

(Supply Foss Trefethen Diaries)



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My interest in all of this comes from a place called Trefethen's Corner in Rye, New Hampshire. Trefethen's Corner is about the midway point on Sagamore Road between Wallis Road at Lang's Corner and Elwyn Road at Foye's Corner. That is where my ancestors are from. Actually my 3rd great grandfather, Simon Goss Trefethen was Supply's brother and my mother and all her brothers and sisters grew up on Trefethen's Corner. The diaries are an amazing history spanning some 50 years of the life of Supply and his family as well as many other families mentioned in the diaries.

After learning to recognize his writing style, I decided to edit the diaries. Now I am not transcribing word for word, but I will try to convey his thoughts as he would have presented them. In some cases I add to sentences to smooth them out and in other cases I have left them as written. I am also adding explanations to some of the old terminology used during the 1800's. As well as, some of the amazing history and ways of life found in his writings. There are many names of the local people covering Rye and Portsmouth that will be of great interest to families doing genealogy as well. I just hope that I have done justice to this block of history.

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1856/1857

Portsmouth, New Hampshire July 12th 1856

I have not attempted journal writing so long that I have nearly lost the small bit of practice which I did have. I do think and always have thought that every person should keep a daily journal account in some degree of their proceedings and whereabouts for a number of reasons. The first and most essential is to acquire the art of putting sentences together in a systematic style. And to write off an incident in perfect grammatical order quickly and without being subjected to blunders. There is something beautiful about incidental writing which can only be acquired by continual practice.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire September 3rd 1856

I am surrounded by masses of excited people. The approaching Presidential campaign is the most exciting political campaign ever witnessed in America. It far exceeds the political eruption when Andrew Jackson was placed in the executive chair. And even more earnest than when Franklin Pierce was triumphantly elected to the White House. There are now three candidates in the field aspiring for the presidency. The regular Democratic candidate is James Buchanan of Pa. for President and John C. Breckinridge of Ky. for Vice President. There is a party calling themselves Republicans who have nominated John C. Fremont for President and William L. Dayton for Vice President. There is yet another party under the title of Americans who have nominated Millard Fillmore for President and Andrew J. Donelson for Vice President. Each party are doing their utmost to secure the election in their favor. I in this case sympathize with the Democratic Party as that is the party to which my father belonged. It would be a matter of course that I should inherit my democracy from him. I am yet young and know no other party as enemies of the Constitution and the country. I have been lead to believe that all who oppose the Democratic Party are opposed to the welfare of the U.S. and the good feelings of the community. I even think they want to dissolve the Union. This glorious Republic whose banners float in triumph over 31 commonwealths, 5 territories and one federal district. But still I know not their intentions and yet I believe them to be wrong. The Democrats say the Republicans are arrayed in full armor against the southern section of our union. Determined to have a civil war if they can obtain power.

Portsmouth, September 6th 1856

I must today record the adventures of yesterday and may as well say at first that I went to Concord N.H. to a Democratic mass meeting. It being a fine day and we were not very busy. We thought we would go up and witness the proceedings of the day. So accordingly we repaired to the depot at 6-o'clock am. It being the time the extra train was to leave for Concord. We

arrived, however, about a half an hour before the cars started and had plenty of time to examine our fellow passengers and find out the probable number going. We arrived as I have said and purchased our tickets and planted ourselves against a post by the platform ready for observation till the time of departure. There was but few present as yet and the prospect of a large crowd was slim. As it was to be a political meeting none were expected to go but Democrats and the assembly then looked rather small. On the other side of the track were standing a lot of Hindoos, as the democratic opponents are called. To note down the number of enthusiast Democrats who were going to Concord. They were apparently in high glee at the slimmest number in the Democratic ranks. One would say it was slim, another would say it was a perfect failure. I said nothing but kept myself perched up against the post to wait the result now. I could hear my opponents fling a slur at the corruptness of the Democratic Party numbers of which has been gradually collecting in the ticket office unobserved by the Hindoos who had been showering epithets upon their absent number. Soon the cars backed down between me and my opponent to receive their company for Concord. We got aboard and selected a seat handy for observation and concluded to remain at ease and watch the progress of both parties. We had not been seated long however when the sound of music was heard denoting the approach of a band. "They are coming" says one of our Democratic friends. Who? Says another, "Why the guards" says he. "What guards?" says one of the Hindoos on the opposite side. "The Buchanan Guard" say our friend. "The Buchanan Guard?" says Hindoo. "The same." Says our friend. "How long has there been a company by that name in Portsmouth?" asked the Black Republican. "Guess you are a stranger here" says the Democrat. "No I belong here" says the Hindoo. "Then you have just waked up" says the Democrat. This company has been organized at least three weeks and have enrolled upon their list 150 names of our most prominent citizens who would visit Concord today if they were not pressed so much with business. "Possible" says the Black Republican apparently struck with astonishment. By this time the guards had neared the depot within 8 to 10 yards. Headed by a full band from Portland who were playing a beautiful march. The guards drew up in front of the cars in rank and file numbering, 53 muskets with 8 or 10 officers. They made a splendid appearance with their glazed caps, black frocks and white pants. The band stepped aside to the right and played Bonaparte's Grand March while the guards, in single file, marched into the cars and was seated. Meanwhile the Hindoos had become dreadful scarce, our antagonist and chums were gone by the board and indeed they were all nearly gone. There were a few left however who could evidently stem more democracy than the point of their party. But even they were severely shaken, they would shutter and grim as if it was more than they could bear as the cheers of our democratic friends resounded upon their ears. But they must bare it or be the subjects of ridicule for the party going to Concord. So they were determined to live through it if possible they would fend off by suddenly turning their heads at every out burst of enthusiasm by the democracy. By this time they were all aboard and after three hearty cheers by those going to

Concord (who now numbered about 300) which was responded to by their numerous friends who had collected to see them start. We set steam for the Capital leaving those disconsolate Hindoos perched against the building evidently too much terrified to move or even too dumb to raise their head. We moved on slowly enlivened the while by the heavy band. Soon we reached Greenland where our number was swelled by 50 more of the intelligent democracy of Greenland and Rye (the latter by the way is the banner town of New Hampshire long noted for its determined and unflinching democracy). After heartily receiving our friends we again pushed on for Newmarket junction where was waiting some 75 more of the solid granite democracy who on our approach gave us 9 hearty cheer and a joyful reception. After getting some refreshments we were again propelling for Concord. Which we reached about 9 ½ o'clock with about 1000 passengers. (The Democrats call the Republicans Hindoos.)

Portsmouth, N.H. Oct 1856

Today is one of the most beautiful Sabbaths of the year fully in the minds of the Indian summer and a fine specimen of that season. The earth is now shedding her golden coat. The summer is past and autumn has come. The trees are indeed beautiful with drooping leaves of every hue from the deep healthful green to the pale colorless leaves of autumn. The green hills have lost their brightening glow. The evening frosts have stolen their sweetness and breathed its cold among their family. The seed time is past, the harvest is come. The farmer is improving it, he has secured his corn, and he is harvesting his potatoes. His apples are packed away for winter. His poultry are flocking round the grainery. The fat pig is grunting in the sty. In lieu of the luxurious productions of the earth, is not the farmer the happiest man when plenty set smiling at his door. All of the genuine quality all grown under the immediate observation of the proprietor. This forenoon I went to meeting at the new North Church and heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Dr. Sampson from Job, 20th chapter, 4th verse. He is an excellent preacher.

Portsmouth, N.H. Dec 18th, 1856

Today I again resume my pen after a delinquency of about 2 months during which much has been accomplished; much work has been done, much money spent and a great many other things accomplished. And among the great events which has happened to this vast republic is the election of another Democratic President, which has caused a great deal of rejoicing and a great deal of murmuring and a great deal of talking. The twenty seven millions of American people have all had something to say or do about furnishing a chief magistrate for the next official term. Everyone who could possibly could do or say anything to affect their choice have done it. All have done their part and the work is to be left aside for the next 4 years. James Buchanan is elected President and the world is yet in motion with a good prospect of success for 4 years more. Though the fanatics of the North said and does all in their power to elect Mr. Fremont though he is a failure. Though all of New England and the Great Empire State gave him

their electoral vote, still he is not elected. His own native state repudiates him. The state which he claims to have converted have refused to give him support. California emphatically decided against him by unanimously giving her electoral vote to Mr. Buchanan. Indeed he is nearly as unpopular there as in the southern having received only about 9,000 out of 100,000.

1857

Portsmouth, Jan 6th, 1857

Today the weather being so cold that the work has generally been suspended in the shipyards. And I in compliance with a great desire to improve my mind and imbibe a little of the patriotic spirit of 1776 and onwards and have been reading the life of Sam Houston the hero of Texas. In pursuing the life of this great and patriotic statesman and warrior, one cannot help entering into the narrative of the heroic deed and exploits of unflinching courage.

Without partaking somewhat of the spirit of the subject of the narrative, he was truly according to the history, a self-sacrificing.

Portsmouth N.H. Jan 23rd 1857

Christian Shore Dearborn Street No1 – Friday

Today has been exceedingly cold, the thermometer down at times to 24 below zero. It is as cold, if not colder, than any day previous for 50 years. Some of the last inhabitants say they never saw so much ice in the Piscatiqua before. It will soon be a good skating pond if this weather holds a few days longer. Stand upon the bridge by the mill and there is no open water to be seen. From Goodrich's tan yard to Boiling Rock is one ground mass of ice of nearly a foot of thickness. Willard Brown has long been wanting a bridge to span the river from his place to Nobles Island. But he need want no more while this temperature lasts for nature has supplied his wish and he may now make use of it if he is not afraid of freezing his toes. The ice above the Portsmouth Bridge is sufficiently strong for teaming and some have sauntered across on foot just for the name for it never was known to be so firm before. It is also frozen 2 or 3 inches some distance below the bridge. So the proprietors are hoping to dispense with the old basket as it rather rickety.

I went down to Rye last Saturday, the 17th, to see the folks. That is father, Albert and Elizabeth for mother has gone to Chelsea, Mass. to spend the winter with Oliver. I found them in good cheer and very glad to see me. Dad was looking round the corner when I got there to see if it was me. And then went in ahead to tell Elizabeth I was coming. After distributing my presents, which consisted of a few figs and nuts and a little candy and a couple newspapers for Dad and the True Flag and Pictorial for Elizabeth who now had her supper ready. We sat down to tea and were chatting, chatting away cheerfully when Albert and Emily and Charles her

husband came from Portsmouth. We had a few jokes horsed around and after Albert had housed the colt, they joined us in dispatching the tea. We had a right good time sipping and talking over tea and news stories. Albert had a new colt and we promised to have a ride tomorrow. We had some cider and apples which are indispensable to a country fire side. After joking, reading, talking and warming, we all retired for a happy night's sleep. I always sleep sound under the roof of my boyhood in our little airy garret chamber with the door open so as to have free circulation of air. (A **garret** is a habitable attic, a living space at the top of a house or larger residential building, traditionally, small, dismal, and cramped, with sloping ceilings. In the days before elevators this was the least prestigious position in a building, at the very top of the stairs.)

We awoke pretty early Sunday morning and peeped out the window when to our disappointment it was snowing. But Albert said he didn't care, we would have the sleigh ride. So after breakfast we harnessed the colt (a dear little pony 2 ½ years old) and away we went galloping down the road facing the storm until we came to Langdon's bridge about a mile when our pony is rather tired traveling through the loose snow. So we turn round the square and trot slowly home. Put the colt in the barn, give him a little corn mess, pat him on the neck and go in to dinner with a first rate appetite. (His parents would have been living on Sagamore Road near Trefethen's Corner. His parents were Joseph and Hannah (Berry). Albert, Elizabeth, Oliver and Emily are his brothers and sisters. Emily's husband is Charles W. Hall.)

Portsmouth N.H, Jan 24, 1857

Saturday

Today has been the coldest day on record in Portsmouth. This morning at 6 o'clock the thermometer was 27 below zero in some parts of the city. There never was known to be so much ice in the Piscatiqua River before. It is passable by ice from Pray's wharf to Badger's Island. But a little way above, hundreds have crossed and crossed for the fun or oddity of the thing on the ice, keeping up the sport all the forenoon, I was one of the numbers. In the morning I thought I would take a walk over to the mechanic's ship yard on Nobles Island (where I work when we have the right temperature) to see if all was right and meeting some friends. They invited me to cross for the fun of the thing. I accepted and we embarked and had a fine trip as all the ice was quite smooth. We started from Nobles Island just at the stern of the ship on the stock and went to Badger's Island, crossed Badger's Island and back then down to the Navy yard and back, thinking it quite a novelty to hand down to antiquity. Many of the adventurers took some twigs from the trees or bushes for a keep sake to remember this memorable day. But I take another for remembrance. It seems by the news from other places that we have had it quite mild compared with the temperatures of other places. Both East and West in some parts of Maine the thermometer has been as low as 30 degrees below zero and some parts of New York 35 to 40 below. Yet out West it has been colder than that. In Iowa and Minnesota it has been as low as 45 degrees below zero. We get news by telegraph, that being

the only mode of travel at present as the railroads all being blockaded and the engines froze up. A train from Boston to Portsmouth was detained three days near Hampton. There was a large snow drift on the track and the engineer attempted to run through it with the train attached when he got stuck in the middle of the drift and could neither recede nor advance. His wood being nearly gone, the water soon froze in the boiler and there they were hard and fast, passengers and crew. But they were soon rescued however by sleighs from the nearest station. I have been engaged the past few days in reading the travels and troubles and trails of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane in his arctic exploration. It seems almost unfeasible that human beings could endure the hardships and intense cold and exposure that he and his party went through. Sleeping sometimes in the open air with the thermometer at 55 below zero. But we have had it from him and vouched to by his comrades and have no right to dispute it and therefore admit it.

Portsmouth, Jan 30, 1857

Friday

Today has been one of the most beautiful and pleasant days ever enjoyed in January. The sun arose clear and spread its soft and humiliating rays over the earth in really a summer like style. Not a cloud was visible in all the broad canopy to obstruct its brightness. Every ray was distinctly felt as she ascended in her circling path and all around was joy and brightness. The merry sleigh bells jingle intermittingly with the sounds of the axe, the maul, the saw, and hammer and the ringing of the constant bells. All lent their art in enlivening and modifying the morning air. The day passed on. The thermometer which but one week ago told 30 degrees below zero, now stood at 45 to 50 above. Soon the snow began to melt and run down into little streams into the river. The large masses of ice began to break and flow down with the ebbing tide. Our river was no longer passable on its cold surface and all were glad to see this cold spanner depart. Everyone enjoyed the day. The wood vendors were early to market. The shop boys went whistling to their tasks. The professional were taking their morning walk. The lame crawled out to take the sun. The lazy lay drowsingly in bed till nearly noon. The Vulcan merrily to his hamming went and no less joyful were we of the ship yard. The feelings of gratitude so long pent up by the cold breath of zero were now expressed in merry glee. The axe was wielded with renewed vigor; the clip with the maul was a little more expert, the voice of the boss was heard more distinct. The movements of the men of Chips was accompanied with outbursts of pleasure humming a favorite song or rehearsing the last new whistling tune. In short it has been a pleasant day all round. Everyone must have enjoyed it if they had one spark of the love of nature in their bones. I am positive at least that all in the ship yard enjoyed it and when the evening sun went down they hoped tomorrow would be its brother.

Portsmouth-Saturday, Jan 31, 1857

Oh, the contrast between today and yesterday. Oh, the disappointment when I peeped out beside the curtain and saw the blinks descend I thought of yesterday as a dream. Could it be that the sun went down last night with not a cloud nor vestige of a storm to be seen? And now to awake and see a cold and bitter North East snow storm. It was the reality; it was even so in the night the clouds had spread the sky, the snow descending, the thermometer down to zero, the wind blowing a cutting breeze from the N.E. so that at first we were rather timmed about venturing out. But we did venture out and took a walk over to the yard when gradually the mercury began to rise and at 5 o'clock pm it began to rain and rain very steadily.

Portsmouth – Sunday – Feb 1, 1857

This morning it was already raining but the clouds still held their places and obscured the sun. The temperature was quite mild though the air very damp. The snow of yesterday is nearly all gone and the water below, aided by the high temperature above, is fast dispatching the original. I went to church twice today and heard the Rev. Sampson. He is a very find speaker and a good expounder of the law. Of a short stature, scarcely 5 feet 3 inches, light completed with sandy hair.

Portsmouth, March 2, 1857

Oh, the cold stern north March winds have come with their dreaded raw chilly breath and chill us with their piercing rays while round the fire we sit. Their loathsome presence is always hailed with an unwelcome sigh and while we hear them howling round we could sit down and cry. Their mournful sound is dreading and yet they heed it not. But rushing headlong over us our pleasures all do blott. We will submit to this and let our joys all go and be planted in oblivion among the drifts of snow. No, we will have our pleasures as along the path we go and enjoy our present luxuries in spite of the Marchy blow.

Portsmouth, March 29, 1857

I am tonight wishing I could pour forth my pent up feeling and trace them with my pen in a becoming and acceptable style. Could I but express my shattered ideas in a passing and respectable manner. I feel that my ambition could be satisfied. But no, I am armed to disappointment, my brain refused to yield its scanty contents. My hand has never been learned to guide the pen in handsome style and all seems but a vain hope for my future success. But perseverance is my only alternative and I must pursue with renewed vigor. I must not let an opportunity of bettering

my style pass without improving it. Long have I wished to be a good English writer. But so long have my hopes been not gratified and long, I expect, I shall have hope against hope before my wishes will be repaid in the way I desire. But still I mean to push ahead and gain my wanted position if possible.

Portsmouth, April 2nd, 1857

Sunday, Fast Day

Again in accordance with the beautiful and hallowed custom of his predecessors, has our gubernatorial dignity appointed a day of fasting and prayer. And has sent us a proclamation setting forth our duties to our God, to his Excellency and to ourselves and to lay aside our ordinary avocations and appropriate this day to our pious duty of fasting and praying.

Portsmouth, Apr 14, 1857

Today we are remembered of the old prophesy I that with the almighty nothing is impossible. He causeth the sun to shine on the just and the unjust. He causeth the rain to descend upon the good as well as upon the bad.

Yesterday morning was the most beautiful morning I ever enjoyed or witnessed in the early part of April. The golden illuminator arose in her orbit with nothing to obstruct her luxurious gaze as she went towering up to her maridian height. Not a cloud was visible in all the broad canopy. Not a speck could be seen which would obliterate one ray of the glorious sunshine. Not an obstacle presented itself to retard her progress as she went traveling on in her path.

Everyone looked joyful and good natured as they went forth to their work all in high glee and beautiful spirits. The birds to were not wanting in their praises for each was expressing his joy. By warbling his own native tune which resounded in perfect harmony with the balmy morning air.

The news boys whistle was much sharper and step much firmer than on any previous morning since this the close of autumn. But alas what a contrast compared to today. This morning when I awoke the winds were howling. The northeast wind was whirling the clouds in hurried succession to the southwest. Soon the rain began to descend and the drops came battering at my window. The broad canopy above was one frightful reality of a monstrous storm.

November 2 – 14, Supply Trefethen was enrolled in the Rockingham County Teacher's Institute. Also enrolled were Charles J. Brown and Emmons B. Philbrick, all from Rye. The school was for those that contemplated engaging in teaching in the future.

1858 – No diary

1859

(Note: On Feb. 19, 1859 His father; Joseph Trefethen passed away.)

Mar 29 - "I am tonight wishing I could pour forth my pent up feeling and trace them with my pen in a becoming and acceptable style. Could I but express my shattered ideas in a passing and respectable manner I feel that my ambition would be satisfied. But no, I am drowned to disappointment, my brain refuses to yield its scanty contents, my hand has never been learned to guide the pen in handsome style and all seems but a vain hope for my future success. But persistence is my only alternative and I must persevere with renewed vigor. I must not let an opportunity of bettering my style pass without improving it. Long have I wished I could be a good English writer. But so long have my hopes been not gratified and long I expect I shall have to hope against hope before my wishes will be repaid in the way I desire. But still I mean to push ahead and gain my wanted position if possible."

Apr 10 – Today I have been to church in the forenoon. Went to the orthodox house and heard a sermon from Rev. Mr. Roby of Greenland who exchanged with the regular minister Mr. Otis. After saying his prayers and the choir had sung twice he told us he should preach from Revelations, 1st chapter and 17th and 18th verses. He spoke well and pronounce every word distinctly. But did not use quite so much force of utterance as was desirable. Yet he was a very sensible man and told his story in good intelligible English. The "gist" of his discourse I don't now remember (though at noon I had it well in my head) as this afternoon I went and heard such a noisy harangue from Elder Coal, the Baptist expounder. Mr. Roby read a note handed in by Gilman Varrell and wife asking that the prayers of himself and the church might be "sanctified to them for the loss of their child". He said it is stated in 3 places in the old testament that the Almighty has said "I am the first and the last". He also said "it is stated in 3 different places in the New Testament by Jesus Christ " I am the first and the last". This proved that the Almighty and Christ were one. That the father and the son were one and the same inseparable. Christ was our Savior and mediator and he came in to the world to rid it of our sins. And he is the one for us to look to for consolation and encouragement. He (the speaker) would endeavor to show or explain the relation which Christ now holds to us or the position which he assumes in the Great Kingdom at the present time. When he was here he told his disciples "In my father's house are many mansions behold I go to prepare a place for you." And he was now fulfilling that mission. He is in that glorious mansion preparing a home for us.

His text said "and have the keys of hell and of death." This meant that the he held the power to inflict the punishment which is to be ours here after and that he was the one to whom we should look for pardon in future. I was very sorry I went to hear Mr. Coal in the afternoon for it spoiled my sermon of the forenoon. Had I went home at noon I think I should have been better off. And here let me say that our leading church people would exhibit more knowledge if they should establish a rule to have 2 ½ hours now instead of the 60 minutes they now have. Then the people could have time to go home and get their dinner and also a fair understanding of their forenoon sermon. But where we have so short a time between sermons they are both compounded together. Trying to remember the one we forgot the other and they both become entangled in one crazy ribble rabble and are both ricked out of the head together.

In the afternoon as I have said I went to hear Mr. Coal or Cole. I hardly know what to say of this modern L. Dow. However to begin he is a clumsy piece of divinity much more weighty in person and then in argument and far better for wielding the sledge hammer than the gospel. He has been in this town about 4 months expounding for our Baptist brethren on probation and last week they concluded to hire him the balance of the year. So today he was giving them a preface of the remainder of his years' work. That is he was setting forth what he was going to do and what he wanted them to do in order to go along right. The reverend gentleman took no particular text but said he was going to speak of things in general. He would tell them what he should do the coming year and also what he wanted them to do in general. And shall not be fronted at such requests. "If in the course of my summer sermons I shall preach against the evils of drunkenness and there happens to be one here who is occasionally found in that condition I don't want him to think I mean him in particular for I don't mean any such thing. "Among all the numerous and contestable faults of the preacher there is not on so glaring as the one in regard to personality in his preaching." "If I speak against covetousness and applaud liberality don't think I am begging for I shall not be doing so. The brethren and I have agreed on my salary and I shall not ask for your money."

Three men went to see and infidel who was sick and very poor. Two of the men prayed for the sick may that he might be restored to health again soon. But the man took no notice of the praying men and did not even raise his head from his dying pillow. After the tow first had ceased praying the third man approached the invalid and place in his hand a silver dollar. The cold metal in his warm had caused a slight shudder or tremor to run through his frame at first but as soon as he had raised it so that his sunken eyes could tell him what it was the red blood mounted to his temples, his dim eyes were moistened and brightened with the tears of thanks giving and his whole being seemed to be animated with a new impulse of thanks. He raised himself on his elbows and pressed his hand and thanked him again and thanked God and prayed and from that time became a Christian.

May 5 - Today if I have time I must review a week or two and bring up the stray progress of the farmers toils. It is now May 5th and people are not done planting. Potatoes yet though they are getting along middling well for the season. With the exception of a few days in this and last week we have had very backward weather. Old Mr. Hard weather held the soil together as long it was possible for him under the circumstances, and after he did withdraw his lusty tooth from it. It was some time before the virgin soil was in a condition to be tilled.

We have planted the most of our potatoes as it is now Thursday. The last of them will not probably find their way into the ground until the first of next week. Today George and I have been trucking round in forenoon. I went to the sea and got a cart full of weed. Since then been harrowing, planting and making strawberry beds for experiment. I intend to plant the plants 18 inches apart in yellow subsoil soon with a little mixture of chips dirt. Grass roots were much killed last winter by ice freezing up on them. The buds up on the fruit trees are just swelling for fruit.

May 6 - Been doing various kinds of work today. Planting a few "Early" potatoes, setting out strawberry plants (one foot apart), and building over wall, ploughing etc. The weather is very warm and dry for the time of the year. There has been no rain fallen since April 26 and the top of the ground is very much dried.

May 7 - This year I have been appointed surveyor of the highway of district No. 10. Therefore this day we are fulfilling our duty and laboring on the public ways. Hence we say we are mending our way this Saturday the 7th of May.

May 11 - Today I am not very busy as it is rainy and myself quite lame in the small of my back. For this reason I keep housed in hopes to get rid of it in a day or two. Otherwise I could find enough to keep me employed from sun to sun and two thirds of the night around here tilling the soil and putting in seed for harvest. Yesterday I set out some strawberry plants which Joseph brought me from Danvers. He brought two kinds, one of which are said to produce berries $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter. (I should admire to have a saucer full of them just now). The leaves of these plants are quite small and of a very steep green color. Many of them are budded now and we may expect a mess or two from them this summer. I also set out 4 rows of strawberry plants which I took from our garden that have been there two years and always bore false bloth and of they some false this the third season. They are to be rooted up and cast into the pens of the pigs for his especial perusal. I tilled them according to scripture. Year before last I took them from their desolate place at the end of the house where the sun did not shine upon them and put them in a beautiful and richly manure bed in the garden. They flourished well and bloomed full that year. But not a berry did they give us and I concede they had not attained their bearing condition for want of proper manuring. Last year I dug about them and put additional quantity of manure and give them greater chances for bearing. But

they refused again and gave us no fruit the second year. This is their third and last if they produce nothing but leaves as before. So much for the false strawberry vines. A very instructive comparison might be drawn between these and the falsities of mankind. How many false vines do we see among mankind. Very many are there of false bearers in every city, town and village. They are admirable to the eye if no other organ is called to examine them. But when we come to test their qualities, to test their fruit, they have borne nothing therefore there is nothing.

May 14 - Ploughing for and planting corn. Most farmers in Rye have put in their corn for the year ensuing. But nearly all acknowledge it gains nothing in the ground but that. It is out of the way when it is once planted it is done and they can turn their attention to something else. But not unfrequently it happens it is not done when planted do early. On the contrary it often occurs that much rain falls after the seed is deposited which soaks the seed to decay in the soil without sending forth even a twig to mark its buried place. In this case the farmer has to "do it again" with much murmuring.

May 15 - This forenoon I stayed at home to entertain my friend G.G. Frost of North Berwick who was here last evening and stopped till morning. This afternoon I have been to meeting at the Surf House where the Methodist's hold their meetings while repairing their house. They are laying out about \$400.00 in painting and other improvements. They have removed the old pulpit and in its place are to have a splendid new one of modern style at a cost of \$50.00. They also have removed all the pen doors which have been complained of by the ladies as greatly impeding their progress with their cumbrous dresses. There are two more pews added in front of the alter. The pews have all received four coats of paint and varnish put on by Mr. Spear. The style is I think original. The front of each pew is painted with white. The backs green and the trimmings stained with black walnut color. The aisles are carpeted and windows blinded on the outside walls and newly washed with yellow.

The meeting this afternoon was one of a little more interest than ordinarily as we have a new minister and all were eager to hear him and say "how did you like him." I say I liked him very well. We walked in to the dining room of the hotel where we found about 30 or 35 assembled sitting upon chairs and benches in the back part of the room. They were looking on rather soberly at the door by which we entered. After we had taken our seats with our backs towards the assembly, we discovered behind a table (with the holy book on it) a head with two black eyes carelessly considering the different members of the church. After we had been seated the proper number of minutes our new minister rose and said "we will commence the worship of God by singing the 63 Hymn of this collection which I will read." After the choir had, had time to pick out the tune to go by Brother W. Seavey "struck up" and nearly all the congregation joined in singing it through. After which prayer came along and our new Man did well getting down upon his knees with a new pair of shoes and pants on he prayed for everyone

in the house in particular and mankind in general. Then he read a few passages from the book and said we will praise God further by singing the 68 hymn which was read in a tremulous voice and sung in a hearty style. After which was "sermon time." Before commencing however, it may be well to say of him that he is not very tall, perhaps about 5 feet 4 inches and weight 190 with black hair, square shoulders, long arms, black eyes and a pricked nose. His face was rather thin and a heavy black beard. With all rather good looking and several ladies inquired if he is married. Which was answered by a wife and one child. I may further say that he had on him this day an entire new suit commencing with his shoes which were of goat skin and attracted my attention. Second to his eye as being rather uncomfortable for his toes and made him appear somewhat awkward when not in earnest. His pants being new and composed of light doe skin were rather long and covered considerable portion of his shoes. On his arms and shoulders was a new Frock coat with a clever tail sustaining two buttons. The body part was cut in modern style and fitted well and composed of black Broadcloth. His vest was, I think black satin and folded back showing us a decent look at his shirt. Well done up and round his neck a black silk handkerchief wound twice and tied in a square knot. As I may not have occasion to allude to his personality again, I may say that Mrs. A. Jenness, one of the leading talkers of the church, told me that sister Drake told her that sister Seavey told sister Lang that sister J. Jenness told sister Seavey that Mr. Bailey our new minister (of the parsonage) is going to carpet the kitchen, sitting room and parlor with nice woolen carpet.

He took his text in Philippians, chapter 3 and 8th verse. "Yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." "This" he said was Paul's epistle to the Philippians." That great and grand man had said many centuries ago the words of our text. Which means that everything else was of no satisfaction without a knowledge of Christ. To illustrate this and show that the learned Paul was right. Take the man whose ambition was for property. Watch him as by adroit and skillful speculation he accumulates his hundreds of thousand, yea millions, until his ships are counted by articles of merchandise are innumerable and the men under his employment would exceed a small army and see if his thirst for wealth has abates. You will find it has not in the least but on the contrary, it has steadily increased with his possessions. When commencing he had assertions for a few thousand dollars when he had obtained that he was ambitious for a hundred thousand when that came, millions sparkled in his imagination and every nerve was strained to acquire it. His rest at first was easy. He had little property to absorb his attention and when he lay down to rest sound slumber would take charge of his mind and in the morning he would resume his labor refreshed. But gradually as his possessions became extended and its cores ingratitude, his mind and his nights repose became more and more disturbed until when he has a messed his milling, his mind is nearly all absorbed in it and gradually his appetite and soundness of slumber deserts him and leave his whole being to doubt over his pile of indigestible corn.

May 29 - This forenoon went to the East School house to meeting holden by the Methodist in consequence of their house not being ready for occupancy since repairing.

The meeting had been announced 8 days previous but yet there was not above 40 present. 5 of us started together, Joseph W. Seavey, Joseph R. Holmes, Joseph W. Odiorne, Albert B. Trefethen and myself. It was a very pleasant day and we had rather an agreeable walk. After we had started I glanced over my shoulder and Levi "Brother Lang" winding his way towards this particular place of worship. Although it was Sunday and we were going to meeting we could not refrain from talking of other matters and subjects. Yesterday we had been mending the ways of our district (which extended half way to the school house) and despite our watchfulness and hard labor with the pick axe and crowbar, there were several rocks remaining in the highway as stumbling stones for church members going to the school house to worship. And they were severely criticized by my friends H. & S. I being surveyor they said ought to have had them removed. But I told them they had been so negligent in previous years and left so many evidences of un-interestedness that it was impossible for me to have them all removed in one year.

My friends discussed the remarkable qualities of David Remick's light red colt, 2 years old. "He is built" they said much after the model of the old mare which had been an extraordinary beast and endured this life nearly 30 years. And whose wasted form is now beaten from Rye to Portsmouth two times a week in front of town females who ought to know better. The colt(which was grazing in the pasture by the roadside) it was predicted would make a remarkable fast trotter. And to give the company an idea of what will happen, Seavey cast a stone at the animal which caused her to leave off eating and raise head and tail and start off in a clever trot towards the woods. "See" said one "how she throws out her forward feet". Then admiringly she spreads her hind feet to reach by the tracks made by the forward ones". What a splendid appearance she makes with arched neck and busby tail trotting over the pasture at a 2:40 rate. It was noticed she was thin in flesh and David was spoken of as not good for keeping horses fat. Now David ought know better. A man who has been round here 40 years ought to know that if his horses are poor than people will say so.

By this time we were traveling over the next district to ours over which my friend Emery Woodman has the honor to proceed as surveyor this year. He like myself finds glaring faults of his predecessors in office. And he if I may judge by the decision of our company will leave much to be done by his successors. I know not but that he has done as well as he could under the circumstances. For before there were huge piles of rocks in the road even in the travelling path and ridges so high that they seemed like bank fences between the different paths traveled by the horses and wheels. (Be it remembered this is written Monday). Now we had passed London Bridge and in full sight of the school house. Some were collected in front and many others

snaking their way hither. Some from the east and some ahead and others behind us. All treading off boldly evidently aware of the importance of the occasion. When we had risen the bank in front of the house and people through the half open door, we discovered that there were three enclosed and 90 at the front door discussing different subjects. Soon our new minister came upon the bank and began to shake the hands of the Methodist Brethren. After he had been round and was yet talking with Brother Seavey the assembly walked into the school house. And after looking round I went in with the rest of our gang and we all took seats back from the floor. We had been seated 5 minutes when the minister came in and walked to the seat behind the desk and kneeled a couple of minutes, probably to whisper a prayer, then raised himself and sat down facing us.

Since we had been in the house my attention had been called to the interior appearance and arrangements of the school room. The order was not so neat as it might have been. Indeed every arrangement seemed to have been performed by immature hands. Yet there was one particular subject which immediately attracted notice, "It was Clean". The floor, seats, desk, doors and finish had been severely scoured the previous Saturday with soap and sand. The bright spots upon the benches looked up to us smilingly as if to manifest their gratitude to the kindly hands that rescued them from oblivion. The seat upon which we sat was somewhat besprinkled with sand. The remnant of the scouring process of yesterday. I noticed one of the back windows was raised about 15 inches and supported by a huge ledge rock standing on end and about 1 foot in diameter which abstracted much attention from the worshipping congregation. Soon all were in and the preacher named and read the 63 hymn in the "Methodist Hymns" which Woodbury Seavey and E.M. Lang and several ladies sang through omitting the 4th verse.

The stone in the window had made Brother Benjamin Odiorne rather uneasy and as soon as singing was done he arose and cast it from the window after looking down the outside to see that no sinner was there. After this the 53rd chapter of Isaiah was read also part of the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Next was prayer then singing another hymn. The first line of which was "Oh for that flame of living fire". Then our brother announced that his text was in Hebrews the 11th chapter and 14th verse. "For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country". What he intended by introducing this text was he said to set before them the great example and necessity of faith. "Faith is the great purpose hoped for". "Actions speak louder than words". By their actions men speak their faith and no man could convince you argument that his faith was different from his actions. Take the example of Abel and Noah and Paul and Moses and Job an even the penitent on the cross. Why did Abel offer his lamb as an offering to God he had never seen. But yet he knew there was a god and his faith told him there was an almighty and that is was his duty to honor and present his offering. His actions told ones that he

believed and there was a supreme ruler and had he argued differently none would have believed.

Faith told Noah to build the ark or caused him to do it and gather all his animals and family and a specie of every living thing that creapith upon the earth therein. Paul was the great embodiment of faith. Abraham was the father of the faithful and offered up his only begotten son as a sacrifice. Moses had traveled in the wilderness 40 days and 40 nights to exhibit his faith. The thief upon the cross believed Christ was able to save him.

The leading characteristic of all generations is selfishness. Many asked whey did not God make us just what we should be? And to answer this question in our worldly divine argued at much length the point and finally said "It is absolutely necessary according to philosophical principals that we should be just what we are." We ask what we have to do to obtain this faith necessary to go to the world of bliss. At times my faith wavers and the soul shrinks from the grave but set your affections on the bright city boy and the brink of death. Faith must be united with firm confidence and all well be well. The little girl said "believe that Christ died for us and ask me questions". Study Christ at history faithfully. Everyone has their favorite authors and he believed if all would study him, Christ could not feel to be a favorite author to all.

The 854 hymn was read and sung, "Awake my soul, strain every nerve and press with vigor on". Then closed with the benediction.

(Emily Wester and her father went to Portsmouth, June 4th, 1859.)

Jun 2 - Today I have been to the dedication of the Methodist's Church newly repaired and set in order for today. The expense of fitting it up has been borne by the ladies of the society. They caused the old two storied pulpit to be removed and in its place to be supplied by a very convenient modern desk and sofa sitting upon a rostrum raised 15 inches and extending in front of the desk to the first pews and of the width of the two body pews. Hitherto each pew has had a swinging door and on Sundays every family must be enclosed and the door secured with a brass button. But modernly as the good people's hearts enlarge. Their consciences and crinoline (a stiffened or hooped petticoat worn to make a long skirt stand out) demand a wider swing and it was discovered that these enclosing boards had begun to be serious annoyances to the extended modern costume of the "fair" portion of the minister's congregation. Moreover these doors were found to be a source of much perplexity in the display of fine things on Sundays. And the ladies having the power and acting on these two suggestions cast them out of their house of worship.

It so happens that our church is situated in a cozy place by the side of a hill where the sun in its glorious splendor has a chance to disperse it's broad rays through the commodious windows. Vexationly crossing the vision of many of the church going people while attending

services in the sanctuary. And my friends, the ladies, in order to limit the rays of the sun to the outside part of the house have caused it's windows to be neatly blinded. (Painted Green)

In by-gone days people wore heavy shoes even to meetings and it often occurred that their morning duties deterred them from church until after services had commenced and not unfrequently they were compelled by their tardiness to wend there across the aisles while the minister was expounding to his congregation. Thereby seriously disturbing his earnestness and sincerity. To avoid this evil hence forth and forever and not to be disturbed by clumsy peoples feet anymore, our good ladies have admirably carpeted these necessary allies so that they are not only soft to the feet but also to the ears.

The ladies what are always considered to be the most tasty in selecting colors for paint and acting their own pleasure caused the painting to be dictated by them and in their wisdom advised him (the painter) to paint the trimmings of the house white. They also said we will have the backs and seats and the places under the seats colored green. Again they devised and caused the front and outside part of each pew to be covered with white. Yet again they spoke and the rails around the pews were stained with black walnut color. And again they advised and said we will have the floor of the entry painted slate color and the trimmings and doors we will have grained with handsome rosewood. "And now" they said we will have every part of the paint and grain work aforesaid nicely covered with a thinning coat of varnish.

After all this it was discovered that as people were going through the aisles, especially strangers, they would be likely to cast glances sidewise into the different pews and observe their order of arrangement. Hence it was expedient that all carpets should be alike and all cushions of corresponding shades of green and therefore it was decided they should be purchased together as many as possible to avoid unpleasant allusions. Therefore as soon as the house was set in order it was decided it should be dedicated on June 2nd, 1859 and Jonathan Hall of Portsmouth, N.H. was invited to deliver the dedicatory sermon. By which he did in a very appropriate manner surrounded by 5 other Methodist divines including our speaker Mr. Bailey.

Jun 18 - The time for hoeing is here by in the middle and farmers generally have commenced the second time. We have got cleverly over once and the first of the week we commence again. Potatoes look well and corn is scarcely large enough to hoe the first time, yet it has all been hoed. Grass was very much kitted last winter by the ice and farmers in the town will hardly get two thirds as much as last season. Hay now brings 13.00 in the market, a dollar cheaper than a month ago.

I was appointed one of the appraisers of the estate of Washington Varrell of Rye and this after we have been attending to our duty. That is myself, Moses Clarke and Elbridge Thomas. Not knowing the time appointed to commence (which was 3 pm) I started at 1 ½ and called at

Mr. Thomas to see if Guss had gone. But when I arrived there the old gentleman said he would not be ready till 3. It was then 20 minutes to 2. Therefore I had 80 minutes to pass away before business. So I employed it as best I could in telling the old gentleman stories. I learned from him that he was 80 years old last April and that it was just 60 years that month since he came into this town to labor. His first work was performing upon the arm now owned by George W. Towle. Then owned by Mr. _____ where he himself had first seen the sun and been reared to his 20th year and serving 10 as an apprentice to the farming business. "In those days" he said people drank hard cider and but little else. His old master lying in yearly 20 hogs heads (**Hogs Heads - a measure of capacity for beer, equal to 64 gallons**) and he being the youngest of the household among the male men was required to bring most of this enormous quantity from the cellar in a 5 pint can. In busy seasons when 6 or 8 hands were required upon the farm it would absorb much of his time in carrying drink to the men.

Jun 23 - This day has been stormy and foggy like its predecessor yesterday. There is much grumbling among the inhabitants of the earth at so much "dull" weather. They say they have seen dull and wet seasons before "but this surpasses them all in that respect" say they. Now we must admit this is a very wet season. But when we say we never saw so much water before at this season of the year we speak without thought for if I am not much mistaken, 1858 was equal to it in this respect. I have been hoeing cabbages and potatoes between mowers and while the rain descended I was reading newspapers. Viz: N.H. Gazette, N.Y. Ledger, N.Y. Tribune etc.

Jun 24 - Dull and rainy like the day preceding. Mrs. Yes indeed was in here this morning and says these must be passed as Dog Days and that we shall not have such foggy and disagreeable weather in July as formerly. But I am persuaded she is not so thorough posted up in weather wise as some people of her years are. However, it is certain these days are very much like those called Dog Days if they are not brothers. But I wish to have nothing to do with them as they give much pain. Yet I have to endure them and every one that goes by counts the same in the year as does one of the brightest imaginable.

I have been hoeing corn and cabbages and preparing another patch for transplanting. Cabbages thrive well now a days. This foggy combustion though not good for corn and beans and potatoes and goslings is nevertheless excellent for cabbages and grass. Therefore it becomes the duty of farmers to look well to their cabbages while it is yet dull and they can do nothing else. There is an abundance of water in the earth and by the appearance of clouds, there is a plenty overhead.

It is surprising how remarkably flexible the tongue of woman is on these unpleasant days. Where "two or three are gathered together" it is amazing to listen with what unbounded fluency the rabbling speeches of every variety are reeled off. They will chant for ½ hour on the

tricks of one little baby. Saying a thousand words and apparently not breathing more than twice. If one has been to Portsmouth within a week or even a month she will tell nearly everything word for word that transpired while she was on that eventful journey. If one of her chickens has recently died she will give its history with a glibness scarcely surpassed even by modern magnetic telegraph. She is as cute with the trials of her neighbor as was Douglas Jerrold with the shortcomings of Landon Life. And of all the pride and glory of the country wife her pig takes the foremost rank. When neighbors meet every little trait of his character is clearly delineated. All the goods and the bads are talked of with vigor and decision and then with a knowing look and a forgiving tone it is quaintly said "some pigs will do so" you know.

Jun 25 - It is not always desirable to see Saturday come round but this time it is indeed pleasant and enjoyable. It has not only brought the last part of the week but also the last part of a storm and fog. For the preceding five days this part of our earthly ball has been surrounded by fog and rain and the scene has been married by being rainy and foggy alternately. First we would have a smart shower for an hour or two and then the black dense fog would come rumbling in (nearly as thick as the fishermen's was when he could drive a nail in it and hang his hat on it) and hold us in darkness for a quarter of a day. Then the east wind would puff it away like the smoke from a discharged canon. Then down came the rain with renewed vengeance burying the vegetation in flood again and when this streaming apparition was done again, back would come the old black pillow of moisture and hang around us till the "earth" could again be seen through the troubled water. When we must again take a severe sprinkling even more severely than before.

I have been hoeing cabbages and thinning them out. The land is very soft so much so that in my travels from plant to plant I was forced to carry at least 20 lbs. which very lovingly adhered to my shoe.

It being Saturday and likewise near the glorious forth it may not be the place to state things about as they are and compare then with the year 1858. I will commence with that article which the New England Ladies identify with the "giant pot of beans" viz: Indian Corn. I don't mean to say that they eat the corn stocks but that genuine article wrapped up so nicely in those elegant wrapping papers called husks. I must confess for the twenty fifth of June 1859 sadly wanting in length it being scarcely four inches in height on an average. My old friend James Thomas recently told me he had seen corn spindled out and as high as his shoulders on the fourth of July.

Potatoes may be spoken of as being well along. The "start" but on the contrary rather short though they are budded and will soon be in bloth. It is confidently whispered among some of the knowing ones that we shall have a clever crop of "taters". Grass is very much killed out and there will hardly be more than two thirds of a crop on average. Thought where there is a spot that escaped the killing ice it is uncommonly "Scant". Beans lack decidedly sick. June peas

blooming 2 weeks ago and if we have some shine enough will be ready for carting when July begins. There was not much blith on the Baldwin trees but those that laid liberty to bear as they pleased. Brought forth a minimal quantity on those necessary articles called blossom. Cabbages thrive well and beets middling but onions are nobody having been eaten up entirely by the maggot. Strawberry plants do not flourish exceedingly well there having been a little too much of the soft fluid. Farmers are well along with the second time hoeing and if I am not mistaken will be ready to celebrate by the 4th. Goslins are very scarce this year owing to there being no geese. Chickings are too plenty and squashes look well. Which indicates that there will be a rousing crop of corn likewise.

Jun 26 - Sunday has come and mostly gone again. It has been very pleasant and quite warm. The sun rose this morning in good season and furrowed by a clear sky. Looking hard as though we are to have a few days of good weather for living.

As I write I am reminded of the two extremes of mirth and passion by my little nephew Lummy. Two minutes ago he was to the very height of glee, joying and tickling over the blunder and downfall of one of his little companions. Now he is screaming with sorrow. Eyes brimful of tears, hat off and hair in wild confusion having received a wicked bump by one of his juvenile neighbors.

Last night I received a request from my friend John E. Odiorne to find him a seat and do escort from the step to the pew as he was going to assume the responsible hands of matrimony this morning at 9. As per agreement, he and his beloved started from his home at 8 ½ for the clergyman's (Mr. Otis) when they were joined in wedlock at quarter past 9. Then they took a bridal ride by carriage round the town and arrived at the meeting house at ½ to 11 where J.W. Seavey and I stood ready to receive them. Seavey to manage the horse and myself to do the duty as above. We marched into the house while the minister was saying his prayers and took our seats as quietly as possible and waited for the Amen. Then the choir were requested to sing 1062 hymn and everybody rose up to face them during the performance. As my friend and I held the hymn book together, I was impressed that he cared but a little for the tune as his hand was slightly trembling. After we sat down the minister told us he should preach from Hebrews and occupy 2 verses. But I have forgotten which chapter, also the number of the verse.

The name of my friends future companion was Lucy B. Foss of Greenland, a sister of his sister's husband.

Jun 30 - This day is very nice for all varieties of business. For the tiller of the soil as well as for every other namable occupation un the sun except catching grasshoppers and tattling in the open street. The former occupation is almost null and void owing to the extreme scarcity of that vermin. And the latter calling generally very considerably prevalent owes its downfall or

suppression today to the craftiness of the N.W. wind which is during its prettiest to controvert such monstrous and alarming evils.

This morning with the rising sun also came the rising wind and old N.W. taking the bellows into his hands has given us a handsome airing at 2:40. The contrast between today and yesterday is great. Yesterday the mercury in sun told us it was 112 degrees above zero and not less than go in the shade. Many people worked in the field all day hoeing but they were much irritated by the heat of the scorching sun. Being continually troubled with a draping at the nose and occasionally a few drops of that article known as sweat would take their departure from the rear of their pantaloons having eased out from above and trickled down to that locality to take their final departure.

But there were many other people who not being so crafty for this worlds goods, betook themselves some cozy retreat where the air might surround them unattended by the noon day sun. And there in all the glory of their manhood poured out their immense gratitude for their propensity for enjoyment.

Jul 5 - Now we have come to the month when 83 years ago our forefathers declared they would submit to the British tyranny no longer. We have passed the glorious 4th once more and whether we have done it to the honor and glory of those who lost their blood in making it renowned remains for us to answer. I am persuaded that the enthusiasm heretofore so abundant has greatly subsided and the fourth of July is merely the fourth of July and not remembered half so extensively as a day of celebration and glorification as in former times. Then the 4th of July was considered too sacred wherein to do manual labor. Then everybody was patriotic and old men made long orations on the life and character of the men of "76" and of the heroic deeds of Warren and Washington and Putnam and Stark and Lafayette and Patrick Henry and Benjamin Franklin and Charles Carrol of Carrolton and other great patriots of those days. Little boys would mount a barrel and fire their pistol and "Hura" Washington and little girls would look on with eyes full of patriotism, mouth open and a white handkerchief in their hands. Old ladies told wonderful tales of Indians and red jackets and of Washington and Arnold and wound up with a "Hura for Bunker Hill". But now alas the scene has changed. No patriotism is manifest, no sacred remembrances can be hustled out of the modern celebrations. Not one fiber of the heart of the American "Citizen" can be made to resound back to the days of "76".

Jul 8 - Today is quite warm and good for haying and the farmers are moderately improving the advantage. Some have got in several tons and have much to put in cocks tonight. The hay crop this season in this vicinity averages about 2/3 a usual crop. It having been badly killed by ice last winter. On some acre patches there is little except weeds and in many places a short ugly matter or wire grass takes the place of Timothy. Clover is almost extinct and its habitations

occupied by a horrible mixture of foreign combustibles. (Captain John Wheeler Locke has just passed the house for Portsmouth.)

Jul 15 - This day is called in Rye the 15th of July and nobody cares why. So long as it gives us a clear blue sky so that we can make our hay to the suiting of our eye and not interfere with the bundling up Rye. This is a very good day for making hay though the south east wind is a little troublesome because it objects to the grass wilting so fast as it otherwise would.

Jul 22 - Thanks to the good luck and good weather that we got the last load of hay into the barn yesterday for the season. And our thanks are not that we have not over two thirds of a usual crop but we are thankful that what little we have got is well cured and not as it has been in some previous years. "Thoroughly stuffed with Fog". But that it is in good eatable condition, hence cattle will eat their fill of hay without foggy. Now therefore all ye cattle be thankful that this has not been as other years and that dimmed hay is unknown.

I may here mention that it is very dry, that is to say: the vegetable kingdom is sadly in want of the fluid which moistens their roots and causes them to come to maturity. There has been no rain of consequence descended upon the earth for 3 long weeks and we are daily desiring to be refreshed in that way. Farmers are nearly done haying and would be happy to see one day denoted to showering the parched earth to cause the produce thereof to commence again to thrive in usual style. The cattle have to pinch off dried grass and go a long way to wet it. Cabbages wilt at noon day for want of the all sustaining Adams etc. The hens go laying round as if almost shrunk from their feathers. The potatoes are in a sorrowing condition. Hence a little rain would revive every living thing that dwelleth on this earth.

Jul 24 - This day I have to record as am devoted to going to meeting. In the forepart of which we listened to a cleaver discourse by a man from Great Falls, N.H. who exchanged with Mr. Bailey for this day only. He spoke very well from 1st chapter of Ephesians and the 23 verse. He would have done better but for the disturbance or rather awkwardness of some of the strangers who attended today for the first time. Among the cute observers of the strangers present were some of both sexes, male and female. One abominable man in the center of the house was continually snapping his eyes and scratching his ears. In another corner of the sacred house there was a woman somewhat advanced in years employed herself most of sermon time in hitting her fan and throwing her veil back over her shoulders and turning her big spectacles at the clock and winking at the minister and cutting up other didoes too numerous to mention. Another young lady was getting her lesson for Sunday school. About half way along on one west or southwest side of the gospel house was a lady from Boston who was making sport for the minister and sometimes slumping round in her seat then looking at the preacher with ???

Aug 3 – This day of our Lord we struck the first blow towards the completion of the New Powder Magazine at the Navy Yard near Kittery, Maine. At 6 in the morning, 5 of us Samuel A. Trefethen, Joseph P. Holmes, Joseph W. Odiorne, Horace L. Trefethen, and myself aimed our way to Portsmouth with pickaxes, bars and shovels and there we procured the services of a small “dory” with 3 oars and a rudder and tiller, into which we got with our implements. My hand on the tiller, Holmes and Horace pulling and J.W. Odiorne looking on with his oar for want of thole pins. With Samuel anchored on the seat nearest the aft room to look out for breakers. We had a fine passage over and our boat struck the floating stage just as the tongue of the navy bell struck for the seventh time. After mustering on the wharf with our executing tools on our backs we formed two sections and started a lively march towards the scene of action. Directly in front of us were 200 or 300 men collected around the navy muster office. (Ready to answer to their names) Who seemed to be rather a formidable array for us to march through in our journey. But before we came up to where they were, half of them were gone after saying “Here” and the remainder respectfully drew back and let us pass unmolested. We soon gained the open side wall in front of the Commodore’s house and marched solitarily on with “eyes and ears open” until we came to the fence. Whence the drain for the building starts for low water in good sound condition for the work. With our tools for the labor and something in our kettles to refresh us when the sun reached the maridian. After we had surveyed the premises to see which town we were in, we stretched our line for one side of the drain and the work was commenced with vigor. Half an hour found us in a trench 10 feet long and 20 inches deep and by night we lengthened it to more than 15 feet at a clever depth and some was left for tomorrow. (Supply’s brother Samuel A. is 37 and lives on Wallis Road by Lang’s Corner. Joseph is 23 and is living next door to Supply on Sagamore Road, Horace is Supply’s nephew and is 25 and lives directly on Trefethen’s Corner, Supply Foss Trefethen is 26 and lives on Sagamore Road by Trefethen’s Corner.)

Aug 4 – We have been laboring again today with unabated zeal. Our trench of yesterday was not extended quite 100 feet farther than yesterday but it was opened full as far as previously anticipated on account of a ledge which we had supposed was too solid to be removed without the use of powder. But by the diligent use of the pickaxe and crowbar and a clear conscience and shovel, we managed to remove the most that come in our way to about 20 feet below high water mark. Tomorrow we shall endeavor to find where the tide stops running out as our contract says “the drain to extend to low water” regularly decending.

Aug 8 – We resumed work again this morning with renewed energy and also with an addition to our “gang” having this morning added Joseph W. Seavey and Elbridge A. Thomas. Who dressed themselves in frocks and overalls and marched to “town” with their dinners in their kettles suspended by their fingers ready for the days labor and after collecting at the foot of Pickering Street. Seven of us boarded our “dory” and with two oars, pulled to the landing at the navy

yard and thence on foot to the building (or rather where the building will be) arriving exactly at 7 of the clock in pretty good order for work. Which was begun again in good earnest and carried on through the day. (Elbridge is 28 and lives across the street from Horace Trefethen on Trefethen's Corner. Joseph W. Seavey is 24 and living next door to Supply.)

Aug 9 – Been pushing along with the trenches for the wall and drain. After we had been at work 2 hours, Mr. Chandler (civil engineer) came down to locate the height of the top of the underpinning and level round for us to set down to find the bottom of the foundation. He therefor stationed his looking instrument and sighted round while we drove the stakes and nailed on the crosspieces after all this was done and he had squinted it over a second time. So it must “stand” until the “Commodore” had examined it. At about ½ past 11 the bright buttons and Chandler aimed their way thither and held a consultation the result of which we shall hear tomorrow.

Aug 11 – Made a contract with Messrs. A.C. Pierce and Co. of Rockport for foundation stone. Estimated to require 600 tons being the same more or less, for the sum of one dollar and twenty five cents per ton. The stone to be delivered within six weeks from date and they are to receive their pay for said stone at the end of 2 months from date. One load of the stone arrive today and the sloop which brought them grounded while going from the western part of the yard to the northeastern at high water and they were obliged to unload nearly all of the quantity about 70 tons. They will probably deliver a part of the tomorrow so that we may commence to lay by next Monday.

Aug 12 – Hauled the derrick over this morning. Commenced with cobble today, Joseph W. Odiorne (driver).

Aug 15 – Commenced again today on the magazine after a lapse of 2 days. Saturday morning rain fell for about two hours preventing work. Through the day two men worked two hours each during the forenoon and we called it square for the week. This morning we began in good earnest. With an additional man, Oliver Frye (blacksmith) who sharpened our tools (pickaxes, crowbars and drills). His temper was up and he got them a little too hard with the first heat. But after that they did very well. Commenced with Frank Jones High Wheels today and hauled 7, six feet stone into the enclosure and got the 8th one halfway when the chain broke and let it down on the ground where it remains till morning. We are getting along very well with the “digging out” for the drains. Tomorrow mornings low water will give us a chance to nearly complete the blasting and digging. The number of employees today were 8. Received of N. Blaisdell one barrel coal.

Aug 16 – Today we have been getting ready for laying stone both for the foundation and drain. Also two hands at grinding. The 57 tons of foundation stone, received a few days ago, are

nearly all hauled in between the trenches ready for the derrick to swing them into their places. The drain we think is nearly ready for smoothing over to receive the stone. By two small charges tomorrow morning we hope to remove all the ledge in the course.

Aug 17 – Commenced laying stone for foundation this afternoon. Commenced using the derrick.

Aug 18 – Been laying stone today and grading, 3 hands short. Had a clever time and hurt my back. Received of Barker Adams 25 barrels of cement @ \$1.37 per. Received of Barker Adams and Co. 275 ft. boards.

Aug 19 – Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 67 tons of stone @\$1.25. Did not use the derrick today.

Aug 20 – Hauling in forenoon and the afternoon was occupied in laying bed tier stone.

Aug 22 – Laying foundation in forenoon, afternoon took it up again to accommodate Mr. Civil Engineer. Used the derrick ½ day.

Aug 23 – Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 76 tons foundation stone @\$1.25 per ton, delivered by Sloop “Hero”.

Aug 26 – Laying bed stone, 3 men at work. Rain fell yesterday all day giving the top of the ground (which was previously very dusty) a good drenching.

Aug 27 – Laying bed stone, 7 men at work in the afternoon. Shower for ½ hour. Heard from James M. Smart of Durham, stating that he has taken up with our offer to pay him \$150.00 to furnish stone sufficient for the drain the length being exact 234 feet. Also received a letter from Ivory Harlow stating that he cannot furnish to be delivered at the navy yard less than \$6.25 per M?

Aug 29 – Laying foundation, two gangs at work. One putting bed tier in trench, also a gang laying up S.W. corner requiring 4 courses, 8 men employed. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 69 tons foundation stone by sloop “Hero” @\$1.25 pr. T = \$86.25.

Aug 30 – Two gangs at work putting in foundation, one gang at on bed course, the other at work with derrick laying up southwest corner. Gordon (leading stone mason) commenced today and we got along very well. Laying second course about 15 feet each way from corner, 3rd course about 10 feet and two stretchers on the upper course. Giving observers a little idea of its design.

Aug 31 – 10 men employed laying and teaming foundation stone, about 8 each. Mr. Civil Engineer came down with his measuring stick and tried it upon the wall at the different courses.

With an evident determination to object to our work if possible but as good fate would have it, he was only able to compel us to take up two stone. He appeared to be determined to prevent our further progress for this day but we were able to go on again. After his causing the detention of ten men two hours and by noon we had replaced all the places made vacant by his orders and by night we had got cleverly under way every stone is bedded and grounded. Received of Charles Robinson and Son 4 Barrels of meal @\$\$.90 per.

Sept 1 – Been at work on foundation. We have laid 32 feet on the west side and about 20 feet on the south end up to the right height for the underpinning and the 2nd and 3rd courses are run out about 6 or 8 feet more than this. While the bed course is extended across one end and the entire length of the sides. So that we may safely consider, we have $\frac{1}{4}$ of the foundation in but we are nearly out of stone. Probably we may have enough to last until tomorrow noon. When and if there is no Sloop in, we shall have to wait until one does appear. The width of the courses are as follows viz, 1st, bed tier 6 feet, 2nd, 5 feet, 6 in., 3rd, 5 feet, 4th, 4 feet, 3 in. The bed tier is mostly laid of stretchers with about 1 foot of rubble filled between, also 6 or 8 inches on each side. We have used thus far 16 casks cement at \$1.37 per cask and it will probably require nearly 100 casks to complete the foundation. Mr. Civil Engineer was down to see the work twice in the forenoon and pronounced it “all right” and everything was to his entire satisfaction. He was also down again after dinner and while he was there the Commodore came down with his dog and cane and took a lengthy survey of our work and the premises and seemed to be well pleased finding no fault but talking quite reasonably.

Sept 2 – Finished laying the stone on hand. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 since when been grading and moving derrick and preparing to proceed when they send us some more stone.

Sept 3 – J.R. Holmes paid cash for boards. 5 hands at work grading. No more stone arrived yet. Men paid: Samuel Foye, Horace Levi Trefethen, William Morse, and Colin Edwards. Settled with William Morse today for 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days’ work at \$1.05 $\frac{1}{4}$ per day. He being required to go to work in the “Ordnance Department” under Liet. D.D. Porter. Settled with Colin Edwards for men’s board up to this date (also painting boat).

Sept 5 – Waiting for stone, 3 men at work grading. This evening about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 6 a sloop come up with a load of stone so that tomorrow we may resume work with the whole gang.

Sept 6 – Last evening the sloop “Hero” came in with a load of stone and at 7 o clock this morning they had put the last stone off their cargo upon the wharf. We have had nothing to do today but work on which has been carried on with some energy. Half the stone have been removed from the wharf and at least one third of them are built in the wall. We have also been getting cement. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co 66 tons of foundation stone. Received of Barker Adams and Co. 50 casks of cement.

Sept 7 – Been laying stone today. Put one on the south east corner which the Civil Engineer objected to and wished to have it taken off because the pinnars were thicker than he thought they ought to be. (They being about 6 inches). But despite his detention (of an hour) we got on very well and by night had used up the most of the cargo of stone which we commenced on yesterday morning. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 65 tons of foundation stone by Sloop “Punenta”. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 67 tons foundation stone by Sloop “Hero”.

Sept 8 – Laying up the back side wall for foundation, 10 hands employed and got along very well.

Sept 9 – At work on the rear foundation wall at 10 o clock. We had the wall topped by 5 get from south east corner, in the afternoon we moved the derrick and prepared to lay them out again tomorrow. Hoping to go half to the northeast corner of so we can make a fair show to commence on Monday.

Sept 10 – Been laying up the rear wall. Yesterday we moved the derrick and this morning all took hold in good earnest and the work was carried with good success. Building more wall than in any previous day. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 69 tons of foundation stone. So says the Captain of the Sloop “Hero” who brought them and unloaded while we were away.

Sept 12 – Laying up rear foundation wall. At 6 o clock we had built to within 6 feet of the drain and topped out nearly as far and we are about ready to move derrick again. Mr. Civil Engineer was down today and was well satisfied with the work. This afternoon borrowed of Government 2 loads of sand, probably about 30 cents each which we intend to pay as soon as one arrives. As we are looking for a cargo every day. Paid John Knowlton and Co, for mending chains, \$1.17

Sept 13 – In forenoon topped out all as far as we could reach with the derrick on the rear side of the building. Then moved across to front and commenced there to carry out the front wall and did a very good business. This afternoon had a little shower about 4 o clock which detained us about 10 minutes. In the whole we are getting along very well. Samuel went to Wells to look at a Ledge owned by Mr. Hatch from which he wishes to furnish stone for the super structure of the building. He reports that he likes the Ledge and place very well. Last evening at half past 6 the Sloop “Hero”(after we all had come away from the yard) went up to the wharf and unloaded a cargo of stone and sailed again before morning. So that no one was there to take her marks or know how many tons she brought. Received 65 tons foundation stone. Received of Charles Robinson and Son 4 barrels of meal.

Ex. President Frank Pierce was on the yard today and the gunner was called to fire a salute of 22 guns for that gentleman, He has recently returned from Europe where he has spent about two years.

Sept 14 – Building up front wall of foundation. Wind, northwest blowing a hurricane. Mr. Civil Engineer nor neither of the other officers have been down today to see the work. Borrowed two loads of sand of Government, ours not having arrived yet.

Sept 15 – Got along today full as well as any Thursday since commencing. Topping out 25 feet and moving derrick and stretching the second course to the southwest corner. So that now we have to finish one end and about 15 feet on each side and a well to arch over. Which we hope may be completed in one week. Mr. Civil Engineer was down today to see how the work was going on. He had no fault to find and seemed to be well satisfied with what we have done. This afternoon the Commodore was down with his canoe and took a survey and thought we were getting along very well. And said the man who furnishes the cement for Government had sent 75 casks more than they required and thought we had better buy it of them as it would come some what cheaper than at Portsmouth retail prices.

Sept 16 – Building out west side wall. Topped it out within 3 feet of the northwest corner and opened the end trench and made preparations for arching the well over as half of it comes under the foundation. Our intention is to procure a lead pipe and pump and put the pipe under the stone in to the well and have the use of the water in building the superstructure. We are getting short of cement and just at 6 o'clock the Sloop "Punenta" came up to the wharf with a very rough lot of stone.

Sept 17 – Worked in forenoon and completed the arch over the drain so that now we are prepared to go on and build up the end wall. The Sloop "Punenta" unloaded her cargo of stone and was ready to sail at 8 o'clock and the Captain said he had 68 tons. But we have him no receipt for any. Borrowed 2 loads of sand of Government today. Mr. James Smart came down with a "Gondola" loaded with stone for the drain. It commenced raining at 12 noon and continued through the day. Pay to cash: Supply Foss Trefethen, Samuel Foye and Horace Levi Trefethen.

Sept 18 – the weather this morning was very fine and we commenced work upon the foundation. But owing the several other jobs to be done we did not make so much show in the wall as usual. We had a gondola load of cement to take over from Portsmouth, a load of hay to take care of, a pump to rig in the well and some digging in the trench, besides laying stone. But we are not prepared to go on tomorrow with full gang upon the work. One load of Hay (2150 lbs.) \$10.75 and received lead pipe and pump for well of Oliver Ayers.

Sept 20 – Building up wall on north end and east side. Laying northeast corner stone of first course and getting started for tomorrow. Received a letter of William Hogan giving his price for furnishing the stone for the building ready to set for \$444.00. Which price is about \$16.00 to

high. The Civil Engineer was down to see the work and was well satisfied finding no fault whatever.

Sept 21 – This morning was brewing a northeast storm and at 11 it commenced raining and continued through the day. It looked so much like raining this morning that none from Rye went over to work but 4 who were there from Kittery worked in forenoon. Laying up all the foundation stone on hand.

Sept 22 – The northeast storm continues blowing with a large quantity of rain, no work today.

Sept 23 – Northeaster continues blowing and raining, 3 men worked ½ day hauling up drain stone.

Sept 24 – Rain in the forenoon, wind northeast with prospect of 3 or 4 more dull days, no work today. Two hands at work grading.

Sept 26 – We have not made much progress today. The weather has been dull since last Wednesday morning and we have not received any stone for foundation since 17th. Therefore have to wait for stone. Received a letter from A.C. Pierce and Co. stating that the stone sufficient to finish the foundation were upon his wharf and waiting for fair wind for shipping. Also a request for Samuel to come to Rockport in regard to furnishing stone for superstructure and he started at 11 o'clock. There are 4 hands at work grading. Paid Oliver Trefethen cash and paid out expenses to Rockport. (Oliver is Supply's brother and is 31, living in Portsmouth.)

Sept 27 – Waiting for stone, 5 hands grading. Dug out for the foundation for 6 of the pillars. Also for the foundation of the steps. Also laid 4 stones in the rear side wall. Spent \$1.00 for two hoes and paid Simon Goss Trefethen. (Simon Goss is Supply's oldest brother.)

Set 28 – No stone arrived yet. Three hands are grading and 3 are digging out the drain. Placed one of the bottom stones for Mr. Civil Engineer to look at as he is coming down tomorrow morning to give us the decent of it and see about matters and things. Received a letter from Edward Giddings saying he had taken up with our offer of \$6.00 per M (1000). For his 200,000 bricks and said a gondola load of them would be down tomorrow. Wrote to James M. Smart who furnishes our drain stone for him to forward them as soon as possible.

Sept 29 – This morning the Civil Engineer came down and gave us the decent for the drain. And after some little alterations we placed the first stone again and went on and by noon we had at least 12 feet covered. Meanwhile we borrowed a derrick of Mr. Blaisdell and had it hauled over from Portsmouth so that in the afternoon we did very good business, laying enough to make 30 feet in all for the day. The Civil Engineer was down this afternoon and looked at the work but found no fault. This morning received a load of stone for the drain.

Sept 30 – Laying drain, 7 hands employed. Tonight we thought there was about 80 feet completed. No stone for foundation arrived yet. Wind today about southeast with a good breeze so that other sloops come to Portsmouth from Rockport. The Civil Engineer was down today and examined our work and found everything satisfactory. He requested that Samuel should go up to his office at 3 pm and at the required time he went up. When the engineer asked how far the building was advanced and how much had expended etc. to make up his monthly report. Wrote to A.C. Pierce and Co. for them to send us along stone sufficient to complete the foundation as soon as possible. Estimated to require about 100 tons. About 6 o'clock a load of bricks arrived from Mr. Edward Giddings of Exeter at \$6.00 per 1000. Received 54 tons foundation stone from A.C. Pierce and Co.

Oct 1 – last evening about 10 o'clock the Sloop "Hero" came in with 54 tons and unloaded them and was ready to start at 8 this morning. So that today we have had enough to do and have been pretty busy building up over 40 tons stone which filled up quite a gap in the wall. Running the east side out to the northeast corner. We shall require another Sloop load to complete the walls and piers and if they are sent tomorrow or Monday, we shall not have to stop but shall hope to get done by Wednesday night with the foundations for the building and piers. Settled with Samuel Foye, he having worked in all 16 days at \$1.00 per day, \$12.00 of which had been paid him at 3 other different times previously.

Oct 3 – Building up foundation walls, 8 hands employed with 5 on the wall and two digging out the drain, 1 hauling stone. At half past 12 the Sloop "Punenta" came up to the wharf with 61 tons foundation stone and soon commenced to unload which kept us in employment all round. Received of A.C. Pierce and Co. 61 tons foundation stone @\$1.25 per ton.

Oct 4 – Finished building up foundations for the piers at ½ past 3 and took the derrick down and coiled up the rigging to prepare it for trucking to Portsmouth, as it belongs to the factory company and we have had days. Laid about 12 feet of drain. The team hauled over a load of plank we bought of Mr. Blaisdell, Superintendent of New Custom House. Note: Cash credit by tolls over Portsmouth Bridge \$1.20.

Oct 8 – This morning a northeast storm commenced precluding all work on the magazine. We have been talking with Messrs. Gordon and Hatch in regard to furnishing the stone for the superstructure of the building. They agree or offer to furnish the stone ready to lay delivered on the wharf for \$2900.00 provided we will advance them \$500.00 while the work is progressing but we offer to give them the above named price provided they will wait for their pay until we get it from government. Note: paid William Shapley and Horace Levi Trefethen. Received a letter from A.C. Pierce and Co. saying he wishes us to be prepared to pay his bill for the foundation stone next Thursday as he was coming to Portsmouth.

Oct 10 – This morning hauled derrick over to Portsmouth Steam Factory. Got another load of plank and boards for staging etc. from the Custom House. Attempted to get some sand over from Portsmouth to pay government but just as we got the scow ready Mr. Hooper, the owner, came and said he had a schooner ashore loaded with wood and he must have the scow to take off part of the wood to lighten her that she might float off. Therefore we had to give up getting sand over today. Went back to yard and worked hard on drain making one blast and drilling several other holes. Took on two other hands, a blacksmith and laborer. Another gondola load of stone for the drain arrived yesterday and unloaded at high water today, making the third load which they estimate to be $\frac{3}{4}$ of the required quantity. Notes: paid Willard Gordon in full for his 32 days' work @ 2.75 per day, he having taken his discharge. Paid for powder and fuses \$2.00.

Wrote a letter to A.C. Pierce and Co. saying we wished them to wait 3 or 4 weeks for their money for the foundation stone and offering to pay them interest on their money for time delayed also stated we had received an offer to furnish the building stone for \$2900.00.

Oct 11 – At work on drains and got along very well laying about 15 feet and blasting out below for the depth of the remainder which we hope to finish by Saturday night. Also received a load of bricks from Edward Giddings of Exeter, N.H. Got a load of sand from Portsmouth. Note: Received of Barker Adams and Co. 180 bushels sand @5 cents each.

Oct 12 – Blasting out for drains got along rather slow laying about 10 feet only. Grading about one hour at high water. In afternoon hauling bricks from wharf to be piled up handily by the building for use in the spring. The Civil engineer was down and superintended the culling of the bricks, rejecting such as he pleased. Hauled up about 7000=12 loads, 9 men employed.

Oct 13 – Laid about 10 feet of drain and been blasting and baring the ledge for the remainder. The distance now that is not low enough for the bottom stone is about 30 feet in length and the average depth to go is about 18 inches through a ledge about $\frac{1}{2}$ of which is of a very hard flinty feature and the other is a sort of a rotten substance full of seams. Our time for having it done expires next Saturday but it is impossible for us to get it completed by that time as we can only work when the tide is down. At high water we were grading and hauling up bricks. A.C. Pierce came over after his money but made no arrangement to pay him.

Oct 14 – Laid 6 feet of drain and hauled up bricks and had 4 hands grading. Mr. Gidding of Exeter who furnishes bricks for us was down to see about the affair. Our contract says "Hard Burned Merchantable Bricks to be inspected and accepted by the officers of the yard". Mr. Gidding delivered as he says 40,000 on the wharf but they were so badly broken that the engineer says he cannot receive so many broken nor any pale bricks as there are some among

them and also the crooked ones are to be rejected and we have been culling and hauling according to orders.

Oct 15 – Blasting out for drain also grading and hauling up bricks from wharf, hauled up 30,000 in all. Our time for completing the foundation and drain expires today but the drain is not yet finished. It will probably take us 3 days to complete it, the foundation being finished one week ago. Note: Agreed to pay John E. Odiorne \$100.00 to fill in the foundation with dirt etc. It being on an average 4 ½ feet deep by 100 feet long by 40 inches wide.

Oct 17 – Been laying drain and hauling bricks and grading on outside. Got along middling well and finished hauling bricks from wharf sent by Mr. Giddings of Exeter. Received 30,000 bricks. John E. Odiorne commenced his job of filling in the foundation employing Irishmen and making very good headway. Been talking with Hatch and Gordon about doing the stone work for the superstructure of the building. They offer to furnish them delivered ready to lay for \$2900.00. But we have not got a contract fixed with them. Tried to raise some money but have not succeeded. Shall not probably get a payment from the government this fall.

Oct 18 – Worked a quarter of the day when a southeastern storm commenced and compelled us to leave it and go home. Laid about 20 feet.

Oct 19 – Laying drain and grading. Finished the drain sown to within 10 feet of the end so that about an hour tomorrow we can complete it. The Civil Engineer was down and looked at the work but found no fault. The master mason of the yard was also down to see how we were getting along and said we were getting along well.

Oct 20 – Finished laying the drain today. The Civil Engineer was down but found no fault with the work. In the afternoon were grading and laying the bottom stone for the foundation of the steps. Had some talk with Mr. James N. Tarlton about his being appointed as our attorney with the understanding that he should let us have some money until we have an installment due from the government. When he is to resume it and retain the amount he advances us and pay the balance to our orders.

Oct 21 – 6 men at work grading, very old weather. Received a letter from the commandant of the yard directing us to prepare the foundation for the winter immediately, to which we pay all due respect. Had more talks with Mr. Tarlton about his being appointed our attorney. He has agreed to accept and we have signed a paper to that effect and tomorrow he has promised to put at our command \$1000.00.

Oct 22 – 5 men at work grading up the rear side. Made an arrangement with Marcy and Tarlton to furnish us with \$1000.00. We signed an agreement to James N. Tarlton to be our attorney to draw our moneys from the government. And he and Marcy backed a note for us at the Bank of

New Hampshire where we got it discounted and had the money placed to our credit and drew out one hundred dollars to pay bills with. Hired \$100.00 of David Jenness for which gave him note dated this day. Notes: H.B. Philbrick cash for meals for oxen. Cash to Simon Goss Trefethen for 5 ½ days' work. Horace Levi Trefethen cash for work done. Settled with Marty Sullivan paying him in full for 15 ½ days' work (\$15.50). (Simon Goss Trefethen is Supply's brother and the father of Horace Levi.)

Oct 24 – 5 men at work grading up rear side and hauling gravel from back of Shell House. John E. Odiorne has been at work at filling inside, he has 3 hands employed. (John E. Odiorne has a farm at the bottom of the hill below Trefethen's Corner next door to Simon Goss's farm.)

Oct 25 – Grading, 4 men employed.

Oct 26 – Been grading outside, 2 men employed. John Odiorne has had 5 men. Drew from the bank by check to A.C. Pierce and Co of Rockport dated Oct 25 - \$500.00 to pay to Mess A.C. Pierce and Co. in part for foundation stone their bill amounting in all to be \$900.00. Samuel took the money and carried it over to pay him, also to make a contract with some of them for the stone for the superstructure.

Oct 27 – Grading around the ends and front, 3 men employed. Note: one shovel to cash, \$1.00.

Oct 28 – Hauling up bricks and grading. Today we finished hauling up the third boat load of bricks sent by Mr. Edward Giddings of Exeter, N.H. By the first two boats loads we received 34,580 and by the last load we received 11,930 making in all up to this date received 46,510.

Oct 29 – Grading front and rear, 6 men employed. We have not got the grading outside nearly completed and the inside by John E. Odiorne in more than 2/3 filled and he is in hopes to finish next Wednesday night. Withdrew from the bank of New Hampshire this day by check to Supply Foss Trefethen, \$50.00. Notes: Paid James Trefethen \$1.50 for repairs on the boat. Simon Goss Trefethen, George Lane, John E. Odiorne, John Lutts (for use of barn and use of oxen and hay for the oxen for one week).

Oct 31 – Finished grading the outside today and discharged all hands. John E. Odiorne has not finished his job of filling in the foundation. Notes: Settled with Joseph Pryor for 2 ¾ days' work @ \$1.00 per day, Settled with John Pierce of 2 ½ days' work @\$1.00 per day.

Nov 2 – Settled with George Lane today for 18 ¼ days' work. Paying him \$12.25, \$6.00 having been paid him Oct 29th. His wages being \$1.00 per day.

Nov 3 – Withdrew from the bank \$100.00 by check in favor of John E Odiorne. J.E. Odiorne finished his job of filling in flush the foundation walls this day noon. He has to have \$100.00 for the job.

Nov 9 – Notes: Paid Horace Levi Trefethen \$7.00 and Simon Goss Trefethen \$5.00 for work done.

Nov 18 – Withdrew from bank \$100.00 by check in favor of A.C. Pierce and Co. of Rockport to pay them in part for their stone furnished as for foundation.

Nov 23 – Notes: Paid Simon Goss Trefethen \$5.00 and Samuel A. Trefethen \$10.00.

Nov 25 – Notes: Two Hammers \$3.20, Albert Brackett Trefethen \$20.00, George Lane \$15.00, Simon Goss Trefethen \$10.00. (Albert Brackett Trefethen is Supply's brother and he is living on South Street in Portsmouth. Albert was a mason, mechanic, contractor and builder.)

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Jan 30 – Made a bargain with John P. Lyman to let us have some steel for tools such as points, chisels, peen hammers etc.

Feb 1 – Made a contract with Hatch and Gordon of Wells, Maine to hurry out and deliver at Kittery Maine all the stone required for the building above the foundation for thirteen hundred dollars and we to take them from Kittery Depot and haul them to the yard. Also made a contract with Twembly and Roberts of Portsmouth to haul them from Kittery Depot to the navy yard (unloading them from the cars) for four cents per foot taking the measurement of the building on Saturday Feb 11 paid them by check \$25.00.

Feb 4 /Jan 21 - Went over to the yard and put up a shed for hammering stone and the CO went around with permission of the officers. Put up a blacksmith shop for sharpening tools at an expense of 25 dollars. And Feb 3 received notice that we could not be allowed to have a fire there on account of danger to the other buildings, especially to the magazine and that the Commodore had written to Washington for permission for us to have the use of a forge in their blacksmiths shop. And after being delayed one week, excellent working weather, we received an answer that we could have the use of a forge and an anvil by finding our own tools and coal.

Feb 9 – Today made a commencement of cutting stone, two cutters worked about half day getting ready. They consider the stone very good patterns rather better than the average of stone. Also that they are not so hard by some degrees as those brought from Cape Ann. Therefore are considered to be easily cut.

Feb 15 – Cutting stone, 4 men at work. Mr. Civil Engineer was down and saw some of the stone but found no fault with the cutting.

Aug 14 – Purchased this book today.

Aug 17 – Micheal Hurley

Aug 18 – Due Albert Foye this day \$20.24. Paid it out Foye, \$20.25 ca

Aug 19 – Paid to this date to Manning C. Rand \$2.50.

Aug 25 to 27 - John Jones \$5.00. Cash paid out this day to Robert Lock \$30.00, to Edward Welsh \$9.00, to John Silvan \$7.00, to Hugh Lewis \$11.92, to John Blute \$5.00, to James Gorman \$5.00, to Bart \$10.00, to Simon G. Trefethen \$3.00.

Mr. I Blaisdell lays the hooks for the small shutters. Should be 2 inches from the joint above and below and that in his opinion they will be strong enough drilled in the way making the lower set of the lower hinge 5 inches from the bottom of the shutter and the upper hinge 5 inches below top of shutter.

Aug 28 – Joseph W. Odiorne \$10.00. (Joseph is a Rye man and is living next door to Supply on Sagamore Road.)

Sept 1 – Paid out to Simon Goss Trefethen \$5.00, to John Silvan \$3.00, Charles Lutts, Henry Rand.

Sept 3 – Paid Manning Rand 25 cents today. (Manning Rand is a farm laborer and is living with Supply's family on Sagamore Road, he is 16 years old.)

Sept 5 – Paid for C. N. Neal 70 cents. Downing worked 25 ½ days. Paid Goodwin \$11.00, Paid for sharing cattle \$4.00.

Sept 12 – Compression nails, wanting 76.

Sept 13 – Borrowed of U.S. 40 lbs. Slanting nails. Paid Adams for matching boards \$4.50. Brooks \$3.00.

Sept 14 – Borrowed of U.S. 69 lbs. Slanting nails. Delivered to Major Rayners 500 ft. joist fir \$8.50. Hard pins for door frame \$2.40.

Sept 15 – Borrowed of U.S. 35 lbs. slanting nails. Paid Oliver Trefethen this day \$60.00. Paid for meal for oxen \$2.00. (Oliver is a mason living in Portsmouth and is Supply's brother.)

Sept 17 – Paid for slanting nails to Hill Halper and Company \$28.87.

Sept 19 – Paid Manning Rand \$2.00.

Sept 20 – Finished hauling up gravel delivered by Russell and find we have hauled up in all 32 loads, each weighing 3500 lbs.

Sept 24 – Paid Emily Hall \$5.00. (Emily is married to Charles W. Hall and she is Supply's sister.)

Sept 25 – Sold James Smart \$10.74 worth of tools this day.

Sept 26 – Sold Mr. Cattle \$1.25 worth of wood and Mr. Philbrick 33 cents worth and Wm Morse 75 cents.

Sept 27 – Andrew D. Gerrish sent two window frames over weighing 1420 lbs. including 2 iron braces.

Oct 2 – Paid Rand \$6.00 for hay.

Oct 3 – Delivered to Major Goodwin 160 cement barrels.

Oct 5 – Counted over for Major Goodwin 125 casks over drain.

Oct 7 – Paid J.W. Seavey \$15.00.

Oct 8 – Andrew D. Gerrish delivered 2 large window frames weighing 1420 lbs. including 2 iron braces. Counted out 45 barrels for Major Goodwin.

Oct 9 – Delivered T. Barker Adams etc. 6000 ft. joist and 6 barrels lime and two barrels hair this day.

Oct 13 – Paid Manning Rand 25 cents this day.

Oct 18 – Paid for glass \$5.00, which is to be charged to Andrew D. Gerrish. Paid Cornelius Lynch \$12.00 and settled in full. (Andrew D. Gerrish was a brass founder in Portsmouth.)

Oct 30 – Length of the buck on Shell House, 9 7/8 inches outside length on molding 10 ¼, width on outside 6 ½ inches. Width on molding 7 ¼ inches, Thickness including molding 1 ½ inches.

Nov 1 – Received of Andrew D. Gerrish 4 hinges for hanging inside door. Each weighting 3 ½ lbs. amounting to 14 pounds.

Nov 7 – Delivered to A.D. Gerrish a pair of hinges weighing 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

Nov 9 – Received of P. Drake 5 weights weighing 865 lbs. of lead.

Nov 14 – Settled for traveler to this day, paying \$1.00.

Nov 20 – Sold James Smart 2 peen hammers for \$2.00 Delivered.

Nov 25 – Paid Manning Rand \$4.00 this day of our Lord to buy him a pair of boots. March 9th paid Manning Rand \$7.00 on account of work done on the farm in 1860.

Dec 5 – Weighed one of the iron braces sent by Andrew D. Gerrish to us on the window frames and found the weight to be 6 ½ pounds and 5 of them weighed 32 ½ pounds to be deducted from the weight of composition weight.

Dec 12 – Paid Charles W. Hall \$12.00 this day.

Dec 15 – Paid Daniel P. Hutch \$1.00 to pay his fore home from Portsmouth.

Dec 17 – Sold to Barker Adams and Co. 650 ft. hard pine boards at \$.25 pr. M = \$16.25.

Dec. 31 – Jan 12, 1861 Paid Manning Rand \$4.00 for labor done in summer of 1860. Jan 31, 1860 Paid Manning Rand \$3.00 for labor done in 1860 summer.

Memoranda – Cash paid out Aug. 18, 1860. C. Lynch \$5.00, Bracket Green, Hugh Lewis \$5.00, Charles Lutts \$5.00, William Black \$5.00, Albert Foye \$20.25, Simon Goss Trefethen, George Leroy Trefethen, Henry Rand. (George Leroy is the son of Joseph Parsons Trefethen, Supply's brother.)

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Jan 28 – I hereby commence writing this journal in the hope that I may make a decided improvement as I progress. Both in the style of penmanship and use of language, as well as in the suggestion and promulgation of ideas. And I sincerely hope that it may not be allowed to be passed by unheeded but that it may be a source of useful pastime and a mark of improvement and advancement. Where of it may be said “thou hast done a good deed and may thy example be adhered to by many and much good and as little of the bad as it is possible to be contained in the small space allotted between these two pretty covers which the reader before going farther will be sure to examine and admire. And may it also be said of thee after passing the covers.” Than has I most certainly improved and advanced since we passed by the first page.

Feb 8 – Today has been spent in very sudden changes, much more so than has been experienced in the last space of six months. Last night when we left to retire the wind was southwest and so it remained calmly until morning and this again it remained until the afternoon. The sky was clear during last night and so remained until about an hour before sunrise when it commenced to be overshadowed by the dark clouds and by the time the sun began to show its face above the vast Atlantic Ocean the whole broad canopy of heaven was over spread. Except one small diminutive streak on its eastern horizon scarce enough for the beautiful sun to show itself above the ocean. And as she rose from the sea, the water seemingly dripping from her sparkling.

Feb 9 – As I said yesterday the cold began to increase last evening and kept at fair face with the furious wind which fairly roared in its rapid flight over this earthly ball. At 2 o'clock the monster northwester had considerably abated seemingly stiffened and subdued by the increasing cold. For the stubborn stinging cold had been rapidly increasing in cutting vigor and searching cuteness, so much so that by sunrise this morning it had compressed the mercury to 25 below zero. And it was not till ten o'clock that it rose to 19 and again at 2 it came up to 13 but soon gradually went down again as rapidly as it rose.

Feb 15 – Yesterday was very pleasant and warm. So much so that it caused the white hard snow to subside to a considerable degree. But not so much as on the previous day as it was then equally as warm and crushing to the white covering of the earth and the snow was much lighter and laid up quite loose. So that the meridian sun had great crushing power and this puffed up sleighing material was woefully collapsed when the great illuminator took her evening departure for the other side of this earthly ball. Then the southwester began to puff its cooling breath over its broad crystal like surface and gradually its outward texture began to assume a stiff hard crusty appearance and as the southwester began to acquire density and courage it boldly took the liberty to extend its clinching grasp from the surface down almost to the very bottom of its fathomable bulk and by yesterday morning the silly and determined Southwestern had resolved itself.

Mar 17 – This day finds us in the midst of the second edition of winter in good earnest which has come to remind us that Old Winter is capable of even a second appearance the same year. And it is really a second appearance for we had considered him gone and dead. Yes even buried for he had been driven positively from this portion of mother earth and his place certainly occupied by then beautiful, pleasant, sublime, “spring”. Its “Spring” that is the word for it was in fact spring if not in days if the days read “February”. It was in name only for in the last quarter of that usually short mother the pleasant sun took the liberty to confine its warming rays as profusely offer the silent clock then as it does in the most favorable part of April.

Mar 22 – I have heretofore written of the weather with but one or two exceptions. I will therefore not now take the trouble to change the subject (my pen is a miserable thing) but will say a little more about our very changeable March. It is a march on and march ever, march today and tomorrow and march into a confounded snow storm and out again the same day. Then again into a decidedly uncomfortable northwester and entertain him very complacently for a couple of days. Then into some other equally disagreeable “Weather” and all this without once consulting our wellbeing in regard to the matter in the least. Here we are today in the midst of 18 good inches of bad snow on the level.

Apr 3 – I desire to note down a little account of the most remarkable weather as it transpires first as a matter of reference, second to give a few moments as often to the use of the pen as a beneficial pastime. Yesterday being Tuesday of course the day before was Monday. And then it was (and early in the morning too) that the wind turned itself round to the northeast and commenced making unwelcome preparations for a furious and unrighteous snow storm on the day following. The clouds being in a shattered condition in the morning it required the whole of the day and most of the night to get them in order for such desperate confusion and siege as follows. Clouds were marshalled from long distances with smart consultations.

Apr 13 – Fair weather wind northwest blowing quite strongly and determinedly and evidently without any thoughts as regard for any ones comforts. The snow is nearly all gone and the farmers are in hopes to be able to put some of their seed into the earth within one week although nothing has as yet been done toward it except carting in manure before ploughing. There is water in abundance and the tillage sand is exceedingly saturated with that element but the wind and sun are doing a good business at taking it up today. The fields have not assumed anything “green” yet but I think there any be danger of it within two weeks.

Apr 28 – Let the United States have our oxen to labor by the day at 50 cents per day and they board them to be used on the navy yard at Kittery Maine. They commenced Saturday April 27th 1861. They are a pair of red oxen measuring about 7 feet in good order for beef having been fed on meal the last 2 weeks. They are drove by one William Nutter with another pair of oxen doing work towards fitting out ships at the navy yard. The Commandant having received orders to fit out 3 ships immediately Viz: Santee, Dale and Marion. (It is here necessary to say that the above should have been written on page 60 succeeding that written Sunday April 13 1861 it was written on this page through mistake. I will further say it is of not much consequence if it was written here instead of there.

May 5 – Henry Rand commenced work for us last Tuesday, April 30, 1861 at \$15.00 per month but worked only two days last week, he is coming again tomorrow. Our potatoes are nearly all planted and intend to commence getting ready for planting corn tomorrow but have done nothing as yet. I commenced working for the U.S. at the navy yard, April 29, 1861 and have worked so far 6 days in ship “Dale”. (USS Dale - was a sloop-of-war in the United States Navy. Dale was involved in the Mexican–American War and the American Civil War.)

May 12 – This day is very pleasant and warm. The farmers have nearly completed their planting both of corn and potatoes. Alfred Lang has worked for us thus far this spring 2 ¼ days. He having worked 2 days last week and ¼ the week before. Henry Rand worked six days last week. I worked 6 for the U.S. government. Hired Joseph Trefethen’s cattle about 2 ½ days last week and 1 week before. Also Joseph Odiorne’s ½ day to this date. Sold calf yesterday for \$3.00. (Henry Rand is living on the corner of Wallis Road and Brackett Road.)

May 19 – Very pleasant and warm, wind northwest blowing lightly. The buds on trees are just swelling for both leaves and poplar trees are about as large as a cat’s eye. Maple leaves can be seen at but a short distance. The farmers in the town are just done planting corn and potatoes. Fields just begin to look green with grass pastures are backward. Alfred Lang has worked for us about 6 days last week, Henry Rand, 6 days and I 6 days for the government. Hired Joseph W. Odiorne’s cattle for 1 day and Joseph P. Trefethen’s for about a day. (Alfred M. Lang is living with his father Ebenezer Lang on Lang’s Corner.)

May 25 – Very warm and Pleasant, wind northwest. Raining yesterday which was very much needed for this earthly ball. Potatoes are up, ditto corn and doing well. Skies are leaving out in good earnest in order to save their beacon. Set out strawberry plants last week first part and sowed cabbages, marigolds, Wertsel beets and rutabagas. Worked for government 5 ½ days last week. Henry Rand worked six for us, Alfred M. Lang none. Government took ship “Dale” off dry dock yesterday.

June 2 – Henry Rand worked 5 days last week. Self and oxen worked for government 6 days. Commenced repairing old house last Friday (shingling the roof) Charles W. Hall and Henry and George Leroy Trefethen have been at work on it. (Charles was a blacksmith from Portsmouth.)

Nov 11 – Went to church today and heard a sermon from a man whom I did not know, only that he is called a minister of the gospel. He spoke very well and very loud. In personal appearance he much resembled Horace Webster (lawyer of Portsmouth) except about the mouth which was exceedingly prominent, very good teeth, long tongue and a few whiskers under the chin and running up to the ears which leaned off from the head “slightly” cocked. His countenance continually wore a smiling expression even when he tried to be the most solemn and expressed himself with resolution and emphasis. The smile seemed to start from the very corner of the mouth forming a concentric of a circle around but did not disturb the earnestness of the eye and brow. His arms were quite long ending with long fingers. He was dressed in a suit of black with a decidedly white neck cloak. He spoke from Hebrews 2nd Ch., 3rd verse.

Sept 8, 1861 – Simon Goss Trefethen dies of consumption (TB). He is Supply’s oldest brother.

Dec 3 – Pleasant and warm, wind southwest and somewhat muddy underfoot. But notwithstanding the inconvenience of bad travel today, many have gone to church in good earnest to make a display and see their friends and fellow sinners.

Dec 12 – Have been at work at the navy yard for Uncle Sam. Query: What are the preserving qualities of Vinegar? Do not bury your idea in words. It is a queer thought, that of giving opinion the dictionary containing all the words of the English language and ask him to construct an essay i.e. give him the materials and ask him to build a piece of English readable.

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Jan 2 – The old year 61 has gone out and left us in rather a bad predicament, in the midst of the Civil War the end of which we are uncertain when we shall find as is the result of searching for the North Pole. Eight months of waring and preparing for war has gone on and yet this vile rebellion is not yet crushed out and it is doubtful yet if it will soon be overthrown. It is so much deeper rooted than was at first supposed. It was at first thought by the president that 75,000

volunteers could crush out the corruption and restore the supremacy of the national laws But those not being 1/8 part enough and there are at present nearly 700,000 brave volunteers mustered and enrolled in the service of the United States stationed in many different stations. Estimated at present as follows viz: in Missouri under General Halleck 150,000 and nearly as many more in Kentucky under General Buell.

Jan 3 – This day is very cold, 5 above zero as was yesterday also and with this cold comes a superfluous quantity of wind from the northwest. It commenced on the night of the 1st at about 9 o'clock and has blown since with unabated zeal and fury and certainly with no degree of regularity being very squally and decidedly disagreeable and disgusting. It has come around us with every degree of total depravity and unaccountability determined to do its prettiest towards making us uncomfortable and uneasy. It has forced itself into every available crevice and opening that it was possible to find or make and whirled around the house and other buildings with unabated fury and imprudent bellowing never before desired at least if it happened. It has been so furious that we would not risk our castigation to go over to the navy yard and labor for Uncle Sam yesterday or today.

Jan 5 – This morning was colder than any before being at sunrise ½ degree below zero and somewhat windy. Did not go to church. Eben L. Jenness son Everett Charles was buried today died of diphtheria aged 10.

Jan 8 – The Democratic state convention assembles today at Concord. Where it is predicted there will be a round turnout. The Black Republicans held theirs there last week and were inharmonious. They nominated Nat Berry.

Jan 9 – The Democratic convention at Concord nominated General George Stark for Governor.

Jan 10 – Payday but no money and I do not know the reason “only” that the paymaster said the money “has not come”.

Jan 11 – Worked 6 whole days this week at the yard for Uncle Sam. Some days have been rather bad for human nature to endure but we worked with a good will and clear conscience and sharp axe and adze (An adze is a tool similar to an axe, with an arched blade at right angles to the handle, used for cutting or shaping large pieces of wood.)

Jan 12 – It was snowy this morning and did not go to church and I think there are a great many friends and fellow citizens who were equally guilty in that respect.

Jan 13 – We have heretofore been laboring for government for \$2.25 per day and this noon the Commodore's clerk notified us that in the future we are to receive \$2.00 per day commencing

tomorrow morning. There is much dissatisfaction manifested and many have resolved not to work for less wages.

Jan 14 – The carpenters and all other mechanics, except blacksmiths, commenced this morning. When the carpenters, bolters, laborers, fun carriage makers and boat builders refused to answer to their names for the afternoon and are to have a meeting at Jefferson Hall, Portsmouth.

Jan 15 – This morning it snowed furiously and wind southeast and at about 11 o clock rain and hail come. Did not go to Portsmouth today to ascertain about the strike made yesterday by the carpenters and blacksmiths.

Jan 15 – This has been a stormy day. The morning opened with a furious snow storm with an increase of that material until 11 o clock when hail came down instead. It lasted an hour or two when rain itself came down in an unwelcome manner forming a coat of glossy sleet over every unloving thing upon the earth (In this portion it is very pretty to the eye but exceedingly bad for all useful animals except the cat which goes over it) angrily cutting their hoofs as they plunge them through it in their onward march of duty. The trees are reluctantly but forcibly compelled to bear their portion of the slippery element and the buildings are entirely sheathed with this unwelcome coat and bear their part with a much greater amount of fortitude than any other earthly conveniences except the stone wall.

Jan 16 – No Pay yet at the yard and no immediate prospect of having any for some time to come.

Jan 17 – Burnside's Expedition is to sail tomorrow for the southern coast but we mortals do not know for what port. He has 82 vessels in his fleet mostly steamers. (Burnside's North Carolina Expedition was a series of engagements fought along the North Carolina Coast between February and June 1862 closing blockade-running ports inside the Outer Banks.)

Jan 18 – Worked only 4 days the past week including this day. There have been 5 men discharged for taking part in the strike, 4 blacksmiths and one ship carpenter: Joseph Perking.

Jan 19 – Did not go to church. I was smart enough but the traveling was so bad that I was quite confident there would be no meeting for want of horses. Therefore had the day at home.

Jan 20 – A battle was fought yesterday in Kentucky at Somerset and Mill Springs resulting in a union victory. Driving the rebels 16 miles and taking 12 cannon and 1200 horses and mules, 1100 muskets and a vast amount of camp equal stuff. Additional page – we find ourselves today in the 20th of January 1862. Whether it is like other 20ths of Jan it is not for me to say. But certain it is that the 20th of January is quite different from many other days of January, for it

sends down upon our heads a superfluous quantity of the white covering peculiar to this country. (Or this region of the country). Yesterday most of the day was spent in snowing and continued lightly through the night till sunrise when the down coming quantity increased gradually and earnestly from very small blinks to blinks of unusual dimensions. Some of them as they now (quarter to 11 o'clock am) full cover the space as large as a silver dollar and they are coming down in immensurable masses matting together to form a cumbrous coat over the farmers soil. We have not about 20 inches on the level and a fair prospect of 20 more inches on to that.

Jan 21 – Did not work at the yard yesterday nor this forenoon but this afternoon we went over and be bored. Yesterday was very stormy and cold and today was much the same but not quite so stormy. **Additional page** – Breaking out the roads. Joseph W. Seavey, John Odiorne, Elbridge A. Thomas, Daniel Trefethen Jr., Albert B. Trefethen and myself. Asserting with 4 yoke of oxen attached to a sled across which is a log chained to the bar under the “nose” to sweep the snow as we go down around the district. We invited Brother Seavey to assist with his oxen but he declined with the excuse that he is fattening his oxen and if they were taken out to work in the road today they would lose more flesh than they would give in a week. So in true Methodist style we said no more but preserved and accomplished a good path by 11 am. Now we prepare to go to the yard this afternoon and labor as we have done nothing there since Saturday.

(Daniel Jr. is the grandson of Nathaniel T. Trefethen (died 1856) who was Supply's uncle. He is living with his grandmother Charlotte “Dolly” near Trefethen's Corner. Daniel Jr's father, Daniel died in 1841 when he was less than a year old.)

Jan 23 – George R. Prebel – A committee was sent to Washington by the carpenters to as to congress to repeal the obnoxious law in regard to time and pay returned today and reported that the matter was before congress.

Jan 24 – Mr. Prebel states that John Smith, Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks, said he had no power in the matter “But if I had” said he “ I would make you work 10 hours year round”.

Jan 25 – Today we had the toughest storm of the season. Early in the morning snow came down furiously until noon when hail came equally as fast. Then came rain with all the ferocity of a wild winter storm. We worked at the yard and walked home in the slosh in 2 hours.

Jan 26 – A strong northwest wind prevails today and quite cold into the bargain. The roads are impassible and no one can go to church if they want to. Reading Washington Papers.

Jan 27 – Very cold and windy. Walked to the yard and buck over the crust which is firm enough for a horse to travel upon without fear and any quantity of snow under it.

Jan 28 – No news from Burnside's Expedition. The Kearsarge is bending sails today, Captain Pickering. She is to go after the pirate ship Sumter. (Kearsarge was built at Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine, under the 1861 American Civil War emergency shipbuilding program. The new steam sloop-of-war was launched on 11 September 1861 and was commissioned on 24 January 1862, with Captain Charles W. Pickering in command.)

Jan 30 – Received from Uncle Sam \$51.00 for labor in December 1861. Received pay by treasury notes "on demand" they now pass at par value among traders.

Feb 1 – Paid the treasurer of I.O. of O. F. (Order of Odd Fellows) \$5.00 assessment for one year ending Jan 1, 1862. Worked 6 days at the yard this week. (The Independent Order of Odd Fellows improve and elevate the character of mankind by promoting the principles of friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity and universal justice.)

Feb 2 – Went to church today riding with Flora Temple. She went off in a round hat with a good will to hear the gospel preached unto the sinners of this old town of Rye. (Flora Temple is Supply's horse.)

Feb 3 – The work is greatly delayed for want of scrap iron coming from Philadelphia. The propeller "Sacramento" is all timbered out and mostly draped with iron, 5/8 by 4 inches diagonally. (The first Sacramento was launched on 28 April 1862 at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N.H. and commissioned on 7 January 1863. Sacramento's first assignment was blockade duty off the North Carolina coast as part of the effort to eliminate Confederate shipping operations at Wilmington. During her cruising off the Western Bar at Wilmington, 1 May 1863, she captured the British blockade runner Wanderer.)

Feb 4 – Cold and somewhat snowy. At work on the screw wheeler "Conemaugh" by the dock. (USS Conemaugh, one of a pair of two 1105-ton "double-ender" side wheel steam gunboats built at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery, Maine, was commissioned in July 1862.)

Feb 5 – Paid Charles W. Hall \$9.00 balance due him for labor on house 24 Yates Street. The "Kearsarge sailed today for New York. The weather is very pleasant.

Feb 6 – Anxiously waiting news from Burnside expedition gone to North Carolina. It is said to take Roanoke Island for a beginning.

Feb 7 – Received news that Fort Henry on the Tennessee River was captured yesterday by our forces containing 20 guns and about 60 men. This cut off rebel communication between Bowling Green and Columbia.

Feb 8 – Paid \$2.00 for a new hat. Worked 6 days this week at the yard on the side wheel steamer "Conemaugh" and commenced stripping last Thursday.

Feb 9 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Humphries from Portsmouth preach Methodism and was well satisfied with both of his sermons. In the forenoon there were but few to hear but in the afternoon the orthodox house sent us many of its numbers as there was no preaching there after dinner. In consequence of the burial of Mr. Samuel Shafly who died Friday morning the 7th last.

Feb 15 – 5 snow storms this week, worked 6 days.

Feb 16 – Went to church.

Feb 17 – Received news of the surrender of Fort Donelson in Tennessee. Four generals and 15,000 soldiers to General Grant. Received of U.S. \$19.12 for first ½ of June. Sold a yoke of cattle for \$122.00.

Feb 20 – A severe snow storm prevailed the most of last night depositing another foot of snow upon the two feet that has previously come down this winter. So that we now have smart 3 feet of solid snow upon this earth hereabouts. And we have had no January or February thaw so far this winter and the snow, as it now lies, is very solid. Each cubic foot being enough to make 3 quarts of water, making 9 quarts of water to every square foot of land in this town. Which would cover it with 2 ½ or 3 inches of water. We are yet at work on the navy yard when the weather is fitting and have been since April 29, 1861 with a prospect for a job 2 or 3 weeks longer. There have been launched from the yard since that time 4 vessels, 2 side wheel viz; “Sebago” and “Mahaska” and 2 propellers, “Kearsarge” and “Ossipee” (named for 2 mountains in New Hampshire).

(USS Sebago (1861) was a large steamer with very powerful guns and four howitzers, purchased by the Union Navy during the beginning of the American Civil War. It was a double-ended, sidewheel gunboat built by the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery, Maine and was launched on 30 November 1861.)

(USS Mahaska was a wooden, double-ender, sidewheel steamer of the third rate in the United States Navy during the American Civil War. She was named for Ioway Chief Mahaska. Mahaska was built at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Kittery, Maine, for \$130,001.68; launched 10 December 1861 and commissioned 5 May 1862.)

Feb 20 cont. – The union cause has been greatly strengthened the last week by the news of the success of General Burnside at Roanoke Island. Since the battle of Mill Springs and the capture of Fort Henry and Donelson, in all our folks have captured about 20,000 prisoners and 170 cannon and 30,000 muskets and rifles. At Roanoke Island in North Carolina General Burnside, according to rebel accounts occupied the island with 15,000 soldiers, and after a resolute battle of one day's siege, captured about 3000 prisoners. With as many muskets and 54 cannons and an immense quantity of other materials and provisions etc. This is said to be the key to Norfolk and that General Burnside can easily take that city and the navy yard and occupy the other

cities and villages round about Fortress Monroe. It is already stated that the general's forces have taken Elizabeth City.

Feb 24 – This morning there was more than 3 feet of solid snow upon the ground. There was also a good prospect to rain and at 11 o'clock it commenced. And we have had a regular July thunder storm in February which "struck" the lightning in many places in Portsmouth and vicinity. Among other notable places was said to be the spire of the Orthodox North Church located in the part of Portsmouth, N.H. The Reverend Mr. Gage is their present pastor and administers unto them in true Orthodox style, thus I have been informed.

Feb 28 – Snowed all day, no work at the yard. I think that I can say (and that without prejudice or exaggeration) that with this days going out goes out "the" coldest, most blustery, most windy and disagreeable winter for 25 years. The first part of December was quite comfortable and endurable but for the last 2 and one half months we have had a continuation of snow storm and cold weather without above 5 or 6 hours of "thawing" weather at a time during the whole season in January and February. I have kept no account of the number of snow storms but venture to say it has snowed one half the number of days in February and nearly as many in January. It has been said that January never passes without a thaw but this time we have gone clear over January and February too without any then and a good prospect for March to pass the same. We have now: (1 o'clock pm. 28th Feb, 1862) 3/8 inch of snow upon the farmers sail in this region on a level and it is now coming down with unabated zeal and fury.

Mar 1 – Blowed all day, no work.

Mar 2 – Cold and windy.

Mar 3 – Worked at the yard.

Mar 4- Rainy and no work at the yard.

Mar 8 – The rebels commence evacuating Manassas today.

Mar 9 – Went to church today and heard Chase preach 2 sermons but was not satisfied with them. Moses Garland's son Albert W. was buried today – died Friday of Diphtheria at age 19 years.

Mar 10 – Worked this day of our lord with good earnest and I think with a good day of success. Tomorrow is state elections, 3 candidates up viz; Democrat "Stark", Republican "Berry" and Union "Wheeler".

Mar 11 – This was town meeting day and therefore we did not go to work for U.S. but went and cast our votes for a Governor of New Hampshire viz; General George Stark but we are doubtful

of his election as the Black Republicans have renominated N.S. Berry again and have had the state 5 years.

Mar 12 – Went to the yard and worked this day. Joseph P. Trefethen was elected representative to Concord from Rye yesterday by 100 majority. (Joseph Parsons Trefethen is Supply's older brother.)

Mar 13 – The rebels have evacuated "Manassas and Bull Run" and our forces occupy these former rebel strong holds.

Mar 14 – Worked at the yard today on ship "Conemaugh" a side wheel. They are now coppering the "Ossipee" and building the "Sacramento" – Propeller 1900 tons.

Mar 15 – Snow storm commenced and after a time turned to hail and come down in good earnest so that we did not go to the yard but about noon we went to Portsmouth and got the news and came home about 2.

Mar 16 – The severe hail storm of yesterday continues today with unabated fury. Coming from the northeast and we are obliged to keep housed and read our book and papers and Bible and write a word or two etc.

