup> horses.  
I completed a letter tonight to Mr. Skirred.

Sunday Dec 22nd  
N. N. Fine. F. sawing. Dan chopping. A.M. A. mended his shoes.  
I hauled six days of wood and cut W. Cosmon's hair. P.M. I  
mended the carriage shaft and put one shoe on my horse. This  
evening Dan, Alf & I finished shoeing him. Jim Cosmon got  
a barrel of apples here. Ben Swift brought me two a geese,  
David Grant & Lady come in tonight.

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Sunday Dec 23rd

W. S. W. Snowed about six inches during the night and continued slightly through the day. I went to the mill. Dan and I cut wood till next night when I harnessed to the sleigh and went out to Mr. Clark and got a gallon of paraffin oil. There is hardly enough snow for sleighing. My & Mr. Pratt went to the mill this afternoon. Rossy and I were going up the Bay today, but the snow has prevented. Felly Robert brought up a goose for mother. This is Harold's first Christmas Eve.

Tuesday Dec 25th

W. S. W. Bland, but pleasant - quite cold. Christmas Day. W. S. W. & Lydia. Mr. Grant & Wife. My & Charlotte. all took dinner here today. We all took tea over to Cece's. We have spent a very pleasant day. W. S. W. brought with him a volume of Palmage's sermons, from which he and I read several beautiful discourses. This is little Harold's first Christmas. He is well, and seems to enjoy himself finely. I hope he may live to see <sup>more</sup> many kind varieties, but settled to N. W. F. leaving off about to the bridge. Dan tending around. Rossy, Harold and I went up the Bay today. Got up there about 2 o'clock. They were all delighted to see little Harold. Etta Nickerson was there, and Des. & Jim the evening. Our afternoon and evening at Mrs. Ring's was very pleasant indeed. Maggie Sanderson was there too.

Thursday Dec 26th

W. S. W. Fine Mrs. Ring. Rossy, Harold & I went up to Rossy's Grandmother Saxon's to dinner. Although there is snow enough to make fair sleighing in places, still it is splendid "skating". After dinner we went up to Mrs. or rather George Nickerson where we stopped till after tea. I called on Lucie Campbell on this afternoon for the first time since she has been in her own home. After tea we drove back again to Mrs. Ring's.  
Beautiful Evening

Friday Dec 27th

# Journal & Diary

W. S. East looking a little like a storm, but cleared off beautifully. Rossy and I went up to Wendle John's this morning. On the way I call in to John Herquhart's to see him about some butter I let him have. He had no money for me, but I got the crock. We did not take Harold, so after dinner Rossy had to go down home again to see to him. I stopped at Wendle John till evening. I called on Eric's a little while this afternoon.

Saturday Dec 28

W. S. Quite fine. Rossy, Harold and I started for home at about ten o'clock. We got home "safe and sound" at about 2 o'clock.

Monday Dec 30

W. S. E. Fine early, but clouded up, and since noon a little fine snow has been falling. I sawing. Dan chopping - he began cutting cord wood today - cut a cord. A. M. Alf hauled some wood. I am unwell I remained in doors. P. M. Alf went out to Sticks with the calf and got a h-stick. I went to J. E. Wagoner and got a "Rate Ball". I then went up to Peters and got an - an - "upper sheep". Isiah W. helped me catch him. Mrs Grant. Cep obkathar were here today. Isiah W. Jesse C. here <sup>this evening</sup>.

Tuesday Dec 31

W. S. Quite cold. I sawing. Dan chopping C. wood. Alf went down the River taking Chettie and Mrs S. A. M. I hunted up the sheep & c. P. M. I fixed up the flails ready for threshing. Snowed a little this morning.











# THE SABINE DIARIES

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