Mar 17 – Worked ½ day today being snowy in the morning.

Mar 20 – Went down to see my lady tonight and found her smart and making a vest and entertaining Emily Webster who after a time we went half way home with and in returning on the snow crystal walked over the large rock (say 4 feet high) upside Mr. Clark's orchard beside David Remick's pasture. The rock was mostly covered with snow and the snow was as high as the wall around it.

Mar 21 – Labored at the yard today without any trouble.

Mar 22 – Worked 5 ½ days this week. We or I worked 17 ½ days I Feb. Pay day has passed but we have not been paid since January and do not know the reason.

Mar 23 – Went to church today.

Mar 24 – Worked at the yard this day on the side wheel steamer "Conemaugh". General Burnside has taken Beaufort, North Carolina. The rebels burnt the pirate steamer "Nashville". (CSS Nashville was a brig-rigged, side-paddle-wheel passenger steamer that served with the Confederate Navy during the Civil War.)

Mar 25 – General Burnside has taken Washington, N.C. without firing a shot.

Apr 6 – Sunday in April and snow and mud and bad traveling and disagreeable walking so much so that there was but very few went to hear the gospel preached. Brother Woodbury Seavey went and when he returned he called at the house for the \$3.00 which I agreed to give the minister (Mr. Chase) for officiating to us the past year. I gave it to him and sent him on his way rejoicing and riding in a sleigh.

Apr 13 – This is Sunday also and very pleasant and warm but still there is a great quantity of snow upon the ground and many places drifts 3 feet up. There is no frost in the ground and as the snow melts away to water it is soon absorbed. This preventing any very great quantity of mud. There has been several new battles and at Island No 10, which has finally surrendered to Commander Foot and General Pope captured 6 or 7000 retreating rebels and all their artillery. Which with Commander Foot's body accounts to more than 100 cannons and 5000 muskets and any quantity of other war materials. The most decisive and bloody battle yet fought was fought last Sunday and Monday at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee by Generals Grant, Buell, Smith and several other generals.

Apr 19 – We had news several days ago that Fort Pulaski had surrendered to General Hunter with 360 prisoners, 150 guns, 20 tons powder, 700 shells and balls and much other war materials. And at last accounts the fleet was drawing towards Savannah City. The general McClellan is advancing on York town and General Halleck is drawing around Corinth, Mississippi, Commander Foot is bombarding Fort Wright on the Mississippi River.

Apr 29 – We received news yesterday of the capture of New Orleans by Commander Porters fleet assisted by a land force under General Butler. The report comes through rebel sources and is therefore considered reliable as they would not be likely to publish anything of that sort which was not “so”. There are no particulars given of the affair by then. General McClellan is before Yorktown with an immense army making preparations for its reduction and he is trenching in front of their breastworks and intends the day to commence soon. This is looked upon as “to be” the greatest battle of the war.

Apr 20 – Went to church and heard Pierce in forenoon and Otis in afternoon. Gilman Dearborn was buried today at Portsmouth. (Gilman Dearborn was a farmer from Portsmouth.)

Apr 21 – Worked 6 days last week and this day of this week.

Apr 22 – Rainy and did not go the yard today. There was about 80 caulkers discharged from the yard today. There was a man drowned from the yard bridge last night.

Apr 23 – Took the “Ossipee” out of dry dock today with Propeller and rudder hung. Hauled the dock in to take the “Conemaugh” in to soon assisted in tending the gates while sinking the dock.

(The first USS Ossipee was a wooden, screw sloop-of-war in commission in the United States Navy at various times between 1861 and 1889. She served in the Union Navy during the American Civil War.)

Apr 26 – Bought of Nathaniel and Orin Foye a lot of wood land. (4 1/2 acres) for \$384.00. Received the deed today jointly, myself, Albert B. and Joseph P. Trefethen. One deed concerning the whole. (This was 4 acres + next to the town farm.)

Apr 27 – Did not go to church today.

Apr 28 – The “Sacramento” was launched today at 12 noon in good order and after we had hauled up the ways we allowed the afternoon to play etc. Came home and rode with Samuel Moses to Foye’s Corner.

Apr 30 – Was discharged from the yard today having worked there one year and one day. One hundred and fifteen other carpenters also received there “checks” tonight.

May 1 – Went to the yard today and got my tools and settled up and bid good bye to the yard where I have labored as constantly as possible for one year and did not miss but few days during the year I was there.

May 2 – Rainy and could do nothing at farming except plant a few hills of cucumbers under glass. We have not planted any potatoes or corn yet but most of the farmers have planted some potatoes.

May 3 – Hauled two loads of seaweed by 1 o clock and went to Portsmouth and got a grape vine of Nunkin Marden’s widow. Gave her ?? for two and set them out back of the house.

May 4 – Went to church and heard Chase preach to Sunday school scholars. In the evening there was a union meeting at the East school house.

May 5 – Ploughed a row for potatoes in the farther field intending to plant this afternoon but we have a thunder shower and could not go farther out doors but varnished wagon. Abram Perkins daughter was married today. (Abby G. Perkins married David H. Montgomery.)

May 6 – Ploughing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day in Gardner field and making harrow (wooden tooth) for harrowing for planting. Note: (Cultivator is an implement used for finer operations like breaking clods and working the soil to a fine tilth in the preparation of seedbed. Cultivator is also known as tiller or tooth harrow.)

May 7 – Planted the first potatoes of the season, it having been too wet, cold, windy and stormy etc. Heretofore: Planted 3 ½ bushes of “mangoes” with manure in the hill after ploughing in a light count of seaweed.

May 8 – Went to Portsmouth in forenoon and got some Boston marrow squash seed. Set out some strawberry plants with hoe so as not to disturb their roots. We have a patch 30 feet square. They are now budded for blossoms.

May 9 – Ploughing all day in Gardner field but did not quite finish. Received a deed of William Nall for a piece of marsh near Becky's Neck and paid him in full with the understanding that his wife is to sign it. She not having done so as yet. (Thomas J. Parsons witnessing)(It was three acres of salt marsh.)

May 10 – Finished ploughing Gardner field and planted 5 bushels of Jackson Whites making 14 rows. We put plaster in to all but the 12 row from the wall next to Joseph's Lane into which we put none for experiment. We used a small spoonful in a hill.

May 11 – Did not go to church today. Oliver and wife Sarah came down on foot from Portsmouth. There has been much riding today in carriages.

May 17 – Planted a piece of corn in front of Charles F. Trefethen's. Also a piece in the back field. The long strip next to Daniel's fields. Also went to Portsmouth to see fashions. (Charles F. Trefethen is Supply's cousin and living on Trefethen's Corner.)

May 25 – Did not go to church because too tired. I heard by friends John did go. Elder Pike at the Baptist and Frank Strattum at the Methodist preached to them.

May 26 – Harrowing and hauling manure for corn to put in hill. Hauled on 6 large carts full on 3/8 acre to put in hill intending to use 2 barrels pondrette to the acre 3/4 with manure and 1/4 without. (Pondrette is dried manure.)

May 27 – Rainy and could not plant as we had intended. But worked at painting and hauled out a load of manure for corn and got a shoe set on the ox and a load of sand.

May 28 – Planted an acre of corn to and finished the planting of that article. We used 2 barrels of Pondrette in the first bed we used manure and a handful of pondrette, 2nd bed manure and no pondrette, 3rd bed ditto, 4th bed pondrette alone. Planted cabbages.

May 29 – Trees are now about in full bloom and there is an immense quantity of "Bloth" on apple and sherry trees. The weather has this for been favorable to the under blossom. Finished ploughing. (Bloth are blooms.)

May 30 – To day we hauled a load of seaweed and also a load of sea gravel from Lang's Point. Sowed carrots this afternoon with Brother Berry. Seeded lower field.

May 31 – Sowed Mangle Werzels and rutabaga and planted some squashes, cucumbers and beans. Watered and hoed, strawberries are in full bloom. (Mangle Werzels are potato like vegetables.)

Jun 1 – Turned cattle out this morning over in the Elwyn pasture. They are a very nice yoke of oxen we bought of Deacon Drake of the Orthodox Church and of course they are of the pure blood.

Jun 2 – There was an abundance of “Bloth” this spring and since it came out we have had excellent weather to keep it along and there is now great promise of an abundant crop of apples etc.

Jun 4 – Planted squash seeds and beans etc. My brother Joseph Parsons Trefethen goes to Concord as representative from the town of Rye. He was chosen and filled the office last year.

Jun 5 – Preparing house #24 Gates Street, Portsmouth papering, painting etc. Planted some beans in further corner. A few farmers have hoed some of their earliest pieces.

Jun 6 – Papering with a large gang at #24 Gates Street.

Jun 7 – Set out 30 tomato plants in back field also separated and made 12 hills of cucumbers. Planting they have 3 leaves nearly of a prize proving that they are not far advanced.

Jun 8 – Rainy most of the day and did not go to church but stayed in the house and read papers and books as it was a very cold northeast storm.

Jun 9 – Finished house on Gates Street today, painting and whitening. Had 5 applications for hiring (renting) it but could not decide which was worth accepting. Shake them up in a bag and neither one would come out. Also planted beans.

Jun 10 – Hoed piece of corn in front of Charles F. Trefethen’s and planted squashes and did various other jobs too numerous to mention.

Jun 11 – Hoed a piece of potatoes in the back field with peas in the hills.

Jun 12 – Commenced hoeing the Gardner field today. It is all planted to potatoes except lower corner, which is to beans today put in. The farmers generally are well started with them, first time hoeing. Grass looks well except where it is winter killed.

Jun 13 – Decided to let (rent) the house to Donelson of Portsmouth. To pay \$457.00 per year with 2 ½ down when moving in. Hoeing in Gardner field. Charleston, South Carolina has been attacked by DuPont and General Hunter.

Jun 14 – Finished hoeing the Gardner today except beans, more were planted Thursday. Also went to Portsmouth to see the fashions and get a coconut. Memphis surrendered about the first of this month.

Jun 16 – Hoeing corn.

Jun 17 – Hoeing corn in back field. Oliver Trefethen was down to help me. We had 14 rows cultivated, a considerable amount.

Jun 18 – I was married tonight at about half past 8 pm. to Mary Emily Clark by the Reverend Mr. Eddy of Portsmouth. He made a prayer after the ceremony and wished us success and much happiness and long life and wished us to call and see him.

Jun 19 – My wife has not come home with me yet but will the first of next week.

Jun 20 – Today I realized that I was married and was ready to have a help mate not only in worldly existence merely but in helping me to be happy and to enjoy life as intended by the almighty and I hereby hope we may have happiness and long life.

Jun 21 – My wife came up with me to dinner and spent the rest of the day and I was exceedingly happy with her company. I hoed a small piece of corn the 2nd time and went to Portsmouth at night.

Jun 22 – My wife Mary and I went to church together as husband and wife for the first time. We rode in a wagon and went to hear Mr. Chase of the Methodist. At noon we went to see the ruins of the Ocean House which was burned last night.

Jun 23 – Got two pigs of my wife's brother. They were 4 weeks old Saturday. (Moses Clark is Mary's step brother and is living on Clark road with her mother, Adeline (Tucker) Clark. Moses's mother was Mary (Locke) Clark and died in 1830. Their father was John Clark and died in 1847.)

Jun 24 – This has been a day of various kinds of weather but did not commence raining until middle of the afternoon when it rained lustily till late in the evening and I know not how much longer.

Jun 25 – Today has been a decidedly rainy one. With a considerable wind which however died away by noon after which rain come down in great profusion. Which is a capital thing for grass all products.

Jun 26 – Moved my wife home today.

Jun 27 – Went to Portsmouth in forenoon and got the balance of my wife's furniture.

Jun 28 – Hoed beans in forenoon. Went to Portsmouth at about 5 ½ o clock, Gilman D. Trefethen went with me and got the news etc. The U.S ship “Colorado” arrived at the yard this week and discharged her crew and is getting ready to go into dry dock. (Gilman D. Trefethen is the son of Joseph Parsons Trefethen, Supply’s nephew. He is living with his parents on Wallis Road and is 16 years old.)

(USS Colorado is a three-masted steam screw frigate, was launched on 19 June 1856, by the Norfolk Navy Yard. Named after the Colorado River.)

Jun 29 – Went to church all day.

Jul 14 – Commenced mowing today: cut 3 loads above the barn and 3 below the house in front of Charles.

Jul 18 – Hauled in 7 loads of hay.

Jul 26 – Hauled in two loads of hay.

Jul 27 – Went to church and heard two sermons by Mishack Bell and John Dame and they must press without comment.

Jul 28 – Got in one load of hay.

Jul 29 – Aug 1 – No entries.

Aug 2 – Did not go to Portsmouth today but stayed at home making hay, put up 119 bunches. Henry Foss’s child Herman H. died yesterday. (He was 2 years and 11 months old and died of scarlet fever.)

Aug 3 – So hot that I did not go to church, but in afternoon went to Sylvann Rand’s funeral. He having died very suddenly at Martha’s Vineyard of “Bilious Fever”. (Bilious fever was a medical diagnosis of fever associated with excessive bile or bilirubin in the blood stream and tissues).

Aug 4 – Finished hauling in English hay today. Hauled in 6 loads making in all 22 loads for the horse about the same as we had last year. But the quality is not half so good. It all has been injured by foggy rain.

Aug 5 – Orders were issued by the secretary of war to have the 300,000 of volunteers filled up by the 15th immediately thereafter fill them up by a draft and the militia and also to draft 300,000 more for 9 months. I am expecting and dreading to be drafted in to this horrible war.

Aug 11 – Commenced working for the Portsmouth Pier Company and worked in forenoon and in the afternoon went to town meeting. The town voted to pay \$400.00 to each of its volunteers for 3 years.

Aug 16 – Worked all day for the Pier Co. making in all this week 5 days. There has been orders received by the Governors to draft on the 1st of September between 8 and 9 o'clock and 3 and 4 to fill up the 300,000, 9 months men.

Aug 17 – Very cool last night and there was danger of a frost but it is hoped there is none. It is quite warm and pleasant today and going to church.

Sept 1 – Commenced my job of putting in the stern into a schooner for David Badger and Downs at Marcy's ship yard. (Daniel Marcy, (1809-1893), born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Marcy was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1854 and then served two years in the state Senate. He led the effort to revive the shipbuilding industry in Portsmouth.)

Sept 2 – 10 – No entries in the diary.

Sept 11 – I finished timbering out the stern of Badger's schooner today and he has no plank for the arch board and I can do no more until the plank arrive.

Sept 12 – Went to the navy yard today to get work and got the promise of a job in 2 or 3 days. It was said there was drafting in Old York the 10th. But we have nothing posting.

Sept 13 – Rainy, wind in the morning, out of the southeast but changing to northeast. There is talk of drafting next week but we do not know.

Sept 14 – Wind northeast, no rain but plenty of clouds and prospect of a storm. No meeting.

Sept 15 – Worked today for Badger and Downs making in all for them 10 days @\$1.50 for day.

Sept 16 – Commenced to work on the navy yard this afternoon.

Sept 17 – Worked ½ day in the yard. There was an excursion from Boston which when it was returning to Boston ran into the 7 ½ down train to Portsmouth.

Sept 18 – Uncle Sam is going to build 3 steamers at this yard and we have a prospect of a 6 months job.

Sept 20 – Worked 4 days this week for Uncle Sam. Received news tonight that the rebels are driven entirely out of Maryland by General McClellan.

Sept 21 – Pleasant and I stayed at home rather than hear war sermons. Abbie Webster is to be buried today by the Orthodox meeting house. (Abbie Webster is the daughter of Mark R. Webster)

Sept 23 – Last Saturday received of George Leroy Trefethen 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds of spare ribs for which we are to pay him in like kind when we take the life of our pig.

Sept 27 – Worked for Uncle Sam 6 days this week on steamer “Sassacus” (USS Sassacus, a wooden, double-ended, side-wheel steamer, was launched on 23 December 1862 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine, Sassacus was commissioned at the Boston Navy Yard on 5 October 1863.)

They have just commenced the Iron Clad Steamer “Agamenticus”. To be 250 feet long and 53 feet wide, floors and sides 13”. She is to be 15 feet deep. (USS Agamenticus was one of four Miantonomoh-class monitors built for the United States Navy during the American Civil War.)

Sept 28 – Did not go to church.

Sept 29 – Worked at the yard on the Sassacus. Frame spaces 2 inch, 15 frames each way (fore and aft) and balance 26 inches. Floors side 7 inches, 2nd F. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, tops 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, bolted snug filling in solid to floor head with glutes between at joints.

Sept 30 – Both ends alike with a ram at each end. I worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day today. Went and got a certification of disability for military duty of Dr. William Perry at the Franklin House.

Oct 1 – Worked all day at the yard in Santee house.

Oct 2 – Rainy all day, wind northeast and southeast but we labored in good faith for U.S. Robert W. Varrell sold his stock and tools at public auction today preparing to give to war in the 13th New Hampshire Regiment. (Robert W. Varrell is living on Washington Road in Rye.)

Oct 3 – Dull and rainy, wind southeast. It is expected there will be another call for troops soon to the number of 300,000 or more. Those now called for are not quite all on yet.

Oct 4 – Worked for U.S. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days this week. A committee of workmen united on the Commodore and issued that we commence at sun one hour high inspect of at sunrise, which was granted.

Oct 5 – Cold wind, northwest blowing severely. Shaking off any quantity of apples. Tomorrow we commence at 7 o clock and I might being sun an hour high.

Oct 6 – The 13th New Hampshire Regiment of volunteers left Concord for the seat of war.

Oct 7 – At work on the yard. Wages \$2.00 per day. In New York carpenters get \$3.00, in Boston \$2.50 and Connecticut \$3.25. We commence sun an hour high. 7 hours and 4 min.

Oct 8 – Hot, thermometer up to 80 degrees above zero. At work on the side wheel steamer “Sassacus”.

Oct 9 – About as hot as yesterday and a full moon in the evening and very pleasant.

Oct 11 – Worked 6 days for Uncle Sam this week on our old time viz; commence sun on hour high.

Oct 12 – Oct 12 and not very cold but there is some prospect of a storm. Did not go to church and did not see anybody else go to hear the gospel.

Oct 15 – Did not go to the yard today but stayed at home to dig potatoes and we have them all in except about 3 bushels. We have in the cellar 130 bushels of 4 kinds viz; 40 Jackson whites, 40 black, 25 Kitney, 25 State of Maine potatoes.

Oct 21 – At work on the side wheel steamer “Sassacus”.

Oct 25 – The drafting commission was in Rye today and I went up and showed him my certificate of exemption from military duty and he struck my name from the roll of soldiers.

Oct 27 – Did not work at the yard because it was rainy in the morning. In the afternoon I went to hunt after cattle and called in to see “Jodi and Nanni”.

Oct 30 – The “Minnesota” arrived today from Charlestown where she had just arrived from Hampton Roads. She has 25 “Contrabands” aboard. (Contrabands were slaves who escaped to Union lines during the Civil War.) (USS Minnesota was a wooden steam frigate in the United States Navy and was launched in 1855. She was recommissioned at the outbreak of the American Civil War and returned to service as the flagship of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron.)

Oct 31 – Paid Daniel Trefethen Jr. \$86.00 for labor and balance for hay due him \$2.00 in full of all demands to date. At work in the yard on clamps of “Sassacus”.

Nov 1 – We labored diligently for Uncle Sam today and left at night with a clear conscience and a good will for Sunday. The war news is not of a very favorable character at present. General McClellan is getting ready to take Richmond, he is at Winchester, Virginia.

Nov 2 – Did not go to church today for the reason that there were strong signs of rain. Which if it had come down upon us sinners on Sunday would have been rather disagreeable with a

Sunday suit up on our precious selves. Rain does not descend upon the just if they are in the house.

Nov 3 – Commenced on the frame for another side wheel steamer the same model of the “Sassacus”. John Remick is our quarter master. He has about 100 men in his gang. Charles Stimson is Master carpenter, Isiah Hanscum is N.C.

Nov 4 – Election day in Massachusetts. Received of U.S. \$23.00 for 11 ½ days’ work in September. Settled with S.W. Moses paying him \$4.63 in full of all demands to this date. Received of Walter Brooks his house rent up to the 1st of November, 1862. (Walter Brooks is renting a home from the Trefethens at #29 Gates Street.)

Nov 8 – Worked 6 days for Uncle Sam this week @\$2.25 per day. We have had a northeast storm for two days.

Nov 9 – Did not go to church today but stayed at home and ate snapped corn and apples and cider and reading my bible etc.

Nov 10- Received news that General McClellan was removed from command of the army of the Potomac. He is ordered to New Jersey and General Burnside takes his place. I do not look for any better results under the new general.

Nov 11 – We are at work on a frame for another side wheeler of about the same dimensions of the “Sassacus”.

Nov 12 – Worked all day and part of the night (until 11 o clock) taking the “Minnesota” into the dry dock, this making 1 ¾ days. The dock was pumped out in 6 hours after commencing. She is the heaviest ship ever taken into the dock.

Nov 13 – Received news that an Ironclad vessel has run the blockade at Charleston, South Carolina carrying plate iron for Ironclad vessels now building there. It is said that 22 shots from our rifle guns struck her but had no effect. (An ironclad is a steam-propelled warship protected by iron or steel armor plates, which were predominantly constructed from 1859 to the early 1890s. The ironclad was developed as a result of the vulnerability of wooden warships to explosive or incendiary shells.)

Nov 14 – Two men were discharged for setting down in the ships hold discussing the war question during working hours. There is about 20 runaway slaves in Portsmouth and some young “ladies” (says the Chronicle) are exerting themselves in teaching them to read, write and cipher.

Nov 15 – Worked 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ days this week for Uncle Sam including $\frac{3}{4}$ on the dry dock. Richard Caswell was buried about a week ago. Bought a pile of chips of Uncle Sam at auction.

Nov 16 – Today we had a new chilly northeaster and we thanked the Lord and stayed at home from church and read the bible.

Nov 18 – The Ossipee, Colorado and Minnesota are fitting out for sea at this station. The U.S. Navy now is said to consist of 400 vessels of all descriptions.

Nov 19 – Dick Adams in riding to York rode off the side of a bridge and killed himself, so say the Old Yorkers. He was a teamster and likewise a Steamster and had taken a little too much gin. P.S. he is not dead but still lives.

Nov 20 – Rainy, wind southeast. We worked in the Franklin Ship house on futtocks for a side wheel steamer like the Sassacus on which we commenced about 8 or 10 days ago. The Ironclad had about 20 frames up now. (In 1838, the Franklin Ship house was completed, 240 feet long, 131 feet wide and measuring 72 feet from floor to center of its ridgepole. It carried 130 tons of slate on a gambrel roof. It was lengthened in 1854 to accommodate the USS Franklin (from which it took its name), the largest wooden warship built at the yard, and requiring a decade to finish. The structure was considered one of the largest ship houses in the country.)

Nov 21 – Did not work at the yard today because Joseph did not see fit to go on account of the rain.

Nov 22 – Worked 5 days on the yard this week including this day.

Nov 23 – Cold and chilly after a severe rain yesterday.

Nov 24 – I have nothing particular to write for today.

Nov 25 – City election in Portsmouth. The Black Republicans elected John Dearborn for mayor and the majority of the councilmen are “Black”. The Democratic convention met in Portsmouth and Daniel Marcy was nominated for congress.

Nov 26 – There was a serious accident at the yard today. A machinist working on the Sacramento’s machinery had both thighs crushed and broken by the “piston heads” falling on him while 3 or 4 were rolling it along to its place; it weighed about 3700 lbs. Uncle Sam paid me \$51.00 for October.

Nov 27 – This was Thanksgiving Day in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts and several. Therefore there was no work at the yard and we have had this day to give thanks and labor and rest etc. I completed a clothes horse I had about half done.

Nov 28 – We worked for Uncle Sam and rode up and down from Portsmouth with two horses viz; Jenni and Flora Temple.

Nov 29 – Worked for Uncle Sam 5 days this week making in all for November 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ days including $\frac{3}{4}$ day of night work and also this day.

Nov 30 – Did not go to church today but heard there was a great many there and the minister preached very good sermons.

Dec 1 – Worked for U.S. searching timber aboard a schooner. General Burnside has had command of the army of the Potomac 4 weeks today and is no nearer Richmond than when he assumed command. We were then told that if McClellan was superseded by Burnside we would have an advance immediately on the rebel capital. But it is now quite certain that the Virginia roads are muddy again and that no advance can be made possible at present. Which means until next May or June when 9/10 of the soldier's time of enlistment will be expired.

Dec 6 – Did not work this day of our lord but worked 5 days this week. There was 12 inches of snow fell from 1 o'clock to 7 this morning. We went to Portsmouth in sleigh this morning.

Dec 7 – Wind northwest blowing gale. The snow being light makes it a day of the most severe winter weather the thermometer at 10 above zero. Read some of old messages and also my bible.

Dec 8 – Worked today for Uncle Sam at the yard. The Steam Schooners Colorado and Ossipee are nearly ready for sea. The Colorado sails tomorrow at 6 am. It is now very good sleighing.

Dec 9 – Commenced crossing to the yard with James Coleman yesterday. It is now capital sleighing. The ship Colorado sailed today for Fort Monroe.

Dec 10 – Agreed for a new harness tonight with a harness maker at Portsmouth to be ready next Wednesday forenoon. My wife Mary went to town today and bought me a red shirt. We are at work on a frame of the side wheeler for U.S. 240 feet long.

Dec 13 – Burnside's army was repelled at Fredericksburg today. Worked six days for U.S. this week.

Dec 14 – Had a sleigh ride over bare ground covered slightly with ice, there being but very little snow.

Dec 15 – Burnside crossed the Rappahannock tonight.

Dec 16 – The U.S. ship Ossipee sailed today for Hampton Roads, Received from U.S. \$53.00 for the month of November.

Dec 17 – At work for U.S. on the yard. There is great anxiety in the whole north in consequence of General Burnside's defeat and retreat from Fredericksburg. Bought a new harness for \$5.00.

Dec 18 – General Burnside had a disastrous defeat at Fredericksburg, Virginia losing it is said 17,000 men. It is considered to be the greatest blunder of the war. It is now uncertain what the next move will be.

Dec 19 – John H. Foss's wife Elizabeth died last night. Today has been quite cool and chilly, wind southwest. Next Tuesday is the day set apart for launching the side wheel steamer Sassacus from the yard. (Elizabeth was 41 years old and died of fits (seizures). The Foss's are living on Washington Road near Brackett Road at this time.)

Dec 20 – Today has been the coldest day of the season. At 6 ½ o'clock it was at zero and at 7 ½ o'clock, when we started to go to the yard, it was 2 degrees below and the wind blowing strongly from the northwest making it more disagreeable than any last winter. We worked 6 days this week for Uncle Sam.

Dec 21 – It was zero weather this morning and it hardly rose about 6 or 8 during the day. Went a visiting up to Ira Holmes to see Elizabeth. Mrs. Holmes has a very bad ankle. We also called on George Leroy Trefethen and wife Mary Olivia and Mr. John Webster. (Mr. Holmes is William Ira Holmes and is married to Supply's youngest sister, Sarah Elizabeth. They are living on Wallis Road near Lang's Corner. George Leroy and John Webster are their neighbors. Mary Olivia is Supply's niece.)

Dec 22 – Getting ready for launching, very busy.

Dec 23 – The side wheel steamer "Sassacus" was successfully launched from the "Santee" ship house at about 12 ¾ o'clock. She was blocked up much more aft than vessels have usually been that have been launched from there. She sat nearly level on keel while launching.

Dec 25 – Today is Christmas and we do not work at the yard because Uncle Sam officers think it best to observe this day.

Dec 26 – It rained this morning and we did not go to the yard today but stayed at home and went in to general repairs.

Dec 27 – We labored all day today making in all only 4 days this week. John Foss's little girl died yesterday of diphtheria. (His daughter was Abby J. Foss and was 7 years old.)

Dec 28 – Did not go to church today because it was exceedingly muddy and warm. There is a meeting at Brother Lang's this evening at early candle light attended by Reverends Mr. Chase and Pierce in company.

Addition: Dec 28 – Don't you like to milk the cows? Won't you give me this book for a scrap "book"? The above questions were profound by my better half. The first named duty devolved upon me tonight. Those who usually attend to that duty being absent one other day. I have to record the death last evening of our last gold fish. Who gave up the ghost because he was alone and for no other reason that can be given by Abe Lincoln or any other inexperienced Doctor of the present day.

Dec 31 – This day finishes the year of 1862 and the end of the year finds me at work on the navy yard on the side wheel steamer "Pawtuxet" with 21 frames set all raised in 3 days. Having blocked up and laid the keel and raised 21 frames in 6 working days. The "Sassacus" having been launched yesterday and no work on Christmas. This frame is similar to that of the Sassacus except the scantlings are on inch greater from keel to port side. (USS Pawtuxet was a side wheel steamer of the Union Navy during the American Civil War. Launched by the Portsmouth Navy Yard on 19 March 1864, she was delivered to the Navy at New York City on 18 May 1864, and commissioned on 26 August 1864.)

Memoranda

They commence Tuesday to lay the blocks for the keel of the "Nipsie", a propeller of 180 feet, on the ways at the boat house. It is to be inclined about $\frac{3}{4}$ inches to the foot. The "Ironclad Agamenticus" is about $\frac{3}{4}$ timbered out and is building on the dock. She will not probably be finished until after 1863 goes out. We are laboring diligently for Uncle Sam for \$2.25 per day and receiving our pay monthly in "green backed" treasury notes. Which are at a discount as is all other paper of 3 percent. Taking gold as a standard. Captain George F. Pearson is Commandant and Bradford (Lieutenant) and Isiah Hanscum (constructor) and Charles W. Stimpson (master carpenter). Lias Remick, William Hanscum (alias "Dr. Billy"), John Matthews, John Remick, William Merrell, Augustus Shackly are carpenters quarter men. There are at present about 500 ship carpenters on the yard and about 15 or 1800 men employed upon the yard in all departments. The situation of military affairs of this country at the present time is anything but satisfactory. There is an immense army of about one million of men under a multitude of incompetents generally. (USS Agamenticus was one of four Miantonomoh-class monitors built for the United States Navy during the American Civil War. Commissioned as the war was ending in May 1865.)

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Jan 1 – Galveston was retaken today by the rebels under General Magruder (Confederate). Old Abe issued an emancipation Proclamation this day of our lord. Weather for good or for evil it has gone out pushed by the abolition faction properly termed “disunionist”. Thank God that the war has not ended yet.

Jan 4 – This morning was very mild and warm much the same as April weather without snow upon the ground and good traveling being frozen and the bubbles worn off to relieve the disagreeable jolting. I did not go to church today nor can I give a good and sufficient reason for staying at home, except a desire to rest. I heard from the churches by friends who were able to go and report. There were 3 sermons preached by the 3 Reverend gentlemen who are settled among the good people of our town viz; Mr. Pierce of the Baptist, Mr. Otis of the Orthodox and Mr. Chase of the Methodist faith. Mr. Chase preached on the “Bible” as a book of useful instruction. I could not ascertain the foundation of the remarks of the other gentlemen. I learn that Mr. Pierce was assisted by the Reverend Dr. Levet of Portsmouth who handles medicine as well as the gospel.

Jan 5 – 7 –No entry

Jan 8 – The battle of Vicksburg today, the union army was repelled.

Jan 9 – News has been received this week that Vicksburg on the Mississippi River has been attacked by the union General Sherman and severely repelled by the rebels with a loss of 4000 or 5000 men killed and wounded. It is now said that the rebels have a force of 65,000 at and around Vicksburg to resist. General Sherman from above with commodore Porters fleet of Gunboats and General Banks and Commodore Farragut from below Vicksburg. It is understood that all the aforesaid commanders intend to participate in a renewed attack on the city from above and below at the same time. The rebels claim to have routed General Sherman entirely with, as they say “terrible slaughter”. There has been a severe fight at Murfreesboro lasting five days from December 30th to January 3rd which resulted in serious loss to both sides. The first two days the rebels claimed the best of the earth but after that General Rosecrans drove the rebels before him for two days. There is great loss on both sides about 10,000 estimated by the obituary.

Jan 13 – Our little baby girl was born this morning about 20 minutes before 5. She is a dear but little baby, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wallis Trefethen. (Mary and Supply's daughter).

Jan 13 – Yesterday we received intelligence that the rebels had recaptured Galveston (Texas) and also taken the U.S. Steamer “Harriet Lane” and also that Commodore Renshaw was blown up with his flag ship “Westfield” by his own hands. It is stated the rebels advanced about 5000 men by land and sea on the city of Galveston. Those on the sea were on board 2 or 3 gunboats protected by cotton balls and aimed for the steamer “Harriet Lane” which was moored near the

city and boarded and captured her and killed or wounding nearly all her crew. The vessel was not much injured. Those on the land advanced through the city and draw the soldiers occupying it to the wharf where after a desperate all were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. Two barks loaded with coal also fell into the rebels hands. Commodore Renshaw's flag ship the "Westfield" was aground at the time.

Jan 14 – Snow and rain today and wind to the southwest. We worked in the ship house.

Jan 15 – Rainy all day and warm

Jan 16 – I purchased this book about this time. We consider winter ½ gone and a very mild on it has been too. Only 2 or 3 days of sleighing.

Jan 17 – Worked for Uncle Sam 6 days this week and have worked every working day this year. We are at work on the side wheeler "Pawtuxet".

Jan 24 – Worked 6 days this week and also all working days to far this month and if I can work all of next week it will make 27 days.

Jan 25 – Did not go to church but stayed at house to tend the baby. She is now almost 2 weeks old and can cry quite smartly. She also grows well.

Jan 26 – At work on the walls of the steamer Pawtuxet. She is all strapped and 4 straps of plank in her bottom. The "Nipsic" has 4 frames up. (USS Nipsic was a gunboat in the Union Navy. The ship was laid down on 24 December 1862 by Portsmouth Navy Yard; launched on 15 June 1863 and commissioned on 2 September 1863.)

Jan 27 – Rainy and Joseph did not work today. William Merrill's gang was not mustered and I have been transferred from John Remick's gang to Daniel Moulton's and am glad.

Jan 28 – Received news the "Alabama" was had sunk the U.S. gunboat "Hatteras": off Galveston. General Hooker took command of the Potomac the 26th. (Built in England and manned by an English crew with Confederate officers, the CSS Alabama was the most successful and notorious Confederate raiding vessel of the Civil War. Between the summer of 1862 and the spring of 1864, the Alabama captured 65 vessels flying the U.S. flag and sank one Union warship. USS Hatteras was a 1,126-ton iron-hulled steamer purchased by the Union Navy at the beginning of the American Civil War. She was outfitted as a gunboat and assigned to the Union blockade of the ports and waterways of the Confederate States of America. During an engagement with the disguised Confederate commerce raider, CSS Alabama, she was taken by surprise and was sunk off the coast of Galveston, Texas.)

Jan 29 – Worked for Uncle Sam. There was about 3 inches snow fell last night and today being the second lot this winter for the first was in December and soon went off.

Jan 29 – News came today that the rebel steamer “Alabama” has destroyed the U.S. gunboat “Hatteras” off Galveston, Texas insight of 5 or 6 U.S. vessels of war. The particulars are not given but it appears to be a most disgraceful affair for our folks. General Joseph Hooker has been appointed to the command of the Army of the Potomac. Burnside has resigned and is coming to New York. General McClellan is in Boston today. He appears to be the greatest man of America today and he has gained this reputation against long and steady opposition. One lame soldier jumped upon the cars and begged the privilege of kissing the General. At any rate, they had a good shaking of hands and conversation which was highly interesting to the crowd of spectators. Mrs. McClellan was on the train. It was an elegant train of cars splendidly embellished for the special occasion. The General has recently been presented with one of the most princely houses on 5th avenue, New York.

Jan 30 – General McClellan is in Boston and I venture to say no man in America is so much idolized as at the present time.

Jan 31 – Worked all day for Uncle Sam making the whole of the month, 27 days at \$2.25 per day, tax to be deducted.

Feb 1 – Stayed at house again today to tend the baby which is getting along nicely and growing fast.

Feb 2 – Worked all day for Uncle Sam. This morning very warm but tonight it is very cold. Paid \$8. 37 for a barrel of flour.

Feb 2 – Today has been exceedingly cool and chilly. The wind was northeast and blew “right through” us. We were laboring for Uncle Sam about the yard. This winter thus far has been a most remarkably warm and pleasant one. We have not had more than 5 days of sleighing since last July. Today and yesterday we have been on wheels and rode twice tonight with “Florence Temple”, Joseph, myself and George Leroy. It is said today that Congress has passed a vote to enlist 300,000 Negroes, it passed by a strict party vote, the Democrats voting against it. It is now considered by a large majority to be a humbug. The whole thing now appears to have been a delusion to deceive other people, got up to carry this party into power.

Feb 4 – Ball Day at the yard, 15 below zero.

Feb 4 – This has been the coldest day of the season. In the morning the thermometer told of 15 below zero and it did not rise more than 3 degrees during the day. The wind blew all day from the northwest making it one of the most disagreeable days we ever had in this region. There

was no muster at the yard except for those who have a fire to work by and many of those could not find courage to face the stiff northwester to Uncle Sam's yard.

Feb 5 – This has been a second “Ball Day”. With the mercury at 12 below zero in the morning but after a while it gradually to 10 or 12 above at night with indications of a southerly wind and cloudy sky. Went to Portsmouth and got a barrel of flour which I paid \$8.50 for last Saturday. But for the same brand of flour today would be \$10.00. Everything else is up in proportion. To offset the depreciation of all kinds of paper money, gold is a 64 premium. One dollar in gold is worth \$1.64 in paper of any kind. All kinds of hard money except a few “coppers” are entirely out of circulation and we have money (trash) of all descriptions. Bank notes U.S. “greenback” trader's currency “payable in bank bills” postage stamps and “postal currency” and various other kinds of promises to pay, too numerous to mention.

Feb 6 – Rainy, no work at the yard. Wind southeast and quite warm. Today we have a complete change of weather. The wind is exactly opposite from yesterday, blowing at the rate of 40 from the southeast with plenty of rain to help the confusion. Yesterday we had news from “rebel source” that the rebels had sunk two of our gunboats that were blockading off Charleston, South Carolina and set 4 more on fire and had completely destroyed and raised the blockade off that part and had issued a proclamation declaring the blockade so raised and invited the foreign counsels to take a cruise down the river to witness the fact and they complied.

Feb 10 – Commenced getting out frame for “Shawmut” in the Franklin ship house. (USS Shawmut's hull was built by the Government at Portsmouth Navy Yard, where, June 15, 1863, she was launched. Delivered at New York Navy Yard, October 16, 1864. She is a screw steamer gunboat made of wood.)

Feb 28 – Worked 21 days this month.

Mar 1 – Snowy all day, wind east northeast. Did not go to church.

Mar 3 – Tonight was the Democratic caucus. One nominated Lewis L. Perkins for representative to Concord. David A. Jenness and Joseph W. Seavey for selectmen.

Mar 4 – Our state election comes off one week from yesterday. We hope Ira Eastman, democrat, will be elected.

Mar 5 – Still at work on the yard \$2.25 per day. Gold at 72 percent premium. It is now excellent sleighing the most of the season.

Mar 8 – This has been an exceedingly snow storming Sunday. The most severe snow storm of the winter and now there is more snow upon the ground than there has been since last March. Last week we had 3 or 4 days of sleighing which is more than we have had at any one time

during the winter. The ground has been bare all winter except a day or two at a time. We have not had more than 12 or 15 days sleighing since last July. Which is something unusual for this climate. We have tonight 12 to 13 inches of dry loose snow upon the earth in this region with the wind North 18 above zero. Nobody went to church today consequently the ministers have had a day of rest and a time for reflections and repentance. Also a time to form a new resolve and decision to do better in future and stick to their text and not be running off in chase of the Negro in influencing Abe Lincoln to issue his proclamation to free them.

Mar 9 – Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day. We have now plenty of snow upon the earth (14 to 18 inches) and sleighing about half middling. Tomorrow is Election Day and there interest manifested then has been shown for many years. The people all over the state are thoroughly raised up for the issue. There are 3 candidates in the field Viz; Joe Gilmore – Black Republican, Walter Harriman – 2nd Black Republican and Ira Eastman – Constitutional Union Democratic candidate. Joe Gilmore is called the Railroad King of New Hampshire and he would like to be Sovern King of our State and bring the working men to poverty. Walter Harriman years ago pretended to be a Democrat but he was a Dem only in the name. He was formerly a preacher and then an editor because the old follower gave him up to hardness of heart and blindness of mind and stupidity of brains.

Mar 10 – Election Day in N.H. in Rye, the democrats have 141 majorities. Did not work today.

Mar 14 – Worked only 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days this week. Today is Ball Day and no work. It is now certain that we have elected one Democratic member of Congress- Honorable Daniel Marcy – in the first congressional district. The result for Governor is not decided. It is believed there will be no election by the people; it will require the official count to decide the contest. It is decided that the railroad commissioner is a Democrat.

Mar 15 – Went to Hampton today to see Abbie Clark who is attending school there. It is now grand sleighing and has been for 2 weeks and more. (Abbie Clark is the sister of Mary, Supply's wife.)

Mar 15 – This has been a very pleasant day but very cold and capital sleighing. So we improved it between here and Hampton. My wife and myself and Clara went to Hampton to see Abbie, who is there going to school at the Academy and boards at Mrs. Leanett and her daughter who are both Black Republicans and we were told that they were mostly ("Blacks") in that vicinity. Besides being orthodox and having a good share of the aristocracy and self-importance. We found Abbie well situated in a one storied cottage house on the pleasant side of the road handy to the Orthodox Church which we tended in the afternoon and heard Mr. Colby preach from 2nd Peter, 1st chapter and 5th verse. I was well satisfied with his dissertation. (Clara is Clara Clark and the sister of Mary and Abbie.)

Mar 28 – The side wheel steamer “Pawtuxet” was launched one week ago last Thursday and today there is 38 frames up on the propeller “Shawmut” building in the same place (Santee House). This propeller is to be named “Shawmut”. There is one of the same model building on the “Hill” named “Nipsie” framed out strapped and partly planked. There is now a good prospect for carpenters. Their wages are advancing in every place where there is building going on in East Boston carpenters get \$2.75 per day, Old work \$3.00. We got \$2.25 on the yard with a prospect of another quarter added.

Mar 29 – Last night we had quite a fall of snow to make the traveling still more disagreeable, mud, mud, mud. Mud is the prevailing element. I did not go to church today for mud but stayed at home for much. Rode down to see my baby Lizzie to get clear of walking in the mud. She grows nicely and is now quite a baby, 2 ½ months old, can laugh and cry and take milk from her bottle and sleep a good part of her time and has a good time generally. She is pronounced by her grandmother to be the best baby she ever saw. She grows so fast that no name has yet been found to suit her. Charlotte is to have a new dress if she makes in the morning for 3 weeks. She is accredited with 4 fires last week and has promised to make a fire tomorrow morning and all the week. Mr. Edward Seavey lost his wife Mary last night about 8 ½ o'clock of Palsy in the head. (Mary Seavey was 54 years old.)

Mar 31 – We have worked today making me 23 days in March

Apr 1 – Worked for Uncle Sam on shop “Shawmut”. This morning we rode to Portsmouth in the sleigh on snow that fell last night to the depth of 3 inches with mud underneath. But tonight the sleighing had disappeared like a dream leaving mud in great abundance. It is freezing tonight quite hard. The propeller “Shawmut” is not about timbered out on the stocks where the “Pawtuxet” was launched from 2 weeks ago tomorrow. We have been receiving \$2.25 per day and wages have advanced so much (outside) that we have asked for \$2.50 but it has not been decided yet as to whether we shall have it or not. I shall know in a few days. Tobey and Littlefield are paying \$2.50 in Newburyport. First class carpenters get \$2.75. Gold is guided at 151 today. Worked in the yard 23 days in March. It has been said that the rebels are negotiating a loan in England and France and it now confirmed.

Apr 2 – Meal is worth \$1.00 per bushel

Apr 5 – A regular northeaster storm, wind blowing furiously all day with hail and rain. Mother sick with cold. Emily was down and stayed last night. Charles and Mr. Abbot were down in the Chaise and went to the beach to see the heavy breakers for Abbot’s special benefit. No one went to meeting today to hear the farewells of Mr. Chase and Mr. Pierce, who were to preach their last for today. (Emily Amanda is Supply’s sister and is married to Charles W. Hall and is

living in Portsmouth.) (A chaise, sometimes called chay or shay, is a light two- or four-wheeled traveling or pleasure carriage for one or two people with a folding hood.)

Apr 7 – Today is Tuesday and a very snow stormy one it has been all day since 6 this morning till now 8 pm. (Wind northeast) The ground was wet and muddy and it was some time before it made any snow but by night we had 2 or 3 inches with a good prospect of as much more. I was humored by the good people of Rye this year with the office of an assessor and today was the day set apart by the Fathers of the town to meet and do up the business. So about 9 I sallied up to the Esquire Parsons (Thomas Jefferson Parsons) where the selectmen have a room for the transaction of all business of this great town. There we met the selectmen viz; Edward Seavey, James H. Dow (chairman), David A. Jenness and the assessors were Oliver P. Garland, William Miller Locke, William Ira Holmes and myself making in convention 7.

Apr 7/8 – Did not go to the yard today, snowy all day. Charleston was attacked today and all our Ironclads compelled to withdraw except one which was sunk named “Keokuk”. There was no land attack made by General Hunter as was anticipated by all and it is believed impossible to take them out. (USS Keokuk was an experimental ironclad screw steamer of the United States Navy named for the city of Keokuk, Iowa. Keokuk was one of the first warships to be of completely iron construction, with wood used only for deck planks and filler in the armor cladding.)

Apr 9 – Aaron R. Locke worked ½ day for us today and has agreed to work by the month @\$9.00. (Aaron Locke is 16 years old at this time.)

Apr 10 – A.R. Locke came again this morning and intends to stay several months. He has been hauling seaweed and sand.

Apr 11 – There is mud in great abundance and no prospect of a chance to plant or sow. Aaron Locke he went to see Dr. Leighton.

Apr 15 – It has been decided that we are to have \$2.50 per day to commence the first of April.

Apr 16 – The raise in wages is to date from the first of this month, many are dissatisfied with the decision as they were left out in the cold.

Apr 17 – The propeller “Shawmut” is timbered out and strapped and ready for ceiling and planking. The “Nipsie” is ceiling and Planked and the deck is commenced.

Apt 18 – The “Ironclad” is not timbered out aft yet though she is partly decked and planked. The “Sassacus” has sailed.

Apr 19 – Did not go to church today but went down to see baby. She is fat and grows nicely. She is now more than three months old. Worked 5 ½ days last week at the navy yard.

Apr 19 – Did not go to church today but saw others as they passed. Among the rest was John Foye's old white horse and old black carriage hauling a black Republican to church and here is hoping sincerely that he may reform his political doctrine and worship God. It is said we are to have a new minister today by the name of Stewart.

Apr 23 – Aaron Locke did not work today

Apr 28 – Levi W. Hall and Jane Trefethen were married last Sunday. (Jane/Lucena is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen.)

Apr 29 – Worked at the yard today commenced on the Ironclad to Plank. Daniel Moulton is quarter man. We get \$2.50 per day.

Apr 30 – Today is Fast Day appointed by Abe Lincoln. Planted 3 bushels of potatoes, Jackson Whites.

Apr 30 – This was set apart by Abe Lincoln as a day of fasting and prayer and not knowing what to give thanks for in particular I labored diligently at hewing and setting grafts. William Holmes set the scions for me. Some of the "Porter" and "Gravestine" and Hubbardston "None Such". Last week I set out 4 trees, 2 of "Williams Favorite" and 2 of Hubbardston "None Such". Joseph P. and Samuel A. went up to Daniel Spinneys and got some trees of Baldwins, some Porter and 2 pear trees @ \$1.50 each. The apple trees cost \$.25 cents each. Strawberry plants look well and flourishing and are not winter killed. We planted 2 bushels of potatoes yesterday. The first we have planted. Many of the farmers are ½ done planting potatoes. It has been very warm and the top of the ground is quite dry but there is yet plenty water in the ground. Aaron Locke has been away to play today.

May 1 – Worked this day on the Ironclad.

May 2 – Worked 5 days this week for Uncle Sam. It is said that "Jo" Hooker has crossed the Rappahannock River this week.

May 3 – Did not go to church today, it has been quite warm, wind east.

May 5 – It is reported that the army of the Potomac under General Joe Hooker is again defeated at Fredericksburg with a loss of men, but the report has not been confirmed. Farmers around here have planted about half their potatoes but no corn. It is fine weather and the trees and grass are starting out. I set out 2 pear trees "Bartlett" for which paid \$2.00. Bought them of Harrison Remick of Kittery. Grape vines and strawberries are doing well. Harry Frost was buried

last week. "Jack Hale" and "Gill Marston" were on the yard today and there was a salute fired for dishonorable Jack of 17 guns. They were round on an abolition visit. It is reported that the emperor of the French has recalled their minister at Washington.

May 4-9 - missing

May 10 – Went over to Kittery to see Warrington Paul and get some flower roots etc. There was a dispatch received in town that Richmond was taken.

May 12 – It is now certain that General Hooker has meet with the most disastrous defeat of any other General.

May 13 – Rainy, at work on Ironclad "Agamenticus"

May 18 – Bought of Moses Clark 1500 lbs. of hay \$15.00 per ton.

May 19 – Planting corn today.

May 20 – Planting corn. Thermometer at 78 in shade.

May 21 – Planting potatoes, finished. Most of the farmers are done planting. Thermometer at 64 at 8 in evening.

May 23 – Finished planting corn, used one barrel of pondrette in back field and also some potatoes.

May 24 – Last Friday (22nd) was the warmest day we have had this spring, 92 in the shade; consequently we were compelled to keep shady. Yesterday it was quite cool, wind northeast. The U.S. ship "St Lawrence" arrived at the navy yard yesterday from the gulf blockading squadron. She is now a 50 gun frigate, 1726 tons. She is to be overhauled out it is said. She is to be "raised" to an 8 gun ship. Joseph W. Seavey is to go in the country tomorrow morning if not rainy. John Webster and Joseph William Seavey drove their cattle down tonight. Did not go to church today because expected it would rain and should not been sorry if it had as vegetation was all ready for a showering. Fruit trees are just blooming out and there is a fair prospect for an average crop of blossoms if no fruit.

May 29 – Aaron Locke was away to play today, finished with Daniel Rand. (Daniel is the son of Thomas Rand and is 16 years old and living with his parents on Wallis Road near Lang's Corner.) (Aaron Locke is the son of James J. Locke and is also 16 years old and living on Brackett Road between Wallis Road and Washington Road.)

May 30 – Aaron Locke ½ day. Worked 26 days for U.S. this month, so that they owe me \$65.00.

May 31 – Very dry and warm, corn just up.

Jun 4 – Commenced hoeing today potatoes in the back field. Paid Brother Lang \$2.00 for hewing. We have had no rain for 3 weeks and it is very dry.

Jun 5 – Planking the Ironclad “Agamenticus”. Lane hoed, ½ were potatoes.

Jun 6 – Aaron Locke ½ day. Our corn did not come up very well, it being so very dry.

Jun 7 – Rainy steadily all day and it came in the best time possible. It was exceedingly dry before.

Jun 8- Did not work on the yard today, rainy and no muster.

Jun 11 – Daniel Trefethen Jr. worked ¼ day.

Jun 12 – There will be two vessels launched from the yard tomorrow if nothing happens. Daniel Trefethen Jr. worked ¾ day.

Jun 13 – Worked 5 days on the yard this week making 11 days so far this month. Aaron Locke ½ day.

Jun 14 – Went to church today and over to see Oliver P. Jenness about driving our oxen to market, he agrees to do so tomorrow.

Jun 15 – The propeller “Nipsie” and “Shawmut” were launched today in good style. We came home at 2.

Jun 16 – Received of U.S. \$64.40a month’s pay for May. \$65.00 and they took out \$.60 in tax.

Jun 17 – Discharged two at the yard but I escaped the “rap” and shall continue a few days longer.

Jun 18 – Rebel raid in to Pennsylvania. Took ship “St. Lawrence” into dry dock for repairs. (In July 1862, she became flagship of the squadron, and she performed this duty until sailing north on 7 May 1863 because of a serious outbreak of yellow fever. The ship was decommissioned at Portsmouth Navy Yard on 30 May 1863. Recommissioned on 5 August, St. Lawrence sailed to Hampton Roads to become an ordnance ship for the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron.)

Jun 19 – Excursion to Boston. I finished having corn for the first time; it is very short and cold weather.

Jun 21 – Went to church in forenoon, saw Oliver Peter Jenness. He paid me \$117.00 for oxen.

Jun 22 – Worked for Uncle Sam on the ironclad “Agamenticus”.

Jun 23 – Finished planking the ironclad today. 40 men went into the ordinance gang today out of carpenter’s gang.

Jun 27 – Off to town.

Jun 28 – This has been Sunday and it has been a very warm and dry one and exceedingly uncomfortable for vegetation generally and grass in particular. For we have had no rain for about 2 weeks and most of the time it has been very warm and drying. The grass crop is said to be very light not more than ½ or 2/3 as much as last year generally. Some fields bear a good crop but as a general thing I might as well say here is very “Slim”. I did not go to church today as it was very warm and so disagreeable I thought I should not be able to understand distinctly what the minister would say. I heard from our Methodist house that the presiding Elder was good enough to preside for them today to fulfill his duty as a minister of the gospel according to St. Luke. Charles R. Caswell and Sarah Elizabeth Robinson were married yesterday, so it is reported. (Charles R. is the son of Richard G. and Anna B. Caswell. Elizabeth is the daughter of James and Sarah Robinson.)

Jun 30 – Worked for U.S. 25 days in June.

Jul 3-8 Missing

Jul 13 – Aaron Locke is at play with pistol.

Jul 14 – Today was appointed by the Provost Marshall to draft in this district but there was too much opposition

Jul 15 – They postponed the draft again today until tomorrow at 3 o clock. Payday but no pay. Great excitement on account of the draft.

Jul 18 – Dull and foggy and has been for two weeks and a fair prospect of several more days of the same sort. There is great excitement all over the country in consequence of Lincoln’s snob law conscription act passed by the last abolition congress. He has ordered it to be enforced in the New England and middle states but not in the western states. The consequence is there is riots and mobbing all over the states where it is being enforced. The most serious is in New York City where 15 or 20 thousand are concerned in the riot and have destroyed an immense bit of property and many lines. They burst open the Provost Marshall’s office and destroyed all the drafting machinery, then set fire to the building and prevented the firemen from playing on it until it was burned down. They did so in several districts in New York. One assistant Provost Marshal was killed and others severely beaten.

Jul 19 – No church today because it was so foggy that we could not clearly see the point of the minister’s address. Consequently we stayed at home and had the disagreeable pleasure of

seeing nobody go to church. Except Mrs. Woodbury Seavey and daughter and they only went to the Post Office and back and carried an umbrella and to Dr. Parsons, and counted the number of wagons at the several ghostly houses. N.B. 5 in all. They called when they went home and told us the above facts.

Jul 21 – Payday, received \$63.00

Jul 21 – Pay day at the yard and I received \$61.90 for the month of June, 25 days. They deducted \$.60 cents tax and now the proposition is up to have our pay raised to \$3.00 per diem. So as to be able to pay the taxes and a petition has been handed to the Commodore to have our pay raised to be equal to pay at the Charlestown yard viz; \$3.00 first class carpenters. The Bark “Fernandina” came up to the yard today, Captain Moses. She is to be repaired somewhat. The “St. Lawrence” is not undergoing repairs. I have been at work on her 3 weeks. They are drafting in Maine and Massachusetts.

Jul 22 – Worked for Uncle Sam at getting dock ready for taking in Bark “Fernandina” for repairs. They are drafting in Maine. (USS Fernandina was a bark purchased by the Union Navy during the American Civil War. She was used by the Union Navy as a patrol vessel, operating in Confederate waterways. Fernandina reported for duty in the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron at Hampton Roads, Virginia, 2 December 1861, and was ordered south to duty on the blockade of Wilmington, North Carolina.)

Jul 23 – Went to Newington today and engaged a swarm of bees of David Berry for \$8.00. Did not go to the yard.

Jul 27 – Worked at the yard today of the Bark “Fernandina” in the dry dock. She is to be taken out tomorrow. We are putting on a new 9 inch shoe.

Jul 28 – Took the Bark out of the dock today.

Jul 29 – Aaron Locke away to play after huckleberries.

Jul 30 – They are drafting in Maine and other New England states but they have not commenced in New Hampshire yet.

Jul 31 – Brother Lang is making horse stalls. At work on Bark “Fernandina”. Worked 25 days this month.

Aug 1 – Eben W. Lang worked one day. (Ebenezer, better known as Eben Lang lives on Lang’s Corner at the intersection of Sagamore and Wallis roads.)

Aug 2 – Did not go to church. It was a good hay day and we got in 3 loads making 4 loads in all up to this date.

Aug 3 - Eben W. Lang, 1 day. Very warm 92 in the shade.

Aug 4 – E.W. Lang, 1 day. Got in 3 loads of hay

Aug 5 – E.W. Lang, 1 day. Got in 3 loads hay. Lincoln's Thanksgiving tomorrow.

Aug 6 – Got in 1 load of hay. E.W. Lang worked ½ day. Aaron Locke away to play.

Aug 7 – Got in 5 loads of hay. It is said they are to draft next Monday at school.

Aug 8 – Rainy and no hay today. Worked at the yard on the Bark "Fernandina".

Aug 9 – Did not go to church.

Aug 10 – Abe Lincoln's lottery commenced drafting in Portsmouth today. They drafted 31 names from Rye

Aug 11 letter – Yesterday Lincoln's lottery commenced drafting in the first district and drew out the names for New Castle, Portsmouth, Rye, Newington, Hampton and Hampton Falls drawing in all several hundred names. They drafted 31 from Rye among them were; Cyrus Jones, William I. Holmes, Horace Trefethen, Joseph W. Odiorne, J. Jenness Rand, Amos Rand, John Lear "Buggings", Oliver P. Garland, George H. Seavey, John W. Foye, John L. Seavey and Alfred M. Lang. This evening had a town meeting and voted to pay those who cannot get exempted \$300.00 to buy their life. Had a meeting tonight and voted to pay all of the drafted men who cannot get exempted \$300.00 to exempt them. Hauled in 4 loads hay.

Aug 13 – Did not go to the yard today but stayed at home haying, hauled in 5 loads. Finished mowing. Baby came home today.

Aug 14 – Finished haying today, got in 2 loads, making in all 26 loads this season. Suspended at the yard today of a short time.

Aug 15 – Went to auction at the mill and bought piece of marsh for \$150.00 of Moses H. Odiorne, William H. Hatch was auctioneer. (Purchased jointly by Supply and brother Albert Brackett Trefethen. It is 6 acres by Seavey Creek.)

Aug 16 – Stayed at home to tend baby and didn't go away anywhere. Charles W. Hall and wife Emily were down.

Aug 18 – Cut barley today.

Aug 19 – Mowed the Hall marsh today, plenty cranberries and plenty blueberries.

Aug 24 – Sat up with mother last night. She was very sick with dysentery. She could take but very little and was sick in the stomach. (Supply's mother is Hannah (Berry) Trefethen and is living with him in the Old Joseph Trefethen home what is now 404 Sagamore Road.)

Aug 27 – Mother died this morning at ¼ before 2 o'clock of dysentery after a very short sickness of only 4 or 5 days. Last Saturday she was out for a ride. (Hannah (Berry) Trefethen passes away at the age of 72.)

Aug 28 – Today they examined the conscripts for Rye, 31 were drawn. I hear that 15 were exempted and 16 "passed" as good soldiers, William Holmes was one that paid \$300.00.

Aug 29 – My mother was buried today and it was a very solemn day to me, always having had her with me it was hard to part with so good a mother. (Hannah Locke (Berry) was the wife of Joseph Trefethen and the daughter of Levi and Sarah Berry and is buried in the South Cemetery in Portsmouth. She was 72 years old.)

Aug 30 – It is a solemn thing to lose a mother. It brings home the terrible truth that we must lose our parents and also admonishes us that we too are on the road to death and must die in time.

Aug 31 – Hauled in salt hay from Odiorne marsh, 2 horse loads. Eben S. Lang is round with subscription paper to get Alfred clear of the draft. (Alfred is the son of Eben and is 22 years old at this time.)

Sept 3 – Aaron Locke away at play.

Sept 7 – Emily and Sarah Elizabeth turned the house inside out today and plundered whatever they could lay their hands on.

Sept 13 – Rainy and did not go to church but stayed at home to tend baby. She is 8 months old today and is smart and most able to creep.

Sept 14 – Dull and I have been preparing strawberry beds to be set out. Potatoes are rotting badly, all kinds except Jacksons and Black.

Sept 15 – Went to see a ditching machine up at Mr. J.P. Pickering's place at Gravelly Hill. Have got to see Mr. Pickering.

Sept 16 – Finished salt haying on the Odiorne marsh, got 4 tons. Hauled home 2 tons today.

Sept 21 – Sabrina (Trefethen) Webster, the wife of Daniel Clark Webster died today. She was the daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen of Trefethen's Corner and lived on Wallis road near Lang's Corner. She was 21 years old.

Sept 24 – Eben W. Lang shingling.

Sept 25-30 – Missing

Oct 4 – Baby crept today for the first time. She has been some time learning.

Oct 5 – Bought a yoke of oxen today of Jedidiah Rand for \$130.00.

Oct 6 – Commenced hauling seaweed today. Hauled two loads and a load of sand.

Oct 10 – Hauled 8 loads of seaweed this week.

Oct 12 – Gathering winter apples today.

Oct 16 – Gathered grapes today, had about 10 lbs. This is the first year they have borne any. Went to Portsmouth and got some mackerel, 50 lbs. at \$.40 each

Oct 17 – Up to this date we have hauled 14 loads of seaweed, 3 loads of sand and 2 of eelgrass.

Oct 18 – Carried baby over to Joseph's today for the first time. She is now able to creep quite smart and she also stand up to a chair.

Oct 29 – Ploughing today up to E. Webster's orchard.

Nov 5 – Went to Newington and got trees and bees and honey of D. Berry for \$9.50. Two pears called "Beurre Bosc" and two cherries called "May Duke". (Beurre Bosc identifies the fruit as "buttery" and named after M. Bosc who was the director of the Paris Botanical Garden.)

Nov 7 – Went to the Navy Yard today to get a job hewing. They had orders to build another ironclad but did not get a job at present.

Nov 8 – Did not go to church today because it was dull and in the afternoon came on to rain, but very few went today.

Nov 9 – Hauling out manure and with horse hauled out 22 loads and Aaron Locke with oxen hauled out 9. We put it on the grass viz; in the willow field and pine tree field next to Brother Lang's. Wife and I went to Portsmouth.

Nov 10 – Today we have had the first snow storm of the season but it was hardly worth calling a storm. There was about enough fell to spread a thin whole layer over the ground.

Nov 11 – Helped George Leroy plow about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre in the square field for corn, another year we used the "Huzzy" plow and it worked very well. (Huzzy plows were invented by John Huzzy and

were produced at his mill near Gilmanton, New Hampshire. Gilmanton is located just northeast of Concord. The Huzzy plows could be found on most farms for miles around.)

Nov 12 – Yesterday Aaron Locke hauled out 6 ox loads of manure for corn to put in hill.

Nov 13 – Baby is 10 months old today and is not able to walk. She has had the diphtheria.

Nov 15 – Dull and no meeting though the bell rung as usual.

Nov 16 – Foggy the most of the day. Baby is very cross.

Nov 17 – Rainy all day and all of last night steadily making 24 hours continued rain. Aaron Locke hauled 1 load seaweed.

Nov 18 – Went to Portsmouth to see Tobey and Littlefield and agreed to go to work next Monday. They are building a steamer for government, did not agree on wages. (Tobey and Littlefield are ship builders.)

Nov 19 – Killed pig today. A. Locke hauled 2 loads seaweed. Went to Portsmouth and got salt etc.

Nov 23 – Commenced working for Tobey and Littlefield today. They are building a steamer for U.S. by a subcontract taken of R.B. Forbes. Aaron Locke commenced going to school. (In 1851 Robert Bennett Forbes became a ship-owner and ship-builder, later using his expertise to assist the Northern cause during the Civil War by acting as a consultant in the construction of gunboats and building warships for the Union Navy. After the war, Captain Forbes retired from business and embarked on a new career as a philanthropist and writer.)

Nov 24 – Rainy all the afternoon and we had to go home for ½ day.

Nov 25 – Worked all day for T & L at getting out timber.

Nov 26 – This is Mr. Lincoln's Thanksgiving and also Mr. Joseph A. Gilmore's, governor of New Hampshire. We went ditching on the mill marsh. (Ditching - When public convenience necessitated a road across the marsh, two ditches were dug and a road made in between. Settlers were designated to maintain the road where it crossed their marsh land. Entire marshes were well ditched at right angles to some creek or the river to control water.)

Nov 27 – It is reported there has been a great battle out in Chattanooga, Tennessee but the result is uncertain.

Nov 28 – It commenced raining at about 1 ½ o'clock but we worked till most 3.

Nov 29 – George Leroy's wife Rosette gave birth to a girl this morning early before meeting.
(Their daughter is Mary Elvira.)

Nov 30 – Worked for Tobey and Littlefield 5 ¼ day this month. It has been quite cool today, down to 20.

Dec 6 – Mary O. Trefethen was married to Henry S. Rand. (Mary Olivia was the daughter of Joseph P. Trefethen. They are living on Wallis Road.)

Dec 12 – Snowy and did not go to work today. There was about 3 or 4 inches fell of very dry and light snow and in the afternoon it began to rain.

Dec 13 – Rainy (wind southeast) all day and no church though we heard the bell ring. I understand that Eben M. Lang went solitary and alone.

Dec 15 – Joseph W. Odiorne was married to Martha Varrell. (Martha A. Varrell is the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Varrell. Joseph W. is the son of Joseph and Eliza Odiorne. They are living next door to Supply on Sagamore Road at this time.)

Dec 18 – It commenced snowing yesterday noon and continued till this morning when it changed to rain and froze as it came forming a crust over the ground.

Dec 19 – Snow enough for sleighing and very good at that.

Dec 26 – Worked 6 days this week for Tobey and Littlefield.

Dec 31 – Have worked for Tobey and Littlefield 20 ¼ days this month. The old year ended with this day and we must bid farewell to 1863 and welcome 1864.

1864

Jan 1 letter – This year has commenced with a rain storm, wind east. There is about 10 inches snow upon the ground and the prospect now is that it will get a severe soaking. It has been capital sleighing for the past fortnight, which is about as much already as we had the whole of last winter. The sleighing has been so good that new sleighs are quite abundant in this neighborhood – 4 new ones had by viz; Joseph W. Odiorne \$42.00, Daniel Trefethen Jr. \$40.00, George Leroy Trefethen \$32.00, Augustus Thomas \$45.00 and therefore horse flesh has to suffer. Joseph W. Odiorne and Martha Varrell were married one week ago last Tuesday night.

Jan 2 letter – Saturday and a radical change in the weather since yesterday. Today, wind northwest blowing, zero weather. The change in since yesterday is about as great as the change

in Abe Lincoln's administration since he commenced. We first agreed to restore the union as it was; now he is not going to restore the union on any terms. New Year finds General Meade in command of the Potomac Army in winter quarters. General Grant in command of all west of the Cumberland Mountains. Ben Butler at Fort Monroe and General Gilmore at or near Charleston. General Shapley at New Orleans and General Banks in Texas. Hooker and Burnside in Tennessee under Grant. Lincoln sitting down like an old goose has thrown out an "Amnesty" Proclamation for the southern people to throw away slavery and repent that they ever had it and swear that they will obey him in every edict. "His Majesty" sees fit to issue and swear they never had any rights under the constitution.

Jan 3 letter – Zero weather and splendid sleighing. Too cold to go to church consequently we had to try to keep warm by the side of the stove and drink cider and eat popped corn.

Apr 9 – (James T. Varrell sold his property on Trefethen's Corner to Supply and Mary Trefethen.)

Apr 23 letter- This day has been devoted by me to reading and contemplating upon the vast multitude of multifarious articles upon the surface of this great earthly ball that is swinging in the air surrounded partially by water and partly by sand and lime stone and sin and sorrow and grief and trouble and woe.

1865 – No diary

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Note: There are a number of pages missing in this diary.

Jan 13 – The weather is quite warm and comfortable with but a slight sprinkling of snow upon the ground. We have had but very little snow this winter, only about 3 days of sleighing so far. We have lately had 4 or 5 days of very cold weather. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th were rather severe and Jack Frost found his way into many cellars. The 7th in the morning was 16 below zero but before night it came up to 6 or 8 above. Lizzie Wallace is 3 years old today. She is now quite a girl and can walk and talk and sing and tell stories. She says she is a "quite big girl now aint I?" and "I aint going to be little girl again are I?" and "what I goin to do now I am free years old mama?" She wears bubbers and a cloak and sometimes goes down to see "Marshy B." and Emmons, "Gammy" and Lummy and Abbie. She has go a little book to read in about, Tom the Piper's Son and Pussy Cat popped her head into the barn and Froggy's going a wandering and a lily white duck gobbled him up, "Hi Ho" says Anthony Pearsley. Santy Claus put something in her stocking. (Marshy B. is Marcia and Emmons are the children of Moses Clark, they are 3 and 6 years old.)

Jan 22 – Commenced working for Joseph P. Trefethen on his job of putting in deck for D. Marcy.

Jan 25 – Snowy, wind northeast and rather severe. But we went to Portsmouth to market and paid A.B. Trefethen \$40.00 for use of place his half.

Jan 26 – Snowy and cold, no work.

Feb 1 – Faying knees on the port side.

Feb 3 – Bought of Russell and Odiorne 1 barrel of flour \$13.50.

Feb 4 – Cold and windy, too cold to go sleighing. Daniel Dolton's wife died today

Feb 5 – Very cold and windy. "Ball Day" on the yard and we did not work in Marcy's yard.

Feb 6 – Worked today.

Feb 7 – Another "Ball Day". Three below zero. February so far has been very rough.

Feb 8 – Storm came on in this afternoon of hail and rain. John Philbrick's only daughter died today of consumption.

Feb 9 – Wind northeast and stormed slightly all day, no work. Hauled 1 load of wood today, Horace (Trefethen) helping.

Feb 10 – Wind northeast and storming all day. Myself and wife Mary went to town in sleigh for pleasure. Ran horses with Lummy. Scipper Rand's wife was here coming home.

Feb 11 – John Foye's daughter Mandana Boyce of Concord was buried today. She died at child birth. Mother gave me another pair of mittens today, a very nice present. (She was Azelia Mandana (Foye) Boyce and the daughter of John and Hannah Foye.)

Feb 12 – It commenced raining about 9 o'clock.

Feb 13 – 15 – No entries to the diary.

Feb 16 – 3 below zero. Ball Day at the yard.

Feb 17 – Reuel Garland's wife Martha Patty died today. (Martha was the daughter of Joseph and Abigail Locke.)

Feb 19 – Rain and no work.

Feb 20 – 28 – Working for his brother Joseph Parsons Trefethen.

Mar 1 – Snow commenced on our job of hauling in rail. Dubbing ceiling up the bows inside under rail ceiling under taff rail cutting out for and heeling bow spirit.

Mar 2 – Stayed at home today to do various fobs and went to market.

Mar 3 – I commenced on our job today and worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day.

Mar 4 and 5 – No entries.

Mar 6 – Cold and windy.

Mar 7 – 9 – Working for his brother Joseph P. Trefethen.

Mar 10 – Working for Joseph 1 day this week.

Mar 11 – Samuel drove his cow home today. He bought her of Edmond Davis.

Mar 12 – Rainy.

Mar 13 – Election Day.

Mar 14 – 15 – Working for Joseph P. Trefethen.

Mar 16 – Rainy.

Mar 17 – Bought a coat off a marine for \$4.00.

Mar 19 – Planking up the bow and stern.

Mar 20 – Cut bow spirit today on bark building by Daniel Marcy about 400 tons.

Mar 21 – Snow storm, wind northeast. Went to town.

Mar 22 – Horace and myself dubbed up the bow.

Mar 23 – Worked on rail cutting the scarfs. (The joint joining the ends of two pieces of wood).

Mar 24 – Snow storm all day, wind about east. Went to town in sleigh. Went into our New Union Store on the corner of Daniel and Penhollow Street to be opened about the 10th of April.

Mar 25 – Snow storm. I hear there is a schooner ashore on Sandy Beach loaded with herring.

Mar 26 – Rainy all day. Hauled 2 loads of wood on sled, very good sledding. Also breaking yoke steers, Horace Trefethen helping.

Mar 27 – Went today to town in sleigh, it was very good sleighing. Lewis Odiorne hauled his house today from the 4 corners of Lafayette Road near the Elias Farm.

Mar 29 – Rainy all day, wind southeast. Oiling horse barn etc.

Mar 30 – Total eclipse of the moon tonight.

Mar 31 – Worked 3 ½ days this week (Marcy's). Town meeting voted not to sell the town farm. Went to town after meeting. Rainy tonight. W.B. Jenness is moving away today to Greenland town farm.

Apr 2 – Aaron Locke splitting wood. Horace and Myself commenced work today on the job of “sitting the head” taken by Joseph and I with channels and chains for \$95.00. Bark about 400 tons, wages \$2.00. (The head is a ship's toilet.)

Apr 3 – Hoisted “cut water” today (1 ½ days' work on it).

Apr 4 – Aaron Locke Splitting wood.

Apr 5 – Johnson has written the civil rights bill.

Apr 6 – Henry Rand killed a cow today. Sold part at 14 cents per pound.

Apr 8 – Snow storm all day and thawing as it comes. I have not heard of any ones planting anything yet, it has been very cold and backward. The frost is not allowed it yet.

Apr 17 – Launching day today.

Apr 19 – Received 13 trees of Mr. Johnson left at Marcy's shipyard. Also received of Samuel Adams the 2 barrels cement and 2 barrels lime.

Apr 21 – Went to town a short time today to see James T. Varrell and paid him \$40.00. (James T. sold his property on Trefethen's Corner to Supply in 1864 and now is living in Portsmouth.)

Apr 23 – Planted the first early potatoes today in the “thirds” two bushels, Winslow helping. The farmers generally have planted most of the potatoes.

Apr 26 – Planted an acre of potatoes in Varrell field in front of the “Old House”. Charles Erwin Trefethen helping. Went to town this evening to see Albert Brackett Trefethen. Abbie went with me. Got a trunk for Clara Clark. (Charles Erwin is the son of Charles F. Trefethen.) (The “Old House” is the Historical house of John Varrell on Sagamore Road.)

Apr 27 – It is very cold and backward, so cold that it froze last night. Windrowed out 6 ½ bunches oats and 2 of barley. Horace was helping. Let him have 117 hay at 14 dollars per ton

Apr 28 - Cold. Building a cistern. Albert Brackett and Levi Hall laying the bricks. Myself and Charles Erwin Trefethen tending. 2000 bricks, 6 ft. by 8 ft. 9 inches, 5 ft. high. Used 2 barrels lime and 1 ½ barrels cement.

Apr 29 – Cold, 38 degrees.

Apr 30 – Hauled a load of sand and also a load of gravel and likewise got the horse shod. Put the steers on for the second time.

May 6 – Went down to the town farm.

May 7 – Levi Hall plastered the cistern today.

May 8 – It rained a little in the morning.

May 9 – Set out 13 trees in the Thirds, 2 rows of 7 and paid \$6.23 for them.

May 10 – Planted a piece of corn in the lower Varrell field next to the town farm field, the first we have planted.

May 11 – Hauling out manure and harrowing and plowing.

May 12 – Planted small piece of corn in the Thirds. Went to town to get some coal for cistern. Got a new cart for \$13.00.

May 13- Very cold.

May 14 – Levi W. Hall and myself built the filter in the cistern today. It will now be ready whenever it is dry enough. Hauled manure in gardens.

May 15 – Plowed down by Charles F. Trefethen's for beans and above the barn for carrots. It is now rather dry on the top of the ground. (Charles F. is Supply's cousin living near Trefethen's Corner.)

May 16 – Rainy somewhat in the morning. Lizzie W. Trefethen?

May 17 – Finished plowing today, Horace helping.

May 18 – Helped Horace plow (break up) in the forenoon with George Leroy Trefethen. Hauled 2 loads of sand in the afternoon.

May 19 – Worked on the highway, Brother Lang surveyor. Hauled a load sand and got the shoes taken off the cattle ready for sending them in the country. Went to town at night and carried 100 pounds of steel to Silas Philbrick for \$18.00.

May 20 – Pasturing time commences today. Drove one cow down to the town farm yesterday for the first time. The heifer has not yet calved.

May 22 – Drove the oxen and steers away today. One Mr. Chesley came down and got and drove the 39 head. (Oxen are but steers that have been trained with commands, it is said to take 4 years training and are normally trained in pairs. The two are called a yoke of oxen or oxes.)

May 24 – Sowed mangold and carrots today above the barn and back of the house.

May 25 – Finished sowing carrots and mangolds today.

May 26 – Hoed peas today.

May 27 – Rainy all day.

Jun 1 – Planted some cabbages today. 4 Green Globe Savoy, 2 Drum Head, 1 Cauliflower. There was frost this morning.

Jun 4 – Rainy all day. Went to town to get solder and lard and to get the soldering copper “tined”. (Tinning copper strengthens the copper's natural properties, making it better equipped to resist humidity, high temperatures and wet environments.)

Jun 6 – It is now very cold and backward, the Bloth has hardly got off the trees yet. Many apple trees are now well covered with blossoms.

Jun 7 – Showery.

Jun 9 – Went to town, also hauled load sand for plastering cistern. Also planted beans in front of Aunt Latties.

Jun 10 – Carried Albert Brackett Trefethen to town tonight.

Jun 11 – Re-plastered the cistern, Brackett helping and myself tending.

Jun 12 – Commenced hoeing potatoes back of Betsy's house today. They are quite small. (“Betsy” is Elizabeth (Clark) who is married to John Hobbs Webster and living on Wallis Road near Lang's Corner.)

Jun 13 – Finished the above named piece of property today in the forenoon.

Jun 14 – Rainy in morning. Went over the Hart's house to get Lizzie's haircut. “Florance Temple” is very lame. Went to the blacksmith and got a shoe taken off.

Jun 15 – Finished hoeing silver corn in the Varrell field next to the town farm. Early peas are in bloom.

Jun 16 – Went to town, “Florence Temple” is very lame. Hoed potatoes in front of the house for 2nd time and 4 rows of corn.

Jun 17 – Gilman is very sick.

Jun 23 – Hoeing in the garden.

Jun 24 – Very hot and plenty wet.

Jun 25 – Very hot, hoeing in the garden.

Jun 26 – Very hot, hoeing.

Jun 27 – Hoeing etc. in the afternoon. Had a severe shower so that we caught 8 inches in the cistern. Some hail.

Jun 28 – Dull and rainy. Transplanting all day, mangolds.

Jun 29 – Went down to the sea and got some seaweed for the hens. Transplanting and weeding carrots, Flora and Nelly helping. (They are Charles F's daughters; they are 14 and 11 years old.)

Jun 30 – Went to town and got a barrel of flour of A.A. Payne for which I am to pay \$15.50 some time.

Jul 2 – Hoeing corn and potatoes and peas down by the Old House and finishing them for the 3rd time, Charles E. Trefethen helping. None have commenced haying yet.

Jul 3 – Went to town in the morning after which I hoed corn and potatoes in the Thirds. Paid Charles E. Trefethen \$1.00 and also paid Samuel Adams \$16.25 for cement.

Jul 4 – Great celebration at Portsmouth. Also very hot. Stayed at home and hoed corn in the Thirds. Great fire in Portland.

Jul 5 – Charles E. Trefethen worked for me today. Haying commenced to day and cut in the field by Betsy's house. It has been quite hot and nobody else in this vicinity has yet commenced. (Charles is 17 at this time.)

Jul 6 – Got in the first 2 loads of hay today. Cut the high part in the lower Varrell field. There was a great fire in Portland on the night of the 4th and burnt 2000 buildings. 94 in the shade.

Jul 7 – Got 2 loads of hay today, one in the old barn and one in the home for feeding. Very hot so that hay cut in the morning would go in at night. Went to town.

Jul 8 – Very hot, 94 in the shade. There was the greatest fire in Portland ever known burning all the banks, a church, all the principle hotels and most of the wholesale stores. All of the business portion of the city of about 15 acres.

Jul 9 – Hauled one load of hay in today. Mowed in front of Charles F. Trefethen today. The most of the farmers began today to cut a little around the high places.

Jul 10 – Hauled in 3 loads of hay today in front of Charles F. Trefethen's. Mowed the farther field all over except a small piece of barley. I judge there is about 2 tons. Good hay weather.

Jul 11 – Got in 3 loads of hay from the farthest field today and cut the Gardner field and the Willard field, Horace helping.

Jul 12 – Splendid hay weather. Got in 6 loads of hay, 3 from Further and 3 from Gardner field finishing there 2 fields where it has not been quite as dry. Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ of the field above the barn.

Jul 13 – Got in 8 loads of hay, 4 in Willard's and 4 above the barn. Also finished cutting on this side of the road, the best hay day of the season and the hardest day of work.

Jul 14 – Finished cutting all but the "Old Swamp." Cutting in front of Daniel's and the Thirds and finishing in front of Charles F. Trefethen's. Went to town tonight.

Jul 15 – Very hot, 96 in the shade. Willard Young and Penn Littlefield were down today.

Jul 16 – Got in 6 loads today and finished cutting today by cutting the Old Swamp. It is very hot and 100 in the shade, the hottest I ever saw.

Jul 17 – Very hot, 100 in the shade. Got in 4 loads of hay today making in all 41 loads and also making a finish of English haying for his year with a middling crop. The farmers are generally about $\frac{1}{2}$ done.

Jul 18 – Augustus W. Simpson died Sunday night very suddenly, having been in his usual health except a slight headache. Sun stroke have been very numerous in New York and other cities in the past 3 days. (Augustus was a store owner dealing in flour and corn in Portsmouth. He was 50 years old.)

Jul 19 – Today we have had a very nice rain which revives vegetation very much. We caught 18 inches water in the cistern. (A cistern: is a waterproof receptacle for holding liquids, usually water. Cisterns are often built to catch and store rainwater.)

Jul 20 – Hoeing and transplanting cabbages and weeding carrots and other garden vegetables. Quite cool and comfortable and not very good hay weather.

Jul 21 – Went to town and hoed in the garden. Poor haying weather because of high winds. Haying is not generally done yet a good deal because the hay is lying down. Oliver was here yesterday.

Jul 22 – Rainy, wind northeast. Splendid to start up the seaweed crop. Read the Ploughman etc. (Massachusetts Ploughman (Boston, Mass.) 1841-1866. This was a newspaper publication that contained information on farming and agriculture.)

Jul 23 – No entry

Jul 24 – Hoeing and went down to the sea.

Jul 25 – Went to market, butter is 45 cents and eggs at 26 cents. Showery and very bad hay weather. Sold a bushel of peas for \$1.00. Went down to the sea.

Jul 26 – Hoed 10 rows of potatoes back of Betsy's house. They are looking well and out do all other crops. We have now been digging new potatoes for a week. Oliver called today

Jul 27 – Went over to Ragged Neck and got Oliver, his wife Sarah and Albert. Had a shower this afternoon. (Albert is their son and he is 11 years old.)

Jul 28 – Went to Portsmouth in the forenoon with Oliver. I saw William Fernald about building the sterns of 2 schooners, he offers \$25.00 apiece. Carried Oliver and family to Hampton. Showery.

Jul 29 – Captain John Webster has a shock of palsy yesterday while at Portsmouth.

Jul 30 – Hoeing corn, carrots, marigolds, peas and beans.

Jul 31 – Hoeing corn and potatoes, Horace helping with 3 or 4 rows. George Raynes' wife Clara and children were down and spent the day. I carried them up at night. (Their daughter is Ruth and their son is William T. (Willis).)

Aug 1 – Horace and myself commenced working for William Fernald by the job building the stern on a schooner. Got out all 8 of the counter timbers.

Aug 2 – Building staging. Rainy in forenoon and I got the horse shod. Captain John H. Webster died this morning at 8 o'clock of palsy. Samuel Rand's house and wood house burned last night. (John was 71 years old and was a farmer on Wallis Road just south of Lang's Corner.)

Aug 3 – Worked all day putting up counter timbers and beat out corners.

Aug 4 – Uncle John Webster was buried today at 10 ½ o'clock. Warren Caswell's wife Sarah was buried at 1 ½ o'clock. Went to town tonight. Hoed cabbages for the 2nd time today. Went to the

sea in the morning and got a load of seaweed. (Sarah was 32 years old and died of consumption, TB. She was the daughter of John and Nancy Knowles.)

Aug 5 – Daniel Trefethen Jr. and I went to Greenland to see Pierce's farm and a shower over took us at Blasdel's.

Aug 6 – Put on corner counter timbers.

Aug 7 – Put in junks for wooding to land on.

Aug 8 – Edged out and put on all the plank on the stern.

Aug 9 – Went up in the morning and finished the stern by squaring, when it commenced raining and continued all day.

Aug 10 – Commenced to build the stern on the 2nd schooner for William Fernald for \$25.00. Sat out all the counter timbers but one.

Aug 11 – Worked all day on job. Received of William Fernald \$20.00. Paid Horace Trefethen \$10.00. Paid A.A. Payne \$5.50 balance owed him on flour.

Aug 12 – Went down to Grammy's and stayed 3 or 4 hours. (Grammy is Adeline Clark, Mary's mother.)

Aug 13 – Went to the ship yard to work today.

Aug 14 – Commenced cutting the marsh. Cut the Varrell marsh in forenoon and cut the high part of Odiorne's marsh in the afternoon. Horace Trefethen helping all day and Charles Trefethen in the afternoon.

Aug 15 – Finished cutting the mill marsh in the forenoon. Horace Levi and George Leroy and Charles E. (Trefethens) helping. It came on to rain 20 minutes past 12 and was raining all the afternoon. Hauled the ox wheels over to the blacksmiths.

Aug 16 – Rainy all forenoon. Went to market in the afternoon.

Aug 17 – Cut the Hall marsh in forenoon and went to town to work in the afternoon, Horace helping.

Aug 18 – Worked on job. Charles E. Trefethen raking on the Odiorne's marsh.

Aug 19 – I was dull all day and at night and commenced raining, wind out of the northeast. Went down to "Grammy's" and Lizzie Wallace wore a new pair of shoes.

Aug 20 – Finished our job today.

Aug 21 – Raking salt hay, Horace Levi and Charles E. Trefethen helping. Raked up the Varrell and Odiorne marshes. Had 20 bunches on Varrell and 8 on Odiorne's marsh. Hauled home 2 loads and Horace had one.

Aug 22 – Shook the apples in the Varrell field. Haying on the road in the afternoon. Horace and Thaddeus raked up the Hall marsh and hauled home two loads. Horace had one and one load left, 28 bunches in all. (Thaddeus is Horace Levi's brother and Supply's nephew.)

Aug 23 – Hauled home the hay from the Varrell marsh, 2 loads and thought to haul from the mill marsh but it commenced raining at noon and rained all the afternoon.

Aug 24 – Went over to the navy yard to get a job but got no encouragement.

Aug 25 – Finished hauling home salt hay today. Hauled 6 loads today, Horace helping. Received of William Fernald \$32.00 in full for the job. Paid Horace \$15.00

Aug 26 – Went down to Grammy's then to Mary Abby Berry's funeral at 2 o'clock. She was 25 years old. (Mary Abby died of consumption (TB) and was the daughter of Gilman Chase and Elizabeth Jane (Caswell) Berry.)

Aug 27 - Commenced working for William Fernald by Thursday dubbing between decks for the ceiling. (Dubbing/Dressing also known as Adzing. Involves the shipbuilder removing unwanted protrusion from the board or forming the board to the required shape.)

Aug 28 – Laying the upper deck.

Aug 30 – Showery in the morning and did not go till 9 o'clock.

Aug 31 – Molding knees. (A knee is a natural or cut, curved piece of wood. Knees, sometimes called ships knees, are a common form of bracing in boat building).

Sept 1 – Molding knees.

Sept 3 – Molding knees and picking apples.

Sept 4 – Commenced raining at ½ past 12 and rained all afternoon.

Sept 5 – Went over to the navy yard to get a job. Saw S.H. Parks, assistant constructor, and gave him a letter from Mr. Marcy.

Sept 6 – Making cider and hauled one barrel to town for \$5.00 to Leonard Ackerman. (Leonard was a grocer in Portsmouth.)

Sept 7 – Heard my name was called on the navy yard.

Sept 8 – Went over to the yard today but they did not muster. Went up and Settled with William Fernald and received \$14.50 for 7 ¼ days' work. Paid Charles E. Trefethen \$5.00 for labor and paid Seavey for making cider \$2.00.

Sept 9 – William Fernald was in town last night and got a keg of cider (new) for \$1.00.

Sept 10 – Commenced for U.S. and went over and worked on the yard to save my muster.

Sept 11 – Went to New Durham today with John C. Webster to get 2 yoke of oxen, one yoke of mine and one of his. We started at 4 am. and arrived up at 12 o'clock and hunted all day and found only mine. It rained at night. (John C. Webster is the son of John H. Webster who recently passed away.)

Sept 12 – It rained about all night and in the morning it held up and we commenced hunting for John's cattle with Mr. Chesley but were unable to find them after hunting all day.

Sept 13 – Started from New Durham at about 3 am. for home and arrived at 7:30 at night, 46 miles. Cattle have all done well. 6 ½ feet cattle are worth \$200.00.

Sept 14 – Worked for Uncle Sam on the ship "Piscataqua" in Captain Elias Remick's gang with William Shannon. (The USS Piscataqua, a screw steamer, was launched 11 June 1866 by Portsmouth Navy Yard; and commissioned 21 October 1867.)

Sept 15 – Working for the U.S. by the month commenced and is to have \$15.00 for the month. Worked 3 days for Uncle Sam this week.

Sept 16 – Went down to Grammy's a little while today.

Sept 17 – Worked for U.S. on board U.S. ship "Piscataqua" alongside the wharf. Davidson is constructor and Samuel M. Pook is assistant constructor. Charles Stimson, Elias Remick and Amos Lesent are quartermen.

Sept 18 – Rainy all day.

Sept 19 – 24 missing.

Sept 29 – Worked 6 days for U.S. this week.

Oct 1 – Cool.

Oct 2 – Very cold, down to 30 this morning which is two degrees below freezing.

Oct 3 – I have been hauling seaweed and hauling in stalks and apples.

Oct 4 – Charles E. hauled one load of sand and got the digger mended and ox shoed.

Oct 5 – Charles E. was getting in potatoes from the Thirds, has 16 bushels to put in the cellar after digging to eat since August. Also some for hogs from 2 ½ bushels. Planting early Jacksons, Shenangus and Browns.

Oct 6 – Worked for U.S. 6 days this week at the navy yard. Charles E. has been gathering in apples, pumpkins, squashes etc. Had 2 ox loads of corn down by the town farm field and 40 bushels of cider apples.

Oct 7 – Warm and pleasant, wind from southwest. Grand to ripen the corn which has been quite backward.

Oct 8 - Digging potatoes.

Oct 9 – Stayed at home today to pick apples and making cider and we also got a small piece of corn hauled cider to town.

Oct 10 – Picking apples.

Oct 11 – Picking apple.

Oct 12 – Charles E. finished picking apples today. We have made 7 barrels of cider and have 25 bushels more for grinding. 2 ½ bushels of Baldwins, 5 ½ bushels of other winter apples and 2 bushels to string.

Oct 13 – Worked today for the U.S. making in all this week 5 days. Charles E. was digging Jackson potatoes today and of 24, 4 were rotten. They have commenced this week.

Oct 14 – Rainy and wind from the northeast, blowing some.

Oct 15 – Digging potatoes. Very warm for the season.

Oct 17 – Henry Rand is sick with typhoid fever at Portsmouth from Portland.

Oct 18 – Finished digging potatoes today. We have in the cellar 129 bushels and 30 barrels of rotten ones. Very warm.

Oct 19 – Hauled one load of seaweed and got in one load of corn from the Varrell field.

Oct 20 – Worked 6 days for U.S. this week. Got in 2 loads of corn today making 3 ox loads from the piece in Varrell's field next to the town farm, about ¾ acre. Hauled a load of sand and got the wagon mended.

Oct 21 – Very hot.

Oct 27 – Worked 6 days this week.

Oct 31 – Worked 26 days this month. Got about 50 bushels of corn.

Nov 1 – Was discharged from the yard today at noon having worked 3 ½ days this week. Rode home with Levi Rand. Had 100 bushels of mangold Wirtzles. (Levi Rand is living near Lang's Corner on Wallis Road.)

Nov 2 – Went to the yard today and got my pay for the month, ½ day = 26 ½ days at \$3.00 and deducting tax of \$1.50 = \$78.00. Finished getting in carrots (70 bushels), turnips and corn.

Nov 3 – Got the promise of a job on the dock by Chandler. Went to town and Abbie went with me. Paid Thomas Parsons \$8.00 for insurance of the homestead.

Nov 5 – Commenced on the dry dock at the navy yard today. Again I was taken on by B.F. Chandler with 23 others. Hauled one load of seaweed.

Nov 6 – Charles E. hauled 2 loads of seaweed.

Nov 7 – Hauled apples down to Seavey's today for him to make cider. Paid Charles E. Trefethen \$14.00 making with \$1.00 I paid him the 3rd \$15.00 for a month's pay ending the 15th of October.

Nov 8 – Hauled out manure and one load of sand. Harvesting is all done except banks in front of the house.

Nov 9 – Make 2 ½ barrels of cider today and put it in the cellar. Levi Rand has sold his place "to a blacksmith up town".

Nov 10 – Worked 6 days this week on the dry dock and expect to get through next week. Charles E. has the cattle and hauled a stand of limbs from Davis pasture.

Nov 11 – It looks like rain.

Nov 12 – Rainy in the morning and went over and worked ½ day.

Nov 13 – Very warm.

Nov 14 – Warm.

Nov 16 – Rainy in the forenoon. Worked ½ day for the U.S.

Nov 17 – Worked for U.S. 5 days this week on the dry dock laying deck.

Nov 18 – Very fine and warm.

Nov 20 – It rained some today about 11 o clock. John Odiorne came home. Quite warm. We worked on the dock all day.

Nov 21 – Stayed at home today to “break up” about an acre in Varrell field back of Gus Thomas’s. John C. Webster, George Leroy Trefethen and Charles E. helping with 3 yokes of oxen.

Nov 22 – Aunt Lottie is sick with a cold. (“Lottie” is Charlotte Jewel Trefethen and Nathaniel T. Trefethen’s wife and the mother of Charles F. Trefethen.)

Nov 23 – Did not go to the yard today. Today we have had the first snow storm of the season. It commenced sometime in the night and continued until today at 11 ½ o clock, when it broke away and continued cold.

Nov 24 – Worked for U.S. on dock for 4 days this week. Quite cold and the snow has held its place on the ground about 1 inch. Reuben Rand died yesterday. (Reuben was a farmer and died of lung fever at 68 years old. He was the son of David S. and Mary (Salter) Rand.)

Nov 25 – Cold – We had another small snow storm last night and according to the papers we are to have 41 or 42 snow storms this season. Levi Walker preached today.

Nov 26 – Worked all day for U.S. One of the oxen was lame and could not haul out any manure and so Charles was bunking up and getting in wood. (Bunking is to feed the cattle.)

Nov 27 – Worked all day for U.S. on the dry dock. Snow all gone

Nov 28 – Worked ½ day for U.S. it being somewhat rainy and near Thanksgiving they concluded not to work this afternoon. I came over in the steamer. It is quite warm.

Nov 29 – Today was appointed by the President and Governor as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer and it was a very warm one at 65 degrees in the shade.

Nov 30 – No work on the dock today because it rained. Commenced to make a bobsled for the horse and went to town with my wife to market eggs, 30 cents per dozen and butter at 42 cents per pound.

Dec 1 – Worked for U.S. today making only 3 ½ days this week. There is now talk of a discharge from the dock.

Dec 2 – It is quite cool today and the wind is from the northwest and blowing some. The road is very rough it, having frozen in the mud in all parts of ridges and bunches. Abbie went to church today.

Dec 3 – Worked on the dry dock today. Thaddeus Trefethen took care of the cattle for me. Charles E. Trefethen finished Saturday. It is very warm weather for the season.

Dec 4 – Was discharged from the dry dock today having worked 20 ½ days out of 65. There were 12 left on the dock. It came on to rain very furiously at 4 o'clock.

Dec 5 – Hauling rocks with the steers and oxen to build a wall in front of the Old House. Orders have been received at the yard to fit out 2 or 3 ships. Very warm and muddy. Breaking steers.

Dec 6 – Went to the navy yard and got my tools and pay for 20 ½ days' work at \$3.00 = \$60.45 deducting tax. Could get no promise of another job, at present they are taking on most of other classes except ship carpenters.

Dec 7 – Hauled out 13 loads of manure in the field about the barn. Have got a sore thumb that is sometimes called a "run round" and is rather severe. Warm weather. (Run-round: A swelling or infection in a finger, surrounding the nail.)

Dec 8 – Hauled out one load manure and hauled into the yard 3 loads of mud and turf from ditches. Got some news for Lewis Holmes. Went to town and carried Abbie and Clara's valise and 4 lbs. of butter to Willard Young @ 42 cents per lbs.

Dec 9 – Quite warm for the season and there is no frost in the ground. We had a heavy rain last night 3 feet of water in the cistern.

Dec 10 – Hauled a load of seaweed from high beach in the forenoon and in the afternoon John C. Webster and Horace Trefethen helped me plough in the Varrell field back of Gus Thomas's field. It has been quite cool.

Dec 11 – We intended to plough but found it was frozen too much so I hauled 3 loads of sand, 2 with horses and oxen and one with steers and oxen. Had some talk with William Odiorne about his buying the oxen.

Dec 12 – Hauled a load of sand in the forenoon and in afternoon went to town with my wife to get articles for butchering hog. Joseph P. killed his hog today weighing 406 lbs. (Joseph Parsons Trefethen is Supply's brother.)

Dec 13 – Killed hog today and weighed him when he proved to be the heaviest hog we ever killed weighing 465 lbs. Hauled 2 loads of sand. Alfred Goss was married today. (Alfred S. Goss married Mary E. Marden.)

Dec 14 – Cut up hay in the forenoon. Hauled 2 loads of sand with oxen and steers. Cold, 14 above zero, all froze up and ready for snow.

Dec 15 – Went to Portsmouth with pork, 36 lbs. of salt and 54 of fresh including ham and spare ribs @11 cents. The salt brought 15 cent. Received for all \$11.65 and got a pair of thin boots for \$5.00.

Dec 16 – Cold and signs of a snow storm. A very few went to the meeting today.

Dec 17 – Cold and stormy with wind from the northeast and it is winter in reality. Last night it commenced snowing about 8 and continued all night and now we have 12 inches of very dry snow. Have been making a meal chest and taken care of the animals, 65 hens.

Dec 18 – Hauling out hard wood from the Thirds. Edward Caswell came over to help me cut wood. Got the Pung out and had a ride down with Lizzie to “Grammy’s” house. Went to Portsmouth to get some ether for Brackett’s wife, she being very sick.

Dec 19 – Got the horse shoed and hauled out more hard wood. Quite cool but very good sleighing. I have got out about ½ cord of hard wood beside the brick. Augustus Shackley died. (Augustus died of smallpox and was 43 years old. He was living at 42 Islington street in Portsmouth at the time.)

Dec 20 – Cold and blustery after a slight now last night. 18 above zero in the morning and it gradually went down to zero at sunset with strong winds. Horace and Daniel Jr. helped me to get a load of pine wood from Varrell pasture.

Dec 21 – Went to town with Daniel Jr. Cold, 8 below zero and the coldest of the season. Edward Caswell came over and cut brush all day and I carried him home at night. Hauled 2 loads of pine wood with Horace and Daniel Jr. helping with steers and oxen.

Dec 22 – Edward Caswell cutting brush all day and carried him over to the mill corner. Hauled one load of pine wood with Horace and Daniel helping. Went to town in the sleigh with wife and carried 12 lbs. of chickens, butter and eggs.

Dec 23 – Rainy with the wind south. One sleigh went to meeting. It has rained most of the day. Wrote some notes for Daniel Clark Webster. (Daniel is another son of the late John Hobbs Webster and brother to John C.)

Dec 24 – Rainy all day and very worm with the wind south and the snow is all gone except the ridges along the wall as in March and April. Hauled one load of seaweed and got gravel for hens. We got a sick pig and turned oil and various articles from him.

Dec 25 – Christmas and warm as May. Snow is all gone and frost all out except about 1 inch. Hauled one load of seaweed, banked up small trees and various other jobs. Joseph’s wife had a Christmas and we were invited too but I was too busy. The ground is bare.

Dec 26 – Hauled a load of seaweed and hauled home the winnowing mill (**wind mill**) home to Leroy's. John C. Webster and Moses Clark went to Hampton with potatoes at 50 and 55 cents per bushel.

Dec 27 – Went down to the sea and got a load of seaweed in the forenoon. When it come on to rain furiously at 11 o clock and continued through the day. Moses Clark and Daniel Trefethen Jr. went to Hampton with potatoes and got severely wet.

Dec 28 – Sold a yoke of oxen today to butcher Brackett for \$180.00. Cold and some snow on the ground but not enough for sleighing, very blustery.

Dec 29 – Cold and went to town. I have now only a yoke of 2 year olds and they are not handy.

Dec 30 – John C. Webster and I went down to see the wood lot and bought of Mrs. Deb Rand by Alphonso Rand for \$450.00 and there is some dispute among outsiders about the number of cords from 50 to 100. I said there was 115 cords.

Dec 31 – Sawed pine all day in the lane for the stove with Horace helping on one end of the crosscut saw. Joseph Foss came along and thought we had sawed a cord and a quarter. It has been quite cold and no snow on the ground, till night it commenced snowing furiously.

1867 - Written by Mary E Trefethen, Supply's wife.

Jan 1 – The New Year finds us all well. Lizzie has grown to be quite a girl, she wants to play outside all the time. John C. Webster moved Levi Rand to Portsmouth. He is going to Rochester. Charles R. moved down.

Jan 2 – Pleasant. I went up to Mrs. Odiorne's and made a call. Martha had a bad tooth ache.

Jan 3 – Cold. I went to the town farm to see Susan and Emily Webster was down there. Ply went to town twice in a sleigh. (**Emily Webster is Mary's cousin and daughter of John Hobbs and Elizabeth Webster**) (**Susan Clark is Mary's sister-in-law and the wife of Moses Clark.**)(**Mary calls Supply, Ply for short.**)

Jan 4 – 7 Missing

Jan 8 – Baby, Charles Edward born to James T. Varrell and Henrietta F.

Jan 9 - Missing

Jan 10 – Quite pleasant for winter but not very good sleighing. Clara was up to see me. Mrs. Odiorne was in and stopped a while.

Jan 11 – Pleasant. I went up to see Mrs. Seavey and made a call.

Jan 12 – Went to town with Ply and Abbie Clark. I bought me some new furs. It came up very cold and windy.

Jan 13 – This is Lizzie's birthday and she is 4 years old. She wants to play outdoors all of the time.

Jan 14 – Cold and Ply is hauling wood. Clara and I went up to Aunt Webster's in the evening. (James T. Varrell's son Charles Edward died, 6 days old.)

Jan 15 – Cold. Ply and I shelled a bushel of corn then went to Portsmouth to have it ground. Then we went to Brackett's, it was bad sleighing.

Jan 16 – Pleasant but rather cold. I went down to the town farm but Susan had gone to Portsmouth. When I came back I called in to Howard Locke's.

Jan 17 – It has been a very stormy day with the wind northeast and snowed and blowed all day. Horace Levi was up to help Ply with the sled.

Jan 18 – Very cold and windy, snow blowing furiously and the roads are all full. No traveling today.

Jan 19 – Very cold. Ply was gone all day breaking the roads. He did not go to Portsmouth for his papers. This is the first time he has missed for over two years. Clara was up in the evening.

Jan 20 – This is the coldest morning we have had this season, 12 below zero. John brought down the Chronicle for me to read.

Jan 21 – Cold and a furious snow storm. I washed. The roads are all full again.

Jan 22 – Ply has gone breaking out the roads. It was hard work for the steers to get up the road because the snow drifted so bad. Ply went to town this afternoon. Clara was up. I went down home in the evening. Joshua Rand died at the town farm at age 83. (There were many people living at the town farm at this time.)

Jan 23 – Pleasant but rather cold. Jane Hall was up and spent the afternoon and Levi came up to tea. John was down in the evening.

Jan 24 – Pleasant. Joshua Rand was buried today at Jefferson Rand's farm. Abbie and Clara were up a few minutes.

Jan 25 – Pleasant but I was sick all day and did not sit up much all day. Took a sudden cold. Betty was in two or three times. Clara was up in the evening. John was down and brought the photograph of his future wife.

Jan 26 – Stormy snow and rain. Ply and Clara went to town and Abbie was up. Langdon Brown was buried today at age 52. (Langdon was the son of Simon and Mary Brown.)

Jan 27 – Cold and blustering. Ply dug a grave for James T. Varrell's infant child; the funeral was at Sarah's. Calvena Seavey and Amos Brown were married at her home by Mr. Finny. (Calvena was living with her father William W. Seavey on Pioneer Road by Foye's Corner.)

Jan 28 – Cold. Ply and Horace were in the woods all day. James Varrell was in here. Clara was up in the afternoon.

Jan 29 – Cold. Ply and Horace were hauling wood from the Foye's pasture with the horses, they went 5 times.

Jan 30 – Cold and windy. Ply was at work in Marcy's shipyard. Thaddeus Trefethen was up taking care of the cattle.

Jan 31 – Cold, 8 below zero. Ply did not go to work it was so cold. In the afternoon we went to Portsmouth and bought a dress for Betsy. Mr. Edmund T. Davis died at age 64.

Feb 1 – Quite warm and thawing fast. Ply went to work. George Leroy cut his foot. It was quite bad traveling when they came home, slumpy.

Feb 2 – Warm and thawing. Ply went to work.

Feb 3 – Rainy and foggy. Brackett was over a little while. Abbie was up. I have not seen a sleigh pass today.

Feb 4 – Pleasant, warm and thawy. Bad traveling.

Feb 5 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work. He boiled heads and oiled the harness. Abbie was up and had some clam chowder with us.

Feb 6 – Warm and thawing, very bad traveling. Dolly was up a little while this afternoon.

Feb 7 – Uncle Joseph died today at 4:30pm after a long sickness. He has been confined to the house for 3 years and 3 months. He was the 1st of 10 children to die, he was 52 years old.

(Joseph Michael Tucker)

Feb 8 – Warm. Hannah, Charlotte and Clarendia called today. (Clarendia Lang 24, Charlotte Trefethen 18 and Hannah (Trefethen) Lang, 28.)

Feb 9 – Foggy and raining. Ply did not go to work. We went to town and the traveling is awful bad.

Feb 10 – It rained all last night. Today we went to Uncle Joseph's funeral. The traveling is worse than any I ever went through. The water at the town farm bridge is even with the planks. (This is the bridge where Berry' Brook/Ballyhack Brook crosses Sagamore Road.)

Feb 11 – Cold, 4 above zero. Clara was up and spent the day. In the afternoon we went up to see George Leroy and in to see Aunt Webster. Ply did not go to work but he got "Flora" shod.

Feb 12 – Pleasant but very bad traveling. They go in sleighs and wagons. Ply went in the pung.

Feb 13 – Warm and thawing. Emily Webster and I and Lizzie went down to mothers and spent the afternoon. (Mother is Adeline Clark.)

Feb 14 – Warm and thawing with very bad traveling. Clara was up in the evening.

Feb 15 – Clara was up in season to go to Portsmouth. Dolly, Jane and I went to Eliza Ann's and spent the day. Abbie kept house for me. Ann and Mary Frisbee called up to see me. (Dolly

Trefethen/Charles F's wife, Jane Trefethen/Dolly's daughter and they are going over to Wallis Road with Mary to see Eliza Jane Trefethen/Samuel A. Trefethen's wife.)

Feb 16 – Pleasant but soon clouded up and at noon begun to storm rain and snow and sleet. Ply came home and Susan was up a few minutes.

Feb 17 – Pleasant but bad traveling. I went down to see Clara a little while. She thinks to start for Boston tomorrow. She has been home 6 weeks tomorrow.

Feb 18 – Clara went up with Ply this morning. She is going to Boston today. It is quite pleasant. William E. Rand was married to Henry Wendall's adopted daughter Emily.

Feb 19 – There was a little light snow this morning. Josephine Trefethen was married to John Oliver Locke. (Josephine is John Ichabod Trefethen's daughter and Supply's niece.)

Feb 20 – Ply did not go to work. We wet to town in the afternoon. It looked as if we should have a bad storm but it only snowed a little.

Feb 21 – It snowed a little all the afternoon. Ply carried Abbie up to Greenland this evening. She is going to stop a few days.

Feb 22 – Ply did not go to work today. They had no stock. Horace was up to help Ply with his wagon. Martha Odiorne was up a little while.

Feb 23 – Ply and I went to town. I went to see Sue Malton. Fred Seavey was down this evening.

Feb 24 – It snowed and rained both last night and is quite thawy today. Abbie came home from Greenland today.

Feb 25 – Cold. I did not wash today.

Feb 26 – Cold. Mother was up a little while. Abbie and I went to meeting Mr. Lymonds and Mr. Graves. Went to meeting, Mr. Lymonds and Mr. Graves talked. Joseph Jackson and wife and Woody Berry went up for prayers.

Feb 27 – I went to Grandma's today and spent the day. It is the first time I have been there in over a year. Abbie kept house for me. It was very windy. (She went to see Elizabeth (Moses) Tucker her grandmother in Portsmouth.)

Feb 28 – I got all ready to go to meeting with Abbie this evening but Ply did not come home in season for me to go. I commenced to make my alpaca dress.

Mar 1 – Cold and in the afternoon it began to storm snow and sleet.

Mar 2 – Very slippery and Lizzie had a fine time sliding on her sled. Ply did not go to work. We went to town. Eggs have come down to 20 cents.

Mar 3 – It froze all up last night and this morning it is nice and dry walking. I went to meeting with Abbie and Emily Webster in the evening. There was a very full house.

Mar 4 – Snowy. I washed but did not put my clothes out. Ply did not go to work.

Mar 5 – Ply was hauling out wood this forenoon; Daniel helped him in the afternoon. They sawed in the evening. Ply went to political meeting and Mr. North End spoke. Dolly was up with me. (I can only imagine she means Supply is Mr. North End.)

Mar 6 – Ply was home sawing wood. We went to town about 5 o clock. Decent sleighing.

Mar 7 – Stormy. Horace was up and helped Ply on his wagon.

Mar 8 – Pleasant. Ply did not go to work. There was too much snow so he cut brush. Abbie was up a few minutes.

Mar 9 – Ply went to work for the first time this week. Quite good sleighing. Mother was up a little while in the evening. He went to a caucus at the vestry.

Mar 10 – In the morning it was cloudy and towards night it began to snow. Betsy sent up for Ply to go after the doctor but it stormed so he did not go.

Mar 11 – It rained last night and today it is very sloppy. Ply and I went to town in the pung to see the doctor there and send him down to see Betsy in the evening. Ply went over to Edward Caswell's.

Mar 12 – Today is Election Day. Ply and Daniel sawed wood in the forenoon. I went in to Dolly's a little while. It is decent sleighing. The Democrats threw 190 votes, Republicans 88. William J. Rand is the representative.

Mar 13 – Ply went to work. Edward was over and split some wood. Abbie was up a little while. Joseph W. Seavey and wife Mary were down and spent the evening.

Mar 14 – Good sleighing. They finished up the town meeting today and they also had the society meeting. Not 1 vote for Mr. Lymonds

Mar 15 – Good sleighing. Edward was over splitting wood today. When he went home Ply carried him over and I went with him. Eliza Ann was over and spent the afternoon. Nell the cow calved this evening.

Mar 16 – Thaddeus was up splitting wood today. We got a barrel of flour from James Tarlton for \$16.42. They had the school meeting and Charles Odiorne was chosen to the school committee.

Mar 17 – A furious snow storm and it has snowed fast all day.

Mar 18 – The wind blew the and the snow flew furiously. They broke out the roads and Ply went to town.

Mar 19 – Ply did not go to work. It is very cold. Commenced to braid a mat today. Abbie is to have the school this summer.

Mar 20 – Quite pleasant. Edward Caswell was over splitting wood. Moses is to stay at the town farm for another year. (In the History of Rye book printed in 1905, it is said the people at the town farm were there to work off their taxes.)

Mar 21 – Cold with an easterly wind. Quite good sleighing.

Mar 22 – Cold with an east wind and looks like a storm. James Varrell was in here today.

Mar 23 – Ply did not work today and we went to town in a sleigh. It was decent sleighing. Daniel was here sawing wood in the forenoon. Had clam chowder for dinner. Ply got the spokes and hubs for his wagon.

Mar 24 – It is quite thawy today. Brackett was here today and he walked down. Warren Caswell was married to Mary E. Berry the 13th of this month. (Mary Esther is the daughter of Samuel and Lovina Berry.)

Mar 25 – Very rainy. Ply did not go to work. Horace helped him in the afternoon on the wagon. Very bad traveling.

Mar 26 – Ply went to work in a sleigh but it is poor sleighing. Levi Hall finished taking milk today; he had 40 quarts for baby and 4 quarts extra at \$.06 per quart. John was down and had some clam chowder.

Mar 27 – Benjamin Odiorne's child was burnt very badly yesterday by its clothes taking fire while its mother was at the barn and has since died. Mrs. Odiorne was in today. I received a letter tonight saying Clara was confined to her room with the varioloid. (George E. Odiorne was 2 years old and the son of Benjamin and Jane Odiorne.)(Varioloid is a mild form of smallpox affecting people who have already had the disease or have been vaccinated against it.)

Mar 28 – Henry and Sarah Hartshorn's child Henry Jr. was burned very badly by getting its clothes on fire and died this week. Dolly was up in this afternoon. Abbie was up a little while. (Henry S. was 1 ½ years old.)

Mar 29 – Mr. and Mrs. Seavey were in and spent the evening. John was down and Abbie was here. Edward was over splitting wood.

Mar 30 – Mother was up a little while today. Edward was over and sawed the dry wood in the wood house. We had a letter today saying Clara was improving slowly.

Mar 31 – It is very bad traveling. There is a great deal of snow on each side of the road and in some places it is as high as the walls.

Apr 1 – I washed today. It began raining about noon. John C. Webster went and got two pigs for \$9.00. Ply came home at noon.

Apr 2 – Ply did not go to work. We went to town but it is very bad traveling. Mary Rand had a daughter born today.

Apr 3 – We are very anxious about Clara, not having heard from her since Saturday. Sarah Caswell was here today.

Apr 4 – Ply worked all day. I went up to Mrs. Seavey's and changed some eggs and set a hen.

Apr 5 – It began to rain about 10 o'clock and Ply came home. He and Horace worked on the wheels for the new wagon.

Apr 6 – Edward was over cutting wood. Sold a calf for \$6.00 for \$10.00, it was three weeks old. We had a letter from Clara saying she was a little better and expected to get downstairs next week.

Apr 7 – Today it is quite windy and very muddy traveling and the snow is going very fast. There was a meeting down to Aunt Lottie's. ("Lottie" is Supply's aunt Charlotte and the wife of Nathaniel T. Trefethen.)

Apr 8 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. I did not wash. Mrs. William Seavey Odiorne died yesterday. (Her name was Mary T. (Amazeen) Odiorne.)

Apr 9 – Pleasant. Abbie walked to town. We have not heard from Clara since Saturday.

Apr 10 - Mrs. Odiorne was buried today. I went to the funeral today, she was 66 years old. Mr. Lymonds preached the funeral sermon. It came on to rain about 5 o'clock.

Apr 11 – Today Ply and I went to town. It was very muddy. Heard from Clara and she is a little better.

Apr 12 – Ply did not go to work. He was at home to work on the wagon. I went over to Joseph's to see Mary's baby. (Mary is Joseph P. Trefethen's daughter. She is married to Henry S. Rand and they may be living with Joseph P. and his wife, Olivia (Marden) Trefethen on Wallis Road next door to Samuel A. Trefethen.)

Apr 13 – Mother was up a little while. Ply went to town in the afternoon. I went down to the town farm. We had a letter from Clara saying she was better.

Apr 14 – It is quite pleasant and the road has improved very much. It is quite dry.

Apr 15 – John Locke commenced to work here today.

Apr 16 – Ply went to work but came home about 10 o'clock as it came on to rain. Horace Levi came up and they worked on the wagon.

Apr 17 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work. Horace was up and they worked on the wagon.

Apr 18 – Ply did not go to work. We went to town in the afternoon. Abbie walked up in the morning and rode home with us. (When she says he did not go to work she is talking about there being no muster at the Navy Yard.)

Apr 19 – Ply went to work today. We had a letter from Clara today saying she had improved very much and was in hopes to get home next week. I went down to mothers and carried the letter.

Apr 20 – John Locke did not work today. I went up to Mrs. Odiorne's a little while. John was down in the evening.

Apr 21 – Today there was a baptism at Seavey's bridge and Ply went. Mr. Lymonds baptized 9 people: Woody Berry, Charley Lang, C. Trefethen, J. Locke, Irving Seavey, Charles Rand, Flora Trefethen, Elsie Locke and Mrs. Marden. (Flora is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and C. Trefethen is more than likely Charles E. Trefethen who is also the son of Charles F. and is Flora's brother.)

Apr 22 – Ply ploughed for the first time today. It rained some in the afternoon. It is very cold and backward.

Apr 23 – Ply was at home ploughing. Fred Seavey brought some onions for Ply to set out and two letters for Abbie, one which was from Clara. Planted early peas in front of the house. (Fred Seavey is a neighbor of Supply's on Sagamore Road.)

Apr 24 – Ply worked ½ day and went to the depot in the afternoon and brought Clara home. I went down to see her in the evening. Planted the first potatoes today.

Apr 25 – I went down to Horace's a little while. Took a hen off today with 8 chickens.

Apr 26 – Went to town today with Ann, Abbie kept house. Bought me a Balmoral skirt. (The Balmoral petticoat was a colored petticoat that was intended to show at the hem of a drawn-up skirt for walking and sportswear in the 1860s and 1870s.)

Apr 27 – Ply brought home two black heart cherry trees at \$1.00 apiece and a seat for the new wagon. It came on to rain in the afternoon. I went down home a little while. (Down home is where her mother, Adeline Clark lives on Clark Road.)

Apr 28 – Today I went to a baptizing down to Seavey's bridge. Mr. Lymonds baptized Billy Downs, John O. Berry and Georgy Remick.

Apr 29 – I washed today. Ply was at home. John C. Webster helped him plough. Howard Frisbee moved back into Gus's house.

Apr 30 – Ply did not go to work today. He sowed some barley. There was a prayer meeting at Gilman Berry's, two new ones started with John Odiorne and Martha S. Rand.

May 1 – Rainy and Ply did not go to work today. He worked in the shop on the wagon and set a hen today.

May 2 - Abbie was up and we took up the parlor carpet and cleaned the room and put it all to rights again.

May 3 – Pleasant but very cold. John C. Webster set two Grovenstein grafts in an apple tree in the garden this evening.

May 4 – They worked on the road today; John Locke worked half the day. The new Methodist minister called to see me today, his name is Folsom and he is quite an old man.

May 5 – Today we all went down to mothers. Mr. Lymonds preached his farewell sermon and he had been here one year. It is very cold for the season.

May 6 – Pleasant. Ply went to work and Mrs. Odiorne was in here today. Uncle Charles called here; he had been over to mill after a load of lumber. (Uncle Charles is Charles W. Tucker and is living in Portsmouth.)

May 7 – Ply did not go to work today. We went to town and bought Ply a new pair of pants at \$1.12 per yard.

May 8 – Rainy. Ply worked on the wagon, Horace helped him. Cut out Ply's pats and went to work in them.

May 9 – Ply went to work today. Nellie and Clara Bell were up today. Clara was up a little while. (Nellie is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen's. She is 11 years old.)

May 10 – Pleasant and rather warmer. I went down home a little while. Mrs. Seavey was in to see me a little while.

May 11 – Quite warm and pleasant. They worked on the roads today. Martha Adeline and Mary Jane called to see me this afternoon. Ply ran the horse against Eben Lang's wagon and got upset.

May 12 – Cold. I went down home a little while. Albert Brackett and Abbie were in to see me. Mr. Bowell preached to the Baptist for the first Sunday.

May 13 – Ply did not go to work today. He is getting ready to plant his corn. It is quite warm and pleasant.

May 14 – Rainy. We went to town a little while.

May 15 – Planted corn. Emily Webster called to see me. Clara was up and stopped to tea. (Emily is John Hobbs Webster's daughter.)

May 16 – Pleasant. Jane Hall was up and spent the afternoon. Ply went to town to get the iron for his wheels. Nell and I went down home. (Jane is Lucena Jane (Trefethen) and is married to Levi Wallis Hall.)

May 17 – Ply carried Clara and I went up to town and we spent the day. I had some photographs taken and had 4 teeth filled and one pulled. Got the first tooth I ever had pulled.

May 18 – Pleasant. Ply went to town and Clara was up.

May 19 – Nelly and I went to get some evergreen. Ply and I and Lizzie went down to the town farm to see the folks. Abbie was up a little while.

May 20 – My steers and heifer went to Durham today. I went to Portsmouth and had 3 teeth filled, Clara went with us. Clara Raynes and family are down to Landon's.

May 21 – Ply went to work today. Clara was in for a minute. She went up to Aunt Webster's. Clara Raynes is down to mothers.

May 22 – Ply went to work but came home at noon, it was so very rainy. I cleaned the kitchen.

May 23 – Showery. Clara Raynes went home today. Mrs. Odiorne was in a little while and Clara was up.

May 24 – Pleasant. I went down home a little while. John Locke went to the circus. Mary Charlotte Seavey is sick with the viriloid. (A mild form of smallpox)

May 25 – Pleasant. John Locke is hauling seaweed. Abbie was up a few minutes.

May 26 – Rainy. I went down home a few minutes. Winslow and George Leroy were in. Clara is down with Mary Charlotte. (Winslow is Oliver Winslow Trefethen and is Samuel A. Trefethen's son.)

May 27 – I washed. Mrs. Odiorne was in. Mary Charlotte Seavey is sick with the viriloid and Clara is down with her. (Mary Charlotte Seavey is 14 years old and is living with her father Eben Seavey by the bridge on Brackett Road.)

May 28 – Lizzie was quite sick all day. Dolly was down to see her. Mr. Thomas Parsons was down to mothers doing some writing. Quite warm.

May 29 – Mother was up to see Lizzie. Showery so I took up the sitting room carpet and moved the stove in out of the kitchen.

May 30 – Painted the wood work in the kitchen and in the afternoon we went to Portsmouth.

May 31 – Finished painting the kitchen. Quite showery. Mrs. Seavey was down a few minutes.

Jun 1 – Pleasant. I painted the kitchen floor. John Locke went to town in the afternoon.

Jun 2 – Pleasant. The trees are not out in blooms yet.

Jun 3 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work until the afternoon. He fixed my new curtains for the middle room.

Jun 4 – Painted the scullery floor (**Scullery: traditionally used for washing up dishes and laundering clothes**). The trees have come out quite fast today. The new wagon went to town today for the first time to be painted.

Jun 5 – Pleasant. Etta Remick is sick with the viriloid. It is making quite an excitement in the town.

Jun 6 – Pleasant. John Locke was absent today. I had a nice time all to myself. Clara came home from Eben Seavey's today. Ply finished his job today. The heifer calved tonight.

Jun 7 – Today we went to town. Today it is quite warm. Ply commenced hoeing today and sowed carrot seed.

Jun 8 – Ply went to town and to the navy yard and after he came home he carried Lizzie up to the doctors and had a tooth pulled out and had her vaccinated.

Jun 9 – Sue Walton and Alice were down today. It is quite pleasant but not very warm.

Jun 10 – Pleasant. I washed. Ply commenced to work for Priar setting out some slips. Sue Walton brought me down.

Jun 11 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. I churned and ironed. Clara came home from Boston; she has been up to see about her place.

Jun 12 – Pleasant. I papered the kitchen. John Locke was at home. Abbie came up in the afternoon. The horse got in the mud in the lane and I had to help her out.

Jun 13 – Pleasant. We moved out in the kitchen and have had the stove in the sitting room for two weeks.

Jun 14 – We put down the sitting room carpet; Abbie was up and helped me. Mrs. Odiorne was in a little while.

Jun 15 – Pleasant. I went to town with Ann Trefethen (**Horace Levi Trefethen's wife Ann, they are living on Trefethen's Corner at the top of the hill.**) Abbie kept house for me after I came home. The doctor called and vaccinated me and John Locke. Horace sold the old horse. Minister called.

Jun 16 – Showery. It is quite dry and rain is needed. Betsy and Judith were in to see me. (Betsy is John Hobbs Webster's wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Clark).)

Jun 17 – Rainy. Ply went to work. Fannie Trefethen was married to William Ayers. (Fannie E. was the daughter of Levi B. Trefethen and sister of Supply. Her husband was Henry William Ayres.)

Jun 18 – Not very pleasant. I papered the sink room; Abbie helping. Showery in the afternoon. John Locke's father has been drunk most of fortnight.

Jun 19 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. Clara has been over with Etta Remick a week today. I believe she is gaming some. (Etta is living on Brackett Road between Wallis Sands Road and Washington Road.)

Jun 20 – Pleasant. Fannie and her husband William are down to Rye.

Jun 21 – Pleasant. Mrs. Odiorne was in and I gave her some lobsters.

Jun 22 – Pleasant. John Locke did not work today. I went in to Dolly's in the afternoon. I commenced putting down my butter today.

Jun 23 – Pleasant. We all went down to mothers to dinner. Fannie and her husband were over to tea.

Jun 24 – Ply did not go to work today. We went to town today. Abbie kept house.

Jun 25 – Ply commenced working for Fernald at Rayne's shipyard. Cut out my white waist and began to sew on it. John Locke was absent in the afternoon.

Jun 26 – Pleasant. I was at work on my white waist. Mother was up a little while.

Jun 27 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work. He was transplanting cabbages, tomatoes etc. I was to work on my white waist. George Leroy was down a little while.

Jun 28 – Very warm. Ply went to work.

Jun 29 – Warm. Ply brought home the new wagon and it looks very nice and also a new harness.

Jun 30 – Very warm. Albert Brackett was in, he and Ply and Horace went to ride in the new wagon.

Jul 1 – Pleasant. Ply commenced haying today. In the afternoon we went to town. I rode for the first time in the new wagon and liked it very much.

Jul 2 – Pleasant. Ply was haying alone today. John Locke was at home helping his father hoe.

Jul 3 – Ply went over to the other road and cut the grass. I am commenced cutting it. Dolly was in a little while. Ply and Abbie and John Locke went to town.

Jul 4 – Very warm. Ply has been haying and in the afternoon it was showing. Ply carried Albert Brackett and Abbie up to Portsmouth.

Jul 5 – Rainy and dull. Ply was to work in the carrot bed.

Jul 6 – Dull. Ply went to town. Betsy walked home from town today. She has been up there visiting this week.

Jul 7 – Pleasant. Ply and I and Lizzie went over to Grandma's for a little while we called to the town farm a few minutes.

Jul 8 – Pleasant. I washed. Horace was here helping Ply.

Jul 9 – Pleasant. Ply is right into the haying. Frances is up weeding carrots. We went over to see Clara as she has been over with Etta Remick for 4 weeks. (Frances is "Fannie" the daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen. She is living with her brother Horace Levi.)

Jul 10 – Pleasant. Had green peas for dinner.

Jul 11 – We went to town this morning.

Jul 12 – Showery, not much of a hay day.

Jul 13 – Pleasant. Ply went over to the navy yard. Dolly was in for a little while. Clara came home from Mr. Remick's.

Jul 14 – Pleasant. Ply and Daniel Jr. and Lizzie went to ride up to Greenland and all round and Lizzie was much pleased with her ride.

Jul 15 – Pleasant. Ply was haying. I filled my pot with butter. Killed 3 chickens and went out and helped rake a little while.

Jul 16 – Pleasant. We went to town this morning. Sold my chickens for 37 cents per pound.

Jul 17 – Pleasant. Ann and Hattie and children were up and spent the afternoon.

Jul 18 – Pleasant. We finished haying today. I have been down in the old swamp raking.

Jul 19 – Furious northeaster rain storm. It does not rain so very fast but fine driving rain.

Jul 20 – It rained fast all night. The cistern is almost full. Ply did not go to town for his newspapers today. Something unusual for him it has rained steady all the afternoon.

Jul 21 – Dull and rainy. Lizzie and I went down to mothers. Ply went up to town to carry Albert Brackett.

Jul 22 – I washed in the afternoon. We went to Portsmouth. It was quite showery in the forenoon.

Jul 23 – Pleasant. Ply went over to the navy yard. Clara was up here in the afternoon.

Jul 24 – Very warm. Clara was up. Ply and I and Lizzie and Clara went down to the sea and it was nice and cool down there.

Jul 25 – Ply and I and Clara went to Portsmouth today and stopped while Ply went over to the navy yard. I got my new bonnet today. Shivery in the afternoon. Commenced on my ½ barrel of flour.

Jul 26 – Dull and real dog day weather. I went down to mothers in the evening.

Jul 27 – Pleasant. Ply went to the navy yard in the afternoon. I went up to Mrs. Odiorne's, Lucy and her baby were there. Abbie and Clara was up a little while.

Jul 28 – Very warm. Went down to mothers and took dinner with her. Daniel Jr. was up with his face all swelled up terribly. I don't know what ails it.

Jul 29 – Pleasant. Ply went up to work for Fernald; he has been at home 4 weeks.

Jul 30 – Pleasant. Oliver Trefethen was over a little while this afternoon. He told me he had a young daughter 5 weeks old. (Grace Mabel Trefethen was born on June 24th.)

Jul 31 – Pleasant but quite cool. Only 4 degrees above a frost. Clara and I sent to town a little while in the morning.

Aug 1 – Pleasant. Emily Webster and I went down to Horace Trefethen's and spent the afternoon.

Aug 2 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work today.

Aug 3 – The sun rose clear but soon started in and it commenced to rain fast. Ply only worked ¼ day. Sold Oliver Peter 4 hens weighing 13 ¼ pounds at 25 cents per pound amounting to \$3.31. (This may be Oliver Peter Jenness Jr.)

Aug 4 – Pleasant. We went over in the pasture huckleberrying. Albert Brackett Trefethen was over a little while.

Aug 5 – Pleasant. I washed and in the afternoon I went up to Portsmouth, Clara kept house.

Aug 6 – Pleasant. Clara went up to Portsmouth with Mr. and Mrs. Seavey. Very warm. Aunt Lottie was up and spent the day. (Lottie is Charlotte Jewel Trefethen and is widowed from Nathaniel T. Trefethen who passed away in 1856. She would have been living near Trefethen's Corner with her son Charles F. Charles would be 51 years old at this time and she would be around 83.)

Aug 7 – Very warm. Abbie and Clara and I and Lizzie all went up to Aunt Webster's and spent the afternoon. The orthodox folks held a fair out to the fourth end in the hall.

Aug 8 – Pleasant. I worked on my black sacque (a woman's full loose hip length jacket) and finished it all but trimming.

Aug 9 – Pleasant. Clara was up, after Ply came home he and Clara and Lizzie and myself all went to ride over to the Atlantic House.

Aug 10 – Pleasant in the morning but in the afternoon it came up showery at night. Ann and I went to Portsmouth and Anne Odiorne came down with us. Clara stopped all night.

Aug 11 – Pleasant. We all went down to mothers to dinner about 5 o'clock. We all went to ride over to the beach. Mrs. Odiorne had a daughter born this morning. (Anna L. Odiorne is the baby's name. Her parents are Joseph William Odiorne and Martha (Varrell) Odiorne. They are living next door to Supply on Sagamore Road.)

Aug 12 – Clara and Ann went up with Ply this morning. Clara is going to Boston today.

Aug 13 – Pleasant. Had a letter from Clara today saying she arrived safe and is in the store.

Aug 14 – Rainy. Ply went to work in the afternoon. Lizzie and I went down to the town farm, I sent two hens.

Aug 15 – Rainy. Ply went to work in the afternoon. I went down to Jane Hall's a little while.

Aug 16 – Rainy. Ply did not go to work. Daniel Jr. was in to supper. It rained very fast all the afternoon.

Aug 17 – Foggy and dull in the morning but cleared off at noon. I washed in the afternoon. I went in to see Martha Odiorne to see her baby Anna. Mrs. Seavey and Lucy were in there.

Aug 18 – Pleasant. We went up to Aunt Webster's a little while. Mother came up a minute or so and Lizzie went down with her.

Aug 19 – Pleasant. Ply went to work in the navy yard today.

Aug 20 – Pleasant. Ann and I went to Portsmouth a little while, Alice came down with us. Mother kept house.

Aug 21 – Pleasant. I went up to see Mrs. Seavey. In the afternoon went in to Martha Odiorne's a minute. Old Mrs. Odiorne (Eliza) came home last Sunday. John Locke has not been here today.

Aug 22 – Pleasant. Alice was up in the afternoon. She and Lizzie went down to the town farm to change some eggs for me. Webster is going to have a nice pear orchard in 10 or 12 years.

Aug 23 – Rainy. Ply went to work. Emmons brought up the eggs and I set the hen. (Emmons is the son of Moses Clark, her nephew. He is 7 years old.)

Aug 24 – Pleasant. I went up to Portsmouth and Ply came home with me and then he and Abbie and Alice went over to Oliver Peter's to carry some hens, it came up a little rainy.

Aug 25 – Pleasant. We went up to Albert Brackett's and Ply and Albert Brackett went up to Frank Jones and I stopped with Abbie. (Frank Jones, (1832-1902) had a large brewery and was a prominent man in Portsmouth at the time. He should not be confused with Frank Jones Trefethen later on in the diaries.)

Aug 26 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. Alice rode up with them in the morning.

Aug 27 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. I am keeping home alone, nobody here.

Aug 29 – I went to Portsmouth. Horace and Ann went with me. Charles Wesley commenced to work here today. He went to the navy yard and drove home a yoke of oxen for Ply. (Charles Wesley was the son of Ebenezer W. and Florenza (Trefethen) Lang and is 19 years old.)

Aug 30 – I killed 4 chickens today. Ply carried them over to Oliver Peters; he paid me 35 cents per pound. Levi Hall had a boy born yesterday. (Levi is living in the Charles F. Trefethen house at this time with wife Lucena Jane, Charles F.s daughter. His son is Herbert C. that was born yesterday. Levi is 28 and Lucena Jane is 27.)

Aug 31 – Pleasant. I went to Portsmouth and came home with Ply. Went in to see Ann.

Sept 1 – Not very pleasant. We went down to mothers with Ply; he went down to the marsh.

Sept 2 – Pleasant. I washed and got my clothes all dry. Ply went to the yard.

Sept 3 – Pleasant. I went down to mothers a little while. Went in to see Flora, she is quite sick with the dysentery. Charles Erwin Trefethen went to the yard to drive the cattle to haul over.

Sept 4 – Pleasant. I am ill alone.

Sept 5 – Pleasant. James T. Varrell came along and he went to Portsmouth with me. Mrs. Varrell and Sarah were over in the afternoon. (Mrs. Varrell is Henrietta (Chickering) and is James wife. Sarah is James sister, Sarah Varrell.)

Sept 6 – Dull in the morning. John and George Leroy mowed the Hall marsh.

Sept 7 – Ply was at home today. John and George Leroy helped him mow the marsh down to Little Harbor. We went to Portsmouth at night.

Sept 8 – Pleasant. Daniel Jr. was in today. Brackett (Albert Brackett Trefethen) was down and Ply carried him up at night. Dolly is sick with the dysentery.

Sept 9 – Pleasant. Ann and Olivia went over to see Dolly. Olivia was in here a little while.

Sept 10 – Pleasant. Lizzie has quite a bad cough today. I had Dr. John come in and give her some syrup. Charles E. finished on the yard today.

Sept 11 – Pleasant. Charles E. went over to the yard and got the cattle home.

Sept 12 – Pleasant. Ply stopped at home today. John and Fred Seavey helped him rake on the marsh. We went to Portsmouth in the evening.

Sept 13 – Pleasant. John was here helping Charley (Charles E.) haul some hay. Charles Parsons died today. (Charles Henry Parsons was 31 years old and died of consumption.)

Sept 14 – Pleasant. Charley hauled the last load of hay from the mill marsh. I went to Portsmouth just before night, Ann went with me. Quite Cool.

Sept 15 – Pleasant but cool. Abby was up a little while.

Sept 16 – Pleasant. I washed. Charley went to the yard with the cattle. I went down a minute or so of an errand.

Sept 17 – Not very pleasant. Abbie's school finished today. I gave Nellie a bouquet of dahlias to carry to school. Frances and Shed picking apples. Josephine came up for a minute. (Nellie is Nellie G. Trefethen and the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and she is 12 years old.)

Sept 18 – Pleasant. Abbie was up for a minute. I had the tooth ache. Levi Hall started peddling bread and groceries. Commenced on new barrels of flour \$16.00.

Sept 19 – Pleasant. Ply and John went down to the town farm to see about cider and I went with them.

Sept 20 – Pleasant. Mother was up and helped me about churning.

Sept 21 – Pleasant. I went to Portsmouth alone and came home with Peg. Went to see Aunt Lottie, Mrs. Stickney was there.

Sept 22 – Pleasant but rather cool. Abbie went to church. She came in for a minute. George Seavey was down a little while.

Sept 23 – Pleasant but quite cool. Seavey, Ann and John were in to see me, they had been barbering.

Sept 24 – Pleasant. Charley came home from the yard with the cattle today. Thaddeus Trefethen was getting wood.

Sept 25 – 30 Missing

Oct 1 – Pleasant but very windy. Dried my clothes and done my barberries.

Oct 2 – Pleasant. Emily Webster, Ann and myself went up to Josephine Clark's and spent the day. Mrs. Rhodes was there and Aunt Clark had a nice time.

Oct 3 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. I fixed my mincemeat.

Oct 4 – Pleasant. Frances was up picking apples. Mrs. Seavey was down. Henry Turner was in.

Oct 5 – Rainy. Ply went to work. Charles Lang went up after him at night. Mr. Folsom was in to get me to subscribe for a Sunday school paper for Lizzie.

Oct 6 – Pleasant. Abbie was in when she went to meeting. Daniel and George Seavey were in cold. George Leroy is to have a husking tomorrow night.

Oct 7 – Pleasant. Ply went to work. Ann and I went up at night and Ply and Horace went home with us.

Oct 8 – Pleasant. Ply stopped at home and picked apples, I helped him.

Oct 9 – Pleasant. Mrs. Seavey was in a few minutes.

Oct 10 – Pleasant. Ply stopped at home, he and Daniel Jr. dug potatoes in the forenoon and in the afternoon we went to the fair. Daniel and Nellie went with us.

Oct 11 – Dull. Eliza Ann was in a few minutes. Charles hauled the apples down to have some cider made.

Oct 12 – Rainy. Ply went to work. John was down in the evening.

Oct 13 – Pleasant. Albert Brackett was down. Abbie was up and Daniel and John were in.

Oct 14 – Pleasant. Ply stopped at home, he and Daniel and Charley went to the sea about 3 o'clock. I got up and washed in the afternoon. They picked apples and got in a load of corn.

Oct 15 – Pleasant. Mrs. Odiorne and Mrs. Seavey were in a little while. Ann and I went to Portsmouth.

Oct 16 – Not very pleasant. I was husking all the time I could get. Henry Turner helped me a little while in the afternoon.

Oct 17 – Pleasant. Husking, we have got the corn half in and I should think boiled beefs head.

Oct 18 – Pleasant. Mother was up and helped me a little while. Eliza Ann was over and I gave her two chickens. Very warm thermometer up to 80. (Eliza Ann is Samuel A. Trefethen's wife who is living on Wallis Road.)

Oct 19 – Pleasant and very warm. Ann went up to Portsmouth with me. Aunt Levia came down and stopped all night. John was down and helped us trace.

Oct 20 – Pleasant but cooler. Aunt Levia and the rest of us went down to mothers to dinner. I carried her home at night. (Levia is married to Joseph M. Tucker and is the sister of Mary's mother, Adeline Clark.)

Oct 21 – Pleasant. I was husking in the barn.

Oct 22 – Pleasant. Husking. Betsy and Judith were up picking out husk.

Oct 23 – Pleasant in the forenoon but in the afternoon there was a very heavy thunder shower. The lightning struck a large pine tree over in our pasture and broke it down in all directions.

Oct 24 – Pleasant. Husking. Dolly and Flora and Nellie were up and helped me, we finished husking. John and Fred were down in the evening tracing.

Oct 25 – Pleasant. Mother was up and helped me churn, finished tracing. Eben Lang and wife were in this evening. (Ebenezer's wife is Florenza Lang.)

Oct 26 – Pleasant and quite warm. Ann and I went to town in the afternoon.

Oct 27 – Pleasant. We went down to the town farm a little while.

Oct 28 – Pleasant. Josephine came down and cleaned my sitting room and blacked the stove. I carried her up at night. Mr. Woodbury Seavey's house was burned to the ground. The fire caught in the attic, no one knew how.

Oct 29 – Dull and misty. Charley threshed out the beans.

Oct 30 – A severe northeaster rain storm. Ply went to work.

Oct 31 – Pleasant and quite warm. Charley went to the sea but there was no seaweed of any account.

Nov 1 – Pleasant but cooler. J. Parsons brought an insurance policy. John was down in the evening.

Nov 2 – Pleasant and quite warm. Ann and I went to town in the afternoon then came home with Ply.

Nov 3 – Pleasant. I was at home all day. Abbie was in on her way to church.

Nov 4 – Pleasant. Charley went to the sea twice.

Nov 5 – Pleasant but cool. Charley went to Portsmouth to carry his Ann and Fannie in the afternoon. Ann and myself went to town. I had two teeth out and Dr. Goodall took them out.

Nov 6 – Pleasant. Charley was away, he and his sister have gone to Manchester and I am all alone. Annie Pickering has a son born yesterday. (Her sons name is Oscar W. Pickering).

Nov 7 – Pleasant. Had clam chowder and mother came up a little. Abbie has a very bad hand.

Nov 8 – Not very pleasant. Ply is at home and getting in his carrots, Nellie is helping him. Ply went after the doctor for Abbie. He opened her hand and it relieved her very much.

Nov 9 – Dull and foggy. Ann and I went to Portsmouth and went over to Josephine's a minute or so.

Nov 10 – Dull and rainy. Brackett was over a little while. Ply and Lizzie went down to Grandmas. Abbie's hand is more comfortable. John was in this evening.

Nov 11 – Not very pleasant in the morning. Josephine walked down and helped me. She had to walk back for Ply went with our horse.

Nov 12 – Cold and unpleasant. Ply has gone to work and I am all alone

Nov 13 – Very cold and snowed some all day. Ply went to work. I tied up the steers for the first time this year.

Nov 14 – Pleasant but cold. Charles Lang came down this morning; he has been gone for a week. (Charles Lang is the son of Florensa (Trefethen) Lang, daughter of Nathaniel T. Trefethen. She is married to Eben W. Lang and is living near Lang's Corner on Wallis Road. Charles is 19 years old.)

Nov 15 – Cold. Charley is getting in corn stalks. Abbie was up a few minutes and her hand is gaining slowly.

Nov 16 – A tough storm in the forenoon. Ann and I went to town in the afternoon.

Nov 17 – Pleasant but cold. At home all day and popped some corn for Lizzie

Nov 18 – Cold and windy. Brackett had the cattle to haul a load of wood. Charles Lang went up to the bridge and got a heifer that Ply bought up to Elliot.

Nov 19 – Cold and windy. It has not been so cold at this season of the year for a great many years. The ground is frozen quite hard.

Nov 20 – Cold and it began to know about noon and we had quite a snow storm.

Nov 21 – Pleasant but did nothing much, one sleigh went along.

Nov 22 – Pleasant. Charley is hauling out manure. I cut out Lizzie's dress today.

Nov 23 – Dull and thawing snow going fast. I went to Portsmouth, Ann and Mary Frisbee went with me.

Nov 24 – Dull. I had a letter from Clara today. Abbie was up today. Snow is all gone.

Nov 25 – Rainy, foggy and dull. I washed but did not put my clothes out.

Nov 26 – Dull and rainy and very muddy traveling.

Nov 27 – Very pleasant. Ply ploughed over to the other road. John and Charles Lang helping him. In the evening we went to Portsmouth and Clara came home with us. Very muddy.

Nov 28 – Not very pleasant. Thanksgiving Day. We all went down to mothers to dinner. Clara and I went over to see Susan a few minutes. Ply carried Clara to Portsmouth in the afternoon.

Nov 29 – Not very pleasant. Ply went to work.

Nov 30 – It came off very cold today and froze the ground up quite hard.

Dec 1 – Cold and only 8 above zero. Daniel was up, George Leroy down, Abbie was up.

Dec 2 – I did not wash. I thought to go to Portsmouth but it came on to snow about noon so I did not go.

Dec 3 – Pleasant. Ann and I went to Portsmouth. It came up cold at night. I went down to Lizette's and got a dress pattern.

Dec 4 – Pleasant but cold. I worked on my dress.

Dec 5 – Pleasant. Abbie was in. She went up to the doctor's. Emily Webster went down to mothers and I went with her. We went in to Ann's.

Dec 6 – Dull and came on to snow but turned to rain. Charley hauled sand.

Dec 7 – Pleasant. Charley hauled the sleigh up to have it painted. Ann and I went to town. Ply came home with us.

Dec 8 – Pleasant but cold. We went down to mothers to dinner.

Dec 9 – Very cold, 4 below zero and the wind blowing quite hard. Ply went to Portsmouth but they did not work on the yard. Mrs. Martha Marden died last night very suddenly. (Martha M. Marden was the daughter of Joseph Mason and the wife of George Marden.)

Dec 10 – Cold, snowed in the forenoon, cleared off and cold in the afternoon.

Dec 11 – Clear but cold. Mrs. Marden was buried today from Mr. Robinson Foss.

Dec 12 – Cold and blue. We killed the hog in the forenoon and went to town in the afternoon, Ann went with us.

Dec 13 – Very cold. Have cut the hog up this evening, he weighed 389 lbs.

Dec 14 – Cold, it has been about zero all the week. Some mornings a number of degrees below. I did not go to Portsmouth. Ann and Mary Frisbee went. Ann changed her shawl and got a cloak.

Dec 15 – Overcast and about noon it came on a snow storm. Abbie was up a little while.

Dec 16 – Pleasant but cold. Ply went up in the Pung for the first time this winter. I cut Ply's pants and worked on them all day.

Dec 17 – Pleasant but cold. To work on Ply's pants.

Dec 18 – Quite cold, thermometer about down to zero. They go in sleighs and wagons both but it is poor sleighing.

Dec 19 – Cold. Mother was up and helped me do out the lard, had almost two pints full. (From hog).

Dec 20 – Overcast and began to snow about noon. Edward Caswell was over.

Dec 21 – Very pleasant. I went to Portsmouth in Pung. Lottie went with me. James Varrell was over.

Dec 22 – Rainy and dull and sloppy. Daniel Jr. was up a little while.

Dec 23 – In the morning it was very pleasant but the wind came up and blew furiously and there was snow squalls. The minister was in a few minutes.

Dec 24 – Cloudy and looked like snow. Lottie and Ann and myself went to Portsmouth in a Pung. Ply was discharged from the navy yard and brought home the sleigh.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and quite mild. Ply carried the ham over to have it baconed. Lizzie went down to mother's.

Dec 26 – Dull and rainy but cleared off warm.

Dec 27 – Cloudy and came on to rain in the afternoon. Edward was over cutting wood.

Dec 28 – Pleasant but very muddy. Ply went over to the yard and got his tool chest. I went to Portsmouth with him. Eggs 42 cents per dozen.

Dec 29 – Pleasant. Abbie was up a little while. John brought the “States and Union” (**publication**) down for me to read.

Dec 30 – Cold and windy. I was cooking most of the day. James Varrell was over and brought some clams. Abbie walked to Portsmouth and had two teeth out.

Dec 31 – Very cold and down to zero. Edward was over cutting wood. I dressed 5 chickens. Abbie was up. Ply went down to the town farm and settled for making cider.

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Jan 1 – Snow storm

Jan 2 – Sold Charles W. Hall the old L. today for \$61.00. (**An L. is an addition to a building that is off center of the main house, making an L shape**)

Jan 3 – Commenced today wood from the pine tree lot, Thaddy (**Thaddeus Trefethen**) helping.

Jan 4 – Snowy, wind northeast. Charles W. Hall hauled the Old L. home today to make a hen coop. Went to market with wife. Eggs 45 cents. (**Charles William Hall married Emily Amanda (Trefethen) who is Supply's sister.**)

Jan 5 – Cold and windy.

Jan 6 – Hauling pine wood from John Varrell's, hauled about 2 cords pine.

Jan 7 – Cutting hardwood down near the Old House

Jan 8 – Hauling hardwood I intend to have one cord of hard and have got out nearly enough to make it. Edward Caswell came over this morning.

Jan 9 – Cool. Albert Brackett Trefethen and wife Mary Abby were down today with H. Wendall's horse and paid Clara Odiorne \$1.00 as a legacy given her father. (Albert Brackett is living at 18 South Street in Portsmouth at this time.)

Jan 10 – Cold. Hauling wood. Ed Caswell was over today. Hauled a load of salt hay from the old barn. Clara Clark came home last night. John Wheeler Locke died today in the yard. (John was a farmer from Rye and the son of Jeremiah and Susan R. Locke. He was 76 years old.)

Jan 11 – Went to the city to market with wife and carried 3 ½ dozen eggs @45 cent per dozen, 1 bushel potatoes @ \$1.10, 10 quarts snapping corn @ 18 cents per quart and engaged 2 bushels apples at \$1.75.

Jan 12 – Cold and wind northwest and blowing but very few went to church today on account of the severe weather. Ann, Lottie and Jim Locke's daughter went. True W. Jones was married. (Ann is Horace Trefethen's wife and Charlotte "Lottie" is uncle Nathaniel's wife.)(True W. was married to Eliza E. Locke. He was the son of Thomas and Mary (Priest) Jones.)

Jan 13 – Commenced hauling wood from Foye's pasture. Lizzie Wallace is 5 years old today. She is now quite a girl. Knows all her tables and sets the table sometimes and can run down to Aunt Lottie's and on around. She is 39 inches tall.

Jan 14 – Hauled wood and went to town in the evening. Carried Clara and Alice and 4 dozen eggs. Clara is going to a Ball Thursday.

Jan 15 – Hauled 2 loads wood from Foye's lot. Brackett was down cutting wood.

Jan 16 – Hauled one load of wood. Edward Caswell was over yesterday and today cutting brush.

Jan 17 – Hauled 2 loads wood making in all so far from Foye's lot 7 loads with steers and horses.

Jan 18 – Went to market with wife and carried 5 ½ dozen eggs @ 45 cents per dozen, 1 bushel potatoes @ \$1.10. Carried pants to be cut. Clara came home with us.

Jan 19 – 4 above zero. Went down to Grammy's to clam chowder which was very nice as well as splendid brown bread. (Grammy is Adeline (Tucker) Clark, Mary's mother.)

Jan 20 – Hauled one load of wood and finished getting out wood for the season. Ed Caswell was over and worked till night when I carried him back with Lizzie.

Jan 21 – Snow storm all day, wind northeast. At work on the Pung. Put on new shoe and braces made the shoe of an old wagon tire. (A skid, or shoe, for retarding the motion of a wagon wheel; a drag or brake.)

Jan 22 – Went to town and carried 6 ½ dozen eggs @ 42 cents and 14 ½ lbs. chicken at 25 cents per pound. Got a barrel of flour \$16.23. Paid \$10.00 towards it.

Jan 23 – Wife and Lizzie and Clara went over to their grandmother's to spend the day. I carried Abbie to town at the same time. Called at Orin Foye's and it came on to rain in the afternoon. (Foye is Orin Foye and lives on Foye's Corner where Elwyn Road, Pioneer Road and Sagamore Road converges.)

Jan 24 – Hauled salt hay from the old barn. Went over to Hampton with wife and Lizzie to see Philbrick's about buying our cattle to go to Brighton. He agreed to see them tomorrow.

Jan 25 – Quite pleasant, wind northwest. Went to market in forenoon and carried 4 ½ dozen eggs @ 36 cents. They have fallen from 45 to 36 cents. Philbrick was over to see the oxen and offered \$220.00; I asked him \$225.00 and Jedidiah offered \$223.00.

Jan 26 – Snow storm, wind northeast and all hands keep housed.

Jan 27 – Sold oxen to Jedidiah for \$224.00, they weighed 3100 lbs. with yoke on. Snowed all day and quite cold.

Jan 28 – Got the steers shod in the forenoon. Went up to Albert Brackett Trefethen in the afternoon and evening. Paid him \$100.00 hired of him in August and into est. \$2.50. I also paid him \$21.00 towards rent of his home also.

Jan 29 – Snowy all day. Made pig trough.

Jan 30 – Sawed wood in forenoon and went up to Aunt Webster's in the afternoon with wife and Clara. (Aunt Webster is Elizabeth "Betsy" Clark married to John Hobbs Webster.)

Jan 31 – Sawed wood all day, quite cool. Pleasant for the last day of January.

Feb 1 – There is now about 1 foot of snow on the ground and very good sleighing. We carried Clara up to town to go to Boston Monday. Sold bobsled to Henry F. Wendell for \$15.00. (Henry Flint Wendell was living at 16 South Street in Portsmouth just down the street from Albert Brackett Trefethen.)

Feb 2 – Cool wind from the southwest. Very few went to church.

Feb 3 – Have got extension table on the brain and we must have one at any cost. It is quite cold.

Feb 4 – Went to town and made a bargain with James Steel for an extension table for \$10.00, to have it soon. Cold and snowy.

Feb 5 – Sawed wood have got all my joint wood sawed.

Feb 6 – Went to town intending to go to the navy yard to see about getting a job but saw Mr. Hanscum N.C. on this side of the river. He did not say when he could give me a job.

Feb 7- Cold and blustery and worked in the shop getting out stock for the extension table. Brackett was down.

Feb 8 – Went to market with wife and carried 1 ½ dozen eggs at 30 cents per dozen. Got legs for my table.

Feb 9 – Snow storm and wind from the southeast with a prospect of rain on the end of it. There is now about 18 inches of snow in a level although in many places it is not on a level but is piled up.

Feb 10 – Cold and 4 below. Sawed wood and worked in the shop.

Feb 11 – Went to town and carried 2 bushels of potatoes to Bills. Cold, 2 below in the morning.

Feb 12 – Seaweed and split wood etc.

Feb 13 – Daniel Trefethen Jr. helped me saw wood with crosscut saw ½ day in the afternoon. He was over to help Charles W. Hall iron his hide and I hauled hay. (Charles is living on Wallis road near Brackett road.)

Feb 14 – Split up pine wood, 2 ¼ cords after 9 o'clock. I have got the most of my hard wood sawed and split and one cord of hemlock sawed.

Feb 15 – Went to town to market and carried 13 dozen eggs at 30 cents, 1 bushel potatoes at \$1.10. Went to see if table stock had come but found that the prospect was no better than last week.

Feb 16 – Wind north and cloudy and also quite cool with capital sleighing.

Feb 17 – Went to town to see about getting a chance on the yard. Engaged hay to Ben Russell.

Feb 18 – Daniel and I sawed. Cold! July was up here visiting.

Feb 19 – Daniel hauled up a load of hay for me to Ben Russell for \$19.37. Got my stock for extension table for \$10.00. (Benjamin Russell was a grocer in Portsmouth.)

Feb 20 – Daniel Trefethen Jr. hauled a load of hay to John Caswell for \$13.13.

Feb 21 – Daniel and I sawed wood all day and finished. Edward Caswell was over splitting. Brackett has steers to haul limbs.

Feb 22 – Went to market with wife and carried 16 dozen eggs at 28 cents. Paid Albert Brackett Trefethen \$19.00 balance due him for rent on homestead.

Feb 23 – Went to church the first time for 3 years. Wife and Ann Trefethen and Daniel Trefethen Jr. went also. Brother Falsom preached. Good sleighing.

Feb 24 – Cold and I worked most of the day on my extension table.

Feb 25 – Cold. Went to town twice only to carry wife and Lizzie and once to get them. They spent the day at Aunt Tucker's. Got some potatoes at Mr. George Raynes left by Jerome Wherren for seed.

Feb 26 – Charles Clark's wife was down today to spend the day. Wife and I went up and carried them at night. Finished my extension table except oiling and we ate clam chowder for supper off it for the first time.

Feb 27 – In forenoon poking round in the afternoon. Went to John Sander's funeral at the farm. He was about 80 and had been in the town nearly 40 years. (John was a sailor and was the son of William and Sally Sander.)

Feb 28 – The radicals are trying to impeach the President. They have passed a vote to do so and are drawing up articles of impeachment. Splendid sleighing.

Feb 29 – Made a conductor for water from well to troth in the yard. Went to the market with wife and carried 22 dozen eggs at 28 cents, 2 bushels potatoes at \$1.10 and 1 bushel apples at \$1.00. Impeachment is all the talk.

Mar 1 – Cold, 2 above zero and wind from the northwest. Did not go to church but stayed at home to study.

Mar 2 – Very cold, 4 above. Furious snow storm and wind from the northeast. Making picture frames and put trucks on chair and various jobs too numerous to mention.

Mar 3 – Cold. Broke out the highway for the first time this winter.

Mar 4 – Went to town and got clam shells and some other things.

Mar 5 – Went to town. Levi Hall hauled a load of hay for me which I sold to Joseph Neil at \$22.00 per ton. Eggs are advancing; they are now 30 per day. Went up to hear George W. Morrison's political lecture.

Mar 6 – Finished splitting my wood and worked all day at it.

Mar 7 – Went to market carried 8 quarts of snapping corn and 23 dozen eggs at 32 cents. Paid \$6.00 I owed for flour. Went up in the evening to hear Miss Bessie Bisbee's Democratic stump speech equal to any yet heard.

Mar 8 – Went to church

Mar 9 – Went down to the sea and got a load of seaweed on the sled. There was great much to be found. It came off warm in the afternoon. I hauled wood for Horace. A delegation went over to Hampton to hear Miss Bessie Bisbee on Democracy. (Rev. Olympia Brown and Miss Bessie Bisbee toured promoting equal suffrage.)

Mar 10 – Went to town in the morning in sleigh, got rubbers and clams. Election Day, warm and poor sleighing, most everybody go on wheels. There was a vote thrown, Sinclair democrat had 219, Harriman black 92. Frank Jones was the democrat candidate for Senator against Stevens Black.

Mar 11 – Warm and thawy and quite muddy. Went to the town meeting and heard that the state has gone Black as usual. They voted to raise \$6000.00 by taxation and to hire a man and woman on the farm and send all needing help there.

Mar 12 – Hauling rocks to build a wall in front of the Old House. Worked the steers all day. They are "all fire". Old Jonathan wanted to buy them now or when we sell them.

Mar 13 – At work in the old barn remodeling inside. I have made 2 long bays and cleared out for wheels, vehicles etc. Put a pane of glass in for Betsy.

Mar 14 – Went to market with the wife in wagon, very muddy and wet. We carried 17 dozen eggs at 28 cents, 1 bushel potatoes and 1 of apples. Congress are preparing for impeachment of the President with a prospect of success as their party are pledged.

Mar 15 – Warm as May or June and the snow by the walls is just going into water and running away to saw timber and fill streams and rows. But few went to church today it being so deep muddy.

Mar 16 – Went to the sea with horse and steers and got a load of seaweed and hewed some board etc. It is quite warm for the season. The snow is most all gone and the frost is rapidly coming out of the ground and it is very muddy.

Mar 17 – Hauled home the butt of the tree struck by lighting and got 5 posts out of it. Have in all 10 posts and all mortises. Really muddy and wet. Lent 2 Irishmen a wheel, they broke down below the house.

Mar 18 – Went to market after dinner. Abbie went with me and got scraps, 130 lbs. at 3 cents. Got pillows. In the forenoon it rained. Worked on the “cooking table” to be made from an old desk.

Mar 19 – Hauling rocks and laying the bottom rocks for the hill in front of the Old House. Took down the gap for bars above the barn. Very muddy and warm and the frost is about all out. O. Drake came along with meat.

Mar 20 – Built the wall in front of the Old House and completed it except for setting the buttress. Raw and chilly and signs of a storm. Worked hard all day.

Mar 21 – A severe northeast snow storm blowing and freezing, about 10 inches of snow fell in a level. Oiled the old harness in forenoon. Went to school meeting at 2. Eben Seavey was on the committee. Went to town at night.

Mar 22 – Quite pleasant with chilly northwest wind. The snow is fast going into water. Nobody went to church. Daniel and I had a severe time getting to town. He got a harness. Carried 21 ½ dozen eggs at 27 cents.

Mar 23 – Went down to the sea in forenoon and tipped out 11 loads of seaweed. I had a rather severe job to get through the snow. Wife and I went to market in the afternoon and carried 10 dozen eggs. Awful traveling on wheels.

Mar 24 – Quite cool. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and got some under beach. Chauncey Woodman is also hauling.

Mar 25 – Cool. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed.

Mar 26 – Warm and pleasant. The snow is going away very fast and the road is nearly bare. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed.

Mar 27 – Cool in the forenoon. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed. Albert Dow is putting an addition of 13 feet on his wood house for the wagon and hen house.

Mar 28 – It is as muddy as it is possible to be. Hauled salt hay from the old barn. Went to town to market and got some clam shells and table legs and canister for corn etc.

Mar 29 – The impeachment of the president commences tomorrow. Pleasant but muddy, few went to the meeting.

Mar 30 – Hauled one load of rockweed which I pulled off the rocks and put on potatoes. In the afternoon hewed bars and cut wood etc. Daniel M. Foss’s house was burned last night.

Mar 31 – Pulled a load of rockweed for the steers only, the horse being a little lame. Town meeting to see if the town will pay bounty to volunteers who went without it was first voted down but after they went away a few voted to pay themselves.

Apr 1 – Pulled load of rockweed for the steers. It has been decided that Moses is to move from the town farm and William Yeaton goes there for \$250.00 a year and farmed.

Apr 2 – Hauled 2 loads of seaweed put the horse on in the afternoon. The off steer has hurt his eye in some way. I am in hopes not seriously.

Apr 3 – Did not go to the sea on account of the steer's sore eye. Spread manure and cleaned up round the Old House, trimmed up apple trees etc. etc. Albert B. Trefethen was here.

Apr 4 – Went to market with 23 dozen eggs at 25 cents, meal \$1.45, shorts 2 ¾ per lb. Muddy and the frost is not yet all out and snow still lingers by the wall. (Shorts: wheat being previously milled and require no further processing such as grinding or rolling. Wheat by-products were commonly used long before any feed industry definitions were established, and their proper utilization as a livestock and poultry feed ingredient is well understood by the livestock and poultry industry).

Apr 5 – Cool, wind from the northwest and a little snow fell last night. Three wagons went to church including Uncle Nathaniel Foye.

Apr 6 – Cold and windy, freezing all day. The most of the old snow is gone. One steer has a sore eye and was afraid to work with. Worked in shop rimmed a wheel of old wagon.

Apr 7 – Cold, snow storm. Snowy all day to the depth of 10 inches. The ground being frozen it would make very good sleighing. It was a regular winter day. Finished cooking table.

Apr 8 – Fair and cool with high northwest wind. Went down to the sea once and repaired chairs etc. Horrible traveling.

Apr 9 – Cool, northwest wind. Went to the sea and got 2 loads under beach.

Apr 10 – Went to the sea in forenoon and intended to go again but snow came down furiously and wife and I went to market, eggs 25 ½ cents for 24 dozen.

Apr 11 – Good sleighing this morning and many went to market in sleighs. I hauled 2 loads seaweed with horses and steers. The impeachment trial is progressing at Washington.

Apr 12 – The ground is mostly covered with snow and a cool southwest wind. Uncle Nathaniel went to church.

Apr 13 – Hauled 1 load seaweed. Went and carried wheel to blacksmith's shop

Apr 14 – Hauled load seaweed in the forenoon, in the afternoon went to town with Abbie. She put some money in the bank for her and Clara.

Apr 15 – Hauled seaweed etc. Moses left the farm today and Tom Yeaton took possession.

Apr 16 – Hauled 1 load of rockweed for cabbages.

Apr 17 – Hauled a load of seaweed in forenoon and in afternoon was graining the entry with wife. We finished except varnishing.

Apr 18 – Cool wind. Spread manure in the forenoon and after dinner we went to market, 25 dozen eggs at 23 cents. The trial of the President is going on slowly. The frost is nearly all out.

Apr 19 – A few went to church. Henry Turner was in after a drink of cider.

Apr 20 – Dull and rainy. Wife varnished the entry, grainy.

Apr 21 – Hauled manure down in Varrell field for barley, 7 loads.

Apr 22 – Hauled some manure over to the other road, put up wall. Went to town at 5 to plough Brackett's garden. Got home at 9, Abbie went with me.

Apr 23 – Hauled rocks off from piece for early potatoes and got Levi W. Hall to help me plough in afternoon. Then it rained some. I went up and carried Levi W. Hall and wife Lucena Jane to move to Chelsea. (Lucena Jane is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen).

Apr 24 – Put up wall knocked down. Went to John A's to get bacon and to Sam Marden's to get ½ bushel of early Jackson's at 62 cents. Went to market with 25 dozen eggs at 23 cents and 8 ½ pounds poultry at 25 cents. (John A. Trefethen is living on Washington road in the old house near Sam Marden.)

Apr 25 – Rainy in forenoon and cleared up a little after dinner. Horace helped plough in the thirds. Have not planted anything yet. Some farmers have planted some early potatoes. Cold and wet.

Apr 26 – Cool and frosty this morning

Apr 27 – Hauled manure for the corn etc. Went to town and got 9 apple trees at 35 cents.

Apr 28 – Planted my first potatoes today, early Jacksons and Shemangos. Most people have put in a few. Hauled 3 loads manure for corn.

Apr 29 – Sowed my early peas today. Set out onions in the afternoon, plenty had for sowing. Horace L. Trefethen and Thaddy helping. (Thaddy is Horace's brother.)

Apr 30 – Spread manure and hauled rockweed for Horace. Finished ploughing for sowing, also ploughed for Horace.

May 1 – Ploughed in forenoon, Daniel helping with his horse for potatoes back of Gus Thomas's house. Went to market in afternoon, 25 dozen eggs at 24 cents, 13 ½ lbs. poultry at 23 cents.

May 2 – Working on the highway. Hauled 2 loads gravel from the sea in forenoon. When at noon it commenced raining gently and continued through the day. Set out some onions and made harrow teeth.

May 3 – Dull and wet. Saw John and wife go past from Newington. John Odiorne's wife had chill last Friday.

May 4 – Worked on the highway. Hauled 3 loads gravel from the sea (Long Point) in the evening. Went with Abbie over to see "Buggins" the superintendent of school committee to get a certificate. ("Buggins" is John Lear.)

May 5 – Broke up with Daniel helping with his horse over to the other road.

May 6 – Hauled manure on potatoes and spread it. Then went down to the sea got a load seaweed for the hens. Rainy some.

May 7 – Ploughed the most of the day for potatoes. Daniel Trefethen Jr. helping with horse back of Gus's field.

May 8 – Snow storm all the forenoon furiously. I was down to 31, below freezing. Went to market after dinner. 28 dozen eggs at 23 cents.

May 9 – Cleaned up round the old house in forenoon, fixed hens yard, sowed barley etc. There was a murder at Hampton Falls, an old man and wife by the name of Brown.

May 10 - Cool and pleasant.

May 11 – Sowed grass seed and harrowed it in and harrowed for potatoes and Thaddy helped me furrow for potatoes. After dinner went down to help Elvin Rand raise his large new house. (Elvin's home is on Brackett Road.)

May 12 – Cutting potatoes and planting them, wife helping. 2 bundles of Goodrick, 5 pairs Sebeck and 3 bundles of Chili. Went to town with Abbie and got some seedlings, 5 of Payne and 2 barrels clam shells.

May 13 – Finished planting potatoes in forenoon. Hauled 2 loads manure by Betsy's house and helped Daniel plough. He is sick from eating lobster.

May 14 – It rained all night furiously. Went down to the sea and got 2 loads of seaweed. It was quite rainy. Some had planted their corn before the rain.

May 15 – Rainy most of the day. Went down to the sands and got a shoe put on steer. Got a load of sand in forenoon. Sharpened the harrow teeth, made whiffletree. Have planted no corn. (Whiffletree or whippetree - a crossbar, pivoted at the middle, to which the traces of a harness are fastened for pulling a cart, carriage or plow.)

May 16 – Went to market in forenoon, 25 dozen eggs at 23 cents. Got some evergreen corn. Hauled out manure for cabbages and carrots and mangolds. The President was acquitted on the 11 article.

May 17 – Dull, wind east. Went over to Mr. Hartshorn's with Lizzie to get her hair cut. He is building a way for catching fish.

May 18 – It rained most of the day. Carried Abbie to the west end to commence her school there. Lizzie went today for the first time in earnest. I carried 4 or 5 of them down.

May 19 – Dull and rainy. Carried Lizzie and the others to school. Built a pair of doors in back side of old barn. John Odiorne raised his third barn today. (His farm was at the bottom of the hill at Trefethen's Corner.)

May 20 – Sent the steer and 2 heifers away to New Durham. Chesley was down and got them. Planted my cabbages today and put up wall and fixed the horse cart. (Possibly Simon L. Chesley of south Rye.)

May 21 – Furious northeast rain storm prevailed all day. Great quantities of water fell overflowing acres of land, the ground before was "full" of water. Made hinges and hook and staples, cleared up barn.

May 22 – Went to market.

May 23 – Rainy all day. The ground is full of water.

May 24 – Wet and unpleasant.

May 25 – Wet and muddy.

May 26 – Hauled manure over to the other road for corn.

May 27 – Harrowed for corn, Daniel helping ½ day with his horse.

May 28 – Planted corn today. The first I have yet planted this season. Daniel helping about 6000 hills.

May 29 – Planted for Daniel and for myself by Betsy's house. Went to market, had to go round the old way as the Sagamore Bridge is up. (The old way was down Elwyn Road to Lafayette then into Portsmouth.)

May 30 – It rained all last night and this morning. It is as wet as ever. Put box in wheel, white washed, built wall and hoed onions.

May 31 – Pleasant and warm. Albert Brackett was down.

Jun 1 – Went up to carry Abbie in morning. Hauled out manure for squashes and planted Harrison potatoes. Went down to John Seavey's.

Jun 2 – Finished ploughing this afternoon. Planted cucumbers.

Jun 3 – Got a bunch of oats of Ira Rand for \$1.00. Sowed them by Betsy's and also put in barley back of house. In afternoon went up and helped John and Daniel Webster raise their barn new. (Betsy's is the John Hobbs Webster farm.)

Jun 4 – Set out 9 apple trees, planted 1 pack of Cusco potatoes also 2 runs early beans, squashes etc. Hoed peas. Gilman D. and Julia Trefethen were married today. (Gilman is Supply's nephew and the son of Joseph P. Trefethen.)

Jun 5 – Sowed oats and grass seed. Planted sweet corn etc. Went to market in the afternoon. They are repairing the bridge yet and we had to go the old way.

Jun 6 – Very warm. Went down to the sea in the morning and got 10 or 12 lobsters and 2 lumps and a load of seaweed. Planted beans and snapping corn and mangolds and squashes.

Jun 7 – Wind northeast and raining gently.

Jun 8 – Harrowed for corn.

Jun 9 – Planted early Canada corn in low place over to the other road.

Jun 10 – Rainy, sowed carrots.

Jun 11 – Planted cucumbers, hoed early potatoes the first time. Put up wall, down tomorrow.

Jun 12 – Went to market, 25 dozen eggs at 23 cents. Rainy most of the day. Oiled harness (new). Deacon Shaplen was buried today.

Jun 13 – At work all day on old barn battening and making it tight. Charles Trefethen has been moving his barn. John Odiorne has built a new one.

Jun 14 – Pleasant and warm. Susan Walton and Alice Tucker were down and spent the day. Abbie went to meeting. Bickford and wife appeared out today.

Jun 15 – Hoed cabbages in the forenoon. Commenced getting in wood, wife helping.

Jun 16 – Getting in wood all day, wife helping. There is not 7 ½ tiers.

Jun 17 – Cultivated potatoes in forenoon and in afternoon cultivated corn over to the other road, Thaddy helping.

Jun 18 – Commenced hoeing corn, Horace and Thaddy helping all day and Joseph Seavey in the afternoon. We got it well started, it was rather grassy.

Jun 19 – Hoed corn in forenoon, Thaddy helping. Went to market in afternoon, 21 dozen eggs at 25 cents. Got 116 lbs. scraps at 3 cents.

Jun 20 – Very hot 90. Hoeing corn all day and finished except the small piece of lot I planted, Thaddy helping all day. Horace ½ day

Jun 21 – Rainy all afternoon. Went down to Sagamore House. John Odiorne and Daniel Trefethen Jr. went with me. They are not yet ready for boarders. (The Sagamore House was built on Frost's Point, Little Harbor around 1800)

Jun 22 – Rainy all day, wind northeast. Repaired horse barn and various other jobs. Went to town and got tomato plants of A. Scharles g. Trafton. Made a proposition to Albert Brackett Trefethen about buying him out. (Their father, Joseph, left the farm to both Albert Brackett and Supply upon his death in 1859.)

Jun 23 – I have planted cabbages and tomatoes and hoed potatoes and (early) corn was down in afternoon.

Jun 24 – Hoeing potatoes down back of Gus Thomas field. Went down to sea got load seaweed.

Jun 25 – Hoeing potatoes all forenoon, Thaddy helping. Finished and planted beans and corn. Very Hot, 85.

Jun 26 – Very Hot 90. Hoeing mangolds, carrots, did not come up and cultivate ground over to sow again. Went to market.

Jun 27 – Very Hot. Sowed carrots over today. Hoed late corn over to the other road. Aunt Tucker is down.

Jun 28 – Hot

Jun 29 – Warm, wind northeast. I mowed most of the day around the old house. Did not spread it out.

Jun 30 – Mended the shingling on the old barn. Raked up my hay. It has been excellent weather for hoeing but not good hay weather.

Jul 1 – Hoeing corn over to the other road, Thaddy helping.

Jul 2 – Got in first and 2nd loads hay today after finishing hoeing the corn.

Jul 3 – Went to market in morning and mowed some and got in 1 load hay back of house. Very Hot.

Jul 4 – Very hot, 92 in shade. Mowed some in morning and kept shady till 4 o'clock then got in 1 load and raked up what I had cut. Everybody was obliged to keep quiet for the heat.

Jul 5 – Hotter than ever, 93 in the shade. Wind northwest. Hard work to keep cool.

Jul 6 – Dull and cool. Got in some hay in the old barn. Then mowed most of the day by Betsy's house.

Jul 7 – Mowed in forenoon by Betsy's and in front of Daniel's, Horace helping ½ day.

Jul 8 – Warm and muggy. Hoed peas and potatoes etc. in front of house. Shod the horse. Went down to the sea and got load seaweed and 1 lobster.

Jul 9 – Dull. Hoed in forenoon. Went to town after dinner to market. Excellent growing time and cultivated the potatoes by Gus field.

Jul 10 – Not very good hay. Weather till after dinner so I did not open any but mowed most of the day and put up 27 bunches front of Daniel's. Got in 2 loads for Charles and 2 for Horace.

Jul 11 – Very hot, 90. Did not mow much today. Got in 7 loads, 5 in the barn and 2 at home. Put up over 100 bunches in 2 fields in front Charles and Daniel's. Went to town in evening.

Jul 12 – Very hot, 94 in shade. Supposed to be the hottest of the season.

Jul 13 – Hot. Cut most of further field and got in 6 loads in front of Charles's, Horace helping all day.

Jul 14 – Finished cutting further field and got 5 loads from there.

Jul 15 – Hottest Day ever. I saw 102 in shade at noon. Cut willow field, got two loads out of further field.

Jul 16 – Helped Daniel get in some 3 loads. We did not get in any today. Joseph W. Seavey came down and cut the most above the barn with machine for \$2.50

Jul 17 – Went to market with wife in morning. Eggs at 30 cents. Horace came up and tromped round ditches where Seavey cut with machine. We got in 3 loads in willow field.

Jul 18 – Cut the 4 beds over by the big pine, Horace and Daniel helping. Got in 7 loads above barn and helped Daniel get in 3 loads.

Jul 19 – Warm and muggy. Went over to Oliver P. Jenness with hens at 25 cents and eggs at 30 cents.

Jul 20 – Foggy and no hay weather. Hoed and transplanted cabbages and hoed carrots. Went down to the sea and got seaweed and lobster. I ought commence haying in June.

Jul 21 – Planted cucumbers, hoeing etc. Helped Horace got in 2 loads. Then he helped me get in 2 loads by the pine. Horace and I went to town.

Jul 22 – Cut the thirds but the weather is not good for haying. But we had a splendid shower just as night. Horace helped ½ day. The best hay weather is gone by.

Jul 23 – Mowed all day. Wind northeast. Not hay weather. Cut the old swamp and all in lower part of the field, Horace helping 3/4 day. Weed mangolds.

Jul 24 – Went to market in the morning. Chickens 33. Dull wind from northeast and no hay weather. Hoed mangolds and sweet corn. Went over to Gilman Berry's with seed sower and looked at corn.

Jul 25 – Dull and wind northeast. Sun came out a little while in afternoon opened and shook up hay in thirds and cocked it up. Repaired pump pans etc. Went over to Oliver P. Jenness's with hens and eggs. Eggs at 32 cents per dozen and hens at 25 cents per pound.

Jul 26 – Pleasant, wind north. A very good hay day but I am contemplating the importance of cutting grass early. I ought to have begun 25th of June when the weather began.

Jul 27 – Got in 6 loads hay, 3 in thirds, 3 in old swamp, Thaddy helping. Warm and muggy.

Jul 28 – Finished haying today. Got in 4 loads from old swamp, Thaddy helping. Paid him \$1.00 for 2 days.

Jul 29 – Hoeing mangolds and beans etc. Repaired wagon. Foggy.

Jul 30 – Foggy, not hay weather

Jul 31 – Went to market in the forenoon. Hoed carrots, potatoes and beans. Showery

Aug 1 – Went to town to carry Abbie then hoed potatoes. Willie Raynes was down and helping. Went up in evening and got Clara and Abbie.

Aug 2 – Very hot, 90 in shade. Did not go to church but kept cool at home. Clara came home last night.

Aug 3 – Fair weather. Washed wagon and got it ready to varnish. Hoed potatoes. “Varnished” the seat at night.

Aug 4 – Rainy in forenoon. Varnished wagon. Hoed carrots

Aug 5 – Dull. Hoed potatoes, mangolds etc. Fine growing weather. The masons are down to Little Harbor for 3 days, they came yesterday.

Aug 6 – Rainy. Whitewashed hen coop. Hoed potatoes. Dull. It is the worst hay weather I ever saw. There is yet a good deal to cut.

Aug 7 – Rainy all day. Went market with wife, eggs at 32 cents, but 35. Horatio Seymour of New York is Democratic candidate for President.

Aug 8 – Hoeing potatoes all day and finished them. Dull all day and a slight sprinkling of rain. At the town farm they are about ½ done haying and the grass is ripe.

Aug 9 – Rainy and wind south, quite wet. Read New York book etc.

Aug 10 – Cut oats and barley and hoed. Wind northwest, cool and breezy.

Aug 11 – Got in barley and oats and hoed. The town farm folks are about ½ done haying. Thaddy helped me get in the barley.

Aug 12 – Went to market in the forenoon with wife and carried some hens at 22 cents per pound and eggs at 30 cents. Clara went with us in the afternoon. Thaddy helped me hoe corn over to the other road.

Aug 13 – Hoeing corn all day, Thaddy helping and gave 50 cents. It is quite grassy and hard work. Some are cutting their salt hay.

Aug 14 – Hoeing all day on corn and finished it for the 3rd time, Thaddy helping. Abbie’s examination day at the west school.

Aug 15 – Went to market with wife and mother and carried chickens for her and 3 hens. Farm hens 22 cents per pound, chickens 32 cents per pound. Went over to the south end and carried chickens 35 cents per pound and eggs at 32 cents per dozen. Brought Abbie home with her trunk.

Aug 16 – Rainy, wind north. Good growing weather.

Aug 17 – Commenced working for Joseph R. Holmes on drain. (Joseph R. Holmes was living on Sagamore Ave.)

Aug 18 - Working for Holmes. Went up to the brewery at noon and got a drink of ale.

Aug 19 – Work for J.R. Holmes. It is fine growing weather and everything looks well. Potatoes are rather light.

Aug 20 – Went down to the sea and got load seaweed with horse and got 8 lobsters, enough for a mess. Cut weeds and plowed where I had peas. About 6 a shower came down on us.

Aug 21 – Cut 2nd crop in front of Charles. Went to market just as night.

Aug 22 – Cut 2nd crop back of Betsy's and by the old house. Went down to Charles Odiorne's to get cow. Went over to the south end with eggs, at 30 cents and chickens at 35 cents. Clara and Emily went with us.

Aug 23 – Very warm, 2nd crop drying finely. Joseph Holmes after me to go to work tomorrow. Daniel Webster went to carry Clara to ride. Lizzie Warren went by.

Aug 24 – Worked for J.R. Holmes putting in the drain in the mill pond.

Aug 25 – Cutting salt marsh, Daniel and Horace helping. Cut the most of the mill marsh, most everybody are cutting at this time.

Aug 26 – Finished cutting mill marsh, Horace helping in the forenoon. Got in a load of 2nd crop.

Aug 27 – Worked for Joseph R. Holmes and finished the top of the cistern. He paid me \$11.25 for 5 days work. Very warm.

Aug 28 – Mowed on the Varrell marsh in forenoon. Raked on the mill marsh in afternoon alone. Horace had "Flora Temple" all day. Hot.

Aug 29 – Raked on mill marsh and finished cutting Varrell marsh and hauled home on load second crop and went to market.

Aug 30 – Hot and dry. Went down to mothers and repaired Clara's trunk.

Aug 31 – Carried Abbie over to Perry Garland’s. She is to commence a private school at the west today. Raked on the mill marsh in the evening. Carried Clara to town to go to Boston.

Sept 1 – Rainy and dull. Did not go to the marsh. We had a shower in the afternoon. Repaired the cart and shook apples etc. A company came to Sagamore House from Salem.

Sept 2 – Went to the marsh all day, Horace and Thaddy helping. Got hay all off the mill marsh and 3 loads home.

Sept 3 – Had Moses cattle and hauled load salt hay and one with horse making 6 with horse and 1 with oxen. On the mill marsh in afternoon. Raked the Varrell marsh and hauled one load home.

Sept 4 – Rainy and dull all day. Went to market with wife.

Sept 5 - Repaired shingling and various other jobs too numerous to mention. Went to town at night. Brought home Adeline’s valise and her Beau. (Clara’s middle name is Adeline and her beau is Michael Henry McGraw.)

Sept 6 – Quite warm. John and family went past. Went down in the woods to please the woman of the house.

Sept 7 – Went and carried Abbie over to Perry Garland’s and then to North Hampton to get a job on Lang’s house and agreed to go to work on it when they commence the last of the month.

Sept 8 – Cut some oats for Daniel Trefethen. Picked apples for cider. The fair commenced at the Rockingham Park today.

Sept 9 – Went to the fair at 9 o clock and stayed till 2 when it commenced to rain and came home. They were intending to make a great display if rain had held away.

Sept 10 – Rainy most of the day

Sept 11 – Dull and rainy. Went to market and did various other jobs round about the plantation.

Sept 12 – Dull in forenoon. Made a buttress and shod horse etc. Picked 11 bushels apples for cider. Went over to O. Pierson’s with chickens, 5 lbs. at 35 cents, 5 dozen eggs at 29 cents.

Sept 13 – Dull and foggy. The ground is very wet.

Sept 14 – Picked apples for cider and dry Cusco potatoes. Got 8 bushes from 1 piece. Also dug early Jackson and Shenongoes.

Sept 15 – Picking apples and hauling them to mill, 44 bushels. My wife's 2 uncles are to make it and will grind them tonight. Dolly put in 2 bushels. (Her uncles are Charles W. and Edward W. Tucker. They have a farm in Portsmouth.)

Sept 16 – Went to town in morning and got 40 gallon cask and keg and jug to fill and at 3 o'clock went up again and carried them. L. Ackerman had 40 gallons at \$5.00 per barrel the other at 20 cents per gallon.

Sept 17 – Digging potatoes. Went to town and carried 40 gallons cider to L. Ackerman.

Sept 18 – Digging Sebeck potatoes.

Sept 19 – Hauled a load salt hay. Dug some potatoes, Sebeck are badly rotten. Went up to town at night and carried some cider to Captain Pray. Got scraps, 112 lbs. at 3 cents. (I would think he is writing about John Samuel (Captain) Pray.)

Sept 20 – Brackett was down and carried him up at night. It rained quite fast.

Sept 21 – Quite cool, frost. Carried Abbie over to Perry Garland's. Due 25 bushels of Goodrick potatoes, Nellie helped pick.

Sept 22 – Finished digging Goodrick potatoes today. Got in all 38 bushels.

Sept 23 – Rainy and wet. General repairing.

Sept 24 – Cutting stocks till 4. Sold a cow to Charles Brackett and drove her up for 51 dollars.

Sept 25 – Rainy all last night and then in the forenoon. Went to market in the afternoon.

Sept 26 – Repaired a vinegar barrel etc. in the forenoon. Pulled beans in the afternoon. At night went and got Abbie with her trunk.

Sept 27 – It commenced raining in the night and continued all day steadily. Wife sick with pain in face.

Sept 28 – It was rainy and dull and could do nothing out doors in forenoon. Cleared off after dinner. Dug my Harrison potatoes and got 5 ½ bushels from ½ pack of seed.

Sept 29 – Dug 12 bushels of Chili potatoes, Nellie picked. Pulled beans in the forenoon and finished cutting stocks. (Nellie is Charles F. Trefethen's daughter and she is 12 years old.)

Sept 30 – Finished digging Chili potatoes and got 35 bushels, Nellie helping in the afternoon. They did not turn out much.

Oct 1 – In the forenoon tied up stocks and shucked them, Horace helping. Picked apples after dinner.

Oct 2 – Went to market in forenoon, Grammy went with me. Afternoon picked apples for cider.

Oct 3 – Went to town in morning to get specifications for building reservoir and drain. Picked apples for cider and got 37 bushels. Quite warm.

Oct 4 – Heavy frost last night, pleasant today.

Oct 5 – Dug potatoes in forenoon and in afternoon. Hauled apples over to my two uncles to make cider, had 38 bushels. Went to town to get cask of Frye to fill for him.

Oct 6 – Dug seedling potatoes in forenoon and finished digging and have got in 120 bushels of all kinds viz; “Goodrick”, “Sebic”, “Shenongoes”, “Jacksons”, “Cusco”, “Harrison”, “Chili”, “White” and “Prince Albert”. Went to town at night to carry cider.

Oct 7 – Got in small potatoes and picked apples. Got cider, 3 barrels and made out a proposal for building the reservoir and drain for the City of Portsmouth and at night carried it up.

Oct 8 – Picked apples, Baldwins and Pearmains and went to town and found that my bid for the reservoir and drain was accepted. Contract to be signed Saturday.

Oct 9 – Got in all the corn today, seven good loads, Horace, Daniel and Thaddy helping. We helped Daniel gather his apples. (They are referring to Daniel J. Trefethen who was Horace and Thaddeus's brother. Daniel was handicapped and was unable to walk or talk.)

Oct 10 – Went to town to market. Made contract with City to build reservoir and drain for \$573.00 and examined the ground and shall begin Monday with 3 men. Husked corn last night.

Oct 12 – Commenced my job of building reservoir and drain for City of Portsmouth. We went down 9 feet today, 4 of us and struck water.

Oct 13 – Drying drain and making box.

Oct 14 – Digging drain and making box. We have got no pump.

Oct 15 – Rainy and did not go to town today. Picked apples etc.

Oct 16 – Got pump and pumped out reservoir and dug down 4 feet when it caved in so badly that we were compelled to adopt some other method.

Oct 17 – Stormy and we worked today and made curb and a platform at first into the reservoir. It snowed 3 hours and at night it was freezing cold.

Oct 18 – Cold, down to 24 and freeze the apples on the trees and there are a great many on the trees yet.

Oct 19 – Made preparations and put in curb and sump it to one foot.

Oct 20 – Sunk the reservoir 2 feet and stoned it up 4 feet and put in a short piece of drain. Had the City officers down pronouncing it right.

Oct 21 – Stoned up the reservoir up to within 4 feet of top and used up all stone.

Oct 22 – Dug out and put in 2 lengths of drain.

Oct 23 – Put in 3 pieces of drain boxing. It has been cold for the season.

Oct 24 – Dig out today for 70 feet of drain but had hardly time to get in any, so we had to leave on the ground.

Oct 25 – Cool and pleasant

Oct 26 – Pumped all forenoon and got the water down to $\frac{1}{2}$ the depth of box. Then put what we had dug out Saturday and 20 feet more.

Oct 27 – Put in 70 feet of drain, digging it out and filling up mostly.

Oct 28 – Put in 50 feet of drain to bank.

Oct 29 – Put in 24 feet of drain from the bank of pond out.

Oct 30 – Put down “Dam” for the end of drain and got ready to complete it tomorrow if good luck attends us. Went out to see about the road to be let out Monday.

Oct 31 – Finished laying drain today. Put 30 feet at the further end and stoned up the reservoir to top of ground. Went over to Rye to see the piece of road to be let out Monday.

Nov 1 – Southeast storm, strong breeze. Albert B. Trefethen was down.

Nov 2 – Rainy and snow. Went over and bid on a piece of road that was let out today by the town. It was let to Richard P. Goss for \$4.50 per rod.

Nov 3 – Went to election this afternoon. Went to town and got barrels for cider and carried to Charles W. Tucker.

Nov 4 – Went to town to work on reservoir. Built up the wall and used up all the stone I had and got the frame. Bought some stone of Captain Barnes. C. Lang hauled 2 casks cider to town today.

Nov 5 – Finished up the reservoir today and carried in my bill. It came on to rain at 3 o'clock and the committee did not examine it.

Nov 6 – Hauled home my cider, 3 barrels, making in all now in cellar 8 barrels.

Nov 7 – Went to town with cabbages, 9 dozen at 75 cents and also went to market, eggs 38 per.

Nov 8 – Rainy.

Nov 9 - Rainy and did not go to town. The city authorities were going to test the reservoir today but rain prevented.

Nov 10 – Rainy all day and very muddy. I was doing general repairs.

Nov 11 – Rainy all day and repairing generally.

Nov 12 – Went to town and cleaned up tools and carried them home and built fence at the old house, Horace helping.

Nov 13 – Got in Butts, C. Lang helping ½ day. Helped Howard Frisbee start the Betsy house off cellar. (A tree's butt is often referred to by loggers as the bottom log of a felled tree.)

Nov 14 – Went to market in forenoon. Got in Butts in afternoon. Joseph William Seavey has bought a new horse.

Nov 15 – Went down and examined new road to be built at east end of Wallis Sands. (On some old maps the East end of Wallis Road was called Wallis Sands Road.)

Nov 16 – Went over to Lang's to see about work and also to see about sleep in afternoon. The new road across Dow's marsh was let to Emery Woodman for \$12.95 per rod.

Nov 17 – Went to town to Frank Jones about work on his new building and agreed to work for him. Received of the city of Portsmouth \$300.00, as part pay for building reservoir. Hauled out manure. (This is the Portsmouth Frank Jones who owned the brewery.)

Nov 18 – Rainy all day. At work in shop etc.

Nov 19 – Rainy but went to town to market.

Nov 20 – Went to town twice and got stock left on reservoir. Edward Caswell went with me.

Nov 21 – Hauling out manure. Went to town. Helped Howard Frisbee raise his house up for the underpinning.

Nov 22 – Dull and likely for a snow storm. Charles F. Trefethen and Clara went to ride. (His daughter Clara is 10 years old.)

Nov 23 – Hauling out manure and partly filled up the cellar in field by Aunt Lottie's. (Lottie is the wife of Nathaniel T. Trefethen, Supply's father's brother.)

Nov 24 – Went up in the morning expecting to work for Frank Jones but it is city election day and we expect to begin tomorrow. Went to market at night. Finished hauling manure and hauled a load dirt round house.

Nov 25 – Commenced for Frank Jones on his Malt House to be 50 x 28 feet. He was elected Mayor by 67 majority.

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day and rainy most of the day. The afternoon was very stormy but cleared off at 7:30 am. Did up Clara's around the castle, had chicken for dinner.

Nov 27 – Worked for Frank Jones, Edward Caswell hauling sand.

Nov 28 – Worked for Jones. Paid William Willey a note of \$50.00 and \$15.00 interest for 5 years.

Nov 29 – Cool and pleasant. All hands looking at Daniel Trefethen's now 2 horse rigging.

Nov 30 – Put on sills and floor timbers today. Daniel Jr. was gone to Boston.

Dec 1 – Got on the sides and put them together.

Dec 2 – Raised the body of the coop.

Dec 3 – Put on the roof and commenced boarding.

Dec 4 – Finished the most of the boarding except the pieces.

Dec 5 – Snowing most of the day but we worked all day and finished boarding the malt house.

Dec 6 – Snowy and cold.

Dec 7 – Commenced clapboarding the malt house and 8 of us went over about ½ of it today.

Dec 8 – Finished working for Frank Jones got out of stock and got done finished clapboarding. Lang's house blew down last night, it was boarded and shingled.

Dec 9 – Hauled a load sand up to Frank Jones for scouring and making mortar, charged him \$3.00.

Dec 10 – Went to market with wife and tried to make a trade with Jones for finishing his building but no go. Agreed to clapboard the Sagamore House for \$40.00.

Dec 11 – Went to town, Abbie went with me. Settled up for building the reservoir for the received \$273.00 balance due. Tried to make a trade for lathing Sagamore House.

Dec 12 – Went to town to see Luther Heard, about doing the lathing at the Sagamore House. He is to decide Monday, mother went with me.

Dec 13 – Cold and windy. Eating popcorn and cider.

Dec 14 – Hauled out some wood in forenoon and after dinner. Carried wife and Lizzie over to grandmothers, then went down to Sagamore House and saw Heard and agreed to lath the house, \$162 for me.

Dec 15 – Killed hog today, Horace and Edward Caswell helping. He weighed 562 lbs. the heaviest hog we ever killed.

Dec 16 – Cut up hog in forenoon. Went to market with wife.

Dec 17 – Salted hog and 500 other jobs. Aunt Lottie is very sick

Dec 18 – Ed Caswell and I went to the sea and hauled up 8 loads and 2 home which spoiled the day. Cold and pleasant.

Dec 19 – Went to Sagamore House and agreed to commence lathing Monday. Then went to market with wife and got new pair of boots. Aunt Lottie died today. (Charlotte “Lottie” Jewel Trefethen wife of Nathaniel Tucker Trefethen. Nathaniel was Supply’s uncle.)

Dec 20 – Snow storm and wind southeast. Abbie was up and Thaddy with new calf.

Dec 21 – Went to town.

Dec 23 – Commenced lathing the Sagamore House by job for \$1.62 per man, Horace is helping. There will be required about 50 men.

Dec 24 – Lathing at Sagamore. The proprietors are making preparations for a shooting match tomorrow. We have had no snow of consequence this winter.

Dec 25 – Went to town and paid Albert B. Trefethen \$31.00 for corn and money borrowed to pay John last spring.

Dec 26 – Lathing at the Sagamore, Horace helping. We got on 16 hundred. (1600 feet or pieces of wood lath laid.)

Dec 27 – Clouding up for a snow storm, wind northeast. Few went to church today.

Dec 28 – Lathing a Sagamore House, Horace helping. Edward Caswell hauled a load of seaweed and shells. We have had no snow yet.

Dec 29 – 31 Missing.

1869

Jan 4 – Lathing at Sagamore, Howard Frisbee and Horace helping. Edward Caswell hauled 1 load of seaweed. Snowy and hard traveling.

Jan 5 – Lathing. Edward Caswell helping with seaweed.

Jan 6 – Mild and pleasant for the season. Lathing.

Jan 7 – Went over to see Lang's to take his lathing by the job but he was afraid to let it out. Went to market with wife. Saw navy agent's clerk about wheelbarrow.

Jan 8 – Commenced clapboarding the Sagamore house today, Horace helping. We covered about ½ of one side. Very warm and the sleighing is spoiled.

Jan 9 – Clapboarding and lathing. Received of Tarlton \$15.00. Foggy and dull all day, the ground is almost bare.

Jan 10 – Warm and muddy and has the appearance of winter.

Jan 11 – Clapboarding at Sagamore. Snow, hail and sleet commenced at night. It is very mild for the season. We have had to use wheels all winter except 4 or 5 days so far.

Jan 12 – Snowy and windy and did not go down to the Sagamore till 8 o'clock. We lathed the rest of the day. It cleared off and was quite pleasant. There is now about 2 inches of snow and ice and good doing.

Jan 13 – Lathing Sagamore House. Pleasant and good sleighing, 2 inches snow. Lizzie Wallace is 6 years old today. She is now quite a good reader and spells and defines and makes figures and can count most 100 and can play and wash the dishes and various other jobs. She is 43 inches tall.

Jan 14 – Went to market and to see Frank Jones about hewing his timber for barn, Horace and the rest of them worked today.

Jan 15 – Clapboarding at Sagamore, about ½ done. Splendid sleighing though the ground is barely covered. Edward Caswell is hauling seaweed.

Jan 16 – Splendid day and splendid sleighing. Went to town to see Frank Jones about furnishing timber and offered to finish and delivered at his place for \$22.00 but got no definite answer.

Jan 17 – Pleasant and warm but cool enough to keep the sleighing. Talked of going to town but did not go. It is very nice winter weather.

Additions:

Apr 9, 1869 – John Grover buys the Town Farm on Sagamore road.

Apr 10, 1869 - Samuel A. Trefethen, brother of Supply, dies on this day.

(There were no more entries of this diary found.)

1870

Jan 1 – Worked for Joseph Parsons Trefethen. In evening went over to Charles Hall's to a New Year supper. Rain came on and we got sprinkled coming. (Charles Hall is living across the road from Joseph Parsons Trefethen on Wallis road.)

Jan 2 – Rainy all day with wind East and warm.

Jan 3 – Worked for Joseph P. Trefethen on ships decks in Fernald's yard.

Jan 4 – Worked for Joseph P. Trefethen.

Jan 5 - Worked for Joseph P. Trefethen and finished. Had some talk with Sam Clark about a job.

Jan 8 – Went up and settled with Joseph P. and received \$45.00 today and ten before making \$55.00 for 22 days work. Settled with him for the Homestead today, he signing the receipt.

Jan 9 – Snow came down yesterday and today. The sleighing is quite good.

Jan 13 – Lizzie Wallace is 7 years today. For particulars look in book for 1869.

Jan 17 – Aunt Levia died today at 10 o'clock. Worked for William Willey shaving sled. (She was the aunt of Supply's wife Mary and was the wife of Mary's uncle Joseph Michael Tucker.)

Jan 18 – Went up tonight to the annual meeting of M.P. Union store. John Webster and Abbie are going with me.

Jan 19 – Went to Aunt Levia was buried today at 3 in afternoon. (Levia (Leach) Tucker was the wife of Joseph Michael Tucker and was 47 years old.)

Jan 20 – Worked for William Willey shaving sled. Got a load of boards in part pay.

Jan 21 – Finished my cart today. Pleasant.

Jan 22 – Went to market.

Jan 23 – Warm and pleasant and muddy, traveling few. Went to church.

Jan 24 – Warm and pleasant, like April.

Jan 25 – Warm and pleasant. The fleet was bringing the remains of George Peabody from England. The English iron clad “Monarch” in which were the remains and the “U.S.S. Plymouth”. He is to be carried to Peabody over the Eastern Road in a special train. (George Peabody – (February 18, 1795 – November 4, 1869) Was an American financier and philanthropist. He is widely regarded as the father of modern philanthropy.)

Jan 26 – Warm. Hauling apple tree wood from further field for Edward Caswell to cut up.

Jan 27 – Worked for William Willey getting out timber to go to mill. It was blown down per the gale. Very warm and no frost in the ground except in woods.

Jan 28 – Worked for William Willey ½ day getting out timber. After dinner wife and I and Lizzie went to town to see the funeral train of George Peabody go through. We were disappointed, it goes through next Tuesday.

Jan 29 – Went to town today and Abbie went with me. It was dull and chilly with a southeast wind. At noon snow began to fall slowly but quite damp and much of it melted at first but by night it had gained 2 inches.

Jan 30 – Snow came down last night to the depth of 10 or 12 inches and today it is pleasant and windy, northwest. We can now have good sleighing if the weather is favorable. Two went to the meeting.

Jan 31 – This is the last day of January but in fact it may be said to be the beginning of winter. Cold and stern winter with 12 to 14 inches of snow on the ground and north chilly wind and no path in the highway. It makes an excellent excuse for keeping round the fire.

Feb 1 – Topped my boots and did various jobs round the premises. John C. Webster and others broke out the road.

Feb 2 – Went to town with my wife to market. Had 13 dozen eggs at 25 cents per dozen. Load since Saturday. Went to William S. Willey's and got some stock for window stools and sashes. 68 feet at 2 2/5 cents per foot, \$1.63. (William is living in the 3rd Ward in Portsmouth.)

Feb 3 – At work on sash to go over the great barn door on the west end. Lights 8 x 12, 16 inch in number. Cold, north wind blowing. No travel and scarcely on the highway. 120 hens laid 47 eggs today, the most of any day this season.

Feb 4 – Finished the sash for barn doors and got out some wood for window frames for the small windows over eastern doors.

Feb 5 – Our hens have averaged for the last week 39 eggs per day at 26 cents per dozen. Went to town and got sashes and glass for the barn. Carried Yeaton up and brought down ½ barrel of flour for Howard Frisbee. (Howard is living near Trefethen's Corner on Sagamore road with his wife Mary E.)

Feb 6 – Quite mild and pleasant and south wind. Mr. Maine's two horse team went past here today carrying Mary Odiorne. "Oh dear it was so dreadful."

Feb 7 – Finished my west end window frame. Shod "Labosky". Went to town to market with wife and got some paint, eggs 26 cents.

Feb 8 – Put in windows on the east end of the barn when a furious snow storm came down. In the evening it was the most violent of any during the season coming in a perfect fury.

Feb 9 – Made a sink, set glass in barn window and did many other jobs too numerous to mention. The surveyor and his gang were breaking the highway and I had to give them some warm cider to cheer.

Feb 10 – Put in window over doors and the west end of the barn. It lets in goodly quantity of light being 16 squares, 8 x 12. It took me the most of the day with the care of the animals. 120 hens lay from 40 to 56 eggs per day.

Feb 11 – Put in cross bar in west end and hooked the doors. Went to market with wife and carried meat, potatoes, eggs etc. 15 dozen eggs at 26 cents and 60 cents per bushel for potatoes. Pork is 19 cent per lb. Not very good sleighing.

Feb 12 – Rainy this morning with wind south. Paid Horace Trefethen \$5.00 for labor on the barn last year. Working on the barn and round the plantation.

Feb 13 – Cool and windy, northwest wind. Bad sleighing as the road is badly punched full of holes by the horses yesterday. I hung my hooks and pipes. There is yet plenty of snow on the ground.

Feb 14 – Dull and cool, very good sleighing. Wife and I went over to Hampton Mills to see if they would saw some logs for Abbie and Clara. Agreed with George Leroy to haul them.

Feb 15 – Went down and cut off 17 logs and hauled them out by the road, Horace helping saw and Leroy with his team hauled them out and a small load home.

Feb 16 – Helped Leroy got a load of logs in morning. Took care of barn etc. and went to market with wife. Eggs 27 and 28 cents. Potatoes 60 cents per bushel.

Feb 17 – Our 120 hens lay from 45 and 59 eggs a day. Leroy went to mill with a load of logs. Horace and I went down in the woods cutting off shingle stock for Abbie.

Feb 18 – Rainy all day and night fixing a place to turn the 3 year old heifer “Eliot” loose as she is expected to calf. Cleaned up things generally.

Feb 19 – It rained all last night and now the sleighing is all destroyed and we have to resort to wheels and hard at that. Went to town to market. Eggs 28 cents- got 55 tonight.

Feb 20 – Very mild and pleasant wind southeast. Bad traveling and only one wagon went to church carrying sinners to repentance.

Feb 21 – Rainy most of the day ending in a rapid snow storm at 3 o clock. Went up and got Clara at George Rayne’s. It soon began to freeze and by 9 in the evening it was a howling northwester.

Feb 22 – Hauled wood all day, Daniel helping. Had Grover’s cattle and hauled 7 loads. George Leroy went to mill with logs and I went down and helped him load for tomorrow. Edward Caswell is here.

Feb 23 – Carried Daniel to Stratham in forenoon. After dinner went down in the woods for Abbie cutting off timber and shingle stock. Went with Clara to Thomas J. Parsons for her to sign the deeds of wood lots.

Feb 24 – Went down in the woods for Abbie cutting and hauling timber together for hewing. Levi W. Hall commenced cutting wood by the cord at \$1.00 per cord. Played Euchre in evening.
(Levi Hall was Charles F. Trefethen’s son-in-law.)

Feb 25 – Cold and windy and worked about the plantation. Edward Caswell sawing wood. Thought to go to market but the northwester was too much. Got 57 eggs from 120 hens today.

Feb 26 – Went to market with wife and Clara. Cold and rough, had to take wagon and some went in sleighs. Eggs 30 cents per dozen. Made an application to go on the yard.

Feb 27 – Cool and hazy with signs of snow. Two wagons went to church. Daniel came back last night.

Feb 28 – Snowy all day but not very fast. Went over to William S. Willey and got some boards, 5'4" foot, made a door for horse house etc.

Mar 1 – Thought of going down in the woods but could not find anybody to go with me. Agreed with Gilman D. to go tomorrow. George Leroy went to the mill with logs and brought back a load of boards. (Gilman D. and George Leroy were Supply's cousins living on Wallis Road with their father Joseph P.)

Mar 2 – Went down in the woods hewing, Gilman helping. Horace was down a little while. Levi W. Hall is cutting the wood by the cord.

Mar 3 – Hewing, Gilman helping. We got along very well.

Mar 4 – Went to market with wife and carried Clara to Portsmouth. Carried 22 dozen eggs at 28 cents per dozen. The hens lay about 55 eggs in a day.

Mar 11 – Went to market with wife and Clara. Carried in all 32 ½ dozen eggs at 27 cents, potatoes are 45 cents per bushel. There is strong talk of special payments being resumed very soon. Some are paying the most are in New York.

Mar 12 – Was not very well this morning but managed to find enough to do until 10:30 when George Raynes came down and I had to entertain him and carried him to town at 3:30. Got the New York Herald and a furious snow storm.

Mar 13 – Furious snow storm, northeast. Clara and Abbie were up last night to play euchre with John till 9. No travel today.

Mar 14 – Breaking out the roads. Carried Clara to town for Boston. The roads were blockaded with snow and the 10 train got off the track and an hour late. News of an English mail steamer's running in to the U.S.S. Oneida, 160 ton. (Clara is living with her husband, Michael Henry McGraw in Boston.)

Mar 15 – Hewing for Abbie in lower pasture. Warm enough to work but not bad on the sleighing. Daniel Jr. was exercising Charles Odiorne's horse which had eaten ½ bushel of meal.

Mar 16 – Finished hewing for Abbie, Gilman helping. Piled it all up as well as we could. A furious southeast snow storm came on at 5 and we came home. Levi W. Hall finished cutting the wood, 17 ½ cords.

Mar 17 – Went to market with wife, eggs 26 cent per dozen, had 30 dozen. Good sleighing. Went over to mill to see if the boards were sawed but they were not. Wife and Lizzie went to Elizabeth's to sit while I am in. (Sarah Elizabeth is living on Wallis Road toward Rye Center with her husband William Ira Holmes.)

Mar 18 – Snowy most all day, wind northeast and good sleighing. Worked in the shop making whippetrees etc. Edward Caswell is here cutting wood.

Mar 19 – Went to town with Abbie. Saw everybody and dined at Rand's with Great A. Locke. Sold "Eliot's" calf to Charles Brackett for \$8.50. School meeting this afternoon. (This may be Aaron Locke.)

Mar 20 – Very warm and pleasant. The snow dissolved rapidly and no one can prevent it from doing so. "Little Eliot" gave about 12 lbs. milk this morning.

Mar 21 – Had Billy Harrison's cattle and hauled wood from the lot back of James Varrell's. Daniel helped me after he got back from town with money for Charles F. Trefethen to buy land of John Grover. (It was 7 acres and was located somewhere on the east side of Sagamore road near the Varrell cemetery.)

Mar 22 – Went to Charles A. Odiorne's hewing by the thousand (\$5.50) about 3 thousand, Horace and Gilman helping. Daniel went down with us to work for Charles. Warm and Pleasant. (Charles A. is living on Pioneer road near Odiorne's Point.)

Mar 23 – We went down to Odiorne's and worked ½ day. The northwest wind being so severe we came home at noon. Commenced to make a troth for the beasts of the fields to drink from.

Mar 24 – Bold blows the blast across the moor. The old northwester continues. Went to market with wife and carried 32 dozen eggs at 26 cents per dozen and 2 bushels of potatoes at 52 cents per bushel. Hard wheeling and rough.

Mar 25 – Finished my troth and split out stove stuff. Hauled home cherry tree from Varrell field etc. Cold and windy northwest wind.

Mar 26 – Went to Little Harbor hewing, Horace and Gilman helping. I judged we hewed 1000 feet of pine timber today. We can finish in one day more. Charles Odiorne has gone away.

Mar 27 – Cold northeast weather with a prospect of snow and rain. We all admire to hover round the stove. James T. Varrell was here this morning. Going to Sandy Beach.

Mar 28 – Wind northeast and raining. Working in shop repaired and rigged the horse cart and made hen coop etc. Rainy all day. Went at night over to see Moses Garland about hewing and agreed to go for \$1.70 per tree. (Moses is living with his wife Adeline on Garland road.)

Mar 29 – Went to market this afternoon and carried 31 dozen eggs at 26 cents. Carried up stockings for Abbie.

Mar 30 – Hauling shingles from the mill for Abbie. There is 14 thousand in all. I judged 3 thousand would be mine. Hauled 3 load about 9 thousand with the horses.

Mar 31 – Went down to Charles Odiorne's and finished hewing. Had 3182 feet at \$5.50 per thousand feet. He was married last Saturday in New Castle. Gave me \$15.00 towards the hewing. (Charles A. married Anzolitte A. (Bell) on March 26th.)

Apr 1 – Commenced hewing a barn frame for Moses Garland, Horace and Gilman are helping. We got \$1.75 per day and hewed about 1500 feet.

Apr 2 – Worked for Moses Garland hewing barn frame. Sent to town by Joseph William Seavey to get my papers, he wanted to get the Herald. (Joseph is living on Sagamore road near Lang's Corner with his wife Mary A. (Philbrick) Seavey.)

Apr 3 – Wind northeast, prospect of a storm and very chilly. Nothing has happened today that is worth mentioning here.

Apr 4 – Rain and snow all day. Topped my shoes and various other jobs too numerous to mention. We have now 120 hens and got in one week 40 dozen eggs.

Apr 5 – Went to market with wife and carried eggs at 27 cents per dozen and butter at 35 cents per lb. The heifer "Eliot" made 4½ gallons of milk a week. I sold 2 bushels of early Rose potatoes to Joseph W. Seavey and J. Curtis Philbrick for \$4.00.

Apr 6 – Rainy all day. At work on the cultivator etc. Went to William Caswell's and got 8 bushels of clam shells at 17 cents per bushel.

Apr 7 – Fast Day and dull at that. Hewing bars and bar parts etc. all day. Thought of going to hew for Moses Garland but all things prevented.

Apr 8 – Went to hew for Moses Garland and Horace helping. Gilman did not go but into the seaweed heels over head.

Apr 9 – Hewing for Moses Garland and have got it all done except king posts and collar beams and I have got done. I have so much to do I shall not go anymore. Horace will finish it.

Apr 10 – Very warm and pleasant. The frost is all out and the roads are quite dry and the prospect now is that they will plant soon. Albert B. Trefethen was down today, Daniel J. Trefethen Jr. also.

Apr 11 – Went to market with wife and carried 32 dozen eggs at 27 cents per dozen, 4 lbs. butter at 35 cents per lb. Got meal and shirts and oats etc. and got home at noon. Went up again at night and got a barrel of lime for building chimney in the shop.

Apr 12 – A regular northeast rain storm and Daniel and I built a round chimney in the shop up to the floor setting a boiler. Edward Caswell was cleaning bricks.

Apr 13 – Finished building chimney in shop in the forenoon. After dinner we took down the chimney in the “L” of the house. Daniel went to the sea and got some sand. I went to town and got a load of sand.

Apr 14 – Built the chimney in the “L” today to the top and we had a sunny days work. Edward Caswell cleaned the bricks for us. Getting the old chimney out is a great improvement in that part.

Apr 15 – Shingled round the chimney and set step at horses door and spread manure. Went to harriet and paid them for sawing Abbie’s boards, paid \$10.25. Brought Abbie home from Perry Garland’s.

Apr 16 – Went to market with wife with 28 dozen eggs at 27 cents and 4 lbs. butter at 35 cents. Got 1 bushel of corn, 2 of shorts, 1 ½ oats and 1 ½ of meal. Engaged pasturing for the colt and hunted after pigs but could not find any.

Apr 17 – Rainy and wind northeast but not very furious. Billy Harrison and boy went to meeting solitary and only one other wagon went by here only.

Apr 18 – Rainy and wind northeast. Went to town and got apparatus for boring pumps and Daniel and I bored it in good style. The piece was very crooked but still we had good luck.

Apr 19 – Rainy. Furred for finishing in middle room. Finished the whiffletree for William S. Willey and various other jobs.

Apr 20 – Rainy. Went to town and carried the boring implements. Got laths and beef. Lathed the middle room and put up the mantel piece.

Apr 21 – Rainy and wind northeast. Went to town and got lime of Albert B. Trefethen for plastering and Daniel put it on. I cleaned up the shop, took down the old chimney and shingled up in the roof.

Apr 22 – Warm and pleasant. Put up wall and spread manure etc., Edward Caswell helping. Daniel hauled two loads shingles from steam mill to old barn. Albert Brackett has taken the job of laying the bricks on Rockingham House.

Apr 23 – Put up walls and bars, Edward Caswell helping. Went to market at afternoon with wife. We sold this week 39 dozen eggs besides setting 2 hens and eating several dozen.

Apr 24 – Warm and pleasant. Albert B. Trefethen was down. Lizzie went to church with Nellie and Abbie. (Abbie Clark is 27, Nellie is Charles F.s daughter and is 15 and Lizzie is 7.)

Apr 25 – Rainy. Daniel and I laid part of the under floor in middle room. Laid a stone to split wood on. Hewed out pump etc.

Apr 26 – Went to Portsmouth and carried Daniel to go to Boston and Abbie to go to the Teachers Institute, now in session there. Daniel went out at 9. Got my pump boxes. Went up at night and got boards for the floor. Sold 10 dozen eggs at 22 cents per dozen.

Apr 27 – Hauling out manure and getting ready for ploughing, engaged Grover's cattle. Picked rocks to grade up between the house and barn.

Apr 28 – Ploughed in forenoon for the first time in front of house for early potatoes. Hauled out manure etc.

Apr 29 – Planted and put up wall, picked rocks etc., Edward Caswell helping.

Apr 30 – Went to market with wife and carried eggs, 24 dozen at 20.5 cents making 34 dozen sold this week. Two dozen set and 2 eaten. 110 hens laid about 40 dozen this week.

May 1 – Cool with northeast wind. Cool all round in the house and out.

May 2 – Picked rocks and hauled out manure. Had George Leroy's cattle ½ day and ploughed for potatoes down by Yeaton's, Edward Caswell helping.

May 3 – Went to Eliot and engaged 2 pigs of Oliver Dixon to be brought to Portsmouth 1 week from today. Planted potatoes this afternoon.

May 4 – Finished planting potatoes today. Laying middle room floor and grading round door.

May 5 – Hauled out manure for corn and hauled back rocks for grading. Finished laying floor.

May 6 – Went to market with wife and carried 35 dozen eggs at 20 cents per dozen and butter at 32 cents per lb. Corn is 12.5 cents per bushel and oats at 75 cents per bushel. Went to see a proposed piece of road to be built some time.

May 7 – Plowed for corn and in garden. Had Grover's cattle 1/2 day for 75 cents. Fixed and shut up hens etc.

May 8 – Dull in morning but no rain came and it was quite warm.

May 9 – Rainy, at work in house. Cut door from kitchen to middle room etc. Dull and rainy all day. Edward Caswell did not work today.

May 10 – Went to Portsmouth and got pigs of Oliver Dixon from Eliot. He brought them and met me at the North Church. Sold 15 dozen eggs for 19 cents per dozen. Worked on sink etc.

May 11 – Wet all day.

May 12 – Went to market with wife and got door of W. Seavey. Handed in a proposal for building the road for \$1675.00. Got meal etc. Thomas Lang got the job, \$1149.00

May 13 – Harrowed for corn. Went down to the marsh and repaired fence, graded etc.

May 14 – Planted corn in forenoon. Cut door through to outside of house for the kitchen. Went to town with Abbie and got oats and hoe and meat. Brought Albert B. Trefethen down, he is lame. Saw pigs enough for sale.

May 15 – Very pleasant and warm. Saw Jim Hall go past with wife and two children. (James Hall was living in Portsmouth with his wife, Martha and children Emma and George.)

May 16 – Labored on the highway with Edward Caswell and the “Bosky” horse. In the forenoon run the bridge near Charles to the wall.

May 17 – At work on house, Ed Caswell grading. Planted beans and potatoes.

May 18 – Went to market in forenoon with wife and got paint for room. Hauled rocks etc. Eggs 20 cents. Our hens lay about 36 dozen per week. Butter is 32 cents per lb.

May 19 – Went to Gilman C. Berry’s and got 70 batter stakes for \$1.00. Finished summer kitchen for painting. Went down to Woodbury Seavey’s mock auction where he didn’t sell his pasture. (Woodbury Seavey is living on Pioneer Road where Pioneer and Brackett meet.)

May 20 – Graded up round door, sowed carrots, beets, tomatoes etc. Put up fence back of John Varrell’s. Very warm.

May 21 – Drove the Colt “Dexter” off today to Newington Hill Farm. Went to market with wife after dinner and got plans of City Clerk for new school house.

May 22 – Pleasant and warm, wind north. Had nice rain last night. Wife and I went down to see her wood lot.

May 23 – Went to town and carried plans of school house. Got paint for floor and many other articles. Put in pump and pipe in sink.

May 24 – Rainy in morning. Set glass in summer kitchen and put things in order. In the afternoon finished plowing with Billy Seavey's cattle. Rain came on fast at night. (William "Billy" Seavey was living next door to Woodbury Seavey on Pioneer Road.)

May 25 – Grading up between shed and house. Put up fence around pasture.

May 26 – Went to market with wife and carried butter and 23 dozen eggs at 20 cents. Handed in a proposal to City Clerk to build school house for \$2473.00. Got cultivator teeth for \$1.75.

May 27 – Building wall for Clara and Abbie and piling up pine limbs and dry wood till 3 o'clock. Then wife and I went to town and carried 10 dozen eggs at 22 cents. Tried to find out about job but could not.

May 28 – Found out that the school house job was awarded to Isiah Wilson for \$2600.00. Although my bid was \$1.73 less because I was not a resident of Portsmouth.

May 29 – Hot, slept 1 ½ hours well.

May 30 – Planted beans in front of house, Edward Caswell did not come. Hot and not very wet

May 31 – Went to market with wife, eggs 20 + 22 cents per dozen. Engaged Uncle Natty Foye's cart to haul hay.

Jun 1 – Hot. Commenced hauling hay to Henry R. Stoddard etc. 2 loads today. Edward Caswell hoeing potatoes etc. (Henry was a stable keeper in Portsmouth.)

Jun 2 – Hot. Hauling hay to Stoddard, 2 loads.

Jun 3 – Hauled hay to Stoddard, Ed Caswell hoeing potatoes. Hot as July.

Jun 4 – Went to market in the forenoon with wife and Abbie. Eggs 21 dozen at 21 cents. Afternoon went to town with hay to Stoddard. Finished the potatoes.

Jun 5 – Hot as July. I tried to keep shady and then went to church.

Jun 6 – Went to town with hay making my 8th and last load. Sold in all to Stoddard etc. \$62.00 worth. Left Uncle Natty Foye's cart when I came home and paid him \$2.00 for 8 loads. We had a smart shower this afternoon, dull. (Nathaniel Foye was living on Sagamore road down by Foye's Corner.)

Jun 7 – Worked on pantry most of the day. Wife stepped on a rusty nail yesterday and is so bad or to be obliged to go in crutches.

Jun 8 – Dull and rainy. Cultivated corn and worked in the house. Ed Caswell hoeing corn. Grammy Clark was up most of the day. Putting up shelves in pantry to pleasure wife who is got quite lame from the rusty nail accident.

Jun 9 – Finished hoeing corn and planted it over where it was missing. Went to town at night with Abbie and carried 26 dozen eggs at 20 cents.

Jun 10 – No entry.

Jun 11 – Put the new wooden pump in today. George Lang was here and we found it to work well. It throws a bucket of water at 3 strokes. Good grass weather. “Florence” had a colt this morning, it is a mare.

Jun 12 – Pleasant and warm.

Jun 13 – No entry.

Jun 14 – Went up to Joseph L. Seavey’s and got some boards for making a gate for Albert B. Trefethen. Planed them over and got ready to go up tomorrow. Ed Caswell hoeing potatoes, 2nd turn by Yeaton’s.

Jun 15 – Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of day for Albert B. Trefethen. Grammy up most of the day.

Jun 16 – Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day for Albert B. Trefethen on gate.

Jun 17 – Went to market with wife, eggs at 22 cents.

Jun 18 – Very Hot. Worked for Albert Brackett Trefethen $\frac{1}{2}$ day on back house, $\frac{1}{2}$ putting stage round the Rockingham Extension, he being sick.

Jun 19 – Signs of northeast storm, cool and chilly. The greatest grass weather. The Little Colt “Pocahontas” is 9 days old today and can now see something. She is named after Robert Bonner’s mare that trotted a mile in 2.18 lately. (Bonner’s theory was that if a horse that could trot in three minutes was desirable, then a 2:30 horse was even more. Pocahontas is considered one of the most influential broodmares of all time, male or female. Pocahontas produced three outstanding sires.)

Jun 20 – At work for Albert B. Trefethen shingling back house. Edward Caswell hoeing.

Jun 21 – Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Albert B. Trefethen. Clapboarded back house and built hen house etc.

Jun 22 – Commenced cutting grass back of the house. Went to market with wife and carried the valise for Grammy. Eggs at 24 cents per dozen.

Jun 23 – Cut under the small trees in front of the house. Good hay weather and I do not want to see it unimproved. Hoeing and getting rake ready for operations.

Jun 24 – Very hot, 100 in the shade. Cut among the ledges round the old house with the machine and Labosky. Got in two loads with cart.

Jun 25 - Very hot, 100 in the shade. Went to market in morning, got Edward Caswell new pair pants for \$1.00. After dinner we got in 3 loads hay in splendid condition. We have now only 5 or 6 hundred.

Jun 26 – Wind northeast and raining. Which is most sure to follow great heat or severe cold. It has knocked our grass down badly. Turned “Flora Temple” and colt out for the first time.

(Supply named her after a Hall of Fame horse, Flora Temple. When Flora Temple had raced her last race in 1861, she had appeared in 112 events, won 95 of them, and raced to wagon in record time of 2:19 3/4 at Kalamazoo, Michigan at the age of fourteen. She became a national favorite and her docked tail inspired a famous folk-song refrain "bet my money on the bob-tailed mare.")

Jun 27 – Dull till 3 o'clock, then went down and cut half on Grover's old house.

Jun 28 – Finished cutting clover by old house and raked it up and got in one load.

Jun 29 – Cut the Betty field and got in 3 loads of the clover. Went to town in the morning. Raked up the “Betty” field.

Jun 30 – Got in a big pile of hay today, 8 loads. Three of clover and 5 from the Betty field. Worked till dark. Rain came on at 8. I was used up.

Jul 1 – Dull and rainy, hoed cabbages etc.

Jul 2 – Cut the further field and raked it up. Went to market. Got in one load from Betty field making 6 loads in all.

Jul 3 – Dull. Went to Newington to see “Dexter”, Daniel went with me. Called at F. James and H. Stoddard's. (Supply also named Dexter after a Bonner horse. The famous trotter “Dexter,” and his driver Budd Doble, were two of the most sensational racers of the day, competing in over a hundred races and breaking many records.)

Jul 4 – Went to town in morning and then opened hay in further field, Daniel helping. The horribles were out in the morning.

Jul 5 – Dull and no haying, jobbing generally. Cut some above the barn just as night, Edward Caswell helping.

Jul 6 – Carried Daniel to Portsmouth to go to Boston at 11. After cutting everything to make ½ above the barn, got in 5 loads from further field and raked up above the barn.

Jul 7 – Finished cutting above barn and got in 10 loads. Did not open anymore as it was not very drying. Rain came in at night.

Jul 8 – Dull and foggy. Hoeing, trees, planting etc.

Jul 9 – Fair, wind northwest. Good hay day. Got in one load and got the water out of the rest and cocked it up. Went to market with wife and Abbie. Eggs 24 cents. Butter at 30 cents. At night went over to Kittery with “Florance” to stud.

Jul 10 – Pleasant, wind west and very drying. Warm, 80 in the shade. Few went to church.

Jul 11 – Cut the field in front of Levi W. Hall’s and got 8 loads above the barn.

Jul 12 – Dull. Got in 2 loads from above the barn and making a finish there making in all 12 loads in that field. Went to market with wife. Went huckleberrying with Nellie G. and got 2 quarts.

(Nellie G. is Charles F. Trefethen’s daughter and she is 15 years old.)

Jul 13 – Excellent hay weather. Got in 7 loads from front of Levi W. Hall’s and cut from front of Charles. Had a Sunday of it.

Jul 14 – John Varrell broke his leg today at Davis Farm. Cattle runaway causing it. Got in 3 loads from front of Charles F. and cut the balance and also cut the thirds.

Jul 15 – Got in 6 loads hay, 2 from front of Charles and 4 from thirds. Finishing now all but the Willow and old swamp field. I cut an acre and half for Charles F. down by the old house for \$1.50.

Jul 16 – Very warm. Got in no hay today. Cut the Willow field after going to town to market. Saw Josiah Jenness, wanted 8 hens. I carried them over with 4 dozen eggs. Got \$7.62 for all.

(Josiah Jenness is living at the Farragut House.)

Jul 17 – Very hot, 100 in the shade. Too much for man or beast to toil.

Jul 18 – Got in the Willow field 4 loads and cut part of old swamp out to Seavey’s wall.

Jul 19 – Cut Balance of old swamp and got in 3 loads by the road. Very warm.

Jul 20 – Not very dry. Finished English haying today by getting in 3 loads from the old swamp. Went to town forenoon. There is war declared between France and Russia and armies are marshalling.

Jul 21 – Hot and quite dry. Went down to the sea forenoon. After dinner went huckleberrying with wife and got 2 quarts each.

Jul 22 – Hot as ever and cleaning up generally. Edward Caswell went home tonight, he agreed to come Monday. I went over to the Farragut House with 27 lbs. of hens for \$6.75.

Jul 23 – Hotter than ever. Went to town twice with wife, once to market and in the afternoon to get her teeth filled. Abbie also went to do shopping.

Jul 24 – Very hot, no sleep last night.

Jul 25 – Commenced cutting salt grass today, Joseph William Odiorne helped ½ day. Cut the high part and the first point. Horace is to cut Varrell marsh. It was very drying with the wind west.

Jul 26 – Finished cutting mill marsh, Joseph W. Odiorne helping all day. Hauled home 2 loads of Black grass, Edward Caswell raking. Raked up the high part with horse. (Black grass is a 6- to 12-inch tall stemless evergreen groundcover that produces purple-black to black leaves.)

Jul 27 – Went to town in forenoon. Wind northeast and blowing. First signs of rain but none came and hauled home our load and raked up most of the balance. Went over to Farragut with poultry.

Jul 28 – Finished raking and bunching and took home 2 loads, Edward Caswell helping.

Jul 29 – Dull and cloudy and could not make hay. Went to market with wife and got various articles. Edward Caswell hoeing and ditching.

Jul 30 – Went down to marsh and finished piling off hay and hauled home 2 loads making 7 so far and leaving 2 more small ones left. Lizzie went down with me last time.

Jul 31 – Dry and pleasant. Rain and very much needed.

Aug 1 – Finished getting in my salt hay, 2 loads, Edward Caswell helping. I got home at noon and cut second crop back of house. At night went to Farragut House with chickens and eggs. (The Farragut House was originally known as the Atlantic House and the name was changed in 1864 by new owner, John C. Philbrick.)

Aug 2 – Requested Edward Caswell to help me in Abbie's cellar and he refused and went home. I made an agreement with Horace Trefethen at \$2.00 per day to begin tomorrow. Went to town with wife after dinner.

Aug 3 – Commenced on cellar for Abbie's house, Horace helping. We dried out extension and built up a wall etc. (Abbie Clark's house is on Clark Road at Trefethen's Corner.)

Aug 4 – Went to town this morning and got 325 bricks and cask of lime for underpinning. Horace got a load of sand after dinner. Commenced to lay underpinning but shower came and drove us.

Aug 5 – Finished underpinning and hauled up 6 loads of timber with horses making the most of it. Edward Caswell came back yesterday and wanted to stop but I declined his assistance.

Aug 6 – Finished hauling timber in forenoon making 10 loads timber and stage poles. Went to town in afternoon and brought Abbie home. Horace worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day.

Aug 7 – Very warm and kept housed of the sun's rays.

Aug 8 – Commenced framing Abbie's house, Horace helping. Got sills on today.

Aug 9 – Put in sleepers. Daniel C. Webster was down and helped with the whip saw awhile. (Daniel was the son-in-law of Simon Goss Trefethen and was married to his daughter Sabrina that died in 1863 at 20 years old.)

Aug 10 – Got well along with framing. Hot as the old boy and Tom Walker. (A statement pertaining to a story called "The Devil and Tom Walker. Written by Washington Irving.)

Aug 11 – Helped Daniel Webster $\frac{1}{2}$ day in cider mill. I owed him a day; I have thus settled $\frac{1}{2}$ of it and agreed to assist at any time called upon. It was raining. Went to town at night.

Aug 12 – Raised Abbie's house today. Had 5 to help and made out well with 2 gallons beer and commenced boarding. Daniel Jr. came home last night in time to help raise.

Aug 13 – Went to town in forenoon and got 100 lbs. nails. Daniel went to town twice with "Bosky" with boards to be planed and got a load hemlock hewed. We went to Farragut House.

Aug 14 – It rained all night but has cleared off again.

Aug 15 – Went to town and got boards for boarding. Carried Daniel Jr. up to go to Boston. Got most of the boarding done.

Aug 16 – Commenced to put on the finish. Went to town and got boards and gutter. Put up stage all round. (Staging is scaffolding and was made of wood.)

Aug 17 – Went to town and got shingles and nails etc. Brought Clara home.

Aug 18 – Got the finish on and commenced shingling. Went to market with wife.

Aug 19 – Got front shingled and ½ of back. Went to town and got 250 old bricks for chimney.

Aug 20 – Building chimneys, Horace one and myself the other. Very hot and dry all the week.

Aug 21 – Dry as ever and windy.

Aug 22 – Finished chimneys and began shingling the roof of the “L”. (The “L” is an addition on the side of a rectangular home that forms a 90 degree shape, or an “L”.)

Aug 23 – Finished the roof of both the “L” and main house.

Aug 24 – Making window frames. Hot and dry.

Aug 25 – Making window frames.

Aug 26 – Finished putting in window frames and shingling back side.

Aug 27 – Commenced clapboarding the eastern end and finished and painted down within 5 feet of bottom. Horace ½ day and myself ¾ day. Went to market at night.

Aug 28 – Fair, hot and dry. We have had no rain for a long time of much value. There is much more dust than is usual in droughts.

Aug 29 – Mrs. Yeaton was buried today. Horace and I rendered assistance. Went to town for the coffin plate. (Lavinia Yeaton was the wife of William H. Yeaton. They were living on Sagamore road below Trefethen’s Corner.)

Aug 30 – Clapboarding all day on ends and paint. Pushed it as fast as possible.

Aug 31 – Finished paint and commenced on the side of “L”. Went to town and got clapboards and paint.

Sep 1 – Finished clapboarding the “L” and raised and boarded Piazza. Horace was away to a camp meeting. (A Piazza is an entry porch usually entered from the front of the house.)

Sep 2 – Shingled Piazza and clapboarded end of house, north. Went to market at night.

Sep 3 – Rainy and made front frame for door and finished round it. Daniel came home tonight to plaster the house.

Sep 4 – All poor weather, wind northwest and dry.

Sep 5 –Went to town twice and got a load of laths. Daniel went twice and got boards and furring. Commenced inside today. Carried Clara up to go to Boston.

Sep 6 – Laying floor and setting partition and got about ready to lath. Daniel went to work for Goodall.

Sep 7 – Finished furring and commenced lathing. Dry.

Sep 8 – Lathing. Dry and warm. Dr. Langston is dead.

Sep 9 – Lathing and commenced the stairs.

Sep 10 – Finished stairs and went to city to market and got 3 bundles of lath etc. A slight rain. Sam H. Rand lost a horse.

Sep 11 – Cool and pleasant. We had a slight sprinkling yesterday which past and laid the deck which was before almost intolerable.

Sep 12 – Dry as ever and very dusty. Commenced putting up door frames etc. Have decided to put all finish except clapboards.

Sep 13 – Went to town and got doors and laths.

Sep 14 – Went to town and got laths and windows.

Sep 15 – Went to market with wife at 11. Hot and dry.

Sep 16 – Went to town at night and got front door and closet door. Hot and Dry.

Sep 17 – Hung front door and painted it and painted door on Piazza. Ephraim Seavey was buried today. I went to the funeral. Went to town at night. (Ephraim was living on Sagamore road near Lang's corner.)

Sep 18 – Daniel and I went to Newington and got colt "Dexter", he has had a hard *ucking.

Sep 19 – Hauled 3 loads of sand in forenoon. Daniel went to town and got 4 barrels of lime, Horace lathed.

Sep 20 – Went to town and got barrel of lime. Plastered the parlor today. Got a job for Horace with Miss Yeaton on Mathes Brewery. (This Brewery opened in 1871 as the Harris and Mathes Company located on Bow Street in Portsmouth.)

Sep 21 – Horace went to town today. Plastered the kitchen.

Sep 22 – Plastered bedroom.

Sep 23 – Plastering. Went to town in morning and got barrel of lime.

Sep 24 – Worked at plastering in forenoon, then went to town with wife and got her a sewing machine. Daniel went up and got a load of bricks.

Sep 25 – We had a slight sprinkling last night. Sue Walton and Alice Tucker came down last night.

Sep 26 – Finished plastering today, Daniel helping. Went to town and got 180 bricks and a cask of lime. I hauled sand and we slaked lime for chimney. (Slaking lime: mixing the lime with water).

Sep 27 – Built chimneys today and completed mason work and am ready for floors.

Sep 28 – Went to town with floor boards to be planed. Bought 10 feet of sill and got home at 1. Laid 2/3 of kitchen floor. Daniel went to Boston.

Sep 29 – Laid kitchen floor and also parlor.

Sep 30 – Laying floor and making shelves etc. Painted kitchen and wood work. Rain came in furiously at night and we caught water enough to use the cistern again.

Oct 1 – Went to town and got boards and paint and glass for windows. Laid floor in sink room and painted kitchen floor and entry intended it. Shall be ready in 5 days

Oct 3 – Went not to town but got in beans etc. Worked ½ day for Abbie building back barn etc.

Oct 4 – Went to town with cart and got boards enough to finish except Piazza.

Oct 5 – Laying chamber floor and attaching lock on outside door.

Oct 6 – Went to town in forenoon. Uncle John was buried this afternoon at 1:30; he was 71 years and 3 months old. (This was John Adams Trefethen his uncle and was living with his wife Mary (Locke) Trefethen on Washington Road. This was the home of his father Captain William Trefethen.)

Oct 7 – Making general preparations for them to move in tomorrow.

Oct 8 – Abbie and her mother Adeline moved in to the new house today and eat their first supper there tonight. (Moved into the new house at 161 Clark Road at Trefethen's Corner.)

Oct 9 – Very pleasant and warm and Daniel came down today.

Oct 10 – Picking apples all day and got in 10 bushels for winter.

Oct 11 – Dug my fancy potatoes today. The Gleason and potato seedling from ½ peck of early potatoes and got 5 bushels of this making 12 ½ bushels.

Oct 12 – Intended to go to the Fair but rain came down all day most. Made a sink for Abbie. Went to town just as night, got meal etc.

Oct 13 – 18 Missing

Oct 19 - Got picking apples all day. Got 4 bushels for cider and 12 or 13 barrels for winter, Abbie helping.

Oct 20 – Rainy. Got in corn and husked it out.

Oct 21 – Wife and I went to market. I was looking after a job but found none.

Oct 22 – Went to town to hunt up a job and did not succeed.

Oct 24 – Sold the lot to Abbie where on her house sits. Thomas Jefferson Parsons did the writings. Went to town and agreed to help William Lydson shingle a house for A. Tucker.

Oct 25 – Commenced shingling for A. Tucker with William Lydson.

Oct 26 – Shingling. Cool and windy.

Oct 27 – Cold and windy but still we kept up in with the shingling.

Oct 28 – Shingling.

Oct 29 – Finished shingling for A. Tucker.

Oct 30 – Wind and cool.

Oct 31 – Went to market with wife. Looked around for a job but none appeared. Settled with A. Tucker.

Nov 1 – Went to town with salt hay and squashes and saw A.T. Walker about building his barn for \$2.50 per day.

Nov 2 – Commenced framing barn for A.T. Walker and Sons near his soap factory.

Nov 3 – Framing.

Nov 4 – Framing barn.

Nov 5 – Raised Walker's barn today.

Nov 6 – Very pleasant and wind from the east. Fire in Portsmouth last night on Congress Street on the opposite side from Kearsarge House burning several buildings.

Nov 7 – Worked for Walker clapboarding.

Nov 8 – Finished boarding the back and got the rafters ready and put up. Fair signs of rain.

Nov 9 – Rainy and did not go to work. Went to market with wife and got meal and corn and scraps and shorts.

Nov 10 – Cool and windy. Put up rafters and clapboarded.

Nov 11 – Cold and windy. Finished clapboarding and got out finish for casing.

Nov 12 – Worked for Walker today making 5 days this week. It rained all day. Made his door frames and got out finish.

Nov 13 – Cool and windy. I came down at night and Daniel Webster was in.

Nov 14 – Commenced putting on the finish on Walker's stable. Two of us put on one side and $\frac{1}{2}$ of one end and the return on one side of the other end. Signs of rain.

Nov 15 – Walker and an Englishman named Jackson began shingling this morning. Joe Shaw and I putting on finish.

Nov 16 – Completed the finish except doors and window frames and casing.

Nov 18 – Began to clapboarding with 6 foot clapboards.

Nov 20 – Pleasant and not cold.

Nov 21 – Clapboarding.

Nov 22 – Clapboarding, finishing end and one side and began the other.

Nov 23 – It rained in the morning and I did not go to work. Went to the market with wife. Examined stoves and engaged one of Blasdell. Turkeys are 25 cents per lb., eggs at 38 cents per dozen and butter at 45 cents per lb.

Nov 24 – A day of Thanksgiving. Went up in morning and got new American stove of Uriah Blasdell for \$35.00, besides pipe. It performs satisfactorily. We gave thanks on chickens etc. Daniel was here to dinner.

Nov 25 – Finished clapboarding at 4 and commenced laying floor.

Nov 26 – Rainy in the morning and did not go up till 8:30. Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day laying floor.

Nov 27 – Pleasant, wind southwest. Alone with wife, room heated up by the new stove.

Nov 28 – Making doors, putting in windows etc.

Nov 29 – Building stalls etc.

Nov 30 – Making doors and stalls.

Dec 1 – Finished the new barn and took the things out of the old on preparing to take it down.

Dec 2 – Building prepared for Walker after taking down his old barn.

Dec 3 – Finished with Walkers tonight, boarded his pig pen. Worked all the week 6 days.

Dec 4 – Pleasant after morning which was cloudy and signs of dullness etc.

Dec 5 – Went up and settled with Walker for 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$2.50 per day and got my tools.

Dec 6 – Killed one of the pigs. He weighed 251 lbs. Daniel helping.

Dec 8 – Cut up pig and went to market.

Dec 10 – Went to market.

Dec 11 – Albert B. Trefethen was down at night, I carried him. It then came on to rain.

Dec 14 – Hauling in manure etc.

Dec 17 – Went to market.

Dec 22 – Went to market to get wheel stock for “Dingle cart” but could not get it.

Dec 23 – Cold, sharp shoed the horse and repaired forges.

Dec 24 – Cold, the coldest morning of the season, 3 above. Wife and I went to market, eggs at 34 cents per dozen. Wife went to old folks concert in evening.

Dec 25 – Cold and windy, only 5 above this morning. Few went to church although it was Christmas. Got 32 eggs today from 105 hens.

Dec 26 – Killed pig today, he weighed about 255 lbs. The weather is moderating with south wind.

Dec 27 – 31 Missing

1871/1872/1873 - no diaries

Additions: Mar 24, 1873 – Charles W. Hall dies. He is the husband of Supply's sister Emily Amanda (Trefethen). He is living on Wallis Road at this time.

Dec 22, 1873 – Samuel Herbert Trefethen dies in Boston. He is the son Samuel A. Trefethen who is Supply's brother.

1874

Jan 1 – There was no work on the yard today it being a national holiday. Went to town with wife, called at William Jacksons.

Jan 2 – Worked for U.S.

Jan 3 – Worked for Uncle Sam

Jan 4 – 15 Missing

Jan 18 – Pleasant

Jan 22 – Worked for U.S.

Jan 23 – Worked for Uncle Sam. It is very mild and warm and muddy.

Jan 24 – Worked for Uncle Sam making 6 days this week. We are strapping the new sloop.

Jan 25 – Cold and windy and did not go to church but kept close by the fire. Daniel Trefethen was here in afternoon. Levi W. Hall came and gave me \$6.00 he owed me.

Jan 26 – Cold, 3 below this morning and held cold all day. Daniel C. Webster and I went to the yard and worked all day. About one third of the gang stayed at home.

Jan 27 – Worked for Uncle Sam on steam sloop No. 1 strapping, Daniel Perry quarter man. C. Larson helped me today. William Jackson was not there. It was slightly snowy all day.

Jan 28 – Worked for Uncle Sam running battens for strapping on new sloop No. 2 in Daniel Perry's gang. Snow and rain came down slightly most of the day.

Jan 29 – Worked for U.S. It was quite pleasant but cool enough to keep snow. We went in sleigh but there was hardly snow enough to go easy. Eggs 28 cents.

Jan 30 – Worked for U.S. strapping. It was cold.

Jan 31 – Worked for U.S. and we finished strapping the new sloop. There was a fire at Trefethen's Hall in Kittery and most of the men went to help put it out. It was much damaged.

Feb 1 – Cold, 2 below. Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. They are to have a fair at the town hall.

Feb 2 – Cold, 7 below zero. Did not go to the yard, "Ball Day" and no work at the yard. Went to town at noon with wife and got a new cap. It is very good sleighing, "Candlemas Day" (The name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord).

Feb 3 – A cold snow storm all day. Worked for Uncle Sam and when we came home the snow was about 15 inches deep and the sleigh went hard and the horse had a severe time to haul it home. We had to walk a good part of the way.

Feb 4 – There was so much snow we did not go today but broke out the roads with 8 horses. At night we went up to the fair in the new town hall by the congregational society.

Feb 5 – Cold went to the yard. The traveling has improved muchly. Went to the fair again tonight, there was quite a crowd.

Feb 6 – Worked for U.S. on steamer sloop planking. Daniel Perry quartermaster. It was cold all day and at night.

Feb 7 – Worked for U.S. Cold as usual. Saw Clara, she has agreed to come down Monday morning in my sleigh. Got \$42.00 for last ½ of January.

Feb 8 – Cold and windy. Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. Mrs. Obed Rand had a shock of palsy Friday. (Her name is Anna Y. Rand.)

Feb 9 – Worked for U.S.

Feb 10 – Worked for U.S. Went up with colt "Dexter" and Clara came down with him and spent the day. I went up again at night.

Feb 11 – Worked for U.S.

Feb 12 – Worked for U.S. Clara came down with "Dexter" and stayed all day. Josephine came down at night. I brought them a "Melodeon" I hired.

Feb 13 – Worked for U.S. Good sleighing but at night rain came down. Warm and wind south.

Feb 14 – Worked for U.S. Making 6 days this week. I went alone and Daniel Webster also went alone. We went in sleighs but when we came home the sleighing was gone and it was all bare ground.

Feb 15 – Bare ground and muddy. I did not go to church. Saw Mr. Aldrich go past going to Kittery Point. Daniel was up from Little Harbor. Thomas Staples of Newington died today. (Little Harbor is situated between the island of New Castle to the north and Rye to the south.)(Thomas A. Staples was married to Frances “Fannie” M. (Towle) Staples.)

Feb 16 – Worked for U.S. on steam sloop. Evens hangs tomorrow.

Feb 17 – Worked for U.S. There is a new boss Sawyer from Wells named Theodore Wells at \$4.50 per day. This is the 3rd appointment from that town since June 1st.

Feb 18 – Worked for U.S. Wife went to town and spent the day with Clara. It was cold in the morning and rough wheeling.

Feb 19 – Worked for U.S. Franklin B. Evans was hung at Concord Tuesday the 17th at 11 o clock for the murder of Georgianna Lovering of Northwood, G.H. Jenness was a witness.

Feb 20 – Worked for U.S. on steam sloop planking. Called at night at Wilson and Magraw Hard were dealers in Mechanic Black, Congress Street.

Feb 21 – Worked for U.S. 6 days this week. It was damp and chilly and we kept in the shop house as much as possible.

Feb 22 – Went to church and carried Lizzie. Heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich about Glory and Moses and Aaron.

Feb 23 – No work today in memory of Washington’s Birth Day. Went to town and it was awful muddy traveling. Clara was sick. Daniel Webster is going to a Ball at Congress Hall tonight.

Feb 24 – Worked for U.S. on ship, steam sloop.

Feb 25 – Worked for U.S. Snow came down all the afternoon and prospect more.

Feb 26 – Worked for U.S. Snow came down all night and we went up in sleigh with D. Webster’s horse.

Feb 27 – Worked for U.S. Went to lecture this evening by Honorable Joseph Rieder of Manchester on the Mammoth Caves of Kentucky.

Feb 28 – Good sleighing. Worked for U.S. 5 days on steam sloop at planking. Simmons was confirmed yesterday as collector in Boston.

Mar 1 – Very pleasant and good sleighing. Road out with colt “Hontas” and went round the circle, she goes well.

Mar 2 – Worked for U.S. At night went up to hear Mr. Cudworth lecture on uphill and down or ups and downs in life. It was as good a lecture as we have heard.

Mar 3 – Worked for U.S. Muddy and hard wheeling and the horse finds it severe to haul Daniel Webster and me to town.

Mar 4 – Worked for U.S. on the navy yard. There are about 300 in the construction gang, distributed on 3 ships.

Mar 5 – Worked for U.S. It is awful muddy traveling and it takes a good while to go to the yard. Daniel Webster rides with me and went with his horse today.

Mar 6 – Worked for Uncle Sam on a steam sloop. It is generally supposed that there will be a big discharge from the yard as soon as election is fairly over.

Mar 7 – Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. A northeast snow storm came on at noon and continued lightly all the afternoon.

Mar 8 – Gus Thomas came down with his chick to see the colt “Hontas”. Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. He is to lecture at the town hall next Saturday evening on how to talk and what to say. Election is coming along and the nominations are made. Clara came down today.

Mar 9 – Worked for Uncle Sam

Mar 10 – Election Day. Worked at the yard ½ day then went to election. The vote was 161 Democrats and 87 Republicans for Governor Westin (Democrat), McCutchins (Republican). Clara went to Boston today.

Mar 11 – Worked for U.S. Charles Sumner died yesterday in Washington. Levi M. Rand died last night at Henry Rand’s of typhoid fever. (Levi Moses Rand died of typhoid fever and living on the corner of Wallis Road and Brackett Road at the time. He was a farmer and shoemaker.)

Mar 12 – Worked for U.S. There is no choice for Governor by the people and the legislature is probably Democratic.

Mar 13 – Cold and windy and I had a cold and did not go to the yard today. Stayed near the fire. Levi M. Rand was buried today at 2.

Mar 14 – Worked for Uncle Sam and at night all in the construction department were “suspended” until further orders. Some think they will go on again the 1st of April.

Mar 15 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. One was “Train up a child in the way he should go”. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary were down. (They were living on Lincoln Ave. near property owned by Supply in Portsmouth.)

Mar 16 – Have decided to put up a building for carriages and commenced getting the frame ready. Went to town with wife with “Dexter”. The Baptists have a sociable at Emmon Philbrick’s tonight.

Mar 17 – Rainy. Repaired wagon and filed saws and shod the colt “Hontas” for the first time. She behaved well as any horse.

Mar 18 – Went to the yard and got my pay and chest and it knocked the spots out of the whole day. All are speculating what will come next.

Mar 19 – Cutting of firewood, John C. Webster helping. Got through with the sawing. Jim Haley was cutting apple tree limbs. It was quite warm and muggy and also muddy. (John C. is a cousin of Mary, Supply’s wife. He is living on Wallis Road near Lang’s Corner.)

Mar 20 – John C. Webster and myself were splitting up firewood and we got round among it all and piled it up. We had 2 ½ cords. John’s theme is Levi Rand’s “Will”.

Mar 21 – Got my timber together and mostly framed my building today. I desire to get it up as soon as possible. At night went to town and ascertained that my name was called on the yard today.

Mar 22 – Snow squall this morning and did not go to church. Albert B. Trefethen and boys called, as they went home from the other road. (Albert’s sons were Everett W., 8 years, Ralph, 4 years and Frank P., 1 year old.)

Mar 23 – Went to the yard to work for Uncle Sam and carried my chest. Went into Daniel Perry’s gang. Finished the planking on the steam sloop we left when suspended.

Mar 24 – Worked for U.S. There is a wrangle in the Massachusetts legislature about the election of U.S. Senator to fill Sumner’s place. 3 or 4 candidates are up Henry L. Dawes, Benjamin Curtis and Nathaniel Banks.

Mar 25 – Worked for U.S. Cold and windy and rough traveling. I ride alone and changed horses every day. Taking “Dexter” one day and “Florence Temple” the next. One dollar paid to Odd Fellow’s relief.

Mar 26 – 3 new windows cost \$6.00, purchased today. Worked for U.S. William H. Seavey was up this evening and played on the melodeon. John C. Webster was here and I paid him \$8.00 and settled to this date. Meal and shorts \$3.00

Mar 27 – Worked for U.S. on steam sloop. There are at present about 100 carpenters and 22 hole borers and other gangs in proportion to 3 quartermen of carpenters. William F. Noyes foreman, T.E. Webb constructor.

Mar 28 – Worked for Uncle Sam making 6 days this week. Last night we had about 2 inches snow fell but tonight it is gone.

Mar 29 – Cold and windy. Did not go to church for Mr. Aldrich was gone away to be gone 2 weeks.

Mar 30 – Worked for Uncle Sam planking on new steam sloop in Daniel Perry's gang. It is cold and uncomfortable weather, bad as winter and almost as cold.

Mar 31 – Worked for U.S. I intended to stay home today to put up my carriage house but the weather is too cold and bad. Jim Haley came home with me though.

Apr 1 – Cold. Stayed at home and moved the old shed round and finished framing new wagon house and got the sills on ready for raising. Jim M. Haley, Charles E. Trefethen and John C. Webster helped.

Apr 2 – Stayed at home. Raised carriage house and boarded most of it, Charles E. and J. Haley helping and we got along well.

Apr 3 – Worked for U.S. Cold and windy. They are still balloting for U.S. Senator in the Massachusetts legislature with no prospect of any choice at present.

Apr 4 – Cold. Worked for U.S. 4 days this week and am on the "Plymouth" ship. (USS Plymouth, a wooden-hulled screw sloop-of-war, was the second ship of the United States Navy to be named for Plymouth, Massachusetts. She was recommissioned 10 October 1874, the sloop operated along the Atlantic coast and in the Caribbean Sea.)

Apr 5 – Cold and dry. Howard Frisbee was here this morning with his wife Mary.

Apr 6 – Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth" putting in lights with J.C. Lydson, Bob Jellison and J. Graves. They are balloting for Senator in Massachusetts to fill Sumner's chair, 8 balloting's and there is no choice.

Apr 7 – Worked for Uncle Samuel. It was dull and snow and rain came down together part of the day. They are unloading a great quantity of live oak timber at this yard.

Apr 8 – Worked for U.S. on "Plymouth". Orders came out at noon for all of construction bureau to stop. At home till next Sunday on account of want of money.

Apr 9 – Fast Day appointed by the Governor Ezekiel A. Straw. I was at work all day. 1st put in new 4 light windows in sitting room, 2nd got out stock for finish for wagon house. Went to fair at night.

Apr 10 – Furious snow storm with high northeast wind. Made window frames and various other jobs. James M. Haley cleaned out the hen house etc.

Apr 11 – At work on building, Daniel Webster helping all day and Charles E. Trefethen ½ day. We finished the shingling, put in window frames, framed off and laid floors and put on corner boards.

Apr 12 – Cold and blustery wind northwest and snow flew round furiously. It was too rough to go to meeting so I laid round and got well rested

Apr 13 – Worked for U.S. It was cold and windy and 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground. By night it began to thaw a little.

Apr 14 – Worked for U.S. Rumor has it that we are to lay off the 3 last days of this week. Mrs. Thomas Remick Clark is to move down in the Thomas house with Jim M. Haley, her son-in-law. (Her name is Maria Clark and Jim M. Haley is married to her daughter Hannah “Hattie”. The Thomas house is directly on Trefethen’s corner across the street from Horace Levi Trefethen’s.)

Apr 15 – Worked for U.S. on “Plymouth” under Daniel Perry with C. Lydson. It has been very warm and pleasant the most of the season. Mrs. Thomas Remick Clark moved to Rye today.

Apr 16 – Daniel C. Webster helped me make the doors to the carriage house. We got them all made and all four hung and worked diligently. Dan was high on dancing business. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary were here.

Apr 17 – Put in thresholds in carriage house doors. Put in hooks and latch etc., shod colt. At noon a furious snow storm came on and ran all afternoon. Lizzie and I had baked potatoes for supper.

Apr 18 – Cleaned up round generally and boarded east side of wood house. Went to town afternoon.

Apr 19 – All hands except baby went to church to hear Mr. Aldrich preach 2 sermons. There was a full house. After meeting went down to Mrs. Bowles to see them and see about a pig.

Apr 20 – Worked for Uncle Sam on steamer “Plymouth”. Jim Haley is going to the shoals to work for L. Caswell at fish dressing.

Apr 21 – Worked for U.S. Horace is to work for William Fernald. The financial question is agitating the country from end to end.

Apr 22 – Worked for U.S. It is still awful traveling. The roads are bad and we have mud in abundance. The farmers have not begun.

Apr 23 – Worked for U.S. on old ship. The President veto's the "Inflation" bill passed by congress which gives great rejoicing in New England and middle states. (After the Panic of 1873, Congress debated an inflationary policy to stimulate the economy and passed the Legal Tender Act, known as the "Inflation Bill", on April 14, 1874 to increase the nation's tight money supply. Many farmers and working men favored the bill, but Eastern bankers favored a veto because of their reliance on bonds and foreign investors. On April 22, 1874, Grant unexpectedly vetoed the bill on the grounds that it would destroy the credit of the nation.)

Apr 24 – Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth" mending deck. Orders came today to suspend work on her the last day of the month and also that their monthly allowance would then be \$1200 per month.

Apr 25 – Worked for Uncle Sam making 6 days this week. Cool weather and poor prospect for farming. None have planted in this vicinity. Isaac Farr came down last night to see the colt "Hontas" and rode with her.

Apr 26 - A furious snow storm commenced last night and continued all night and all day vigorously coming upon the earth. So that we have now 4 or 5 inches of snow and water. Did not go to church today.

Apr 27 – Worked for U.S. There is 3 or 4 inches of snow on the ground. One man came down from Eliot in sleigh this morning and stayed all day. The milk man went in sleigh this morning.

Apr 28 – Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth" on Daniel Perry's gang patching deck with C. Lydson. It is cold and backwards spring.

Apr 29 – Worked for U.S. on new ship. It stormed furiously all day, wind northeast with snow. It is a very cold and backward for the season. No planting can be done. The ground is wet and cold.

Apr 30 – Worked for U.S. on one of eight new sloops authorized by congress last year, 73. They are only allowed ½ as much money as last month so we are to work ½ time.

May 1 – Was suspended last night for six days with ½ the gang of carpenters. About 112 in all ½ of which work the first week. I worked on the road with 2 horses, one ahead of the other. Joseph W. Seavey is surveyor.

May 2 – Underpinned carriage house and wood house. Set out oxen. Afternoon went to Eliot and carried Abbie to begin her school next Monday.

May 3 – Went to town twice, once and got Clara and Michael McGraw and once to carry them back. Lizzie and I went to church.

May 4 – Hauled out manure for potatoes in forenoon, 9 loads. In afternoon went to town with grandmother to market.

May 5 – Plowed above for early potatoes, George Leroy Trefethen helping. He has planted some potatoes etc.

May 6 – Hauled out manure and planted 1 bushel potatoes in the thirds in forenoon. Afternoon John came down and helped me graft. We set all we had today.

May 7 – Planted peas and cucumbers and squashes and put up wall etc., including putting up the grape vines.

May 8 – Worked for U.S. I have been off a week. Those who were on the last week were off today and will stay off a week and do their planting.

May 9 – Worked for U.S. on new steamer. It rained most of the day. They paid us off; I got \$30.00 for 10 days. Steam engineering was suspended tonight.

May 10 – Lizzie and I went to church and heard a man from Hampton preach 2 sermons at night. We went to grandmothers and carried Susan and brought her back. (Susan is Adeline Clark's daughter-in-law and is the wife of her stepson Moses Clark, she is also her sister.)

May 11 – Worked for Uncle Sam on new steamer.

May 12 – Worked for U.S.

May 13 - Worked for U.S.

May 14 - Worked for U.S.

May 15 – Stayed at home and plowed George L. Trefethen helping. Got ready and planted ½ of the piece by Charles.

May 16 – Rainy most of the day.

May 18 – Worked for U.S. on new steamer under Charles Dixon.

May 19 – Worked for U.S. Shall stay off till June 1st.

May 20 – Plowed, George L. Trefethen helping.

May 22 – Went to town

May 23 – Went to the yard and got my pay for ½ of the month

May 24 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. “Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy”. Went to the beach after meeting.

May 25 – Rainy all day. Put in windows in parlor.

May 26 – Pleasant all day. Took wagon to pieces getting ready to paint and varnish. Sold colt “Hontas” to Isaac Farr, he paid me \$35.00, \$85.00 later.

May 27 – Hauled 2 loads hay to Adams etc. and worked on my wagon at painting and varnishing.

May 28 – Hauled 2 loads hay to town to Adams and settled in all amounting to \$39.80. I owed them \$24, \$19.00 per ton.

May 29 – Cleaning out cellar and various other jobs. Hoed my early potatoes and planted some potatoes. The trees are not out in full yet but there is to be a great amount of Bloth.

May 30 – Decorating, cleaned up round in forenoon. Went to town in the afternoon and saw the procession. Saw Oliver Trefethen and wife Sarah.

May 31 – Went to church and heard Hampton man preach 2 sermons. Oliver and Sarah Trefethen and Albert B. and Mary Trefethen were there. After meeting carried Abbie down to Charles Odiorne’s to go to Eliot. We went to New Castle to the Wentworth Hall.

Jun 1 – Planted cabbage etc. Made closet for cellar. Went to town with wife and got various articles.

Jun2 – Hoed early potatoes 2nd time. Planted some early rose potatoes. Hauled out manure. Made a gate between wood house and privy. Put up fence around marsh. Town meeting to see about raising money to celebrate cable.

Jun 3 – Took the small wagon apart and finished up the painting. Went to market with wife. Paid George L. Trefethen \$10.00 on account of hauling boards and shingles.

Jun 4 – Dull. Looking for Atlantic Cable. Varnished the small wagon and rigged a seat to the market wagon. Cultivated potatoes by Charles’s. Went down to the sea to see about the new bridge.

Jun 5 – Set out small onions. Painted the wagon seat and varnished. Painted the gate, sowed oats, and grass seed. At night went to Jenness's at breakfast hill. The county commissioners laid out John Webster's road.

Jun 6 – The English Steamer "Faraday" is daily expected with the cable. Went to town at night got ½ barrel ale. (The "CS Faraday" was launched on February 17, 1874. The CS Faraday was a cable ship built for Siemens Brothers and was specially designed for ocean cable-laying.)

Jun 7 – Went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach 2 sermons, quite interesting. After meeting we went to the beaches to see if the cable had come, Bill Jack went with us.

Jun 8 – Worked for U.S. on new steam ship. The steamer "CS Faraday" from England laying a cable from Nova Scotia to Rye arrived today having laid to within 15 miles of the shore.

Jun 9 – Worked for U.S. on yard. There is much talk about the cable coming to Rye. The vessel with the shore end has not arrived.

Jun 10 – Worked for U.S. on steam sloop. The cable is all the talk and the vessel with the shore end is looked for every day.

Jun 11 – Worked for U.S. The Rye end of the cable is to be 2 ½ inches in diameter. The deep water cable is only ¾ inch in diameter.

Jun 12 – Worked for U.S. It is said we shall work 8 days then suspend till after the 4th of July.

Jun 13 – Worked for U.S. the steam sloop "USS Enterprise" was launched from Franklin Ship house by Griffith's. We went to the launch at 10 3/4. (The fifth USS Enterprise, a barque-rigged screw sloop, was launched 13 June 1874 at Portsmouth Navy Yard.)

Jun 14 – Pleasant. Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons.

Jun 15 – Hoeing in front of Charles, finished the piece before dinner. Laid early potatoes, 3rd time today, they are budded.

Jun 16 – Set out pines and stuck by the cellar case and did some planting.

Jun 17 – Worked for U.S. on steam sloop under Daniel Perry. I hope to get new potatoes soon, they are getting along nicely.

Jun 18 – Worked for U.S. on steamer "Blue Light" taking her up to change propeller. She is found to leak badly. She is going in the bay to protect fishermen. Suspended till further notice. (Blue Light — a screw tug laid down in 1863 by the Portsmouth Navy Yard in Kittery, Maine — was launched on February 27, 1864 and fitted out to carry ammunition from magazines ashore

to warships anchored far out in harbors. In 1859 diary Supply explains that he and 4 other men from Rye worked on building the powder magazine.)

Jun 19 – Dull and wet, wind east. Got in wood and various other jobs. The steamer “Ambassador” with the shore end of the cable has arrived. (CS Ambassador was built in 1869 by W. Lund and Company, London. Helped with the Trans-Atlantic cable from Ireland to Newfoundland to Nova Scotia to Rye, New Hampshire.)

Jun 20 – Dull and wet. Transplanting and jobbing generally. Went to town in afternoon with wife.

Jun 21 – Did not go to church, it was raining forenoon. Billy Tucker was down at night, we went to ride round Boston road.

Jun 22 – Cut the garden and back of house and hoed and did 40 other jobs to get ready for haying. There is great opposition to haying too soon. John C. Webster says it will sour the cattle.

Jun 23 – Cut back of grandma’s house today. It is good hay weather. John says it is too early to begin haying. (Grandma is Adeline Clark, Abbie, Clara and Mary’s mother.)

Jun 24 – Cut the largest ½ of the Betty field and got in back of house and garden. Nobody else has begun except Charles Rand. The grass is very good and strong. Northwest winds prevail.

Jun 25 – Got in 4 loads from the Betty field and 2 back of grandmother’s making 6 today. It was grand hay weather. A strong northwester and cool.

Jun 26 – Finished getting in the Betty field and cut all down back of Haley’s. Rain came on at 5 o clock but soon cleared off. John came down and moved the stove.

Jun 27 – Cut the further field and went to the yard and got \$18.00 they owed me and got in 3 loads hay from grandmas.

Jun 28 – Went to church and heard an Exeter man preach 2 good sermons but badly got off. At night went down to the Wentworth House.

Jun 29 – Cut balance of further field and got in what I cut Saturday and finished back of grandmas. It was no hay day, wind northeast and some foggy.

Jun 30 – Hoed most of the day as it was not a good hay day. Went to town.

Jul 1- Worked at haying and cut the high part in the thirds and front of Charles’s and got in 3 loads from further field. It is a good hay day, the first this week. Henry S. Rand’s baby died at about noon today, 8 months old. (This was Estelle May Rand, Granddaughter of John Ichabod Trefethen, Supply’s brother.)

Jul 2 – Pleasant in forenoon but rain came thick and past at 4 ½. Cut a piece for Horace. Got in 2 loads from thirds and raked up by Charles. At 4 went to Henry Rand's child's funeral. She died of Diphtheria.

Jul 3 – Dull and no hay weather. Jobbing round generally, shoeing horses etc. Went to town at night, heard that the "Faraday" was in Nova Scotia.

Jul 4 – Independents Day and a very dull one and gloomy. Henry Rand's 2nd child was buried this afternoon, 3 years old. The other children are getting better. (This was Joseph Parsons Rand, Grandson of John Ichabod Trefethen and son of Henry S. Rand.)

Jul 5 – Sunday and a furious northeast storm prevails. It rained all night and everything is soaking wet. Did not go to church. Horace Levi is sick with rheumatism.

Jul 6 – Poor hay weather. Cut one square above the barn. Tended what I had down and got in the scatterings in the thirds. Lizzie helped me get in some and played.

Jul 7 – Got in 2 loads hay in front of Charles's. Did not cut any today as it was not good and drying wind, south. Hoed some and tended what I had down, Charles F. Trefethen and I doing a little at haying.

Jul 8 – Haying

Jul 9 – Worked for U.S. The "Faraday" arrived again today to lay the cable. The "Ambassador" is now away and they must wait for his return.

Jul 10 – Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth". Albert H. Tucker's wife Artie died this morning. She had been sick some time. Got in 2 loads hay tonight. Foggy came in at night. Received \$6.00 for 2 days last week. (Artie R. (Salon) Tucker was the daughter of Nelson and Adeline Salon.)

Jul 11 – Worked for U.S. on "Plymouth".

Jul 12 – Rainy and did not go to church.

Jul 13 – Worked for U.S.

Jul 14 – Worked for U.S.

Jul 15 – Worked for U.S.

Jul 16 – Haying and cut most of the lot above the barn.

Jul 17 – Haying.

Jul 18 – Haying

Jul 19 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by the minister from Exeter.

Jul 20 – Haying.

Jul 21 – Worked on hay, finished cutting in front of Charles.

Jul 22 – Finished haying today, got in 6 loads, Charles E. helped me stow away 2 loads. I was sent for to go to the yard.

Jul 23 – Worked for U.S. on ship “Plymouth”.

Jul 24 – Worked for U.S.

Jul 25 – Worked for U.S. on ship “Plymouth” at the wharf.

Jul 26 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. It was pleasant with strong southeast wind with some prospect of rain in time if continued.

Jul 27 – Worked for U.S. Putting in floor and rocks to the magazine. Oren F. Picott is at work with me.

Jul 28 – Worked for U.S. on ship “Plymouth”, there is much to do to her now.

Jul 29 – Worked for U.S. Rain came on at 10 o clock and came down vigorously and it was much needed for vegetation.

Jul 30 – At home for 2 days. Wife started for Boston this morning with Clara, saw them off. Hoed cucumbers and got a mess for the first time. Cut oats etc. White washed for Abbie.

Jul 31 – Wife gone to Boston. Hoeing potatoes and beans and a thousand and one small jobs. Went down to grandmothers to dinner.

Aug 1 – Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week. All hands went to work this morning. I don’t know for how long. Wife came back tonight.

Aug 2 – Daniel Perry and wife Elizabeth came down and spent the day. We went to all the beaches and they took tea before going back.

. Aug 3 – Worked for U.S. on ship “Plymouth”. At night our side were suspended till further notice.

Aug 4 – At home and on a furlough or vacation, not doing much anyway.

Aug 5 – At home most of the day. Sowed grass seed and turnips by Charles’s old house.

Aug 6 – Carried hens and butter and potatoes to market. Hens 17 cents, eggs 25 cents, potatoes 60 cents and butter 30 cents. Went to south end at night to see the fellows.

Aug 7 – Worked for U.S. ½ day. Did not hear that they were going to work all hands till noon today. I happened up to town. Grammy came home with the horse.

Aug 8 – Worked for U.S. Rainy most of the day, wind south.

Aug 9 – Rainy all day. Went to Eliot to carry Abbie to keep school, Lizzie went along.

Aug 10 – Worked for U.S. on ship “Plymouth”.

Aug 11 – Worked for U.S.

Aug 12 – Worked for U.S.

Aug 13 – Worked for U.S.

Aug 14 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 15 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 16 – Went to church.

Aug 17 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 18 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 19 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 20 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 21 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 22 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week.

Aug 23 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons, one by one of Abe Perkins Boarders, the other by the agent of American Bible Society.

Aug 24 - Worked for U.S., receive pay for 9 ½ days, first ½ of the month.

Aug 25 - Worked for U.S. Liza and Fannie were here and spent the day. (Laura “Fannie” Trefethen who is Supply’s niece.)

Aug 26 - Worked for U.S. Wife went to ride to Aunt Elizabeth’s.



Aug 27 - Worked for U.S. Mike and Clara Magraw came down from Boston and stayed all night.
(Clara is Supply's sister-in-law.)

Aug 28 - Worked for U.S. on "Plymouth".

Aug 29 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. It has been warm and dry and good weather for camp meetings and picnics and plenty of them.

Aug 30 - Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Brother Aldrich. Almost than persuadist me to be a Christian. George Holmes was there.

Aug 31 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth".

Sep 1 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 2 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 3 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 4 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 5 - Worked 6 day for this week.

Sep 6 - Very Hot. Went to church and heard 2 sermons.

Sep 7 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 8 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 9 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 10 - Worked for U.S.

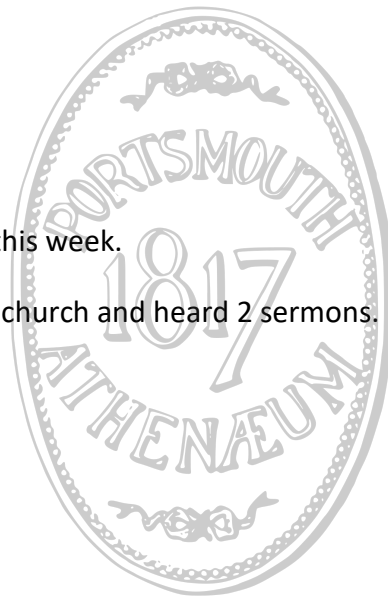
Sep 11 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 12 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week.

Sep 13 - Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons in good order. At night went down to Mr. Bowles.

Sep 14 - Worked ½ day for U.S. it being election in Portsmouth and Maine State election they sent us there at noon.

Sep 15 - Worked for U.S. Yesterday was elections in Portsmouth in which the Democrats carried it by the legislative gang. Saw Goodrich (Democrat) got it by 11 majority.



Sep 16 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Plymouth" fitting parts.

Sep 17 - Worked for U.S. Sagamore bridge is closed for repairs. Mechanic Muchmore is doing the repairs.

Sep 18 - Worked for U.S. There were 67 carpenters discharged tonight, I escaped. It was dull and wet.

Sep 19 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Today began on the "Marion" in dock cutting out for engine bolts. (USS Marion was a sloop-of-war of the third rate in the Union Navy during the American Civil War launched at the Boston Navy Yard on 24 April 1839. Marion was in ordinary service at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, when the Civil War broke out. She was recommissioned on 21 June 1861, and on 14 July sailed in search of the Confederate States of America cruiser CSS Jeff Davis.)

Sep 20 – Dull, did not go to church. John Bowles and wife Mary and Mary Rider were down and stayed for dinner. The bridge being up they had to go round by Elwyn's. (Mary Rider is living with the Bowles family in Portsmouth at this time.)

Sep 21 - Worked for U.S. on "Marion". Commodore Bryson succeeded Commodore Howell in command of the navy yard today.

Sep 22 - Worked for U.S. It is said that this new ship will be launched Oct. 5th and all the strength will be sent in that direction.

Sep 23 - Worked for U.S. Sagamore bridge is still impassable with prospect of it not being done in less than a fortnight. (Fortnight – 14 days.)

Sep 24 - Worked for U.S. on "Marion" in dock.

Sep 25 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Marion" in dock with Frank Marks, Sam Remick and Bill Shannon. Rumors of a big discharge are flying thick and fast.

Sep 26 - Worked for U.S. and was discharged tonight with 49 others leaving only 11 or 12 carpenters from New Hampshire, 10 from Portsmouth. All other gangs were also reduced.

Sep 27 – Dull and wet and did not go to church. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called and got some cider.

Sep 28 – Intended to dig potatoes but rain came down and had to go to jobbing generally.

Sep 29 – Dug potatoes ½ day.

Sep 30 – Went to town and got corn meal and shorts.

Oct 1 – Finished digging potatoes in front of Charles's and got ready to turn corn in thirds. Bartlett pears are nearly gone but grapes are not yet ripe. The vines are well loaded.

Oct 2 – Picking apples, Abbie helping in forenoon. School finished and wife and Abbie went to the examination. John Sheridan Remick's daughter kept the school and it was hard. (His daughter was Etta Yeaton Remick and was a student at the State Normal School, at Plymouth. The school was to prepare future teachers in their duties and materials to be taught in their classrooms.)

Oct 3 – Went to Portsmouth and to navy yard and got my pay of \$30.00 and chest and paid old Goodrich \$5.00 and paid \$2.50 for hat and \$10.00 for coat.

Oct 4 – Went to church with wife and Lizzie and heard 2 sermons by J.R. Aldrich. It was said today that Joseph Drake's son could not live 24 hours, he has the typhoid fever.

Oct 5 – Finished picking cider apples and carried them to Daniel Webster's. Went to town with wife and Lizzie and got barrel of flour for \$10.50.

Oct 6 – Finished digging potatoes. Hauled load wood and got 3 barrels cider from D. Webster at night. James Haley came up, it was quite pleasant. Buchanan Drake is to be buried tomorrow.

Oct 7 – Went to town in forenoon and carried 4 hens at 17 cents, 1 bushel potatoes at 70 cents, 50 lbs. squashes at \$1.50. Got corn meal and shorts. Went to James Buchanan Drake's funeral, age 18.

Oct 8 – Commenced to finish 2 chambers for Abbie today, Jim Haley helping. Laid floor in the front chamber for storage.

Oct 9 – Worked for Abbie on chambers.

Oct 10 – Worked ½ day for Abbie. Rain came down in the afternoon. Went to town and got some furring stock.

Oct 11 – Went to church to hear 2 sermons by Brother Aldrich. At noon the question of Lyceum lectures was discussed. It is said that G.H. Jenness declines to take hold this winter.

Oct 12 – At work on Abbie's chambers lathing, James Haley helping. It was a very pleasant day, wind west and it is time to pick apples of which there is an abundant crop about here.

Oct 13 – Daniel Webster got keg of beer. Worked for Abbie on chambers. People are generally gathering their winter apples. There is an extra-large crop this year. Joseph W. Seavey says he will get about 60 bushel of all kinds.

Oct 14 – Picking winter and cider apples, Jim Haley and Abbie helping. We got about 30 bushels of cider and 3 barrels of winter picked today.

Oct 15 – Picking apples. We have got 7 barrels Baldwins, 1 of Pearmain and 2 of Porters. Went to town to market with wife and got various articles.

Oct 16 – Worked for Abbie on chambers.

Oct 17 – Worked ½ day for Abbie and went to town at night with wife.

Oct 18 – Did not go to church today because there was dullness about the earth. Bill Jackson came down. Daniel Webster is crazy over his dance that comes off next Tuesday.

Oct 19 – Dan Webster was down and got me to write of the program for his dance.

Oct 20 – D. Webster went to town with apples and is in a great way about his dance coming off tonight.

Oct 21 – Daniel C. Webster had a dance last night but it was a failure as not a ¼ part of his invited came to his dance and he was much worried.

Oct 22 – Worked ½ day. Went to town, Abbie went with me.

Oct 23 – Working on Abbie's chambers today, Levi W. Hall plastered.

Oct 24 – Worked for Abbie ½ day. Shook apples and went to town in afternoon.

Oct 25 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. Frank Marks called here, we went up to Bill Jacksons.

Oct 26 – Worked for Abbie.

Oct 27 – Worked for Abbie.

Oct 28 – Went to town in forenoon and carried a load of goods for Jim Haley. He moved to town today to Mencher Street. Worked ¾ day for Abbie.

Oct 29 – Worked for Abbie and finishing papering. Went to town last night and then down to John Grover's husking. (John Grover bought the town farm in May of 1869 and lived there with his family.)

Oct 30 – Worked for Abbie painting house. Went to town at night and carried 2 ducks for grandmother.

Oct 31 – Finished painting Abbie's house outside. Did not go to town today. It was very mild and pleasant. The building of the road between Rye and New Castle was let today for \$1640.00.

Nov 1 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Aldrich. There was communion administered this afternoon, it was cool.

Nov 2 – Worked for Abbie making steps etc.

Nov 3 – Worked for Abbie ½ day. Went to market with wife afternoon. There are elections in 25 states today. It is expected the Democrats will gain in congressmen in most of the states.

Nov 4 – Worked for Abbie ½ day. Afternoon got turnips and picked cider apples. I picked on bushel of winter apples and they were as nice as ever showing that we have had mild weather for the season.

Nov 5 – Worked for Abbie grinding and hauling wood, John C. Webster helping. The weather is pleasant and no prospect of rain. Apples and cider are plenty.

Nov 6 – Worked for Abbie making doors etc. half day. In afternoon went to town and got pills etc. It was very windy and also very dry.

Nov 7 – Helped Daniel Webster to put in his new iron screws to cider press in forenoon. Afternoon went to Eliot to carry Abbie, wife went too on her own account and came home with us.

Nov 8 – Did not go to church as Mr. Aldrich is off for 2 weeks' vacation.

Nov 9 – Worked for Abbie laying chamber floor.

Nov 10 – Laying chamber floor. Went to town in afternoon. Oliver and wife Sarah were here to dinner with Joseph P. and wife Olivia.

Nov 11 – Worked for Abbie laying floors. At night Democrats had grand fizzle over the recent victories.

Nov 12 – Worked ½ day for Abbie. Went to town to get corn and shorts.

Nov 13 – Worked for Abbie ½ day. Afternoon picked up and hauled cider apples.

Nov 14 – Hauled apples up to Dan Webster, 70 bushels to be made into cider, it is freezing some. Cut wood and at night went to town with wife. She bought a new lap robe. (A lap robe was a thick blanket or pelt used for warming the lap and legs while traveling or sitting outdoors.)

Nov 15 – Cool and cloudy. Did not go to church but stayed around the stove. It is very dry; we have had no rain for 3 or 4 weeks.

Nov 16 – Making cider, hauled 1 barrel to Grammy and 2 bushels and a keg to town. Hauled out 3 loads cider. Is worth 12 ½ cents per gallon. At night wife and I went down to see Betsy and carried 1 bushel potatoes, butter etc. 20 cents.

Nov 17 – Hauling out manure most of the day. Rain came on at 4. Went to town and carried 2 kegs cider, 1 to F. Batten and 1 to W. Young.

Nov 18 – Hauled out manure around trees with “Dexter”.

Nov 19 – Hauled 3 loads sand and put 2 loads in hen house, 1 in yard. Afternoon went to town with wife and carried butter, 40 cents and potatoes, 75 cents.

Nov 20 – Went down to Mrs. Mary Bowles and repaired roof round chimney. Rain and snow came on at noon and at night it snowed vigorously. Got orders to make cart for B.

Nov 21 – Cold and windy. At work on wood house doors etc. It is cool November. Went to town afternoon and got hangings for barn door.

Nov 22 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by a New Market minister. Aunt Mary has moved to Portsmouth. Wife is sick with bowl complaint. It was cold and ½ inch of snow on the ground. (I believe he is writing about Mary Wallis Tucker, his wife's aunt.)

Nov 23 – Rainy most of the day. Shod “Dexter” sharp and got a set ready for the other.

Nov 24 – Took down grape vines and hauled spruce to cover them up etc.

Nov 25 – Hauled sand and sea gravel. Fixed hen house etc. and went to town at night and got Abbie.

Nov 26 – A day of thanksgiving appointed by a Democratic Governor. I went to town and got Michael H. Magraw and Clara and carried them back. It was a nice mild and bare ground and no frost in it.

Nov 27 – Hauled wood home from Varrell pasture and did various other jobs. Afternoon went to town with Abbie.

Nov 28 – Very mild. Went to town twice and hauled wood and exchanged it for coal with Russel and Odiorne. They allowed \$4.75 for wood and asked \$8.00 for coal. Shod the horse in the bargain.

Nov 29 – Rainy and did not go to church. The wind came furiously from the northwest.

Nov 30 –Hauled 2 loads eel grass from marsh to bank up with at night. Went to town and got paint, stair rail, piazza rail, gutter etc. for Abbie's house.

Dec 1 – Put up stair rail for Abbie and got it done at night.

Dec 2 – At work $\frac{3}{4}$ for Abbie in piazza etc.

Dec 3 – At work for Abbie putting gutter round piazza.

Dec 4 – Painting front and piazza, steps etc. Painted the barn. Front pasture was sawing wood.

Dec 5 – Painted eastern end of the barn and fixed the doors in house.

Dec 6 – Cloudy. Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons

Dec 7 – Dull and rainy. Made new barn door for horse house. At night went up to Joseph William Seavey to see about the funeral.

Dec 8 – Hung door to west side of wood house. Joseph William Seavey's child, Mary Abbie, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old, was buried today. I tended the funeral for them. There was no snow and it was some muddy.

Dec 9 – Went to town and got cart ready to haul hay. Hauled load wood from Varrell pasture.

Dec 10 – Hauled 2 loads hay to Samuel Adams and Co. at \$18.00 per ton. It is selling from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per ton.

Dec 11 – Hauled a load of boards to south mill to be planed. Then hauled 1 load of hay to Adams place making 3750 feet in 3 loads. Saw Clara and Mike Magraw.

Dec 12 – Went to town afternoon and carried wife to see Clara who came down from Boston.

Dec 13 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons. The Baptist are getting up a fair to be held the 23rd and 24th.

Dec 14 – Dull with snow and rain. Wife washed and I had about 5 more jobs to do round about the plantation.

Dec 15 – Very cold, 6 below zero with a high wind west northwest. Cut wood, repaired wagon seat and various other jobs. Warren Caswell was over and wants to buy wood.

Dec 16 – More mild so I was able to kill pig, J. William Seavey helping. We got him done at 1 o'clock and had liver for dinner. Went to town and got stuck. Sawed for Mrs. Cart and my wagon.

Dec 17 – Cut up pig in forenoon, got him ready to salt. Went to town afternoon and carried hams and sold them and got keg ale and corn and salt. It was sleighing $\frac{3}{4}$ inch snow.

Dec 18- Cold and windy. Varnished. Wife went to Aunt Webster's to carry piece of pig. Worked on cart and etc.

Dec 19 – Went to town in the morning with "Dexter" and got a load of boards at south mill. Worked on Bowles cart and at night went to town with wife. It was very pleasant moon light evening.

Dec 20 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons, 1 to young men, the other the glories of the gospel. There were fewer present than usual. We went in a sleigh.

Dec 21 – At work on cart for Mrs. Mary Bowles. It was dull.

Dec 22 – We all went to the fair except Edie, and Grammy kept house. There was quite a crowd in the hall and all seemed to have a good time. The Rye Band played for the first time.

Dec 23 – Went to the fair again tonight and there were more attended tonight than last night and they realized more many than they anticipated. They sold \$100.00 worth tickets. Painting barn for Grammy.

Dec 24 – Rain and snow came down in forenoon, clearing off at 2. We went to town to see about Christmas. The fancy shops are crowded with trinkets and folks to buy them.

Dec 25 – Christmas, cold and windy. Repairing harness, wagon etc. At night went to Newington to Johnston wedding, there were about 40 visitors.

Dec 26 – At work on cart etc. Went to town in afternoon with wife, Clara was there.

Dec 27 – Went to church to hear Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons. There was a full house in afternoon.

Dec 28 – Rainy all day. Commenced on other new wagon.

Dec 29 – Wet and muddy and I made new wood house door. Ground axes and filed saws etc.

Dec 30 – Nailed slats on fence by shop in forenoon. Then it came up Cold and windy.

Dec 31 – Otis D. Marden died this morning. (Otis D. Marden died of consumption.)

1875

Jan 1 – Cold and rainy, wind northwest. New Year’s Day, stayed at home all day and cleared round.

Jan 2 – Snowy, about 2 inches fell. Did not go to Portsmouth but at night went to the post office and got my papers.

Jan 3 – Did not go to church because it snowed and was disagreeable. Otis D. Marden was buried today by the Odd Fellows. (American Odd Fellows became independent as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows under British-American Thomas Wildey (1782–1861). To improve and elevate the character of mankind by promoting the principles of friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity and universal justice.)

Jan 4 – Went to town with wife and carried butter, potatoes etc. Clara came from Boston Saturday night.

Jan 5 – Cut down cherry tree by shop and sawed it up to bits, also cleaned up lane.

Jan 6 – The state board of agriculture had a meeting for the benefit of the farmers of Rye today at the town hall. Hay, potatoes and drawing were discussed.

Jan 7 – Went to town with wife.

Jan 8 – Went to town in morning and got Clara Magraw and carried her back at night, Lizzie went up with us. It was good sleighing and we were not long.

Jan 9 – Snowing most of the day and I had to work in the shop on wagon etc. There is now about 4 or 5 inches of snow and good doing.

Jan 10 – Cold and did not go to church, 4 below zero. Few went, it is said William “Billy” Harrison Seavey is married; he went to church today with his wife Annie. (His wife is Annie E. Smith.)

Jan 11 – Went to town with wife and carried butter and poultry. Hens 16 cents, butter 38 cents. Business is very dull and congress is in session.

Jan 12 – Cutting and hauling willow wood from by the spring. It is splendid sleighing and there is much riding.

Jan 13 – Went to town in morning. A furious northeast snow storm came on. Repaired pump. The trial of Henry Ward Beecher began in Brooklyn this week. There is great interest in it. (Beecher was tried on charges that he had committed adultery with a friend's wife, Elizabeth Tilton. In 1870, Elizabeth had confessed to her husband, Theodore Tilton, that she had had a relationship with Beecher. The trial began in January 1875, and ended in July. The jurors

deliberated for six days but were unable to reach a verdict. In February 1876, the Congregational church exonerated Beecher.)

Jan 14 – Went to town in the morning and got Clara. It was cold and very blustery. She came down to make quilt. I sold a lot of wood to Warren Caswell for her. Carried her up at night. Wife and I went to a lecture at the hall by Becknell. 4 below zero. (Warren Caswell is living on Washington Road near the corner of Brackett Road.)

Jan 15 – Cold and windy, the roughest day of the week. Sawed wood in wood house and sat by the fire and took care of the animals. Good sleighing.

Jan 16 – Zero, pleasant and cold. Cut wood for summer part of the day and took care of the animals. Went to town afternoon with wife.

Jan 17 – 4 below zero, cold and windy. Too cold to go to church. There were but 2 sleighs went past here, Elvis Rand and John Seavey. There is now about 10 or 12 inches of snow in the ground and elegant sleighing. But too cold to improve it so we must sit by the fire.

Jan 18 – Cold and blue with light snow afternoon. Cut and hauled willow wood from Betsy field. Mike Magraw was upset by Joseph William Seavey today.

Jan 19 – 12 below zero this morning, the coldest of the season so far, it was pleasant and we got through very well. Cut and sawed wood at the door all day. P.S. 9 pm. 2 below.

Jan 20 – 15 below zero, 3 degrees colder than yesterday. Cold and clear and dry and water is scarce in most places. We have enough in the vicinity. Went to Baptist Fair tonight.

Jan 21 – Cloudy and good sleighing. 6 below zero.

There were no other entries of the year 1875.

1876

No entries Jan. 1 – Jan 9.

Jan 10 – It has been a remarkable winter for outdoor work. We were able to work out doors nearly every day for about 6 weeks and the most of the time the weather was mild enough. To work without mittens and in a light frock.

Jan 11 – Finished the fence and settled up with William H. Hawkins, Received \$623.40 balance due. We also paid Sam Adams and Wilson and Magraw and a very good margin left. It was cold and windy and disagreeable. Wife went up and stayed most of the day.

Jan 12 – Went to town with a load of hay to Sam Adams. The ground is frozen solid and is very rough and the load undergoes a severe shaking on the road. Bought a picture (Autumn) of A. Tucker for \$2.00 and got cheated I guess badly.

Jan 13 – Hauled a load of hay to William S. Hadley for \$10.20, he wanted more. The same disease that usually affects Portsmouth in winter is upon them now badly. Viz: “Dull times”. They are all complaining and mourning about “Hard times” and nothing doing. The disease seems to be universal. (William S. Hadley had a livery stable and was the proprietor of (William E. Hadley & Co.) of the Rockingham House at 97 State Street.)

Jan 14 – Hauled hay to Cerecy of Portsmouth. One H. Englishman who married the widow H. Alton and a fine place he has. He said that was good “A”. He had been wanting a bit of good “A” some time. Portsmouth now brews a large amount of “Ale” having 3 extensive breweries running full every other day. It is sent in all directions from the city.

Jan 15 – Went to town in wagon and William Wallis Tucker went with the horse with a load of hay to Sam Adams (1105 lbs.). It was quite mild, wind south and the road as dry as it can be and rather rough and no indications of snow. There is quite a demand for hay at \$16.00 per ton. (William Wallis Tucker is 17 year old at this time and is living in Portsmouth with his mother.)

Jan 16 – Went to church and heard a man from Haverhill Mass. preach 2 sermons forenoon from John. Afternoon from Luke “And he said, Zacchaeus come down today. I must abide in thy house”. There is to be a meeting at the church at 7 this evening.

Jan 17 – Dull and wet. Sometimes rain and sometimes snow, but soft and mild all the day. William W. Tucker was helping, we repaired the drag, laid new bedding plank in horse’s stalls and newly battened the front and north end of shop and intend to go round it and also to shingle one side. Now Edie (Edith), who is 3 ½ was out with us all day.

Jan 18 – Dull, foggy and wet all day. Muddy on the top of the ground William Tucker and I were shingling the shop ½ of the day. The other ½ was too wet for any of door work. Made a box for horse shoeing tools etc. At night John C. came down and groaned about the state of the country financially. He seemed to be rather full.

Jan 19 – Dull and muddy, the frost being nearly out again. Went to town with wife, the mud was about as bad as it could well be. People could hardly bear their overcoats. William W.

Tucker was shingling the shop and finished the east side and we put on new saddle boards. I got some paint for going over the shop with a coat.

Jan 20 – High northwest wind but not so very cold. We had intended to go clamming but thought the wind was too much and so we repaired the hen house and the shop windows. I made a picture frame and assisted the woman of the house about papering the dining room. Got dinner and Tucker and I washed the dishes etc. Emery Woodman and Mary and Master Hart came up in the evening. (Master Hart is the school teacher.)

Jan 21 – 27 Missing

Jan 28 – Went to town and got Clara, it was splendid sleighing. Damp snow fell last night and froze which improved the “going” muchly but before night it was all gone back and more with it. Carried Clara up in sleigh but it was bad.

Jan 29 – Rainy and wind south. Repaired wagon etc. Paid \$5.00 to Emery Jenness for Brother Aldrich. Went down with Warren Caswell and sold him some wood on Clara’s lot for her, \$15.00 worth. He also looked at 4 trees for sawing, one for \$10.00, 2 for \$8.00 and one for \$7.00. Went to town with William Tucker and got about 400 things. Completed one picture and hung it up, “The little anglers”.

Jan 30 – Cold and windy. Snow about all gone, road ½ covered with ice and slippery. Could not go to church for the horses were too smooth. Saw Mrs. Catherine Grover and Mrs. Lear go by walking with good courage and a determination to hear the gospel. One or two wagons went only.

Jan 31 – John Elwyn died yesterday at the Rockingham House. My wife is sick about all day, it a sudden cold. So I have had to keep house most of the day. It was cold and somewhat windy. (John Langdon Elwyn was the grandson of Governor John Langdon and the uncle of Reverend Alfred Elwyn.)

Feb 1 – Cloudy and wind south. Stayed in the house and helped wife. She is a little better today. Shod the horse and went to town and got corn etc. Heard that Mrs. Bowles is dead but do not know about it. It was very good wheeling. John Elwyn was buried today at his farm near the spring among the graves of his ancestors.

Feb 2 – Cold and wind northwest. Worked in shop. Shod “Flare Temple” sharp. “Dexter” is lame with the scratches.

Feb 3 – Cold and windy. Worked in shop in forenoon on general repairs. After dinner went to Mrs. Bowles and to town. Mrs. Bowles died last night at about 5. In the evening we went down to Charles and spent the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Woodman and the school master were

there. William Tucker hauled out manure, 8 loads. (She was Mary Ann (Woods) Bowles and died of consumption.)

Feb 4 – Snow came down most of the night so that this morning we had about 6 inches of very light snow.

Feb 5 – Hauled a load of hay to Jim Norton on wheels. William Tucker went with it and I went in sleigh with “Dexter”. After unloading it I went down to Mrs. Bowles funeral at 2. She was buried by John’s side near Fullers. She was most 77 years. It was very good sleighing and most people improved it.

Feb 6 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach sermons. One from 1st Theologians, 4th chapter, 31st verse “Prove all things”. “Hold fast to that which is good”. The other I have forgot. He preached especially to the “unconverted”. After meeting went to grandmothers and to the Elwyn place to see the folks, Edie went with us.

Feb 7 – Warm and thawy. The snow is fast going off. Helped wife about washing etc. in forenoon and after dinner we went down in the woods cutting mill logs, cut one tree and got 5 logs. Mr. John Grover is sawing, there being a fair quantity of wood.

Feb 8 – Hauling mill logs all day, George Leroy Trefethen helping with four oxen. Cut 2 other trees today, one with 5 logs and the other 6, making in the 3 trees 16 logs, which we hauled to the mill at 6 loads. The millers have been sawing all day. We hauled the logs across the pasture all the way.

Feb 9 – Snow commenced to come down at 2 or 3 and continued slowly till night when we hauled up round the fire and played “Domino Rex”. Went to town with William Tucker, took wagon the traveling was good. (The object of the game is to move the checkers, forward and then back again. Upon moving back, the player calls out ‘Rex’, for he is now crowned and has completed his goal.)

Feb 10 – This morning we had about 6 inches of snow from the regions above which will give us good sleighing if it holds cold enough. Broke out round the house with “Dexter” with snow plow.

Feb 11 – Stormy most all day, wind south and rain came down vigorously. Repaired pump and umbrellas. George L. Trefethen went to town in sleigh, Professor Tucker helping. (In 7 years William Wallace Tucker would marry George Leroy’s daughter, Mary Gilman Trefethen. He is 16 years old at this time.)

Feb 12 – Went to town with wife in forenoon to market, eggs are 21 cents. We went in sleigh but when we came home it was very bad going in the afternoon. I went up to get Abbie who came home from South Berwick where she has been teaching for 10 weeks.

Feb 13 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons, one from 5 psalms 4th and the afternoon from John 3rd chapter, verses 1 and 3. In the forenoon he tried to show why it was necessary that there should be sin and suffering in the world. Because men would forget God but for tribulation and trouble and the like.

Feb 14 – Stormy most of the day, wind northeast with hail and rain. Hauled 1 load of wood then went clamming, got ½ bushel. We went in sleigh but it half bare ground. Benjamin Marden dies Saturday night at 11 of typhoid and pneumonia. He is to be buried tomorrow.

Feb 15 – Rainy most of the day. I worked in the shop on various jobs, among others, shod “Dexter” behind. Charles was up and repaired chain. We saw a rainbow at night. Benjamin Marden was buried today at 2.

Feb 16 – Went to town with wife after dinner in wagon, the wheeling is good. Got some iron for the new wagon. In the forenoon we hauled 3 loads of wood with horse from lower pasture on sled. At night hauled 2 loads of boards from Grover’s mill. (I believe Grover’s mill would be located somewhere along the Belly hack Brook by Sagamore Road.)

Feb 17 – Went to town with load of hay to “Cerecy” 980 lbs. at \$16.00 per ton. After dinner we hauled boards from the new mill with two teams, William Tucker managing one. We have in all now sawed 3000 feet and some of them are almost “clear” and ought to make good stock when seasoned.

Feb 18 – Paid John Grover \$10.50 for sawing 3000 feet of boards. Finished sawing boards from the mill. The professor painted the shop the 2nd coat between the battens. I cut wood till 3 then went to town with Abbie for her especial accommodation. In the evening we went down to a little party including the teacher Mr. Jackson M. Hoyt of Newington.

Feb 19 – It took us about all the forenoon to “stick” the boards and we got them all piled up nicely. At 4 I went to town. Mike is sick with cold. Edith is sick, has a cold and her stomach is out of order, got some medicine at Preston’s.

Feb 20 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons from one text Proverbs, 16 chapter and verse 33. “The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord”. He gave us 2 excellent sermons full of instruction and interesting to the last. Colonel Simon Jenness Wilder is dead.

Feb 21 – Cut summer wood all the forenoon assisted by William W. Tucker Esq. in the afternoon. We hauled 3 loads summer wood from lower pasture with horse. Edie is still sick with cold and has a bad cough.

Feb 22 – Washington's birthday. Snow came down last night. 5 or 6 inches so that sleighs went very well. We went to town and all the stores were closed. Mike is still sick. Old Mr. John Somerby, aged 90, was buried today. Worked in the shop part of the day.

Feb 23 – Furious northwest wind and 8 above. Sick with cold and stayed in the house to do nothing

Feb 24 – Cold, 6 or 8 below this morning with a strong northwest wind blowing. Stayed in the house all day with cold, am better but not quite able to quite do the wood cutting with much energy. Made wife a rustic basket and did 3 or 4 hundred other jobs. Albert Brackett Trefethen called.

Feb 25 – Cold, zero weather. Kept in the house most of the day helping wife. Sawed wood in the barn awhile at night. The school finished today. Charles came in to see me.

Feb 26 – Quite mild compared with the last few days. Sawed a little wood in the barn and cleared up generally. William Tucker went away to town in the morning. I went to town after dinner with wife and Lizzie. The firm of "Wilson and Magraw" was dissolved yesterday.

Feb 27 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons in Gods "Providences" showing that god ruled for the best welfare of man. Proverbs chapter 30 and verse 34 and 99. Psalms verse 1 and Leviticus chapter 20 and don't know the verse. Oliver L. Locke's wife has got the small pox. Emmon Philbrick's wife is very sick, so it is said.

Feb 28 – Snowy most of the day. Worked in the shop making iron work for new wagon. Professor Tucker went away yesterday.

Feb 29 – Went to town with wife. Clara was getting ready to go to Boston, packing up her furniture. They intend to go tomorrow.

Mar 1 – Went to town and carried curtains to Clara. She went to Boston at 11 intending to have her things go by express soon. Clara Raynes came down and spent the day with her two children, Ruth and Mortimer. She "had a delightful time" and went back at 6 o'clock. (George and Clara Raynes are close friends from Portsmouth.)

Mar 2 – Cut wood most of the day. Went to town with wife and children. Called to see James Hall's folks. It was chilly and raw but good sleighing.

Mar 3 – Cut wood part of the day. Aunt Webster came down. I went up and got her in sleigh at 10 and carried her home at 4 ½. Then we went to town to see Gilman's baby, about 5 weeks old. The sleighing was excellent and many were out to drive it.

Mar 4 – Cut wood in forenoon etc. Went to town in afternoon with Abbie. The political kettle is beginning to boil. Sold Charles Cambell sent here and got 2 boards for boat, 37 feet at 2 cents per foot = 75 cents

Mar 5 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach in forenoon. In the afternoon he admitted 20 new members to the church. Among others John S. Remick, Nathaniel Marden, Jenness Marden and Frank Caswell. The sleighing is fast going away.

Mar 6 – Sick and could not do much. Cut and hauled a little wood and sat in the house. The weather was warm and damp. Snow fast going off. Wanted to cut and hall more logs but circumstances will not permit today.

Mar 7 – Cut some spruce wood and in the afternoon hauled it. William W. Tucker came up and helped after he had assisted Moses Clark in killing a cow, he is acting as a 5th butcher.

Mar 8 – Commenced sawing winter wood. Professor Tucker was at the end of the saw opposite myself.

Mar 9 – Sawing wood all day. Went to town to hear the politicians in regard to the campaign. Ex-Governor Harriman, U.S. Senator Oglesby and U.S. Senator. Bainbridge Wadleigh spoke earnestly for the republicans' side and very effectively we thought.

Mar 10 – Sawing and splitting wood, we are getting well along. At night we went over to see Minister Elwyn about his building a barn but he has not decided who will do it.

Mar 11 –Finished splitting the winter wood. Professor Tucker went over to see his grandmother and assisted in moving salt hay to John Johnson. Went to town afternoon with Abbie, the roads are horrid muddy. (William's grandmother was Elizabeth Tucker and was also Supply's wife Mary's aunt.)

Mar 12 – Cool and chilly, did not go to church. It is bad traveling, rough and bumpy.

Mar 13 – Dull and rainy. Went up to Daniel C. Webster's and got stock sawed for gate for Mary Bowles. Planed the posts and sawed out the slats and morticed posts. Charles was up and talked about the coming election. (Daniel C. is the son of John H. Webster and "Betsy" of Wallis Road by Lang's Corner.)

Mar 14 – Cold and windy, Election Day. I wanted to go to town (Portsmouth) but it was too rough. Went to town (Rye) meeting. There was a lively time about the new appraisal made by

the selectmen in September which was loudly denounced and a committee appointed to examine it and report. The state vote was, Cheney-Republican 96, Marcy-Democrat 163.

Mar 15 – Went to town to hear the news. The Republicans claim the state by 2500 votes and the legislature and council by good majorities. So that the doings of the Democrats for the last two years can be overhauled and righted. The Republicans are jubilant and the Honorable Daniel Marcy is to remain in private life again. Went again to see Elwyn, am going to get up plans.

Mar 16 – Went to town and got drawing paper and drew some plans for a building he is talking of having built. William Tucker came down with me and began to shingle the hen house. It was mild and muddy. Joseph P. Trefethen is getting ice from Bally Hack Brook, he borrowed a chain.

Mar 17 – Cold in the forenoon. Went over to Alfred Elwyn's and showed him plans and he has decided to have a building put up near the "Red House". In the afternoon went to town meeting. They voted to throw away the new appraisal and take that of April 1875. Chose the old board of selectmen, Lewis L. Perkins, Emery Woodman and Aaron Rand. Oliver L. Locke died today of small pox.

Mar 18 – There was about 6 inches of snow fell yesterday and last night and today. We have good sleighing and cold enough to keep it and sleighs and sleds were going in regular order. Went to town afternoon. Cheney has 3193 majority for Governor. The Democrats killed one of their men named Canty breaking his skull.

Mar 19 – Cold and windy, 6 above zero. Did not go to church but sat by the coal fire. It is excellent sleighing but too cold to use it.

Mar 20 – Cut and hauled 6 mill logs to mill, George Leroy and William W. Tucker helping. It was a good change today, snow enough but the weather looks threatening for tomorrow. Alfred Elwyn's team is hauling logs to Grover's mill.

Mar 21 – Furious southeast rain storm, smart enough to be called a gale. Planted a bushel of potatoes in boxes for early transplanting. The old cow had a calf today and it is a heifer. So I have been getting ready to "raise" him. Made a troth, made a pen and did not let him suck at all.

Mar 22 – Went over to see Mr. Alfred Elwyn about his proposed building but he has decided on nothing yet. He intends to today and wanted me to come over tomorrow. Went in sleigh. Been trying to learn my calf to drink but make slow progress as yet he is determined to have something to suck.

Mar 23 – Went over to see Elwyn, he had decided to lease the Plaines farm to Charles Hayes and son and has agreed to build a barn on the farm for his convenience. We went up to Hayes farm to see him and see his barn and see the location etc. I have agreed to go on and build him a barn about 40 x 72.

Mar 24 – Went down to Mary Bowles and carried new gate and hung it and made some alterations in horse cart shafts. Got dinner then came home and made iron work for the shafts and made a Cant Hook iron for timber. The calf still wants to suck and seems determined to hold on and hold out.

Mar 25 – Snow storm all day and wind southeast. Worked in the shop awhile. Went down to Mrs. Bowles and put irons on horse cart shafts. Then went to town to market and got hams of Hortstorn, did not stop long, the storm being so bad. The calf drank some today for the first time.

Mar 26 – Brother Aldrich is having his 2 weeks' vacation today and next Sunday. So I did not go to church. It was dull and very wet and muddy. The rain came down vigorously all night and most of the snow was turned into water of which there is a great abundance of water overflowing Grover's mill dam and the road and bridge near his house. The water was 18 inches deep on the bridge near Foye's house.

Mar 27 – Commenced on farm frame for Alfred Elwyn. Hewing and hauling out of the woods. We worked $\frac{3}{4}$ today, the rain preventing in the morning, James Hall and Horace helping. (Alfred Elwyn's farm was originally his great-grandfather's farm, John Langdon who was a founding father, the 2nd Governor of New Hampshire and a signer of the Constitution.)

Mar 28 – Working for Alfred Elwyn hewing frame for barn.

Mar 29 – Rainy $\frac{1}{2}$ of the day and we stayed at home in the forenoon but after dinner went at it with renewed vigor.

Mar 30 – Hewing for Elwyn. We keep the team going to mill with logs taking back a load of boards.

Mar 31 – Hewing for Elwyn. Grandmother "Betsy" Tucker is very sick and her recovery is doubtful.

Apr 1 – Hewing for Elwyn. Put the centennial "knocker" taken from the old house at the Plains on his new house in the woods. Hauled 2 loads of logs to mill and one load boards back. Went to town with wife at night.

Apr 2 – Pleasant and mild but awful muddy. Brother Aldrich is away so I had a good excuse for staying at home.

Apr 3 – Worked for Elwyn hewing and hauling logs to mill. We got off 2 good loads, 5 on one and 3 large ones on the other.

Apr 4 – Furious snow storm all day, northeast wind. The most severe of the season and more snow fell than at any one time the past winter. Stayed at home and drew plans of barn for Alfred Elwyn and did up many little jobs about the plantation.

Apr 5 – Dull and cold and snowy and the traveling was just horrid. At 10 went to town in sleigh and got some of the necessities of life and the newspapers.

Apr 6 – Worked for Elwyn hewing. Had 3 logs hauled to mill from there on sled. It was wet and rather sloppy under foot.

Apr 7 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn hewing barn frame. His farm hands were hauling potatoes to market; they got off 187 bushels to go to Boston.

Apr 8 – Worked for Elwyn, had 2 loads logs hauled to mill on wheels. Elwyn is sick in bed. Went up and showed him my plans as he lay in bed

Apr 9 – Fair and windy, wind northwest and cold. It froze quite hard last night. Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons. In the afternoon the text was, “He that is guilty of breaking a part of the law is guilty of the whole”. There is a rumor of his going away but don’t know how it will be.

Apr 10 – At work for Elwyn on barn frame. He has been quite sick with cold and bad digestion attended by palpitation of the heart.

Apr 11 – At work on Elwyn’s barn frame in the orchard near the “Red House”.

Apr 12 – Working for Elwyn at hewing. Went up to town hall at night and bid on the job of finishing the basement. Joseph W. Odiorne got the job for \$259.00. My bid was \$297.00. There were only 3 bids, the other was \$274.00.

Apr 13 – Fast day, but we rather than to lose the time labored diligently for Elwyn at hewing. Sent 2 loads logs to mill.

Apr 14 – At work for Elwyn on barn frame. The team hauled 2 loads logs to mill at Grover’s. Also sent 2 loads with horse to shingle mill. Went up to see Mr. Elwyn. Carried Aunt Elizabeth down to see her mother who is very sick. Rain came on at 4 ½. Good Friday. (Aunt Elizabeth is Elizabeth (Tucker) Balch and her mother is Elizabeth (Moses) Tucker.)

Apr 15 – At work for Elwyn. Went to town and got \$30.00 of Hackett and paid James Hall and Horace Trefethen \$10.00 each. We had a consultation about the location of the barn.

Apr 16 – Went to church and heard two sermons by a man b the name of Christy but where he came from or whether he is going I know not. He preached without notes and without much brain. Rain came down while we were in church, both forenoon and afternoon.

Apr 17 – Worked for Elwyn at hewing frame.

Apr 18 - Worked for Elwyn.

Apr 19 - Worked for Elwyn on barn frame.

Apr 20 - Worked for A. Elwyn on frame and shingles

Apr 21 – 26 Missing

Apr 27 – Framing Elwyn's barn.

Apr 28 – Worked ½ day for Elwyn. Rain came on at noon and sent us home.

Apr 29 – Worked for Elwyn on barn. Received \$50.00. Went to town at noon to see about carriage. Went up at night and got the long expected carriage bought of Woodbury Locke. It is a basket carriage with top. Worked 5 ½ days this week.

Apr 30 – Showery all day so we could not go to church for fear of mudding the new carriage.

May 1 - Worked for Elwyn.

May 2 - Worked for Elwyn.

May 3 - Worked for Elwyn.

May 4 - Worked for Elwyn. Wife rode in the carriage for the first time tonight over to see her grandmother who is very sick.

May 5 - Worked for Elwyn.

May 6 – Worked ¼ for Elwyn framing barn, making 5 ¼ days this week. Grandmother Tucker died this morning at about 8 o clock. She was most 91 years old. (Mary's grandmother, Elizabeth "Betsy" (Moses) Tucker.)

May 7 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach sermon from the New Testament. In the afternoon the Lords Supper was administered and Austin Jenness wife was taken into the church.

May 8 - Worked for Elwyn. Carried Uncle Nathaniel Balch to town to get a new hat to wear to the funeral tomorrow. I carried a box of potatoes of the early rose variety. They were planted the first of March in the box. (Nathaniel Balch is grandmother Tucker's son-in-law.)

May 9 – Grandmother Tucker was buried this afternoon at 2. It was very rainy the whole day and we did not work on the barn.

May 10 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

May 11 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

May 12 – John O. Berry set out my early potatoes today. I stayed at home and then went over and worked for Elwyn, $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Rain came down all the afternoon.

May 13 – Worked for Elwyn and got the frame ready to go from the homestead to the Whipple place. Engaged 2 teams of Hayes to take it up Monday. Went to town at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

May 14 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons. Rode in the new carriage the first time and John Langdon Seavey rode with us. Brother Aldrich preached at the North Church in Portsmouth.

May 15 – Worked for Elwyn. We had 12 loads of the barn frame hauled up to the cellar today by Hayes 2 teams. Daniel Webster went with the ox team. My trees came from New York today. \$7.00 worth viz; 4 standard pears, 2 apples, 2 dwarf pear, 1 peach and 2 mince.

May 16 - Worked for Elwyn. In the forenoon we were making pins and getting ready generally and in the afternoon we went to the field of battle and began putting on the sills. Got 3 of the long and straight out and the cross ones carried along.

May 17 – Finished the sills and began to floor it over. We set up all the posts in the cellar. There was a frost this morning that bore rather heavy on any early potatoes and some were turned yellow. George L. Trefethen helped me plow back the house.

May 18 - Worked for Elwyn getting ready for the raising. Rain came on and part of our gang were off.

May 19 - Worked for Elwyn. Commenced to raise at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and at 4 we had all of the body up and secured and pinned the quickest of the side of the barn of any I ever saw.

May 20 – Boarding the barn, 2 on each side, got the sides well along Joseph R. Holmes finished the cellar tonight and is to build a road for Elwyn at the house.

May 21 – Went to church with wife and Lizzie and heard a stranger preach one sermon and Sunday school. When the rain came down and we left for home. After meeting we went down to see Mary Bowles a little while. She is quite smart.

May 22 - Worked for Elwyn. Finished boarding the back of the barn and got a stage up all round and got round to put up kingpins and cellar beams and rafters. Went to Stratham and engaged boards for the finish. It was very hot a part of the day and showery at night.

May 23 – At work for Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day. It was rainy in the morning. Floored over above the main floor and put 4 sections of king pins and cellar beams etc. Went to town and got barrel flour and ordered rafter hauled out. At night John C. Webster and I dug up and set out 2 Centennial trees in front of the house, 1 Red oak and 1 Elm.

May 24 – Putting up rafter plates and also 15 pairs of rafters and end standing. Old Mr. Hayes was over to see us and thought we were getting along well. I got 2 walnut trees of Elwyn and set them out, one in the thirds and one below the house.

May 25 – Finished putting on rafters and boarded up the western gable. We had a strong breeze from southwest.

May 26 – Got the boarding nearly all on and now ready to put on gutters and begin the shingling. Went to town and got shingle nails, lead etc. At night hauled out manure for planting cucumbers, squashes etc.

May 27 – Put on gutter and began the shingling. Got in 7 or 8 courses on north side. Went to town and got nails and new hammer. Received \$100.00 of Alfred Elwyn.

May 28 – Went to church and heard an unknown man preach one sermon and came home at noon. The heat was very great, more than 80 in the shade.

The apple blossoms are beginning to open and the prospect is there will be a great abundance of “Bloth” if no fruit.

May 29 – Very hot most of the day. Shingling on both sides of the barn. A slight shower at evening. Benjamin Norton died yesterday at Portsmouth. The political parts are beginning to warm up for the fall Presidential campaign.

May 30 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

May 31 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Jun 1 – At work for Elwyn.

Jun 2 – At work for Elwyn on barn. Jim Hall making gate similar to those on Richards Avenue.

Jun 3 – At work for Elwyn in forenoon on the barn and went to town in the afternoon. Jim Hall and I put up the new gate at the “Ministers” new road from his house to Lafayette road.

Jun 4 – Did not go to church. Word came early from Uncle Nathaniel Balch’s that he died last night at 6 ¼ about 15 minutes after supper as he was sitting in his chair reading the Portsmouth Journal. He died without a struggle aged 67 ½. He had been planting corn all day.

Jun 5 – No work at Elwyns. Rainy in forenoon. Uncle Balch was buried at 2:30; he was about 67 ½ years old. His only brother Samuel came on from Groveland, Mass., he being the only survivor of 10 children. Uncle Balch had for 2 years had charge of the Elwyn farm.

Jun 6 - Worked for Elwyn on barn putting on finish building stages etc. Went to town and got lead, nails, zinc etc. Daniel Webster cut his finger while shingling.

Jun 7 - Worked for Elwyn on barn and gate etc.

Jun 8 - Worked for Elwyn on barn and gate.

Jun 9 - Worked for Elwyn on barn. Planed over a round table for Mrs. Elwyn.

Jun 10 - Worked for Elwyn on barn. Received of him \$90.00 for labor. We have the shingling done and all the finish on except corner boards. Report came that Mr. Cate was much worse and dying.

Jun 11 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon from Psalms. Came home at noon. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called at 4 and we went to ride to Aunt Mary’s. Dolly called and had a long talk. (“Dolly” is Charles F. Trefethen’s wife Dorothy.)

Jun 12 – Worked for Elwyn on barn laying tie-ups, putting in window frames and door frames. Jim Hall making lattice work for the Minister. Mr. Daniel Cate died last night at about 6 pm.; he died in Uncle Balch’s house. His wife and daughter have died within a month.

Jun 13 - Worked for Elwyn. Mr. Cate was buried this afternoon from the advent chapel.

Jun 14 - Worked for Elwyn in barn.

Jun 15 - Worked for Elwyn in barn laying floors and getting out door stock.

Jun 16 - Worked for Elwyn in barn. Hauling stock for shingle stock for shingles for the old house.

Jun 17 - Worked for Elwyn on barn making doors, painting, laying floors etc. There is a dryness about the earth.

Jun 18 – Went to church with wife and Lizzie and heard Mr. Christy preach one sermon from Hebrews on the life of Moses on his choosing to leave pharaoh's house. Had to lead his own people the Israelites to the Promised Land. At night we went up to see William Jackson.

Jun 19 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Jun 20 - Worked for Elwyn. Tearing down the old "L" of the Whipple house at the Yeaton's. The dryness continues on the surface of the earth.

Jun 21 - Worked for Elwyn. Went to town to get some things. There was a circus in town.

Jun 22 - Worked for Elwyn on barn and house.

Jun 23 – Worked for Elwyn on house shingling and building porch.

Jun 24 - Worked for Elwyn shingling old house and at work on doors of barn. Received of Mr. Elwyn \$80.00. They were sawing turnips etc. in the meadow.

Jun 25 – Went to church and heard Mr. Davis of Newington preach one sermon from Hebrews, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever". Came home at noon.

Jun 26 – At work for Alfred Elwyn on old house and barn making doors and laying floors. It was very warm. Haying was commenced on the Elwyn farm Saturday and the first 2 loads were hauled in to the new barn today by Joe Ham and Mike Welch. He has sold a large piece of grass standing, the crop is light.

Jun 27 - Worked for Elwyn on the house and barn.

Jun 28 - Worked for Elwyn.

Jun 29 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Jun 30 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Jul 1 - Worked for Elwyn on barn and house and finished shingling the house and the barn about ready to clapboard. All hands were suspended tonight till further orders for me to do my haying. The weather is very hot.

Jul 2 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach on sermon and came home at noon. It was so hot, 92 in the shade. Had new potatoes today for the first time this season.

Jul 3 – Began haying today. Cut ½ the Betty field. We had a shower in the morning. Picked 1 pint of potatoes. Bugs in kerosene oil. Went to town at night.

Jul 4 – The glorious 4th. There was a celebration at Portsmouth but I stayed at home and got ready for haying. Finished cutting the Betty field and got in 3 loads. Hot till 4 o clock then we had a shower.

Jul 5 – Haying cut the field by grandmothers' and got in 3 loads out of the Betty field. Jim Hall and John O. Berry were helping at night. Went to John Odiorne's and got some beef steak.

Jul 6 – Got in 5 loads hay today from back of grandmothers' and there is one more. Cut the further field and back of the house. There was a high northwest wind all day. So that it was difficult loading hay although splendid for drying.

Jul 7 – Cut the two lots front of Charles and got in the further field. Went to town at night. News has been received that General Custer and all of his command, nearly 300, have been murdered by the Indians in the west far away.

Jul 8 – Very hot, 92. Cut the thirds today completing the cutting on the north side of Trefethen's avenue. We got in 8 loads, two from the thirds which were cut today. It was by far the hottest day of the haying week. Went to town at night

Jul 9 – Did not go to church. We expected Mary Bowles to go to the beach but she did not come so I had a day of rest. It was not as hot as yesterday. There was a baptizing at Concord Point by the Baptist minister, 8 were immersed, and Charles F's daughter Clara was one of them.

Jul 10 – Cut the field above the barn over as far as cross wall. Got in 3 loads out of thirds and finishing on the north side of Trefethen's Avenue, Jim Hall and John Berry helping. Had a splendid shower at 5 o clock. Frank W. Miller's barn was struck by lightning and burned about 5 ½ o clock.

Jul 11 – Hot. Finished cutting English hay today but it was not a good day for drying. We got in 3 or 4 loads but it was not well made. We had another shower at 5 o clock lasting well into the evening. It is believed there is now an immense quantity of grass now cut.

Jul 12 – Very hot. Foggy in the morning and the haying prospect was not good. So I went to town and up to the new barn and got some shorts I had there. Got home at 11 and John O. Berry had opened all the hay and was turning it.

Jul 13 – Very hot, 95 in the shade. Finished haying today. We got in 3 loads from the Willow field and 2 above the barn. I think we fall short about 1 ½ tons from last year. The complaint is general of a short crop. Paid John Berry \$10.00. We went over to the Farragut house at night. Hoed potatoes by Charles.

Jul 14 – P.T. Barnum was in Portsmouth with his great show the “Greatest on Earth”. We went up and saw them parade the streets. He had a good street show and it was said to be worth the money. I bought one of his books in paper cover for 50 cents.

Jul 15 – Went to town and market in the morning. New potatoes were \$1.00 per bushel, corn and meal 70 cents. At night wife and I went to town in the carriage by the way of the Elwyn farm and called at the “Red house”.

Jul 16 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon and came home at noon. It was hot and dry, excellent hay weather. At night went over to see Aunt Mary.

Jul 17 – Began again for Alfred Elwyn on old house and new barn clapboarding.

Jul 18 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on barn and house at Whipple place at the Plains. It was very hot, 94 in the shade. We have had a continuation of hot weather since July came in.

Jul 19 – Worked for Elwyn on barn and house at Plains. We had a shower at night.

Jul 20 – At work for Elwyn on old house. There is a great story in Portsmouth about the suspension of the “Rockingham Ten Cent Savings Bank”. Where a person had deposited sums all the way from 10 cents to ten hundred dollars. The public do not yet know what the loss will be.

Jul 21 – At work for Elwyn on old house. It is said that this is the hottest season for many years. Grapes thus far are doing well, much better than for 4 or 5 years.

Jul 22 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on house and barn at the plains farm. We are getting well along on the house.

Jul 23 – We had a splendid rain this morning and plentifully and the suffering corn and potatoes take in their fill. While I lay in bed and heard the pattering drops as they went to the very spot. Did not go to church. Aunt “Luvy” was buried today.

Jul 24 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on the old house on the Whipple place. Roberts, his expected farmer, came down today from South New Market to see how he will like for a day or two.

Jul 25 – Worked for Elwyn on old house and barn at the Plains.

Jul 26 – Clapboarding for Elwyn on barn at the Whipple farm.

Jul 27 – Worked for Elwyn clapboarding barn. Charles E. Trefethen belongs to the Rye Band and they were off to play for an Engine Company at Portsmouth. (Spear’s Brass Band, Charles Erwin Trefethen and Oliver Trefethen are members of the band.)

Jul 28 – Worked for Elwyn. Got well along with the clapboarding and have got 325 more to lay.

Jul 29 – Worked for Elwyn on barn. We finished the clapboarding and painting. Joe Ham is painting and papering the old house. Mr. Elwyn and wife were up at night to see the completed barn.

Jul 30 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon. In the afternoon they had a Sunday school concert. J.W. Garland is superintendent. Oliver and Joseph P. were here and Albert B. Trefethen and Oliver Fernald and Daniel Raitt were here and got cider. (Oliver, Joseph P. and Albert B. are brothers of Supply.)

Jul 31 – We had a splendid rain last night, rain all through the night. Worked for Elwyn on new barn to finish up the odds and ends here and there.

Aug 1 – At work on new barn putting up conductors and finishing off Tie-up and windows in same. Joe Ham is digging for the water pipe to run from well to house and barn.

Aug 2 – Finished the new barn and old house at the Whipple Farm today. It is pronounced by most all who have seen it to be a no1. One said it was the “Boss Barn” of the Plains.

Aug 3 – Began on the barn at the Red house. Are going to put in new window frames and windows in the gable end in the tie-ups, Jim Hall and myself.

Aug 4 – Worked for Elwyn on barn at homestead.

Aug 5 – Worked for Elwyn on barn at the Red house. It was one of the hottest days of the season. We were getting out window frames.

Aug 6 – Hot, Hot, Hot. Wind at south and hot as ever and at the same time it is very dry. Did not go to church on account of the heat but laid down to rest in the house.

Aug 7 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on barn at the homestead, Jim Hall helping. Putting in windows in gable. Finished the front end except shingling. It was said to be the hottest day of the season, nearly 100 in the shade.

Aug 8 – Worked for Elwyn on barn at the Red house.

Aug 9 - Worked for Elwyn on barn at the Red house.

Aug 10 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Aug 11 - Worked for Elwyn on barn.

Aug 12 - Worked for Elwyn putting cellar windows under the Red House and finished and brought my tools home.

Aug 13 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon from Romans 8th, 28th verse. “All things work together for good to those that love the Lord”. Charles E. Trefethen’s horse had his leg broken today and we buried it on the boarder of his inheritance.

Aug 14 – Went to the Farragut House for a ride with wife and baby.

Aug 15 – Jobbing round, built cellar stairs etc. Mrs. Lear was up this afternoon. Went to town with Abbie. We had a splendid shower while we were there. Got horse shoes and nails.

Aug 16 – Went to town in forenoon and got Clara. She came from Boston at 10:30. I went up again at night and got her trunk.

Aug 17 – Dull and foggy. Daniel Trefethen Jr. came last night and went away this afternoon. I carried him to the Farragut house. I then went to see William Rand about doing a job for him. Samuel Bunkers’ daughter was buried today.

Aug 18 – Aunt Webster came down today. I went up and got her and carried her back in the new carriage. She said she had a nice time. Daniel Webster cut himself badly with the adze today, he bled badly.

Aug 19 – Jobbing round generally till 3:30 then went to town to get Miss Fitten’s trunk. She came down with Lizzie and Clara; wife came home with me with “Dexter” in the wagon. They came in the carriage.

Aug 20 – Went to town to church and heard Brother James De Normandy preach one sermon from 2nd Samuel, chapter 16, 13th verse. I liked him very much. I was also pleased with the singing. Clara and Miss Fitten went with me.

Aug 21 – Jobbing round the plantation and fooling away my time.

Aug 22 – Went over at night to see William Rand and made a bargain for doing a job on his house for \$90.00.

Aug 23 – Hot and dry. Went up to Joe Ham’s and got 212 lbs. of shorts. I had bought of Hayes at 7/8 of a cent per lb.

Aug 24 – Went over to Rye beach to see the bathers. There were about 75 in the water.

Aug 25 – Hot as ever. Jobbing round the plantation grinding tools etc.

Aug 26 – Hot and dry for the season. Hewing and timber for the job at the Lafayette Road for William Rand. Went to town at night.

Aug 27 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon from the text “Be not slothful in business etc.”, Clark and Fitton went with me. Saw Richard Roberts there. Called to see Daniel Webster and William Jackson was down.

Aug 28 – Hewing timber for the job at William Rands. At night carried Clark and Fitton to town to go to Boston.

Aug 29 – Hauled a load of boards to town to be planed, then took a load of posts and shingles out to William Rands. Then hauled a load of boards with “Dexter” for house. John O. Foss is quite sick with dysentery.

Aug 30 – Hauled a load of timber to Rands for frame. Went to John Rands shop with wagon to have the timbers set. Then went to town with wife.

Aug 31 – Commenced my job of enlarging William Rand’s house for \$90.00. Camp meeting at the Bay and at Epping.

Sep 1 – Worked on job at Rands. It was one of the hottest days of the season.

Sep 2 – Rainy in the morning and did not go to work. Jobbing round the plantation.

Sep 3 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach one sermon. Came home at noon.

Sep 4 – Worked on job at Rands near Norton’s corner.

Sep 5 – Worked on job for Rand at Norton’s corner.

Sep 6 – Worked on job for Rand, the wind was furious northwest.

Sep 7 – Worked on job at Rands. Charles has gone to the picnic of the “Grangers” at Hampton today.

Sep 8 – Worked on job alone, Charles was not there. He was all day getting over the picnic of yesterday.

Sep 9 – Rainy most of the forenoon. We worked on job at Rands. Went to town and got a cask of lime and stacked it for mortar.

Sep 10 – Went to church and heard an entire stranger preached one sermon from Galatians. He was not as interesting as he would have done.

Sep 11 – Worked for Cyrus Rand, that in on his job.

Sep 12 – Plastered today. Levi W. Hall put it on with myself tendering and a hard day worked. The Baptists had a picnic at Stratham Hill, the band attending.

Sep 13 – Dull in the morning. Charles E. came up at 9 ½ o'clock and helped one make sinks.

Sep 14 – Worked for the Rand job.

Sep 15 – Worked at Rands finishing. Got the water gate changed by Waley and Critchly.

Sep 16 – Finished my job at Rands on Lafayette Road at 1 ½ o'clock. Then came home and went to town with wife and Lizzie in the carriage and did shopping and paid 3 bills. One at Wendell's and one at John T. France and Albert B. Trefethen in all \$7.60.

Sep 17 – Dull and did not go to church as Brother Aldrich has 3 Sundays vacation, this being the first. So I remained at home quietly till night and then went to Aunt Mary's.

Sep 18 – Dull and rainy and went up and worked for Daniel Webster on his cider press putting in his new screws. He is still quite lame from the severe cut he received from his adze some time ago.

Sep 19 – Rainy and dull. Worked round the plantation and also went to town and carried hens and got corn and meal.

Sep 20 – Dullness still prevails and we can't do much at agriculture. So I have been doing about 400 odd jobs.

Sep 21 – At work in the cellar building potato pen and took down the old dairy and prepared it for cider kegs.

Sep 22 – Hauled a load seaweed then picked apples till about 4 o'clock. Then went to town and got malt. Then at 6 went down to the sea and got a load seaweed.

Sep 23 – Picking cider apples after going to the sea to get a load of seaweed. I have now got about 28 bushels gathered. Went to town at night to get the news.

Sep 24 – Few went to church. At 12 wife and I and Edith went to Greenland to ride. We went through "Sodom" road then down by Glen March's place and by the Tabor place and plains past Frank Miller's home. (Frank W. Miller, Portsmouth, NH (1829-1880). Prominent newspaper publisher.)

Sep 25 – Dull and wet and so I had to job around the plantation. Went down to see Mary Bowles before she gets married to Joshua Stackpole, which is to happen shortly. She has let her farm to Jim Yeaton for \$200.00 and taxes.

Sep 26 – Went down to the sea and gave my petition to Emery Woodman for widening and straightening our road.

Sep 27 – Sprained my wrist and am on the invalid corps but have to do an everlasting sight of chores.

Sep 28 – Painted the kitchen floor and sink and pump. Went to town to see the fashions. Got a barrel of flour and carried Grammy with her hens, 4 in number. She sold them at 14 cent per lb.

Sep 29 – Picking apples, some for winter and some for cider. Painted up round the underpinning. The selectmen were here to see about widening the road in front of my house. They decided to do it next Saturday.

Sep 30 – Pleasant and warm. Went to town in forenoon and saw Mr. Elwyn and Walker about work. Walker wants me to do some shingling for paying a soap bill. They all say it awful dull times. Then they put on long faces and bespeak a hard future.

Oct 1 – Sunshine and cloudy after a copious rain last night. There was quite a turnout to church but I did not go although Brother Aldrich has last week appointed one for today. It is coolish but we have had no frost yet. Our grapes are ripening nobly and a good crop.

Oct 2 – Dug my potatoes, John Berry helping. We got about 35 bushels in all against 65 or 70 bushels last year. It was a splendid day for Mr. Business.

Oct 3 – Harrowed the potato patch and sowed it to grass seed. Went to town and carried poultry. Aunt Elizabeth Balch was up and spent the day. Picked 5 bushels of apples and hauled and ground 32 bushels at Dan Webster's mill. Carried Aunt Elizabeth home and went to William Rands. (Aunt Elizabeth Balch is Mary's mother Adeline's sister.)

Oct 4 – Went to Daniel C. Webster's and put my cider on the press and got out 2 casks full and hauled one to town for Jim Norton at 8 cents per gallon. Helped John C. Webster husk a little while.

Oct 5 – Went to town to work for A.T. Walker and Sons at shingling but had to leave at 10 1/2 after getting wet. It rained most of the day.

Oct 6 – Worked for Walker and Sons and finished and also got quite a cold on me in consequence of getting wet yesterday. Frank Jones team of 12 yoke of oxen came home from the state fair today while I was at Walkers.

Oct 7 – Sick with cold and stayed round the house till 4 when the selectmen came and widened the road in front of the house and also at the corner taking some land out of the Betty field. Wife went to town for me.

Oct 8 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons, one text was “God is Love”. The other was something about remembering whether the sins of the fathers were forgotten.

Oct 9 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn enlarging his corn house 10 feet in length, Jim Hall helping. We were hewing out the timber. At night received of Mr. Elwyn \$131.00 balance of pay on barn.

Oct 10 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on corn house. Settled with Jim Hall, paid him ½ dollar in full for all I owed him on my own account.

Oct 11 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on corn house. Went to town to get stock. There is great interest felt in the state elections of Ohio and Indiana which came off yesterday. They are both in doubt, each party claiming both.

Oct 12 – Worked for Elwyn.

Oct 13 – Worked for Elwyn. They are getting in corn. It is estimated they will have 275 bushels of shelled corn on seven acres. Samuel Hanscum fell off the barge this afternoon.

Oct 14 – Worked for A. Elwyn. Shingled the south side of the entire building today. Rain came on at night. Went to town, it is presidential year and the political excitement is great. It is said Ohio went Republican and Indiana Democratic.

Oct 15 - A snow storm came on at an early hour and went on slowly till noon. The first we have seen in past we have had but few “frosts” this fall. Did not go to church nor see anybody else go past.

Oct 16 – At work for Elwyn on corn house, got it ready for the corn.

Oct 17 – On the sick list. Went to town and got meal and shorts and gold fish. Got home and laid down on lounge all day and made good progress.

Oct 18 – Stayed at home most of the day and hovered round the stove. At 3 went to town with wife to buy presents for the school teacher for \$3.51 the children had contributed. Pleasant weather.

Oct 19 – Worked for Elwyn, finished corn house.

Oct 20 – Worked for A. Elwyn on privy at Red House and making sink for kitchen.

Oct 21 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on privy at the Red House, Jim Hall helping. Albert B. Trefethen is painting round the pig pen. Dampness came down at 3 pm.

Oct 22 – Dull and foggy. Did not go to church although Brother Aldrich has but one more Sunday. My cold is much better and consequently I am much pleased about it.

Oct 23 – At work for A. Elwyn on homestead making cover to water troth and finished the “Jakes” except hanging the door. Mr. Elwyn is going to the continental tonight. They hauled 2 loads seaweed; they finished the jointing around the pig house. (Jakes (toilet), a type of toilet in a small structure separate from the main building which does not have a flush or sewer attached.)

Oct 24 – Dull and wet in morning and went for $\frac{3}{4}$, J. Hall came down for $\frac{1}{2}$. Went to town to get nails. It was general muster at the plains.

Oct 25 – Worked for Elwyn all day. Put up sink in the Red House for Mrs. Aldrich.

Oct 26 – Worked for A. Elwyn painted “Jakes” and raised and boarded the house over the “hydraulic ram”. The “Minister” has gone to the centennial. (A hydraulic ram - The device uses the water hammer effect to develop pressure that allows a portion of the input water to be lifted to a point higher than where the water originally started without the use of electricity or manual labor.)

Oct 27 – Worked for Elwyn. Wife paid John Berry \$2.00 in full for work this date.

Oct 28 – Worked for Elwyn, finished at covering for the spring and house for hydraulic and began getting out frame for shelter shed.

Oct 29 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach 2 sermons in forenoon. He repeated his popular sermon, text “be diligent in business and fervent in spirit. In the afternoon he preaches from Revelations and the beauties of the millennium which was almost begun comparison.

Oct 30 – Nov 4 Missing

Nov 5 – Went to church and heard Brother Aldrich preach his farewell sermon in the forenoon. In the afternoon the Lords Supper was administered and 6 new members admitted to the church. Mrs. Aldrich goes to Nashua N.H. next Sunday.

Nov 6 - Worked for Elwyn. This is the day before election and all are nerved up for the contest tomorrow and seemingly to add fury to the battle. The storm king has taken up the excitement and the indications are that we shall have a ragging rain storm tonight and perhaps tomorrow. Both parties claim the coming battle and both seem to be equally confident so tomorrow must tell the story.

Nov 7 –Presidential Election and a furious rainstorm prevailed all day. But still the vote was very full. Hayes and Wheeler had 102 and Tilden and Hendricks 197. All was peace and quietness, both parties working busily.

Nov 8 – The day after election and rainy. Did not go to work, went to town. The news received today says Tilden the Democrat is elected but they are only partial returns from any and it seems impossible that they could get enough figures to decide the result.

Nov 9 - Worked for Elwyn hewing out frame for ice house, Jim Hall helping. There was a report at noon today that Hayes and Wheeler had on majority of the electoral vote and I still hope that Mr. Hayes has been elected but Saturday night will decide it.

Nov 10 – Dull. Worked for Elwyn when rain came on. The election is still in doubt, both sides claim it and it is said to hinge on the official returns from Louisiana and Florida. Both parties present figures showing the election of their candidates.

Nov 11 – Dull and wet most of the day. Ground 45 bushels of apples at Daniel Webster's. I went to town and got a barrel and one for Frank Batten of 10 gallons. I got out nearly three 42 gallon casks by 9 o'clock.

Nov 12 – Rainy all day and all last night, slowly and steadily. Did not go to church but stayed at home and studied the presidential question without any particular satisfaction. But I am in hopes Hayes will be President after next March 4th.

Nov 13 – Worked all day for Elwyn. It has cleared off fine and mild. The question is to who is elected president is not definitely settled yet. The official vote of Florida and Louisiana being required to settle the matter. Without them Hayes has 173 and Tilden 184.

Nov 14 - Worked for Elwyn. No Presidential news. The hitch is in counting the electoral vote of Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina as the official vote is required to decide them they are so close. It is said by Republicans they are all that way and for Hayes.

Nov 15 - Worked for Elwyn all day on ice house. It is said that there is millions of dollars pending in bets upon the result of the Presidential vote taken in all kinds of ways and theories. In regard the election in the different states and towns which way they would go and on the final result.

Nov 16 - Worked for Elwyn shingling the ice house. There is still no decision in the Presidential question as to whether it is Hayes or Tilden. Elwyn raised 709 bushels of ears of corn this year on 7 acres of land.

Nov 17 - Worked for Elwyn and finished the ice house at night. Tomorrow we have got to "batten" the hen house and pissery. The Presidential question seems to be still hanging in doubts.

Nov 18 – Finished work for Alfred Elwyn at noon today and brought my tools home. The weather is very pleasant and mild for the season. Grass looks about as green as ever and where seed was sown late; it is as flourishing as in June.

Nov 19 – Did not go to church but went to Aunt Balch's with wife and Edith. It was dull and chilly. The weather has this fall so far been unusually mild. There has been no weather to injure apples on the trees as the few scattering ones left are nicely ripened and in excellent keeping condition.

Nov 20 – A northeast storm came on last night and run through the night and all day and still continues, 9 pm. Laying cellar drain part of the day then made a gate, shod the horse and several other jobs, William Tucker helping.

Nov 21 – The storm continues tonight, 9 pm. Making a gate for front of the house etc. There was an enormous quantity of water fell in this last rain. The ground seems to be "full" way up Grover's mill dam is over run with water so he cannot saw.

Nov 22 – Digging trench for wall in front of house where the road is to be widened as laid out by the selectmen. Went to town in afternoon and got the news. The election is not yet decided. The official count gives South Carolina to Hayes, Florida and Louisiana are still undecided but expected to go for Hayes.

Nov 23 – Digging trench for wall in the Betty Field where the road is to be widened by order of the selectmen. We hauled about 20 loads of sods and sand from there today and expect to get 25 more. J. O. Garland said there would be a meeting next Sunday at the Orthodox Church by Lyman Whiting, Preacher.

Nov 24 – Digging trench for wall and hauling the soil on the low grass land. We hauled about 25 loads today. Working all day, William W. Tucker helping.

Nov 25 – Digging trench and grading round the poplar tree and by the barn and also grading at the bank across the eastern end of the house and put green sod on the sloping side. Went to town after 2, got meal, corn and shorts for the animal and the news.

Nov 26 – Went to church and heard Mr. Whiting preach 2 sermons. He is a candidate for Mr. Aldrich's place. It is understood he wants to preach 2 Sundays experimentally. Today his first text was in 2nd Kings, 17th chapter, 5th verse. His 2nd text, Proverbs, 5th chapter. I don't remember what verse and but little of the sermon.

Nov 27 – Finished the wall trench, hauled out 14 loads today. Went to D.R. Ambrose's at the Plains to get some "Ash Butts" to make basket stock for Daniel C. Webster. He is a cripple and thinks he can be making baskets while he is recovering strength in his legs. Called to see Jo Ham at the Whipple farm. There is a prospect of snow.

Nov 28 – Commenced building wall in the Betty Field. William Tucker and myself got over most 4 rods including the turning the corner. This was tearing down and building up. We worked vigorously. There is a great slaughter among the poultry intended for market for thanksgiving which comes day after tomorrow.

Nov 29 – Splendid weather. Building wall all day got well started on the home stretch. Many went to market; Levi Marden went home and told us that good turkeys at 17 or 18 cents per lb. It seems that any one most can have a turkey this year. But we shall make out on a pair of chickens as usual. We went down to Betsy's at night and carried her a little something.

Nov 30 – (Chickens for dinner) A day of Thanksgiving proclaimed by General Grant President and also by Governor Person C. Cheney of our state. I went to town and got a load of coal of Russell and Odiorne 1450 lbs. at \$16.00 per ton. There is great excitement in South Carolina over the political situation; the whites are killing the Negros in cold blood.

Dec 1 – Cold all day. Building wall, Charles E. Trefethen helping. We gave it a very good run today and got well up to the maple tree. The ground is now frozen about 4 inches. The Presidential question is not yet settled, both sides claim it yet.

Dec 2 – The coldest morning so far this fall, 1 above zero at sunrise. Clear and bare ground and excellent traveling. Business is very dull they all say and what everybody says must be true. There seems to be a great demand for hay today. Good hay brings 19 dollars and coal is 5 ½ and 6 per ton on the wharf.

Dec 3 – Went to church and heard Mr. "Bowditch" at the Baptist preach 2 sermons. One text was "Behold the fields are now already white for the harvest". The afternoon text I forget. There was a house full there being no meeting at the Orthodox house. Cold and windy and good wheeling. William Jackson was down at night and talked awhile.

Dec 4 – Building wall by the Betty field, Horace Trefethen and John O. Berry helping. We got that string nearly down. Splendid weather and traveling, the best I ever knew at this season. The roads seem to be macadamized and the rough edges are worn off. So they are splendid to ride over.

Dec 5 – Finished building the wall in the Betty field except one gap where one large stump is to be blasted. Then we began to make preparations to build front of house. At night the

dimensions for a well curb they want us to make. This evening the Orthodox Society had an antiquarian supply at town hall.

Dec 6 – Took down old wall in front of house and hauled rocks to build up the new. Wife and I went to town in the carriage for pleasure. The day was very pleasant and splendid traveling. Today the electors meet in all the states to vote for President.

Dec 7 – Splendid weather. Began building wall in front of house, John O. Berry and Horace Trefethen and William Tucker helping. We built about 5 rods. John C. Webster and George Leroy Trefethen were down and hauled some big rocks for bottom. Daniel C. Webster, Miss Haines, Mrs. Mary Woodman and Abbie were up in the evening.

Dec 8 – Worked all day at building wall front of the house, John O. Berry and Horace Trefethen helping. The weather was splendid, mild and pleasant and dry handling rocks. We have got well along and can finish in about ½ day. The change makes great improvement in front of the house and also at the corner of the Avenue.

Dec 9 – A furious southeast snow storm began early this morning and run till noon. Then a right about face and northwest know squalls all the afternoon. I could not go to town to get the news. The electors met last Wednesday and voted in all the states (38) and gave 185 to Hayes and 184 to Tilden. They are to be opened in Washington in February.

Dec 10 – Coldest morning a little below zero with a furious northwest wind which made things rattle all night. We were glad to sit by the fire and speculate about the intense heat of the last July and that to come the next summer.

Dec 11 – Went to town to market in the wagon. It snowed lightly all day without making progress. Came home and worked on the well curb for Mrs. Gilman Rand. Shod “Dexter” sharp and various other jobs and still there seems to be plenty unfinished. (Shod the horse sharp is sharpening the horseshoes so they would not slip on the ice and snow.)

Dec 12 – Snow and cold with wind north. Went and carried Lizzie to school. Called at Emery Woodman’s and he paid me \$63.87 for land and fencing on account of the town, he being a selectman. Finished Mrs. Rands well curb and carried it over and put it up and rigged the chain pump. The sleighing was middling. John was in and is down on President Grant and his administration.

Dec 13 – The weather has softened down a little induced by a southerly wind. Shod “Flora Temple” sharp and repaired the “Pung”. Went over to Elwyn’s at noon, at 2 went over to Gilman Rands and put cover on well curb and repaired wood house door. Then went to town, got William W. Tucker a pair of new rubber boots for \$3.50.

Dec 14 – Mild and thawy and the “beautiful” snow is dissolved and going back to “old ouch” so we go back to wheeling again. We hauled out about 16 loads of manure today in the Betty field and above the farm, William W. Tucker helping. Went to town with wife and got her new dress at Clara Raynes. Everybody complains of hard times.

Dec 15 – Worked for Elwyn on feed box and chest. Elwyn came down to see about matters and things. There was a theatre burned in Brooklyn on the 7th evening in which more than 300 people were burned to death. They have the funeral of 100 persons at one time. A great many are unrecognizable and buried in a common grave.

Dec 16 – Worked for Elwyn. Cold and blustery and a strong northwest wind prevailed all day in cloudy several snow squalls. Went to town in the afternoon to get stock to make harness closet and closet in cellar. The ground is frozen solid.

Dec 17 - The coldest morning of the season, 10 below zero. In some places it was said to be 12 and more below with strong northwest wind. We all hovered around the stove except William Tucker who went to church ½ day. At noon it was 2 below. Perry Garland’s child was buried today. (Lizzie Junkins Garland was 3 years old and the daughter of Oliver Perry and Frances E. Garland. Frances died on October 9th earlier this year at 32 years old.)

Dec 18 – A furious snow storm was raging when I got up this morning and continued raging all day till 9 pm. As much after the old fashion and now I think we have 12 or 14 inches on a level. I went over and worked ½ day for Elwyn on grain box. It was cold all day and must pass for one of the roughest of northeast winter days.

Dec 19 – There was about 15 inches of snow on the ground this morning and we had quite a little job to “break out” round the plantation which took till 10 then we got ready to “kill the pig”. The killing began at 1 o clock and we went through quick and I returned all the borrowed tools and cut him down, I guess, to about 235 lbs.

Dec 20 – Cold and bad sleighing. Worked for Elwyn making feed box and closet. Cut the pig up at night and shall deal out all that goes away tomorrow including Aunt Webster and Grover.

Dec 21 – Worked for Elwyn making closet in the cellar at his house and also put a patent “Bolt” on the house door. There are 15 or 18 inches of snow on the level in the woods. Received of Alfred Elwyn \$100.00 for work myself and Jim Hall. Paid the said Jim Hall \$57.50 tonight for 29 ¾ days’ work.

Dec 22 – Worked for Elwyn at making a harness closet in the barn. The weather is cold, black and cloudy and generally disagreeable the sleighing is getting to be very good but is now rather

dry on account of the continued cold. Wife went to town with William W. Tucker and Abbie. Perkins is talking of cutting ice, it is 12 inches thick.

Dec 23 – Cold. Worked for Alfred Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day. Finished harness closet and began on the sled alterations for a new top, 11 feet long. It snowed this morning and we now have 20 inches of snow on a level and hard traveling. Went to town at 3:30 and got some things for Christmas. A new rubber boots \$3.00, cap \$ 1.25, scarf and corn and meal and kerosene at 40 cents per gallon.

Dec 24 – Cold, zero this morning. There was but few went to church owing to cold weather. Bad traveling and only one meeting held by Mr. Bowditch. Went down to see Grammy Adeline and Abbie. They said it was “dreadful cold” and snowy. We could see a fire in town from where it blazed up grandly and shown out on the snow.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and I stayed at home. The cistern gave out and I took the opportunity to clean it out. Washing it thoroughly and it is now ready for water. Went to Jedidiah Rand’s and paid him \$1.00 for a bushel of onions, then paid John O. Foss my taxes \$17.87 for the year, then paid James M. Rand \$3.22 for blacksmith work.

Dec 26 – Worked for Elwyn. It was as cold as Christmas and also as blue and you wish to see.

Dec 27 – Worked for Elwyn on horse steel. It has been the warmest day for 3 weeks. The snow settled a considerable.

Dec 28 – Worked for Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day and finished the sled and all the other jobs he had ordered. The morning was cold, 10 above and it held uncomfortably cold all day. The sleighing is very good except “dishing places” which make you bow unwillingly, there is too much snow.

Dec 29 – Dull in the forenoon. Went up and made a new door for Samuel Hanscum an outside storm door. Then brought my tools home and on the way bought 2 planks of Mrs. Foye for sled for horse. Went to Allen Porter’s and got 2 bars and piece for shafts. A furious snow storm came on at 2 and continued vigorously now 9 pm.

Dec 30 – The storm was done this morning and it had left us about 4 or 5 inches of snow and sleet covered with a crust and drifted a good deal so there was not much traveling. We worked on the new horse sled till 1 then I went to town and got some coal and iron and paint, corn and newspapers etc. There was a severe storm generally doing much damage.

Dec 31 – Cold and windy but 2 sleighs went to church, William Harrison and Charles F. Trefethen. We got stuck in the snow at the corner and John O. Berry and wife were overturned as they were going to town. Miss Haines and several others will be to meeting. We went down to Grammy’s at night on the crust. This ends the eventful year of 1876.

Memoranda

This year is prominent as the one hundredth year of American independence so declared by our forefathers at Philadelphia, July 4, 1776. In its honor there has been a "Centennial Exhibition" at Philadelphia commencing on May 10th and formally ended Nov 10th but much of the show remained till near Christmas. The show was a mammoth affair. All nations with which the United States has intercourse were invited to take part and each exhibit. Specimens of their agriculture, mechanicals, fine arts, manufactories and natural products and mining and everything that was thought worthy to be shown to the public. About 40 nations took part and brought together an endless variety of sights on scenes from every part of the globe, making the greatest "Fair" or affair the world has ever seen. The grounds covered 250 acres. Some of the buildings were 1800 feet long by 400 wide. The most of the nation's built their own buildings in their own way and generally of materials imported from their own country. Nearly all the states had buildings of their own in which to exhibit their various industries etc. Although the regular show ended as above stated, the "Main" exhibition building has been purchased by subscription to remain as a permanent show building or museum. This year is memorable as the first appearance of the potato bug in force in Rye. They came in great numbers and if the farmer had not destroyed a great portion of them they would have destroyed more than ½ of the potato crop, they breed so alarmingly. The prospect now is that it will be doubtful of raising any crop another year except at a great expense. This year has been also remarkable for its great proportion of fair days. Some months we could work every day out doors and for 3 months there would not be more than as many days that we could not work out of doors without getting wet. Still there has not been a great scarcity of water in this vicinity. Although in other parts of New England they have complained of a "Water Famine".

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Jan 1 – New Year's Day. Cold and windy. Worked in the shop all day in horse shed. There was little to no travel on the road today. There is any quantity of snow say 2 ½ feet and bound by a crust.

Jan 2 – Cold and windy. Orin Drake's wife Mary died today at noon. A furious northeast snow storm raged this morning and till noon. We finished the horse sled and painted it this forenoon. We have now got to make a top to haul coal etc. At 2 Daniel Webster came down on horseback to order us out to breakout the road and we mustered and went through with horses. (The Drakes are living on Washington Road across from John A. Trefethen.)(Orin's wife was Mary Abby (Odiorne) Drake. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Olive (Seavey) Drake.)

Jan 3 – Cold and windy. Broke out the roads again today with 6 horses and as many men.

Jan 4 – Cold and blustery all day. The snow was blown with great force in to drifts that became solid enough in most places to bear a horse. Worked in the shop making “Top” for the new horse sled. Oren Drake’s wife was buried this afternoon. Tomorrow Elwin J. Major is to be hung for poisoning his wife 2 years ago.

Jan 5 – Purchased this book today for 25 cents from Moses Brothers. We had to break out the road today again it having blown in generally last night. Went to town this afternoon with butter at 32 cents, eggs at 32 cents and old hens at 12 cents, traded with L.V. Wendell. James Norton died Wednesday to be buried tomorrow at 11.

Jan 6 – Quite pleasant and mild. At work around the plantation generally doing 10,000 little jobs including mending sleds, filing saws, making and repairing picture frames. There was but few went to town. Saw Oliver and Joseph P. go past. (Supply’s brothers.)

Jan 7 – The thaw has come, long hoped for came at last. This morning we were awakened by the driving southeast rain storm and it rained right smart for 4 or 5 hours and we caught 15 inches of water in our cistern and it had a flattening effect on the snow generally now. Went to church but all rejoiced in the January thaw.

Jan 8 – Soft and thawy. Began to break out and got out wood by John Varrell’s, William W. Tucker helping. We hauled 4 loads with the horse and my new sled, painted blue. The snow is deep in the woods and it took us some time to break a path. Johnson has been hauling hay from Charles Rand’s marsh.

Jan 9 – Hauling wood most of the day. Fanny Ayers and Oliver and Joseph called at about noon but did not stay long. Wife and I went to town to see Betsy Shapley Turner. Then went to Aunt Elizabeth’s to carry her up. It was cold and bad sleighing. Nelly Balch is sick in bed and feverish.

Jan 10 – 15 Missing

Jan 16 – Snow, snow everywhere on the round and in the air. We had to break out the roads again today with 5 horses and good courage.

Jan 17 – Zero in the morning. Making picture frames.

Jan 18 – Pleasant but cold, 2 below in the morning. Went to the Esquire Parsons and got him to make out a deed to John W. Johnson of a piece of meadow land, 4 acres in Bally Hack Brook. In the afternoon carried it over and got the money - \$16.00.

Jan 19 – Splendid day, pleasant and good sleighing. Went to town and carried 2 chickens for Grammy, sold for 15 cents per lbs., eggs are 30 cents. Our 55 hens lay now from 18 to 55 eggs

per day. Went to a Republican Convention, Joshua B. Smith of Durham was nominated on the 5th ballot for counselor.

Jan 20 – Dull and rainy in forenoon. Choring round the plantation. Went to town at 3 and got some papers etc. and also a barrel of fish heads for the hens for 25 cents and got a haddock to split and bake Sunday morning.

Jan 21 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Perkins from Hampton. He is a candidate and has preached here 2 Sundays before. I should have heard him last Sunday if I had known he was coming. He is dark complexed, black hair and whiskers “thick kind” and shoulders. Got 27 eggs today.

Jan 22 - Cloudy and dull most of the day. Got my sled ready to haul hay to town tomorrow. Doctoring “Dexter” for worms of which he seems to have any quantity. Went down and paid John O. Berry for cutting 2 cords of wood for Abbie.

Jan 23 – Hauled hay to James Norton’s widow. It was nice weather. There was plenty standing on the corners of the streets and whining about the dull times. Saw Daniel Marcy when I came home, he is getting stock for his ship of John Woods.

Jan 24 – Good winter weather. Went to town with a load of hay in forenoon to Washington firemen. The sleighing is troubled with pitches badly. Hay is \$18.00 per ton. In the afternoon went again with eggs at 30 cents and got feed for animals. Daniel Trefethen Jr. is here.

Jan 25 – Cold and a furious northwest wind raging. Went to town with Daniel Trefethen Jr. The Ten Cent Bank began to payout the 25 per cent advertised and Daniel got his portion of \$1000.00 they owed him. When they suspended there was a grand rush and I did not attempt to get any.

Jan 26 – The coldest morning of the season, 19 below and it was humming cold and frosty. I remained on the plantation but did not accomplish much. Put on shoe on the old Pung. There is to be a donation given to the Baptist minister Bowdish tonight.

Jan 27 – Mild and pleasant, wind south. Went to town in the forenoon, Abbie went with me. I think there were more sleighs in town than I ever saw at one time there before. The great sensation today was the passage by congress of the bill for counting the electoral votes by a large majority.

Jan 28 – Fair and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Bowdish of the Baptist persuasion preach 2 sermons, one from Luke, 13th chapter and verse 8. The other Acts 20 – 24. He made out 2 very good stories to his own mind and gave us some good advice. The Orthodox folks

made Mr. Perkins an offer of \$800.00 and parsonage but he declined and we must try again to get a Sheppard of the sheep.

Jan 29 – Mild and pleasant. Went to the Ten Cent Bank and drew money for myself and 5 others. The 25 per cent the assignee is paying out. Nobody in particular knows when we shall get anymore. Got a barrel of flour “Snowflake” for \$9.25 and eggs at 32 cents. Moody and Sankey began in Boston yesterday with crowded houses. (Dwight Moody could not sing but knew the value of songs and singing in his evangelistic work. He enlisted the support of Ira Sankey in 1871 and together the two traveled to England as well as urban areas in the eastern United States 'reducing the population of hell by a million souls.' Moody was clearly the guiding light and visionary for the evangelistic endeavors, but he needed Sankey's songs to attract crowds and set the stage for his message. He would let Sankey begin with song, he would then preach and finally Sankey would conclude with a song as the sinners came forth.)

Jan 30 – Very pleasant and mild. Cut wood in forenoon. In the afternoon we made a call on Mrs. N. Foye and Mrs. O. Foye, William Moses wife was there. We talked awhile and left. Good sleighing. John Grover has bought a new horse, “Hontas” the colt we sold to Isaac Foss.

Jan 31 – Went to town and carried Abbie to go to Eliot on a visit. Joe Foss and wife and her boy, John, were here and spent the day. The son had his fiddle. Oren Otis brought a pair of wheels for me to make over, he wanted to by hay. Eggs at 30 cents and corn 75 cents.

Feb 1 – Soft and thawy. Dissected an old pair of wheels for Oren Otis to be “new rimmed”. Made a pattern of felloes and went to Allen Porter’s and got stock, also called on my brother Joseph P. and talked about affairs in general. He has a swarm of bees found in a large oak tree; they saved the section of the branch containing the bees. (Felloes are the circular rim, or a part of the rim of a wheel, into which the outer ends of the spokes are inserted.)

Feb 2 – Very warm wind south. Cutting apple trees in front of the house. Cut 4 today and trimmed them out and hauled in apart of them. The traveling is bad and “Slumpy” and there is not much traveling. Sent to town by John Landon Seavey and got a Boston paper. The count of the presidential election votes began yesterday.

Feb 3 – Very warm and the dissolving views of the snow are manifested in a watery manner. Went to town to market with butter at 25 cents and eggs at 25 cents and exchanged other necessities. There was not a great rush in town. The news from Washington is that the commission are considering Florida vote. When I came home the beast slid down and dislocated the shaves of the Pung. Elizabeth and Eliza and Augusta were here to tea. (Augusta is the wife of Lewis E. Odiorne , Eliza was the wife of Samuel A. Trefethen and Sarah Elizabeth is the wife of William Ira Holmes. All are living on Wallis road.)

Feb 4 – Warm and pleasant and soft sleighing. Did not go to church as there was no meeting at the Orthodox house. Tomorrow is “Railroad Day” on the eastern road and many are going to Boston from Rye to hear Moody and Stankey preach there. Grover and wife were here this evening. John Varrell has sued or threatening to sue him in 5 days.

Feb 5 – Washing day and I was generally busy about the plantation. Mild and pleasant weather and we are not troubled with storms or signs of storms.

Feb 6 – Went to town with wife in sleigh and we had quite a pleasant season in the round of shopping. She reported after we got home that \$5.00 were thus disposed of in shoes and other luxuries. The all absorbing topic in town is the settlement of the presidential question. Called at Emery Woodman’s in the evening.

Feb 7 – Cut wood in the forenoon etc. In the afternoon wife and I went to Aunt Balch’s and also called at Aldrich’s at the Red House and when we came home gossiped with Aunt Mary at the Old Tucker mansion.

Feb 8 – Went to town and got Clara Raynes and son “Marta”, to spend the day. We talked politics and all the other gossip we could think of. She is for Tilden. It is generally believed that the commission have decided Florida for Hayes.

Feb 9 – Sawed apple tree wood in the forenoon. Lent my sled to Albert Clark to get hay. After dinner went to town and got 800 lbs. of coal at Russell and Odiorne’s at \$6.00 per ton. The traveling was so soft and I didn’t care to load heavy. Thanksgiving I got 1450 lbs. which has lasted till now.

Feb 10 – Sawed apple tree wood in the forenoon and repaired sleigh and Pung. Went to town in the afternoon carried eggs at 22 cents. The sleighing is very watery and hard with some bare spots but still plenty of snow generally. The weather is “perfectly splendid” as some of our female friends would say.

Feb 11 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Harris preach two sermons, one from 1st Corinthians, chapter 1 verse 18. The last one from Hebrews 4th – 11th. He was quite a preacher and gave us two entertaining sermons and was generally liked by a full congregation.

Feb 12 – Warm and thawy. Began in the lower pasture. We broke a path from the mill to the Lang’s and George Leroy Trefethen hauled 2 logs for Warren Caswell and C. Knowles. William Seavey hauled 18 logs today.

Feb 13 – Cold and windy. Went down in the pasture and cut wood and got it ready to take home, I hauled one load. There was a high northwest wind all day.

Feb 14 – Cut wood in morning. Then went to town and carried Abbie to go to South Berwick on a visit. She went out at 10. There is great interest in the counting of the electoral vote. The state of Louisiana is now being considered. Hauled 3 loads wood with horse this afternoon. Wife went up to Joseph William Seavey's this evening.

Feb 15 – Cutting mill logs for Abbie down near Goss field, John O. Berry was helping all day. We cut 3 large trees and sawed them up for the mill. Warren Caswell and C. Knowles were hauling logs from Clara's lot to the mill with 4 horses. They also bought one tree of Moses Clark. Wife is unwell tonight.

Feb 16 – Cutting mill logs, John Berry helping. Finished cutting for the present. On the afternoon George L. Trefethen was down and hauled 2 loads to the mill. We had John Grover's cattle with his. It was soft and warm. Louisiana electoral votes is decided for Hayes.

Feb 17 – Iron shoed Lizzie's sled. George L. Trefethen came and we went down and with 2 teams, hauled 4 loads of logs to mill. Then went to town to market, eggs at 19 cents sold to J. Brooks and bought corn at 75 cents. The Democrats are mad as hornets because Hayes gets Louisiana's vote for President.

Feb 18 – Cold and windy and generally disagreeable so that I had a strong desire to hover around the fire and read of passing events and did not go to church and I think there were many others of the same opinion.

Feb 19 – Cold and windy. Cutting summer wood in forenoon. Afternoon rode out with wife to see Betsy Shapley and H. Turner and Aunt Webster. Rye gossip is not awful brisk at this time.

Feb 20 – Cut wood in the forenoon. After dinner went with wife to see "Mary Bowles" it was now Mary Stackpole and also called to see Albert B. Trefethen and family.

Feb 21 – Cutting wood all day. Wife went over to see Eliza and took tea. I joined in the latter ceremony. In the evening Emery Woodman and wife Mary and Miss Haines were up and spent the evening.

Feb 22 – Went to town in the forenoon with Abbie. The sleighing was not excellent on account of its unevenness and lack of snow in places. In the afternoon went to the funeral of Morris Drake's child, 4 years and 3 months old. Died of a very sudden cold.

Feb 23 – Sawing and splitting wood in forenoon. Lent my sled too Albert Clark. Afternoon carried wife down to the school examination, Miss Haines teacher and John Drake superintending. Albert Clark helped me haul hard woods from the meadow.

Feb 24 – Cutting wood awhile in morning. Then George L. Trefethen came down and we went in the woods and hauled 5 logs to mill with 2 teams. At noon a northeast storm began and I hurried to town and back. Got home at 4 when the snow came down furiously. Miss Haines, school teacher, went home today. Oregon went for Hayes.

Feb 25 – The furious northeast snow storm still continues and a fair prospect of another day. Joseph and Oliver were over and stopped for hours and took tea. Oliver is only down for a day or two.

Feb 26 – Warm and pleasant and the new snow went sloping off in a rapid manner. Hauled 2 loads timber for Abbie. George L. Trefethen got his timber and we are square to date. The sledding is middling.

Feb 27 – Worked for William Harrison Seavey hewing timber. 44 feet long and 10 x 10 inches for a wind mill to be built by John Jenness's son to grind corn. So we hear sleighs and wheels are both used and traveling by, both are equally bad. Though there is plenty of snow on the sides, we have had about all fair weather for 2 months.

Feb 28 – Hewing for William H. Seavey in the woods and got out 2 sticks today only. There is news from the Presidential count that it goes steadily in for Hayes. It is said the Democrats are tearing mad, but the "Communism" is their own for to measure and they can't go back on it with any show of grace.

Mar 1 – Worked ½ day hewing for William H. Seavey and finished. We hewed 4 pieces 40 feet, 10 x 10 inches and 2 pieces 25 feet by 8 x 10 inches for Jenness windmill. In the afternoon hauled 5 loads of maple wood from swamp and a log to John Grover's mill. People go in sleighs and wagons. It is thawy every day but still there is snow enough on the sides of the road.

Mar 2 – Cut wood in the morning awhile then went to town and got the news, carried eggs at 14 cents. The "Great Problem" was settled at about 4 o'clock this morning; Rutherford B. Hayes and William A. Wheeler were declared elected as President and Vice President. The Democrats are demoralized and the Republicans are jubilant. Rain came down at 3 pm. fast.

Mar 3 – Cutting wood and hauled 3 loads boards from the mill, 2 for me and 1 for Abbie Clark. Went to town to market, Abbie went with me. The wheeling was bad and muddy and wet and Viz; "Hurray for Hayes and Wheeler" and there is talk of a big time in Portsmouth next week.

Mar 4 – Dull and rainy. Did not go to church but stayed at home and read the news. The good news of Hayes success to the presidency and also reading Mr. Moody's sermon in the "tabernacle" at Boston. They still continue to have large audiences, 7000 or more.

Mar 5 – John O. Berry came over and we began cutting or sawing up wood for next winter. It made my shoulder ache vigorously. At night went to Jedidiah Rand to a meeting of the Rye Republic Committee.

Mar 6 – John Berry helping me saw wood all day. My shoulder continued to ache as bad as ever. At night was glad to sit by the fire and read the paper etc.

Mar 7 – John Berry sawing and splitting wood. Went to town with load of hay to Jim Norton's widow, had 700 lbs. at \$18.00 per ton. Tonight there is to be a grand rally in Portsmouth in honor of the inauguration of Rutherford B. Hayes as President and also to help along the election next week.

Mar 8 – John Berry splitting wood. George L. Trefethen came down with oxen to haul a log from Gramma's to mill. I hauled 2 loads boards to Abbie from mill and one for myself. Went to town at night and got grain for animals, eggs 14 cents. Signs of a storm.

Mar 9 – Southeast rain storm. John Berry sawed up dry wood in shed and also split some green pine. Settled with him tonight, paid him \$4.75 for 5 days. Put fastenings on blinds and painted them or Abbie. Also made frame for rug. At night it cleared off, cold northwest wind blowing briskly.

Mar 10 – Finished splitting wood and cleared up round the yard. Piled up boards, repaired wagon and got stock ready for felloe for Otis wheel. Went to town afternoon and carried wheel stock to Dan Mason to saw. Sold eggs and got meal. There is to be a Democratic powwow at town hall tonight and speeches. Republicans confident of next Tuesday success.

Mar 11 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Harris preach 2 sermons, one from Luke 15, 10th verse. There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repentant. The afternoon sermon was 2nd Theologians, 2nd chapter verse 20 and two other passages of scripture all about truth, all men need truth. Truth was the all absorbing topic of his sermon which was very able.

Mar 12 – Went town with hay to Morrissey 1000 lbs. for \$9.00 per ton. It snowed and rained all day and was generally wet and cold. Moody is still preaching in the Tabernacle in Boston and Sankey sings at the same place.

Mar 13 – State election. Snowy all day as usual. There was a very large attendance the Republicans threw, 116 for Prescott for Governor and Democrat Daniel Marcy 196. Democrat Frank Jones for Congress 19 and Gilman Marston for Congress 115, M. Eldridge for State Senator 187, Emmons B. Philbrick for State Senator 125. There was lively times in the hall today.

Mar 14 – Went to town with hay to Seavey, 960 lbs. at \$18.00 per ton. The news from the election is that the state goes 36 of Republican, 2 of the 3 members of Congress, 60 majority in the legislature, 4 councilors and all complete except the first congressional district. Where Frank Jones has a small majority, his election is bought with money.

Mar 15 – About 6 or 8 inches of snow fell last night and today. Sleights and sleds were going briskly and by night they had dried it up muchly. The Republicans have never in this town thrown more than 104 votes before this year but now we go 116 gain of 12

Mar 16 – Went to town with wife in forenoon to market in sleigh. It was very good doing as it had frozen last night. The first congressional district is in doubt between Frank Jones and Gilman Marston.

Mar 17 – Worked on Otis wheels $\frac{3}{4}$ then went to town. The sleighing is not so bad as it might be. It is said today that Frank Jones is elected to congress in the district by about 41 pluralities but everything else is strongly Republican, he is a Democrat.

Mar 18 – A regular northeast snow storm and quite cold. We think perhaps it my pass for the “equinoctial” as it is so near the 20th. Did not go to church for 2 reasons, one was the doubt about having any minister and the other was on account of inclement weather. So I read Moody’s sermons in Boston papers.

Mar 19 – Cold, 10 above this morning. Finished Oren Otis wheels and carried them to Jim Rand’s shop on sled. It is excellent sleighing, the best we have had this winter. But it was rather uncomfortable to ride today. Made a gate to put in front of the house when spring comes. Joe Rand has a benefit at the hall tonight.

Mar 20 – Went to town with bedding to John Grant at \$9.00 per ton, carried 500 lbs. After dinner hauled boards from John Grover’s mill.

Mar 21 – Dull and wet. At work in the shop in forenoon. William Berry was found hung by the neck dead at George Leroy Trefethens this morning having committed suicide sometime in the night. Had to go to town to find out the above facts.

Mar 22 – Dull and wet. Making shafts for small wagon, got them done and painted. Made frame for mother, “do it right and fear not” and shod the horses etc.

Mar 23 – Pleasant most of the day. Went to William Berry’s funeral at 2. The funeral was held at George Leroy Trefethen’s and he was buried at his brother Gilman’s. Mr. Bowdish tended the funeral and said if there were any good points in the deceased career we must think of them and let the bad go.

Mar 24 – About half pleasant with chilly wind and very muddy traveling. Hewing timber and posts in the forenoon and after dinner went to town with wife to market. Everybody says business is dull and so they stand around the corners and rub their hands and say “oh how awful”.

Mar 25 – Cold and chilly with north wind. Nobody went to church that I saw. I was expecting there would be no meeting at the Congregational house. P.S. There were several wagons went by me from church that I did not see go. Went down to see Gramma and Abbie. Went to meeting, text Hebrews 12 chapter and verse 11.

Mar 26 – Northeast rain storm prevailed all day and all night and I took myself to the shop for shelter and did up a lot of jobs I had on hand including; painting two large new gates.

Mar 27 – The northeast storm continues with occasional cessation in the rain. Went to town with eggs and got feed for animals. Water ran over the road by Grover’s and also at the bridge near Foye’s. Like the rush of mighty waters.

Mar 28 – And yet the storm continues, wind northeast and mud and water are abundant and the rule and not the exception. The frost is now about all out and the ground settling down to the old familiar place and soon if the warm weather comes we will see the farmer putting in the seed.

Mar 29 – Dull and the old storm has not all gone yet. Went over to Gilman Rand’s to see a gate which they want repaired and agreed to do it sometime. Got some eggs “Red Leghorn” to set under hens. Called to the Red House and to Mary Tuckers.

Mar 30 – Jobbing round generally. At 2 went to town with Abbie. She wanted to get some stamps from the bank. There is still the general complaint of dull times. They whine like the whine of the alligator and the roaring lion. Shod a horse for Albert Clark.

Mar 31 – Pleasant and somewhat muddy. Doing various jobs, finished gate posts, cleaned up round the buildings, stack some boards for Abbie etc. etc. At night the school district meeting was held at 7, Levi Hall was chosen committee for the ensuing year I took my hand at moderator.

Apr 1 – Cool, southerly wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Bowdish preach 2 sermons, one in the forenoon. The text was 1st Corinthians chapter 8, verse 13. “Wherefore if meat make my brother to offended I will eat no flesh while world stand lest I make my brother to offend”. The afternoon text was in 1st Timothy chapter 4, verse 8.

Apr 2 – Rainy and snowy together making a compound mixture.

Apr 3 – Not at all pleasant but rather of an opposite character. Dampness comes upon the earth to prepare it for the coming season. When it will be called upon to bring forth to the husbandman in all its bountiful spontaneousness. Went to town with wife.

Apr 4 – Pleasant. Hauled manure in the further field on the grass that I may reap grass. What so ever thou soweth that shall ye also reap. Put the new blinds on Abbie's new house this afternoon.

Apr 5 - Dull and wet in the morning. Went to town with wife. She went to the dentists to have teeth filled while I jogged around town to see the natives. There seems to be a quiet period at this time among all classes. Not so much as a ripple on the political waters.

Apr 6 – The above should have been written today instead of yesterday. When it was snowy all day and I was at work in the shop and today it was that. Wife and I went to town to see the dentist.

Apr 7 – Fair and windy, April weather. Painting window blinds, put on the pantry window blind also put in the new 4 light windows in the bedroom and the pantry. Manured the grape vines and trees in the garden by the shop.

Apr 8 – Pleasant and mild. Did not go to church as there was no meeting at our church but rested at home to read Moody's sermon being now delivered in Boston at the Tabernacle. It is said there is a great "awakening" there among all classes and all professions.

Apr 9 – Very pleasant west wind. Hewing and hauling out manure in the forenoon. It was the most like spring of any we have yet. Edward Tucker came over after me to repair a cart. After dinner I went and fixed the cart and put rockers on a chair and Aunt Mary was "terrible glad". Mrs. Foye is moving to town.

Apr 10 – Hauled out manure in the forenoon and cleaned up hen's yard etc. After dinner went to town with wife, she went to the dentist again. J. Holmes was planting potatoes in the swamp land with manure in the hill. The ground generally seems to be dry enough to plough and plant.

Apr 11 – John O. Berry was over and helped me, we finished the wall in front of the house and down by the maple tree. Put the new gate in front and began on the abutment for new gate below the house. Went up an hour and helped Joseph William Seavey raise his new building for the dairy, workroom and wood house in one with piazza on one end. (This was located on Sagamore Road across from Herman O. Trefethen's home.)

Apr 12 – A day of fasting and prayer appointed by Governor Cheney. But most people in this region did not heed it much. I doing up odd jobs, finished the gate in front of the house, put on

hook, painted posts etc. Set far post, painted 4 blinds, set out onions etc. The weather was cold and chilly with several snow squalls and high wind.

Apr 13 – John O. Berry was over and helped me to build up my “Butments” below the house and set the posts and hang the gate and also to level the wall and build up the gap left in the wall at the corner. We made a blast in one rock and also put up several gaps which had tumbled down in winter. Gilman and Levi Hall were at work for Charles E. Trefethen on the old house underpinning.

Apr 14 – Jobbing round generally, finished new gate below the house and painted it. Hauled out 6 loads of manure in the thirds for early potatoes. Sold Charles E. Trefethen 610 lbs. of bedding at \$9.00 per ton. Worked trees etc. Went to town at night and got the news and some shorts.

Apr 15 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons, one from John, 8th chapter, 12th verse. In the afternoon it was Mark, 8th chapter, 34th verse. He was an old style preacher and we had what we called old style sermons. They were like old Porter’s sermons that the people refused to pay for.

Apr 16 – Monday was bright and fair. Hauled out manure down by the old swamp next to Charles Trefethen’s field. And for potatoes, also some in the thirds for garden. Varnished the carriage from 11 till 2 with 15 minutes for dinner. Wife was happy for a few minutes.

Apr 17 – Dull and rainy. Loaded a load of boards to go to town to be planed but it was too wet to go so I painted blinds and polished up the carriage top etc. At night went to town and got windows for the chambers, carried a box for Grammy. News is not plenty. The soldiers are to be withdrawn from the state house at New Orleans.

Apr 18 – Worked in the shop all day painting blinds, beveled windows for chambers. Got out finish for the roof of the house when we shingle it. Went to town with boards to be planed.

Apr 19 – The northeaster prevails all day. Getting out finish for house. Joseph William Seavey is having an addition put on his house to include summer kitchen, dairy and wood room. J.W. Odiorne is doing it.

Apr 20 – Went over and made gates for Mrs. Gilman Rand. Rain came on at 2 and I had a wet time of it. She paid me for the job I did last winter on well curb \$4.50. She has over 100 hens and they were cackling all day and they lay well she said.

Apr 21 – Rather dull part of the day. Repaired wheelbarrow for Mrs. Gilman Rand and made chicken coop. Went to Jim Rand’s to get hinges for G. Rand’s gate. Sold Wesley Jenness 30 dozen egg at 16 cents, 22 dozen of them were ours we got in one week from 52 hens less 6 that are sitting. Went to town and got meal, corn and shorts.

Apr 22 – Did not go to church it being so dull in the morning. It cleared off by 11 and wife and I went to visit her Aunts Mary and Elizabeth Tucker. The Orthodox folks are to have a candidate today but I do not know from whence he comes or whether he will go or what he has for a name.

Apr 23 – Went to Gilman Rand's and finished the gate and other jobs at noon and came home. Then hauled manure for potatoes by Charles Trefethen's and leveled up my new gate opposite the house. Dolly came up and had a long consultation. The day was warm and it is time to plant.

Apr 24 – Took up 6 red oaks in the pasture by John Varrell's and set them out in front of the house for ornamentation. I also hauled rocks to the west end of the barn to grade by the large doors. Wife and Lizzie went to town, Abbie also drove cow.

Apr 25 – George L. Trefethen came down and helped me plow 3 ½ hours in the thirds. Broke up one piece of my potatoes that are now going in boxes, some are 4 inches high. I hauled out 10 or 12 loads manure with "Dexter" and put 2 barrels of coal ashes in the grass above the barn. It has been the most spring like day of the season. It seems a month earlier than last year at least.

Apr 26 – Repaired the hen's yard fence in the forenoon and got it ready to ship them in. Then harrowed the early potato patch and also sweet corn piece and planted 7 rows of the early evergreen and set out 50 hills of potatoes, which I had started. Some were 5 inches high. It was a very drying day and the ground is very mellow more so than for years before.

Apr 27 – Harrowing and setting out potatoes. Set 5 rows in thirds, cleaned out privy etc. At night went to town, Abbie went also. There is nothing to hinder planting or sowing anything as the land is dry enough anywhere. I put hens manure in the hill for potatoes early.

Apr 28 – Cool and pleasant. Jobbing round generally, planted peas, shod the horse etc. In the afternoon went to the planing mill with boards and got 400 feet planed and hauled back for 80 cents. Everybody says it is dull. I got \$5.47 of Charles Rand for job on gate.

Apr 29 – Northeast rain storm all day and did not go to church. Read the news generally and Moody's sermon in particular. He is to finish his meetings in Boston today for the present.

Apr 30 – It rained vigorously most of the forenoon then broke away. Painted 4 pairs of blinds for the chamber, 2nd coat. Got out some finish for house. At noon went up and got George L. Trefethen's boy to help me plow my potato piece down in Varrell field. Paid him 75 cents in silver. (George's son is Fred E. Trefethen and is 15 years old.)

May 1 – Rainy furiously all forenoon. Put 1 pair of blinds on the sitting room window over the piazza. Got out some finish for house, did a job of blacksmith work for George L. Trefethen.

After dinner set out 4 apple trees in front of the house. Cut down old stump of cherry tree by the shop. Sowed grass seed by cellar etc.etc.etc.

May 2 – Rainy all day nearly. Worked in the shop getting out finish for the house. Went to town at 3 and changed a bushel of potatoes with Sam Frye to plant. Potatoes are quoted at \$1.10 per bushel.

May 3 – Hewed timber for Abbie until 2 then painted hinges to their blinds. Then sowed onion seed, one oz. in thirds. The Thunder man called here. Repaired platform round the well, the well was nearly full of water. Went to the sands and got a load of sand and put in the hen's yard.

May 4 – Harrowed for potatoes by Grammy's at noon. Went over to see Elwyn and also to see Oren Otis and Sam Hanscum. Bought 1 bushel of potatoes and paid \$1.00 to plant. Asked Elwyn if he was going to have any work for me and he said financial affairs were too dull.

May 5 – Pleasant and good planting weather. Set out one pack of onion seeds. I got of Joseph William Seavey 4 rows, 15 feet long. Then planted 10 rows of potatoes next to Charles Trefethen's field by Gramma Clark's. Cleaned out their hen house, planted squashes and cucumbers. Went to town and got pig for \$5.00 of Guss Brown.

May 6 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Smith from Essex, Mass. He was very popular with his gestures and full voice and strong. His forenoon text was Philippians, 3rd verse, 14th chapter. Afternoon text was Exodus, 14th chapter and 15th verse. "Speak unto the children of Israel that thy go forward."

May 7 – Finished my piece of potatoes by Grammy's, 10 rows from the Kennebec and 7 rows from LeRoy.

May 8 – Putting up fence about all day round the pastures. Cut old cherry trees etc. etc. The farmers are about all done planting potatoes and there is a lull before the corn goes in. Though I hear Holmes has planted some, he is a "Prophet". Most common folks rather wait till the ground gets warm.

May 9 – Putting up walls by G.H. Seavey's pasture etc. Then I dug a hole for grading near the old poplar and after dinner I went for it with a horse. 5 loads rocks and one load of turf and it made quite a possible looking place. At night went down to the sea and got a load of sand.

May 10 – Planting beans etc. especially of the etc. Cool at night.

May 11 – Putting up wall in the back part of the plantation around Brother Lang's and Lewis Odiorne's and the further field.

May 12 – Planted cucumbers today and turnips. Went to town in forenoon. It was quite warm. Wife went in the afternoon with Lizzie. At 12 o'clock at night our pig died but we were unable to decide what the cause was, unless it was "stoppage". Oliver called this morning.

May 13 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons. I believe he was not a candidate but sent by Mr. Smith who preached last Sunday. At the society meeting, last Monday night, they voted to give Mr. Smith a call at \$1000.00 salary but it is not known whether he will accept or not. Hot weather.

May 14 – Went to town this morning to get another pig of Guss Brown. It is of the same "litter" of the one we last had. Painted wagon. After dinner went over and examined the proposed new highway from Ebenezer W. Lang's to John O. Foss. Which is to be let next Saturday.

May 15 – Planted pole beans etc. Dug up and plowed back of house and varnished the small wagon. It was very hot and dry and smoky and very hot for the season. About 80 most of the day. The trees are fast leaving out and the blott buds are opening.

May 16 – Planted in the garden and went to town a little while, got back at noon. Got paint and varnish for the large wagon. After dinner Fred E. came down and helped me plow a piece for beans by Charles in Betty field.

May 17 – Hoed my early potatoes etc. After dinner carried a grape vine to William Trefethen and set it out for him. Then went to Mrs. Gilman Rand's to see about making sink drain.

May 18 – Worked on the highway in front of the house, grading where the wall was moved in, Albert Clark helped and others. Daniel Webster was the surveyor, my whole tax was \$7.60, and 1/3 is reserved for winter.

May 19 – At work on the road in the forenoon. Hauling materials to grade up in front of the house. After dinner went to the town to bid on the road to be built from Lang's to John O. Foss. My bid was \$975.00; Joseph Holmes bid \$863.00 and got the job.

May 20 – Did not go to church. There was no meeting at the Orthodox. Warm and excellent growing weather. Went down to see Charles E. Trefethen's old house, making into a new one then. We went down to Grammy's to see her. (I believe the old house is the 390 Sagamore road house.)

May 21 – Planted some potatoes and corn and cabbages etc. Hoed onions and killed potato bugs of which there are plenty this early on ground where potatoes were planted last year. But on new ground I have not yet seen any. Drove my yearling heifer to William Marden's to pasture. We had a light shower at night which was excellent for vegetation.

May 22 – Today we have had several showers. Building the wall between Albert Clark and the passage way heading into the field by Gramma's., the piece I sold to James Haley. Captain Dow was up and hauled the rocks for us. We worked between the showers and built ½ of it. Taylor Rand came with meat.

May 23 – Finished the wall by Clark's this forenoon. Shod the horse and went to town and got paint for repairing shed at the meeting house.

May 24 – At work on the horse shed at the meeting house, Orin Foye helping. We regulated the underpinning, put in new braces etc. Renailed and generally "fixed up". The esquire Parsons was out to look after things generally.

May 25 – Worked on the horse shed, Foye helping. Showers came on every hour. Everybody is talking of the potato bug. They have all seen them plenty this spring. I have found quite a number on my early potatoes.

May 26 – Cool, wind north and good weather for the bloth. Did not go to church. Did not go to work on the shed as it was too wet to paint. Hoed my early potatoes etc. More showers. Went to town at night.

May 27 – Cool for the season. The pear and cherry trees are in full bloom and the apples buds are opening. We have a good share of pear and apple Bloth but there is not a great quantity of bloth generally. Did not go to church. There was no meeting at our house.

May 28 – At work painting the horse shed by the church, Orin L. Foye helping. We got through. Joseph Locke's son Adney died Saturday and is to be buried tomorrow. A.K.P. Deering died Saturday. (Orin L. Foye lives at Foye's Corner.)(Adna Parsons Locke was 28 years old and was the son of Joseph and Hannah (Knowles) Locke.)(Albion K. P. Deering was a ships rigger living in Portsmouth.)

May 29 – Helping George Leroy Trefethen on his barn shingling the new addition. Horace was there also. We got well up with the shingling. Joseph P. Trefethen fell off the load of shingles in coming home from town and was hurt severely. It was warm and pleasant.

May 30 – National Decoration Day. Planted beans by Charles E. Trefethen's in the Betty field, 4 quarts.

May 31 – Killing bugs and weeding my onions. Getting in wood until 4 then went to the Plains and tried to get some tomato plants at the Hayes farm but could not get any there. Got 2 boxes of nice ones at the City of Plaisted near custom house for 40 cents.

Jun 1 – Hoed and weeding and getting in wood. At night went to the post office to get the agriculturist and called to see Joseph P. He was thrown from a load of shingles and badly hurt, he is better now. Oliver Trefethen was there and he has had lime in one of his eyes and is in danger of losing it.

Jun 2 – Hot and dry for the season. Hoeing potatoes and killing the Colorado bugs which are numerous. The best medicine I can get is coal tar and put them in it as I catch them. Went to town and carried Abbie. Heard from Oliver, his eye is no better.

Jun 3 – Hot and dry, 84 in the shade and vegetation feels it severely. Did not go to church there being no meeting. The wardens have not found anyone that exactly suits them. In fact candidates they would like are scarce.

Jun 4 – Dry and dusty. Hoeing and planting.

Jun 5 – Dry and dusty but there is signs of dampness which would be welcome now as vegetation is sorely in need.

Jun 6 – Dull and rain all day. Jobbing round the plantation a little of everything and not much of anything.

Jun 7 – Dull and wet. At noon went to Joe Ham's to put up a net door but rain coming on. I had to go to town and get home to get Abbie at the center school.

Jun 8 – Carried Abbie to school then went to Joe Ham's and finished the net door. Got home at noon. Then went to Aunt Webster's and put on axel in their ox cart.

Jun 9 – Hoeing potatoes etc. Went to town in the afternoon. There is still a general complaint of dull times.

Jun 10 – Went to church and heard a stranger from Mass. 2 sermons, one from Genesis, chapter 3, verse 15 and one from Luke, chapter 12, verse 15. He was a lively lad and gave us 2 very good sermons.

Jun 11 – Cultivated all my potatoes, weeding my garden. At night went to the south end and collected money for repairing shed.

Jun 12 – Hoeing early potatoes and planted 4 rows of potatoes between the rows of the early ones so that I may hoe them after digging the others. I rowed corn.

Jun 13 – Hauled seaweed and hoed.

Jun 14 – Went to town in the morning and got some things after which hoed the piece of potatoes in the lower field. There is some potatoes bugs yet to contend with.

Jun 15 – Hot and dry and dusty.

Jun 16 – Went to the Plains and worked for Joe Ham repairing cart and other jobs preparatory to haying. Which is fast approaching as the west winds are drying the high ground furiously.

Jun 17 – Went to church and heard the man who preached last Sunday. I did not hear his name. He gave us 2 good sermons, one from Numbers and the other from John 10th chapter, verse 35. P.S. the aforesaid man's name was Bodwell.

Jun 18 – Hoeing and weeding in the forenoon. Went to town with wife at 2, it being the 15 anniversary of our marriage and so we rode out in our carriage. It was hot and dry and plenty of dust.

Jun 19 – Went to town with load of hay, sold it to Commodore Pickering for \$12.49. There being 1315 lbs. at \$19.00 per ton. Got a load of lumber for drain for Gilman Rand, got home at noon. Planted 20 hills potatoes that came from Price Edwards Island. This was the hottest day so far, 95 in the shade.

Jun 20 – Went to Gilman Rand's and put in drain to the sink spout. Got home at 4 then began to mow out back of the house.

Jun 21 – Mowing with scythe in garden and back of house in forenoon. Then rain threatened and picked my potato bugs which is very unpleasant business. At night rain came down nicely on the thirsty earth.

Jun 22 – Hoeing and weeding etc. and getting ready for haying. Oiled and cleaned up my machine and oiled. Albert Clark knocked at the door and I forgot the rest of the story.

Jun 23 – Went to town with hay to "Guss" Brown, 575 lbs. at \$18.00 per ton. Paid for a pig. Came home and hoed and hayed a little, raked up what I had cut. Went to town at night and got the news etc. Got machine oil and rifle to get ready for haying.

Jun 24 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons, one from Romans, 1st chapter and verse 16. The other from Acts but I do not remember the chapter or verse.

Jun 25 – Began the regular haying today. Cut all the field back of Grandmother's and got in one load back of the house. It was a splendid hay day. The hay nearly making ready for the barn but at 5 the rain came down enough to prevent my getting in any I cut today.

Jun 26 – Dull and damp but not much rain. Hoeing most of the day.

Jun 27 – Not much of a hay day but it cleared off at 10 and I opened my hay and got in 3 loads from the lower field.

Jun 28 – Fair weather and I cut $\frac{1}{2}$ the Betty field and got in 3 loads out of the lower making 5 good loads from there, Albert Clark helping.

Jun 29 – Fair but not very drying. Cut the balance of the Betty field and $\frac{1}{2}$ of further field. Got in 3 good loads from Betty field. Went to town at night and got wife's new hat and suit from Boston.

Jun 30 – Dull and not very drying. Hoeing and weeding etc. Went to town and then to Oren Otis's to see a cow he wants to sell. I talk of buying one he has several and for sale.

Jul 1 – Dull and rainy and remained at home to read.

Jul 2 – Pleasant. Finished cutting further field and cut $\frac{1}{2}$ part above the barn.

Jul 3 – Not very pleasant and did not cut any but got in all I had down, Albert Clark helping.

Jul 4 – The glorious forth. We had all kinds of weather, first a northeast rain till 8. Then partly clouds then fair and pleasant. We had new potatoes, green peas and beef steaks etc. for dinner. There was a show of the horribles at Portsmouth in the morning.

Jul 5 – Haying and cut all above the barn and under the trees in front of the house, Albert Clark helping. We had none to get in.

Jul 6 – No hay day but I got in 2 small loads from above the barn. Hoeing and killing the potato beetles.

Jul 7 – Haying and cut the lot in front of Charles house and got in 6 loads, 4 above the barn and two from the thirds and raked up front of Charles.

Jul 8 – Warm and strong southwest wind all day. Did not go to church as there was so much dust and I was so tired. There was another "candidate" preached today.

Jul 9 – Cut balance of field front of Charles and got in 3 loads from there, Albert Clark $\frac{1}{2}$ day. We had a nice shower at 3 o'clock.

Jul 10 – Not good hay weather so I was hoeing and killing beetles, Albert Clark was not here. The hay crop of Rye generally is not so good as last year. Some have more and some less. I have more than last year.

Jul 11 – Haying but it was not a good hay day. East wind and damp. Got in 4 loads from front of Charles. Went to town in morning and carried 2 chickens at 25 cents per lb. and 1 bushel potatoes at \$1.00.

Jul 12 – Finished cutting hay today by cutting the willow field and got in 3 loads from thirds. It was a nice hay day. Northwest wind and all night. Most of the farmers are well along and some about done.

Jul 13 – Finished haying today and got 3 loads from willow field. Went to town with wife in the morning in carriage to do some shopping.

Jul 14 – Hoeing etc. until 4 then went to town, Lizzie and Abbie went with me. Called to see if Sam Hall had a cow to sell. The top of the earth is very dry and a shower would be a grand thing to have now.

Jul 15 – Went to church and heard one sermon by M. Anger, a candidate. He was generally liked but it is privately guessed that his price will be too high for them to raise. He had a good sermon from John, 2nd chapter, 11th verse.

Jul 16 – Went to town with boards to get them planed for Abbie to make an extension to her house. Changed carts after hauling ½ ton hay to Albert Clark's.

Jul 17 – Hauled seaweed for the hens and went to Albert Dow's to see a corn he has for sale.

Jul 18 – Hot and dry. Went to town and got Clara Raynes. She came down alone for a visit and spent the day and wife carried her to the Farragut House and I carried her back at night.

Jul 19 – Hot and dry. Helped Charles to take up a part of the stoning of his well and also to clean it out. He thought it was liable to "cave in". At night bought a cow of Oren Otis and drove her home.

Jul 20 – Sowing turnip seed, mowing, hoeing beans and about 500 other jobs around the plantation including catching potato bugs.

Jul 21 – Warm. We had a very light shower last night which cooled off the top of the ground but it soon dries up and vegetation felt the rays of the July sun. Went to town in the morning. My new cow got out and went to Oren Otis's. (Oren Otis lives in Portsmouth.)

Jul 22 – Very hot and dry and we are lamenting the want of rain. Did not go to church as there was no meeting at the Orthodox. The one who preached last Sunday will come for \$1000.00 but it is doubtful if it can be raised at this time.

Jul 23 – Began on the summer kitchen for Abbie S. Clark today. Framing, got the sills together. The weather was hot and dry.

Jul 24 – Hot and dry. Worked for Abbie.

Jul 25 – Hot. Boarded the building.

Jul 26 – At work for Abbie S. Clark. Went to town and got bricks and lime etc. for building the chimney. Hauled sand and water and stacked the lime and made the mortar.

Jul 27 – The long hoped for and much needed rain came down last night in a shower and today we are rejoicing and still the dampness came all day. Levi W. Hall built the chimney and I “tended”. There are two coaches running from Portsmouth to Foss beach.

Jul 28 – More rain today and came gently down most of the day. I worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day making window frames and getting out the finish. There has been a great strike of railroad men in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and other states, fighting, burning and killing.

Jul 29 – The dullness has not yet cleared away. Vegetation is revived and takes a new lease of life. My onions are getting along nicely. Did not go to church as there was not meeting at our house.

Jul 30 – Went to town and got lumber etc. for the house addition in the forenoon.

Jul 31 – Hot and dry again. Shingling and clapboarded on the house for Abbie.

Aug 1 – Went to town this morning and carried butter, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. at 20 cents and changed it for groceries. Worked for Abbie $\frac{3}{4}$ day and ordered then the roof tin to come down tomorrow.

Aug 2 – Mathew Earing came down and tinned the roof of the new part, it took him most of the day.

Aug 3 – Lathing for Abbie Clark. Hot and dry and vegetation droops under the pressure of the August sun. The second crop does not grow.

Aug 4 – Worked for Abbie $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day then went to town at night. It is very dry and the dust flies furiously about. Wife and Lizzie and Abbie went in the carriage. There was a fire at “Straws Point” burning 2 houses and a stable and one man perished in the flames.

Aug 5 – Went to church and heard Mr. Anger preach on sermon for Mathew 6th chapter and 9th verse. “Hallowed be thy name”. We came home at noon. Bill Jackson was here. Daniel Webster brought me down some new cider. We had a nice shower.

Aug 6 – Churned this morning. Worked.

Aug 7 – Went to town to market in the morning. Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Abbie.

Aug 8 – Worked for Abbie getting ready for plastering and made the mortar. Hauling water from the spring by the willow.

Aug 9 – Levi W. Hall plastered the room today and I tended carrying mortar, got done at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. We had a splendid shower at 9 for which all are very thankful as vegetation was suffering badly.

Aug 10 – It rained most of the night gently and everybody and all vegetation are revived and happy for a few minutes. Worked for Abbie getting floor boards and finish ready.

Aug 11 – Worked half day for Abbie then went to Joseph W. Seavey's funeral, he was 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Died the 9th of apoplexy. Went to town at night with wife and carried Albert Tucker home. (Joseph Whidden Seavey lived next to Eben Seavey on Brackett Road by the bridge down by Pioneer Road.)

Aug 12 – Warm and pleasant and not very dusty since our rain of Friday night. Went to church and heard Mr. Anger preach one sermon of Luke 12th chapter and 15th verse. It was one of the best sermons I have heard for some time.

Aug 13 – Worked for Abbie, laid floor, hung closet door, put up sink, shelves etc. We had a little shower this morning.

Aug 14 – Worked for Abbie. Daniel Jr. came today from Amesbury. Went to Emmon Philbrick's with hens at 1 shilling per pound dressed, eggs at 20 cents and butter at 22 cents.

Aug 15 – Dull and wet. Went to Orin O. Foss

Aug 16 – Dull. George L. Trefethen plowed a piece for me for turnips. I harrowed it and got ready for sowing. They say it is late but I will try it.

Aug 17 – Sally Davis was over and spent the day and I gave her a ride round Foyes and to Wallis Sands and to Eliza's.

Aug 18 – Went to town in the morning with Abbie. Paid Martin etc. for the tinning. She also gave me \$20.00 towards my pay. Worked for her in the afternoon. Painting floor and sink etc. Wife carried Eliza to town.

Aug 19 – Went to church and heard Mr. Anger preach one sermon from 32nd Psalm verses 8 and 9.

Aug 20 – Worked at shingling Oren Otis's house on the north side. It was quite warm and dry.

Aug 21 – Shingling Otis house. Hot and dry and the sweat runs freely. In all directions water is scarce except in deep wells and springs. Otis gets his water from a spring 650 feet away from the house. He is “taking in” a field.

Aug 22 – Shingling for Otis. Hot and dry as usual and the dust flies in clouds and the fields generally are free from “green grass”.

Aug 23 – Finished shingling Oren Otis’s house today and it was the hottest and the driest day of the season. Went to town in the morning and carried chickens to Mrs. Clark for 18 cents, bought 5 pullets of Mrs. Otis at 25 cents each.

Aug 24 – Worked for Abbie $\frac{3}{4}$ day painting floor, roof, sink etc. Rumor says that Samuel C. Berry was married last week to Mary H. Stark.

Aug 25 – Went to town with Abbie to market, butter 22 cents, eggs at 19 cents and chickens at 19 cents per lbs. Rain came down briskly while we were there and most of the country folks got wet. The rain coming on without notice and there was a general stampede.

Aug 26 – Dull and wet. Rain came down all night liberally and vegetation could drink its fill of the cooling draft.

Aug 27 – Worked for Abbie.

Aug 28 – Went to town in the morning then worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Abbie.

Aug 29 – Worked $\frac{1}{4}$ day for Abbie then went to a picnic at Wallis Sands of the Trefethen family. They mustered about 60. It was rather hot but we managed to have a very good time.

Aug 30 – Worked for Abbie on storm house. At night went to Emmon B. Philbrick’s with poultry for his boarders at 17 cents per lb.

Aug 31 – Worked for Abbie on storm house and jobbing.

Sep 1 – Worked for Abbie $\frac{1}{2}$ day then went to town, she went with me. Farmers are digging up their potatoes but they are generally light in Rockingham County but outside of that they are said to be abundant.

Sep 2 – Did not go to church because there was no meeting at our house and I do not know when we shall have any settled minister.

Sep 3 – Pulled my onions and about 40 other jobs this forenoon around the plantation. Worked for Abbie in the afternoon.

Sep 4 – Worked all day for Abbie painting cellar which was severe on my back being new business.

Sep 5 – Worked for Abbie $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day then went to town with wife in carriage and got \$400.00 for the town belonging to Clara. September has come in all its glory.

Sep 6 – Worked for Abbie all day.

Sep 7 – Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Abbie and finished. After dinner wife and I got in onions 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels raised on one rod of land. Got in and thrashed out beans and peas by Charles Trefethen's, by that time I was tired.

Sep 8 – Dug 15 bushels of potatoes today before noon. Lizzie picked the large ones and Edith the small ones mostly. After dinner wife and Lizzie went to town in the carriage. I picked 6 bushels of cider apples etc. Then went to town at 5 with "Dexter".

Sep 9 – Cool September weather, wind north. Did not go to church today. Went to ride up by Frank Miller's and up by the breweries and past Frank Jones residence and to the "Hill Farm". Then back over the Plains and over Peverly's Hill and up the Lafayette road and down by Jedidiah Rands.

Sep 10 – Hauled 2 loads of seaweed, cleaned out Grammy Clark's well. Dug 15 bushels of potatoes and various other jobs too numerous to mention. The weather was hot for the season and the sweat runs freely. There is an abundance of seaweed now at "High Beach".

Sep 11 – Went to sea and got a load of seaweed. Then went to town and got Clara Raynes and her daughter Ruth who stopped all day. Carried them to Foss Beach and Wallis Sands etc. Then at night carried them back at night.

Sep 12 – Very Hot. The Baptist has a picnic at Stratham Hill today and about 200 went, Lizzie went with Charles Trefethen. I got my beans in and thrashed them out and winnowed them and had one barrel of white and shall have a bushel of those.

Sep 13 – Hauled a load seaweed then went and got Aunt Webster to come down and spend the day. It was one of the hottest days of the season, 86 in the shade at 3 pm. So I rested in the house. (Aunt Webster is Elizabeth (Clark) Webster and is Mary's Aunt.)

Sep 14 – Hauled seaweed etc. Went to town at 3 to see the Odd Fellows parade. The heat continues.

Sep 15 – Hot and dry. Hauled a load seaweed then went to town and carried Abbie and settled the bills due in town. She settled with me, paying me \$25.00. Went to Dan Webster's and got 1

½ barrels of cider he made for me. Hauled water for Grammy Clark. Mr. Alfred Elwyn was over to see about building a corn house.

Sep 16 – Hot. No meeting at our house so I am going to rest.

Sep 17 – Worked on horse stalls for Gilman Rand's son Charles. It was very hot for the season.

Sep 18 – Cool. We had a shower last night and it has laid the dust and cooled off the air nicely. Went over and say Mr. Elwyn about building a corn house and agreed to go to work on next Monday. Worked on horse stalls today.

Sep 19 – Worked on stalls for Gilman Rand.

Sep 20 – Worked on stalls for Rand. Cool and northwest wind all day. The state fair is in progress at Manchester and they have fine weather as the paper say they have a fine exhibition.

Sep 21 – Finished the stalls at noon and came home and picked 1 ½ barrels of apples, as they have ripened much earlier than usual, threshed beans etc. Wife went down to Mrs. Grover's.

Sep 22 – Dug 18 bushels potatoes this forenoon and finished except for a few in the thirds. I shall get a little more than 50 bushels all together. It is very hot and everything is ripening up very fast. We are now eating juicy Bartlett pears, we had 2 ½ bushels.

Sep 23 – Dry and pleasant as usual. The widow of the late Samuel Locke was buried today. (She was Elizabeth "Betsy" (Marden) Locke and was the wife of Samuel Jenness Locke who died in 1861.)

Sep 24 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn hewing out a frame for a corn house at the Whipple farm, Horace helping. The weather is hot and dry as ever.

Sep 25 – Hewing for Elwyn. Charles E. Trefethen and Martha Ellen Balch were married last night at her home on the Lafayette Road.

Sep 26 Hewing for Alfred Elwyn in the woods at the Red House.

Sep 27 – Working for Elwyn.

Sep 28 – Worked for Elwyn. Signs of rain but none came hardly.

Sep 29 - Worked for Elwyn on corn house and raised it today and got about ready to board.

Sep 30 – Cool, wind south. Did not go to church. Went to Aunt Mary's. She had received the news of the death of her brother-in-law, Hall at Cleveland, Ohio of apoplexy. There was a

baptizing at Concord Point where 5 were baptized including Horace Levi Trefethen and wife Ann.

Oct 1 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on corn house at the Whipple Farm.

Oct 2 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on corn house. It is very dry and dusty and everybody at the Plains have to haul water to use in their house and bring their cattle to springs to water.

Oct 3 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on corn house for Joe Ham.

Oct 4 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day and finished the corn house and reported to him and now have got order to take the clapboards off the west end of his house and put paper under them.

Oct 5 – Picking apples, 4 barrels. I got $3\frac{1}{2}$ barrels of Baldwins from one tree. I had only $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel of Nonesuch. It rained most all last night but cleared off this morning. Cool and northwest wind. Shod a horse forward. Patched shingling on house. At night went to Rye Center and paid the Esquire cents I owed him.

Oct 6 – Dug potatoes in front of house, 4 bushels. Picked Sweet apples, 1 barrel, making in all now in the cellar $6\frac{1}{2}$ barrels and we think we shall have enough to go through the winter. Went to town at night. Joseph R. Holmes lost a child today of diphtheria, 5 years old. (Her name was Ruthie M. Holmes.)

Oct 7 – Did not go to church as there was none at our house. At 1 we went to Aunt Elizabeth's, then to see Mary and Edward then.

Oct 8 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on the house taking off clapboards and putting paper under them. The Minister went to Boston tonight to attend an Episcopal convention.

Oct 9 – Rainy all day with wind east and I was jobbing round the plantation.

Oct 10 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn re-clapboarding. Got most down as high as windows of 2nd story. William Trefethen and N. Adams and Joseph William Seavey and wife Mary Abby were down to get some grapes and pears. George Leroy Trefethen came in. (William is the cousin of Supply and is the grandson of Captain William Trefethen. He is living on Central Road across from what will be the Central Cemetery. The cemetery property is purchased from John O. Locke on February 25, 1891.)

Oct 11 – Dull all day. Worked for Alfred Elwyn. Went to town in morning and ordered sheathing and finished the clapboarding at noon. After dinner began sheeting carriage room and got about done.

Oct 12 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn.

Oct 13 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn all day at clapboarding barn, one section of 12 feet.

Oct 14 – Pleasant. Clara Magraw was down and spent the day. We went over to Aunt Mary's after dinner. James Hall and A. J. Cole of Eliot were down and got some grapes.

Oct 15 – Carried Clara to town. She went to Boston at 8:20. Worked for Alfred Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day on shed.

Oct 16 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn.

Oct 17 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on shed. There was a severe frost last night.

Oct 18 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn shingling the temporary shed. Went to town at noon.

Oct 19 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn at making cart tub for hauling manure from town. It was dull and wet after 10.

Oct 20 – Rainy most of the day with wind east. School finished today. Went to town at 10 and sold 1 bushel potatoes at 50 cents per bushel. At night went to William Marden's and got my heifer turned there for pasturing, paid \$4.00.

Oct 21 – Cool, October weather. Did not go to church because there was none at our house on account of there not being sufficient unity to decide upon one of the numerous candidates.

Oct 22 – Furious northeast rain storm all day. Was jobbing round the plantation mending umbrellas etc.

Oct 23 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn on shed making doors etc. It was cool and chilly.

Oct 24 – Stayed at home and picked apples and got in Mangolds and beets etc. Went to town with wife and Abbie to market. Abbie bought a stove of Ewing and Martin for \$9.00.

Oct 25 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn making gutters for shed, 46 feet long and put them up. Mr. Elwyn went to Philadelphia this morning to see his mother who fell the other day and injured her hip, which is very painful.

Oct 26 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn, got a tinsmith to go down and line the sink with zinc and put zinc under stoves. It was cold and raw all day though we have had no cold weather till recently.

Oct 27 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn making grain bins in corn house, Horace helping. We got about done. When I got home at night the cow was sick. She seems to have got cold runs at the nose, gave her hot bran mash twice and by 9 o'clock she seemed better.

Oct 28 – Cool but not awful for the season but on the contrary the weather has been very mild for the time of year. Did not go to church as there was no meeting at our house. Wife and I went to ride and carried Betsy, some refreshments and called on Aunt Mary.

Oct 29 – Went to town in the morning then worked ½ day for Elwyn on grain crib. Got in beets and mangolds etc. then picked apples for cider.

Oct 30 – Went to town and thence to the navy yard to see about a job but there was no prospect at present. I got a load of coal at Russell and Odiorne's at \$4.75 per ton. I had 1610 lbs. At night hauled apples to Daniel Webster's for cider, 25 bushels.

Oct 31 – Carried 44 gallons of cider to town to Jim Norton at 15 cents per gallon and got a load of coal. After dinner rain came down but still I had to go to town with Abbie to get her room paper.

Nov 1 – Pleasant and I was jobbing round the plantation digging borers from trees etc.

Nov 2 – Hauled out 5 loads of manure. When rain came down and I had to abandon it. Then make a fish chowder and eat hearty. Then went down to assist wife and Elizabeth at papering a room for Abbie.

Nov 3 – Took down some grape vines then went to town with Abbie to market. Then went over to see Elwyn about some jobs he wants done, agreed to go there Monday. Went to town at night to get bonnets for wife with Abbie and Lizzie. The bonnets came from Boston.

Nov 4 – Cool and windy. Did not go to church nor anywhere else but sat by the fire.

Nov 5 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn. Put window in shop and cut a tree and began to dig out troth for cattle. Rain came on at night.

Nov 6 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn making troth to water the animals and put it in place and connected it with the other one that is now in.

Nov 7 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn patching shingling.

Nov 8 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn repairing barn shingling etc.

Nov 9 – Rainy and did not go to work but jobbed round the plantation shoeing horses etc.

Nov 10 - Worked for Alfred Elwyn making storm door and enlarging front door.

Nov 11 – Went to church and heard Mr. Bowdish preach two sermons, one from Job, 22 chapter and 21st verse. The other from Exodus, chapter 20 and the 9th commandment. "Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Nov 12 – Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Elwyn and finished storm door.

Nov 13 – Hauling out manure, 5 loads etc.

Nov 14 – Hauled out manure. Went down to the pasture with Abbie and at 2 went to town and carried potatoes and chickens and got corn.

Nov 15 – Worked for Joe Ham at the Plains putting in slip stanchions etc. (A vertical pole, post, or support.)

Nov 16 – Worked for Joe Ham putting in slip stanchions for cows. The weather is very mild for the season, warm for May.

Nov 17 – Worked for Joe Ham at the Plains putting stairs in the cellar of the barn. Warm and balmy. Everybody around the Plains are plowing.

Nov 18 – Dull in morning and did not go to church to hear Mr. Wittle, the revivalist who came from Portsmouth to preach this forenoon.

Nov 19 – Worked for Joe Ham at the Plains.

Nov 20 – Hauling brush and covered my grape vines for winter, battened hen house. This evening we went up to hear Mr. Wittle preach at the revival meeting at the North Church. He was quite a smart speaker I thought. There was also a great amount of singing.

Nov 21 – Hauled a load of dry wood from the pasture and cut it up and hauled manure around apple trees. Got in my celery and covered it with earth. Went to town and carried chickens and potatoes and got corn and scraps etc.

Nov 22 – Worked for Joe Ham making doors under barn and putting up a partition in the house. The weather has been very mild.

Nov 23 – Worked for Joe Ham at doing odd jobs and got done at 3 and settled. Got $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wheat and \$2.50, also got 1 bushel of Rye at the Red House of Elwyn. Very mild and pleasant.

Nov 24 – It was dull and signs of rain so went to town in the morning and carried 1 bushel of Rye to be ground and left it at the south mill. There is still the old complaint of “Dull times”. We have heard it for 4 years and I do not know how long we shall still hear it.

Nov 25 – Rainy most of the day. Only William Harrison Seavey went to church past here, he being the organist and must attend if possible. I read 2 of Mr. De Normand’s sermons, one on “What it is to be damned”. The other, “What it is to be saved” in answer to the preaching by Whittle and others at the North Church last week and all of November.

Nov 26 – A furious southeast rain storm all day. So that all I could do was to job round the buildings. There has been an amazing amount of water fell since Saturday overflowing everywhere and into most every ones cellars.

Nov 27 – Made a storm door for Abbie and hung it. Went to town at 3. It was awful muddy and wet over the road by Foye's and Grover's. We have had only 2 days of freezing weather this fall so far.

Nov 28 – Warm and mild and muddy. Hauled 2 loads seaweed to dress the trees in the garden including peach, pear and apple. Getting ready for Thanksgiving, killed 3 chickens, one for Betsy which with some other things wife and Lizzie carried down at night.

Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Day appointed by Governor Benjamin Franklin Prescott and also by Rutherford Birchard Hayes, President of U.S. It has rained all day steadily and slowly, wind south and warm. There has been but little driving and generally it has been a very quiet day her about. We had chickens for dinner etc.

Nov 30 – Snowy about all day and I kept in under cover till 3. Then went to town to see about trains on the Concord road. There is about 3 inches of light snow and no frost in the ground.

Dec 1 – Went to carry Abbie to town to go to New Boston, N.H. to teach school. She started at 7:55 from Portsmouth. Repaired hen house etc. We have about 80 hens and pullets but get no eggs yet. I don't think they can resist much longer. (A pullet is a young hen, usually under one year of age.)

Dec 2 – Coldest morning of the season, 12 above at 8. The traveling is bad being snow and ice and frozen mud. Did not go to church because the horses were not sharp. Mr. Hadley is to preach from Newington.

Dec 3 – 8 above zero at 7 am. Today we had the annual pig killing job, Horace helping. The weather was cold and we were slow to begin and in fact slow to end for he has a tough coat of scurf to be removed. We got done at noon and Horace stayed to dinner. (Scurf: flakes on the surface of the skin.)

Dec 4 – Put up the pig and made the necessary preparations for salting including going to town for salt. Hogs are cheap this year, \$7.50 by the hundred lbs. dressed, eggs are 27 cents. Congress met yesterday and President Hayes message is printed and praised by both parties.

Dec 5 – Warm, southerly rain all day, no wind. Salted the pig and sharpened shoes for one horse but did not put them on as the frost is all out and mud has assumed control. Repaired sled for Edith who is not 5 ½ years old and insists that she must have a sled.

Dec 6 – Went to the sea and got 1 load of gravel and 1 load of seaweed to put around trees. There was not much of a fair. The farmers are doing up their fall work and the odd jobs that are always looking them in the face about this time of year.

Dec 7 – Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put round my pear trees back of the house and also a load of sand and put in hen house. Our hens are now beginning to lay. We have about 80 and only got 4 or 5 eggs per day. They are now worth 28 cents with a downward tendency.

Dec 8 – Hauled a load of seaweed and 1 load of sand this forenoon. Then went to town after dinner with wife and Lizzie in wagon, the traveling was bad and muddy.

Dec 9 – Cool and pleasant but somewhat muddy at noon. Went to church and heard Mr. Bowdish preach 2 sermons, one from Isaiah, chapter 55 and verse 2. The other from 1st Timothy, chapter 4 and verse 1. He talked away rather fast but I could not interest myself as much as I could wish in his discourses.

Dec 10 – Dull and signs of snow so I cleaned up the lane and got in boards, hauled spruce, got a load of leaves and many other jobs too numerous to mention. The weather so far has been rather more mild than usual this fall.

Dec 11 – Snow came down last night about 4 inches. Damp and heavy but not enough for sleighing. Repaired sleigh and painted it ready for varnishing. There has been a good deal of traveling in wagons and carriages. Charles Yeaton of Portsmouth teaches one school this winter.

Dec 12 – It is an old saying that one cannot “go to town and shoe a sled” but he can “shoe a sled and go to town”. So I acted on the latter saying and shod my horse sled which took me till 1:30. Then went to town and carried 1 bushel of potatoes at 60 cents and got various articles for the house and also spirits of turpentine etc. Charles W. Martin’s wife Frances was buried today. (She died on December 8th and was the daughter of Joseph R. and Sophia Amazeen.)

Dec 13 – Dull and wet in forenoon. Varnished sleigh etc. After having a boiled dinner got off in good style and eaten in good style. I went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens to scratch over. Planted California cucumber seeds by order of the woman of the house.

Dec 14 – Cold and a furious northwest wind raging and the ground nearly bare and the highway rough and slippery. I finished the sleigh and put it together and ready for sleigh riding. I also shod “Dexter” sharp to go over the slippery roads. There was but little passing on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Dec 15 – Slippery in the road so that the horses had to be sharp. Albert Clark led his horse up for me to shoe in which I did. Went to town after dinner with wife and Lizzie to see preparations now making for Christmas.

Dec 16 – Mild and thawy so that all the ice and snow has all gone and the ground is as bare as ever. Did not go to church on account of wind and not meeting at the Orthodox house. Wife and I went over to see her Aunt Mary a little while.

Dec 17 – Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the apple trees. The weather is mild and pleasant for the season there being little or no frost in the ground and everything seems to go smoothly on. Went over to see Elwyn and got \$25.00 on account of work, paid Horace \$12.00 out of it. Went to town and got fish heads.

Dec 18 – Hauled out 8 loads of manure above the barn on grass. Then went down and got a load of sand and put in the yard. Paid Esquire (Thomas J.) Parsons \$6.55 for insurance on homestead, 2 years at \$13.00. We have now 80 hens and pullets but they do not lay now more than 8 to 10 eggs per day. Eggs sell now at 28 cents per dozen.

Dec 19 – Mild but cloudy and threatening rain most of the day and at 3:30 it came in lightly but did not make much progress. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and put on my onion patch. Then hauled and cut wood. Tonight was to be given to the fair at the town hall but it was dull and we did not go. Mild weather.

Dec 20 – Hauled load seaweed for my onion patch and did various other jobs. Went to town to get the news. At night went to town hall to a festival by the Orthodox society, there was a crowd. We have 80 hens and got 10 to 12 eggs per day. Eggs are worth 28 cents per dozen.

Dec 21 – Did not get up very early this morning for it was morning when we went to bed. Burnt bushes and brush down in the field by Grammy Clark's and cut bushes and trimmed up trees in the thirds and cut up the limbs and got ready to go to the fair again tonight. Paid Jim Rand \$2.60 for blacksmith work.

Dec 22 – Hauled a load of seaweed next to the garden above the barn. Cut wood then went to town with wife to see the stores trimmed up for Christmas. Did not buy anything tonight but shall go up Monday and get some cheap presents for the babies. Money is too scarce to go in very much this year. Splendid weather.

Dec 23 – Muddy roads. Went to church and heard Mr. Bowdish preach 2 sermons, one from 2nd chapter of Luke in regard to the birth of Christ and the other from John, 3rd chapter and 16th verse. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have ever lasting life".

Dec 24 – Potatoes 60 cents per bushel. Mild and pleasant. Hauled load seaweed then went to town and got things for Christmas dinner. Then cut wood till 3 and went to town with wife to see Santa. Most people seemed to have pleasant faces and perhaps happy tells the question is unsettled. Got 15 eggs today from 80 hens.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and very mild and pleasant, wind south and no snow on the ground and not more than 1 ½ inches frost in the ground; just ice enough for the children to skate. Stayed at home the most of the day. Went over to Warren Caswell's and got a barrel of clam shells. We went over the new road between Ebenezer W. Lang's and John O. Foss for the first time. (The road is the extension of Sagamore road or Long John road as it is known.)

Dec 26 – Mild as ever. Cutting wood and bushes etc. The "oldest inhabitant" cannot remember such weather for the season being just splendid.

Dec 27 – Cutting wood and bushes and hauled a load of leaves for bedding. At night went to the town hall to a concert given by the Sunday school of the Baptist society in aid of their library, the band assisted.

Dec 28 – Mild and pleasant and not a cloud to be seen. Cut wood half day for summer. Cleaned up "Old trash" that was laying round in the lane and elsewhere. Went to town with the entire family to see the stores lined with Christmas and New Year gifts, it was "Edie's" first.

Dec 29 – The excellent dry and mild weather still continues at being nearly 3 weeks of continued mild and warm weather, very unusual for the season. Hauled load seaweed and jobbed round the farm. Went to town with wife and was very good wheeling.

Dec 30 – The change has come, wind north blowing and cloudy and cold. Did not go to church as it was most too "shivery" for me to stand round.

Dec 31 – Went to town after going to the sea to get a load of seaweed. I then hauled a load of wood for summer out of the lower pasture.

Memoranda

This year has been one of business depression all through the country and also throughout most of the European nations being the 4th in succession since the great financial "panic" of 1873. This paralyzed business of all kinds and brought on an endless number of failures or embarrassments. Last March Mr. Hayes was inaugurated President after the famous or infamous electoral commission had so decided. The democrats being raving mad from one end of the land to the other and still keep up their old cry of "fraud".

One of the new Presidents first acts was to remove the U.S. soldiers from the state houses in South Carolina and Louisiana and allow the people to establish their own state governments in republican form and let the "Carpet Bag" governments fall to the ground as they were sure to do if not held up by the general government. For this the President was roundly assailed by a large portion of the abolition element of the Republican Party and as soundly praised by the other wing of the republicans and also by the democrats. He says now in his first annual message that he did then what he thought was for the best and now after 8 months trial has proved to be the best policy he could have produced. He says it has brought good feelings between the north and south and it is generally of both sections of the country.

There is great agitation in congress about the remonetization of silver that is coining a new silver dollar to be a legal tender of 212 ½ grains weight and at the same time make "free coinage" so that all who have silver may send it to the mint and have it coined in unlimited quantities. It is said that this proposed new dollar is only worth as compared with gold, which is the world's standard at 92 ½ cents. While the "Green Back" bill is worth 97 ½ cents at the present time. It is now Dec 20, thought the bill will pass over the President's veto if necessary, that is if he vetoes it as is quite likely from the tone of his annual message.

It has already passed the house and gone to the senate but congress has now adjourned to January 4, 1878, when the committee will be able to report the bill with perhaps some amendments. There is a furious War between Turkey on the defense and Russia as the attacking party. For a while the Turks were successful but later battles are all won by the Russians and now it is generally believed that Russia will soon possess Constantinople which it is believed will end the war and future peace to Europe.

The U.S. ship Huron was wrecked on the rocks at "Kitty Hawk: on the coast of North Carolina on Saturday, November 24 and the most of the officers and crew were lost. The whole were about 134 souls of when more than 100 were lost. About all the higher officers were lost including Commodore Ryan were lost. One assistant engineer I believe was saved with a few sailors. The new road from John O. Foss to Ebenezer W. Lang's was completed and opened to the public on December 8th.

The "Temple" in Portsmouth which was burned down 1 year ago has been rebuilt this season and is intended to be dedicated the first of January 1878. They are now, December 15th, doing the Fresco. Painting the job is being done by New Hampshire men from Manchester I think. It is called an "Opera House" now and is said to be the best of the kind in this state being large and having all the modern conveniences both for the actors and spectators or patrons

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Jan 1 – Hauled a load of gravel from the sea then hauled 2 loads of dry wood from lower pasture. The weather was pleasant and very mild for the season being elegant wheeling. There wasn't a snow storm in December 1877. Robinson Foss died today. (Robinson was the son of John and Sarah (Sallie) Foss and was 90 years old.)

Jan 2 – Hauled 2 loads of dry summer wood then intended to go to town but snow came down vigorously and I only went over to Mr. Shed to carry some plans I have been drawing for him for a stable he is to have built.

Jan 3 – Snow, snow everywhere on the ground and in the air, on the trees and on the barns. We tried the sleighing but it was not very good for it. Rubbed, "Gritted" and made you say "Oh". It was the first sleigh ride we have had this season. We went up to Aunt Webster's. Robinson Foss was buried today, aged 90 years.

Jan 4 – Last it was zero. A furious southeast snow storm came on at 11 am and raged briskly all the afternoon and evening. So we went to bed at 10 pm. in a rain storm and the fog horn at Whales Back sounding long and said to warn the sailor of the danger of rocks and sea shores. Made a new bookcase for the dining room. We only got 15 eggs today from 80 hens, which is not a very good showing. They are worth 27 cents per dozen.

Jan 5 – The storm cleared off this morning and left us about 10 inches of snow well saturated with water and the cold coming on and formed a crust that would nearly bear to walk on but the horses and sleighs cut through and pushed up the snow and water making rough going. Went to town to market and bought this book and so that all before this is copied from that of 1877.

Jan 6 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley for the first time preach 2 sermons, one from Luke, 2nd chapter and 11th verse about the birth of Christ. In the afternoon his text was in Joshua, 13th chapter and 1st verse. "There is yet much land to be possessed." We liked him very well. I was much better satisfied than expected.

Jan 7 – The coldest morning of the season and decidedly winterish, 8 below. So I kept pretty near the fire most of the time. Put the horse sled together and took the shoes off the horse, mended horse blanket, put up my new book case in the dining room. The prevailing gossip is in regard to the removal of the center school master by the superintendent committee.

Jan 8 – Colder than yesterday being 11 below at sunrise, clear and sparkling frost. Cut wood awhile and sat round the fire to keep warm. The pump froze up last night and I had to "fix it".

Went to Elwyns to carry his book, then to town and got coal and horse shoes. Carried Lizzie and Edith to Aunt Mary's. The sleighing was splendid and Edie carried a muff.

Jan 9 – Mild and pleasant most of the day with elegant sleighing. Shod a horse for Albert Clark and then new shod one for myself. Then took off the schedule of timber for Mr. Shed and carried it over when I went to town with wife and Lizzie to get Edie's cloak.

Jan 10 – Dull all day but rain did not come down till 4 pm. I was coming from town with some fish heads in the Pung when it rained right smart till late at night with a furious southeast wind. Carried the clothes ringer to have a new roller.

Jan 11 – This morning showed that our splendid sleighing was badly used up and there was water everywhere and a thin ice in the road which commenced to thaw all day.

Jan 12 – Cut wood in forenoon. All I had hauled out and I think I have got about enough for summer. Went to town at night and got 60 cents for potatoes per bushel. The sleighing is about used up, I am sorry to say.

Jan 13 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from Luke, 14th chapter and 17th verse. "Come for all things now are ready". He did well in the afternoon, better I thought than in the forenoon. We went in sleigh but most people were in wagons. The weather was mild as April and the chickadees were singing and betook in mildness.

Jan 14 – A furious southeast rain storm prevailed most of the day. It completely destroyed the sleighing and flooding the low ground. Racked off my best barrel of cider and washed out the barrel and began to make a step ladder. We only got 18 eggs today from our 80 hens at 24 cents per dozen.

Jan 15 – Very mild for the season and thawy all day. Relayed the platform by the back door with new boards then cut up the waste. Albert B. Trefethen, with his 2 youngest boys, called. It is rather muddy and bad traveling. All are still crying out "Dull Times". There is to be a walking match in town hall tonight. (Albert's boys were Frank P. and Wallace. He had an older boy named Ralph.)

Jan 16 – High northwest wind and cold. Jobbing round soldering etc. till 11 then went to town to the Republican Senatorial Convention at the court house. Where Emmons B. Philbrick was nominated for Senator by "acclamation" is having been a candidate last year. He accepted in a speech endorsing the New Hampshire platform of the Republicans.

Jan 17 – Pleasant but cold. Hauled 2 loads of wood on wheels from lower pasture and also cut up some. In the evening we went down to Emery Woodman's for a few hours. The moon is full and very bright and pleasant. It is slippery for pedestrians.

Jan 18 – Mild and pleasant. Cutting and hauling wood for summer from lower pasture. Joseph P. Trefethen and his grandson Fred were here to dinner having been to examine the ice pond by the “Elm” near Joseph W. Seavey’s’. Albert B. Trefethen and wife Mary Abby were down in the evening an hour or two. Wife and Lizzie went to Aunt Webster’s. (Fred E. is the son of Joseph Parson’s son George Leroy Trefethen.)

Jan 19 – Mild as April and thawy. Helped Joseph cut and get in his ice. They put in 100 “cakes” 22 x 22 x 10 inches thick and we got it in Mr. Lang’s pasture near where the old Elm used to stand and in the pond where we used to skate years ago. Went to town at night.

Jan 20 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach two sermons in the forenoon from Mathew, 14th chapter and verse 27. “Be of good cheer, it is I. Be not afraid.” In the afternoon he preached from 1st Chronicles, 4th chapter, “God is Love”. Both sermons were very earnest.

Jan 21 – Mild and warm and muggy. Hauled a load of gravel to make out 2/3 of my road tax as our surveyor Dan Webster said it was so much work. Cut wood in the afternoon. The weather is so warm that Boston is full of eggs. It is said so that the price has dropped to a shilling per dozen which is too low. (A shilling is about one cent.)

Jan 22 – Eggs 17 cents per dozen. Very mild of the season. The snow is about all gone and the mud is 2 inches deep. Hauled a load of seaweed in forenoon and cut wood. Afternoon shingling the “Privy” it having become leaky. In the evening Dan Webster was in and paid me 2/3 of my road tax \$4.68 that he had received of the town. He complained that his money didn’t hold out he was minus \$2.50.

Jan 23 – This morning it was mild and thawy and nothing had frozen in the night but a sprinkling of snow and rain had fell and it was “sloppy”. Then at 9 am. the northwester came and gradually grew furious and cold and from that time the coldness increased till 9 pm. when it was 2 below with a gale of wind.

Jan 24 – This morning was cold and furious, zero weather and too cold to be much exposed to and so I kept quiet till 3. Then went to town in the wagon and it was the roughest I have seen for years.

Jan 25 – Pleasant and very mild for the season. Cut wood till 2 then went with wife to see her Aunt Elizabeth “Betsy” Webster on the Lafayette Road. Minister Elwyn has let his farm to Joe Stoddard and brother.

Jan 26 – Rainy most of the day. Worked in the shop etc. and at 3 went with Oliver Winslow and sold him some wood that was blown up on Clara’s lot for \$8.00. Then went to town and paid for tax to the city collector. Made an effort to get on the yard to work. The ground is bare again.

Jan 27 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons in the forenoon. It was from “Songs of Solomon” 2nd chapter and 4th verse. “And his banner over me was of Love”. But the afternoon text I don’t remember. P.S. 33rd Psalm and 12th verse, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”. Got a postal from Clara saying she is coming tomorrow.

Jan 28 – Mild and thawy in the morning. Worked on my step ladder till 11:30 then went to town to see about getting on the yard and to see John Downs and agreed with him to plough ice for me tomorrow if cold enough. Michael H. Magraw and Clara came down at night. She stayed all night and he went to Portland.

Jan 29 – Cold and windy, 4 above. Got up early and went up and got John Downs to come down and plough ice for me, 3 hours and 625 cakes, 22 x 22 and prepared to take it out tomorrow to go to the Wentworth House for John Jenness and Son. At night carried Clara to town to go to Boston at 5:30, rough traveling. (Ice was harvested from lakes and ponds and cut into bricks. The ice harvesting looked somewhat similar to harvesting crops with horses pulling plow-like ice cutters across frozen lakes and ponds. Before the ice could be cut the snow had to be cleared from the lake or pond.)

Jan 30 – 4 above this morning when Horace and I and Henry Grover began taking out the ice for hauling. We sent off 9 loads of 2 tons each and took the other all out on top of the ice and when night came on I was too tired to go to the Theatre at the new “Music Hall” in Portsmouth. Which was dedicated last night. (You can find a history of the Portsmouth “Music Hall” on YouTube.)

Jan 31 – Getting the ice ready for W. Jenness to haul. He had only 2 teams at work and has now taken away only 300 “cakes”, leaving 200 to go. Sold 2 tons to John Woods for \$1.00 (when I get it). Went to town and carried John Down’s tools except tongs. Alfred Elwyn was over and wants me to do a job on his ice house.

Feb 1 – Furious northeast snow storm raged most of last night and all day today. The snow was dry and was blown in to drifts by the strong wind. So that the sleighing will be of a doubtful character. We were all glad to keep near the fire. Finishing my step ladder and we had speaking from it in the evening. I drew a plan for barn for William Seavey.

Feb 2 – The storm was gone this morning and it was cold, 4 above. The traveling is very bad neither wheeling nor sleighing. Some places drifts are as high as the wall. Then again no snow in the road. I went over to see Elwyn about putting a closet in the ice house and agreed to go Monday or Tuesday. Went to town at night.

Feb 3 – 4 above and bad sleighing but pleasant. Went to church and heard a man from Manchester preach 2 sermons, one from Mathew, 1st chapter and 8th verse. “Freely ye have

received freely, "give". The speaker was a missionary and applied his text to strengthen the cause of foreign missions. In the afternoon his text was in Judges, chapter 6 and verse 12. "The Lord is with thee than mighty man of valor".

Feb 4 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn at putting a closet in his ice house to keep meat in hot weather. The weather is mild and pleasant for February. It is bad sleighing and bad wheeling on about half bare ground.

Feb 5 – The ice harvest is now going on in all directions but it is not so thick as desired from 11 to 13 inches, 15 to 18 inches is better but they are in doubt about waiting for cold.

Feb 6 – Worked for Elwyn and finished the closet and began some feed boxes for stock. The weather is splendid. Elwyn has let his farm to Joseph Stoddard to commence April 1st. He has also decided to paint the Red House another coat.

Feb 7 – Worked for Elwyn $\frac{3}{4}$ day and finished feed boxes and battening his shed. Had a talk with him about building a wood house at the "Red House". At night carried plans I drew of a barn down to William Seavey at the Old William Seavey's place.

Feb 8 – Mild and thawy and muddy. Went over to see Elwyn and carried a plan of a wood house I drew for him last night. It is 25 x 16 x 10 feet high. It seemed to suit him and he gave me the order to go to work in it Monday. I also made him an offer to get out 10 tons of ice for \$5.00. Went to town with wife.

Feb 9 – Rainy till 2 then the clouds broke away and the sun shone faintly. John Webster came down with a saw for me to set. After dinner went down and got Horace to come up and grind his axe and help me to prepare for work at Elwyn's Monday. Went to town at 3. It was awful muddy going.

Feb 10 – A smart northeast snow storm was raging when we got up. The mud had frozen slightly and icicles formed out.

Feb 11 – Snowy last night so I cut and hauled wood from John Varrell's on sled but it went hard over the rough ground, hauled 6 loads.

Feb 12 – Began to get out frame for wood house for Elwyn to be built at the Red House, Horace helping. We got most of the timber together. The weather is pleasant and mild and we have to go on wheels, there being only a sprinkling of snow. James Hall was down at night to tell me that I was required on the yard.

Feb 13 – Getting ice for Elwyn and agreed to get ice for \$5.00. Had Horace all day and Henry Grover for ½ day. We got out 12 tons. Have been getting ready to go on the yard tomorrow as I hope to if all goes well. Eggs are down to 16 cents per dozen.

Feb 14 – Commenced work for “Uncle Sam” again after an absence on the yard of more than 3 years. We are at work at repairing the sloop “Ticonderoga”. Hauled out of the dry dock near the “head house”. There are about 60 carpenters which is the largest gang. We work 8 hours at \$3.00 per day.

Feb 15 – Worked for U.S. The weather is mild and pleasant and has been all the week. There is little or no snow on the ground and it is a good time to do out door work. The all absorbing talk is about the remonetization of silver which congress is initiating.

Feb 16 – Worked for U.S. making the 3rd this week etc. Orin L. Foye and wife Sarah and daughter Josephine were up and spent the evening and talked about matters and things in general and Rye gossip in particular.

Feb 17 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from Job, 37th chapter and 16th verse and then other from Genesis, chapter 9 and verse 13. The evening the Sunday school had a concert in the church where all were invited and also to give in the hat.

Feb 18 – We had a slight fall of snow last night but not enough to make sleighing. Worked for U.S. It was pleasant but cooler than last week. Congress has passed a resolution equal to passing the “Silver bill”. So that we are to have the silver dollar once more.

Feb 19 – Work for U.S. It was cold in the morning but soon it began to moderate and we had a splendid day. John Downs began to haul ice from Grover’s to his ice house with a number of teams. Intending to house 300 tons.

Feb 20 – Worked for U.S. on the “Ticonderoga.” It was “Pay Day” and I received \$6.00 for 2 days. Work on the first ½ day of February having begun on the 14th and 15th being also received on 1st half. It was dull all the forenoon and snow began to fall and continued all day slowly. Wind southeast. Emery Woodman’s wife Mary and son Chauncey were up last night.

Feb 21 – Eggs are worth only 16 cents a dozen. Worked for U.S. There was a dullness over the earth all the forenoon, then the storm came on of snow and rain very mildly till 9 or more. Tomorrow is a legal holiday and there will be no work on the yard. John Downs is still hauling ice having already 160 tons hauled. Got 48 eggs.

Feb 22 – A furious storm of snow, rain and hail together all day and night. Sharpened both horses ready for the coming slippery traveling and also shod a horse for Albert Clark for 25

cents. Besides repairing wagon and Pung and taking care of animals and 80 hens. We got 42 eggs today.

Feb 23 – Went to town in forenoon and got Abbie. She came from New Boston at 10:30 and came home with wife while I went to the yard and worked ½ day. The weather was as mild as April and the snow and ice nearly all went off and mud has come again. There was a great quantity of water in the low ground.

Feb 24 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons in the forenoon from James, 4th chapter and 8th verse. “Draw near unto God and he will come near unto you”. The afternoon text was from the 148th Psalm and 9th verse. There was no meeting at the Baptist and they were in to hear our preacher. Mild as April and as muddy.

Feb 25 – Worked for U.S. on the yard on the Steamer “Ticonderoga” the most of the day. Was very pleasant and mild but at night the coldness came from the northwest freezing mud and water and making the traveling very rough and bad.

Feb 26 – Mild weather. Worked for Uncle Sam. Muddy as ever and Northwest wind. There was an auction on the yard today and they sold a great quantity of “Old Trash”. Received \$1.00 of John Woods for ice. John Downs is cutting ice again in front of John Grover’s. Eggs are 16 cents. We got 47 yesterday and the same number today, 78 or 79 hens.

Feb 27 – Worked for U.S. The Constructor Wilson, surveyor H. Locke and master carpenter William A. Fernald have been ordered to Washington to answer charges of using bad oak in the ships, made by Daniel Littlefield and David Badger.

Feb 28 – The President vetoed the “Silver” Bill and returned it to congress and they passed it by a 2/3 vote over the veto in 2 hours. So it is to be along to have a new silver dollar of 412 ½ grains weight. The issue to be not more than 4,000,000 per month and no less than 2.

Mar 1 – Worked for U.S. and the weather is just splendid for the season. There is now a plenty to talk about. The Silver Bill, the investigation, the election and all the minor subjects. My opinion is that the Democrats will carry the state on the 12th.

Mar 2 – Worked for U.S. a full week. The weather was mild and muddy and bad riding. Wife and Lizzie went to town with “Dexter” the young horse is alone for the first time. The discussion of the Silver dollar Bill that has just passed congress is as high as ever.

Mar 3 – Dull and wet in the morning. Did not go to church. Writing most of the day.

Mar 4 – Worked for U.S. on the yard.

Mar 5 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. "The Greenbackers" had a convention in Portsmouth today to nominate candidates to be voted for next Tuesday. There are only a few as yet joined them. (The Greenback Party was also known as the Independent Party, the National Independent Party, and the Greenback Labor Party. It was an American political party with an anti-monopoly ideology which ran between 1874 and 1889.)

Mar 6 - Worked for U.S. with Splendid weather. It seemed to be settling down to spring time. Frost is coming out, warm and mild weather, birds singing and awful muddy traveling. I must "start" my early potatoes.

Mar 7 - Worked for U.S. The traveling is not much improved, being about as bad as it can be. There is strong indication of spring; the snow by the walls is going away fast.

Mar 8 - Worked for U.S. Last night went up to the post office to a caucus of the Republicans. I being one of the town committee counted up 107 Republicans and 190 Democrats likely to vote. We thought there would not be much "staying at home".

Mar 9 - Worked for U.S. making a full week again.

Mar 10 - Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from John, chapter 11 and verse 35, "Jesus Wept". The second was from Isaiah. I know not what.

Mar 11 - Worked for U.S. on the "Ticonderoga." The approaching election does not cause much excitement there being so many parties, 4 or 5 in all. P.S. It is said that the first new "Silver Dollar" of 412 grains was issued today at 8:30 o'clock.

Mar 12 - Worked for U.S. ½ day and then came home to election. The vote stood Prescott 104, McKean 189 and 3 scattering, for state Senator. Emmons B. Philbrick 115, M. Eldridge 172 and all quiet. 3 Greenback tickets were thrown.

Mar 13 - Furious northeast storm was raging most of the day. Did not go to the yard. Went to town meeting. The news from the state is that the Republicans will have 2000 majority and the legislature of a good majority and there is no choice for Senator and Emmons B. Philbrick will be chosen by the legislature.

Mar 14 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. The Democrats are again routed "Horse, Foot and Dragoon" and defeated by nearly 2000 votes. The Republicans have also got about 60 majority in the legislature and 4 out of 5 councilors. (Horse, Foot and Dragoon" was a book written by Rufus Fairchild Zogbaum. It was a book full of sketches of army life at home and abroad and of detailed drawings of soldiers.)

Mar 15 - Worked for U.S. Today LaPage is to be hung at Concord for the murder of Josie Langmaid of Pembroke, N.H. in 1875. She was a school girl of 18 going to the academy when about halfway from home he met her in the road and knocked her down and dragged her in the woods and murdered her.

Mar 16 – Worked for U.S. on the yard. Splendid weather and the traveling is improving rapidly. In the evening went to school meeting, Levi W. Hall was chosen prudential committee. LaPage was hung at Concord in the prison yard yesterday at 11 o clock.

Mar 17 – Went to church and heard Mr. Samuel Hoyt from Newington preach two sermons, one was from “The Christian life grow brighter and brighter unto the perfect day”. The second was from the 119th Psalm and 116th verse. “Let me not be ashamed of my hope”. He spoke without notes and did not succeed in interesting the ears very much.

Mar 18 – Furious northeast snow storm all day. The snow melting as it came. I did not go to the yard. Planted potatoes in boxes enough for about 500 hills. It has been so warm that potatoes have grown a good deal in the cellar. Washed the carriage and did many other jobs.

Mar 19 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. There was an order read for work to begin on and after the 21st instant at 7 o clock and work till 6. Thereby evading the 8 hour law by the secretary. It is hoped he will have to come back to the 8 hour law again soon. The weather is cold after a slight fall of snow last night.

Mar 20 – Cold and windy, March weather. Worked for U.S. Received \$34.50 for first half of this month. Tomorrow we are to go to work at 7 o clock and now before I have slept on it one night it looks rather hard. But still I guess we can do it. Alfred Moses rode down as far as Foyes Corner with me.

Mar 21 - Worked for U.S. We began work at 7 this morning and worked till 6. Everybody found fault because the secretary has no right to do it while the 8 hour law is on the statute book.

Mar 22 - Worked for U.S. and we have to get up and off early in the morning. I start at 6 o clock and get home at 6:30.

Mar 23 - Worked for U.S. It was mild and balmy, wind south. I was transferred into Daniel Perry's gang, he being promoted today. 8 carpenters were taken on today making about 65 in all 3 gangs. We worked 5 days this week.

Mar 24 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from 2nd Corinthians, chapter 13 and verse 5. “Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith prove your own selves and know ye not your own selves”. The afternoon text was Luke, chapter 11 and verse 9.

Mar 25 – High northwest wind and cold as Greenland. Worked for U.S. It was one of the worst days of the winter. We worked with our great coats on all day. Eggs are cheaper now than they have been before for 20 years. Viz: one cent apiece, 12 cents per dozen and it is thought they will be lower still.

Mar 26 – More mild today but still it was cold or the season. Worked for US. Planking on steamer “Ticonderoga” in Dan Perry’s gang. There are rumors of a war between England and Russia. Albert Tucker came down today to stop awhile. He has been sick 8 or 9 months. (Albert Tucker was the cousin of Supply’s wife Mary.)

Mar 27 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. Corn is worth 55 cents per bushel, hay \$16.00 or \$17.00 per ton, flour from 7 to 11 dollars per barrel, sugar 6 to 10 cents per lb. and potatoes at 45 cents per bushel.

Mar 28 - Worked for U.S. There is still a great depression of business all over the world and a general complaint especially among the shipping interest. They pay ship carpenters in Portsmouth from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per day and laborers 75 cents to \$1.00.

Mar 29 - Worked for U.S. Cool and chilly with wind north. There is to be a World’s Fair in Paris this year beginning in May. This government is assisting exhibitors by carrying goods free to the house.

Mar 30 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. It has been a disagreeable week, cold, dull and chilly. There is talk of war between England and Russia. Eggs are down to 1 cent apiece and some say they will go lower still but I hope not. We get 50 per day now.

Mar 31 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach two sermons, one from Psalm 17 verse 15. “I shall be satisfied if when I awake with thy likeness”. The afternoon text was from Genesis 2nd chapter and verse 7. “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul”.

Apr 1 – Worked for U.S. The weather was dull all day and rain came down lightly. Horace Trefethen and Emory Woodman began my job of building a stable for Albert Shedd today. (Albert was living on Sagamore Ave. in Portsmouth. This would have been over the Sagamore Bridge where Rye becomes Portsmouth. Sagamore Avenue starts at Foye’s Corner.)

Apr 2 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. The weather was more mild and spring like. Had a calf come along today.

Apr 3 - Worked for U.S. Congress is considering the eighth hour law. Whether it needs anymore legislation to make it plain to the secretary of the navy. He compels us to work 10 hours but still allowing that 8 hours is a day’s work. Consequently we work 1 ¼ days and get \$3.00.

Apr 4 – 9 Missing

Apr 10 - Worked for U.S. on steamer with Simon F. Spinney for steam engineering. The weather is dull and has been most of the time for three weeks. The last of February and the first of March indicated an early spring but now it does not seem to be so forward as then.

Apr 11 – Fast Day and no work on the yard. Went to town and carried poultry 9 ½ lbs. at 13 cents. It was a general holiday in town in the afternoon. There have been meetings at the churches in Rye all the week, managed by the young men's Christian union of Concord, N.H.

Apr 12 – Furious rain storm northeast and no work at the yard. Eggs 11 cents per dozen, the fact needs no comment. When they are so low as that there is no profit and you can get no pay for the hard work and other trouble attending.

Apr 13 - Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week only. There is rumor of the 8 hour law being again in force soon but so far it is only a rumor. Elvin Rand had his leg broken today while at work for Oliver Jenness. The fracture is said to be very bad.

Apr 14 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Moody preach 2 sermons, on Genesis, 44th chapter and 34th verse. "For how shall I go up to my father and the Lord be not with me". In the afternoon the text was in Matthew, 27th chapter and 21st verse. "Wither of the twain will ye that I release unto you".

Apr 15 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Ticonderoga" at planking. The weather has been more like spring and planting time and many farmers are plowing and getting ready to put in the seed. I have ordered 1 pack of Burbank seedling potatoes. Tonight the Foye's are sending forth their hateful horse.

Apr 16 - Worked for U.S. Got a pack of Burbank seedlings potatoes for fifty cents.

Apr 17 - Worked for U.S. Aunt Elizabeth Balch moved over with her daughter Martha Ellen and son-in-law Charles E. Trefethen. (Aunt Elizabeth is Mary's mother Adeline's sister.)

Apr 18 - Worked for U.S. It is said they have received orders to repair the "Kearsarge" as soon as they can get to it.

Apr 19 - Worked for U.S. This has been the warmest day of the season so far and now the farmers are plowing and planting and doing other farm work. Wife and our two girls went to ride with "Dexter".

Apr 20 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Alfred Moses still goes back and forth with me stopping at Foye's Corner. The weather is very fine for the season compared with other years, being 10 or 12 days earlier grass is starting well and the trees are coming out quite fast.

Apr 21 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons. The forenoon text I could not hear but in the afternoon it was from Isaiah, 1st chapter. “Come let reason together”. Daniel Webster called. There is to be a meeting at the church this evening.

Apr 22 - Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant. Alfred Elwyn came over and paid me \$24.26 on a bill of 1877. George Leroy Trefethen plowed a small patch for me at night for my onions.

Apr 23 – Rainy and did not work at the yard but labored hard at home. Set out onions and sowed onion seed, hauled out manure, put up grape vines and set out 7 new vines. Sold John O. Berry hay and sold calf to Charles Brackett for \$3.75. Gave Horace a vine and paid him \$4.55 balance due on Elwyn’s account.

Apr 24 – Dull and wet and no work on the yard. Hauled out manure, sowed some red onions seed, planted peas etc. Went to town with wife and Abbie, got orders to work on the road by Charles Rand’s.

Apr 25 - Worked for U.S. Cloudy and not very dry, good weather for grass. It is now right time for the potatoes to be in the ground but I have not yet got my ground plowed. I was disappointed today by George L. Trefethen who I thought agreed to do it.

Apr 26 – Dull and rainy all day. They worked on the road but it was wet. John O. Berry worked ½ day for me and I hauled 1 load of sea gravel. It is wet, wet everywhere and muddy and impossible to plant or do any garden work.

Apr 27 – Carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston to teach school. She started at 7:55 am. It was dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard and worked ½ day making only 2 ½ days this week. Notice came out that there would be no work on the yard on Monday if rainy.

Apr 28 – Dull and rainy all day. Did not go to church but had a day of rest and read the papers and Bible etc. John C. Webster came in in the evening and groaned about the financial affairs of the nation.

Apr 29 – Dull and rainy all day. Did not go to the yard. Went to Allen Porter’s and got stuck and made a pair of wagon shafts and it took me all day. John O. Berry came over at night and got some milk. Aunt Balch sold some land today.

Apr 30 – Worked in shop. A northeast rain storm raged all last night and all this forenoon vigorously. Then it stopped raining but did not clear off. The ground seems to be full of water and the wells are full to the top and most everybody have water in their cellars. There can be nothing done towards planting and there is danger of seeds rotting that are now in the ground.

May 1 – The ground is very wet. Dull and wet. Went to the yard but there was no muster and we came back again. Got an old chest at the express office from Clara containing old carpets. Jobbing round the farm. Set out two Red Oak trees in front of the house. My neighbor Charles F. Trefethen had twin calves come along today. (Charles F. Trefethen has now swapped homes with his son Charles E. and lives next door to Supply with Charles Erwin living in the next farm nearer Trefethen's Corner.)

May 2 - Worked for U.S. the first day this week. The grass and trees are making a forward movement towards completion. Got a pig of Warrington Paul and paid \$2.50. It is 4 ½ weeks old.

May 3 - Worked for U.S. The weather was very warm for the season, 85 in the shade at noon. Got some plowing done today which ought to have been done 10 days ago. The season is earlier than usual and I am later with my work.

May 4 - Worked for U.S. on the yard making 3 days this week. Received pay for the last half of April of \$22.50 as we only worked 7 ½ days.

May 5 – Dull and did not go to church. We were all too tired to go also and we tried to get peach trees are out in bloom as are also cherry and the sugar pear. There are signs of an abundant apple “Bloth”.

May 6 - Worked for U.S. on yard. Splendid day with wind northwest and drying. The crew of the “Omaha” will be paid next Thursday. It is said they say there is a prospect of war in Europe. The Democrats are dickering about the president's title to his office.

May 7 – Stayed at home to plant and planted 2 pieces of potatoes, John Berry helping. Went to town with hay to Seavey and got most \$10.00. Eggs are worth 11 to 12 cents per dozen and hay at \$17.00 per ton.

May 8 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Ticonderoga” tearing off plank.

May 9 - Worked for U.S. The weather is warm and dry.

May 10 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Omaha”. Getting ready for a survey taking out a streak inside and outside and one outside the entire length. The frame seems to be sound but the planking is rotten. Settled with John Berry paying him \$1.87.

May 11 - Worked for U.S. on “Omaha” clearing away round bowsprit. The examiners have arrived. The board will be T.D. Wilson, Philip Hitchburn and Edward Hart. They will begin the survey on Monday.

May 12 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons, first from Luke, 9th chapter and verses 22 – 25. The second sermon was from Daniel, chapter 5 and verse 25. The weather is very cold for the season, this morning it was down to 36 above zero and everybody needed overcoats.

May 13 - Worked for U.S. It is a cold period this morning, it was only 35 above. There was frost in many places and in some parts of the state there was ice formed and even snow fell. It is said there was frost in Old Virginia.

May 14 - Worked for U.S. on the “Omaha”. Getting ready to put her in “Batten Bow” her frame being rotten below the 2nd futtock and all above that being “live oak” and is sound. The “floors” and half floors and first futtock are of white oak and rotten. (Futtock: curved timber pieces forming the lower part of a ship's frame.)

May 15 – Worked for U.S. There is rumors of a discharge coming but it is not certain. When today ends, the first ½ of the month, I have only worked 11 days. Some have got in 12. The weather is still cold for the season and there was frost in some places.

May 16 - Worked for U.S. in the machine shop putting in chocks for “rests” in turning a large shaft for the rudder. John Swain is boss iron plater.

May 17 - Worked for U.S.

May 18 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. They paid off and got \$33.00 for 11 days.

May 19 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach one sermon, John, chapter 1, subject the divinity Christ. The new organ was played today for the first time Sunday. It is said to be an excellent one. William F. Noyes and William S. Jackson came down today.

May 20 - Worked for U.S. on the yard on the “Ticonderoga” getting out stock for the head. Today is pasturing time and grass is well up and seems to be more forward than for some years before. It seems as though the apple trees are doubly filled with Bloth.

May 21 – Dull and wet in the morning and there was no muster and I came home and planted sweet corn, beans, cucumbers and hoed my early potatoes and peas and onions and many other jobs. Last night I drove my 2 year old heifer to Tom Varrell’s to pasture.

May 22 - Worked for U.S. It cleared off, cold for the season and it is dry and dusty and vegetation is at a standstill.

May 23 - Worked for U.S. The rumors of a discharge are thick and it is set down for the 23rd. There are caulkers wanted and so carpenters must go to make room.

May 24 - Worked for U.S. Cool and dry and vegetation now needs rain. The top of the ground being dry.

May 25 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. This afternoon we had a splendid shower giving a plenty of water for the time.

May 26 – Dull and showery all day and did not go to church. Had oysters for breakfast. Went over to see Aunt Mary with wife. Called to see Henry Grover who is sick with typhoid fever, he is a little better.

May 27 - Worked for U.S. and tonight was suspended till next Friday on account of money.

May 28 – Cultivated and hoed my early potatoes. Hauled a load of seaweed. Went to town with wife and mowed lawn etc. etc. Northwest wind and hot, good for grass.

May 29 – Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for hens to scratch over. Hoed peas and potatoes, planted cucumbers and white washed 3 rooms. The hot weather has come and also most potatoes in great abundance.

May 30 – Memorial Day and quite pleasant. They had a procession in Portsmouth and made quite a display. I prepared the ground and planted my beans in the Betty field. I planted the same piece last year and raised a barrel.

May 31 - Worked for U.S. and was expecting there would be a discharge in our gang but today they received notice from Washington that they could have \$7000.00 more money to enable them to take on caulkers and jointer without discharging carpenters. So all were made happy.

Jun 1 - Worked for U.S. on the head of the "Ticonderoga". It was a cool morning for the June 1st. Potatoes bugs are plenty and the prospect is that all kinds of bugs and insects will be numerous. Eggs at 14 cents, Oysters at 25 cents a quart "solid".

Jun 2 – Cool in the morning. Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach one sermon and came home at noon. Then went to ride up the Elwyn Road and round by Frank Millers, wife and Edie went also.

Jun 3 - Worked for U.S. The weather was warm and muggy. Grass is coming forward rapidly, for the machine; the crop is not up to the average prospectively.

Jun 4 - Worked for U.S. Foggy in the forenoon then came off hot and dry and good growing weather. Yeaton hoed a piece of potatoes for me today. The schooner "Celia", that was sunk on Leacen Ledge, was raised today.

Jun 5 - Worked for U.S. The famous or infamous Potter investigation committee at Washington are now taking testimony in regard to the Presidential Election of 1876. Anderson the perjurer is now on the stand giving testimony on his own depravity.

Jun 6 - Worked for U.S. Received \$30.00 for 10 days of last half of May. The "Telephone" is now being put into general use for talking between cities. That is by the means of this instrument, sound is transmitted from one city to another.

Jun 7 - Worked for U.S. There is reports of a heavy frost in most parts of New England. Many places it was so severe that vegetation was badly cut of corn, potatoes, vines and even the leaves of the trees were killed.

Jun 8 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. This has been a cold week and nothing has made much growth except grapes and that is not to be abundant. Albert Shedd paid me \$70.00 on account of building stable.

Jun 9 – Rain came on last night at 5 and continued through the night refreshing "all the earth. It was dull this morning and did not go to church.

Jun 10 - Worked for U.S. We had two showers today, the rain coming down smartly.

Jun 11 – Dull and rainy and no work at the yard. Came home and shod the horse, hauled seaweed etc. Planted cucumbers and set out tomatoes.

Jun 12 - Worked for U.S. Potato bugs are increasing now.

Jun 13 - Worked for U.S. We had another shower today to keep vegetation going.

Jun 14 - Worked for U.S. on head of "Ticonderoga". There is a large gang on yard now.

Jun 15 – Worked for U.S. on head of the "Ticonderoga". Warm and splendid growing weather. Grass is very forward so that some are even now haying.

Jun 16 – Went to church and heard Samuel Hoyt of Newington preach on sermon from Psalms. "Where the Psalmist call the creator to examine his heart to see if any wrong can be found." At night rode up to see Jim Hall.

Jun 17 – Rainy and no work at the yard. Shod the horse, planted and transplanted and hauled a load of seaweed etc. We had a fine rain and it cleared off in the afternoon, warm.

Jun 18 - Worked for U.S. Splendid day and all nature seems on the move. There is great preparations for summer boarders this year but it is doubtful if there are as many as usual on account of "dull times".

Jun 19 - Worked for U.S. Hot and grand growing weather. The farmers are as busy as they can be.

Jun 20 - Worked for U.S., Hot.

Jun 21 - Worked for U.S. Everybody and all their folks are hoeing.

Jun 22 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. At 4 a northeast storm of rain came on and it fell in torrents. We received notice that all gangs in construction are to be suspended one week except caulkers.

Jun 23 – Dull and wet and foggy and did not go to church but had a day of rest. Read a sermon by Henry Ward Beecher in regard to hope.

Jun 24 – Hauled two loads seaweed for hens. There being no work on the yard this week for want of funds. Went to town and engaged a load of hay to Russell and Co. Carried 12 lbs. of poultry at 14 cents and bought scythe and machine knives.

Jun 25 – Dull and rainy in the morning. Haying ground and oiled machine, loaded hay and went to town to Russell and Co.

Jun 26 – Began the regular haying today and cut the field back of Grandmother Clark's. Cool northwest wind but very good hay day. Raked it up and then went to town. The hay crop is a little better than last year.

Jun 27 – Very good hay weather. Cut the Betty field and got in all by Grandmother's, 5 loads, Horace helping ½ day. People in general are not going to begin till next week.

Jun 28 – Good hay weather and I cut the further field and got in all from the Betty field of 5 good loads, Horace helping.

Jun 29 – Splendid hay weather and cut 2 loads this forenoon. Some in front of Charles Erwin's and some in the thirds, Horace helping. We got in 4 loads from the further field and raked up the other in small bunches. Went to town at night.

Jun 30 – Hot as guns, 90 in the shade. Did not go to church but had to rest.

Jul 1 - Worked for U.S. Worked for U.S. on the yard. Very hot and excellent hay weather, Horace and William Yeaton helping me hay. They got in 4 loads and everybody began today.

Jul 2 – Worked for U.S. very hot, 95 in the shade. Elegant hay weather, Horace and William Yeaton were helping me. Cut most of the field in front of Charles Trefethen's.

Jul 3 – No work at the yard on account of heat, it was 98 in the shade and was the hottest day of the season. It was too hot for Horace and he went home at 9. I finished cutting on the north side of the road and some above the barn, got in 3 loads.

Jul 4 – The Glorious 4th, cool and comfortable. Haying all day and got in 7 loads. Daniel Trefethen Jr. was here at noon. William Yeaton was here all day and cut about one load. The last 7 days have been the hottest for years.

Jul 5 – Worked for U.S. a part of the day. Was about as hot as usual but at night it was cool again. Horace and W. Yeaton were here and cut all in the fields above the barn. Now all is cut except the Willow field.

Jul 6 – Worked for U.S. on the yard. Hot and dry as usual. Finished cutting my grass today, Horace and W. Yeaton helping. We have had no rain so far since we began haying except a slight sprinkling at night. Shall get a new crop of hay and all in prime order.

Jul 7 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach one sermon in regard to Sunday school and Sunday school teachers. He proceeded to tell them how to manage their classes successfully and how to be interesting and what was proper and what was not etc.

Jul 8 – Finished haying today and it was as hot as ever, 98 in the shade. The quality of the hay is good and much better than the average. I have got from 15 to 18 tons. I worked for U.S. on the yard and got orders not to come tomorrow on account of heat.

Jul 9 – Hot, Hot, Hot, 98. Stayed at home cultivating beans. Changed cart and hauled a load of seaweed, pruned grape vines etc. etc. Abbie came home last night from New Boston after teaching 10 weeks.

Jul 10 – Hot as ever and no muster. Came home and hoed in the garden. We had a very light shower in the afternoon which cooled off the air nicely. It is good hay weather but it is withering for the other crops.

Jul 11 – Worked for U.S. It was cool and comfortable with wind north. Joseph Buzzell was convicted of murder in the first degree at Ossipee for the murder of Miss Hanson 4 years ago. He was tried once before for the murder and cleared.

Jul 12 - Worked for U.S. and it was a comfortable day and not too hot. Governor Benjamin Franklin Prescott and staff paid a visit to the yard today and received a salute of 17 guns and stayed 3 or 4 hours and I guess had a good time.

Jul 13 - Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week. It was said the "Ticonderoga" was to go into the dock on the 22nd and that there would be no more last time till then. Secretary Thompson will be here then.

Jul 14 – Went to church in the forenoon and heard Mr. Hadley preach from Numbers but don't remember the chapter and verse, the weather was so hot. There was a vote taken to do away with the afternoon sermon but I believe they overruled it at noon.

Jul 15 - Worked for U.S. Business is so very dull outside that the mechanics feel doubly grateful for even a short job on the yard at this time. Many have earned little or nothing elsewhere for a long time.

Jul 16 – Hot. Worked for U.S. on the yard and it was hot and sweltering and we suffered by the heat.

Jul 17 - Worked for U.S. Active preparations are being made to put the ship "Ticonderoga" in the dry dock next week as the secretary is coming here. It is decided to have her go in while he is here to show the efficiency of this yard for work.

Jul 18 – Hot. Worked for U.S. It was very hot and is very dry so that vegetation of all kinds is withering and drying up for want of rain. Most of the farmers are done haying and it has been got in in good condition.

Jul 19 – Hot, Hot, Hot. Worked for U.S. and it one of the hottest of the season and about 100 in the shade. Accounts from all parts of the county show the hottest season on record and hundreds have died of sunstroke.

Jul 20 - Worked for U.S. It has been much cooler with an out wind but still the heat has been great. Mr. John Hodgdon, a joiner died on the yard today about 9 o clock. He was at work between decks and complained of dizziness and in ten minutes was dead of heart disease.

Jul 21 – Dull and at 10 we had a splendid shower of ½ an hour which laid the dust and cooled the vegetation and a reviving effect generally and we had a good time to rest all day. At 5 we had another light shower.

Jul 22 - Worked for U.S. The weather was hot and dry. The weather is so "very" drying that yesterday's shower was dried up by noon.

Jul 23 - Worked for U.S. Received my pay for ½ month for \$27.00. For 3 days work they are now beginning to pay out the new silver dollars in all under \$5.00.

Jul 24 – “Dexter” is lame and I stayed at home and went to a picnic at “Wallis Sands” got up by Joseph P. Trefethen’s family. There were about 60 in number and we had a good time generally. Clara came from Boston today.

Jul 25 - Worked for U.S. on the yard.

Jul 26 - Worked for U.S. Getting ready to put the ship in the dock. There are indications of rain and all hope it will come.

Jul 27 - Worked for U.S. We put the ship in the dock today. She was started at 7:15 and was going well till 10:30 when the keys were broken and delayed till 2:30. So she did not get in till 8. The secretary came at 9 and viewed the process of docking the ship.

Jul 28 – Hot and dry. Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach from John on “love”. Clara and Lizzie went with me. There was not a full attendance. At night went to ride with Clara to the South end to Little Boars Head.

Jul 29 - Worked for U.S. in and around the dock in the forenoon. At 2 we were ordered to the “Lancaster” to get her ready to go in the dock, as they have orders to take her up on the land for repairs. She is one of the largest sizes.

Jul 30 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. The much needed rain came down the most of the day and everybody rejoiced and all vegetation revived and went on its way. We were sharing the “Ticonderoga” in the dry dock.

Jul 31 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 1 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Kearsarge” wedging main mast.

Aug 2 – Stayed at home today and did up any jobs and at 2:30 carried Clara to town to go to Boston. She is on a vacation and is going to the mountains next week. She had left her husband on account of his drunkenness.

Aug 3 - Worked for U.S. There are lively times at the navy yard. They took the “Ticonderoga” in the dry dock again today to be coppered then they are at work on two others, the “Kearsarge” and “Lancaster.”

Aug 4 – Went to church and hear Mr. Hadley preach one sermon from John, “He that is without sin cast the first stone”. It was a sermon relieves the pressure on Jenness Marden who has taken \$37.00 of the Sunday schools money.

Aug 5 - Worked for U.S. on “Kearsarge.” Tomorrow is the cities election in Portsmouth and William H. Side is the republican candidate for mayor.

Aug 6 - Worked for U.S. on "Kearsarge" ½ day and ½ day on the "Speedwell", the iron fishing steamer. Rain came down furiously at 4:30 till night. 8 cattle swam across the Piscataqua today at the "narrows".

Aug 7 - Worked for U.S. on the steamer "Speedwell" in for slight repairs. She is detailed to do service for Professor Beard of the "Fish Commission" with headquarters at Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Aug 8 - Worked for U.S. on "Speedwell." A part of the day was very hot, and then at 3 we had a heavy shower drenching everything.

Aug 9 - Worked for U.S. on "Kearsarge" wedging the mast. We had a heavy shower at noon and now we are having the other extreme of wet following the drought.

Aug 10 - Worked for U.S. on "Kearsarge" ½ day and ½ on the Lancaster clearing away to get out the boilers preparatory to taking the ship up on the land for repairs. There was a tornado at Foye's Corner today which blew up trees, chimneys, the bowling alley and much damage.

Aug 11 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach one sermon, Kings 10 – 37, "and the half was never told me". He spoke of the disappointment Christians would find when they came to heaven. Went to see the damage done by the tornado at the south end.

Aug 12 – Worked for U.S. on the yard on the "Lancaster." Got orders to stay at home 8 days on account of want of money. Half of the gang are to lay off 8 days then the other ½ are to stay off 8 days.

Aug 13 – Stayed at home and cut weeds and shod the horse. Brackett's wife and boys came down to spend the day and I put up a hammock and 2 swings and made other preparations to keep the children busy. At 3 we went to Wallis Sands, nine in one wagon. Had a shower at night.

Aug 14 – Picked up 2 bushels of Red Astrachan apples. Sold ½ bushel to D.M. Foss for 37 cents and carried 1 bushel to town and sold to Moses Brothers for 62 cents. A few days ago they were worth \$1.00 but they have ground them down to ½ dollar. (Red Astrachan is a Russian cultivar of domesticated apple, which is an early season apple, juicy, tart and mealy texture with pleasant flavor.)

Aug 15 – "Dexter" is still lame and is turned out to grass so I have only one horse to use and it is a time when horses are in great demand.

Aug 16 – Went to town and got George Raynes wife Clara and daughter Ruth to come down and spend the day being their semiannual visit. They said they had a good time and I guess they did, there being nothing particular to hinder it. We went to Wallis Sands at 4.

Aug 17 – Jobbing around the plantation till 2 then went to town, Abbie went with me to do some shopping. There is a good deal of travel through Portsmouth by the summer boarders in the vicinity and that at this dull time. It is about all there is going on there.

Aug 18 – Dull in the morning and did not go to church but stayed at home to rest. Read the paper and had one good nap and plenty to eat. There was a good deal of riding and it was a good day, not being so hot. At 4 went to ride to New Castle to the Wentworth house.

Aug 19 – Helping wife most of the day. Got in my onions, 4 ½ bushels. The clothes ringer gave out and on examination the crank shaft was broken.

Aug 20 – Jobbing round the house till noon when the showers came down copiously and we went upstairs to hear it rain on the house. Daniel Webster came down to get apples to make cider. Went to town at night and got papers.

Aug 21 – I have done nothing today but ride. The wife and Edith and I went to Greenland by the way of Sodom Road and back at 11:30 and at 1:30 went to the ordination of our minister Mr. Hadley at the church in presence of a full house.

Aug 22 – Worked for U.S. on the “Ticonderoga”.

Aug 23 - Worked for U.S. on the “Ticonderoga”. There is ½ the gang off.

Aug 24 - Worked for U.S. on the “Ticonderoga”.

Aug 25 – Dull and rainy There was no meeting so I had a day of rest.

Aug 26 - Worked for U.S. on the “Ticonderoga”. It was a splendid day. Cool and comfortable. Oliver and his 2 girls called at night a minute as they went to town. There is to be a grand “Trefethen” picnic on Wednesday. (Oliver’s girls are Grace and Gertrude.)

Aug 27 – Worked on the yard for U.S. Cool and pleasant and a good day to work and all went well and got the ship nearly coppered. It is said she will come out of the dock next Friday. There was a circus in town today.

Aug 28 – Went to the picnic at Wallis Sands of the Trefethen family. In part that is, they were not all there. There were 108 at dinner and supper and everybody had a gay time.

Aug 29 - Worked for U.S. on the "Ticonderoga". The weather is hot and muggy and everybody are sweating.

Aug 30 - Worked for U.S. and finished coppering and the ship is now ready to go out of the dock and will be taken out tomorrow. There is to be no muster but there are to be a few of us to manage the pumps. (Copper plating is the practice of protecting the under-water hull of a ship or boat from the corrosive effects of salt water.)

Aug 31 - Worked for U.S. Taking the "Ticonderoga" out of the dry dock. There was no muster but about a dozen of us worked to tend the gates on the dock. We worked at noon and go off at 5 o'clock.

Sep 1 – Rainy and did not go to church but had a day of rest and at night rode over to Aunt Mary's and called at Orin L. Foye's a few minutes.

Sep 2 - Worked for U.S. Hauled the dock into the basin and began to get ready to take in the "Lancaster" which is to be hauled out for a thorough repair or rebuilding.

And Sep 3 - Worked for U.S. getting ready to take the "Lancaster" in dock. The last 3 days have been very hot and up in the nineties. The yellow fever is raging fearfully at New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Memphis. 88 died in N.O. on Sunday.

Sep 4 – Dull and wet and no muster at the yard. Went to town at noon and carried butter, 7 ¼ lbs. at 20 cents to New York store and exchanged for groceries There is great interest felt in the approaching "Maine Election" as to how it will go.

Sep 5 – The dullness continues and no work at the yard. I was jobbing round the plantation. Went to town and carried feathers and exchanged them for a folding chair, price \$2.25. Carried a jug of cider to Jim Hall and got the news etc.

Sep 6 – Fair and pleasant and we worked for U.S. in dock getting ready for the "Lancaster".

Sep 7 – No muster on account of rain. Rode home with J. William Seavey from town. After dinner pulled beans and picked 7 ½ bushels of apples for cider. Wife and Lizzie went to town.

Sep 8 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach two sermons from one text. All in regard to the 2nd coming of Christ. He strongly believes in it but set no time. At night the wife, Edith and I went to the Plains to see Joe Ham.

Sep 9 - Worked for U.S. getting dock ready to take in the "Lancaster". It was cool in the morning but at noon it was very hot. Today is the Maine State Election and there is great unrest felt in the result as it is the first test of the Greenback party.

Sep 10 - Worked for U.S. The returns from Maine show that there is no choice for Governor. The Republicans have got 4 of 5 congressmen and the House and Senate. The Greenback vote exceeds the Democratic vote. But still the returns are incomplete and it will require a day or two to decide the strength of parties.

Sep 11 - Worked for U.S. in the dock getting ready to take in the "Lancaster". The weather was dull and wet and foggy.

Sep 12 - Worked for U.S. The returns from Maine are mostly in and it is a big blow to the Republican Party. They having lost 2 members of Congress, no choice for Governor and the opposition have a majority in the Legislature.

Sep 13 - Worked for U.S. packing up the "Lancaster" and getting ready generally to haul out the old ship.

Sep 14 - Worked for U.S. The steam ship "Lancaster" was drawn out of the dry dock on the land by the "Hydraulic" today in about 7 hours making 40 pulls of 8 feet each. Everything worked well and no delays between "heats". We got away at 4:30.

Sep 15 - Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach on sermon in forenoon. In the afternoon communion was served by him for the first time, he being recently ordained. He also took 8 new members into the church and gave the right hand of fellowship. George Walker and wife were among the new members.

Sep 16 - Worked for U.S. at "shoring" up the "Lancaster" getting ready to take out the cradle.

Sep 17 - Worked for U.S. and finished the shoring. Elegant weather to ripen up fruits of all kinds. The potato crop here about is a failure but apples are plenty and we have pears and grapes enough and a few peaches.

Sep 18 - Worked for U.S. Building "Brow" and getting up "Upright" for a staging round the ship. The weather is exceedingly hot and we sweat from morning till night.

Sep 19 - Worked for U.S. Hot as guns and garters but still we worked on sweating all day and night, 90 in the shade. (Prostitutes of the Old West usually wore provocative outfits. The dress worn by these women consisted of brightly colored, ruffled skirts that were scandalously short at this time, reaching only to mid-calf or knee length. Garters often concealed a small gun or knife so that they had protection if any of the cowboys became too rowdy. Hence hot as Guns and Garters.)

Sep 20 - Worked for U.S. Bought a cider barrel or rather a Rum barrel to put cider in, 2 gallons for \$1.50. There will be plenty of cider this year. Daniel Webster is making every day and night.

Sep 21 - Worked for U.S. Building staging on port side. Orders were read changing the hours of work next week to begin at 7:40 am. and work till 11:30. After an hour, 12:30 work till 4:30 then go home which makes 7 hours and 50 minutes a day.

Sep 22 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach on sermon from Corinthians. At two went to Abbie Lewis funeral. She was my Cousin, a daughter of Joseph Berry's mother's brother. (She was 55 years old and the daughter of Joseph J. and Hannah W. (Locke) Berry.)

Sep 23 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" building staging round her.

Sep 24 - Worked for U.S.

Sep 25 - Worked for U.S. The weather was hot and dry.

Sep 26 - Worked for U.S. getting the dock ready to take in the "Kearsarge".

Sep 27 - Worked for U.S. in dock. The "Kearsarge" was taken in today to be re-caulked and painted.

Sep 28 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" building staging, making full time this week. The U.S. steamer "Pawtuxet" the flag ship of North Atlantic squadron with Admiral John Cummings Howell arrived below yesterday morning.

Sep 29 – Went to meeting in the forenoon and heard Brother Hadley preach one sermon from John, chapter 3 and verse 2. He had a cold in the throat and could not preach this afternoon and went to hear Mr. Goss preach at the Baptist who exchanged with Jones, we came home.

Sep 30 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster". Hot and dry. Eben M. Lang died today at about 12 of fever at Portsmouth. (Lang's Corner, in Rye, was named after this man's family, his father was Ebenezer Wallis Lang.)

Oct 1 - Worked for U.S. and was suspended for 2 weeks as so that they may take on some painters to paint the "Ticonderoga". There were 6 or 8 carpenters suspended.

Oct 2 – Went to town in the morning and carried 19 lbs. of chickens to the Rockingham House at 12.5 cents per lb. Which is very low and so is everything else at this time. Picked 2 ½ barrels of Pearmain apples.

Oct 3 – Picking Hubbardston Nonesuch apples, 1 ½ barrels and 1 of Baldwins. Went to ride with wife over past Main and Winchesters. They are picking apples from an orchard of 1200 trees and the most of them are well filled.

Oct 4 – Picking cider apples and got about 25 bushels. The drought continues and no signs of rain. Springs are very low but no great suffering in this vicinity for want of water. All kinds of crops are ripening up nicely. Corn is very yellow and firm.

Oct 5 – Put up wall round the field front of Charles Trefethen's and dug a watering place for the cow and changed cider to a vinegar barrel. Went to town with wife and Edith.

Oct 6 – Cool and dull and rainy and I stayed at home to rest and recuperate. The Rye Cornet Band went to town to play the funeral dirge at the burial of Eli Hu Dennett by the Osgood Lodge of Odd Fellows. He died at the Concord insane asylum. (Dirge: a mournful song, piece of music, or poem.)

Oct 7 – Picking apples for winter and carried 30 bushels of cider apples to Daniel C. Webster to be ground for cider. Splendid weather and all are picking their apples. The crop is abundant. Went to town and got a barrel of mashes.

Oct 8 – Went to town and brought George Rayne's wife Clara and daughter Ruth down to spend the day. At 2 we all went to Straw's Point to see the beach, lifesaving station and the direct Atlantic Cable Station etc.

Oct 9 – Got 3 barrels of cider this morning and carried one to town to Mathis at \$1.00 per barrel and the market is not great at that. Hauled home a load of coal I got of Russell and Odiorne at \$5.25.

Oct 10 – Picked apples till 10 then went to town with Abbie and carried jugs of cider to Jim Hall and A. Tucker.

Oct 11 – Went to town and got a load of coal and got back at 11. Then finished picking my winter apples and got nearly 12 barrels of all kinds. 7 Baldwins, 2 ½ Pearsains, 1 ½ Nonesuch, ½ barrel russets and ½ of greening and piping's.

Oct 12 – A regular northeast rain storm came on at 9 and continued till 12 at night. Thrashed and winnowed beans, etc. Did not go to town. Miss Mary Ann Bunker was buried yesterday. (Mary Ann Elizabeth Bunker died on Oct. 9th at 58 years old. She was the daughter of James Lampher and Nancy (Hobbs) Bunker. They had a farm on Washington Road near Breakfast Hill.)

Oct 13 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from 1st Chronicles 2nd chapter and verse 22. In the afternoon he preached a short funeral sermon in memory of Miss Bunker. William Jackson was down and carried him up at night.

Oct 14 – Went to town and from there got my pay for the last ½ of September, \$33.00.

Oct 15 – Hauled 4 loads of seaweed. Mary Abigail Seavey died at Joseph William Seavey's. She was 50 ½ years old. Wife and Lizzie went to town with "Dexter" in the carriage. (Mary Abigail was the daughter of Ephraim and Betsey Brown (Garland) Seavey.)

Oct 16 – Hauled 2 loads of seaweed, then attended the funeral of Mary A. Seavey at 2 o'clock. Lemuel Bunkers daughter Lizette was buried at the same time.

Oct 17 – Went to town and carried Abbie to go to Seabrook. Got a new chair for \$8.00. Hauled 3 loads of seaweed etc. Wife went up to Aunt Webster's in the evening. Got paint for the dining room.

Oct 18 – Spent most all day painting the dining room white.

Oct 19 – Picked cider apples in the thirds and above the barn and below the house. At 4:30 went to town a few minutes.

Oct 20 – Went to church with Lizzie and heard Brother Hadley preach 2 sermons. In the forenoon he talked to the young.

Oct 21 – Helped wife about renovating the dining room. Picked about 20 bushels of cider apples. Spread 4 barrels of ashes on the further field.

Oct 22 – Finished picking cider apples and have got 60 bushels now to have made into cider. Harrowed ground for sowing where I had potatoes. Went to town at 3 with wife. She stayed at Brackett's. I went to see about going back on the yard and heard I was to go back on November 1st.

Oct 23 – Hauled 2 cords of dry wood from the pasture back of John Varrell's home and covered it up with boards. At one the coming storm broke upon us from the southeast and was furious all the afternoon. Helped wife to renovate the sitting room.

Oct 24 – Got in beets etc. and blacked the sitting room stove. Went to town in the afternoon and got lime for wash and got fish heads for the hens, also horse shoes. As Captain Albert Dow was coming home from town his horse ran round Foye's Corner and turned the wagon over and hurt the captain severely.

Oct 25 – Churned in the morning then cut wood and cut up fish heads for hens. After "Scolding" them, the hens eat then greedily. We have now about 75 hens and pullets. Whitewashed the dining room. Went to see Daniel Webster about making cider, he is very busy and nearly used up.

Oct 26 – Went to town and got kegs to fill with cider for Robert King and Frank Batten. Hauled my apples up to Daniel Webster's mill, ready to be ground, had 60 bushels.

Oct 27 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Roland of Greenland preach 2 sermons, one from the Psalms of David “Why art thou cast down O my soul”. In the afternoon he preached from 2nd chronicles, 1st chapter and 12th verse.

Oct 28 – Got up at 2 o clock and went up to the mill and ground my apples and then again at 7 and put it in the press and by night we had got out 6 barrels. Wife and Lizzie went to town and got cloth for a frock.

Oct 29 – Went to town and carried cider and got another keg. Wife went over to Aunt Mary’s to get husks. Got in my flat turnips, 10 ½ bushels and done other small jobs.

Oct 30 – Southeast rain storm. Changed cider from one barrel to another and carried Daniel Webster’s barrel home, paid him \$1.50 for making. Shod “Dexter”, new all round.

Oct 31 – Dull and wet. Went to town and carried a keg of cider to William Noyes. Shod the horse then went to Daniel Webster’s and got a load of pumice. In the evening went to the center to a meeting of the Republican committee to see if any names are to go on the check list etc.

Nov 1 - Worked for U.S. on the ship “Lancaster”. All hands returned to work today. We had a cold northwest wind all day and we felt that old winter was coming again and we should soon have to face its cold, sharp winds. Received \$7.00 due me in October.

Nov 2 - Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant for the season. Great excitement prevails in regard to the coming election and all are interested to know the result. It is the first under the amended constitution. It is very uncertain what the Greenback vote will be.

Nov 3 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach in the forenoon from 1st Corinthians, chapter 11 and verse 2. “This does in remembrance of Me”. It was preparatory of the communion service to come off in the afternoon. We came home at noon. The wind was cooler than yesterday.

Nov 4 - Worked for U.S. on the yard on the “Lancaster”. It was cold and windy and we were taking out our parts.

Nov 5 – Election Day and cold and windy. The old Democrats vote fell off a good deal from last March. Today McKean (Dem) got 154 for Governor, Nat Head (Rep) got 99 for Governor, Emmons B. Philbrick (Rep) got 114 for Senator and Picking (Dem) got 129 for Senator. The Greenback vote was 15.

Nov 6 - Worked for U.S. The election returns come from all directions in favor of the Republicans. They have carried the House and Senate and Governor and 3 members of

Congress. There is no church in Emmons B. Philbrick's district but he will be elected by the legislature.

Nov 7 - Worked for U.S. The Republicans are jubilant all along the line having carried states enough to have secured the president if it has been a presidential year.

Nov 8 - Worked for U.S. Cold with high wind.

Nov 9 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" making 5 days this week. There was a high northwest wind all day and cold and dry, the dust blew in clouds.

Nov 10 – Went to church and heard Mr. Haines of North Hampton preach on sermon from 2nd Thessalonians, chapter 3 and verse 9.

Nov 11 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" boarding up the ports ready for winter. It was a very mild and pleasant day. The "Ticonderoga" is nearly ready for sea.

Nov 12 – Rainy in the morning and no muster at the yard. Went to Daniel Webster's and got new cider and a load of apple pumice. Shod the horse. Hauled out 5 loads of manure.

Nov 13 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. At noon there was a black cloud came up and there was no muster and I came home and hauled out manure etc. Got two loads of leaves for building.

Nov 14 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster". The "Ticonderoga" went down in the lower harbor today at 10 and will take in her powder and correct her compass etc. before starting for Norfolk where she will take in Commodore Robert Wilson Shufeldt under whose command she sails.

Nov 15 - Worked for U.S. The weather this fall has been remarkably mild. So far we have had but a little freezing weather and now there is no frost in the ground and people are plowing where they choose.

Nov 16 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. Mild and pleasant.

Nov 17 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons, one from St. John, chapter 5 and verse 6. "Witt than be made whole". The afternoon sermon was from Matthew, chapter 5 and verse 5. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth".

Nov 18 – A furious northeast rain storm prevailed from early morning till late at night and so I jobbed round the house.

Nov 19 – No muster at the yard. Richard Walden of Portsmouth died this morning.

Nov 20 – No muster at the yard. Fixed up the old centennial chair.

Nov 21 - Worked for U.S. the first day this week. The time was lost partly because it was rainy but mostly for want of money as there is more gang than money to pay them full time.

Nov 22 – Furious northeast rain storm all day. We went to the yard but “no muster” so we returned. Last night we went to Mr. Ebenezer W. Lang’s golden wedding. He and his wife Florensa are whole and hearty having been married 50 years last Monday.

Nov 23 - Worked for U.S. on the yard being the 2nd day this week. It is now said they will work the rest of the month, rain or shine. There was a schooner ashore at Straws Point last night. The crews were saved by the crew of the Life Saving Station. There was another vessel taken into Rye Harbor by them.

Nov 24 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons from one text, St. John, chapter 15 and verse 15. He became so deeply interested in the forenoon sermon that he divided it and made 2 of it. He gave notice that he should preach his farewell sermon on December 29. It was a fine day.

Nov 25 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. The weather is mild for the season. We have had, so far, but very little freezing weather. So far this fall despite the predictions of all the weather was in New England.

Nov 26 - Worked for U.S.

Nov 27 - Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” getting out old lead. There are strong rumors of a discharge the last of the month of about 30 percent of the gang.

Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day and dull and wet. The rain began last night and came down vigorously all night.

Nov 29 - Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” and taking out lead from the magazine to be cast into “pies” to be sent to Washington and there used in making sheet lead and lead pipes etc. for the different ships. It is estimated there will be 20 tons.

Nov 30 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week and was tonight suspended for one month with 35 other carpenters. The laborers were put upon half time and in other gangs there was a discharge. Carried Abbie to the depot this morning to go to New Boston to teach.

Dec 1 – Went to church to hear Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons from one text and guess he could get two or three more sermons from the same text easily. Judging from those we got and this not getting much of an idea of what he meant.

Dec 2 – Went to town and got fish heads for the hens. At 10 a furious southeast rain storm came on and ran into the night.

Dec 3 – Pleasant wind southwest, muddy and bad traveling. Mended the shingling on the house and etc. A.S. Palmer is to commence a series of temperance revival meetings at the Baptist house tonight.

Dec 4 – Killed the pig today, he weighed 276 lbs. Got him the 2nd of May and he was then 4 weeks old and I had him of Warrington Paul, Horace helped me kill him. It rained all day. William Yeaton was up and predicted a mild winter.

Dec 5 – Making grape trellis back of the house. Went to town with wife, she called to see Eliza at State Street. It was very muddy and hard traveling.

Dec 6 – Went to town and got a barrel of flour of Charles Robertson and Son for \$6.75. He has it at all prices from \$5.00 to \$9.00. Prices are low now generally but still business is so dull people find it hard to buy, money being so scarce.

Dec 7 – Finished grape trellis back of house and was jobbing round till 4. Then went to town to get the news of the week. This morning was the coldest of the season so far being 13 above zero.

Dec 8 – 16 above. Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach. In the forenoon it was from Hebrews, chapter 1 and verse 1 and in the afternoon he spoke from St. Johns but don't know the chapter or verse. Next week there is to be a Union meeting every night at the Baptist.

Dec 9 – Snowy all day slowly and at night rain came on. Cut wood etc. There is about 2 inches frost in the ground and if we could have 3 or 4 inches of snow we could go on runners. I sharpened one horse.

Dec 10 – A furious southeast rain storm prevailed all day, also all last night so that at sunset every vintage of snow was gone and the frost all out of the ground and much as deep as ever. Made picture frames etc. etc.

Dec 11 – Went up and worked for Joe Ham at the Plains $\frac{3}{4}$ day to pay for wheat that was eaten up a month ago. There is an abundance of water everywhere.

Dec 12 – Went to town with wife. She got materials for new cloak which she left with Clara Raynes to be cut and fitted and called for next Saturday. The traveling is not good being wet and muddy.

Dec 13 – Worked for Joe Ham making doors to the root cellar under the barn. Mr. Andrew Gardner sent for me to put in a cucumber pump for him next Monday. (Cucumber pumps were mostly wooden hand operated well pumps and were called cucumber pumps because they were usually painted green.)

Dec 14 – Went to town with wife. She got her new cloak “cut and busted” and ready to make. I went to the yard and got my last payment for November. They are still at work on the “Kearsarge” and not doing much to the “Lancaster”. The weather was mild.

Dec 15 – Dull and snowy and did not go to church but rested and read the news etc. Aunt Mary Tucker was sick all day vomiting and Grammy had to go over and help her out.

Dec 16 – Worked for Andrew Gardner putting in a cucumber pump to get water for cattle. The old gentleman is very lame with the rheumatic.

Dec 17 – Sawing wood, John O. Berry helping. We got through with 13 cords today sawing and splitting. Besides I had to assist about papering the dining room. Eliza was over and done the job and got through at 3:30.

Dec 18 – Jobbing round and helping wife about the house as she was busy making her cloak. Went to town to get fish heads for hens. Painted horse shoes for Ruth Raynes to paste pictures on some as on Potters Ware.

Dec 19 – Jobbing round the plantation, made a clam chowder for dinner (a large boiler full) and we ate very hearty. Emily Webster called. Shod the Old Mare “Flora Temple”, upset an ox and hauled out some spruce wood.

Dec 20 – Went to town in forenoon and got stove for Grammy Clark. The wheeling is good, there being only a slight sprinkling of snow on the ground. In the afternoon hauled out 10 loads of manure on grass.

Dec 21 – Jobbing round in forenoon. Then went to town with wife and Lizzie to see the Christmas stores with their abundance of “gifts” for sale. Snow came down at 3 and continued till 8:30 when rain came in torrents all night and carried off all snow and made mud.

Dec 22 – Went to church and heard Mr. Hadley preach 2 sermons from one text, 2nd Corinthians, chapter 5 and verse 20. He gave notice that he should preach his last sermon here next Sunday forenoon and there would be communion in the afternoon. There is to be a Christmas tree Tuesday night. The traveling was muddy.

Dec 23 – Went to town with wife to get Christmas presents for Lizzie and Edith and also to see the variety of toys and “trash” they have in the shop to catch the money of visitors. There was a box sent from Boston by Clara with gifts for the little ones. Bare ground and good wheeling.

Dec 24 – Ground axes and cut wood. Went to town and carried things to Clara Raynes for Christmas dinner and got papers. At night went to the church to the “Christmas Tree”. There

was a full house and a great many presents of small value on account of dull times. Edith has a doll that came from Boston.

Dec 25 – Christmas and bare ground and 10 above zero. This morning and all well. We had chicken for dinner and also a large plum pudding with fixings. Called to see Mary Rand and Joseph and also Aunt Elizabeth (Clark) Webster. She is quite feeble.

Dec 26 – Pleasant and dry traveling. Hauled 2 loads wood from the lower pasture, “Dry trees” with horse on dingle cart.

Dec 27 – Hauling wood from the lower pasture, John O. Berry helping. We cut 2 large hemlocks for mill logs and firewood. The only trouble of getting out wood now is the hauling being difficult on wheels.

Dec. 28 – Hauling wood (2 loads) in the forenoon, John O. Berry helping ½ day. Went to town at 2:30 with wife to get the news. Heard that Charles C. Ackerman committed suicide last night by hanging in his store at Portsmouth. (He was a grocer along with his father Leonard.)

Dec 29 – Went to church and heard Brother Hadley preach his farewell sermon and came home at noon. His text was 2nd Thessalonians, chapter 3 and verse 18. He talked of his short year here as having sunshine and some clouds. He had made many friends and valued them and invoked grace, mercy and peace to all.

Dec 30 – Hauling wood from the swampland also 2 loads from the lower pasture, John Berry helping. There was a slight sprinkling of snow today but finally it cleared off mild and pleasant. We have 78 hens and get about 20 eggs a day, now 25 cents per dozen.

Dec 31 – Pleasant and cool and good wheeling. Got a bad cold and stayed in the house most of the day and helped churn and killed chickens. At 2 went to town with wife and carried butter and chickens and sold the butter for 20 cents and chickens at 12 ½ cents per lbs. Called at Clara Raynes and got papers and she presented me with a 2 gallon jug as a Christmas present. Charles C. Akerman was buried at 2:30.

Memoranda

The year 1878 has been rather free from great and startling events. Still there has been some. Perhaps that would do to note down to look over at a future time. There has been more fair days than usual, very rarely having rainy days until the month of November. We had two droughts during the growing season which injured all the crops more or less. The hay crop was about ¾ of an average. While the potato crop was a failure everywhere and they are now, December 26, selling at retail more than \$1.00 per bushel. Corn gave about 2/3 of the average yield. The apple crop was over abundant and everybody has all they wanted and more. No1

Baldwins sold for 25 cents per bushel. Thousands of bushels were ground for cider which was sold at 5 and 6 cent per gallon. In the spring it seemed as if the Democrats would have everything their own way in this of all elections.

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Jan 1 – Got cold and stayed in the house most of the day. Daniel J. Trefethen Jr. and Mr. Beede came over from Amesbury to get Daniel's things including Chisels, bed, secretary etc. He has got married and is going to housekeeping in his new house there. His wife was Miss Lizzie E. Forsyth of South Hampton. I carried him to town to get his 20 per cent payment in the defunct Ten Cent Savings Bank. They started for home at 5:15. (They were married on the 24th of Dec. 1878.)

Jan 2 – Edith is sick with a cold today and so we have had to doctor her all day and half of last night. A smart southeast snow storm came on at 10 and continued all day but very damp and signs of rain.

Jan 3 – A high northwest wind raged all day driving the snow into drifts and making things very uncomfortable generally. This morning it had stopped snowing and there was about 10 inches of snow and about ½ of it was dry and the wind had things very much its own way as people kept in their houses by the fire. We were all sick with colds and hovered round the fires. Edith is better today. Got 19 eggs today. There was but one sleigh passed. Charles Rand went to town supposed to be on account of his little baby, for babies rule the house.

Jan 4 - Cold and blustery. We had to shovel out the most of the way to the Corner and they broke out with 7 yoke of oxen. Went to town at 2 and got papers etc. Edith's cold is no better but the rest are gaining. There will be very good sleighing if it don't thaw.

Jan 5 – Cool and windy. Did not go to church because we are all sick and want to rest and because the traveling is bad. It was expected we should have a new man for a candidate. There has been some sleighing today to improve the chance as we have had no sleighing so far this winter.

Jan 6 – Pleasant and not cold, very good sleighing. Went to town to get the 20 percent paid by the Ten Cent Bank on the amount they owed depositors. 2 years ago they paid 25 percent and no man knoweth what the next percent will be. Bought this book and what is written before is copied from that of 1878. Eggs are 24 cent and corn is 55 cents.

Jan 7 – Went to Andrew Gardner’s to make a closet to put in the dining room to set milk in for the cream to rise. Got about ½ done but had to go to town to get stock. Perkins has begun to haul ice to the breweries. It is 12 inches thick and clear as crystal. All hands are about getting ready to put in.

Jan 8 – Worked for Andrew Gardner and finished the closet for milk and sit it up in the house for “Almira” to put milk in and she was very much pleased. I have agreed to go up again on Friday to work on the barn tie ramp. (Almira’s maiden name was “Bird” and they were living on Pevery Hill Road in Portsmouth.)

Jan 9 – Snowing lightly all day. Hauled a maple log to mill and hauled home some fire wood. Went to town to do a few errands. Got my “Agriculturist Picture” and “Farmers Pride”. Agreed with James Janvrin for him to take one of Clara A. Magraw’s lots of land at \$250.00. The storm rages at night.

Jan 10 – This morning we had any quantity of snow and we had to break out the highway. Clamped some cider or racked it off and washed out the casks so that it would keep better next summer.

Jan 11 – 10 above. Cool and not very pleasant. Repaired the Pung in forenoon and did other jobs round the plantation. At 2 wife and I went to town to get the news and carried 4 ½ lbs. of butter at 20 cents per lb. and 2 dozen eggs at 24 cents. Bad sleighing.

Jan 12 – 4 above this morning. Went to church and heard a Mr. Love preach one sermon from Romans, chapter 11 and verse 33. I liked him very much as a preacher. He had got his lesson well and gave us a good sermon. The sleighing was not very good, the snow is dry and “mealy” and the sleigh does not “slip” well. We went over to see Aunt Mary Tucker at 3.

Jan 13 – Rather cloudy all day. Got up unusually early this morning, the clock had run down and could not tell the time but we had everything done before light. Helped about the washing etc. Made a frame for mother, mended tray etc. Expected the heifer to calve but it is not happening.

Jan 14 – Milder than for some days before so that the sleigh would go very well. Went to town with wife and had a deed made out for Clara to sell to Mrs. Lucy J. Reese one of her lots of land on Lincoln Avenue. Went to town again at night to get fish for the hens.

Jan 15 – Coldest morning, 4 above this morning. Went up and worked for Andrew Gardner improving his tie ramp by making the standing room longer. It was numbing cold. Perkins is hauling ice from the pond by Pevery Hill to his ice house on South Street.

Jan 16 – A regular northeast snow storm raged all day. The snow was light and in the afternoon the wind blew strong and the snow whirled into drifts furiously. Wife made a hemp carpet for her mother to go in a chamber. 7 pm. and the foghorn is sounding dismally from Whales Back to warn the passing sailors.

Jan 17 – Fair and clear and cold (zero in the morning). We had a little calf came along last night at 11 and I had to sit up till 12 to care for him. We broke out the road with horses, Joseph Harrison Seavey and John Odiorne and myself.

Jan 18 – Pleasant and thawy and the snow has settled very much. Went to town with wife. The sleigh would “slip” quite easy today. There is a generally complaint of dull times among all classes. Everything seems to be abundant in this country except money and remunerative labor.

Jan 19 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Seymour preach in the forenoon from 39th Psalm and verse 19. They liked him very well. We came home at noon and got a lunch then went to town to hear Mr. Hadley preach at the North Church from the text, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”.

Jan 20 – There was about 2 inches snow fell last night. I was today jobbing round the plantation getting ready to make a pen to put the calf in we are going to raise. Carried shingles from barn to shop, shod one horse behind. Got 23 eggs from our 75 hens and they were worth 23 cents per dozen.

Jan 21 – Cold at zero. Went to town and got Clara Raynes and her son Willis and daughter Ruth to come down and spend the day. The sleighing was very good but the greatest trouble was in passing the ice teams. They are hauling for C.L. Brown etc.

Jan 22 – Mild and pleasant and thawy. Churned. Went to town and carried the deed to Mrs. Reese for Clara Adeline (Clark) Magraw. I received the money \$248.00 and sent it to Clara in Boston with \$45.00 got from the Ten Cent Bank.

Jan 23 – Dull and thawy in the forenoon. Put window in the calf’s pen etc. At 1 o clock George Leroy came down with 4 oxen to go down and haul logs to mill. So went and hauled 2 large logs to John Grover’s mill. They were cut before the snow came.

Jan 24 – Hauled one load wood with the horse. Then George L. Trefethen came with oxen and we hauled 2 loads home and one log to mill. It was a splendid day and the best of sledding. There are not many logs at the mill yet but there is time enough. There is to be a festival of the Baptist Society at town hall tonight.

Jan 25 – Mild and pleasant and thawy. Hauled 2 loads wood with horse from lower pasture. Went to town with wife and Lizzie. Good sleighing except the many “jumps”. There was a little sprinkling of rain just at night. Then the wind came strongly from the northwest. A. Trump called at 8.

Jan 26 – Went to church and heard Mr. Love preach in the forenoon from Matthew, chapter 17. We liked him very well. Have not heard whether he would like to preach here a year or not. It was a very cold day, at zero in the morning and we came home at noon to get warm.

Jan 27 – Helped the wife around house about washing etc. Churned in the afternoon. W. Jenness came and got the eggs, 13 dozen at 23 cents and he brought 2 bushels of meal and 2 bushels of cracked corn at \$1.15 per bushel. We now average 14 dozen eggs a week.

Jan 28 – Went to town and carried butter, 6 lbs. at 20 cents. Went to depot to see if Clara came. At 2 my wife, Edie and I went to the post office then called on Aunt Mary (Trefethen) Locke and also on “Fanny” (Trefethen) Drake and home across the new road.

Jan 29 – Cut wood etc. in the forenoon. After dinner George L. Trefethen came down and we hauled 5 logs to mill from the 4 acres for Grammy Clark. At night we all went to the festival at the town hall.

Jan 30 – Hauled a load of wood from lower pasture. Cut some wood in the pasture by John Varrell’s. Albert B. Trefethen and wife Mary Abby came down at 3 and stopped till 6. The festival ends tonight.

Jan 31 – Hauled 2 loads wood from pasture by Varrell’s. Went to town and got a load of fish waste for the hens. Then hauled a load of boards from John Grover’s mill. Langdon M. Perkins is hauling ice to town from the mill pond.

Feb 1 – Jobbing round the plantation and getting ready to go on the yard next Monday. Hauled a small lot of boards from the mill. It was cold and windy. Went to town with wife and Lizzie, good sleighing.

Feb 2 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Riggs from Andover, Massachusetts preach one sermon from Job, 14th chapter and 14th verse. “If a man die shall he live again”. He took all his reason from life and nature rather than the Bible and made out a strong case.

Feb 3 – Worked for U.S. on the navy yard on the steamer “Lancaster” (now being rebuilt) in Daniel Perry’s gang. There were all the old gang that were suspended November 30 except Charles Parker who has since died of consumption at Kittery, Maine.

Feb 4 - Worked for U.S. Brought Clara down last night. She came from Boston at 5:40 and is to stop this week. Langdon Perkins is hauling ice from John Grover's with two teams, 4 turns a day.

Feb 5 - Worked for U.S. A rumor was going round that the U.S. ship "Richmond" is lost with all hands but it is hoped to be a false report. The ship was rebuilt last year and fitted out at Boston yard and sailed 3 weeks ago.

Feb 6 - Worked for U.S. on yard. It was one of the most pleasant days of the season with the slight sprinkling of snow and the dazing brightness of the sun all ways gay. The sleighing is as good as it well can be except the "jumps" are places where you have to make your bow.

Feb 7 – Splendid sleighing and splendid weather. Stopped at home, sharpened the horses as it is quite slippery. Went to town and carried wife and Clara and did some shopping. Clara stopped all day and evening. Wife and I went up and got her in the evening.

Feb 8 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week and it has been one of the most pleasant weeks ever known in New England with the best of sleighing and just cold enough to keep it. Clara went to Boston at 5:48 tonight. Wife and Lizzie went up to carry her.

Feb 9 – A furious snow storm came on at 10 from the southeast and continued till 12 when the sun came out and the afternoon was cold and blustery. The snow drifted in the road badly. Levi W. Hall came in and brought letters.

Feb 10 - Worked for U.S. on yard. It was cold this morning (4 above) but pleasant and the wind had gone down and we finally had a very good day to work. There was nothing new to note down for today.

Feb 11 - Worked for U.S. It was on the most pleasant days of the season, mild and balmy.

Feb 12 – Rainy and no muster at the yard. Jobbing round the house. Went to town with butter and got 20 cents per lb. The sleighing is badly hurt but it is now sleighing and wheeling. Carried sleigh to the blacksmith for new shoes. (Sleigh shoes were, in some cases, metal added to wooden sleigh runners to protect the wood from wear. Also to allow the sleigh to glide over the ice and snow more easily.)

Feb 13 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" taking out timbers and putting in new. There are about 70 carpenters now at work in construction. There are 3 gangs, 3 quartermen, Mark Fernald, Daniel Perry and Moses Plummer. William Noyes is foreman.

Feb 14 – Worked for Uncle Sam again today making 4 this week so far. It would pass for a cold day, 5 above in the morning and only 12 above at noon.

Feb 15 - Worked for U.S. I still go in a Pung but the sleighing is not very good. There are many bare spots. The weather is cold and pleasant. Wife and Lizzie went to town. We get now about 40 eggs per day, they are worth 23 cents per dozen.

Feb 16 – Went to church with wife and Lizzie and heard a Mr. Morse from Andover preach one sermon from the text “Whose I am”. He showed that God owns all things having made all things, was owner and director.

Feb 17 - Worked for U.S. on “Lancaster”. The morning was pleasant but soon it became cloudy and was rather a rough day.

Feb 18 – A regular northeast snow storm prevailed all day but the snow was not very abundant. Still the wind made it lively out of doors. So I kept pretty near the fire. Churned and varnished chair and picture frames.

Feb 19 – Worked for U.S. It was a cold blue day, wind north and signs of snow. Isaiah Wilson is said to be very sick and doubts of his recovery are entertained. Got 43 eggs today

Feb 20 – A regular northeast snow storm raged furiously all day. Went to town in the morning and carried butter (6 lbs.) and got groceries and ½ barrel of flour for Grammy for \$3.50. Butter at 20 cents per lb. and eggs at 24 cents per dozen. We got today 32 eggs. There was an abundance of snow in the air.

Feb 21 – High wind northwest and blowing a gale all day. Broke out the roads in forenoon and at 11:30 went to the yard for a ½ day. Dock master Joseph Neal is removed and Daniel Perry appointed in his place.

Feb 22 – Washington’s Birthday and also a national holiday and no work on the yard. Went to town with wife at 2 to see the fashions etc. Isaac Wilson was buried today at 2 o clock; he died Thursday of heart disease.

Feb 23 – Quite mild after the high wind. Went to church and heard a Mr. Moore of Shirley, Massachusetts and liked him very well. His text was from Ruth, chapter 2 and verse 13 and he talked of the fidelity of Ruth to her mother-in-law and drew lesson of faithfulness to God.

Feb 24 - Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” under William Fernald as quartermen. Daniel Perry has been appointed “Dock Master” and took charge today. Joseph Neal was turned out. John O. Berry and John Odiorne have been cutting wood for me by the job.

Feb 25 - Worked for U.S. The sleighing is elegant and I can go to town in 15 minutes with “Dexter”. He will “clip it” over the frozen snow and ice and passes all others on the road.

Feb 26 – Dull in the morning and did not go to the yard in forenoon. Churned and carried the butter to town, 6 ¼ lbs. at 20 cents per lb. Went to the yard and worked ½ day.

Feb 27 - Worked for U.S. on yard. The morning is cold but still it is not bad winter weather.

Feb 28 - Worked for U.S. Good weather and sleighing. We are putting in new timbers in the old ship “Lancaster”. Paid John O. Berry \$7.50 for cutting the piles of wood, he hires John Odiorne.

Mar 1 - Worked for U.S. Got word last night that Abbie was coming home from New Boston today. So at night went to the depot and got her trunk. She came home with wife and Lizzie at 2.

Mar 2 – Pleasant and elegant sleighing. Went to church and heard an old gentleman preach a nice sermon on right doing being essential to worldly prosperity. In the afternoon wife and I went to town to hear Mr. Waite at the North Church. There was a large crowd.

Mar 3 - Worked for U.S. The forty fifth congress ends tomorrow at noon and there is now talk of an extra session to be called by the President.

Mar 4 - Worked for U.S. Southerly wind and signs of rain. The sleighing is fast going to water.

Mar 5 - Worked for U.S. The old congress ended yesterday noon and they having failed to make the necessary appropriations. The President has called an extra session of the new congress to meet the 18th of this March.

Mar 6 - Worked for U.S. There is quite a revival going on in Portsmouth under the preaching of Arthur Waite of New York, advent preacher. He was at Rye town hall this afternoon.

Mar 7 - Worked for U.S. Good winter weather and very good sleighing and cold enough to keep it.

Mar 8 - Worked for U.S. making a full week of 6 days. The first I have worked since I began this time. The weather was cold, 10 above, in the morning and it did not thaw very much all day.

Mar 9 – Went to church and heard Mr. Moore preach one sermon and after the Sunday school we came home. The sleighing was good but the indications are that rain will soon come upon the earth.

Mar 10 - Worked for U.S. on yard. Tonight the sleighing is used up again. This morning it was very good but it has been so hot that it thawed very fast. There were quite a number of foxes killed in town today. There is a bounty of 50 cents on them and 20 cents on hawks.

Mar 11 - Worked for U.S. It was Election Day for town officers only. The first of the kind under the new constitution before we have always chosen representative and voted for state and county officers. I did not go this year at all.

Mar 12 - Worked for U.S. Daniel Neal, a ship carpenter, is sick with gastric fever. (A name applied to certain forms of typhoid fever; also, to inflammation of the stomach with a fever.)

Mar 13 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" under William Fernald as quartermen. We are now putting in new timbers on both sides. Some of the frames have new timber down to the 2nd futtock head and some only 2 new sticks. She is to have a new stem and all new decks.

Mar 14 - Worked for U.S. Indications of rain all day and at 3:30 it came down slowly but I got home without getting wet very much. The traveling is getting bad, muddy and rough, and I suppose will be until April.

Mar 15 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" making the 2nd full week in succession. It was rather a chilly day.

Mar 16 - Went to church and heard a Mr. Green preach on sermon and he was one I did not like very well. So we came home at noon and went over to see Aunt Mary Locke. Wife carried her new bonnet to her which came from Boston.

Mar 17 - A regular easterly snow and rain storm prevails all day and I was jobbing round, shod the horse and addicted about fitting up an old fashioned straight backed chair. At night there was about 6 inches of snow.

Mar 18 - Fair weather and cool and sleighing again. Went to the yard but no muster was the word so came home and hauled boards from saw mill on sled. There were 1600 feet and I got them all home. At night the sledding was bad.

Mar 19 - Worked for U.S. Good sleighing again and a very good day to work but still it would pass for a winter day and spring is deferred yet awhile.

Mar 20 - Worked for U.S. Daniel Neal one of our gang of carpenters died at 4 this morning of "Gastric Fever" so called but the doctors think it was largely cause by the use of tobacco.

Mar 21 - A southeast snow storm prevailed most of the day. No work at the yard. Wife and daughters and Aunt Dolly Trefethen went to a quilting at Eliza's. I was jobbing at home.

Mar 22 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. William Sanburn "Master Blacksmith" at the yard died this forenoon at Kittery of a similar disease to that which carried Daniel Neal off.

Mar 23 – There was a northeast hail storm all last night and till 9 o clock. Then it cleared off and everything was iced up. So I did not go to church but stayed at home to rest and recuperate and read.

Mar 24 – No work at the yard today. There were elections in Kittery and York for town officers. I went to town and got more coal and also springs, axels and steel for tires for my new wagon. I went with sled.

Mar 25 - Worked for U.S. It was mild and pleasant most of the day. William H. Sanburn “Master Blacksmith” was buried today at Kittery. Also Major Fendell of the Marine Corps who committed suicide.

Mar 26 - Worked for U.S. It was cold and chilly with southerly wind. The traveling is awful for the time.

Mar 27 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. We came home at noon in a regular southeast snow and rain storm and ran through all the day.

Mar 28 – Stormy and no work at the yard. Worked on my new wagon wheels and got them ready and carried them to the blacksmith to have the tires set. Went to town with wife in the afternoon to get cloth for pants etc. very bad traveling.

Mar 29 - Worked for U.S. and tonight was suspended until further orders with 22 other carpenters and some out of most other gangs. A portion of the money allocated to construction for next month is to be used for building a boiler.

Mar 30 – Rainy in the morning and did not go to church. Daniel Webster came down and got some grafts of the Red Astrachan (apples) variety.

Mar 31 – Dull and cold till 2 when a furious northeast snow storm came on and was still raging at 10 when we retired. I was over hauling things generally round the plantation among other things. Painted the dingle cart wheels.

Apr 1 – This has been a regular winter day and sleighs have been used again with a good prospect of several more days of the same kind. At work on my new wagon fitting the axels, stocks and the “perch”.

Apr 2 – Cool and winterish. Went to James Rand’s shop and got my wheels on a sled and smoothed them up and made a whiffletree. People went to town in sleighs. At night we went to the school exhibition of all the schools conducted by Nathan Good, Admission was 20 cents.

Apr 3 – Cool and windy. Jobbing round the place. At night we went again to the exhibition. They had quite a variety of recitations and dialogues and gave general satisfaction. The Rye Coronet Band furnished music.

Apr 4 – Cool and windy, 13 above this morning. Went to town and carried butter at 20 cents per lb. Got fish for the hens and stock for my new wagon. Was obliged to wear great coat and mittens. We have to get back to wagons again.

Apr 5 – Cold as ever and very bad traveling. Went to town and to the navy yard and got my pay of \$19.50 for 6 ½ days and also got my tools, Abbie went with me. The frost is coming out very slow. Eggs 13 cents per dozen.

Apr 6 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Bacholder preach 2 sermons. This morning seemed more like spring but at noon it was as bad as ever. Albert Brackett Trefethen and wife Mary Abby called as they were going to her mother's. (Her mother is Dorothy Rand and is living on the corner of Wallis and Brackett Roads.)

Apr 7 – Snowy in the morning and cold enough to freeze. Worked on my wagon all day and got along very well with the iron work. There is no immediate prospect of plowing as the frost is not half out yet.

Apr 8 – Went to town to get iron for wagon. Abbie went with me to get her dress cut at Clara Rayne's. Came home at noon then went to James M. Rand's shop to get shafts hung. Wife went with me to see the blacksmith's wife Rosella who is sick with consumption.

Apr 9 – This has been the most like spring of any day so far. The snow melted away a considerable and mud is more abundant. Washed the carriage and varnished it anew. So it looks quite scrumptious again for summer.

Apr 10 – Fast Day appointed by Governor Prescott. Went to town in the forenoon and got some iron work for the new wagon. The weather was cold and prospect of a storm.

Apr 11 – A furious northeast snow storm raged all last night and this morning we had 6 or 7 inches of snow and today all hands have been sleighing and it is decidedly winterish. I worked all day on my new wagon and got well along.

Apr 12 – This morning sleighs would run well and some were used but by night it was rather bad. Went to town in wagon and it has not been so hard wheeling before, Abbie went with me. The prospect for farm work is very dubious as the frost is not out and it freezes nearly every night.

Apr 13 – Fair weather but bad traveling. Did not go to church today because my eyes are sour. I got something in one of them yesterday and having a severe cold it affects both of them. So I think best to keep housed. There were a few went to church.

Apr 14 – Working on the wagon most of the day. It was washing day and I had to assist a little. Washing is made much easier than of old by using the “little washer” and the “ringer” and the new kind of washing powder sold this winter. (Proctor and Gamble developed the first laundry detergent in 1879 called Ivory Soap.)

Apr 15 – Worked on wagon part of the day then went to town with wife. The traveling is still bad and the weather is cold with much snow on the ground and no prospect of plowing and planting, as the frost is not ½ out.

Apr 16 – Rainy all night and a part of the forenoon. Worked on wagon. At 9 Dana Jenness came after me to go down to “Marston’s Island” to do some work and after dinner I went down with my tools.

Apr 17 – Worked for Marston on the island all day repairing a small building. The owner is in Boston and Dana Jenness takes care of the place for him and does the farm work. (The island was known as Salter’s Island until at least 1877. A number of Marston’s lived there as late as 1881 when it was known as Marston’s Island. John W. Marston died in 1881.)

Apr 18 – A regular northeast rain and snow storm raged all day. Worked round the plantation. John C. Webster made knives.

Apr 19 – This morning there was 3 or 4 inches of snow on the ground and a driving northeast snow storm. Went to town and carried Abbie to go to New Boston to teach. The weather was about as bad as any we had in the winter, freezing cold.

Apr 20 – Pleasant and more mild. Went to church with wife and Lizzie and heard Mr. Love preach 2 sermons. One on the crucifixion of the Savior and the other on faith.

Apr 21 – Piling up lumber etc. Received 2250 feet of boards sawed by John Grover. Hauled load of sea gravel.

Apr 22 – Clearing up round the place, spread manure etc. Mary Rand was over and spent the day. Went to town at 3:30 and got some oysters.

Apr 23 – Worked for John W. Marston on the island. His farmer Albert D. Jenness has been to Boston to drive his horse. (The 1880 census has him living on Little Harbor Road near Marston’s Island.)

Apr 24 – Worked for Marston. Eggs are down again and we get only 12 cents per dozen.

Apr 25 – Worked for Marston. The traveling has got to be very good being dry once more. Wife and Lizzie went to town. A few farmers have plowed a very little but it is still cold.

Apr 26 – Worked for Marston at the island making 4 days this week. The weather was dull and cold in the forenoon but cleared off at noon.

Apr 27 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Mills preach 2 sermons. He was liked very much by all and there is to be an effort made to have him preach again.

Apr 28 – Worked for Marston on the island. The weather is getting to be more spring like and mild and the plow begins to move and all the farmers are drove with work. Eggs 12 cents per dozen.

Apr 29 – Worked for Marston. We had a warm southerly rain most of the day. Nice for the grass and they say it looks well generally. All hands are setting hens. We set 3 hens and had 2 come off with 24 chicks. We got 44 eggs today worth 12 cent per dozen.

Apr 30 – Worked for Marston and finished for a few days. Rain came down the most of the day and it was nice for the grass and it beginning to look green and the tree buds begin to swell. But the prospect for fruit is not great this being the “off year”.

May 1 – Pleasant and warm. Spread manure, put up grape vines, built platform at the back door and steps to the flower garden and cleared up generally round the plantation. Wife called to see her Aunt (“Betsy”) Webster.

May 2 – Finished platform and put up the grape vines. Went to town with wife and ordered seats for the wagon.

May 3 – Pleasant and fair. Painted my wagon the first coat today and forged out the irons for the underside of seats. Went to town at night and got my seats of Shapleigh, 2 for \$5.00 and found they were rather long after I got home.

May 4 – Went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach 2 sermons, one from Matthew chapter 11. The other from Romans, chapter 5.

May 5 – At work on wagon most of the day. It was warm and pleasant and all are “speeding the plow”, the buds are swelling and the grass looks green and all together it is more spring like than anything we have had.

May 6 – Got a pig of Levi Marden this morning for \$2.50. Hauled out 14 loads of manure. Went to town at 12:30 and got home at 3 and put up wall and worked on wagon. Went to engage George L. Trefethen to plow tomorrow.

May 7 – Spread manure in front of house and George Leroy came down and plowed for me till 10:30, then went to Horace's to plow for him. I hauled out 2 loads manure and set out my potatoes and onions, 1 bushel.

May 8 – Worked for Marston on the island clapboarding the building. There was a big fire in Portsmouth this morning at 4:30 and burned all of Franklin Block. About 20 shops were burned. Stover, the owner, loses \$20,000.00 they say.

May 9 – Worked for Marston putting up trellises for vines. They have been setting out ornamental trees, 150 and other shrubs to beautify the island. The mornings are cold, 34 or 36.

May 10 – Hauled 2 loads hay to town, one to Russell and one to Walker on Richards Avenue. Got at the rate of \$13.00 and \$14.00 per ton. The weather is dry and cold, the dust was flying furiously.

May 11 – Went to church and heard a student from Andover preach one sermon and we did not like him and so came home at noon and went to see Aunt Mary Locke.

May 12 – Worked for Marston at finishing trellises and clapboarding. He was there in the morning and went to Boston. The weather was very hot for the season or indeed any season being about 90 in the shade at noon. It causes the farmers to hurry their seed into the ground.

May 13 – Hot as guns. Stayed at home to set out my potatoes. I have had enough for 500 hills. Some of them are 6 inches high. I also planted 400 hills of early Rose, sowed onions and planted sweet corn etc. It was the hottest day of the season, 90 in the shade.

May 14 – Hot as guns again. Planting the garden etc. Went to town and carried 2 cowhides for 95 cents.

May 15 – Putting up vines etc. At 4 broke up for potatoes, Fred E. helping. The ground was very dry. (Fred Trefethen is George Leroy's son and is 17 years old.)

May 16 – Worked for Marston at clapboarding etc. Rain came down at 2 and we went to the barn to make shade for feeding hens. The ground was very dry and the rain was gladly received.

May 17 – Worked for Marston building trellis for grapes etc. He came down from Boston at 3:30 and brought a large lot of flowers and set them out.

May 18 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons and did not like him very much and intended to come home at noon but got caught in a shower.

May 19 – Worked for Marston ½ day. Rainy. Worked on wagon seats etc. Dug up an elm tree and a maple to set out in front of the house to replace those that died. I also set out an elder bush and maple.

May 20 – Worked for Marston ½ day. Rainy in the forenoon and worked in the shop and round the house.

May 21 – Harrowed and planted my potatoes in the lower field. It was hot and cultivated the potatoes I had set out. They are getting quite large and grow very fast.

May 22 – Jobbing round, shod the horses, planted garden. Went to town at night.

May 23 – Worked for Marston building hen's yard. Cold and northeast wind.

May 24 – Worked for Marston shingling the building we have been otherwise repairing. They turned out their 2 heifers this afternoon. I went to town at noon.

May 25 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach one sermon and came home at noon to rest. Wife is sick with toothache and ache in the face.

May 26 – Worked for Marston shingling and clapboarding.

May 27 – Worked for Marston clapboarding building.

May 28 – Stayed at home and hoed my potatoes etc. Went to town and got laths for Grammy. They are making preparations for Memorial Day at the cemetery.

May 29 – Worked for Marston repairing a boat. Dana's time of probation is short, as Marston is to move next Tuesday for the summer.

May 30 – Worked for Marston ½ day on boat. The hot season seems to be upon us already. It is as hot as usually the last of June or July and it is not any too wet.

May 31 – Hot and windy and I was at all kinds of work planting, hoeing and plowing etc.

Jun 1 – Did not go to church the heat was so great being one of the hottest, if not, the hottest day of the season so far. 96 in the shade at noon.

Jun 2 – Planted beans. Hot as guns, 92. Went at 2 to the funeral of James Rand's wife Rosella. She was 41 ½ years and was the daughter of Thomas Green. At night there was a change in the weather and rain came on.

Jun 3 – Rainy all day. Worked in the shop and made screen doors for Dana Jenness.

Jun 4 – Rainy all day and vegetation is greatly revived and invigorated. Still green does not give promise of an abundant crop as yet, owing to the severe drought last year killing the roots.

Jun 5 – Cultivating and hoeing any early potatoes etc. In the afternoon went to town then to the island to carry screen doors and hang them for Dana Jenness.

Jun 6 – Hoeing and weeding garden. Everything has come up well this year. Got in wood, finished wagon seats and painted them. John Grover was up at night.

Jun 7 – Cool. Hauled plank for Grammy Clark from the mill pond and paid John Grover \$1.90 for her. Cultivated potatoes. Got in wood etc. Went to town at 4.

Jun 8 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach 2 sermons. He came recommended by Nathan R. Goss and was liked very well. His afternoon text was in Mark, chapter 10 and verse 21.

Jun 9 – Hauled 2 loads of hay to town, one to Russell and Odiorne and one to Hutchingson the florist, at \$14.00.

Jun 10 – Hoeing and weeding and went to town with wife.

Jun 11 – Repaired a wheel for John Grover. Then went to town with 2 loads of hay, one to W. Freeman and one to G.W. Butler.

Jun 12 – Dull. Went to town with a load of hay and sold to Morrissey and engaged a man to come down and stripe a wagon. Eldridge Pryor was killed at the navy yard yesterday at noon, by an accident in the boat shop.

Jun 13 – Went to town and got Frank Harridan to “Stripe” my new wagon. It took him the most of the day and it cost me \$2.50 and I carried him back at night.

Jun 14 – Varnished my new wagon this morning and now I have got to make the cushions and various other jobs before we can ride in it. Went to town at 5.

Jun 15 – A regular rainy day with wind northeast and prospect of an abundance of wet. Did not go to church it being so wet but had a day of rest and meditation etc.

Jun 16 – Rainy all day and so we had a chance to trim the wagon seats and it took all day to stuff the backs and make the two cushions. Went up and doctored Aunt Webster’s clock again. Mrs. Hoply Yeaton was buried. (She was Lydia Stevens (Foye) Yeaton and she was 84 years old.)

Jun 17 – Fair and wind northwest and blowing. Cultivated and hoed potatoes down by the corner, grass in low ground grows very fast now but on high land it is about done. Went down to the Atlantic Ocean and got a load of seaweed. Set out elderberry bush.

Jun 18 – Hoeing most of the day. Good weather for the business. If it was a little warmer vegetation would grow better no doubt. It is favorable to keep back the potato bugs it being too cold for their eggs to hatch.

Jun 19 – Hoeing most of the day. Completed the new wagon today and rode in it up to Aunt “Betsy” Webster’s in it the first time it has been used.

Jun 20 – Worked on the road today with horse and hauled 4 loads of gravel from the sands. Wife and I went to town at night in the new wagon.

Jun 21 – Cleaning up round the house and putting things to right. Painted the pump green and painted the kitchen floor. Went to town at night and carried butter, 6 1/8 lbs. at 18 cents per lb. and got groceries etc.

Jun 22 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach one sermon and come home at noon and rested.

Jun 23 – Warm, wind northwest. Had an extra job on new wagon to move crossbar 2 inches forward etc. finished wheel of old wagon.

Jun 24 – Hoeing my beans for the first time. They are up very well, not being enough in the hill. At 3 went with wife to Aunt Mary’s. Went to town and got paint for old wagon, paid Henry Grover \$2.75.

Jun 25 – Mowed the grass back of the house today but it was not very drying as the wind was out. Everybody is hoeing and hoed my potatoes by Grammy’s.

Jun 26 – Hoeing and weeding all day and hoed beans and potatoes and cucumbers.

Jun 27 – Got in hay back of the house today, 3 loads with dingle cart. Went to town at night with wife.

Jun 28 – Went to town at 8:30 with wife and the whole family to see P. T. Barnum’s Circus come in and promenade the streets with band music and horses and carriages. Had a shower at night.

Jun 29 – Dull and rainy afternoon. There was a baptizing at Foss Beach at 10 and Lizzie went and the rest of us stayed at home to rest. Heavy rain at 4 and 5.

Jun 30 – Had new potatoes today. Again they are now quite ripe and good and large. Began haying today, that is, the regular haying and cut 4/5 of the field below the corner. The potato bugs are plenty and 3 have been dousing them with Paris Green. (Paris Green originated in Europe as a popular, although highly toxic, green dye used to color household items, paint, textiles, even foods--despite its content of the inorganic compound, copper arsenite. Farmers discovered it also was an effective insecticide. They readily embraced Paris Green to save their spuds.)

Jul 1 – Worked for U.S. on the navy yard. Orders came at 9 o'clock last night. Horace worked a part of Tuesday for me at haying, his horse is sick. We are at work on the "Lancaster".

Jul 2 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. It was hot and good hay weather. Horace Levi worked for me at haying and finished cutting back of Grammy Clark's and got in 3 loads.

Jul 3 – Stayed at home to work at haying. Cut the Betty field and part in front of Charles.

Jul 4 – Worked all day at haying, Horace helping ½ day and William Yeaton all day. We got in 5 loads. Hot as guns and a high wind. Cut the further field and finished the Betty field.

Jul 5 – Haying most of the day. Went to town and got Abbie. She came from New Boston, N.H. Got in 5 loads and cut two loads front of house. Got 3 loads from further field. Henry Grover helped all day.

Jul 6 – Cool and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Harris from Massachusetts. He is a candidate and is to preach 2 on Sundays.

Jul 7 – Cool and dull and some rain in the afternoon. Worked for U.S. on the yard. Horace and William Yeaton were haying for me and got in 5 or 6 loads and cut in front of Charles E. Trefethen's.

Jul 8 – Rainy most of the day. No muster at the yard and I was jobbing round, made a seat for the buggy. ????? the potato bugs on one piece with Paris Green.

Jul 9 - Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster" at working "clamps". Hot and drying, wind northwest. Horace and William Yeaton haying for me.

Jul 10 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Lancaster" on William Fernald's gang. Horace and Yeaton were haying today and got in 6 loads. This was appointed as the day to hang Joseph Buzzell.

Jul 11 - Worked for U.S. Good hay weather. Horace finished cutting my hay today and got in 4 loads. Joseph B. Buzzell was hung at Concord yesterday for the murder of Susan Hanson of Brookfield, N.H. She was shot through the window in 1874.

Jul 12 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster". We had a shower last night and it is a grand growing time. Finished haying today and got in the Willow field, Horace helping with William Yeaton. We shall get about the same amount as last year.

Jul 13 – Went to church and heard Mr. Wiswell preach one sermon. The weather was hot as ever.

Jul 14 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster", William Fernald, quartermen and T.D. Wilson, constructor. We have just begun the ceiling under lower deck. At night Clara came from Boston on the 7 o'clock train.

Jul 15 - Worked for U.S.

Jul 16 - Worked for U.S. At night went down to Foss Beach to see the Knox Hotel.

Jul 17 - Worked for U.S.

Jul 18 - Worked for U.S. We had a shower at 9 pm.

Jul 19 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week.

Jul 20 – Went to church and heard Mr. Wiswell of Massachusetts preach from "Set your standard toward Zion". There is talk of hiring him. Hadley preached this afternoon.

Jul 21 - Worked for U.S.

Jul 22 - Worked for U.S.

Jul 23 – Rainy and no work on the yard. Came home and set out cabbage plants, trimmed grape vines and set out 70 celery plants. At 5 wife, Lizzie and Clara went to town and got Miss Fitton and left her at Grammy's.

Jul 24 - Worked for U.S. Fair and cool. Wife and Lizzie and Clara and Fitton went to ride to the beaches and Little Boars Head, being the first regular round of the season. Received of U.S. \$27.00 for 9 days of work.

Jul 25 - Worked for U.S. The weather is delightful for July, neither too hot or too cold. Mrs. Newell of Portsmouth was down and spent the day with her two children and Mrs. Guppy came down after her.

Jul 26- Worked for U.S. ½ day. There was a slight shower at noon and so they refused to muster this afternoon as they have 3 days to lose this month. At night rain came down copiously.

Jul 27 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach on sermon from 2nd Chronicles chapter 15 and verse 7. Miss Fitton and Clara went with us and enjoyed the sermon very much. He was a vigorous speaker and quite effective.

Jul 28 - Worked for U.S. on yard.

Jul 29 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. Then had notice that there would be no more muster till Friday, the first of August, for the want of funds. Miss Fitton went away today.

Jul 30 – Clara Raynes and Ruth were down today. Lizzie went up to get them. We all rode by the Farragut House to see the sights.

Jul 31 – Jobbing round in the forenoon. After dinner wife and I went up to carry Clara to the depot to go to Boston. She is going to South Gardner, Massachusetts.

Aug 1 - Worked for U.S. “Hot as Guns”. News came that James T. Varrell is dead and to be buried at Rye tomorrow near his mother and father. (The Varrell cemetery is on Sagamore Road near the Old John Varrell home. He is the son of Washington and Mary Polly (Lang) Varrell.)

Aug 2 – Hot as ever, 96 in the shade. Worked for U.S. The dust is getting to be all we can bear. All the boarding houses are full and there is no end to the driving.

Aug 3 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach in the forenoon. Then we came home. The heat is as great as ever.

Aug 4 – James T. Varrell was buried on Saturday at noon. He was brought from Boston by his daughter Clara and his roommate, he was 39 years old. (Supply bought James’s property in 1864 prior to James moving to Boston.)

Aug 5 - Worked for U.S. Hot weather and dry and we would like to have another shower to help vegetation. I sold the old cow to Albert Walker this morning for \$31.00 for beef.

Aug 6 - Worked for U.S. the new hotel “Ocean Wave” at Foss Beach is said to be having a good business being well patronized.

Aug 7 - Worked for U.S. It is excellent weather for the boarding business and there is said to be more boarders in town now than ever before at one time.

Aug 8 – Dull and no muster. Came home and shod the horses and hauled a load of seaweed etc.

Aug 9 – Went to the yard but “no muster”. Came home and cut willows. Went over to see Mr. Elwyn, he is to have his house repaired next year.

Aug 10 – Went to church and heard Mr. Lord of Brooklyn, N.Y. preach one sermon from John. “He that is well needs no Physician. I came not to save the righteous but to bring sinners to repentance”.

Aug 11 - Worked for U.S. on the great steamer “Lancaster”. Hot and dry and vegetation is suffering with the drought, though not as yet very sharp.

Aug 12 - Worked for U.S. Hot as usual.

Aug 13 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 14 - Worked for U.S. The boarding houses at Rye are said to be full to overflow. There are many more visitors than ever before in our season. This season they drive the finest teams ever seen here.

Aug 15 - Worked for U.S. Doing ceiling in the lower hold, William Fernald, quartermen.

Aug 16 – Dull in the morning and “no muster” and then there was a prospect of the coming rain which came gradually on at 10 and by 3 was a smart rain, watering vegetation liberally.

Aug 17 – Rainy all day and nobody went to church and I had a day of “Rest”.

Aug 18 – Stormy and no work on the yard. So I was jobbing round the house and barn and went to town and got a load of coal for winter. It is now worth \$4.25 per ton.

Aug 19 – No muster at the yard. Last night we had the most furious storm for 40 years in the month of August. At times it was regular gale and made things rattle generally. Hauled a load of coal.

Aug 20 – Worked for U.S.

Aug 21 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 22 - Worked for U.S. Hot as guns and garters and we all sweat very freely.

Aug 23 - Worked for U.S. The ship “Wachusett” arrived today to go into the dry dock for slight repairs. (USS Wachusett – the first U.S. Navy ship to be so named and was a large steam sloop-of-war that served the United States Navy during the American Civil War. She was outfitted as a gunboat and used by the Navy as part of the Union blockade of the Confederate States of America.)

Aug 24 – Went to church and heard a stranger from New Market preach one sermon from Psalms, chapter 1 and verse 2.

Aug 25 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 26 - Worked for U.S. They were all ready to take the steamer "Wachusett" in the dock but she got ashore on beacon ledge and remained till night when she was hauled off and will be taken in tomorrow.

Aug 27 – Stayed at home to go to the Trefethen family picnic at Wallis Sands. There were 130 all total and we had a good time.

Aug 28 - Worked for U.S. The "Wachusett" was taken in to the dry dock today without trouble. It was the first ship that Daniel Perry has taken in since he has been appointed Dock Master in February.

Aug 29 - Worked for U.S. The early apples are delicious, Red Astrachan, Williams Favorites, Sweet Rough and Air Natural Sweets. Pears are abundant and large.

Aug 30 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" at ceiling in lower hold. Alfred Moses rides with me as far as Foye's Corner. (Alfred was living with his father-in-law, William Moses on Rye road. Elwyn road becomes Rye road at the Portsmouth boarder line.)

Aug 31 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach one sermon, then came home and Augustus and Simon Spinney came over from Kittery and we went to the beaches.

Sep 1 - Worked for U.S. At \$3.00 per day outside of the yard are much lower from \$1.50 to \$2.25. We have to work 10 hours till September 20th then a little less than 8 hours.

Sep 2 - Worked for U.S. "Hot as guns". One of the hottest days of the season. The sweat runs all day and not very sparingly but at night we had a thunder shower which cooled off nicely.

Sep 3 - Worked for U.S. It was not so hot today. At night there were indications of rain. The steamer "Wachusett" is ordered to sail tomorrow for Boston to get her guns, then to go to sea with sealed orders.

Sep 4 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and I stayed at home and jobbed round the house and barn. Drawed off vinegar, repaired wheelbarrow etc. Captain Lang called as he went by. He has sold a part of his pasture next to ours. He is 77 or 78 this fall.

Sep 5 - Worked for U.S. It was cool and comfortable to work. The Maine state election occurs next Monday and there is a great deal of talk and comments as to the result. They have had a lively campaign and it is claimed by both the Greenbacks and Republican parties.

Sep 6 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Lancaster". The "Wachusett" sailed today for Boston to get out for Brazil. We have worked 5 days this week. It is said we are to lose 6 more days this month.

Sep 7 – Went to church and heard the man who preached last Sunday. He is a candidate but does not name his price, so say the wardens. I did not like him so well today as last Sunday, Clara went with us.

Sep 8 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Carried Clara to town to go to Boston at 11. At 2 went to the sea with wife and Edith and got a load of seaweed. There was no work on the yard on account of Maine election.

Sep 9 - Worked for U.S. The Maine election has gone in favor of the Republicans. There may be no choice for Governor by the people but both branches of the legislature have a majority for the Republicans. So that Mr. Davis will certainly be Governor.

Sep 10 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster". Now is a time of picnics and excursions. They are announced in every direction. The railroad will take you to the White Mountains and back to Portsmouth for \$2.25.

Sep 11 – No work on the yard today. The new "Soldiers Monument" at Manchester was unveiled and dedicated in great style today and it is expected to be the largest gathering ever held in the state. Many are going from Portsmouth.

Sep 12 - Worked for U.S. John O. Berry's child died yesterday and was buried today at 2. (John's daughter was Lilla Ida Berry, 1876-1879).

Sep 13 - Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week. The dear Bartlett pears are now ready to eat and we all shall have plenty while they last, 3 or 4 bushels. We also have 2 large trees full of the Bonny De Jersey.

Sep 14 – Dull and rainy and nobody went to church except William "Billy" Harrison Seavey who assists in the singing at the Baptist.

Sep 15 - Worked for U.S. Cool and pleasant and excellent weather for any kind of work or play and all seem to be improving one or the other. Business is said to be now quite good generally and confidence seems to be restored.

Sep 16 - Worked for U.S. The New Hampshire State Fair began today at Dover to last 4 days.

Sep 17 – Went to the yard this morning but there was no muster, it being dull. John O. Berry helped me to get in and finish my potatoes. Got them all in now and we have got about 45 bushels of the best quality.

Sep 18 - Worked for U.S. It was a nice day for the fair at Dover and many went from this vicinity and the yard. It was said by those who went to be not a success. There being five entries and of not the best quality.

Sep 19 – No muster at the yard and so we all went to the clambake by the Rye Cornet Band. They had 12 bushels of clams, one barrel of sweet potatoes and 4 bushels of corn and it was all put on the hot rocks and covered with rockweed. There were 300 eaters and all was cooked in good style. We had a good time.

Sep 20 - Worked for U.S. at ceiling the lower hold. We have got it about done only one plank more to “work”. We were paid at 10 for the first ½ month and got \$33.00 for 11 days. The order was read changing the time next Monday to begin at 7:40 and leave at 4:30.

Sep 21 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon from Corinthians, chapter 3 and verse 11. He dwelled on the importance of laying the right foundation and was liked very well. Albert Tucker and Mrs. Brackett were down and spent the day. We went to Aunt Mary’s with her.

Sep 22 - Worked for U.S. and finished the lower hold ceiling of the “Lancaster”. The time was changed today. We now begin at 7:40 in morning and leave off at 4:30, making 10 minutes less than 8 hours a day.

Sep 23 - Worked for U.S. General Grant arrived in California from his trip round the world on Saturday and was received in great style by the Mayor of San Francisco and others.

Sep 24 – No work on the yard today. There was an excursion to Boston for \$1.50 to go and return. There was a train of 17 cars. Went to town with wife and got home at noon. Then it came on a shower and we were preserving peaches and put them up in glass jars.

Sep 25 - Worked for U.S. It was a cool northwest wind day and the coldest of the season and prospect of a heavy frost. We have had none as yet and I would like to postpone it another month.

Sep 26 - Worked for U.S. This was the coldest morning this fall being down to 28 above zero, 4 below freezing and it has withered all plants and vines exposed.

Sep 27 - Worked for U.S. on “Lancaster” on the Orlop deck lying knees and letting in deck purlins. This makes 5 days this week and only 8 this half month as we are ordered to layoff till next Wednesday, October 1st.

Sep 28 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach on sermon from John, chapter 7 and verse 17 and how can these things be. Nicodemus asked the Savior that a person must be born again and the reply was that they must be born of the spirit.

Sep 29 – No work at the yard and so I picked 2 barrels of John Grover’s apples and one barrel of Pearmain. They are all very nice this year and we have an abundance pears, peaches, grapes, and apples this year. More by far than ever before.

Sep 30 – Very hot. Went to town in the morning. Sold chickens and sent box of fruit to Clara by express. Then brought Clara Raynes and Ruth and a little Priest girl down to spend the day. After dinner we went to Odiorne’s Point and carried them back at night.

Oct 1 - Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” It was one of the hottest days of the season, about 90 in the shade at times. Everybody has their flannels on and they all wished them off. It is good to ripen up the grapes.

Oct 2 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry. There is a feeling of returning business and prosperity in all part of the country and as a consequence all kinds of goods have increased in price within one week.

Oct 3 - Worked for U.S.

Oct 4 - Worked for U.S. The weather is still hot as summer and now it is dry and dusty and fruit is ripening up very fast. Our grapes and peaches are delicious and abundant.

Oct 5 – Went to church and heard Mr. Jones, the Baptist, preach one sermon from 119 Psalm and verse 8. I was not much carried away by him. He made a good deal of noise. James Hall, A.I. Cole and William Jackson were down.

Oct 6 - Worked for U.S. All kinds of fruit is now ripe and most people are picking their winter apples of which there is a good crop this year and people seem to be happy in view of better times ahead.

Oct 7 - Worked for U.S. at putting in upper deck clamps. The weather was very hot for the season being up to summer heat and everybody sweat with their flannels on.

Oct 8 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. It is been one of the hottest days of the year being up to about 90 in the shade. At night picked most 2 barrels of Pearmain after I got home at night.

Oct 9 - Worked for U.S. At night picked 3 barrels of Hubbardston’s None Such apples from 2 trees, wife and all hands helping. The weather was hot and dry till 9 at night. The farmers are generally picking their apples and there is a good crop.

Oct 10 – No muster at the yard because it was dull. So I came home and picked 2 barrels of Pearmain, one barrel and ½ of Greenings, 1 bushel of Porters, 1 pack of Tomkins County King apples and ½ bushel of grapes. Concord are ripe now and very sweet. Elizabeth, Winslow and wife Alvedah were down and got a pick of grapes.

Oct 11 – Rainy and no work at the yard. Shod the horses and Jobbed round generally. Went to town in the afternoon to get papers etc.

Oct 12 – Dull and did not go to church and a day of rest. There were but few ventured to go today. At 3 we all went over to see Eliza. (Eliza is Supply's sister-in-law, Eliza (Marden) Trefethen. She was the wife of Samuel A. who died in 1869 and is living on Wallis road.)

Oct 13 – No muster at the yard and I came home and picked 5 ½ barrels of Baldwin apples and 1 bushel of Concord grapes. At night we packed 5 salt boxes full for late eating, say about Thanksgiving.

Oct 14 - Worked for U.S. Thomas H. Philbrick died yesterday morning of Palsy. He belonged to the Odd Fellows of New Hampshire Lodge and to one or two reliefs.

Oct 15 - Worked for U.S. Carried a barrel apples to James Hall for \$2.00 that being the price for No1 generally. Thomas Philbrick was buried today, aged 55. It is said there will be no more last time until the upper deck is laid, which will take 4 weeks.

Oct 16 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" putting in the upper deck clamps and it has been one of the hottest days of the season, 90 in the shade and everybody sweat very freely. It is also very dry and dusty.

Oct 17 - Worked for U.S. Dull all day but no rain came down. Apples are plenty more and selling at \$2.00 per barrel, hay \$14.00 per ton, potatoes are 50 cents per bushel and eggs are 20 cents per dozen.

Oct 18 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. Today has been dull and signs of rain. It was the last of the week and all felt like singing "How blessed is Saturday night when you have tried all the week to be good".

Oct 19 – Went to church and heard a stranger preach one sermon from Revelations, chapter 7, verses 9 to 14. He spoke without notes and without much force and was also quite lengthy. The society have extended a call to Mr. Kingsbury for \$800.00 per year but have had no response.

Oct 20 - Worked for U.S. At night went to William Marden's and got the calf and paid him \$2.00 for 4 ½ months pasturing. I had a lively time getting her home but finally succeeded.

Oct 21 - Worked for U.S. There is a decided improvement in business in all parts of the country. In Portsmouth there is a great deal of repairing as well a large amount of new building. The "National Block" and "Franklin Block" are going up.

Oct 22 – Dull and wet and no muster. Came home and cleared the field above the barn for the cows. Put up wall etc., shod horse, ate grapes of which we have a great abundance now ripe.

Oct 23 – No muster at the yard today and I came home and picked Baldwins and got about 5 barrels from one tree in the lane. There is a large crop of apples in this town this year, No1's go for \$2.00 per barrel.

Oct 24 - Worked for U.S. putting in clamps for upper deck of the "Lancaster". A cold northwest wind has prevailed all day and we were reminded of old winter coming again. This fall has been very mild so far.

Oct 25 - Worked for U.S. Cold and windy all day. This was the coldest morning, 26 at 5 o'clock and today everybody had to look after their perishable articles. John H. Bailey died last night of heart disease. (John was a hardware dealer in Portsmouth.)

Oct 26 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from John, chapter 17 and verse 14. We came home at noon but the Society were to have a meeting to see if they can raise \$800.00 for him.

Oct 27 - Worked for U.S. It has been very mild and pleasant with southerly wind. Alfred Moses rode up with me from Foye's; he is staying at William Moses (his wife's father). Carried 9 pullets to Albert B. Trefethen's wife Mary Abby this morning at 33 cents per lb.

Oct 28 - Worked for U.S. The forenoon was very pleasant but at noon a smart rain storm came in and we had to find indoor work. Carried a barrel of apples to Mike Landon for \$1.50, No2.

Oct 29 - Worked for U.S. The wind blew almost a hurricane and at times we had to hold on to the ship. In crossing the river one of our crew lost his hat off but got it again.

Oct 30 - Worked for U.S. at letting down beams on upper deck of ship "Lancaster". It was not cold but there was a high northwester blowing most of the day. Last evening we all went over to see Aunt Mary Trefethen and her son and daughter. (Mary L. (Locke) was married to John Adams Trefethen who died in 1870. Her son is John E. and daughter is Izette.)

Oct 31 - Worked for U.S. A high northwest wind prevailed and has for 3 or 4 days making things lively around generally, it was cold.

Nov 1 - Worked for U.S. on deck of "Lancaster" this making 6 days this week.

Nov 2 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from Matthew, chapter 26 and verse 41. We liked him very well. This was his first regular Sunday of his year for which they have hired him. At night the town clerk was down to notify that I was drawn as jury.

Nov 3 – A furious east rain and snow storm. It began with rain then snow followed in a furious manner until 10 o'clock pm. when there was about 8 inches of snow on the ground and no frost in.

Nov 4 - Worked for U.S. and it took all the forenoon to get the snow shoveled off the deck. Herman O. hauled my apples to Daniel Webster's mill to be ground. He took them off the ground in piles. (Herman O. Trefethen is the son of Horace Levi.)

Nov 5 - Worked for U.S. It was quite pleasant but cold. Sleighs were going some today but there was not a general sleighing time. Herman O. hauled 4 casks of cider to town for me; it brings 7 and 8 cents per gallon.

Nov 6 – Snowy and no muster at the yard. I put my sled together and hauled 4 casks of cider and put them in the cellar, Daniel C. Webster helping. I paid him \$4.50 for making, also paid Herman O. \$4.50 for labor.

Nov 7 - Worked for U.S. It was dull in the forenoon but broke away at 12 and it thawed so as to spoil the sleighing there being no frost in the ground.

Nov 8 - Worked for U.S. at framing the upper deck and expect to go to court Monday. It has been warmer today and the snow is most all gone and the traveling is very muddy and sloppy.

Nov 9 – Warm and balmy, wind southwest and the ground is drying up. Did not go to church as Lizzie was sick and bad going. Received a postal saying I was excused from court till the 12th. At night went to Aunt Mary's.

Nov 10 – Splendid weather and we worked for U.S. on the upper deck faying knees.

Nov 11 - Worked for U.S. on the upper deck of "Lancaster". The weather was as fine as June.

Nov 12 – Went to court at 10 as a juror with Joseph William Seavey. We escaped the first case and got home in good season.

Nov 13 – Went to court and we were drawn on the case of Smith against Brackett to recover full value of note of \$1050.00 given for wood.

Nov 14 – Went to court and was on a case of Smith vs Brackett on action of misrepresentation by Smith who sold Brackett wood for \$1050.00. We allowed Brackett \$200.00.

Nov 15 - Worked for U.S. The judge having let us off till Monday at 10 thus giving me a chance to get pay in two places.

Nov 16 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Exodus, chapter 15 and verses 23 and 24, about the bitter water he thought we ought take the bitter with the sweet and not murmur as Israelites did. Went to Marston's Island at 2.

Nov 17 – Went to court and was drawn on a jury to try the case of Rev. Mr. Roland of Greenland against the town of South Newmarket for damage sustained by being thrown down an embankment at a railroad crossing. We went and viewed.

Nov 18 – Went to court and the case was continued in evidence. The plaintiff rested and the defendant got about half through with witnesses when the clock told the hour for retiring, 6:30.

Nov 19 – Went to court and heard the remaining evidence and also the pleas of both counselors and also the charge of the judge and we retired at 3:30 and consulted on the case till 7:30 when we agreed to a verdict and sealed it to sheriff.

Nov 20 – Finished at court today and settled and received \$18.60 for 9 days and 16 miles of traveling fees at 6 cents per mile. Our verdict of last night was read giving Roland \$1400.00 damages. The next case is Jennifer Batchelder vs. the town of Epping.

Nov 21 – Cold and blustery and no work at the yard. Came home and done a little jobbing round the buildings but sat by the fire a good deal.

Nov 22 - Worked for U.S. This was the coldest morning it being zero but calm. At noon it was quite mild but grew cold again at night.

Nov 23 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Revelation, chapter 15 and verse 15. “A merry heart has a continual feast”. He said he would not have a meeting on Thanksgiving Day so he would preach the sermon today.

Nov 24 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on deck. There are signs of good weather now being fair and mild and not bad traveling.

Nov 25 - Worked for U.S. Splendid weather and good wheeling. Thanksgiving is coming and everybody seems to be happy after a bountiful harvest and plenty to eat and drink.

Nov 26 - Worked for U.S. All were talking about Thanksgiving and what they were going to have and while they were going and this and that and the other.

Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day appointed by Nathaniel Head, Governor of New Hampshire and also Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the U.S. We had chickens for dinner with other fixings including a large plum pudding.

Nov 28 - Worked for U.S. It was quite mild and soft traveling, the frost being about all out of the ground again.

Nov 29 – Carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston to teach this winter. Worked ½ day for U.S. Rain came down at noon and we had to come home. I got wheel stock of Gardner J.

Greenleaf to repair my small wagon. (Gardner was a blacksmith and carriage maker in Portsmouth.)

Nov 30 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Ephesians, 2nd chapter and 1st verse. “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and in sins.” His family have arrived and are settled in the parsonage.

Dec 1 – Worked for U.S. Cold and windy in the morning but became more mild before night.

Dec 2 - Worked for U.S. Mild weather and a good chance to work and there is great anxiety to get the upper deck laid so as to send off carpenters and take on caulkers to caulk it.

Dec 3 - Worked for U.S. on upper deck framing. Splendid weather but rather muddy traveling as the frost is about all out again and people are plowing for spring.

Dec 4 – Dull and wet in the morning and did not go to the yard till afternoon and worked ½ day. Worked on my wheels in the forenoon. There is a great deal of building in Portsmouth and vicinity.

Dec 5 - Worked for U.S. on deck. They are in a great hurry to get it laid so they can discharge carpenters and take on caulkers as the secretary allows them only so much money monthly, \$13,000.00 for construction department.

Dec 6 - Worked for U.S. making 5 ½ days this week and the most of them got 6. We work now from 7:40 to 4:30 o'clock, with an hour at noon. Rain came on at four and we got rather wet.

Dec 7 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsburg preach 2 sermons on the Lord's Prayer. In the forenoon it was considered as a whole and in the afternoon he took the single passage. “Give us this day our daily bread”. Saw Emmons B. Philbrick. (Emmons became a state Senator from Rye.)

Dec 8 - Worked for U.S. Mild as April weather for all kinds of work and all classes are improving it. The masons in Portsmouth are laying brick as confidently as in June.

Dec 9 - Worked for U.S. Fine and pleasant and they are pushing the deck along fast during this good weather.

Dec 10 - Worked for U.S. It threatened rain all day but none came so we had a good day to work at laying deck. There was a Doctor died at Lang's yesterday.

Dec 11 - Worked for U.S. at laying upper deck. Signs of a storm but still no storm came. The indications are that we may have mild weather till Christmas “Old Probabilities” speak of mild temperature.

Dec 12 - Worked for U.S. today. They are getting pretty well up with the walls of "Franklin Block" and began to put the roof on today. There was a man fell from the truss and was killed. He fell 30 feet and broke his back. (The Franklin Block is a commercial building at 75 Congress Street in downtown Portsmouth)

Dec 13 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. These are the shortest days of the year and very mild weather. The farmers were plowing all the week.

Dec 14 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Matthew, chapter 25 and verse 16. "Then he that had received 5 talents went and traded with them and made 5 more talents". Rain storm came on at 11 vigorously.

Dec 15 - Worked for U.S. at laying deck. At night Miss Fitton sent from Mrs. Raynes for me to take her to Rye. She brought news of Henry Magraw's death and that he was to be brought to Portsmouth to be buried tomorrow. He died from a fall that fractured on the skull. (Michael Henry died December 12th in Boston, he was Mary's brother-in-law and Clara's husband.)

Dec 16 – Pleasant and not cold. Michael Henry Magraw was buried today at 11. He was brought from Boston at 10. Clara (Clark) Magraw and a friend came on the same train and Mr. Thomas had charge of the body. Wife and I and Miss Fitton went to the funeral. He was 37 years old. Clara went back to Boston.

Dec 17 - Worked for U.S. Cool and pleasant and good working weather. We are still at laying the upper deck. There is strong talk of a discharge as soon as the deck is laid. Alfred Moses came down with me as far as Foye's.

Dec 18 - Worked for U.S. The weather was cold and windy but we got along very well by putting up screens of canvas. The deck is now well along towards completion.

Dec 19 – Dull and snowy in the morning and no muster at the yard. Came home and was jobbing round the house and barn.

Dec 20 – Dull and snowy in the morning but there was no muster. Came home and shod the horses. Then went to town with wife and carried butter at 30 cents per lb. Went round and saw the Christmas presents in the windows of the shops.

Dec 21 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Matthew, chapter 26 and verse 13. This was the coldest morning of the season being a little below zero at sunrise. There was but few at church.

Dec 22 – A furious northeast snow storm all day and I stayed at home near the fire, going out as little as possible. It offers now as if we should have snow enough for sleighing as the ground is frozen 4 or 5 inches.

Dec 23 - Worked for U.S. It cleared of last night and we have now 6 inches of snow and good sleighing and everybody have been improving it today. When I came home tonight it was well trod down. People went to town to buy Christmas presents.

Dec 24 – Rainy most all day gently which settled the snow. Wife and I went to town to get some things for Christmas and for the stockings that are to be hung up tonight. Edie says she knows Santa will come tonight.

Dec 25 – Christmas and not cold but rather mild with good sleighing and we all went to try it. Lizzie and Edith went to the post office and wife and I went to town and called to Albert B. Trefethen's after a good and hearty dinner.

Dec 26 - Worked for U.S. and it was a cold and chilly day with wind northwest, zero in the morning. There is trouble in Maine because the Governor and council have counted out 15 Republicans and counted in 15 Democrats and Greenbacks to the House of Representatives and 8 Senators ditto.

Dec 27 - Worked for U.S. and today we finished laying the deck and all hands are to layoff till January 2nd, 1880. Then the caulkers and all hands will go to work again. They do this to save money to hire caulkers for the deck.

Dec 28 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach two sermons, one from 90th Psalms and 9th verse. "We spend our years as a tale that is told". The other from Joshua, 23rd chapter and 14th verse. "All are come to pass unto you and not one thing has failed there of".

Dec 29 – Dull in morning and some rain. Got ready and killed a pig, Horace helping and got done at 11:30. The pig weighed 250 lbs. He was bought May 6th, 4 weeks old for \$2.50. Worth now 6 ½ cents per pound. Went to town at night and got salt etc. Great fire in Boston \$1,000,000.00 burnt. Elegant sleighing.

Dec 30 – Dull half of the day then it came off cold and barely saved the sleighing. Cut up the pig and got ready to salt the pork. At night went to the town hall to hear John Lord "Read". There was quite a crowd and they were all pleased. (John Lord was a historian and lecturer from Dartmouth College from the class of 1833).

Dec 31 – A furious north snow storm raged all day and in to the night and the dismal fog horn is sounding its doleful notes of warning every 2 minutes to the fisherman and others. By the way; the fishing business is quite extensive from Portsmouth. There is said to be about 50 schooners

go out from there when it is weather. They are now doing well and get \$1.60 per hundred as they are caught. I will now retire and wish you a happy new year in the morning.

Memoranda

This year will long be remembered as the one in which special payments were resumed after many years of suspension and noted as that in which all kinds of businesses have revived and manufacturing received an impulse from one end of the country to the other. Nearly all of the factories are now running at full time that have been closed for years and now an era of general prosperity seems to have dawned upon the country. And there is a general feeling of this kind running through all classes of society and confidence is again well high restored and the business men begin to feel that they can trust one another and money is plenty. At 4 per cent and even less when good paper is offered. It seems now as though there would be a start on a firmer basis than before and this would be better for all concerned. Many have lost their fortunes in the dull times since "1873" and many more have barely escaped with very ragged ones and most everyone has learned a dear bought lesson during the dull times. I believe this is the first year of the telephones successful operations and Mr. Edison has just invented an electric light that is said to burn with great brilliance but is not perfected for general use yet but the inventor is hard at work to bring out something for everybody and all their folks.

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Jan 1 – This is a legal holiday and the most people are inclined to make it a day of leisure and make calls etc. I went to town.

Jan 2 - Cutting and hauling wood from John Varrell's, 4 loads for winter and summer. (This would be John Varrell Sr. and son of Washington Varrell who passed in 1857. Also the brother of James T. Varrell who died last year in 1879.)

Jan 3 – Hauled a load of wood from the pasture by John Varrell's and cut some. Went to town with wife and went in to see the new Odd Fellows Hall, it is very nice. We called to see Miss Christie about Lizzie's going to her school.

Jan 4 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury from Luke 2. "Behold I bring you great tidings of great joy". Warm and southerly and injuring the sleighing.

The last 4 entries were taken from the end of the 1879 diary

Jan 1 – Wish you “Happy New Year”. This is a legal holiday and the most people are inclined to make it a day of leisure and make call etc. I went to town. The sleighing was hard in the morning but was soon improved.

Jan 2 – They say it is “leap year”. I did not stop to divide it by 4 but took it for granted. Cutting and hauling wood by John Varrell’s for winter and summer, good sleighing.

Jan 3 – This has been an excellent winter day. Good sleighing and everything to make people happy. Went to town with wife and went in to see the new Odd Fellows Hall. We call to see Miss Christie about Lizzie going to her school.

Jan 4 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from Luke, “Behold I bring you glad tidings of great news”.

Jan 5 – Mild and pleasant and carried Lizzie to town to school for the first time to Miss Christie’s private school.

Jan 6 – Dull, then snow then rain all the afternoon. Went to town and carried Lizzie. Then hauled a load of hay to Searcy at the west end, at \$13.00 per ton.

Jan 7 – Charles E. Trefethen’s child Susie Ellen died today. Carried Lizzie to school then went to the yard and got my pay and tools as I want to do some jobs about the plantation. Cut wood after I got home at 2. There is great excitement about the Democratic “Count out”. (Susie Ellen was 1 ½ years old.)

Jan 8 – Splendid weather and good sleighing and I have been going most of the day. Daniel Trefethen Jr. came from Amesbury today. Cut willow tops off in the lane.

Jan 9 – Dull all day but rain did not come down till 3:30. Charles E. Trefethen’s child, 18 months old, was buried today at 2. It had been sick for some time. Mr. Bowdish tended the funeral, assisted by Jones.

Jan 10 – Mild and pleasant. Cut wood in forenoon. Went to town with wife in afternoon, went in sleigh but wheels best. Daniel Trefethen Jr. went home to Amesbury today.

Jan 11 – Mild and pleasant. The sleighing is used up. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon from Matthew, chapter 2. It was a regular old fashioned Orthodox discourse, “tough”.

Jan 12 – Mild but not pleasant. Carried Lizzie to town to school and went after her. Cut wood at the door and trimmed apple trees. We have got 75 hens and today got 21 eggs. They are worth 25 cents per dozen today.

Jan 13 – A regular northeast snow storm the most of the day and I kept out of it as much as possible. Besides taking care of the animals I worked on wheels in the shop etc. etc.

Jan 14 – We have now snow enough for good “doing”. Carried Lizzie to school to town and sold chickens at 14 cents per lb. Cut wood and tried to stuff the hens and make them lay to earn me a dollar or two.

Jan 15 – Mild and excellent sleighing. Lizzie went to town to school for the first time alone in the sleigh. Samuel Moses took care of the horse there. Hauled and cut wood for summer and got 24 eggs today.

Jan 16 – Hauled one load of wood and cut up the most of it. Lizzie went to school in sleigh. At 3 I went to town and got ½ barrel of flour for Grammy Clark at \$4.25 and fish for the hens. Eggs are 26 cents in town.

Jan 17 – Splendid winter weather and everybody enjoyed it that had sleighs. Cut wood in forenoon. Went to town with wife in afternoon. Mr. Ira Rand died today at 3 of typhoid fever. We went to Eliza’s at night. (Ira Rand was living on Wallis Road next door to George Leroy Trefethen.)

Jan 18 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Mark, 1st chapter and 3rd verse. “The voice of one crying in the wilderness prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his path straight”. Called at William Holmes as we came home. Got 34 eggs.

Jan 19 – Very mild and pleasant for winter, wind south and balmy. It about finished the sleighing which was very good in the morning. Lizzie went to school. I cut and hauled wood for summer. Mrs. Orin Foye called at 3. It was “Blue Monday”. (Every year, the third Monday of January is dubbed “Blue Monday”. This is the time of year when we’re all cold, broke and riddled with guilt that our new year’s resolutions to be a better person have fallen by the wayside.)

Jan 20 – Got 30 eggs. Dull and rainy and finally snow at night. Worked on wheels till 1 then went to Mr. Ira Rand’s funeral. Mr. Kingsbury concluded the service and T. Walker officiated. The deceased was 65 years and 3 months old. He leaves two sons. (Gilman and Albert Rand.)

Jan 21 – Colder and this morning it was elegant sleighing having snowed about ¼ inch and froze solid. Everybody was out on runners and had a ride. I hauled a load of wood and cut it up. Then went to town with wife at 3. This evening was very pleasant and sparkling.

Jan 22 – Cool and good sleighing. Carried Lizzie to school and got Clara and Ruth Raynes to come down to spend the day and stay all night. At night rain came down vigorously.

Jan 23 – Rainy in the morning and carried Clara Raynes and her daughter home this morning and stayed up till 1 and brought Lizzie home. Prepared wheels etc. The sleighing is gone again.

Jan 24 – Mild and pleasant. Cut wood in forenoon after carrying wheels to blacksmith. Went to town with wife at 2. It was very good wheeling. It is remarkable weather for winter.

Jan 25 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from the words: “Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of heaven”. He reported the amount received at Friday night’s donation to be \$74.00 in value including \$12.50 in money.

Jan 26 – Splendid weather but muddy going, cut wood etc. Sold eggs for 22 cents per dozen to Jenness, 12 ½ dozen and corn at \$1.28 per bushel. At night went to the vestry to the “Martha Washington” entertainment. Lizzie spoke of the well of “St. Keyne”. (*The Well of St. Keyne is a poem written by Robert Southey.*)

Jan 27 – Cut wood in the forenoon in the pasture and got it ready to haul home. At noon rain came down and continued all the afternoon. Painted wheels, drew off cider and washed all the barrels and put it back for 4th of July.

Jan 28 – Mild and pleasant after a deluge of rain all last night and the mud is 3 or 4 inches deep. Hauled and cut wood in forenoon. Then went to town with wife. She stopped at Albert Brackett’s. The going is “Mud, Mud”.

Jan 29 – Cold and a furious northwest wind in the morning but it soon went down. Made a draw and put in the pantry for towels and table cloths etc. Henry and Daniel M. Foss and their wives were over last evening. (*Henry’s wife was Clara and Daniel’s wife was Chalcedonia. They are living on Washington road near the beach.*)

Jan 30 – Cold in the morning and threatened snow but none of any count came. Trimmed apple trees and cut up the limbs for firewood. Lizzie went to school as usual. The traveling is rough over the frozen ground.

Jan 31 – Cold and windy and bad traveling. Went to town and heard that my name would be called on the yard Monday. Mr. Oren Drake will be married to Izette Trefethen tomorrow morning.

Feb 1 - Cold and windy and bad traveling. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Matthew, 5th chapter and verse 28. Mr. Oren Drake was married to Izette Trefethen this morning and appeared at church and sat with us. (*Izette is the daughter of John Adams Trefethen, Supply’s uncle.*)

Feb 2 – Candlemas Day. This was the coldest morning of the season so far, 6 below with some wind. I worked for U.S. on the yard being required Saturday. It was rather cold but we got along very well. The traveling is bad. (Candlemas Day is a Christian festival held on February 2 to commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary (after childbirth, according to Jewish law) and the presentation of Christ in the Temple. Candles were traditionally blessed at this festival).

Feb 3 – A furious northeast snow storm raged all day and I had to look after things generally. Got up and ready to go to the yard but the storm came on and gave it up. The snow is all piled in drifts with many bare places. Carried Lizzie down to Grammy Clark's.

Feb 4 – Worked for U.S. Traveling was bad the snow being in drifts mostly and many bare places. The storm was furious on the Jersey coast. At Long Branch the cottages were badly blown down and unroofed.

Feb 5 - Worked for U.S. Better traveling today. They are hauling ice from Orin L. Foye's at Foye's Corner to John Downs and they mend the ways with snow. George Perkins is hauling his ice from Peverly's Hill.

Feb 6 - Worked for U.S. in the hold of the "Lancaster". Lizzie went to school yesterday and today (only) this week. She rides with one team and I another. We both had passengers. Good winter weather.

Feb 7 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. The sleighing is very good from here to town. Rye teams are hauling ice for John Downs. Wife and Lizzie went to town. There was a light snow storm came on at 1. (John Downs has a fish store and lives next to George and Clara Raynes on South Road in Portsmouth.)

Feb 8 – 6 above zero. Pleasant and not very cold. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Matthew, chapter 5, "Ye are the light of the world". Albert Tucker was down. Aunt Elizabeth is sick and had the doctor. (Albert is the cousin of Supply's wife Mary and Elizabeth is Grammy Adeline Clark's sister.)

Feb 9 – Pleasant in the morning but soon a furious northwest wind raged and it was colder than before this season. Worked for U.S. and at night went to the station and got Clara at 5:40 when she came from Boston.

Feb 10 – Cold, 10 below this morning and I did not start thinking it would be "half day" but they did muster. I went over for ½ day. It was said that the thermometer was 18 below in places.

Feb 11 - Worked for U.S. and the weather was more mild and comfortable and we got along very well. I crossed the river in the steamer "James Sampson" this week and like it much better.

Feb 12 – Rainy and no work on the yard. Stayed at home and jobbed round the house and barn. It was a warm southerly rain and has spoiled the sleighing and we must flee to the wagons again.

Feb 13 - Worked for U.S. It was rainy part of the day and now we have got mud again to ride through. Eggs have got down to 19 cents per dozen and our hens do not lay as well as usual.

Feb 14 - Worked for U.S. making 4 ½ days this week. The traveling is awful muddy again. The Presidential question is again agitating the public mind from one end of the country to the other. Both parties are marshaling their forces.

Feb 15 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Mark, 10 – 17. “What must I do to inherit eternal life”, Clara went with us. There was signs of a storm all day. Wife sat up with Ebenezer W. Lang’s wife Florenza last night. (They are living on Lang’s Corner at Wallis road.)

Feb 16 - Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” finishing the lower hold in Williams Fernald’s gang. He is a “leader” now and has 12 men. Lizzie went to school today with her team.

Feb 17 - Worked for U.S. Cold and windy and bad traveling and no prospect of snow.

Feb 18 - Worked for U.S. Wife and Clara went to town with Lizzie. They are hauling ice from John Grover’s for Langdon Perkins. (Langdon Perkins is an ice dealer on South Street in Portsmouth.)

Feb 19 - Worked for U.S. Today we had the strongest northwest wind of the season. It was such a gale as we rarely have or desire to have. The river was rougher than I ever saw it before.

Feb 20 - Worked for U.S. There was a strong west wind but not so bad as yesterday. This evening we went to the Hall to see the 2nd panorama of the National Park by Marshall of Massachusetts.

Feb 21 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. We had a light snow at noon. Wife and Clara went to town this afternoon.

Feb 22 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Isaiah, Clara went with us. There was a praise meeting in the evening.

Feb 23 – No work at the yard. A regular southeast snow storm most all day. Went to town and got Abbie at the station at 10. She came from New Boston. Alonzo F. Craig died suddenly. (Alonzo F. Craig was a life insurance salesman from Portsmouth.)

Feb 24 – Cold with a sprinkling of snow on the ground. Went to town with wife and Clara and called at Mrs. Newell's. The presidential war horses are being trained for the summer campaign.

Feb 25 - Worked for U.S. making 7 days this half month and we are to log off till the first of March. It was pay day and received \$28.50 for the first 9 ½ days. Eggs are down to 15 cents per dozen.

Feb 26 – Dull all day but no rain. Went to town with wife and Clara. The traveling is very muddy. Clara went to buy a lot in the cemetery of B. Cheever for \$50.00. It is 13 ½ x 20 feet and her mother is to have ½ of the lot. (Her lot is in the South Street Cemetery in Portsmouth.)

Feb 27 – Very mild and pleasant. The frost is about all out of the ground again and the mud is deep in the road. Went to town and brought Mr. Newell down to spend the day. Clara went to see Dr. Potter. Got 48 eggs, 14 cents per dozen.

Feb 28 – Mild as ever and very spring like. At 2 went to town and carried Clara to go to Boston. Stayed to see about the yard and found that they are to work ½ time in March and April and I am to work the 1st half of the month.

Feb 29 – Mild after a rainy night. Did not go to church it was so wet and muddy and there was many others of the same mind for there was not one went past here. There is a strong southwest wind which will dry up the mud.

Mar 1 - Worked for U.S. The weather was cool and drying and the mud has dried up very much so that the traveling was quite reasonable. Eggs were only 14 cents per dozen and we get 40 to 50 per day with 75 hens.

Mar 2 - Worked for U.S. and ½ the gang are off till the last half of the month. Lizzie went with me today to school. In the evening Emery Woodman and wife Mary and the teacher, Mr. Coleman were up.

Mar 3 - Worked for U.S. in the hold of the "Lancaster". They "paid off" today and I received \$21.00 for 7 days in the last ½ of February. Edith got 53 eggs today. They have the mining fever in Maine, they have \$13,000,000.00 invested in the business.

Mar 4 - Worked for U.S. I had supposed there would not be any more "deep" mud but it is as bad as ever tonight. The frost seems to be all out now and when it settles it will be to "hard pan". The presidential talk is now general.

Mar 5 – There was no muster at the yard today. It rained in the morning and we had to come back. At noon it cleared off very mild and warm and washed the wagon and carriage and jobbed round generally.

Mar 6 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. The mud is as bad as ever. Wife and Lizzie went to town this afternoon. There are several going west this spring from here, Henry Grover, Morris Drake and Willie Foss.

Mar 7 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from the text. “What will thou have me to do?” There was a fuller congregation than usual. It was “Communion Day”. Paid W.C. Walker \$2.00 for the first quarter’s minister’s salary.

Mar 8 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. At night Albert Tucker came down with me to stay a day. The traveling is very rough. (Albert Tucker is living on High Street in Portsmouth.)

Mar 9 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Lancaster” putting up bulkheads. Most everybody has got a cold.

Mar 10 - Worked for U.S. 1/2 day. Stayed at home in the forenoon to look after a little calf that came along this morning. Wife went up with me and stayed till night, Albert Tucker also went. Eggs 12 cents.

Mar 11 - Worked for U.S. It snowed all day but did not gain much as the ground is hardly covered. It looks more like winter than for 6 weeks past. Have had a bad cold but am some better. Got 45 eggs.

Mar 12 - Worked for U.S. Cold and windy with snow squalls all day. Joseph Fuller died Wednesday. Good wheeling tonight. Got home 5:15 o clock being $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour from work. We leave at half past 4. (Joseph was a farm worker from Portsmouth and died of a stroke on March 10th.)

Mar 13 - Worked for U.S. making 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days this week. This has been a cold and disagreeable week. Wife and Lizzie went over to see Aunt Mary and Izette. (Mary is John Adams Trefethen’s wife, Supply’s aunt. Izette is their daughter.)

Mar 14 – Went to church and heard 2 sermons by Mr. Hadley, both from Psalms. In the evening they had a Sunday school concert in the church which was crowded and they had very singing and recitation.

Mar 15 - Worked for U.S. and am now to “lay off” till April 1st giving the other gang the last 12 of this month. Miss Gustin is to read selections at the Town Hall Wednesday eve. Eggs 12 cents only.

Mar 16 – A furious southeast snow storm most all day. Carried Lizzie to school to town.

Mar 17 – It was very good sleighing this morning. We rode over to Eliza Ann's to see Miss Gustin who came from Danvers to read selections in the Town Hall tonight. She had a small audience. (Eliza Ann is Samuel A. Trefethen's wife and she is Supply's aunt living on Wallis Sands Road down from Lang's Corner.)

Mar 18 – Mild and pleasant. Hauled and cut wood. Miss Gustin called. Wife and I went down to see Mr. John Grover who is very sick with lung fever or pneumonia.

Mar 19 – Dull and bad going. Sawed wood part of the day. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of potatoes at 45 cents per bushel and 10 gallons of cider to D. Raitt at 14 cents per gallon.

Mar 20 – Mild and pleasant and very muddy. Went to town to carry Miss Gustin to go to Salem, she went on the 77 train. Went to the yard and got my pay for the first ½ of the month, \$34.50. School meeting tonight with Mrs. Mary Woodman's committee.

Mar 21 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Cutler of Hampton preach one sermon from Luke, chapter 22 and verse 56. Came home at noon. The traveling was very bad and but few went.

Mar 22 – Sawing and splitting wood till 3 then went to town and carried 2 bushels of potatoes at 45 cents. Got a barrel of flour at \$5.50. Called to see Dr. Jones and was examined to be admitted to the Order of Knights of Honor, paid him \$1.00. (The Knights of Honor were a fraternal order and secret society in the United States in the late 19th and early twentieth centuries. The Knights were a fraternal beneficiary society that distributed sick benefits and death benefits to members based on their age and contributions to the order.)

Mar 23 – Sawing and splitting wood and finished all I had out. At night went up to the Martha Washington reception at the Hall. There were 300 there and they had singing and speaking and dialogues.

Mar 24 – Not very cold in the morning but soon a strong northwest wind raged furiously all day and night. Hauled out manure, 10 loads for planting and to dress the trees. I think there will be some blight this year.

Mar 25 – Cold and windy and kept in building out of it. Shod the horse, sprouted potatoes, repaired wagon etc. Joseph W. Seavey brought a letter from C.A. Brown of Northwood. He said the Martha Washington Society made about \$60.00 at the reception.

Mar 26 – Cold and windy and was making general repairs. Oiled the harness etc. etc. There is no prospect of plowing or planting yet awhile as it indicated the first of the month.

Mar 27 – Pleasant and much more mild than it has been for a week. Went to town with wife at 10 and carried 2 bushels of potatoes at 45 cents per bushel. Hay 14 to 16 dollars per ton. Morris Drake is going west on Monday morning.

Mar 28 – There was about 5 inches of snow fell last night and this forenoon and there was only one team (sleigh) went to church past here. We went in sleigh over to see Aunt Mary Tucker. It was very good sleighing and many improved in afternoon.

Mar 29 – Pleasant and good sleighing. Went to town with wife in sleigh. There is about 6 inches of snow and it looks decidedly winterish and most all hands are improving the traveling.

Mar 30 – Cold and the sleighing continues. Morris A. Drake and family started yesterday morning for the state of Minnesota, Pipestone County. Levi Hall was whitewashing for Abbie today. (Levi is the son-in-law of Charles F. and Dorothy “Dolly” Trefethen and is living with his wife Lucena Jane near Trefethen’s Corner.)

Mar 31 – More mild and pleasant and the snow has gone in the road and fast disappearing generally. Went to town with wife and carried 4 ½ lbs. of butter at 24 cents and 2 bushels of potatoes at 45 cents. Went over to Eliza’s to tea and “corn bread”, Joseph P. Trefethen and wife Olivia were there.

Apr 1 - Worked for U.S. on the yard at laying the “Orlop Deck”. It was a nice day for April 1st except being frozen in the morning.

Apr 2 - Worked for U.S. There is a great deal of talk about the coming presidential nomination. On the Republican side Grant and Blaine and Sherman and Edmunds. The Democrats talk of Tilden and Hancock and Bayard.

Apr 3 - Worked for U.S. making 3 days this week. Those who worked the last ½ of March were paid in gold today. It rained the most of the day and at night it was muddy as usual.

Apr 4 – Went to church and heard Mr. Owens preach one sermon at the Baptist and Mr. Robie of Greenland preach one sermon in the afternoon. The weather was very mild and balmy.

Apr 5 - Worked for U.S. Very mild and spring like with southerly wind and balmy air.

Apr 6 - Worked for U.S. At night we had a snow squall and the weather changed suddenly. Wife and Abbie went to town to get room paper for her parlor.

Apr 7 - Worked for U.S. It has been one of the coldest and windiest days of the season, “Freezing cold”. One thing it has done that is to bring us good dry traveling. Lizzie has been to school as usual.

Apr 8 – Fast Day appointed by Governor Nathaniel Head. Cold and high wind. Whitewashing the bedroom and painting and changed the door. There was but very little traveling and so the day passed very quiet.

Apr 9 - Worked for U.S. The grass roots look as if they were badly killed, the winter having been so changeable and mostly bare ground with freezing and thawing.

Apr 10 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. We were at work on the “engine bed”. The weather has been rather cold for the season. Some have begun to plow but no planting done yet. John O. Foss’s son Willie J. Foss started for Colorado today. (John O. Foss is living on Washington Road between Wallis and Brackett Roads.)

Apr 11 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Daniel. There is to be a series of protracted union meetings beginning the 20th to continue through the week, out of town folks are to take part.

Apr 12 - Worked for U.S. It was one of the coldest days we have had for a long time, down to 24 in the morning.

Apr 13 - Worked for U.S. The wind has changed and we have had it very much warmer today, in fact, by night it was quite mild again. Wife papered the bedroom with Eliza.

Apr 14 - Worked for U.S. and this ends our gang for this month, the other gang goes on Friday morning. Tomorrow being Fast Day in Maine.

Apr 15 – This is Fast Day in Maine. This is rather mild now that we have got rid of that awful cold and windy weather. Went to town last night and joined the Knights of Honor. Set out 8 grape vines and 3 peach trees.

Apr 16 – Dull and rainy. Repaired the wagon and got it ready to paint. Went to town and got paint and varnish. Carried butter at 22 cents per lb.

Apr 17 – A northeast rain storm most of the day. Painted and varnished a wagon and it took me the most of the time from 9 till 4. Then went to town and got the news and a quart of oysters for breakfast.

Apr 18 – Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon but have forgot where the text was. Went up at night to a “union praise” meeting in our church. Rufus K. Oxford was buried at 4 o clock. (Rufus was a grocer on State Street in Portsmouth.)

Apr 19 – Hauled out manure etc. George Leroy Trefethen came down and plowed a patch for me. At 8 in the evening a basket peddler called and wanted to stop all night but I got rid of him after a while and sent him to the center.

Apr 20 – Repaired the hen’s yard fence, hauled rocks off of the early pieces and planted peas. Shod horse and went to the sea and got a load of sand. We had quite a shower. People are planting their early potatoes etc.

Apr 21 – Cold. Hauled manure and put up wall etc. There was a great tornado in Missouri killing hundreds and destroying 100 thousands of dollars’ worth of property.

Apr 22 – Hauled out manure and put up wall etc. got George L. Trefethen to plow for me down by Grammy Clark’s. At night we all went to the revival meeting at the church on the Hill conducted by Folger and Jackson. Hauled one load of sand.

Apr 23 – Went to town with Lizzie and to the yard and got my pay of \$33.00 for the 1st half of this month. Harrowed and furrowed for potatoes. Hauled a load of pinecones for kindling. Went to town at night with wife.

Apr 24 – Cold and pleasant and not very spring like. Went to town and carried Abbie to go to New Boston to teach. Planted my potatoes down in the lower Varrell field. Went to town with wife at night.

Apr 25 – Went to church and heard the revivalists tell their experience and sing songs of praise etc. there was but one meeting and that at the Baptist.

Apr 26 – Washing day. Hauled out manure and planted early beans and cucumbers and squashes etc. Hauled a load of loam for corner by house.

Apr 27 – Put up wall etc. Got a load of pine cones for kindling fire. At night went over to William Trefethen’s and carried grape vine and set out for him. (William is the grandson of Captain William Trefethen and is living across from what will be the cemetery on Central Road.)

Apr 28 – Put up wall etc. Set out 3 trees in front of the house. Hauled a load of sand and got in wood for winter.

Apr 29 – Fred E. came down and helped me plow a piece at 9. Then went to the sea and got a load of gravel, then got in the wood. Went to town with wife. (Fred E. Trefethen is 18 years old.)

Apr 30 – Rainy in the morning and could not begin to haul out manure till 7 then harrowed and got ready and set out my potatoes and planted some. At night went to the Sea View House to an entertainment.

May 1 – Worked on the highway and hauled 3 loads of sea gravel and 2 of house. In the morning it was below freezing and very windy but my potatoes were all right to my surprise.

May 2 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Luke, 19th chapter and 42nd verse. Subject: “The saddest of all thoughts is it might have been”. It was “Communion Day”. Albert Brackett Trefethen and wife Mary Abby were down at 4:30.

May 3 – Very warm, the hottest of the season. Worked for U.S. in the hold of the ship “Lancaster”. The horse “Dexter” is sick and Lizzie did not go to school today. Eliza went up with me.

May 4 - Worked for U.S.

May 5 - Worked for U.S. The horse “Dexter” is sick and Lizzie went up to school with me.

May 6 - Worked for U.S. The Republican State Convention was held today at Concord and chose delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held June 3rd in Chicago. They were all for Blaine.

May 7 - Worked for U.S. Daniel Clark Webster died this morning very suddenly of trouble of the heart and other diseases, he was 46 years and 10 months old. (He was the husband of Sabrina Trefethen, daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen.)

May 8 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. It is warm and very dry at the top of the ground and just is too plenty for comfort.

May 9 – Did not go to church. Daniel Clark Webster was buried today at 3 and there was a large funeral it being Sunday and fair weather. Mr. Jones tended the funeral.

May 10 - Worked for U.S.

May 11 - Worked for U.S.

May 12 - Worked for U.S. It is very dry for the season and all are hoping for rain. There is a prospect of light crop of grass and large amount of apple blossoms.

May 13 - Worked for U.S. There is great excitement about the coming Republican National convention to be held at Chicago on June 2nd. Grant and Blaine are the two leading candidates now. Rainy all day.

May 14 - Worked for U.S. making 11 days this month and all that we shall make out. The other gang on Monday, the 17th to work 11 days. Fine growing time and all nature seems aroused.

May 15 – Mild and pleasant. Hoed potatoes, planted sweet corn, Squashes, cucumbers and pole beans and put up fence etc. At night went to town with wife. She paid Miss Christie \$15.00 for tuition.

May 16 – Dull. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach two sermons. The forenoon subject was Life after 6 thousand years. The subject was still a mystery just how it is introduced and just how withdrawn.

May 17 – Took off plastering over head in parlor and cut out parts and plaster to get ready to plaster. Saw Oliver Winslow about mortar. Planted Squashes etc. (Oliver Winslow Trefethen is the son of Samuel A. Trefethen who died in 1869.)

May 18 – Plowed for beans and let George L. Trefethen have boards. Went and got mortar at Oliver Winslow's new house that he had left. He is to move in soon. (He will be moving into his home on Wallis Sands Road.)

May 19 – Harrowed and furrowed and put in manure and planted beans, fixed mounds. Went to town at night and engaged mason to come down tomorrow.

May 20 – Went to town and got a mason to plaster overhead in parlor, then carried him up again. Went to the navy yard and got my pay, \$33.00 for this first ½ of the month. Turned the heifer out today in John Varrell's pasture.

May 21 – Got ready for skimming the room and got the stock of Oliver Winslow. Hoed potatoes and cucumbers etc. Hauled a load of loam to cover rocks.

May 22 – Cleaning up round the house. Put up wall etc. etc. Albert Tucker went away from here today. Went to town with wife at 4. There was signs of a shower but none came. It is very dry.

May 23 – Did not go to church today. It was rainy in the morning but cleared up at 10 and was as warm and dry as ever. Today will pass as White Sunday. I think there is a great deal of apple blossoms and cherry. (Some say it is a Christian adaptation of an indigenous pre-colonial-contact celebration of certain planting and harvesting seasons.)

May 24 – Hot and dry. Went to town and got a mason to "skim" the parlor overhead.

May 25 – Went to town and plowed my lot on Lincoln Avenue. Fred Trefethen helping with 4 oxen. We also fenced it and got home at 7. James Hall is to plant.

May 26 – Hot as guns and garters. Weeding some in the morning and evening. Painted the parlor etc.

May 27 – Very hot, 90 in the shade. Went to town with David Remick and Lewis Odiorne with the remains of my wife's father, John Clark. (Many times the remains were moved from a private burial ground on the owner's property to a more permanent cemetery that would not be disturbed. He was taken to the South Street Cemetery in Portsmouth. He is buried with his

wife Adeline and daughter Abbie. His daughter Clara and her husband Michael Magraw are also there.)

May 28 – Hot as ever. Hoeing all day and got all my potatoes over and finished painting the parlor etc.

May 29 – Hoeing and weeding the garden. It is very dry and dusty and everything suffers for rain. No one can remember whenever it was so dry at the season. Went to town with wife.

May 30 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach two sermons, one in the forenoon about giving and the other on Decoration Day. He prayed for rain and at 3 it came down copiously.

May 31 – Warm and pleasant. Memorial Day and all of Portsmouth are out they say to decorate the graves of the soldiers. I was at work round home hoeing and weeding. Changed my carts to haul hay tomorrow.

Jun 1 – Loaded and hauled 2 loads of hay to town and sold it for \$16.00 per ton. Some got \$18.00 today but I was not posted. There was a great demand for hay and it is now very scarce.

Jun 2 – Worked for U.S. today again. They say we shall only get 8 days this month. The Republicans National Convention met at Chicago today to nominate candidates for president and vice president.

Jun 3 - Worked for U.S. in the hold of “Lancaster” putting up bulkheads. The convention met yesterday and permanently organized today, George “Frisbee” Hoar of Massachusetts is President.

Jun 4 - Worked for U.S. It is now excellent growing weather and all vegetation pushes ahead. The Republican National Convention at Chicago have done nothing yet.

Jun 5 - Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week. At night there was still no news from the convention of importance. They have not balloted for a candidate for President yet and will adjourn till Monday.

Jun 6 – Went to church and heard Mr. Mills of Newburyport preach 2 sermons, one from the parable of vineyard and was an excellent discourse and effective and all liked him.

Jun 7 - Worked for U.S.

Jun 8 - Worked for U.S. on the yard and there was great excitement in the news from Chicago. The Republicans have nominated James A. Garfield of Ohio for President and Chester A. Arthur.

Jun 9 - Worked for U.S.

Jun 10 - Worked for U.S. and finished our time this month of 8 days, all we will get for the month. The other gangs go on tomorrow. Splendid growing weather.

Jun 11 – Hot. Went to town in the morning and engaged materials to grade a load in the cemetery for Clara A. Magraw and Adeline Clark. In afternoon went up and hauled gravel to raise it one foot, James Hall helping. (Adeline Clark is Clara's mother. She is also known as Grammy Clark.)

Jun 12 – Warm and excellent growing weather. We had a good shower last night. Went to the cemetery this morning and with James Hall finished grading the lot and went to town and bought pansies at 25 cents per dozen.

Jun 13 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon to the Sunday school children.

Jun 14 – Hoeing and weeding in the forenoon and in the afternoon. Wife and I and Grammy Clark went to the south cemetery to set out flowers in the grave of Michael H. Magraw, Clara's husband.

Jun 15 – Hoeing and weeding. The potato bugs are plenty. Hauled a load of seaweed.

Jun 16 – Painted gates etc. shod the horse and many other jobs.

Jun 17 – Hauled 2 loads hay to town at \$15.00 per ton. At night went to see the Wentworth House at New Castle which is about completed and ready for 400 guests if they can get them.

Jun 18 – Went to town with 2 loads of hay, one to Braythorn and Co. and one to Gus Brown. It is worth \$15.00 per ton today. The weather is hot and drying. Warren Keen's child broke her arm yesterday. John O. Berry is round with subscription paper to the house.

Jun 19 – Hot and dry and good hay weather. Hoed my potatoes and beans and got done at 11. Went to town with wife and went to the yard and got my pay, \$24.00 for 8 days. At night went to town and got Abbie at 6:30.

Jun 20 – Hot and dry. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon, came home at noon and called at William Ira Holmes.

Jun 21 – Began the regular haying today by cutting ½ of field back of the Thomas house. Went to town at night. The hay crop is light. (This is the 167 Clark road house in Rye.)

Jun 22 – Haying, cut the balance of the lower field and ½ of the Betty field and some front of house, James Hall and William Yeaton helping. Green peas are plenty.

Jun 23 – Haying. Finished the Betty field and got in 6 loads, elegant weather. Went to town at night and carried James Hall and got fresh halibut. The Democrats nominated General Hancock for President.

Jun 24 – Haying. Cut the further field and some in Willow field and got in 6 loads and have filled the Bay of market hay well up. We had new potatoes for dinner, very good.

Jun 25 – Haying. Cut the farther end of the field above barn and got in 3 loads from farther field. It was not a “good” hay day. Had a smart shower last night.

Jun 26 – Haying. Hot as guns. Got in four loads. Went to town twice. Clara Magraw came from Boston today and came down with us to stay over Sunday.

Jun 27 – Hot as ever and good hay weather. Went to church and heard an Exeter man preach one sermon from Job, chapter 3 and verse 3. Clara went with us.

Jun 28 – Haying. Cut all in front of Charles’s and got in 2 loads out of the thirds. It was not a very drying day.

Jun 29 – Haying. Got in 7 loads in front of Charles’s and cut above the barn. This was the best hay day of the season. Hay cut in the morning was dry enough to go in at night.

Jun 30 – Hot and dry with the wind northwest. We got in 8 loads and finished haying. The first time we ever got done in June. People have not generally improved this good weather. We got about as much as last year.

Jul 1 – Hot and dry and most everybody have got a large amount cut down and raked up. I was cultivating my potatoes and beans and jobbing round generally. At night we all went to Wallis Sands.

Jul 2 – Dull and rainy all day and nature smiled and was revived. All growing crops take a new start. The hay makers are delayed. It is said there is a very great amount cut and out.

Jul 3 – Dull and rainy. Went to town to market in morning and carried butter at 20 cents per lb. and eggs at 16 cents. Hoeing and transplanting. At night we had an elegant rain wetting everything down thoroughly.

Jul 4 – Pleasant and warm and I had a day of rest. There was a baptizing at Foss Beach at 10:30. Lizzie went there and to church. In the afternoon some of the farmers are at work on their hay and getting the water out.

Jul 5 – Hot as guns. This was observed as the glorious forth and was celebrated in many places. In Rye there was nothing unusual done. Many were haying. I was jobbing round generally.

Jul 6 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Lancaster” in the hold putting up bulkheads. We expect to work 13 days this month. It was rainy most of the day.

Jul 7 - Worked for U.S. Hot and muggy. There was a fire at the south end of Portsmouth and a slaughter house was burned including several pigs.

Jul 8 - Worked for U.S. Hot as guns. The Wentworth House is said to have 200 guests. They have all the modern improvements, electric lights, telephones and elevator etc.

Jul 9 - Worked for U.S. It has been very hot weather and the ground is getting dry again and we are hoping for more rain. Eggs 17 cents and butter at 20 cents.

Jul 10 - Worked for U.S. This is said to be the hottest day for several years, about 100 in the shade and the hay makers have been very busy. We worked 5 days this week.

Jul 11 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Genesis, chapter 2 about eating of the forbidden fruit. Ruth Raynes was down and we went to the Farragut House at 5. They are said to be full of boarders.

Jul 12 - Worked for U.S. Summer visitors are coming with a rush this week and chickens will be in demand.

Jul 13 - Worked for U.S. Hot and damp and muggy and sweaty.

Jul 14 - Worked for U.S. Dull and foggy and bad hay weather and those who did not improve the good weather in June and the 1st of the month are mourning their bad luck.

Jul 15 - Worked for U.S. Clara and Mrs. Cheney came from Boston at night in the Hack. They said it rained all day there.

Jul 16 - Worked for U.S. It was dull and somewhat rainy, bad hay weather. But good for the growing crops and all vegetation generally. All trees and vines have made a great growth this year. So far much more than usual.

Jul 17 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and we were ordered to lay off till the 1st of August and the other gang go on Monday.

Jul 18 – Pleasant and warm. Went to town to church forenoon and evening. In the morning we went to the Stone church. In the afternoon or evening went to the North Church to hear Mr. McGinley with Clara and Miss Cheney.

Jul 19 – Cutting bushes in the lane and pasture. Lizzie carried Clara and Mrs. Cheney. Went to the shoals and at night wife and I went to town to meet them and we all went to the aquarium at New Castle.

Jul 20 – Pleasant in the morning but soon came up dull and in the afternoon rain came down vigorously. Clara and Mrs. Cheney were here visiting. Cutting bushes.

Jul 21 – Cutting bushes in the pasture. Showery in the afternoon. Mrs. Cheney went to Aaron Rand's to visit.

Jul 22 – Cutting bushes. Went to town in the morning to get the news. At night went over to the telegraph station to see the house and implements used on the cable.

Jul 23 – Hot and muggy. Cutting bushes in the pasture and at night we went up and carried Mrs. Cheney to the depot to go to Boston at 7:50.

Jul 24 – Pleasant and warm. Hoeing and weeding. Went to town at 12 and to the yard and got my pay, \$27.00 for half month.

Jul 25 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon, Clara went with us. At night we all went to town to hear Mr. McGinley preach on "a time to laugh".

Jul 26 – Washing day and I had to help in the morning and then cut bushes etc. There are now said to be more boarders in the town than ever before in a season.

Jul 27 – Cutting bushes in the pasture and also burning some of them. At 1 went to town with wife and Clara and called to see Clara Raynes.

Jul 28 – Cutting bushes in pasture and had some burn fires. The Wentworth House has it is said 400 guests now and there are more apples eaten.

Jul 29 – Hoeing and weeding the garden etc. The season is about 10 days earlier than usual. The Red Astrachan apple is ripe and green corn is plenty in the market. Clara went to Boston at 11:00.

Jul 30 – Hot and dry. Cut and burning bushes in the pasture and also jobbing round the plantation. At night went over to see Fannie Ayers on the Remick place.

Jul 31 – Hot and dry and there is a prospect of more of the same sort. Cutting and burning bushes and have now got the most of them subdued. Went to town at 4 with whole family. Heard that we are to go to work Monday.

Aug 1 – Hot and dry. Sat up last night with William Yeaton. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon and came home at noon. (This is William Foye Yeaton, Charles Yeaton's father, and he is living on Clark Road at Trefethen's Corner next door to Adeline and Abbie Clark.)

Aug 2 – Hot and dry. Worked the U.S. on the yard in William Fernald's gang. This was one of the most sweltering days of the season. Corn grew very fast and everything lasts well. William Yeaton is very sick.

Aug 3 - Worked for U.S. It was Election Day in Portsmouth and many of the workmen were off to attend and hunt up voters. Rain came down freely after dinner all the afternoon.

Aug 4 - Worked for U.S. Dull and rainy all day. Splendid for vegetation. Yesterday was Election Day in Portsmouth and the Republicans had it all their own way. Sise had 100 majority for Mayor.

Aug 5 - Worked for U.S. The contest for President is now being began in earnest and will be pushed vigorously. Both parties claim that the result will be favorable to their side.

Aug 6 - Worked for U.S. Hot as ever. Mr. Yeaton has now been sick about 2 weeks and has been gradually growing weaker till now he is very feeble and it offers as if he cannot possibly recover.

Aug 7 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. The weather was nice and cool and we had a cool place to work faying knees in the hold.

Aug 8 – Hot and dusty. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Proverbs, a very good sermon. Sat up with Mr. Yeaton last night and he died tonight at 9.

Aug 9 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry and good weather for the boarding business and all the houses are full in this vicinity. Including the Wentworth and all who are able are on a vacation.

Aug 10 - Worked for U.S. on the yard on the ship "Lancaster". Mr. Yeaton was buried today at aged 66 ½ years old.

Aug 11 - Worked for U.S. The chief of the bureau of construction and repair visited the yard today rather unexpectedly and examined the work. He thought they were getting along well but could not give them more money.

Aug 12 - Worked for U.S. It is still continuously hot and dry and very dusty. The political campaign has now got fairly underway in Maine and both sides are working hard.

Aug 13 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry. Dr. Tanner of New York has fasted 40 days and 40 nights and went on eating as usual. The political war has begun all round. (Henry Samuel Tanner was a physician who advocated fasting. He fasted for 40 days in Manhattan, New York City in 1880.)

Aug 14 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and 12 days this ½ month and hope to get 24 days this month. Clara Raynes and Ruth came down to stay till Monday. We went to see "The Wentworth" at night.

Aug 15 – Cool and dry. Went to church and heard Dr. Lord of Brooklyn preach one sermon from Luke, chapter 24 and verse 3. Clara Raynes and Ruth went with us. At 5 we rode round Foss Beach.

Aug 16 - Worked for U.S. Came near having a frost last night, 42 this morning. There was a frost in some parts of New Hampshire and other states.

Aug 17 - Worked for U.S. We had company today, Fannie Ayres and her husband Henry and Olivia and Eliza. Joseph P. Trefethen came over to tea. (Olivia is Joseph P's daughter and Eliza is Samuel A's Wife.)(Fannie was the daughter of Levi B. Trefethen who was Supply's brother.)

Aug 18 - Worked for U.S. Had to get ready for the picnic tomorrow.

Aug 19 – The Trefethen family had a picnic today at Wallis Sands. We had Pierces tent and had a good time. There were about 125 in number.

Aug 20 - Worked for U.S. It was very hot and muggy and all hands sweat very much. Early apples are ripening and we shall now have fruit plenty.

Aug 21 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. It is getting to be quite dry now and corn is the greatest sufferer of all the crops. Carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston, New Hampshire.

Aug 22 – Warm and dry and dusty. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon about the anchor. The anchor was the symbol of hope and expectation.

Aug 23 - Worked for U.S. Picnics are now very plenty and in all directions.

Aug 24 - Worked for U.S. All the boarding houses and hostels are doing a good business with a plenty of company.

Aug 25 - Worked for U.S. There is a very good crop of second growth and the farmers are now cutting it and digging their potatoes.

Aug 26 - Worked for U.S. It still continues dry and dusty. There was a Band Concert at the Wentworth this afternoon and the leader is to have a benefit tonight.

Aug 27 - Worked for U.S. on the waterways of ship "Lancaster". Birth deck in Mark Fernald's gang, William F. Noyes, Foreman shipwright. Alfred Moses rides with me from Foye's Corner.

Aug 28 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. This was one of the hottest days of the season and we were glad to get off at 5 o'clock as we have done on Saturday nights in July and August.

Aug 29 - Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Hebrews, chapter 11, Subject: Faith. His sermon was for the children but older ones could take a lesson he said. Rain came down at 2.

Aug 30 - Worked for U.S. Joseph Drisco Jenness's wife Mary died last night of cancer in the breast. Clara came from the White Mountains tonight and is to stop a week then go to Boston.

Aug 31 - There was no work at the yard and mowed the second crop and weeds etc. Then went to town with wife and Clara, got home at 1. The wife and I went to Mrs. Joseph Drisco Jenness funeral at 3.

Sep 1 - Worked for U.S. and all hands worked today but we are to get but half time this month. The drought still continues and it is now very sultry and water is scarce.

Sep 2 - Worked for U.S. Orders came to take the "Leyden" into dry dock and we have been getting ready in the dock. Alfred D. Moses still rides with me from Foye's Corner.

Sep 3 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock. They took in the "Leyden" for painting and repairs and got done at 6.

Sep 4 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. We were building staging round the "Leyden" in the dry dock. Clara had her monument set today by John Treat. (She will be buried in the South Street Cemetery.)

Sep 5 - Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon from John, 9th chapter and 4th verse. It has to be one of the hottest days of the season and very dry. Called to see John Webster, he is no better. 3 were baptized at Foss Beach.

Sep 6 - Worked for U.S. Alfred D. Moses rides with me from Foye's Corner.

Sep 7 - Worked for U.S. Vermont had her state election today. It is thought she will go strongly Republican.

Sep 8 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry.

Sep 9 - Worked for U.S. There are signs of rain but none came today. Vermont has gone Republican by 25,000 majority.

Sep 10 - Worked for U.S. Rainy most of the day and it was very welcome to all thirsty vegetation. Went over to Eliza's this evening to see Sally Davis.

Sep 11 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. We got off at 5 tonight. They gave us the hour for working on noon hour on the dry dock. There will be no muster Monday on account of Maine election.

Sep 12 – Warm and pleasant. Jenness Marden died last night. He was very feeble he said and we did not doubt it. Went to church and heard a stranger preach one sermon. At 4 we went to carry Mrs. Davis to see the Wentworth House. (Jenness was the son of William and Lucy Ann (Garland) Marden. He was 45 years old.)

Sep 13 – Did not work for U.S. State election in Maine today and there was no work at the yard and I was busy at home and among other things done drew plans for a barn for Alfred Elwyn.

Sep 14 - Worked for U.S. The returns came in unfavorable for the Republicans. The report is that the "Fusion" governor is elected. Rain came down most of the day and was very welcome.

Sep 15 - Worked for U.S. The result in the Maine is still in doubt, both parties claim the Governor. Rainy most of the day and was good for all vegetation.

Sep 16 - Worked for U.S. making 13 days this month. The other gang go on tomorrow and work the rest of the month.

Sep 17 – Went to Elwyn's and staked out a barn cellar with the Reverend Alfred. Picked apples for cider, 30 bushels.

Sep 18 – Went to town with fowls and sold them to the Rockingham folks at 14 cents per pound, 19 pounds. We had a shower after dinner, burnt bushes and ground apples etc.

Sep 19 – Went to ride to Greenland, called in to see Winchester's new house and also to see the Pierce farm. There is an abundance of apples of all kinds.

Sep 20 – Making cider at Aunt Webster's, 2 barrels. At noon killed 20 hens for market and dug potatoes till night. John C. Webster has become insane and has to have watchers. (John is the cousin of Supply's wife Mary and the brother of Daniel C. Webster.)

Sep 21 – Sat up with John C. Webster. Dull but no rain. Carried fowls to the Rockingham house, 56 lbs. at 14 cent per lb. Chickens are worth 20 cents. Picked apples and potatoes. Put 5 barrels of Grovenstein apples in cellar and 1 of Porters.

Sep 22 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn putting stone posts under corn house, Horace helping. Cool and windy. The walnut crop is a failure this year.

Sep 23 – Worked for A. Elwyn and finished the corn house. They were digging potatoes. Sent one barrel to Mr. Elwyn of Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Sep 24 – Worked for Elwyn and took down the old pig's pen and framed sill round the reservoir and laid out new barn cellar for the new barn to be built next year.

Sep 25 – Warm and pleasant and very dry and dusty. Shod the horses and mended the carriage arm. Went to the yard and got my pay for the first ½. Hooped two tubs.

Sep 26 – Went to ride with wife to North Hampton. Mr. Kingsbury being away we are exempt from going to church.

Sep 27 – Dull and foggy in the morning. Burnt bushes etc. in the forenoon. After dinner dug potatoes, 8 ½ bushels, wife and Lizzie picked them. Rain came on at night.

Sep 28 – Worked for William Harrison Seavey making a place for a carriage in the barn. Got ready for the door then came home. John C. Webster is no better, tonight William Gery sits up with him. (William Gery was a farm worker and was working on the Garland farm at Rye Center.)

Sep 29 – Went to town with fowl to the Rockingham, 34 lbs. at 14 cents per lb. Picked Pearmain apples, 3 barrels put in cellar.

Sep 30 – The Rye Coronet Band had a clam bake at Downs Beach. We all went and there were about 300 people on the ground and all had a good time. Sat up with John C. Webster last night.

Oct 1 - Worked for U.S.

Oct 2 - Worked for U.S. We now work from 7:40 to 4:30.

Oct 3 – Did not go to church but rode up to Newington with wife and saw Frank Jones new house.

Oct 4 - Worked for U.S.

Oct 5 - Worked for U.S.

Oct 6 - Worked for U.S.

Oct 7 - Worked for U.S. People are gathering their apples and there is an enormous crop all over the country and are selling for \$1.00 per barrel with barrel.

Oct 8 - Worked for U.S. on ship "Lancaster" on ceiling between decks.

Oct 9 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. The drought continues and wells are lower than for many years.

Oct 10 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon, then came home at noon. Called to see Aunt Webster, she says she shall not live long.

Oct 11 - Worked for U.S. Aunt Elizabeth H. Webster died this morning at 9:45 o'clock aged 78 years and 11 months. She leaves one daughter, Emily and one son, John C. who is insane. Orders came to the yard to work full time and both gangs are called.

Oct 12 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" between deck ceilings. Both gangs were called today and went to work as in August. We had a very light shower not enough to lay the dust. At night went up to Aunt Webster's.

Oct 13 – Stayed at home to attend Aunt Elizabeth Webster's funeral. Aunt Webster was 78 years and 11 months old. John is as bad as ever, the mind seems to be entirely gone. In forenoon picked apples, 5 barrels, above the barn and got ready to turn cow in there.

Oct 14 - Worked for U.S. This morning was cold, down to 28 and rather the coldest yet. Orders came to call on all the suspended men of all gangs. There are 11 carpenters and some in all other gangs

Oct 15 - Worked for U.S. Quite a number came on this morning. Some had been off since January last. At night went to town hall to republican conference to devise ways and means to get out a full vote. I am one of a committee to look over the situation.

Oct 16 – Worked for U.S. this making 5 days this week. The weather is very hot for the season. It is now believed that Garfield will be elected but the situation may change before November 2.

Oct 17 – Went to church and heard a man from Stratham preach from the last sentence of the Lord's prayer. Called to see John C. Webster and he is no better. The Newington girls were down to supper. Rain came at 5. (John Ichabod Trefethen was living in Newington at this time. His single girls would have been; Mary Elizabeth, Abigail Grace and Hope Goodwin.)

Oct 18 – Worked for U.S. At night went up to the center to see about making the canvas of voters. There are 312 names on the list and about 110 of Republicans and 200 Democrats.

Oct 19 – Worked for U.S. Cold. There is an enormous crop of apples and the farmers do not know what to do with them. They are selling at 75 cent per barrel for the apple No1 and there is no market for ½ of their crop.

Oct 20 – Worked for U.S. Pasturing time was done and at night went over to see about my heifer. Tom Varrell is to drive her home tomorrow. Henry Stoddard's buildings were burned tonight at 6:30.

Oct 21 – John O. Berry picked apples. Worked for U.S. Warm and dry for the season. The political battle is going on fiercely. The prospect now is that the Republicans will win and elect Garfield to be President but it may turn the other way.

Oct 22 - Worked for U.S. The long look for rain came on this afternoon and it was very welcome. The water question was getting to be very serious.

Oct 23 –Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. It rained the most of last night and cleared off this morning. We caught one foot of water in the cistern.

Oct 24 – A high northwest wind all day and we did not go to church but went to see John C. Webster. His insanity is not much better and he is a great deal of trouble. Lewis Odiorne is with him.

Oct 25 – Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster". At night went to the Martha Washington entertainment.

Oct 26 – Worked for U.S. Elizabeth and Fannie Ayers were here to tea. Rain came on at 6. Thought to go to the Republican caucus but too wet.

Oct 27 – Worked for U.S. The all absorbing topic now is the election of President and all parties are making every effort and for their candidates. It is generally believed the Republicans have the best show.

Oct 28 - Worked for U.S. Hauled 4 bushels of apples to George Leroy to make me some cider. He is using Daniel Webster's mill as there is no one there to use it. John C. Webster is some better but still has weak arms.

Oct 29 - Worked for U.S. At night went to the Republican caucus. All were in good spirits and feel confident of the election of Mr. Garfield. Next Tuesday Frank Jones is the Democratic candidate for Governor.

Oct 30 - Worked for U.S. Cool and signs of rain all day and at night it came down Went to the mill and got 3 casks of cider. J. Odiorne helped me put it in the cellar.

Oct 31 – Dull and rainy till noon, then cleared off. Did not go to church. Went up to see John C. Webster, he is much better.

Nov 1 - Worked for U.S. Cold and windy and we had rather an exciting day getting ready for election tomorrow. At night we all went to town to see the torch light procession of both parties and fireworks.

Nov 2 - Worked for U.S. in the forenoon, then went to election. Both parties were active and got out all the voters they could. Viz; Democrats 194 and Republicans 94 and there was one “Greenbacker”. There was no trouble and all passed off well.

Nov 3 - Worked for U.S. The news from the election is believed to insure the election of Garfield over Hancock by a good majority in the Electoral College giving him nearly a solid North against a solid South.

Nov 4 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. The news from election is elegant electing Garfield beyond a doubt. Tis said he will have 219 electoral votes and also a republican congress.

Nov 5 - Worked for U.S. Rain came down at 2 and all the afternoon and evening. Received \$39.00 for 13 days last ½ of October. They are to take on more caulkers and finish the ship as soon as possible.

Nov 6 - Worked for U.S. Dull and rainy most of the day Abbie came from New Boston at 10, wife went and got her. I went at night and got her trunk. They are making great preparations for the celebration Monday night.

Nov 7 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from John, chapter 3. There was a high wind northwest. John Webster is much better.

Nov 8 - Worked for U.S. There are Republican justifications in all directions. Tonight there is a grand torchlight procession in Portsmouth. Kittery is to have one soon and we are to have one hundred guns fired and supper in the town this week.

Nov 9 - Worked for U.S. Went to town last night to see the show and celebration. There were about 1200 torches in line and many bands of music and grand display of fireworks, we got home at 12. Tonight went to town hall to agree on time for our show and decided on Thursday night.

Nov 10 - Worked for U.S. Deacon Drake died last night at Breakfast Hill. He was one of the oldest men in the town and church. (Deacon Cotton Ward Drake was 79 years old and died of old age.)

Nov 11 - Worked for U.S. Deacon Drake was buried and gathered to the fathers. There is but very little sickness in town now they say. The country is said to be in a very prosperous condition at the present time.

Nov 12 - Worked for U.S. planking the "battery" of "Lancaster" in Mark Fernald's gang. Sold one barrel of greening apples to John Dame for \$1.00 and engaged two to a Norwegian "Benson". We had a grand time at town hall. At the Republican jubilee they fired 100 guns on Breakfast Hill.

Nov 13 - Worked for U.S. on the yard making 6 days this week and continuously except one day since October 1st. They are now taking on more men to get the ship "Lancaster" ready to go in the dock as soon as possible.

Nov 14 - Went to church in forenoon and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon about the death of Moses and spoke of the end of Deacon Drake in connection. Called to see John C. Webster, he is going.

Nov 15 - Worked for U.S. We had the first snow storm of the season. There was enough to track and not much more and it cleared off warm again.

Nov 16 - Worked for U.S. Edith is learning a piece to speak at the Martha Washington on November 22. She has never spoken in public.

Nov 17 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. There were 15 suspended in yards and docks today.

Nov 18 - Dull and some rain. Worked for U.S. framing over boiler hatch. They now have a large gang of caulkers on the ship and it is said they are going to put her overboard soon as she can be got ready. Settled with John O. Berry today.

Nov 19 - Worked for U.S. There is news of snow and cold weather in all parts of the country. But we have had but very little freezing weather as yet this fall.

Nov 20 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Received \$39.00 for the first ½ of this month. Rain came on at 3 and continued fiercely till 9 pm, then came off windy.

Nov 21 - Went to church and heard Mr. Haines of North Hampton preach one sermon from Mark, 4th chapter and verse 26. "First the blade and then the ear then full corn in the ear". It was cold with a high northwest wind and freezing.

Nov 22 - Worked for U.S. Cold, 10 above and wind blowing all day. There is said to be snow enough for sleighing a short distance back from the sea.

Nov 23 - Worked for U.S. Cold, 5 above and windy. It is excellent wheeling and I got to town in 17 minutes.

Nov 24 - Worked for U.S. Still cold and windy and dry. It is the day before Thanksgiving and all were talking of their Thanksgiving dinner. I bought a turkey for 20 cents per lb., geese are 15 to 18 cents. Chickens are low.

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day. Cold and windy and those who had plenty to eat and a good fire could give thanks in the house from the cold. We had a turkey and a large plum pudding and all the fixings and a keen appetite etc.

Nov 26 – Cold and windy. Went to town and got the news etc. Got some fish heads for the hens. We had company to dinner Miss Lizzie Green, Rosette and Emily Webster.

Nov 27 – This was the coldest morning, 4 above, but soon grew warmer. Sharp shod the old horse and then went to town with wife and Lizzie. Bought a new lounge of Tomtin For \$8.00.

Nov 28 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from Job, chapter 19 – 25. “I know that my redeemer liveth”. It was cold in the morning but soon clouded up for storm. At 4 it came on slowly. Called to see John and took dinner.

Nov 29 – We had a sprinkling of snow this morning and I hauled home two cords of wood from the pasture on a sled but the snow went off by 4. Went to town and got the new lounge and got home at 5.

Nov 30 – Cold and windy. Jobbing round the plantation. Sharp shod “Dexter” and got ready for ice. Went to town with wife.

Dec 1 – Snow came on furiously this morning and continued all day. Went to the yard but there was no muster and came back and got ready for sleighing etc. Edith had to have a sleigh ride in the storm.

Dec 2 – It snowed this morning. Went to the yard but there was no muster and got fish heads for hens. We have 75 hens and they only lay 12 to 15 eggs a day. There is just snow enough for good sleighing.

Dec 3 – Worked for U.S. We went back today in William Fernald’s gang at laying lower deck. Wilson is away to Boston on a survey. Everybody are fairly on runners and all seem to have a good time.

Dec 4 - Worked for U.S. Carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston to teach. As we were going in town we saw the Kearsarge factory in flames and it appeared as if half of Portsmouth was on fire.

Dec 5 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Ephesians, 12 – 12. “Of the making many books there is no end” etc. Rain came down furiously at 12:30 and we hurried home.

Dec 6 - Worked for U.S. The sleighing has been bad today, it being so thawy and wet. There is still snow enough if it freezes soon. Congress meets today and will be in session till March 4, 1881. When the new one will be sworn in.

Dec 7 - Worked for U.S. Last night it froze and today it was very good sleighing. Got my pay for 8 days in the last ½ of November, \$24.00. They pay a part in the “standard silver dollar” and they are not liked as well as gold or paper.

Dec 8 - Worked for U.S. William F. Noyes’s wife is sick of throat trouble, seriously. There is much complaint of diphtheria from all parts of the country, New York especially. Many hundreds have died with it. The president’s marriage is out and there is not much fault found with it.

Dec 9 – Cold. Worked for U.S. The sleighing continues good and all are improving it. Mrs. John J. Odiorne fell on the sidewalk in Portsmouth yesterday and broke her ankle.

Dec 10 - Worked for U.S. on the forth deck putting down “captain’s bed”. It was cold and dull till 3:30 when snow same down furiously until 5:30 when it cleared off again. Elegant sleighing home.

Dec 11 – Cold as ever. Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and now we only have 3 days more this ½. We have 75 hens and today got 17 eggs. They are at 30 cents per dozen and in great demand.

Dec 12 – Paid 2 dollars to the minister. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Isaiah, chapter 55 and verse 2. “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which satisfies not”. Called to see John C. Webster.

Dec 13 - Worked for U.S. Mild weather for winter. We had a short sprinkling of rain last night. Ezra Winchester had a horse stolen from his barn Saturday night. They have tracked it as far as Newburyport.

Dec 14 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. At noon we got orders that there would be no muster tomorrow and we are to go off till the first of January and the other gang are to come on Thursday.

Dec 15 – Rainy in morning. Sharpened the horse then went to town and called at the Ten Cent Bank and got 10 percent of the deposits. In the afternoon worked for Alfred Elwyn at getting out the barn frame. Received $\frac{1}{4}$ of a pig, 79 lbs. at 8 cents per lb.

Dec 16 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn cutting off logs for frame and getting them together, Horace helping. Trouble cutting down trees, nice winter weather but the sleighing is gone again and wheeling is in order.

Dec 17 – Hewing for Alfred Elwyn. Cold and windy and rough traveling but clear and bright. We are approaching Christmas again and all and especially the little ones are coming towards it with hopes and expectations. (John O. Berry's son is born today. He is named John Henry Berry.)

Dec 18 – Cold and clear, good winter weather. Worked for Alfred Elwyn a hewing the new barn frame. Went to town at 11. E.H. Winchester has not yet found his horse stolen from him last Saturday night. He has been traced to East Concord.

Dec 19 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon. Ecclesiastes., chapter 1 verse 2. "All is vanity". He spoke of Solomon as having all that the world can give and then after all he pronounced the above text.

Dec 20 – Worked for Elwyn at hewing and cutting and sawing to length. Great failures in Chicago grain dealers are reported and also in coffee importers in New York.

Dec 21 - Worked for Elwyn. Went up to see the Whipple barn about sizes of timber etc.

Dec 22 - Worked for Elwyn on frame. There had been a furious northeast wind all day but no rain or snow. What is called a dry "Northeaster". We were in the woods and made good weather.

Dec 23 - Worked for Elwyn. Went to town at 10:30 and to the yard and got my pay for 10 days (\$30.00) worked the first half of the month. It has been very nice weather all the week and solid wheeling and not rough.

Dec 24 - Worked for Elwyn hewing timber. At night went to town with wife to get some things for Christmas and the children etc. Poultry is plenty at 17 cents per lb. and the nick nack stores are crowded with trash and jumping jacks.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and cold enough, not too cold and bare ground etc. Sharpened one horse then went to town. Daniel Trefethen Jr. went with me to go to Amesbury. At 4 went to Joseph P. Trefethen's to spend the evening and took tea.

Dec 26 – Dull and stormy but no rain or snow came down. Otherwise it was a regular storm. Did not go to church but has a day of rest by a good coal fire and plenty to read and also enough to eat. There was but few went to church.

Dec 27 – 24 eggs. Snowing in the morning and we did not go to work till after dinner then made ½ day.

Dec 28 - Worked for Elwyn. It was dull all day and black and signs of snow but still we have to go on wheels.

Dec 29 - Worked for Elwyn. Snowing lightly all day but too cold to make much headway. Stoddard and his gang have been hauling out the timber for us to hew.

Dec 30 - Worked for Elwyn. Cold and blustery but we were in the woods and did not mind it.

Dec 31 – Hewing for Alfred Elwyn. This was the coldest day of the season, 8 below zero, elegant weather for hewing timber. There was an eclipse of the sun this morning.

Memoranda

The year 1880 has been remarkable for the scarcity of water all over the United States. There has been a water famine in some of the states in every month of the year. In our section it was not very severe until after the crop had been gathered. Since then we have had little or no rain and farmers have had great inconvenience in watering their cattle besides being short of water for their families. The most of the reservoirs and cisterns have failed and some of the “never failing” springs have given out. Wells that are 45 feet deep at Breakfast Hill and along the high ridge have been dry for months. Some drive their stock ¾ of a mile to water daily in winter. There was never better time for doing outdoor work than this season. There was no stormy days in a number of months in succession. Mechanics worked full time outdoors. Some carpenters would build a house complete without any rain on it and the farmers who desired to go deep into swampy land were not troubled by water. In fact, they were compelled to go there and dig deeper than ever for water. The crops of 1880 in the United States were not over abundant and except apples and wheat which were both more enormous than ever before. The apple crop was the greatest of all. There were apples, apples everywhere on the ground and in the air. There were millions of bushels raised and frozen and every farmer had more than he knew what to do with. They were cheaper than ever before, 60 to 75 cents per barrel for No1 Baldwins. Thousands of bushels were never picked as they were worth nothing for cider. The wheat crop was very much larger than ever before and the United States were able to send wheat to all foreign countries needing it or wishing to buy. California is now one of our greatest wheat growing states and they ship great quantities to Europe. This is now a great nation with something more than 50 million by the census taken this year by General Walker and aids. 1880

will be long noted for one of the most hotly contested political battles ever waged in America. The candidates for President were, James A. Garfield, Republican and Winfield S. Hancock, Democrat and Weaver "Greenbacker" Neil Dow prohibition. The candidates for Vice President were C.A. Arthur, Republican and William H. English, Democrat and I have forgotten the others. The nominations were made in June and from that time on to November there was excitement all over the land. Both parties fought desperately and long and finally Mr. Garfield was elected by a good majority and then all was peace and business resumed its progress. This has been the most successful year for business since the war. Since resumes in last year all kinds of business has gone forward with a bound unprecedented and confidence is once more restored fully and it is a great by foreign nations that the United States is growing faster than any other nation in the world.

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Jan 1 – Worked for Elwyn at hewing. Cold, 8 below this morning. Went to town at noon to get some things and see the town. Some went in wagons and some in sleighs and good going for either.

Jan 2 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Exodus, 26 – 12. He reviewed the old year and hoped they all would do better in the future. He said there were 22 died in the town in the year 1880.

Jan 3 – Worked for Elwyn at hewing barn frame. Langdon Perkins has been cutting ice at John Grover's and throwing it away to have clear water to freeze next time.

Jan 4 – Worked for Elwyn hewing. Cold and signs of snow. We were in the woods and did not feel the cold wind.

Jan 5 – Worked for Elwyn. Today we have been getting long timber out of the wood, Storer Widden helping with 4 oxen. David Remick helped cut. (David is living on Brackett Road between Wallis and Washington.)

Jan 6 – Bought this book. Snowy most of the day and wind northeast. At night rain came on and the old fog horn was heard dismally. Did not go to work but went to town and got fish etc. and some picture frames. Good sleighing now.

Jan 7 - Worked for Elwyn. Rather milder and thawy. We now have plenty of snow for sleighing and we want it cold enough to keep it. We have 75 hens and now they lay about 24 eggs per day on an average. They are worth 32 cents per dozen.

Jan 8 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Went to town at 11 and did a little shopping. The sleighing was elegant but the weather was cold and not many riding. Business is rather dull generally as is usual at this season. Most people are getting in their crop of ice of which there is abundance.

Jan 9 – Cold this morning, 2 below but pleasant. In the forenoon then there was signs of snow. Lizzie went to church only. We sat by the fire and read the news.

Jan 10 – Dull and stormy all night and all day today. Snow and rain, wind east. At night it cleared off and was very pleasant and moon light.

Jan 11 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. The traveling is bad and slumpy, wet underneath. There was not much traveling today but we hope soon to have a better path.

Jan 12 - Worked for Elwyn. The weather is just about right to work at timber and wood cutting. It is warm in the woods. There are several cases of scarlet fever in town.

Jan 13 - Worked for Elwyn ½ day at hewing and ½ day at making bobsled to haul logs on. The sleighing never was better and I guess there never was more to improve it. Perkins is hauling ice to town from Grover's. Eggs at 30 cent per dozen.

Jan 14 - Worked for Elwyn on bobsled. Rainy all day and wind south but did not hurt the sleighing but will rather improve it if it freezes soon. Our cistern is nearly full now which will last us 3 months without rain if none comes.

Jan 15 - Worked for Elwyn on bobsled and got it nearly done. This morning was cold, 5 below and frozen solid in the road and is elegant doing and everybody have been out improving it. Went to town at 11 to get a few things.

Jan 16 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Acts, 16 – 30. “What must I do to be saved”? This was one of the most splendid winter days and the sleighing never was better. At 3 wife and I went to ride to town to see houses and bow windows and Mansard roofs.

Jan 17 - Worked for Elwyn on sled. Horace was off sick and I was alone. There are a great many children sick with scarlet fever. William Holmes's child Earnest is sick with it.

Jan 18 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Horace was not there being sick. This is the hardest winter to make hens lay that we ever experienced since we began to keep hens.

Jan 19 - Worked for Elwyn at hewing. They used the new sled today for the first time. It is very nice for 20 foot logs. Horace was over today after 2 days on the sick list with "chills".

Jan 20 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Cold and excellent sledding. We are sending logs to mill 3 loads a day to the steam mill at Portsmouth, D. Mason at \$3.00 per M. (thousand feet). There is an immense amount of teaming being done now generally.

Jan 21 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Cold and threatened to storm all day and at 4 it came on furiously from the northeast, snow butt end first. Clara Raynes and Ruth were down to stay all night. (Butt end first: It snow hardest at first.)

Jan 22 – Cold. Stormy in the morning but cleared off at 10. We now have about 6 inches more snow. At 3 carried Clara Raynes home. The sleighing is hard. Got fish heads for hens and got 20 eggs tonight. 30 cents per dozen.

Jan 23 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from the text; "Behold now is the accepted time. Behold now is the day of salvation". The sleighing is hard and loose. Called to see Earnest Holmes, he is very sick. (Earnest is William Ira and Sarah (Trefethen) Holmes 8 year old son.)

Jan 24 – Cold and windy. Worked for Elwyn. The traveling is bad and we had to dig our timber out of the snow drifts. Perkins is cutting ice at Grover's. In some ponds they have cut 3 times and each cutting 12 or 13 inches thick.

Jan 25 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Cold as usual and no let up. Heard from Elwyn that he is coming next Monday. It is cold all over the country. All the time they have good sleighing in Virginia and farther south

Jan 26 – Cold. Worked for Elwyn. There is one continual succession of cold days, right along day after day and week after week and no thawing. This is probably an old fashion winter we have heard so much about. 30 eggs.

Jan 27 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Cold and windy, 4 above. Good weather for making ice and there will be no lack next season as they are storing it in great quantities as far south as Washington.

Jan 28 – Cold. Worked for Elwyn hewing and this was the roughest day we have had. About zero and blowing a gale northwest. We made a fort of our timber and broke it off. The railroads are blocked in many places.

Jan 29 – Cold and rough. The road is full of snow in places so that the horses' feet are as high as the wall as you ride along. Shoveled out round. Went to town with wife at 12:30. 8 above and blowing. Racked off 4 barrels of cider and rinsed out barrels.

Jan 30 – Cold and blustery. Went to church in forenoon and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from "Behold I am with you always even unto the ends of the earth". Called to see Earnest Holmes, he is some better.

Jan 31 – Worked for Elwyn till 11:30 then cut my leg and came home. It is not very bad. I thought I might get cold in it if I kept at work. In the afternoon drawing plans of barn and house for Elwyn.

Feb 1 – Cold and sat by the fire and drew plans etc. Alfred Elwyn called to see about the addition to his house. My leg is not very sore. The scarlet fever is now raging furiously. Horace worked today for Elwyn.

Feb 2 – Ball Day at the yard. Stayed round the fire today. It was the coldest we have had this season. 10 below at one time with a strong northwest wind and snow flying. Elwyn called again to get plans of addition. (Ball Day - There was a black ball that was raised on a pole at the navy yard so the men could see there was no work today. This would have notified the men from Portsmouth from having to cross the Piscataqua River.)

Feb 3 – Ball Day on the yard. Cold everywhere but moderated at noon so that it was much more comfortable. Went to town at noon and got glass for the picture of "Farmers Pride" and framed and hung it up and also a matte.

Feb 4 – Cold. Jobbing round the house. Went to town and got fish etc. The sleighing is not good; there is too much snow and a good many "diving bells". Painted some chairs. (I would imagine "diving bells" are pot holes.)

Feb 5 – Pleasant but cold. Went to town with wife. Went round Lafayette Road and called at Elwyn's. Eggs were selling at 33 cents per dozen in town. Varnished chairs etc. The scarlet fever is round thick and fast.

Feb 6 – Mild and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from "Numbers". "Be sure your sin will find you out". Called to Earnest Holmes and he is now better, not so well as he was last Sunday.

Feb 7 – Mild and pleasant and nice working weather. Worked for Elwyn hewing barn frame, Horace helping. At night went to the "Martha Washington Society" also the vestry. There was quite a crowd. Edith spoke her piece, "Ezekiel Courtship". She was highly complimented.

Feb 8 – Worked for Elwyn at hewing. Very much warmer and thawy. The sleighing is bad enough to be dangerous, so many “diving bells” in the road and slumpy drifts.

Feb 9 – Worked for Elwyn hewing. The awful cold has gone and we have a thaw. They are hauling logs to mill for boards. The electoral votes are to be counted today by congress at noon. Perkins has stopped getting ice, to warm.

Feb 10 - Worked for Elwyn ½ day in the afternoon. Went to Albert Tucker’s funeral at the North Church chapel. He was 31 and was very much reduced in flesh. There was some rain fell and was quite mild and thawy. (Albert H. Tucker was Supply’s wife Mary’s cousin. Albert was living on High Street in Portsmouth.)

Feb 11 - Worked for Elwyn hewing. Got the barn frame about done and shall now get out my wood. The snow is fast going away, the weather being so mild. This will give Grover a chance to saw the first this winter.

Feb 12 – Mild but dull in the morning and went to town with wife and carried crosscut saw to be “cut out” between teeth. At 1 rain came down furiously. Filed the saw to get ready to saw wood next week. The electoral votes were counted and James A. Garfield was declared elected by congress.

Feb 13 – Mild and pleasant and the thaw continues. Went to church and heard Mr. Goss of Portsmouth preach one sermon from “truth” or “what is truth”. He stated that the word of God was truth and that the Bible was the word of God. Called to see Earnest Holmes, he was no better.

Feb 14 – Cold and windy. Went to town in morning and got a new axe and fish heads and coal. Came home, ground axe and got ready and cut some White Birches by John Varrell’s. At night went to the “Martha Washington lecture” by Mr. Haynes.

Feb 15 – Began cutting and hauling firewood. Cut an old red oak by potato hole containing about 1 cord, John O. Berry helping all day. Very good sledding from their home. Cut a lot of White Birches etc. Worked for Elwyn.

Feb 16 – Snowing furiously all the forenoon. Drawing plans for remodeling our house to a “Mansard” roof and two bay windows. After dinner it cleared off. Hauled 2 logs to mill and a load of wood. At night went to town to take the Degree in Odd Fellows shirt.

Feb 17 – Cutting and hauling wood and logs, hauled 5 logs to Grover’s mill and 7 loads wood, John O. Berry helping. William W. Tucker helping in forenoon, then he went visiting. It was a splendid day for the business

Feb 18 – Pleasant in the morning. Went to Elwyn's and got a load of salt hay and was going on again and met Miss Fitton who said Clara was dead. She died at 12 last night of inflammation of the bowels after a short sickness. At night went to town to see about the funeral of Mr. Denos Mundy. (Clara Adeline (Clark) Magraw died in Boston and was Mary's and Abbie Clark's sister.)

Feb 19 – Snowing all the forenoon and at 2 went to town with Abbie to make arrangements for Clara's funeral next Monday. Engaged the undertaker and carriages etc. Earnest Holmes died yesterday morning at age 8. Aunt Nancy Varrell died today at 6 am. (Nancy Anna (Berry) Varrell was the sister of Supply's mother. They were living on Locke Road between Harbor Road and Ocean Blvd. She was married to William Dudley Varrell.)

Feb 20 – Pleasant and mild and very nice sleighing. Did not go to church.

Feb 21 – Wind north and snow storm prevailed all day but we were obliged to have Clara's funeral. We went to Mr. Newell's and from there to the Unitarian Church at 4. She was put in the tomb.

Feb 22 – The storm cleared off last night and this morning. Wife and I went to Boston to see about Clara's affairs at her boarding house. Arrived at 10 and found Miss Fitton and went to her room.

Feb 23 – In Boston today collecting Clara's goods to send home and got them to the depot and got receipt for them of freight agent. Stopped at Miss Fitton's house in South Boston.

Feb 24 – Came back from Boston today at 12:30 and went to Albert Brackett's and got him to bring us home at 2. It was the coldest day of the season. We got home safe with all the things poor Clara left.

Feb 25 – Cold. Ball Day on the yard. Went to the depot and got 2 loads of Clara's furniture hauled to her mothers. The bill said the weight was 2800 lbs.

Feb 26 – Cold this morning, 8 below but soon grew warmer so that by noon it was quite mild. Went to Elwyn's and got a load of salt hay. Then went to town with wife to get groceries. Nice sleighing.

Feb 27 – More mild, wind south. Did not go to church. Joe Ham called to say "how do."

Feb 28 – Rainy all the forenoon and I did not accomplish much. At night went to town to see about going on the yard. Was not required, they took on 10 or 12 shipwrights.

Mar 1 – Dull all day. Cut wood etc. At 2 went to town with wife and Abbie to have a little business done.

Mar 2 – Stormy all day, northeast wind. In the forenoon helping Grammy Clark take down and set up beds etc. In the afternoon cleaning up the barn etc. John Varrell is sick with heart disease and other complaints.

Mar 3 – Stormy with wind northeast. Hauled lumber from John Grover's mill and cut wood for summer etc. The sleighing is about done although they all go in sleighs. Jenness paid for eggs at 18 cent per dozen today.

Mar 4 – The northeaster continued all day furiously. Went to town at 11 and got some fish for hens. Today James A. Garfield was inaugurated as President of the United States for 4 years.

Mar 5 – The storm is over but it is not fair weather. There is a plenty of water, it runs over the road at John Grover's and Foyes Corner. Hewing in forenoon for improvements in house. Went to town with wife at 1 in wagon for the first time this spring, bad traveling.

Mar 6 – Mild and cloudy. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie. She said there was not a very many there. We had a calf came along at 12. Almira Marden is dead to be buried tomorrow at Rye. (Almira was 30 years old and living on Cabot Street in Portsmouth.)

Mar 7 – Cutting wood and hewing timber etc. in forenoon. Afternoon went to town and got flour for Grammy Clark at \$17.75 per barrel. Potatoes at 50 cents per bushel and butter at 32 cents per lb. We got 3 dozen per day and they sell today at 18 cents per dozen.

Mar 8 – Hewing and cutting wood etc. in forenoon. At 1 went to town meeting. There was some excitement about the election of selectman in this district. Irvin Seavey was the regular candidate and George Seavey ran against him but was beaten and Ervin was chosen.

Mar 9 – Dull in forenoon. Hewing and getting timber ready for house. Rain came on at 2 and continued into night. Planted potatoes in boxes enough for 300 hills, repaired wagon. The traveling is bad, muddy, wet and snow most gone.

Mar 10 – Rainy all day and wind northeast and we were glad to get in and keep in the house by the fire. It is damp and chilly and there is so much sickness in the town we have to try to avoid it if possible.

Mar 11 – Chilly and very muddy. Went to town to see about getting on the yard but there is no prospects yet. Got home at 2. Snow storm came on at 3 furiously. Cleaned up the barn etc. then sat by the fire etc. and soon got 49 eggs at 18 cents per dozen.

Mar 12 – Cold this morning and I hauled a load of wood from the pasture on sled. Then repaired Abbie's chimney and hung up pictures at home. Went to town at 2 with wife and

Abbie. She was to get a bookcase and got home at 5. Cold and anxious to rest. Got 39 eggs at 18 cents per dozen.

Mar 13 – Snow storm all night and cleared off at 9. Lizzie went to church and Mamie Odiorne and there was no other wagon passed here. It is rather muddy but not cold.

Mar 14 – Being chairman of the school committee I had to put up a warrant at the school house for a meeting to raise money to lay a new floor. Went to town at 3:40 to see what the news was.

Mar 15 – The Congregational Society are to have a festival tonight at the town hall to get money to buy a new carpet for church.

Mar 16 – Cut wood and various other jobs around the place. At 3 went to town to get fish for hens. They lay well now, we got 50 a day at 18 cents per dozen. Last night we went to the festival at town hall.

Mar 17 – Wife and I went to Boston at 7:15 this morning to do a little business and got home at 10. The weather was dull all day but no rain. Jordan and Marsh had a grand opening today and tomorrow.

Mar 18 – Went to town to send a petition to Boston to George E. Fitton. Then cut wood till night with a will being determined to have it down soon. The traveling is not as bad as it is some years at this season. The mud is not deep as usual.

Mar 19 – Mild with east wind. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and some cedar stakes and hauled out manure. Went to town with wife to see the muddy fashion. Elbridge G. Pierce Jr. has been appointed and confirmed by the Senate as Post Master at Portsmouth.

Mar 20 – A regular northeast storm of rain all day and also it snowed and rained all last night. So that we have a great abundance of water upon the earth. Nobody went to church and there was no one went past except Joe Stoddard who went to see his mother.

Mar 21 – Pleasant and a good day to work sawing wood, John O. Berry helping. We sawed up a good pile. The frost is fast coming out of the ground. W. Jenness bought eggs to 200 dozen in all and paid 18 cents per dozen, we got 58 today. Business is beginning to start up a little they say. All is quiet in Rye.

Mar 22 – Sawing and splitting wood, John O. Berry helping. We got it all sawed and split some. Went to town at 5 to get fish for hens. There was not much news going they said. The frost is fast coming out of the ground and traveling is much improved.

Mar 23 – Cool and northwest wind. Cutting and splitting wood all day and got about done by night and think I shall lack about 1 ½ cords and ordered John Berry to cut it. John Varrell is sick with dropsy and heart trouble.

Mar 24 – Cut wood and finished for the season. Then went to town with wife and we got back at 2. The man arrested yesterday by the city marshal near our house had stolen clothing at Portsmouth and was sentenced to 6 months in jail.

Mar 25 – Went to the sea 4 times and hauled 3 loads of sand and one load of seaweed. Put sand in hen's pen after cleaning out the manure. Put seaweed around apple trees in front of house. Also hauled 3 loads of manure and put round them to keep them growing.

Mar 26 – Cold northwest wind all day. Went down to Grammy's to hang up pictures etc. At 11 went to town with wife to get the news and see the fashions. Sold a pair of hens for 15 cents per lb. Eggs are 18 cents, we got 52 today.

Mar 27 – Cold and windy, northwest. A regular March day. Lizzie went to church and that was about all from this day. The wind was harsh and piercing and we did not like to go out in it more than we had to.

Mar 29 – Apr 9 Missing

Apr 10 – Mild and pleasant and more like spring. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon on the life and character of David. Called at William Holmes and saw John's wife there. Called to see John Varrell at night, he is better.

Apr 11 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on ship "Lancaster". The "Martha Washington Society" had a meeting and chose a committee to buy a carpet for the church.

Apr 12 - Worked for U.S. Dull and rainy part of the day. Sent a letter to Miss Sherburne to come to see committee Thursday. She stays at Sylvester Barlett's.

Apr 13 - Worked for U.S. Dull and snowed part in the afternoon. There has not been the first thing done towards planting this spring yet it is so very backward and cold.

Apr 14 - Worked for U.S. Cool, snowy and muddy traveling. Lizzie went to town and got the school teacher Miss Sherburne and brought her here to dinner. Then carried her to see C.J. Brown the committee, then carried her to town.

Apr 15 – A furious northeast snow storm the most of today. Worked for U.S. and the most of the men were there and we made good weather between decks. The storm abated at 5 and left 2 or 3 inches of snow.

Apr 16 - Worked for U.S. making 6 day this week. There were several accidents on the Piscataqua. A large Iron steamer ran ashore on Badgers Point. The schooner "U.S. Nantucket" missed stops and went ashore and 2 horses were drowned by bucking over the wharf.

Apr 17 – More mild than any we have had. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon and came home at noon. It was Easter Sunday and in the evening the Sunday school gave a concert to a crowded house.

Apr 18 – Cool and windy, northwest. Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster" fitting down coal scuttles. J.C. Lydson got a scale of brass in his eye Thursday last and had to go to Boston to get it taken out. It is said he will lose it.

Apr 19 – English Lord Beaconsfield is dead. Mild and pleasant and spring like. Worked for U.S. Eben L. Seavey has offered his house hold goods at auction next Monday and has leased his place. Wife and daughters went to Joseph's to dinner. The farmers are plowing etc.

Apr 20 - Worked for U.S. It is said there is to be a steamer to run from Portsmouth and Boston this summer every other day for passers and freight, passage 75 cents each way. Received pay of \$39.00 for first ½ month.

Apr 21 - Worked for U.S. Fast Day in Maine but the officers did not heed it but mustered all hands as usual. They being in a hurry for the ship.

Apr 22 - Worked for U.S. Cold this morning down to 28. Alfred Moses rode with me these two days. His wife Julia is down to her father's.

Apr 23 – Chilly with south wind all day. Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. The fasteners are put on ½ time.

Apr 24 – Warm with southeast wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach on sermon from 30th Psalms, "The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof".

Apr 25 - Worked for U.S. A little cooler then yesterday. Last night was a "hot" one and this morning cool and may got colds and are sick tonight.

Apr 26 - Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster" in Mark Fernald's gang and they are pushing all parts to get her ready to go to sea by August 30.

Apr 27 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. The school was begun Monday and Miss Sherburne has so far given good satisfactory and all the schoolers "like" very much. We buried Clara at 2:30 pm.

Apr 28 - Worked for U.S. Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 Clara was buried in Sagamore Cemetery by J.F. Adams. Wife and Grammy and Abbie went up to witness it. (Josiah F. Adams (1830-1916) had a farm by Sagamore Creek.)

Apr 29 - Worked for U.S. April showers most of the day. We worked at squaring gun deck to keep out of rain. There was an alarm of fire on the yard last night from a burning plank in the blacksmith's shop.

Apr 30 - Worked for U.S. making 5 ½ days this week. There are more men coming on Monday morning, it is said carpenters and jointers.

May 1 – Mild and spring like. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from John, “And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me”. At 2 went to the cemetery with wife and Edie.

May 2 - Worked for U.S. and it was showery most of the day but cleared off at night and was nice for the grass and trees. There is to be plenty of pear bloth this year, much more than last.

May 3 - Worked for U.S. Cold this morning, 34. There was a man in Portsmouth jumped into the Piscataqua River and drowned this morning. Peach trees are sold for 25 cents each by Malune.

May 4 - Worked for U.S. This morning it was only 26 above and froze quite hard. My potatoes were hurt by frost badly. They were on shelf at the back door and not covered. There is any quantity of pear blossoms and also peach.

May 5 - Worked for U.S. “squaring” deck after caulkers. They are pushing along all parts and intend now to put her in the dry dock by June. Then she will be floated out to take in masts then go in dock to be coppered while rigging.

May 6 - Worked for U.S. on “Lancaster”. Got my pay for last ½ of April, \$37.50 as I lost half day. It was a \$1.50 short. The farmers are now well along with planting but it is still but dry. We had some rain today to help along.

May 7 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and half of the first half of the month as we shall have but 12 working days there being 3 Sundays. I have planted nothing yet but shall soon if possible.

May 8 – Very pleasant and mild in the morning but soon it was cloudy and chilly and rather cool for comfort. Went to church and heard a man from Hampton preach one sermon from Matthew, 24 - 42. “I say unto you watch”. The new church carpet were down and all enjoyed it.

May 9 - Worked for U.S. Dull and a very little rain intended to stay at home to plant but was afraid of rain. Have not planted anything yet.

May 10 – Stayed at home to sow garden and plant corn and beans and potatoes, Fred helping. George plowed the potato patch. William Ira Holmes set grafts. George E. Fitton came from Boston to see about settling Clara's estate.

May 11 - Worked for U.S. on yard. Elegant weather and everybody seems to enjoy it. Business generally is very good and all who wish can get work. Some are always too lazy and lay it to the scarcity.

May 12 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. Came home at noon to tend to funeral of Mrs. Odiorne, widow of Joseph who died 18 years ago. She was most 81 years old. At 5 went to the cemetery with family to sow lot. (She was Eliza Odiorne and was living next door to Supply on Sagamore Road with her son Joseph W. Odiorne.)

May 13 - Worked for U.S. on "Lancaster". Tis said she will be put in the dock the 27th. John Varrell is very sick again and is thought he cannot live many days.

May 14 - Worked for U.S. making 4 ½ days this week and 10 ½ this half month. The weather is very mild and salubrious and all vegetation is pushing ahead vigorously. Trees are making good show. There will be good quantity of bloth.

May 15 – Dull and rainy and did not go to church but had a day of rest and slept, what I could to get rested.

May 16 - Worked for U.S. A regular Northeast rain storm all day and now we have a plenty of water for the time.

May 17 - Worked for U.S. The northeast storm continues unabated. There was a whale came ashore at Ragged Neck near Rye Harbor this morning. It is a "Finback" 66 feet long and had a bomb lance in his side.

May 18 - Worked for U.S. Stormy as usual and strong northeast wind and plenty of rain. There are hundreds going to see the whale in all kinds of teams and many on foot. John Varrell died today. (He was the grandson of John Varrell and son of Washington Varrell. He was living in the Old John Varrell homestead on Sagamore Road between Trefethen's Corner and Foye's Corner.)

May 19 - Worked for U.S. Stormy as ever. John Varrell died at noon yesterday aged 60 and 5 months. He has suffered very much.

May 20 – Stayed at home and had sore throat and had to tend John Varrell's funeral at 2. Dull as usual at 4:30 went with wife and Ann to see the whale, he was a huge animal.

May 21 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. It was dull as usual but did not rain after the morning.

May 22 – More pleasant but was too lame to go to church. Sent a letter to Charles Drake to look after the minister's pump.

May 23 - Worked for U.S. Pasturing time came last week but it was stormy to turn out. I drove my heifer to Thomas Varrell's tonight to pasture.

May 24 - Worked for U.S. George Leroy plowed for me potatoes in front of house.

May 25 - Worked for U.S. on a capstan to be used when the ship is afloat. They are now getting ready to push her in the dry dock. Friday is the day appointed. (A Capstan: a vertical-axle rotating machine developed for use on sailing ships to multiply the pulling force of seamen when hauling ropes.)

May 26 – Worked for U.S. Splendid weather for the bloth and grass. There is a great deal of apple blossoms and more pear than ever before. Peach trees are also full of red blossoms.

May 27 - Worked for U.S. The ship "Lancaster" was put in the dry dock from the way by hydraulic today in 8 hours. It was the hottest day of the season, 92 in the shade.

May 28 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. Came home at noon and went to see selectmen to get a note changed for Grammy. Then went to town and got flowers. Wife and Abbie set them out in Clara's grave.

May 29 – Dull and rainy and did not go to church but had a day of rest.

May 30 – No work on the yard. At home and mowed the yard. Memorial Day, at 2 went to the cemetery saw there was a large procession. Called at James Hall's, he was fixing a hen coop.

May 31 - Worked for U.S. Took the ship out today and began to sink the dock at 11 and at 2 the ship was hauled out and taken down to the wharf. Captain Bradford had charge of moving ship.

Jun 1 - Worked for U.S. on the ship at the shears and squaring deck and 400 other jobs. The riggers are putting the masts in and getting ready to rig the ship.

Jun 2 - Worked for U.S. and began to wedge the main mast in the sun deck, Ben Keen helping. There are 2 on the berth deck and also 4 at work on the mizzen mast.

Jun 3 - Worked for U.S. wedging the main mast. Cold and windy, northeast wind. Overcoats were needed all day. Signs of a storm. There is much apple bloth in all directions.

Jun 4 - Worked for U.S. A northeast rain storm. Received pay for 11 ½ days the first ½ of May. Paid 15 cents per lb. for halibut tonight. Eggs are only 1 cent each.

Jun 5 – Went to church and heard Mr. Jones preach one sermon about the palm trees and the cedars of Lebanon etc. There was no meeting at the Congregational house. Went to ride with wife.

Jun 6 - Worked for U.S. wedging main mast. There was a heavy frost this morning killing corn and beans and other things in all parts of New England. Eggs 14 cents.

Jun 7 - Worked for U.S. Cold for the season. The weather has been dull the most of the time for the last two weeks. So that nothing can grow, corn looks yellow and is not 3 inches high.

Jun 8 - Worked for U.S. Rainy all the forenoon. Cold then cleared off and was a little more mild but still it is not growing weather.

Jun 9 - Worked for U.S. Cold and cloudy and signs of a storm. Moses Hall lost a finger by accident at the yard, his “helper” stuck string on it.

Jun 10 – A regular northeast rain storm all day with strong wind and very cold. Overcoats were most all day. Worked for U.S. at squaring deck and some caulkers were discharged.

Jun 11 - Worked for U.S. squaring deck. Rainy most of the forenoon then cleared off pleasant and mild. At night bought a “Doll’s carriage” for Edie tonight, 99 cents.

Jun 12 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach a lecture on the sins of omission by the wardens and others in regard to repairs on parsonage and pump etc. Went to ride with wife at 3 to town and round Elwyn Road to Aunt Mary’s.

Jun 13 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet and foggy. There was a total eclipse of the moon Sunday morning at 2:30; it was something of rare occurrence. It will not happen again in 18 years.

Jun 14 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet and good weather for rheumatic and all have it. The farmers cannot hoe and weeds are ahead of plants.

Jun 15 – Worked for U.S. This ended the ½ month and I for one worked full time. Some expected there would be a discharge but it did not come. George Leroy plowed bean patch.

Jun 16 – High northwest wind and cool but pleasant. Worked for U.S. on “Lancaster”. Horace hauled a load of hay for me to Russell and Odiorne today. \$18.00 per ton.

Jun 17 - Worked for U.S. Cold with high northwest wind blowing everything before it.

Jun 18 – Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. There was a discharge of 20 from the carpenter's gang but they did not reach me this time. This has been an excellent day for the growing crops which are very much behind.

Jun 19 – Hot, rainy in morning and did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith and Jennie in forenoon while I rested. At 3:30 went to cemetery with wife and to see James Hall, got home at 5:45 and done up my work etc.

Jun 20 - Worked for U.S. Hot and clear. At noon went to town to sell hay. Sold a load to Ed Foye to be hauled Wednesday. My feet and legs were very painful.

Jun 21 – To lame to go to the yard today. Could not walk without canes. They call it rheumatic, I used to run. Warm wood, cool weather and damp and bad for joints.

Jun 22 – Did not go to the yard today, too lame but getting better some medicine. Horace hauled a load of hay for me to town to Ed Foye. Herman O. Trefethen hoed corn and beans etc. for me. Paid him \$1.25.

Jun 23 - Worked for U.S. again today but was rather lame. We were putting down pivot sockets for large pivot gun on spar deck aft. The ship carries 4 guns all told all pivot guns besides small arms.

Jun 24 - Worked for U.S. Cool morning. There was a frost at the Plains this morning, so said George Webber. It was hot at noon. The summer boarders are gathering at the boarding houses. The corner stone of the new Episcopal Church was laid today.

Jun 25 - Worked for U.S. making 4 days this week, 2 being charged to lameness. This was a nice day for vegetation. There was a circus in town today, on Richards Avenue.

Jun 26 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Did not go to church but rested according to the scriptures. Mr. Jones was to have a baptism at Foss Beach but rain prevented and it must be put over.

Jun 27 - Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster" at the wharf, fitting it out as Flag ship of European squadron. Warmer and better for growing crops, potatoes look well. Horace hauled 2 loads of hay today.

Jun 28 - Worked for U.S. I have had the rheumatic in my feet all the week but have kept at work hoping to drive it off but it still continues to trouble me.

Jun 29 - Worked for U.S. putting down gun track aft on the spar deck. There is hope that they well get orders to take up another ship soon.

Jun 30 - Worked for U.S. The pay master has got orders to settle his accounts on the first of July and he will pay off Saturday. Showery as usual.

Jul 1 - Worked for U.S. This has been a showery day. We had 4 or 5 inches in the 24 hours. There is no chance to make hay and none have begun yet. The crop is not over abundant. A slight increase over last year.

Jul 2 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. News was received at 11 that President Garfield had been shot but do not know that it will prove fatal.

Jul 3 – Did not go to church. Lizzie and Edith went and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach. Had a small shower in forenoon. Wife and I went to town to see Mrs. Frisbee who was badly scaled.

Jul 4 – Independence Day. Went to town in the morning to hear the news of the President. There are two reports, one is that he is dead and one that he is better. Got ready for haying.

Jul 5 - Worked for U.S. Horace Trefethen began my haying this morning out back of the house and the lower Varrell field, Herman O. helping. It was not very drying.

Jul 6 - Worked for U.S. Horace haying and cut the “Betty” field. The crop is not better that last year. The President is better. John O. Foss had a baby drowned on the 4th. (The boy’s name was Charles Osmond Foss and he was 13 years old.)

Jul 7 - Worked for U.S. Horace haying and cut the further field and got 6 loads, it was not very drying. The President still holds better. There was a stranger drowned at the beach yesterday.

Jul 8 - Worked for U.S. Horace haying and got in 7 loads. Finished all that was out and he did not cut any today. The President still improving.

Jul 9 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. Horace cut the “thirds” and some more. Excellent hay weather and all are into it. The crop is about as last year.

Jul 10 – Hot, 90 in the shade. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon then came home at noon.

Jul 11 - Worked for U.S. Dull and no hay weather and so Horace did no cutting. There is a good deal cut down generally to be ready when it became drying.

Jul 12 - Worked for U.S. on pivot gun forward. The constructor has gone to Washington on a board to decide what kind of ship to be built in future. The President is better than ever before since the shooting.

Jul 13 - Worked for U.S. It cleared off at 9 and Horace worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day and got in 2 loads. All is cut on the other side of the road and began above the barn. President better.

Jul 14 - Worked for U.S. Horace and Herman O. haying and cut $\frac{1}{2}$ above the barn and got in all the other side of the road. President Garfield is better.

Jul 15 - Worked for U.S. Horace haying and finished cutting today and if weather, will get done tomorrow.

Jul 16 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Horace finished my English haying this afternoon getting in the last load at 5 and none was badly damaged.

Jul 17 – Went to church and heard Dr. Lord of Brooklyn preach one sermon from Corinthians but don't know the verse. A high northwest wind prevailed.

Jul 18 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet all day but good growing weather. I notice peaches are making very rapid growth but grapes did not grow so well, it is too cold.

Jul 19 - Worked for U.S. Bad hay weather and no progress can be made and I was pleased that mine was done for this year.

Jul 20 - Worked for U.S. The work goes as Government work is usually done. Slow and sure and all of the best materials used.

Jul 21 - Worked for U.S. on pivot guns. The castings are coming from Washington and they will now soon put the ship in dry dock.

Jul 22 - Worked for U.S. This was pay day, the first by the new pay master. Got \$36.00. It has been poor hay weather all this week and but little progress has been made.

Jul 23 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Orders came today to hurry up the ship with all possible dispatch and several gangs are to go to work at 5 in the morning and work till 7.

Jul 24 – Pleasant and warm and good hay weather and many were haying. Went to church and heard Mr. Lord of Brooklyn preach one sermon. Charles J. Brown, it is said, has run a fork (pitch fork) through his leg and is hurt badly.

Jul 25 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster". They are pushing her along with all possible dispatch. Dull and wet and not hay weather and those who are not done are mourning about the wet weather.

Jul 26 - Worked for U.S. They intended to put the ship in dry dock but we had a rain storm and high southerly wind.

Jul 27 - Worked for U.S. They took the ship in the dock today at noon and we got her shored up at 6 and came home.

Jul 28 - Worked for U.S. The carpenters and fasteners and caulkers began today to work from 5 in the morning till 7 at night. I got excused because I lived so far away.

Jul 29 - Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster". Dull and foggy "Dog Days" began on time this year and are true to name and hay cannot be made.

Jul 30 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. They began coppering today with caulkers and carpenters. At night went to the center as a warden of Congregational Society to pay the minister.

Jul 31 - Dull most of the day and did not go to church. Sent Lizzie and Edith ½ day and I rested while they were gone. At 3 went with wife to cemetery to see about Clara's ground.

Aug 1 - Worked for U.S. Dull and foggy and wet.

Aug 2 - Worked for U.S. All is hurry and confusion. They are pushing every part rapidly.

Aug 3 - Worked for U.S. Hot and sultry, Dog Day weather. They are still working from 5 in the morning till 7 at night. Drive, Drive, Drive.

Aug 4 - Worked for U.S. on pivot guns of the "Lancaster" on the gun deck. She carries 8 on this deck and 2 on the spar deck.

Aug 5 - Worked for U.S. This was the hottest day for many years, over a 100 in the shade and all men and beasts suffered all day.

Aug 6 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. Hot as ever this forenoon but cooler at 12. At night we all went to the Wentworth house to see them dance and see the fashions.

Aug 7 - Showery all day and did not go to church but had a day of rest and recuperation and all nature smiled. The rain was welcome to all and everything.

Aug 8 - Worked for U.S. They are getting ready to take the ship out of the dock tomorrow. The copper is all on but the rudder is not hung but will be in the morning.

Aug 9 - Worked for U.S. The ship was taken out of the dry dock today at noon time and hauled under the shears rear rigging and to receive her stairs.

Aug 10 - Worked for U.S. Showery. Blueberries are now plenty and everybody can get what they want.

Aug 11 - Worked for U.S. Everything is being pushed rapidly and they still continue the work from 5 am. to 7 pm. The riggers are making good progress.

Aug 12 - Worked for U.S. on gun pivot sockets, every gun is a "Pivot" gun. There are 8 on gun deck with port pivots and "Brake Carriages" so called.

Aug 13 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and full time so far this month. There was a discharge in our gang tonight, 22 were sent off. Nellie Devins came from Boston tonight.

Aug 14 - Went to church and heard a man from South Newmarket preach one sermon about the prodigal and his brother. Went to Jim Halls at 4:30.

Aug 15 - Worked for U.S. Finishing "Lancaster", all is in a hurry and confusion. Each department is trying to get its work done in time.

Aug 16 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 17 - Worked for U.S.

Aug 18 - Worked for U.S. Rainy and wind northeast and rain came down rapidly in forenoon.

Aug 19 - Worked for U.S. Charles E. Trefethen still works there and we ride together.

Aug 20 - Worked for U.S. and were suspended with all the carpenters but 16 and all other gangs were reduced 90 percent which takes off 350. The ship is now about done.

Aug 21 - Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Samuel about "giving".

Aug 22 - Hot and dry. Mowing second crop all day back of house and thirds. At night went down and got a load of seaweed for hens to scratch also to town with apples.

Aug 23 - Went to the sea at 5 o'clock am. with Edith and Lizzie and Nellie Devine of Boston to get mussels to eat for dinner. We got ½ bushel and baked a large pan full for dinner and ate them on the ½ shell and they were delicious.

Aug 24 – Dull wind northeast. Went to town to get groceries and crockery to get ready for the Trefethen family reunion tomorrow. Also went down to Wallis Sands to lay foundation for the clam bake. The President is sicker.

Aug 25 – Today being set apart for the family clam bake. We all went to Wallis Sands and had a grand time. There were more than 200 took part in it. We had 12 bushels of clams, 3 of sweet potatoes and sweet corn plenty.

Aug 26 – Hot and dry. Cutting bushes etc. President Garfield is said to be gradually going to the grave. There seems to be no help for him. Medical skill is baffled and it seems as though he must soon go.

Aug 27 – Went to town and engaged Red apples to “Hi” Locke and came home and we picked 7 bushels and I carried them up at night and got 75 cents per bushel. Got in second crop.

Aug 28 – Did not go to church but sent all my family and I rested on the lounge etc. Went to cemetery and to Marston’s Island. John Marston was buried in Chelsea today.

Aug 29 – Picked 5 bushels of William’s Favorite apples and carried them to High Locke at 75 cents per bushel. Then went to the navy yard and got my pay and tools, got home at 3:30. The President is better.

Aug 30 – Hot as guns. Cut bushes in forenoon in pasture. After dinner killed 16 hens for market and jobbed round the rest of the day. Then hens are to go to Rockingham House at 15 cents per lb.

Aug 31 – Very hot, 94 in the shade. Went to town and got Clara Raynes and Ruth to come down and spend the day. It was said to be the hottest day of the season. We had to keep shady.

Sep 1 – Very hot, more than 90 in the shade. Budding and cutting bushes. At night went Warren Caswell’s and got 3 barrels of clam shells at 25 cents per. It is now thought the President will get well again.

Sep 2 – Dull and rainy all day. Wind northeast and some think rain. Made a “knife” box for wife of black walnut.

Sep 3 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town at 9 and carried butter at 23 cents per lb. John Grover says his potatoes are all rotting. The “Lancaster” is hauled into the stream to go Monday.

Sep 4 – Dull but not wet. Wife and Lizzie and Edie went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach about the atonement. I stayed at home to rest. Went to Grammy’s at 4. Abbie is unwell.

Sep 5 – Hot. Tomorrow is set apart to remove the sick President from Washington to “Long Branch”, New Jersey. Hoping a change of air will be the means of saving his life, he is so very low now.

Sep 6 – Cut bushes. This was what we called the “dark day”. Similar to the one they had in 1780 only not so dark. At Manchester at noon was darker than any other time. Chickens went to roost and some folks thought of judgement. (The **Thumb Fire** took place on September 5, 1881, in the Thumb area of Michigan. The fire, burned over a million acres in less than a day. The fire sent enough soot and ash up into the atmosphere that sunlight was partially obscured at many locations. In New England cities, the sky appeared yellow and projected a strange luminosity onto buildings and vegetation. Twilight appeared at 12 noon. September 6, 1881, became known as Yellow Tuesday or Yellow Day.)

Sep 7 – Hot as ever it has been this year, too much to work. Although had enough for a month. We swung in the hammock and got along well. Heard the President Garfield is improving at the sea.

Sep 8 – Hot as guns and garters, 94 in the shade. Cutting bushes in pasture where I had cut last year. I found I had killed ½ of them and hope one more year will finish them. Went to cemetery with wife at 5 and to town.

Sep 9 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for Abbie S. Clark shingling the “L” and mending roof of house. The shingles had been on 11 years and of sapling pine.

Sep 10 – Rainy in morning with signs of northeast storm. Jobbed round the place doing about 400 small jobs. Went to town at 3 and carried 1 ½ bushels of crab apples at 50 cents per bushel and butter at 25 cents lb. The President is better at Long Branch.

Sep 11 – Dull and rainy and did not go to church. Mr. Grover called at 9 and talked about matters in general. George Hayes baby is very sick with cholera infantum. (Cholera infantum was the name Benjamin Rush gave to the so-called summer diarrhea of infants and children).

Sep 12 – Rainy and dull most of the day. Worked for Abbie S. Clark laying floor in wood house.

Sep 13 – Went to town and got gutters and leaders for Abbie in the forenoon and after dinner went down and put them up to the back of the house and “L”. Got a barrel of flour at \$8.25.

Sep 14 – Stayed at home and done a little of everything. Wife with Lizzie and 20 others went to Salisbury Beach and Newburyport for a ride in 4 horse team.

Sep 15 – Began shingling for A.T. Walker and sons. It was dull but no rain came down. There is an immense amount of what is called mountain travel going to White Mountains and back.

Sep 16 – Worked for Walker and Sons shingling. The President is worse and worse and the case is doubtful.

Sep 17 – Pleasant as a rarity we have had a fine pleasant day. Worked for A.T. Walker shingling soap factory. The President is said to be very much worse and grave doubts are again felt that he will not get better.

Sep 18 – Pleasant and fair. There was no meeting at our church so did not go. At 12 wife and I went to ride to cemetery and round town and out as far as Winchester's and home.

Sep 19 – Worked for A.T. Walker and Son and finished shingling soap factory. President Garfield is very much worse today and the situation is very grave.

Sep 20 – Stayed at home and dug potatoes and killed 16 hens for Rockingham house. President Garfield died last night at 10:35 o'clock after 80 days of suffering since July 2nd when he was shot by the assassin. He has been going down ever since really.

Sep 21 – Went to town in morning with 47 lbs. poultry and 4 bushels of apples and got \$10.50 for all. Then at night carried 3 bushels of Bartlett pears at \$1.00 and pickles and corn for \$4.00.

Sep 22 – Went to town with fruit again and dug some potatoes. There is universal mourning over the loss of President Garfield. Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as President of the United States Tuesday morning in New York.

Sep 23 – Warm and pleasant. Finished digging potatoes today and done various other jobs. Am having a new pair of pants and vest costing \$5.00 being made.

Sep 24 – Dull and wet. Harrowed where raised potatoes and got it ready to sow the grass seed as I think it is the best time to put seed down. The funeral train with the dead President arrived at Cleveland today. Hauled wood and went to town.

Sep 25 – Dull and wet in forenoon and did not go to church. This is a Sunday of general observance of the death of President Garfield and sermons appropriate to his memory are to be preached from the pulpits.

Sep 26 – This day is set apart by President Arthur as one of mourning and burial of the remains of President Garfield at Cleveland, Ohio. Went to town hall to services.

Sep 27 – Stayed at home and cut bushes. President Garfield was buried at Cleveland afternoon today. He was suffering ever since he was shot on July 2nd. It appears he had been gradually failing ever since he was shot.

Sep 28 – Hot weather for the season. There has been mourning throughout this country and most of Europe ever since the President died and the sorrow has been universal. Mr. Garfield was held in very high esteem.

Sep 29 – Cutting second crop, pulling beans and sowing grass seed etc. I think that September of all the year is the best time to seed down the grass. President Arthur has called the U.S. Senate to meet October 10.

Sep 30 – Hot as guns and very muggy. Cut and burnt bushes all day and enjoyed it to see the flames lick up the rubbish. I have now got the small pasture nearly over. Shall rejoice to see them in ashes.

Oct 1 – Cut and burnt bushes in the forenoon, wife helping to burn. Then got in one load of second crop and went to town to get the news etc. This was one of the hottest and most disagreeable days of this season and the flies are thicker than ever.

Oct 2 – Dull and cool with wind north and some signs of storm. There was no meeting at our church so did not go anywhere. Stayed at home to rest and read and eat peaches, pears and grapes.

Oct 3 – Dull and wet. Went to the post office to see if a letter had come from Alfred Elwyn. Then Harrison Seavey came and wanted me to work for him and so went down after dinner and made a door to the carriage house.

Oct 4 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for Harrison Seavey putting new sill under the wood house. It came on cold at night very suddenly and by 9 it was all you could bear in full clothing.

Oct 5 – Awful cold for the season, 2 below freezing and there was ice in the troth and nearly all vegetation was frozen. Pears, peaches and grapes were frozen through. Worked all day getting ready for winter.

Oct 6 – Very cold this morning, 28 or 30 and everything is withered and frozen and full growth is stopped. All grapes are spoiled this region and many other crops. Peaches that were not ripe are spoiled.

Oct 7 – Mild and warm again as ever. Making elderberry wine, 5 gallons. After dinner killed hens for Rockingham House then went to town to get a load of coal of Russell and Odiorne.

Oct 8 – Very mild and pleasant and all is summer again in weather only. The vines and leaves are killed and the leaves are falling off. Went to town twice, once with poultry, 43 lbs. at 16 cents per. Then went and got a load of coal at \$5.75 per ton.

Oct 9 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon and came home at noon. James Hall and wife came down at 2.

Oct 10 – Mild and pleasant. Went to Boston this morning to see the “Old Mechanics Fair” on Huntington Avenue. It is a very extensive show of the kind. Their floor room covers 6 ¾ acres. They have samples of many things made in the hall.

Oct 11 – Stopped in Chelsea at Fannie Ayers last night and today saw Boston and visited the New England Institute Fair, also on Huntington Avenue. Saw the common and public garden etc. Came home at 3:15.

Oct 12 – Cool. Getting in apples and celery etc. and went to town to get ready to begin my job of building a barn for Alfred Elwyn.

Oct 13 – Mild and pleasant. Began framing barn for Alfred Elwyn this morning, Charles E. Trefethen helping. Warm for the season.

Oct 14 – Framing barn and got the main sills together and ready to level up for framing in sleepers.

Oct 15 – Dull. Worked on the barn ½ day. Came home at 2 and it being Saturday got ready for Sunday. Went to husking at George Leroy's.

Oct 16 – Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon about peace and brotherly love etc. Robert Locke's wife died last night. William Tucker was here at 2. (William Tucker is the son-in-law of George Leroy Trefethen.)(Robert's wife was Clarinda A. (Batchelder) and was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Batchelder.)

Oct 17 – Framing barn for Elwyn. Got the batten work framed and together, Charles E. Trefethen helping. Signs of a storm, wind northeast.

Oct 18 - Furious northeast rain storm. Went to town and out to the Plains to see the Whipple barn and came home and done about 500 small jobs.

Oct 19 – Framing posts. Wind northwest and nice working weather, got along very well. Potatoes \$1.00 per bushel, apples \$3.00 per barrel, butter 28 cents per lb. and eggs 24 cents per dozen.

Oct 20 – Framing. Cold in the morning, 28 but soon became warm and we got along well. At night went to Thomas Varrell's and got my heifer from pasture. She is very poor in flesh.

Oct 21 – Framing and getting along well. There was a centennial celebration of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown last Wednesday and a great display.

Oct 22 – Worked at framing barn for Elwyn, 3 hours in all and getting along very well. Warm and pleasant and good weather to work. Eggs have gone up to 30 cents and firm at that. Supreme Court is in session at Portsmouth.

Oct 23 – Mild, wind south. Went to church and heard Mr. Haines of North Hampton preach one sermon from Ephesians, chapter 4 and verse 14 in regard to the many doctrines. The Bible teaches the true doctrine he says.

Oct 24 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked at the Red House getting out window frames and finish etc. Charles E. helping. Joe Stoddard was husking at Elwyn's house. (Joe Stoddard had the farm on Elwyn Road next to Alfred Elwyn's place.)

Oct 25 – Fair and pleasant. Framing again.

Oct 26 – Framing barn for Elwyn.

Oct 27 – Worked at framing the barn, Charles E. helping. Cold and windy.

Oct 28 – Framing barn and fitting the work together and making rafter mold etc. Received of Mr. Elwyn \$75.00 on the work. He is going back to Philadelphia in the morning.

Oct 29 – Worked at framing in the forenoon and making window frames afternoon. Rain came down at 2. Mr. Elwyn went this morning at 4. We are getting most ready to get the sills on to raise. Paid Miss Sherburne \$72.00 for keeping school.

Oct 30 – Dull and rainy and did not go to church but Charles Drake, the other warden, came down and I paid him \$50.00 for ministers salary which I had collected last week.

Oct 31 – Rainy all day and we worked at making window frames, making pins and getting out finish. The wind was northwest most of the day but rain came down freely.

Nov 1 – Finished the framing today and got ready to move the frame to the cellar and put the main sills on. Went to town and got a load of shingles and joist.

Nov 2 – Put on all the lower flooring and put the sections together ready to raise tomorrow. Intending to put it up at 1 o'clock if we can get a gang. Rain came on at 4.

Nov 3 – Rainy all day with wind northeast and cool. Went to town and got coffee, cheese and biscuits etc. for a luncheon at the raising. Got 28 cents for butter.

Nov 4 – The storm still continues until 3. Worked on the plantation doing odd jobs that have been suffering to be done for some time. At night it cleared off, warm for the season.

Nov 5 – At last we have had a day for raising the barn and we got it up beginning at 1:30 and got the body up at 4. The barn is 50 by 41 feet and 17 foot posts. Charles E was too sick to help. Pay night.

Nov 6 – Mild and pleasant with south wind. Went to church and hear Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon for the benefit of the church etc. as today was Communion Day.

Nov 7 – Regulating the frame and boarding, got about 2/3 of the body of the building covered. There were 4 of us, William Foster helped today. There were signs of storm. Sent apples to be ground today. Eggs 30 cent per dozen.

Nov 8 – Rainy all day and stayed at home and had company, Joseph and wife, Eliza Ann and Jennie and Mrs. Gustin and daughter came to spend the day. We had clam chowder for dinner and did much talking.

Nov 9 – Boarding the barn and put up the collar beams and girders and got about ready to put on the rafters and build stagings round it. It was dull all day but not much rain. Emily Webster was down visiting. (Emily is John C. and Daniel C. Webster's sister living next to Ebenezer Lang on Lang's Corner.)

Nov 10 – Fair and northwest wind, mild for the season. Last night at 9 it was up to 60 and mud is plenty. We built a staging round the barn and put 9 pairs of the rafters etc. with 5 hands.

Nov 11 – Cool but not bad working weather. Finished putting up the rafters and boarded part of the gables and roof and got along very well. People are plowing and can do any farm work.

Nov 12 – “Morning Red brings the rain down on his head”. This was true of today for the morning was very red and at one it began to rain. We worked at boarding till noon then had to give it. Went to town at 10.

Nov 13 – Mild and pleasant and spring like. Went to church and heard a stranger from Greenland preach one sermon. At 3 wife and I went to see Sarah Davis at Emily Trafton's. She is very sick.

Nov 14 – Mild and pleasant. Finished boarding the roof and got about ready to begin shingling.

Nov 15 – Cool and squally and some rain. We worked all day. I went to town in morning and then put up gutter and began shingling back side and got up 1/3 of the way after 11 o clock.

Nov 16 – Mild and pleasant and a good day for shingling and we have got on side ¾ done; only 3 have worked today. The farmers have excellent weather for fall plowing and are improving it. Guiteau the assassin is on trial at Washington today.

Nov 17 – Mild and pleasant. Shingling the barn got the back side done and 11 courses on the front. Elegant weather, Indian summer or some other summer and we are improving it to the best advantage.

Nov 18 – Worked in the forenoon at shingling the barn then rain come down and we gave it up and came home. The indications are that it will clear up tonight but don't know.

Nov 19 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to town in the morning and it was cold and wet. After noon hauled apples to cider mill and ground them, to lay over till Monday.

Nov 20 – Cold and windy. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach from the text, "Give thanks". Came home at noon. Heard that Guiteau the assassin was shot last night in Washington but it is not confirmed.

Nov 21 – Dull but no rain. Worked at shingling and got well up with south side of the barn. Thanksgiving is coming and all are preparing for it. Guiteau was only shot at but not hurt so the trial will go on.

Nov 22 – Cold and windy. Finished shingling and boarding and got ready to put on the finish. Went to town and got some money and paid Foster and M. Gardner and discharged them.

Nov 23 – Cold all day and signs of snow and at night it came on. Went to town in morning and carried eggs, 15 dozen at 33 cents per dozen and bought house blanket. At night went up again and carried butter at 28 cents per lb.

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day and is quite mild with 2 inches of snow on the ground. Sharpened on horse and did other jobs around. We had a goose for dinner and cost 18 cents per lb. and gave thanks.

Nov 25 – Worked at getting out stock for the finish on the barn, also got window frames done. It was cold in the morning, 16 degrees with 2 inches of snow on the ground and did not thaw any in the road today.

Nov 26 – Pleasant and mild. Putting a finish front and back of barn. Went to town at 10 to get door stock, matched and planed. Also got Miss Sherburne's trunk.

Nov 27 – Cool and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from the text "Be courageous and work", then came home at noon. Miss Sherburne, the teacher, was here and went to church with us.

Nov 28 – This was the coldest of this season, 10 above. Worked on barn putting on the "returns" and got along well. Samuel Landon died last night at 10 of paralysis. The disease that

carries off very many nowadays. (Samuel Langdon was living next door to Alfred Elwyn's on Lafayette Road.)

Nov 29 – Putting finish on east end. Splendid day and we got along well and nobody got hurt. The snow is now nearly all gone and prospect of mild weather. Everybody hauling coal at \$5.50 per ton.

Nov 30 – Very mild and warm as summer and an elegant day to put the finished on the west end of the barn, got it most done. Went to town and eggs 31 cents and corn at 80 cents. Sarah Stoddard and her mother moved in the Red house today on Alfred Elwyn's property. (Sarah is the sister of Joseph E. Stoddard who has the farm next door to the Elwyn property on Rye road. Her mother is also Sarah.)

Dec 1 – Rainy all day. Worked at getting out finish and door stock etc. Wife went to the Odd Fellows time at the Odd Fellow's Hall in Portsmouth. Muddy traveling.

Dec 2 – Worked at finishing the barn. Put in lead pipes and shingled up part of "rakes" etc. Orders came from Elwyn for me to do the painting needed this fall as I offered for \$50.00. Wet and muddy.

Dec 3 – Mild and Dull most of the day. Finished shingling up the "rakes" and put on saddle boards and painted them and took down all stages from the roof and are now nearly done with outside finish. Truman S. Odiorne died this morning at 8 of dropsy. (Truman Seavey Odiorne was the son of William Seavey and Mary T. (Amazeen) Odiorne. He was 59 years old.)

Dec 4 – Dull. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from John, 16th and 4th verse. Signs of rain but none came down.

Dec 5 – Very mild and pleasant and muddy. Went to town and sold 3 barrels of old cider at 7 cents per gallon. Then went to the sea and got gravel for hens. Then went to town with butter and eggs at 30 cents and butter at 30 cents.

Dec 6 – Worked on the barn putting on moldings and painting, taking down staging etc. Mild for the season and has been no trouble about plowing any time this fall so far and there has been a very great amount done so far.

Dec 7 – Rainy all day, wind south and warm and muddy. Worked on the barn alone laying floors in bays, 2 boards double. Truman Odiorne was buried today, he was 59 years old.

Dec 8 – Worked on the barn casing door parts. Furious wind part of the day and it soon moderated down and cleared very mild for the season.

Dec 9 – Mild and pleasant. Worked on the barn putting on corner boards and conductions and getting out door stock etc. Went to town to get nails and door hinges etc. Eggs 30 cents and butter 30 cents.

Dec 10 – Cold and windy. Worked on the barn at making the large doors. Got the 4 large ones together and ready to hang on “Top Rollers”, Charles E. helping. Went to town and got track and other fixings for doors.

Dec 11 – This was the coldest morning, 8 above. Clear and not windy. Went to church and all the family and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from “Then Fool” in the parable.

Dec 12 – Mild and pleasant. Hanging large doors and got those in the east end hung and framed in the inner posts and girts and put in the sleepers and got ready for the other end.

Dec 13 – Worked all day round the west end doors, got them hung and framed in round them. The weather was very mild and like spring. People are plowing and harrowing.

Dec 14 – Rainy most of the day. Put on corner boards and conductors and painted most of the day. Very muddy traveling.

Dec 15 – Dull and cold. Worked on the barn making small window frames and doing 4000 other jobs. We were “chilly” and cold all day. The trial of Guiteau the assassin is still dragging along in court.

Dec 16 – Cold, 8 above. Worked on the barn putting in small windows and laying floor etc. Got the large windows ready to put in tomorrow. The traveling is very bad and rough.

Dec 17 – More mild and thawy. Put the windows in the gable ends of the barn, 3 in each gable and hung one of small doors and painted corner boards etc. Want to get it closed in to rest for Christmas.

Dec 18 – Mild and pleasant, wind south. Went to church and heard a man from Eliot preach one sermon, text “yet than shalt see the land before thee”.

Dec 19 – Worked on the barn making window frames over main doors. Good working weather and all are improving it.

Dec 20 – Worked on the barn doing all kinds of jobs and getting ready to close it up. This was one of the most pleasant days we could wish to see, mild as summer and as calm.

Dec 21 – Worked for Elwyn making storm door for Whipple House. Finished the outside of the barn except clapboarding today and put a lock on the door and shall suspend work for a time to do jobs at home.

Dec 22 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town and got flour for Grammy and got money from Elwyn. Very muddy traveling. The trial of the assassin still goes on at Washington. The medical experts are now on the stand. Eggs 30 cent per dozen.

Dec 23 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Done jobs in the barn, thrashed beans and winnowed them and had only 3 bushels. They are generally very scarce and high, \$3.50 per bushel. Christmas is coming and bare ground, fog was blowing at 9 pm.

Dec 24 – Cold north wind. Went to town with wife to market. Poultry was 17 to 20 cents per lb. and some extra nice 22 cents. Eggs were 22 cents and butter at 30 cents. The wheeling was very rough and hard. Got a present of a shovel from A.P. Wendell and Co.

Dec 25 – Very pleasant and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon about the birth of Christ the Savior. At night there was a union concert. We all went down to Grammy's till 7:30.

Dec 26 – Dull all day and it began to rain at 3. We all went over to Joseph's at 4 to spend the evening and celebrate Christmas, there were about 30 all tolled. The mud is deep and traveling bad.

Dec 27 – A regular northeast storm. It has rained continuously for the last 24 hours and at time quite fast. Altering window frames and making new ones with a view of remodeling the house, sometimes our ideas as to style of finish has been altered 2 or 3 times.

Dec 28 – The storm continues with northeast wind and rain all day. Went to town. Made window frames for house. When in town I noticed bay windows and find that no two are finished alike. Some are square and those I like best. (He would use this type of window on a few houses later on.)

Dec 29 – The storm still goes on and the wind has changed to southeast and rained all day. It is remarkable weather for the season being as mild as May and very like it. Mud is deep as spring. Jobbing round the plantation.

Dec 30 – The storm cleared off this morning after a week of nearly stormy May weather. Jobbing round and went to town to see how Bay windows are constructed and ordered windows. The trial of assassin is still dragging along.

Dec 31 – Mild as April. Hauling out manure around trees. Dressed about 100 trees of all kinds, apple, pears and cherries. It has been a very remarkable fall for all kinds of work. Farmers can do much of their work for spring now. Went to town is being very muddy traveling. Got a bad cold today. This closes the year 1881 and a very eventful one. Some say one of many accidents and other horrible things.

Memoranda

The year 1881 has been a very memorable one or one long to be remembered by the present generation. Among the most noted events that have papered has been the inauguration and assassination of President Garfield. He was sworn in March 4th (Friday, they say it was unlucky) and was thought to be the most popular president for many years and all seemed to be going well. Till he made an appointment of Custom House officer at New York. When a large element of the party opposed his confirmation by the senate. They warred and wrangled till the New York Senators resigned and after a time the collector was confirmed by the senate. This was near July and all of a sudden the President was shot on July 2nd in the depot at Washington. Then he lingered and suffered everything and finally death after 80 days of pain. The 19th of September and there was general mourning throughout the country. Then Mr. Arthur was sworn in as President, he being in New York at the time. (He afterwards took the oath of office in Washington). Then came the trial of Guiteau the assassin for the murder of President Garfield. Which continues on and on and has not ended on December 31 and we cannot tell how soon it may.

On the 11th of May a whale came ashore at Foss Beach near the harbor and attracted more attention than any other event for a long time previous. It was an attraction superior to anything Barnum ever got up. Drawing crowds from all parts of the state and from Maine and Massachusetts for a week. There were crowds went to see "Monster". It was 66 feet long and estimated to weigh 40 tons or more.

The "Dark Day" was September 6th when we were deceived of the time in the morning. At 7 it was as dark as usual at 5 and as time went on the darkness did not go but overhead all looked yellow and thick and blinding. The grass and leaves and all foliage was of the deepest green and the ground had a bluish cast. There was no indication of where the sun was and the old fog horn at Whales Back was blown most of the day to warn the sailors to beware of darkness. People could be heard talking at long distances. The atmosphere was hot and oppressive and the sweat would start on the least exertion. It was said that fowls refused to leave their roosts. Some places the schools were closed, it being too dark to study. In the cities gaslights were kept burning a day and they resembled electric lights. In Hartford, Connecticut it was much darker than here and the adventurers went about saying the day of "Judgement has come, prepare to repent it". It was full moon and when night came on it was about as bright as usual so we concluded the obstruction had got out of the way when the sun went down or went down with the sun. The general impression seems to be that the darkness was due to immense clouds of smoke floating the air at a great distance from the earth's surface. Enormous forest fires have for some time been raging in Canada and many smaller ones in New York and New England.

There was a grand celebration of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown 100 years ago, the 19th of October. In which there was a great display of the military from every state. More than 10,000 in all and a very fine naval show and a very large gathering of people from all parts of the country and also from France and Germany. Both nations sent representatives by request of our government because they helped our nation at the time to concur the English under Cornwallis. The descendants of Stuben and DeGrasse and Lafayette and others came over to participate in the ceremony. They were given receptions all over the country and were amazed to see the vast extent of our country and its resources.

In December the small pox is prevalent in many parts of the country and there is alarm felt in some places that it may become a general malady. One great trouble is with the post office officials who catch it by handling letters and in one place the post office has been closed on the account.

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Jan 1 – “Wish you Happy New Year”. Cool and signs of snow. Got cold and did not go to church but sent Lizzie and sat by the coal fire and read about the Guiteau trial at Washington. Charles came in at 6 and at 9 strong prospect of snow.

Jan 2 – Cold, snow came down all night and this morning was drifted badly. There was not much travel today, 2 or 3 sleighs went by. Shoveled snow and got ready to make my summer wood pile. Cut a very little. Got 25 eggs today worth 30 cent per dozen.

Jan 3 – Cold, 4 above in the morning. Shoveling snow and cutting and hauling wood for summer. At night went to Oliver Winslow’s and spent the evening. Very pleasant moon but not so good sleighing.

Jan 4 – This was the coldest morning of the season being about down to zero. So I was getting ready to resist the cold. Wound up the pump, leveled up the door stool etc. Went to town at 11:30 and got fish heads and turnips. There was a railroad accident on the B & M road at Wells.

Jan 5 – Cold, 2 below in the morning. Cutting and hauling wood most of the day. Cut one apple tree by the side of the road. Schurman and Howard called to get a schedule of a barn 40 x 50.

Jan 6 – Cutting wood in the forenoon and till 3 then went to town with 18 dozen eggs at 30 cents. Gave 75 cents for a bushel of corn. Have got 70 hens and get 25 eggs a day. Butter is worth 30 cents per lb. Snow came on at 5 lightly.

Jan 7 – Mild and pleasant. It rained last night after snowing a little. Sharp shod 2 horses this morning and made a schedule of barn frame for Schurman. Went to town with wife in sleigh but it was not good traveling. Some went in wagons.

Jan 8 – Dull and rain came on at 3. Went to church and heard Mr. Robie of Greenland preach one sermon. Heard that Mrs. Sarah Davis is dead and buried last week.

Jan 9 – Mild and pleasant and like spring. Went to the sea and got a load of gravel and some mussels and repaired round the door etc.

Jan 10 – Cutting and hauling mill logs to Grover's mill. Hauled 5 loads, John O. Berry helping. George Leroy's son Fred Trefethen hauled the logs with oxen, a good day's work. Wife and Lizzie went to town to dentist. 28 eggs.

Jan 11 – Snow and rain all day, wind south. Worked in the shop sawing out stock for bay window frames. There was to be an old folk's supper at town hall but put off on account of storm. Fishing schooner ashore at Dow's Point.

Jan 12 – Went to town in forenoon and it was nice sleighing. Got a peck of clams for chowder to carry to town hall tonight to the Old Folk's supper. Eggs 30 cents. There were about 500 at the hall, too many for comfort.

Jan 13 – Hauled wood in forenoon. It began to snow and worked in shop getting out stock for bay window frames. It stormed furiously all the afternoon. They were expecting to get the schooner off the beach at Dow's today.

Jan 14 – Fair and pleasant. We now have snow enough for good driving and all seems to be inclined to use it. My lumber is all sawed and I hauled 3 loads home. Went to town with wife at 1. There were many standing round up there for want of employment. Eggs 27 cents.

Jan 15 – Cool and pleasant. Did not go to church today but sat by the fire, Lizzie went. There was much riding today for pleasure etc.

Jan 16 – Mild and pleasant, thawing all day. Hauled lumber from the saw mill and got all home that was sawed. It was elegant sleighing and many have improved it. They got the schooner off this morning at 8. She was towed to town. Charles W. Rand's wife Ella and child came over after dinner. (Charles Wallis and Ella M. (Parker) Rand had 2 girls at this time, Susie Parker and Helen M. Also one son George Jenks.)

Jan 17 – Cold, snow storm all the forenoon then cleared off and blew from northwest and coldness came upon the earth. Making bay window framing in shop and got stock out for 8 windows. There was not much travel today, blustery.

Jan 18 – Cut wood all the forenoon. This was the coldest morning of the year, 8 below at sunrise. Went to town after dinner. Sold eggs at 25 cents and got fish heads and grain.

Jan 19 – Mild and pleasant. Hauled wood till 3 pm. then went to town with wife, Elegant sleighing. Heard that Frank Hilton of the Rockingham died this afternoon at 4. The trial of the assassin is still going on. This was the 49th day.

Jan 20 – Cool and dull and some snow. Hauled on load wood from lower pasture and in afternoon John O. Berry came up and helped me cut in the pasture by John Varrell's. Wife and children went to the post office and made calls etc.

Jan 21 – Hauled logs to mill from Varrell lot, 5 loads and one load wood home, good sledding. Perkins is clearing the ice pond of snow. Went to town with wife at 2 and snow came on. Got corn and meal for 75 cents. Eggs 22 cents.

Jan 22 – Pleasant again, about 2 inches of snow fell last night. Went to church and heard Mr. Cutler of Hampton preach one sermon from John, 8-22. Good sleighing. Heard that Morris A. Drake is coming back to Rye soon.

Jan 23 – The coldest morning yet with the wind blowing, 4 below with high northwester. All we could do to keep warm, no communication with anybody, no travel at night. Colder came on more severe, it was 10 below at 9 am.

Jan 24 – Colder than ever, 16 below this morning. The wind was so strong that the cold was forced into the buildings and the animals were very cold. The hens have felt it badly, 26 eggs.

Jan 25 – Cold, 12 below in the morning but the wind has gone down and by night it was quite mild considerably. Went to town and sold eggs for 24 cents and bought grain and fish. Snow came on at 7 pm. Hauled wood etc.

Jan 26 – Mild and soft and rain. Worked in shop on door frame. News came that the assassin Guiteau was convicted of murder of President Garfield and it gives general satisfaction. Collected money for the minister at night.

Jan 27 – High wind and thawing and carrying the sleighing off. Worked in shop making sash over front door. Went to town and got news of the verdict, the arguments and charge etc.

Jan 28 – Cold and signs of storm. Hauled lumber from mill and wood etc. Went to town with wife at 1. Heard that T.D. Wilson is appointed chief of Bureau of Construction and Repair. Paid Odd Fellows Dues. Eggs 22 cents and meal 75 cents.

Jan 29 – Cold and blustery with wind northwest. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Job, “All that a man hath will he give for his life”. Paid Charles Drake \$50.00 for minister.

Jan 30 – Cold. Cut cherry tree in lower field and hauled the butt to mill and got some pine that was sawed.

Jan 31 – Cutting and hauling wood. Went to town after dinner, eggs 21 cents. Signs of snow. Sold 1 ½ bushels of apples at \$1.13 per bushel. Elegant sleighing. They are hauling ice for Perkins.

Feb 1 – Heavy snow storm last night, about 10 inches of snow fell. Went over to see Elwyn but he was gone to town in the afternoon and evening. Were over visiting Ann and Mary and saw Oren Drake and wife Izette.

Feb 2 – Worked in shop getting out door stool etc. At 3 went to the sea to see the wreck of schooner “Water Spirit”. She is badly stove and insured in Gloucester.

Feb 3 – Pleasant all day. Yesterday was Candlemas Day and fair and bright. Went to town with wife at 12:30 and got news, cap and frock. Worked in shop.

Feb 4 – Working in shop getting out finish. It was cold and dull all day and at 4 snow came down furiously. Intended to go to town but snow prevented. The ice harvest is going on.

Feb 5 – The storm continues all night furiously and at 9 this morning we had a foot added to the snow level. The roads are blocked with drifts and there was not one team went by today.

Feb 6 – Fair and cold and brisk northwest wind. Broke out the highway all the forenoon. There were two teams, one of horses and one of oxen, 5 yoke but it blew in badly after we went through.

Feb 7 – Cold and blustery and bad traveling. Went to town and got grain and fish for hens. Meal 75 cents per bushel and eggs 22 cents per dozen. There was great quantities of snow all round Boston, 2 feet, some places had 30 inches.

Feb 8 – Very pleasant and mild. We have now more than 2 feet of snow but very good traveling. Worked in shop. Went to town and got barrel of flour at \$9.00. At night went to town to Odd Fellows entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall with wife.

Feb 9 – Mild and pleasant in forenoon. Worked in shop all day. Teams have been hauling ice all from Foye's Pond to Jenness Marden's ice house. Snow came on at 5:30 and going on at 9.

Feb 10 – Snow continued all night and until 3 pm. Worked in shop getting out finish. Joseph Seavey came and said the Odd Fellows were going to have their entertainment tonight at Town Hall at 7 o'clock.

Feb 11 – Went to Town Hall last night and stayed till 5 o'clock this morning. The snow drifted in so badly we could not get through till the moon came up. Had a good time.

Feb 12 – Pleasant and mild and very good traveling. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon then came home at noon and at night went to the Sunday school concert but there was not a full house.

Feb 13 – Mild and thawing with wind south and snow settling very fast. Teams hauling ice past here to Widow Jenness Marden. Cut wood all day for summer, at 4 rains came down and we gathered round the fire to read.

Feb 14 – Dull in morning then cleared off. Cut wood in forenoon then went to town with wife to market. Sold apples at 75 cents per bushel and eggs at 25 cents per dozen.

Feb 15 – Mild and pleasant. Cutting wood for summer. The snow is giving away quite fast. Congress is discussing the question of rebuilding the navy and are devising ways and means to that and it is hoped there will soon be work at the yard.

Feb 16 – Mild and pleasant and thawing. The snow dissolving away into water. Went to town with boards to get planed, 220 feet – 80 cents. Went to Augustus Rand's and got 3 bushels for potatoes for \$3.00. (Augustus Y. Rand is living on Washington road by Long John road.)

Feb 17 – Mild and thawing till 4 then came off cold and windy. Went to town at 2 and got grain and fish for hens. Eggs at 25 cents and meal at 72 ½ cents. Congress has decided the number of representatives at 325. New Hampshire loses 1 and we now have 3.

Feb 18 – Cold and windy, 8 above. Cut and hauled 4 logs to mill and hauled 4 loads wood home for winter next. Went to town with wife at 4 to get grain. She called at Brackett's and Mrs. Newell's. Nothing particularly new going, bad sleighing.

Feb 19 – Cold, 12 above. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Ecclesiastes, 3rd chapter verse 6. "Wisdom is better than Strength". Snow came down slowly. Went down to Grammy's at 5.

Feb 20 – Pleasant and rather a nice day for winter. Jobbed round in forenoon. In the afternoon went over and worked in Elwyn's new barn laying floor. Wife went to her Aunt Mary's.

Feb 21 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and it was furious. Worked in the shop at getting out house finish. There was but little traveling. It was a good day to hover round the fire.

Feb 22 – Cold and windy. There was 10 inches of snow fell yesterday and last night and we had much shoveling. Went to town at 11 and sold eggs at 26 cents. It was Washington's Birthday and stores closed. Bells rung and salutes fired.

Feb 23 – Cold in the morning but soon became more mild. Worked on the barn laying main floor, got it $\frac{3}{4}$ done. The sleighing is improving. It is said Charles Willey is very low with consumption.

Feb 24 – Cold. Worked on the barn laying floor and finished the main floor and began to lay over the "ties". It is good weather for this business. Elwyn is having 100 cords of wood cut. The school is to keep another week.

Feb 25 – Pleasant and good sleighing. Cutting wood etc. in the forenoon. Daniel Trefethen Jr. was here and he came yesterday from Amesbury. He went to town with wife and to go back tonight. T.D. Wilson was confirmed as Chief of the Bureau of Construction, the 24th.

Feb 26 – Mild and pleasant and good sleighing and everybody improves it. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from "The love of money is the root of all evil". Miss Sherburne was up.

Feb 27 – Mild and pleasant. Worked on Elwyn's barn laying floor over ties. Elwyn is having 100 cords of wood cut off this winter. Charles Stockbridge and others are cutting. Dry pine is worth \$4.50 on the pasture.

Feb 28 – Worked on Elwyn's barn laying floor and fixing doors. At night went to the Odd Fellows time at the town hall. There were about 300 in all including ladies and we had a good time and oyster supper.

Mar 1 – Mild and soft. Went to town with eggs and got 24 cents. Got $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel of flour for Grammy at \$9.00 per barrel. Potatoes are \$1.00 per bushel. Charles Willey was buried today. Warren Keen's daughter Carrie died yesterday of consumption. (Charles E. Willey died on Feb. 26th at 31 years old of consumption.)(Carrie May Keen was 20 years old.)

Mar 2 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked in shop making the scuttle for house. There was but little traveling today. The sleighing is about done to for the present and we shall have to go on wheels again. (Scuttle – a unit to hold coal for the fire).

Mar 3 – Pleasant and mild and thawy. Worked on barn and went in sleigh but it was about all bare ground and shall go on wheels tomorrow if I go. John S. Remick's daughter Etta Y. became insane last Monday.

Mar 4 – High northwest wind and squally. Worked on the barn laying floors. Went to town at 10 till noon, bad wheeling. Eggs 20 cents today and potatoes \$1.00. We have 70 hens this winter having lost 5 in the fall.

Mar 5 – Mild and pleasant but muddy traveling. We all went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from the song of Solomon, "Eat my friends. They are to have bread and wine this afternoon".

Mar 6 – Rainy all day and wind south. Worked on barn laying horse house floor. Heard that Albert R. Nash, lawyer is dead of consumption. Also Captain Gerrish has lost a young son. Eggs 18 cents and got 43.

Mar 7 – Worked on the barn. We have a great deal of cloudy weather this year so far and also a great deal of rain and snow and fog and so on.

Mar 8 – Cold and windy in the morning. Put up notice for school meeting to be held the 25th. Then went to work on the barn laying floors etc. Samuel Caswell died today of Dropsy. (Samuel died of kidney failure at 67 years old and was living on Washington Road near the corner of Brackett Road.)

Mar 9 – Fair in forenoon. Went to town with wife to market. Sold eggs at 20 cents per dozen and apples at 75 cents per bushel, No2. Heard that David D. Badger is very sick with heart disease.

Mar 10 – Dull and wet. Worked on the barn laying floor in "tie". There is a great talk about a Rye Beach railroad and it is said that surveyors are at work at the south end.

Mar 11 – Cool and pleasant. There was about an inch of snow on the ground but soon went off. Went to town at 3. At night there was an exhibition at the school house and we all went. Miss Sherburne is teacher and had a good time.

Mar 12 – Dull, rain came on at noon. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon and came home at noon in storm, Abbie came with us. Heard that Daniel Philbrick dies. Miss Sherburne stayed for dinner. (Daniel died of consumption and was 76 years old. He was a farmer and fisherman.)

Mar 13 – Cold and windy and very disagreeable and bad wheeling. Worked on barn laying "tie" floor and making "traps" etc. Went to town at noon to get medicine for Edie.

Mar 14 – Cold and windy and rough traveling. This was Election Day but our selectmen put up a defective warrant and there was no meeting. The warrant was not “attested” to as it should have been so there is to be a new warrant posted.

Mar 15 – Cold and windy. Sawing wood for winter, John O. Berry helping. At night went to town to pay off Odd Fellows Lodge meeting. Thomas J. Varrell was initiated and also a man from Portsmouth. Daniel Philbrick was buried today, age 76.

Mar 16 – Cold. Sawing wood, John O. Berry helping. Got it all sawed and tomorrow expect to split and pile it. Went to town at night and carried eggs at 18 cents, corn at \$1.60 per bag. The railroad surveyors got in to town tonight.

Mar 17 – Pleasant. John and I got the wood all split and piled and we had to work diligently to get through. The surveyor for the new railroad got through to town yesterday; they crossed the road at the south end of Sagamore Bridge.

Mar 18 – Cold and windy. Cleared up the wood pile etc. Went to town at 2 with Lizzie and got fish for the hens. Eggs 16 cents. The news was meager, everybody were in out of the cold wind. It is very dull they say in Portsmouth, 100 houses to let.

Mar 19 – Dull most of the day and did not go to church but rested at home. All have colds but myself and they all kept near the coal fire, but few went to church. Wrote to David Trefethen. (David is a cousin and the son of his uncle, Sebastian J. Trefethen.)

Mar 20 – Cold and windy. Worked on the barn laying “tie” floor. The spring heat does not seem to come on so fast as we would desire being damp. Chilly and wet and not a brilliant prospect for plowing yet.

Mar 21 – Dull and chilly. Worked in barn laying floor and finished, ready for bedding plank. Went to town and got the news and made an effort to get on the yard. The first of April, it is said, there will be some go on.

Mar 22 – Worked on Elwyn’s barn making “Trap Doors” etc. More snow came down tonight but it is bad and muddy traveling. Farmers are hauling seaweed etc.

Mar 23 – Cold and windy. Worked on the barn. Went to town at noon and got the news but there is nothing. Starting today Congress is talking about building a new navy and have got a bill up to build 6 steel cruisers of large size.

Mar 24 – Cold for the season and very backward. We had hoped this season would be early, there being no frost in the ground but the frost hold on and cold increases, 14 above this

morning. Worked on the barn and this is a good job for me now. Mrs. Downes is dead. (She was Elizabeth Parsons (Foss) Downs and was 72 years old.)

Mar 25 – Cold with high northwest wind. Worked on Elwyns barn and at noon went to town to get the news etc. At night went to school meeting and Emery Woodman was chosen to the committee in my stead.

Mar 26 – Cold, only 12 above. Went to church and heard Mr. Kingsbury preach one sermon from Lamentations. Collected some money for minister. I hope tomorrow night to get rid of my job as warden at the annual meeting. I had rather be excused from such duty.

Mar 27 – Dull and wet. Stayed at home, shod horses etc. Planted more potatoes in boxes. I now have 9 boxes planted, about 400 hills. Some are up and growing well but I do not expect to set them out until May 6th. Mrs. Downs buried today. (She is buried in the Harmony Grove Cemetery.)

Mar 28 – Cold and windy. Worked on the barn inside. Last night went to the society meeting and they chose new wardens, instead of Charles Drake and myself but they were not there.

Mar 29 – Worked on the barn inside. Last night we went to the town hall to the last Martha Washington for the season. They had a good entertainment. Lizzie was in Dialogue and Doctors and Edith said her piece “5 o clock in the morning”.

Mar 30 – Cold and rough. This was Election Day and the meeting was called by a justice of the peace. The south school district tried to get more than 1/4 of the school money but failed.

Mar 31 – Cold and windy all day and freezing. Worked on the barn, March gives out like a lion. There is a prospect of planting. Eggs at 14 cents, got 47.

Apr 1 – Dull and cold and at 2 snow came down furiously. Worked on the barn. Went to town at noon. They say it is very dull in town and many are moving out to other cities for work etc.

Apr 2 – Mild, south wind and salubrious. Did not go to church. Lizzie and Edith went in the wagon and it was muddy traveling. David Jenness’s wife is sick. At 3:30 the wife and I went over to Joseph’s to call. Oliver Trefethen and wife Sarah were there.

Apr 3 – Southeast wind, cool and chilly. Hewing and clearing up the lane, Jenness aided. Got a bad cold and at 4 had to give up and sit by the fire. Eggs at 14 cents, corn at \$1.85 per bag.

Apr 4 – Sick with a cold and kept housed most of the day. Strong west wind. The selectmen were taking inventory. The snow is fast going away and there will be plowing done.

Apr 5 – Better today and began to build a new privy by the wood house. At 2 went to town and carried eggs at 17 cents. They are getting ready for Easter Sunday. Abbie went with me to town, corn \$1.75 per bag.

Apr 6 – Chilly with southeast wind. Worked on privy all day and got it up and boarded and mostly shingled. My cold is better. Wife went over to help William Ayres paper. William Ira Holmes was down in the evening.

Apr 7 – Fast Day. Dull and wet all day. Worked on privy and finished shingling and laid floors. Very little driving. Wife and Lizzie making a rug. Lewis Odiorne was over and got a bush scythe. Fast Day appointed by Governor Bell. (Lewis E. Odiorne is living on Wallis road.)

Apr 8 – Mild. Worked on privy till 3 then went to town with wife. Called at Clara Rayne's. Carried eggs at 17 cents, 15 dozen, corn 88 cent per bushel.

Apr 9 – Went to church and heard Mr. Robie preach one sermon from Colossians, 3rd chapter and verse 1. Came home at noon and called to see Emily Webster. She was dizzy headed. James Hall and wife Martha called at 4.

Apr 10 – Last night went to Easter service at Christian Church. Cold. Worked on privy all day and got outside done. There is not much being done towards planting. Some are plowing a little but no planting done yet. It is freezing cold at night.

Apr 11 – Cold in the morning, 24. Put 5 barrels of ashes on the grass. Went to town at 9:30 and got oysters etc. Got ½ pint "American Wonder Pea". Hauled out manure on garden. Got one bushel of potatoes from Grover and paid \$1.00.

Apr 12 – Cold in the morning with northwest wind. Hauled out more manure and got ready to plow. Hauled 2 loads of sand on the garden to plow in. At night went to town to Odd Fellows meeting.

Apr 13 – Cool and pleasant. Plowed garden and sowed onion seed and planted some "American Wonder Peas" and got ready to set out some potatoes and onions. The ground is very dry but cold. There is no trouble about plowing.

Apr 14 – Cool morning. Planted some more peas and sowed some beet seeds. Then hauled 3 loads of sand and put some on the onion bed top. At night went to cemetery with wife to manure Clara's lot. The roads are very rough but dry.

Apr 15 – More pleasant and mild. Jobbing round till 10 then went to town with wife to market and sold eggs at 16 cents per, apples 90 cents per bushel. All complain of dull times. At 3 went to the sea and got gravel and mussels to eat.

Apr 16 – Mild and pleasant and very dry. Went to church with all the family and heard a Mr. Lane preach a good sermon on “Thy Kingdom Come”. He was liked by all. The ground is very dry and dusty.

Apr 17 – Hauled out manure for potatoes, loads in forenoon. Took down old pig’s yard fence. In the afternoon plowed in the thirds for early potatoes and about 400 other things. Orin Foye’s wife Sarah called for an hour or two. The ground is very dry.

Apr 18 – Worked an hour on the road. Then went to town at 10 and got Clara Raynes and Ruth to spend the day. The Farragut House at the beach was burned last night at 1. Loss \$50,000.00. We went over to see the ruins.

Apr 19 – Hauled out manure in thirds and harrowed and set out onions to raise the “top onions sets”. Planted cucumbers and sowed beets. Planted half a bushel of “Early Hebron Potatoes”. Got them off Jenness Rand for 50 cents. Maud Trefethen and Lizzie Rand were here. (Maud is the daughter of John Ichabod Trefethen from Newington.)

Apr 20 – Dull in the morning. We had a good rain last night. Worked on the shed and privy putting on latches. Went to the sea and got a load of sand. In the afternoon Fred Trefethen came down and plowed for me for potatoes, 3/8 acre. We turned it over well. William Ira Holmes came at night and brought a rose bush.

Apr 21 – Cold. Grafted some this morning. Then changed carts and loaded a load of hay and hauled to Russell Brothers, 1475 lbs. at \$17.00 per ton. Bad wheeling and got home at 4:30. Cleaned up in the garden.

Apr 22 – Cold and windy. Painted gate below the house, then pruned apple trees and harrowed for potatoes. At 3 went to town with wife and carried 20 ½ dozen eggs at 16 cents per. We had a calf come along yesterday afternoon.

Apr 23 – Freezing cold this morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Haynes preach from Colossians, 3rd chapter about “Gods Elect” saying those who belong to church are God’s elect. At 4 went to Elwyn’s with wife and called to Aunt Mary’s.

Apr 24 – Cold and windy this morning, 24 degrees. Planting potatoes down in the lower field and bought potatoes from Jenness Rand, 1 pack of Early Hebron and Early Rose.

Apr 25 – Cold in the morning, 28 degrees. Grafting in forenoon and after dinner hauled a load of hay to Russell and Odiorne to pay for coal. Last night went to the society meeting in the vestry.

Apr 26 – Hay \$17.00 per ton. Setting bar posts etc. till 10 then Lizzie and I and Abbie went to town and carried 16 ½ dozen eggs at 17 cent per. Meal was \$1.90 per bag. Worked on the new

privy. Wife and babies went over to see Fannie Ayers. (Henry W. and Fannie Ayres are living with Mary Rand on Brackett road between Clark road and Wallis road.)

Apr 27 – Went to town with boards to be planed and got back at 10, then worked on the privy. A regular northeast rain storm came on at 12. Joseph William Odiorne is going to build a new cistern. (Joseph W. Odiorne is Herman O. Trefethen's father-in-law.)

Apr 28 – The storm continued all night and this morning there was snow on the ground. Worked all day on the new privy and got it well along. There is said to be a town meeting call to vote to exempt the Farragut property from taxation if they will rebuild.

Apr 29 – Dull in the morning but cleared off at 9 and quite warm and the grass now looks green and I think vegetation will start. Finished the privy today and painted it and got the waiting room done. Went to town at 3:30 with wife and carried eggs at 16 cents per dozen.

Apr 30 – Chilly and damp. Did not go to church. This ended Mr. Kingsbury's last Sunday of his term. Lizzie and Edith went today and there was nothing new. Went over to view the pasture with wife. John C. Webster called at night.

May 1 – Heavy frost this morning then a nice day and more mild. Worked all day at grafting and pruning. Set winter russets and sweet greenings and Baldwin and a few of the "man apple". Mrs. Warren Seavey is very sick and also Joseph Rand.

May 2 – Cool in the morning. Painted gate in front of the house and made grape trellis by pig's pen. Took down the old privy and cleaned out the vault partly etc. We had high snow squalls in the afternoon. At night it came off cold with northwest wind.

May 3 – More mild. Filled up the old privy vault and built fence. Went to town at 10:30 with Lizzie and sold eggs at 15 cents. Bought 7 trees and set them out, 4 Baldwin apple and 2 pears, 1 Belle peach, 1 Seckle pear, and 1 "Glout Marceau pear". I still want more to set out.

May 4 – Strong southwest wind. Jobbing round till 10 then loaded hay and hauled to Russell Brothers. Bought a barrel of flour for \$9.00 and got home at 3:30. Cleared up where the old pig's yard was. Mrs. Warren Seavey died last night of Pneumonia. (William Warren Seavey's wife was Hannah M. (Jewell) Seavey living on Pioneer Road by Foye's Corner.)

May 5 – Went to town with 2 loads of hay, one to Russell and Odiorne and one to Randall and Caswell. Then loaded the 3rd. They all cry out with a loud voice in Portsmouth that it is awful dull.

May 6 – Freezing cold this morning and ice formed 3/8 thick in the troth. Hauled small load of hay to town to Sam Widden in the morning. Then went to Mrs. Warren Seavey's funeral at 2. She was 73 years old. Went to town with wife at 4:30.

May 7 – Cool and chilly. Went to church and heard a man from Andover preach one sermon from Exodus, "And God hardened Pharaoh's heart, Pharaoh hardened his own heart". He had a very interesting sermon and all liked him. I did not hear his last name.

May 8 – Frosty this morning but soon became warm and spring like. Harrowed and hauled out manure and planted some sweet corn and hoed peas etc. After dinner wife and I raked bushes in the pasture and burned them. At 6 went to the sea to get mussels, Edith and Lizzie went.

May 9 – We had a nice rain last night and warm today. Worked to repairing cart most of the day. Burnt the brush pile in the lane. Sold calf to Charles Brackett's son for \$6.50.

May 10 – More mild. Got ready and set out my early potatoes in about 400 hills. Put a good quantity of hen manure under them to force them. Some plants had new potatoes on them as large as pens. Lizzie and I went to town.

May 11 – Cold north wind. Worked all day for Abbie laying floor in barn. There was a town meeting to see if they would exempt Frank Philbrick from taxation but they voted to lay it on the table. They chose a committee to select a town funeral lot.

May 12 – Cold with northeast storm. Worked ¼ day for Abbie, then jobbing round the house. Went to town at 3 and carried eggs at 17 cents. Got a barrel of flour for Grammy at \$9.00. Lord Cavendish and Burke were murdered in Ireland yesterday.

May 13 – The cold northeast storm continues all day. Went to town at 9 and got corn meal at 95 cents per bin. Shod horse and many other jobs after dinner. This storm resembles the "Whale Storm" of last year. The buds are just swelling on the apple trees.

May 14 – Dull and stormy and did not go to church but had a day of rest and sleep and read the news etc. At 4:30 went over to see Fannie Ayers and baby Harry Wilbur. Rain came on from the east.

May 15 – Dull, cold and stormy. Jobbing round in forenoon. Afternoon I took the ledge out of the path for Grammy. Cold at night, 40 degrees.

May 16 – Almost freezing cold this morning and cut my potatoes off as usual. Grafting in the forenoon. Went down to the sea and got seaweed and some mussels. Hauled a load of loam for bank. Lizzie and Abbie went to town at night.

May 17 – Hauled loam and made banks at the east end of the house. Went to town at 1 with wife and carried eggs at 18 cents and butter at 28 cents. More pleasant and mild but none too warm.

May 18 – Cold and cloudy and wind from the north about 40. Hauled loam round the house in the forenoon. Afternoon hauled a load of seaweed for cabbages. Set out Hackmatack tree. (Hackmatack is a poplar tree of northeastern North America with broad heart-shaped leaves).

May 19 – Dull and cold north wind. Nothing can grow except grass and that but very little. Clearing up round till 9 then hauled a load of seaweed. Hauled out 3 loads of manure for the cabbages and put up wall etc. Nathan's Circus was in town today.

May 20 – Pasturing time but there is not much feed it is so cold. Dull and wet most of the day. Altered the horse stall so as to feed down to the floor as all horses ought to be fed. Righted the gate post etc. Went to town at 2:30 with Lizzie and carried eggs at 18 cents. Rainy at 8 pm.

May 21 – Dull and showery but very much warmer. Went to church and heard a student from Andover preach one sermon from Kings about Elijah's bravery. It being dull there was not a full house.

May 22 – More mild and spring like. Plowed a small piece for cabbages and cucumbers. Put up fence round pasture and planted corn and beans. At 3 went up to see Charles Drake and agreed to go to work for him the 24th. Henry William Ayers and wife Fannie were here and baby Harry Wilber.

May 23 – Northeast rain storm and cold. Getting my tools ready to go to Charles Drakes tomorrow. Went to town at 4:30 and carried butter and eggs. Cold enough for a great coat.

May 24 – Fair and bright and warmer. Worked for Charles A. Drake at framing building, Charles E. Trefethen helping. (Charles A. Drake was living on Lafayette Road near Washington Road.)

May 25 – Dull all day and signs of rain. Worked of Charles A. Drake framing. It is too cold for the growth of vegetation. We have got 2 lame horses. "Dexter" is better. Eliza and Jennie were over at night. (Eliza and Jennie were Samuel A. Trefethen's wife and daughter.)

May 26 – More mild and we hope to have growing weather now. Worked for Charles A. Drake framing and rode with Charles E. Trefethen. Our peach trees are nearly all killed by winter. There will be a fair amount of apple blossoms.

May 27 – Worked for Drake and have got the building about ready to raise. There was a town meeting to see if the town would buy burying ground but it was "laid on the table".

May 28 – We had a warm rain last night and it cleared off warm and pleasant. Did not go to church because both horses were lame and would not walk. Lizzie went and said they had a new minister. There was much riding today.

May 29 – Dull in the forenoon and some rain. Worked for Drake getting out finish in the forenoon. Then put on sills and finished framing and have got ready to raise and shall put it up as soon as I can.

May 30 – Memorial Day and it was a very nice one. Went to town with wife and sold butter and eggs and bought pansies and set them out in Clara's grave. Hoed the garden etc. Horses are better.

May 31 – Worked for Drake and raised and mostly boarded the body of the building. It was a nice day and we got along well. Both of my horses are still lame.

Jun 1 – Dull and rainy all day and we worked in the barn getting out finish and getting ready to put it on. The heifer "Little Deb" calved today. She is part Jersey.

Jun 2 – Worked for Drake and put the roof on the building and partly boarded it. At night borrowed a horse of Jack Hodgdon.

Jun 3 – Worked for Charles Drake $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. Went to town at 9:30 and saw Frink Showery. In the afternoon good growing weather. Finished boarding and put on the gutters, ready to shingle.

Jun 4 – Dull and rainy all day and at night a brisk shower. Did not go to church but had a day of rest. The apple blossom buds are just opening, very late. There will be a good deal of blight.

Jun 5 – Worked for Drake and began shingling. Got one side up and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the other. My horses are both still lame but getting better.

Jun 6 – Worked for Drake putting on the finish to the building. Good weather for vegetation. Eggs have gone up to 20 cent per dozen.

Jun 7 – Worked for Drake putting on the finish and got it on sides and one end. Everybody is hoeing and killing weeds.

Jun 8 – Worked for Drake and began getting out stock for Bay window. Very hot and good growing weather. There is a large amount of apple blight.

Jun 9 – Worked for Drake getting out stock for Bay window. Wife and Lizzie papered the dining room yesterday with dark paper and very pretty.

Jun 10 – Pleasant and good growing weather. Worked for Drake and finished getting out the outside finish. Went to town at night with wife and carried eggs at 20 cents and butter at 25 cent per lb.

Jun 11 – Went to church and heard a Mr. Lane preach one sermon and came home at noon. Mr. Lear from Portsmouth called on his way to Rye Harbor.

Jun 12 – Worked for Drake and took down the porch and boarded up and put up frame of Bay window. Good growing weather and everyone is hoeing. Potatoes grow very fast. Cultivated potatoes to be hoed for the 2nd time.

Jun 13 – Worked for Drake all day on Bay window and got the window hung and got on part of the finish. Wife and Lizzie went to cemetery to trim out where Clara is buried.

Jun 14 – Worked for Drake getting out and putting on outside finish etc. Apple blossoms are falling off. It is hoped there will be some apples. All the other fruit will be scarce.

Jun 15 – Worked for Drake putting on outside finish and put in windows. This was the hottest day of the season.

Jun 16 – Worked for Drake finishing round the Bay window. Got all the finish on outside and mended up the clapboarding. The job seems to give satisfaction.

Jun 17 - Worked for Drake putting on finish etc. Good weather and not so hot as yesterday. Everybody is hoeing. My horses are better. Went to town at night with wife.

Jun 18 – Dull and wet and did not go to church but had a day of rest.

Jun 19 - Worked for Drake and finished Bay window and began to plan for privy.

Jun 20 - Worked for Drake on privy all day and framing and boarding.

Jun 21 – Went to Boston today and started at 4:05 in the morning. It was cool and comfortable and had a chance to see things in general. Lizzie carried me to the station, got back at 6:40.

Jun 22 - Worked for Drake on privy and got it well along. It seems as if vegetation never did grow quite so fast before.

Jun 23 - Worked for Drake and finished privy and began to finish the east end of the new building. All are hoeing with determination.

Jun 24 - Worked for Drake making 5 days this week. This was the hottest day of the season so far, 90 in the shade and we had a severe day of it. At night had a little shower. Went to town at 7:15.

Jun 25 – Hot with a high northwest wind. Did not go to church. Sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report. John Grover was up this morning.

Jun 26 - Worked for Drake and finished there to get ready for haying at home. Made a rack cart for him. High northwest wind all day and very drying. There is a fair crop of hay growing.

Jun 27 – At home today getting ready for haying. Put rack cart on and put the rack together and oiled the mowing machine etc. Went to town at night.

Jun 28 – Began the regular haying today, John O. Berry helping. Cut back of house and the lower Varrell field. Very good hay weather with a northwest wind.

Jun 29 – Haying cut the “Betty” field and got in 2 loads by Grammy Clark’s. The hanging of Guiteau was set for tomorrow.

Jun 30 – Guiteau was hung today at Washington at 12:20. Haying and this was the hardest day’s work we have had. We began early and worked late and got 3 loads and cut the farther field. All hands and the cooks were out helping.

Jul 1 – A regular southeast rain all day and it was very welcome for the ground was dry and needed watering. Jobbing round and took the carriage apart to paint it. Carried the wheels to the blacksmith and went to town.

Jul 2 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off with a northwest wind. Did not go to church. Sent Lizzie and Edie and myself rested on the lounge.

Jul 3 – Good hay day. Cut the thirds and got in 4 loads from the farther field, John Berry helping ½ day. Went to town at night to get 4th of July. The assassin of President Garfield was hung last Friday as sentenced last year.

Jul 4 – The glorious fourth. Pleasant but not very good hay weather. We were haying all day, John O. Berry helping. Cut the most of the grass in front of Charles and got in 3 loads in the thirds. It was a quiet day generally.

Jul 5 – Rainy all day and I was jobbing round. Varnished the carriage and about 400 other jobs. Planted cucumbers for pickles and cabbages. Ex-Governor Goodwin died yesterday.

Jul 6 – Dull and wet till noon. Then cleared off with a northwest wind and a good prospect for big weather. Hoeing and poisoning bugs etc. Went to town with wife and carried fowls at 14 cents per lb. The hay crop is more than last year.

Jul 7 – Haying and finished cutting on the north side of the road and cut 1/3 above the barn, got in 4 loads. Went to town at night with wife and carried chickens, 12 ½ lbs. at 30 cents per lb. old fowls at 17 cents. The beach houses are filling up fast.

Jul 8 – Hot as guns, 90 in the shade. Haying all day and cut part of the field above the barn and got in 8 loads. Finished on the other side of the road and got 3 loads in above the barn. We all got enough in for one day. Went to town with Lizzie at night.

Jul 9 – Hot, wind northwest and very drying. Did not go to church being too tired and had a day of rest. Lizzie, Edith and Jennie Trefethen went to church. We now have a new minister, Mr. Abbot. There was much riding today.

Jul 10 – Hot. Finished cutting the grass today and now as soon as it dries shall haul it and be done. We had a shower at night. Got in 2 loads of hay today. Got done with John O. Berry tonight. Edie is sick today.

Jul 11 – Hot as guns but no hay day as it is dull and muggy. Hoeing etc. and got in one small load of hay.

Jul 12 – Hot with northwest wind. An excellent hay day and we finished ours. At 6 got in the last load, 38 loads in all. Most people are just beginning. Went to town at 8 with wife.

Jul 13 – Dull and some rain. Went to town at 2 with wife and got back at 5:30. Set out tomato plants.

Jul 14 – Fair and good hay weather and all are at it who have not done. Hoeing and put poison on the cucumber plants just up. Afternoon worked on wagon. Wife went to ride in carriage.

Jul 15 – Warm and drying. Went to town at 9 with wife and carried butter and eggs and scarce chickens. Got in wood from 2 till 5 then went to the sea and got mussels.

Jul 16 – Warm and dry so that corn curls from want of rain. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from Peter.

Jul 17 – Fair with strong southwest wind. Cut the old swamp or part of it for hay. There was more riding than ever, I believe today.

Jul 18 – Hot and dry. Got in 2 loads of swamp hay and cut one more. It makes good hay for winter.

Jul 19 – Dull in the morning and some rain came down. Cleaned up the wagon and got ready to varnish it. Went to town in the afternoon.

Jul 20 – Varnished the wagon in the morning. At noon we had a nice little shower but did not wet down. Daniel Trefethen Jr. came today at 12 from Amesbury.

Jul 21 – Hot. Hoeing in forenoon and had company. Hope Trefethen and Daniel T. were here. Afternoon got in a load of swamp hay, Daniel helping. (Hope is the daughter of John Ichabod Trefethen living in Newington. John is Supply's brother.)

Jul 22 – Warm and muggy. Jobbing round till 11. Then went to town with wife and carried butter at 25 cents and eggs at 22 cents. Got home at 1:30 and after dinner of fresh halibut lay down to rest.

Jul 23 – Hot and dry with northwest wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from 2nd Corinthians. It is very dusty.

Jul 24 – Very hot and dry. Hoeing in the forenoon to prevent the escape of moisture. Rested in the afternoon. There are now 2 coaches go past here regularly, one to Foss Beach and one to the south end and Portsmouth.

Jul 25 – Very hot and dry, wind northwest and 92 in the shade. Hoeing and jobbing round. Went to town at 8 to get the news etc. It is said there are not so many boarders in Rye as usual.

Jul 26 – Hotter than ever, 94 in the shade. Jobbing round, cutting weeds and bushes etc. At night went down to the Wentworth House to see the place and company. Good moon.

Jul 27 – Hot in the morning but soon the wind went round, northeast, and it was cooler. Went to town with wife. After dinner re-laid the bridge near Grover's house. The Tally Ho Coach went by at night to the Wentworth. (There was a Tally Ho Coach that was owned by the Farragut House to transport their summer boarders).

Jul 28 – Hot and dry. Jobbing round till 9:45 and then went to town and got George Fitton to settle with Grammy and at 3 carried him back to go to Boston.

Jul 29 – Hot and very dry, no rain. Went to town at 10 with wife and carried butter at 25 cents and eggs at 24 cents.

Jul 30 – Hot and dry and no signs of rain and all vegetation suffers. Did not go to church. Sent Lizzie and Edith. Dick Miller and Ruth Raynes were down to dinner and stayed till night.

Jul 31 – Hot and dry. Cutting bushes in pasture for bedding and hoeing to prevent the ground from drying up. Corn feels the need of rain very much and vines grew slowly. So we can get no cucumbers.

Aug 1 – Hot as ever. Went to town at 8:30 with Edith and Lizzie. Tried to hire 2 horses but could not. It was Election Day for the city officers in Portsmouth.

Aug 2 – Dry as usual. Set out my celery, 5 rows and 30 plants in a row. In trenches used 3 barrels of water. Cut bushes and killed 14 chickens for the Rockingham House.

Aug 3 – Hot. Went to town to Rockingham House with 27 ½ lbs. of chicken at 25 cents per lb. Cut bushes and hauled in a load for bedding. The beach business now is in full force.

Aug 4 – The drought continues. Dug out watering place in the lane. At 3 went with wife to ride to Charles Drake's. I agreed to go to work for him if they don't call on the yard.

Aug 5 – Dry and hot. Went to town and heard that my name was called on the navy yard to go Monday. Came home and got my tools ready etc. All vegetation is suffering for rain. Apples are falling off.

Aug 6 – Hot. Did not go to church because there was no meeting. So had a good day of rest and recuperation. There is about 1 ½ inches of dust in roads as loose as it can be and very disagreeable to ride through.

Aug 7 – Hot and dry. Began working for U.S. on the navy yard in the dry dock. Getting ready to lay floor. There is not a large gang on the yard now.

Aug 8 – Worked for U.S. It was very hot till 11 then the wind blew and there was signs of rain. Orders came to take the "Plymouth" into dry dock.

Aug 9 - Worked for U.S. in dock. We had a little shower last night at 11, that helped out very much and laid the dust and cooled off and this morning it was good to ride without dust.

Aug 10 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock. William E. Chandler of New Hampshire is secretary of the Navy and is expected here next week or soon after.

Aug 11 – Cool northwest wind. Worked for U.S. Had a slight shower last night but not enough to help corn. This is the sharpest drought we have had since 1870.

Aug 12 - Worked for U.S. on yard. Hot and dry as ever. The drought is the most severe ever known by this generation. So early water has been lower but later in this season.

Aug 13 – Went to church and heard a missionary preach one sermon, Kingsbury has gone. It was very dusty with no signs of rain.

Aug 14 – Hot and dry as usual. Worked for U.S. getting the dock ready to take the ship in. At night watered cucumbers and celery. Had a mess of sweet corn and cucumbers, it is a rarity this year.

Aug 15 - Worked for U.S. The ship “Plymouth” was taken into the dry dock today at 12. She goes in to have the sliding ways battened to her bottom, ready to haul her up in the ship house.

Aug 16 - Worked for U.S. The drought continues. It is dryer in New Hampshire than anywhere else. It is wet enough in Canada and the west and south.

Aug 17 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry as usual. James Tobey was found drowned in the Piscataqua. Steamers came from Boston every other day carrying freight and passengers. (James E. Tobey was 65 years old and a ship carpenter from Portsmouth.)

Aug 18 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock. The fleet in the lower harbor make it lively in the river by sending their steam launches and small boats up to the city for supplies etc.

Aug 19 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. We get off at 5 o'clock on Saturday nights through August.

Aug 20 – Cool and dry. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from Hebrews, 9th chapter and verse 6. Charles Lear and wife Elizabeth called at 3. Went down to Foss Beach at 4. (Charles and Elizabeth are living on Wallis Road toward Rye Center.)

Aug 21 - Worked for U.S. beginning the 3rd week. There are now quite a gang mustering several hundred and it is a great help to the men in this vicinity as the season has been very dull generally.

Aug 22 - Worked for U.S. It is as hot and dry as ever with no signs of rain. Hay fields are as dry as they can be and many of them do not show one green spear of grass.

Aug 23 – Hot and dry. This was the day for the annual reunion of the Trefethen's family at Wallis Sands and we had a good time. There were 300 or more present including invited guests. Fish chowder was the main dish.

Aug 24 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock on the “Plymouth”. This was pay day and I got \$24.00 for 8 days work in the first half of August. The secretary has not arrived yet.

Aug 25 - Worked for U.S. The drought continues. The water question is now quite severe. Our spring below the hill furnishes water for 6 or 8 families. There seems to be plenty. (I believe he is talking about the base of the hill on Trefethen's Corner. In the 1876 annual report it is mentioned as “Trefethen Hill”.)

Aug 26 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. We were unhooking the rudder and stern part. More men came on yesterday. Sold eggs at 26 cents and butter at 30 cents.

Aug 27 – Cooler but just as dry. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. Mr. Boynton preached and there was a larger house than usual. At 4 went with wife to cemetery and to see the new church at Portsmouth.

Aug 28 - Worked for U.S. The drought continues as usual. We are hoping for rain but there is no signs of it. I must dig a well.

Aug 29 - Worked for U.S. There is talk of tearing down the Old Iron Clad in the “Santee” house at the yard. All carpenters are preparing to haul up the “Plymouth”.

Aug 30 - Worked for U.S. It is expected that Secretary Chandler will be here at the yard soon and preparations are now being made to receive him. He is at Boston today.

Aug 31 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry as ever. John O. Berry began to dig a well for me this afternoon. There is now getting to be a lack of water. Worked 13 days this half.

Sep 1 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock putting the launching ways under the “Plymouth”. John O. Berry is digging a well for me and got down 6 feet.

Sep 2 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. The Secretary has arrived at the shoals to stay over Sunday. The drought continues. Sold eggs at 28 cents and butter at the same.

Sep 3 – Fair and dry as ever. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from “I am the light of the world”. Went down to Grammy Clark’s at 5.

Sep 4 – The welcome rain came this forenoon and there was no muster at the yard today. So I hauled rocks for the new well. They only worked ½ day and are down about 9 feet and it is very hard digging.

Sep 5 - Worked for U.S. today. The Secretary visited the yard yesterday and today for inspection and very thoroughly looked on all parts but has not yet decided what will be done.

Sep 6 - Worked for U.S. Secretary Chandler is still at the yard in his vessel. It is hoped the President will come here on his way east.

Sep 7 - Worked for U.S. Dull and foggy part of the day. The drought is not so severe and we hope it will now soon be wet enough. The well is progressing well.

Sep 8 - Worked for U.S. in dock. President Arthur is expected at Portsmouth tomorrow and all are anxious to see him. William Downs died last night at 67. (William was a retail grocer and was living on Mulberry Street in Portsmouth.)

Sep 9 - Worked for U.S. The President came to Portsmouth last night and this morning got breakfast at the Wentworth. Then came through Rye and back to Portsmouth and went by sea to Portland.

Sep 10 – Cool and comfortable. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from John, the parable of the mustard seed. At 3:30 went to south end to ride with wife.

Sep 11 - Rainy and a northeast wind. Went to the yard but no muster. Came home and hauled rocks for well and jobbing round. Killed 8 hens for market at 15 cents per lb. Pickles are 50 cents for 100.

Sep 12 – The storm continues all night and the forenoon today. Went to town at 8:30 and carried hens to Rockingham House. Hauled rocks for the well. Went to see Elwyn about finishing the barn. Got the well most done.

Sep 13 - Worked for U.S. after resting 2 days this week. The storm has shaken off most of the apples. Got the new well done today, "John O. Berry and Charles Yeaton" contractors.

Sep 14 - Worked for U.S. for ½ day. Came home at noon in the rain. Hauled gravel away from near the well.

Sep 15 - Worked for U.S. in dock on ways. The naval board are surveying the "Plymouth". Paid John O. Berry \$20.00 tonight for digging the well.

Sep 16 - Worked for U.S. Cool northwest wind. We make a light weeks work only 3 ½ days. These recent weeks have shaken off what few apples we had on the trees.

Sep 17 – Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. Came home at noon and rested. The fall of the year has come and the cool bracing winds with it. Had some new cider today.

Sep 18 - Worked for U.S. Hot for the season. Had my potatoes dried today by John O. Berry. Got about 25 bushels. He said they turned out well for this year.

Sep 19 – Hot as summer, 88 in the shade. Worked for U.S. There is not a half crop of Potatoes in Rye this year nor anything else except hay which was extra.

Sep 20 - Worked for U.S. Very hot, 90 in the shade at noon. This was the day for the "Salisbury Beach" gathering and wife and Lizzie went. It is not what it used to be and will soon end altogether.

Sep 21 – A northeast rain storm, the regular equitation about on time and very welcome. There was no muster at the yard so I went to the Elwyn farm to map out my work there.

Sep 22 - Worked for U.S. It was a rainy day and we were happily disappointed in their mustering, many failed to get there and so did not work. There was a boy drowned at the Dover Bridge over the Piscataqua named Tobey.

Sep 23 – Dull and wet. Worked for U.S. this making 5 days this week. There is now plenty of wet as it rained hard all last night. We were paid for the first ½ of this month today, \$28.50 for 9 ½ days.

Sep 24 – Dull and rainy in forenoon. Did not go to church but stayed in the house to rest. It is warm and spring like and the fields have a very dark green on now and there is a prospect of all feed.

Sep 25 - Worked for U.S. It was dull and wet raining the most of last night. Our venerable mare "Florence Temple" was buried today aged 24. It is a year of lame horses nearly every horse has been lame some in the year.

Sep 26 - Worked for U.S. It cleared off at noon with wind from the northeast. Sold butter to James Hall at 32 cents per lb. Elizabeth and her daughter Ella called tonight. I can hear the whistling buoy on Kitts rock. (Elizabeth is Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes. She is the youngest of Supply's brothers and sisters.)

Sep 27 - Worked for U.S. Cool north wind. There was a suspension in all gangs but carpenters. Some till next Monday and some till further orders. Bought a horse today of Beacham and Sons.

Sep 28 – Northeast wind all day. All hands suspended at the yard. So I worked on my night job at finishing Elwyn's barn, making horse stalls. The weather is disagreeable cold and chilly.

Sep 29 – Worked on barn making horse stalls, Horace helping. Got them all 4 mapped out and well along. Eliza and Sarah Stoddard called this evening.

Sep 30 – Worked on horse stalls at Elwyn's and finished them, Horace helping. It was dull weather with an east wind and high tides. Wife went to town with the new horse, "Shoo Fly".

Oct 1 – Warm and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on "search the scripture". There was quite full meeting. We went to Eliza's to see Sarah Stoddard.

Oct 2 – No work at the yard. Shod both horses all round and hauled gravel from around the new well.

Oct 3 – Mild and pleasant. After the frost got off I got in my winter apples, 3 barrels of all kinds and they are mean at that all morning. Went to town at night.

Oct 4 – Went to the yard this morning but there was no muster on account of a dispute among the politicians' of Maine and New Hampshire. Came home and had company, Clara Raynes and Ruth. At night wife and I carried them home.

Oct 5 – Mild and warm for the season. Worked for the U.S. again after a week's suspension. There was a large number left off the roll. There has been a change of constructors since last week. Baush is the new one.

Oct 6 - Worked for U.S. in dry dock getting the "Plymouth" ready to be hauled up. It is very spring like and the fields are green as May. Our grapes are now very nice.

Oct 7 - Worked for U.S. We got pay for last half of September, 9 days \$27.00. They paid today in gold which has not been done for some time. Gold is plenty now and they want to move it.

Oct 8 – Warm. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from the Old Testament about the value of little things, everything is made of atoms. Went to the cemetery with wife and round town.

Oct 9 - Worked for U.S. Mild weather. We are short of fruit this fall. Eggs are 27, butter 32 and squashes 2 ½ per lb.

Oct 10 - Worked for U.S. Getting the "Plymouth" ready to haul up. There will now soon be a large increase of the gangs as the election is approaching.

Oct 11 - Worked for U.S. It is nice riding back and forth on these mild October days but when the storm comes it is not so nice. The returns from the Ohio election show the state has gone Democratic.

Oct 12 - Worked for U.S. Good weather for work of any kind. President Arthur was in Boston today and went to Marshfield to the Webster Centennial. A great crowd were there.

Oct 13 - Worked for U.S. Mild for the season. At night went to see about having my cider made at John C. Webster's. The harvest is light this fall and but little work to gather it.

Oct 14 – Rainy and no work at the yard. Came home and mended the shingling on the house when it rained fast because it did not leak when it was fair weather. At 4 hauled my apples to John Webster's mill and ground them out.

Oct 15 – Mild and pleasant. Did not go to church but stayed at home all day to rest. Lizzie and Edith went and heard Mr. Boynton. There was a concert at the other church at 7.

Oct 16 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet all day. We have had but two frosty mornings so far this fall, remarkable for the season.

Oct 17 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet. The fields are as green as May or June. My celery grows now vigorously. I think now I shall get 2 dozen cabbages.

Oct 18 - Worked for U.S. got my cider made and in the cellar with 2 – 40 gallon casks and 10 gallons besides. Potatoes are extra quality this year.

Oct 19- A northeast rain and no muster on the yard so I worked in Elwyn's barn putting up cattle ties and got them all mapped out. There has been a number taken on the yard for tomorrow.

Oct 20 - Worked for U.S. at piecing the stem of the "Omaha". Got pay for the first half of the month, 8 days and \$24.00. Mrs. Odiorne's suit against Portsmouth was decided today the jury gave her \$925.00.

Oct 21 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. Elections are coming and both parties feel confident of carrying this state.

Oct 22 – Cool and east wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach from Peter, "Grow in Grace". In the evening there was a Sunday school concert and we all went. Edith spoke a piece, "The little gleamer".

Oct 23 - Worked for U.S. Dull and wet and spring like. The fields look as green as June and cows give more and more milk the longer they are in the fields.

Oct 24 - Worked for U.S. Election is 2 weeks from today and they are taking on large gangs in all departments. Mild weather and very favorable for work.

Oct 25 - Worked for U.S. The commission to examine the ships at this station meet here today and will look over those in rotten row tomorrow. They are to report those to be condemned to be struck from the roll.

Oct 26 - Worked for U.S. at putting on the "Grype" with Charles Green. Moses Plummer is our quartermen and Bush is constructor.

Oct 27 - Worked for U.S. The ship "Constitution" was towed up to the yard today at 1 by the "Leyden".

Oct 28 – Very mild and pleasant. Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and 11 this half month. There is a large gang on there from New Hampshire. The “Tallapoosa” came today from Washington. (U.S.S. Tallapoosa was the sole side-wheel gunboat of the Sassacus class to survive into the 1880’s).

Oct 29 – Dull, south rain storm. Did not go to church but stayed at home to rest and read the news etc. Benjamin Marden died yesterday at 82 years. (Benjamin was a shoemaker living at Rye Center.)

Oct 30 - Worked for U.S. Very mild and pleasant and good weather for any work and all seems to be employed at fair wages now. A cold winter is predicted by some who pretend to know.

Oct 31 – Sick with a cold in my throat and head. Did not go to the yard but stayed in the house and doctored and at night was much better. Joseph P. called to get a drink of cider.

Nov 1 - Worked for U.S. There are rumors that the ship “Powhatan” will come up to the yard for repairs but it needs confirmation. John Webster called this evening and left ½ bushel of apples. (U.S.S. Powhatan was a sidewheel steam frigate during the American Civil War).

Nov 2 - Worked for U.S. at packing anchors for hauling up ship. The pulls have come for hauling up the ship in house No 5.

Nov 3 - Worked for U.S. The elections are now very near and great excitement in both parties. The Republicans expect to carry New Hampshire by 2000 majority.

Nov 4 – Worked 5 days this week for U.S. One more day of work then to the tug of war in politics. Eggs 30 cents and butter 32 cents.

Nov 5 – Cold north wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon of the life and character of Simon Peter. At 3:30 went over to Fannie Ayres.

Nov 6 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. There is much talk about the election tomorrow. It is believed that the Democrats will gain all round.

Nov 7 – Election Day and did not go the yard. It was quiet, Democrats 162 and Republicans 76. There are elections in 33 states today. Dull and rainy all day.

Nov 8 - Worked for U.S. Granite state has gone Republican by 4000. Massachusetts chose “Ben Butler” for Governor. There is great Democratic gains in all states.

Nov 9 - Worked for U.S. The election news comes in, still more Democratic than yesterday. They will have the “House” of Congress by 70 majority and they are very jubilant.

Nov 10 - Worked for U.S. at filling in round anchors with live oak to prevent their giving way when the ship is hauled out. Mild as summer and very quiet weather with a heavy sea.

Nov 11 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. We are getting ready for hauling up the ship "Plymouth". Mild as summer. The steamers now carrying workmen to the yard are overloaded.

Nov 12 – Warm and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon giving a description of Jerusalem. At 3 went to New Castle to see the Wentworth and the earth work at Jerry's Cove.

Nov 13 - Worked for U.S. This was what Mr. William Yeaton would call the quarterly day which rules the next 3 months. It was dull and wet but not very stormy. Cleared off at night. (William Yeaton passed away in 1880.)

Nov 14 - Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant and good working weather.

Nov 15 - Worked for U.S. Cool mornings but mild for the season. It is getting along towards Thanksgiving and we expect cold days. Eggs are now 35 cents per dozen, butter 33 to 35 cent per lb. and milk at 6 cents per gallon.

Nov 16 - Worked for U.S. at "packing" the anchors that are bedded for hauling up the ship. Rumors are going round that the ship "Powhatan" is coming here from Boston to be repaired. Mild and pleasant.

Nov 17 - Worked for U.S. This was the first regular northeast snow storm of the season. It snowed all day and half melted. All hands are preparing to haul the "Plymouth" up in the ship house.

Nov 18 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and carrying us towards Thanksgiving. Provisions are high this year, best steak 30 cents, salt pork 15 cents and fish higher than ever.

Nov 19 – Cold and winterish. Did not go to church. Cleaned up a little for winter and sat by the fire to rest. Lizzie and Edith went to church.

Nov 20 - Worked for U.S. at getting ready to haul up the ship, leveling the ways, locating "crabs" etc. They expect to make the attempt on Thursday next.

Nov 21 - Worked for U.S. getting the ways ready for hauling up the ship. There is much talk about it. Good weather, mild and pleasant. Eggs brought 35 cent per dozen today and butter 30 cents per lb.

Nov 22 - Worked for U.S. getting ready to haul up the "Plymouth" to be done tomorrow. There are many say it can't be done but there seems to be no trouble if all the pulls draw together.

Nov 23 - Worked for U.S. Went to work at 4 in the morning. The ship was hauled up in the ship house No 5. She was started at 8 and stayed at 1:40 without an accident. We came at 3 home.

Nov 24 - Worked for U.S. Cleaning up the rigging used in hauling up the ship. At night all the mechanics in construction were suspended till further orders.

Nov 25 – Cold with a high northwest wind all day. Went to the Elwyn farm and got ready for clapboarding the barn. Carried butter to town at 30 cents, eggs are 36 cents. Borrowed brackets for clapboarding.

Nov 26 – Cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach from Revelations. Daniel Dalton is said to be insane on account of having to move his cemetery. (Daniel would have been living on Central Road between South Road and Sea Road. The Abenaki Country Club is now located behind where his home was originally located. His headstone is now in the Rye Central Cemetery.)

Nov 27 – Worked on Elwyn's barn finishing my contract. Clapboarding etc. Cold and high northwest wind. About 1 inch of snow fell last night and was blown round lively all day.

Nov 28 – Pleasant and mild. Worked on the barn clapboarding, Charles E. Trefethen helping. Got one gable down to the big doors. All are preparing for Thanksgiving.

Nov 29 – Clapboarding, Charles E. Trefethen helping. Cold northeast wind all day. Worked on west end. Eggs are 36 cents, geese 20 cents per lb. ducks 20 cents, turkeys 24 cents. Sign of snow.

Nov 30 – There was 6 inches of snow fell last night and it was very good sleighing. This was Thanksgiving Day appointed by the President and by the Governor Charles H. Bell. Went to town in the morning. John Webster came down to dinner.

Dec 1 – Cool. Worked at clapboarding the barn and got the west end nearly done.

Dec 2 – Worked at clapboarding. Finished west end and got the back side well along.

Dec 3 – Cold and dull and snowy. Did not go to church but sat by the fire to get rested. No one went to church that I saw.

Dec 4 – Went to work for U.S. on the yard again today. With 25 carpenters from each of the 2 states. We are going on with the planking of the "Omaha". The coldest day, zero this morning.

Dec 5 - Worked for U.S. at planking the "Omaha" in Moses Plummer's gang. The president's message came out today. He recommends building 3 new steel ships.

Dec 6 - Worked for U.S. Very mild for the season. The U.S. ship "Marion" arrived from South America after a 3 year cruise. There was a transit of Venus today and will not be again for 100 years. (During a transit, Venus can be seen from Earth as a small black dot moving across the face of the Sun). (USS Marion was a sloop-of-war of the third rate in the Union Navy during the American Civil War).

Dec 7 - Worked for U.S. We had all kinds of weather today. Warm in the morning then rainy, then a furious northwest snow squall and muddy traveling. Eggs 36 cents and butter 32 cents.

Dec 8 – Cold with high northwest wind. Worked for U.S. at edging plank in the "Bell Shed". The most of the work now going on is carpenter work. Three were taken in yesterday.

Dec. 9 – Cold and clear. Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. The traveling is hard and rough. I ride alone since Charles E. has got done. He finished the clapboarding for me today.

Dec 10 – Snowy all the forenoon and did not go to church but rested at home. At 3 went to the Elwyn place to see the barn. Went in sleigh but it was not much better than bare ground.

Dec 11 – Snow storm all day. No muster at the yard. Worked in Elwyn's barn building stairs. There is now 6 inches of snow and good sleighing.

Dec 12 – No muster at the yard. Building stairs at the Elwyn farm. The minister Elwyn came today from Philadelphia to inspect the barn. He is satisfied with it he says and will send me some money.

Dec 13 - Worked for U.S. There was good sleighing this morning. Snow came on at 1 and rain soon followed and carried off the most of the snow. Lizzie went to Boston it being railroad day.

Dec 14 - Worked for U.S. Going on wheels again. There is ice everywhere, had to get the new horse sharp today.

Dec 15 – Hardison Foss died today. Worked for U.S. Cold and windy. Planking the "Omaha" and "leveling". It is said we shall work 9 days in each half of the month. The other gang are mostly on half time and they go off tonight. (Hardison Foss was living on the far east end of Washington Road near the sea.)

Dec 16 – Cold. Worked for U.S. Orders came out tonight for our gang to go on ½ time the rest of the month. I work next week and lay off the week after. We have 80 hens this winter. Got 18 eggs today and they are 36 cents per dozen.

Dec 17 – Cold and icy. Went to church in the forenoon, good wheeling. There was a skunk frozen to death back of the barn last night. A sign of warmer weather. Hardison Foss was buried today at 1.

Dec 18 – Cold and clear and icy. Worked for U.S. at planking. Mr. Daniel Dalton is said to be as insane as when he was first carried to the asylum.

Dec 19 – Cold and clear. Worked for U.S. The crew of the “Marion” were paid off today and the most of them went away to their homes.

Dec 20 - Worked for U.S. Good winter weather and nothing to hinder going on with any outdoor work. They are rebuilding the Farragut House and other houses at the beach.

Dec 21 - Worked for U.S. This was the same kind of weather as for a week. At noon we got orders to lay off the rest of the month. The other gang came on tomorrow. It is very nice working weather.

Dec 22 – Mild and signs of storm. Hauled 2 loads of coal from Portsmouth at \$5.50 per ton. It is the best of wheeling. The farmers of Rye have never had so little to sell as this year. Their crops of all kinds were so very light.

Dec 23 – A northeast rain storm in the forenoon and held up at noon. Went to town at 12 with wife and Lizzie to get Christmas. Went to the yard and got my payment. Eggs at 36 cents, geese at 25 cents per lb.

Dec 24 – Dull and mild and thawing. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith and had a day of rest. We made a clam chowder this morning which lasted all day.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day. Went to town in morning with Lizzie to see the show. The stores were all open, poultry was high. Eggs at 38 cents. At night we all went over to Joseph P's to supper.

Dec 26 – Worked on my job at Elwyn's barn. He has been selling ship timber to William Fernald of Newbury at \$12.00 per M (1000 ft.) on the stump.

Dec 27 – Worked on Elwyn's barn, my contract. Mild and pleasant and good working weather and good wheeling. We now got 48 eggs a day from 80 hens, this at 36 cents per dozen.

Dec 28 – Worked for Alfred Elwyn on the Red House putting up gutters. Cold and chilly. There are rumors of a reduction of the force at the yard and expect I will be among the numbers.

Dec 29 – Cool and pleasant and elegant winter weather. Worked for Elwyn on the Red House. Still no snow appears nor rain and there is much complaint of scarcity of water.

Dec 30 – Worked for Elwyn and got done on the Red House. Went to town at 4 to get the papers and heard that we were to go on the yard January 2nd on ½ time as before.

Dec 31 – Mild and pleasant as usual. Did not go to church but sent Wife, Lizzie and Edith. There was nothing unusual. Mr. Jones, the Baptist tended his resignation to take effect in 3 months. He having been here 5 years. James N. Foye is here from Dubuque, Iowa with his family. This ends the year 1882 and so for the winter it has been one of the most pleasant we have ever known. Especially for outdoor work. They are rebuilding the Farragut Summer Hotel and for several weeks they have worked.

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Jan 1 – Cool and pleasant. Wish you Happy New Year. Went to town with wife to market eggs at 36 cents per dozen and butter at 32 cents per lb. This a National holiday and no work at the yard. Shod 2 horses. John I. Rand came over to buy wood but we did not trade.

Jan 2 – Cool and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on yard on ship “Omaha”, planking in Moses Plummer’s gang at ½ time, William Noyes is foreman. William E. Chandler, secretary of the navy.

Jan 3 – Worked for U.S. Good winter weather, no snow on the ground and very nice for all kinds of outdoor work. Thomas H. Odiorne died yesterday.

Jan 4 - Worked for U.S. Colder and signs of storm. Good wheeling but hard on the horses feet and many are lame. There is a great scarcity of water and the ice ponds are either empty or very low and ice is difficult to get.

Jan 5 - Worked for U.S. Very cold all say, 8 degrees. Planking the ship “Omaha” and got notice that there will be no muster tomorrow on account of cold.

Jan 6 – A cold northeast snow storm all day and no work at the yard. Went to town to market. 8 dozen eggs at 36 cents, butter at 30 cents for 6 ¾ lbs. and corn \$1.65 per bag. Hard wheeling.

Jan 7 – Dull and snowy and cold. There is now about 6 inches of snow on the ground and sleighs will run very well. Did not go to church but sat by the fire etc. At 4 went down to see my mother-in-law.

Jan 8 – Cold. Worked for U.S. on ship “Omaha”. The sleigh runs very well today but we have to be well muffled up to keep warm while riding.

Jan 9 – Cold. Worked for U.S. 8 above zero. Carried eggs to the market today. At 34 cents they are more plenty but still it is hard work to make hens lay now.

Jan 10 – Cold. Worked for U.S. planking. The secretary of the navy recommends all new ships to be of steel or iron at 5 or 6 in numbers. The era if new wooden ships is at an end.

Jan 11 – A regular northeast snow storm all day but the snow fall was light about 2 inches. I was doing up odd jobs at home. Racked of 2 barrels of cider for next summer and made an earth closet. (The most basic version of the earth closet was a seat above a bucket filled with “fine dry earth, charcoal, or ashes.” Pulling a handle caused fresh earth to fall into the bucket from above).

Jan 12 – Cold, 6 above. Worked for U.S. and it was the coldest day so far. We were troubled to keep warm There is complaint of drought all over New England.

Jan 13 – More mild. Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. We are to work one more day this month. There are strong indications of rain.

Jan 14 – Dull and wet. Rain came down through the night and again the sleighing is spoiled and we shall have to take wheels. Did not go to church but had a day of rest.

Jan 15 – Cold. Worked for U.S. and finished for the month after 10 days of work. The other gang get on tomorrow. William Marden died today at 12. (William was the son of James and Polly (Jenness) Marden and he was 72 years old. He was living with his son Levi W. on Washington road near Rye center.)

Jan 16 – Cold and icy as ever and had to sharpen the horses today for the 4th time this season. At 2 went to town with wife to market. Sold 14 dozen eggs at 34 cents and 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of butter at 30 cents. Got a new lap robe.

Jan 17 – Worked on the barn again today. Put up a partition in tie-up. William Fernald is cutting ship timber on Elwyn’s farm. Wife and her mother and Abbie were papering for Aunt Mary. Snow and rain came down.

Jan 18 – Worked in the barn making grain bins. William Marden was buried today. We have got snow now for good sleighing and all are improving it.

Jan 19 – Cold in the morning and soon it began to be cloudy and at 3 snow came down till night. Worked in Elwyn’s barn making grain bins and got them done. Corn now is 80 cent per bushel.

Jan 20 – Dull and snowy most of the day. Assisted about churning this morning. Went to town with wife at 11 and carried 10 dozen eggs at 29 cents per dozen and 7 pounds of butter at 30 cents. Our 80 hens laid 40 eggs today.

Jan 21 – Dull and somewhat foggy in forenoon. A heavy rain fell last night. Went to church in forenoon with Lizzie and Edith. The road is a bed of ice. The Baptist Society are to have a fair next week.

Jan 22 – Cold with northwest wind. Clara Raynes and her daughter Ruth Miller came down. We went and got them and carried them back. Mrs. Raynes has trouble with her eyes.

Jan 23 – Cold, 3 below this morning with northwest wind. It was so cold I sat by the fire most of the day, when not feeding the animals. The Baptists have a festival tonight. Lizzie has gone.

Jan 24 – Cold, 2 below this morning. Good sleighing but hard for horses. Went to the yard to get my pay but did not get it. At night went to Baptist festival at the town hall.

Jan 25 – Cold. Zero weather. Working in the shop and barn and down in the woods and sold Warren Caswell \$10.00 worth of wood for wife. She and Lizzie went to town shopping.

Jan 26 – Cold, 2 below at sunrise. Went to the yard and got my pay \$30.00 for 10 days this month. There is rumor that we shall get only 5 days in February. Got hogs plucks for hens.

Jan 27 – Dull and more mild. Some snow at 9 to 12. Went to town with wife to market and sold eggs at 30 cents and butter at 29 cents. Repaired stalls for horses. Icy and solid sleighing.

Jan 28 – Dull and rainy all day so sat by the fire and read the news etc. Read Robinson Crusoe. John Webster came in at night.

Jan 29 – More mild and dull and black all day. Worked at the Elwyn barn making harness closet. Elegant sleighing and all are improving it.

Jan 30 – Mild and pleasant and hurt the sleighing. Worked for Elwyn at odd jobs. William Fernald is getting out ship timber on Elwyn's farm.

Jan 31 – Worked ½ day for Elwyn at odd jobs. He came today from Philadelphia and agreed to make some changes in stalls for him. Rain came on at 2 furiously. Went to town at night with Lizzie.

Feb 1 - Worked for U.S. again on the yard on the ship "Omaha", planking with Moses Plummer. Some of the other gangs are suspended. They say business is dull around here.

Feb 2 – Cold, 10 above and windy. Candlemas Day, "half your meat and half your day." It was clear and bright so winter takes another flight. Worked for U.S. At night paid for robe and Got windows of French. (Candlemas Day was an early American tradition and was supposed to mark the passage of just one-half of the winter season. The recent American tradition is now known as "Groundhog Day".)

Feb 3 – Joseph Drisco Jenness and Ellen Foye married today. A furious northeast snow storm to prove the old adage that as far as the sun shines in, the snow will blow in. Went to town in morning and to the yard but no work. Had some smelts for dinner. Went to the post office with wife at 1. Eggs 22 cents and butter 28 cents.

Feb 4 – Dull and some rainy. There was 10 inches of snow fell yesterday and there is a crust now. Very little travel today so I had a good day of rest. We have 80 hens and today we got 48 eggs. While we were sitting by the fire the hens were at work.

Feb 5 – Worked for U.S. The sleighing was bad this morning. Quite a crust on the snow and bad turning out. Everybody has to make paths. There has been severe weather at the west with floods in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Feb 6 – Cold in the morning but soon became very pleasant. Worked for Uncle Sam. The sleighing has improved today. Wife and Lizzie went to town.

Feb 7 – Dull and more snow and rain came. Jobbed round the plantation. Got a fish of Warren Caswell for chowder. Wife, Lizzie and Edith went visiting to John Odiorne.

Feb 8 - Worked for U.S. at planking on the “Omaha”. Bad sleighing again and but very little traveling. With 80 hens got 50 eggs.

Feb 9 - Worked for U.S. We don't know yet how many days we shall get this month. The constructor has gone to Charlestown on a survey.

Feb 10 – Cold and fair with a north wind. Worked for U.S. on the yard. Sold eggs at 27 cents and butter at 31 cents to Jim Hall. We made 5 days this week.

Feb 11 – Dull and more snow fell last night so we now have nearly 2 feet on a level and bad traveling. Albert Brackett and wife Mary Abby called at 3 and Jenness Rand in the evening.

Feb 12 - Worked for U.S. Cold and blustery most of the day. At noon we were told our gang would lay off till next month and the other gang go on the 16th.

Feb 13 – Cold, 10 below in the morning but soon grew warmer and at noon, 36. Went to town to get shorts and carry rubber boots, Abbie went with us. Sold eggs at 30 cents. Fair and calm, quality day.

Feb 14 – Cold in morning. Went to town at 9:30 with Lizzie to do some shopping. Got stock and patterns for “Bagatelle board”, new game. (Bagatelle – is a billiards derived indoor table game, the object of which is to get a number of balls past wooden pins into holes that are guarded by wooden pegs).

Feb 15 – Cold northeast snow storm. All day making “Bagatelle Board”. At night we played with potatoes for balls.

Feb 16 – Dull and cold fog all day, bad sleighing. Went to town with wife at 11 and carried 6 ½ lbs. of butter at 31 cents and 11 dozen eggs at 30 cents. Called at Jim Hall’s. Got Jim Rand to offset 2 axes.

Feb 17 – Dull in morning but soon cleared off, warm and sloppy. Ground axes and filed crosscut saw to get out wood next week. There is great floods in Ohio and Kentucky.

Feb 18 – Fair and cold but rough traveling, icy and wet in places. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith, wife did not go. Thomas J. Parsons sent in a letter saying he had had charge of the communion service 50 years and wanted to be relieved of it.

Feb 19 – Good winter weather. Cutting pine wood by the John Varrell place, his boy John E. helping. We cut it and sawed it to sled length ready for hauling. At night went to the center with Lizzie to get ready for the festival. (John E. Varrell would be 15 years old at this time.)

Feb 20 – Cold and windy. Went to town to get plucks for hens and carried eggs at 30 cents. Our hens are laying from 40 to 50 eggs a day. Afternoon hauled wood, John C. Webster helping with oxen. Five loads went to the festival.

Feb 21 – Cold and blustery and some snow fell last night. We finished hauling the wood, John C. Webster helping forenoon. Lizzie went to hall, at night we all went to the festival at town hall and had a good time.

Feb 22 – This was Washington’s Birthday and a holiday but I spent the day in cutting an apple tree above the barn and hauling it to the pile. I heard the Portsmouth bells ringing in the morning, noon and at night.

Feb 23 – Cold in morning. Went to town at 10:30 and carried Lizzie to visit Ruth Miller. Sold eggs at 28 cents per dozen and butter at 28 cents. Cut wood in the home pasture. Went to town at 7 to get Lizzie.

Feb 24 – Cold in morning, zero. Hauled wood, 3 loads and went to town with wife and to the navy yard to get my pay, \$24.00. Went again at night and got a barrel of flour for Grammy Clark. Eggs 28 cents.

Feb 25 – Southerly wind, snowing and raining all day. So I had a good day of rest and reading of the American Agriculturist and Rural New Yorker and other books and papers.

Feb 26 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn putting gutter in the horse stalls. They are cutting and hauling ship timber for Courier of Newburyport.

Feb 27 – Cold and windy. The roughest day this winter, so say the teamster. Worked for Elwyn in horse stalls.

Feb 28 – Cold and blustery. Worked for Elwyn and finished the horse stalls and went to town and found they are going to work in the yard tomorrow.

Mar 1 – Cool and good sleighing. Went on the yard to work for Uncle Sam again today. They say we shall work 8 days this month. Eggs 28 cents.

Mar 2 – Worked for U.S. It was very mild and thawy and water ran freely and if it continues it would soon spoil the sleighing.

Mar 3 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. making 3 days this week. There is now 3 or 4 inches of solid ice on the ground and will be good sleighing until it thaws again.

Mar 4 – Cold, 3 or 4 above in the morning with cold wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from “Choose the better way”, a good sermon. It was cold and was glad to get home.

Mar 5 – Cold, zero weather with high northwest wind. Worked for U.S. on ship “Omaha”. The 47th Congress adjourned yesterday at noon. They have passed the Naval Bill of \$15,000,000.00.

Mar 6 – Cold, zero weather in the morning but soon moderated and at 2 it snowed furiously from southeast. No muster at the yard. Oiled the harnesses, split wood etc. D. Perry’s daughter was buried today.

Mar 7 – Fair and cold and there was no muster at the yard. Planted some potatoes in boxes today for early.

Mar 8 - Worked for U.S. on ship “Omaha”. Cold northwest wind and zero weather, elegant sleighing in solid ice. Tis said this has been the coldest winter for years and now old March does not let up.

Mar 9 – Cold, 3 below this morning. Worked for U.S. on the yard. Rumors of a discharge of half the gang so the remainder can work full time. Eggs are selling at 22 cents today.

Mar 10 – Dull all day and snow and rain came on at noon furiously. Worked for U.S. and was discharged at night with 26 others leaving 28 who go on April 1st.

Mar 11 – Fair and cool with northwest wind. Went to church and heard one sermon by Mr. Robie of Greenland. The traveling was rough sleighing and wet. There is plenty of ice on the ground.

Mar 12 – Cold and windy. Cutting and hauling wood for the year from home pasture. We expect soon the sleighing will be gone. We have had a good share this winter.

Mar 13 – Cool and pleasant. Went to town in forenoon with eggs and butter. Sold eggs at 20 cents and butter at 25 cents. Abbie went with me. This was the town meeting and there was a very quiet election.

Mar 14 – Fair and not very cold. Repaired sleigh and at 10 wife and I went to town to dinner at Israel P. Millers. Put the horse in the city shed. It was nice sleighing in the forenoon. At night went to a lecture by Boynton on travels among the Arabs. (Israel P. Miller is the husband of Ruth Miller and son-in- law of Clara Raynes.)

Mar 15 – Mild and thawy. Cutting wood for summer, about the first I have cut. This was about the first mild day in March yet and it is dissolving the sleighing fast. It is time to plant potatoes in boxes. Eggs 20 cent.

Mar 16 – Cold and high northwest wind. Cut wood and sat by the fire. Eliza was over to dinner. We had soup and canned sweet corn which was pronounced extra nice. We had 6 chickens a week ago but one has kicked the bucket.

Mar 17 – Cool and very good sleighing although some go on wheels. Cut wood in morning then went to town with butter and eggs to market. Got windows at French's. Wife and Lizzie went in their team. Engaged John O. Berry for tomorrow.

Mar 18 – Very mild and pleasant. Did not go to church but stayed at home and rested and sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report. Mr. Jones, the Baptist, is to preach his farewell sermon next Sunday.

Mar 19 – More mild and thawy. Sawing wood, John O. Berry and Herman O. Trefethen helping.

Mar 20 – Raining in the morning then cleared off and at 9:30 Herman came to help saw and John Berry came for the afternoon. We got the wood nearly all sawed. Cool with north wind.

Mar 21 – Cold and windy. Went to town visiting Clara Raynes and took dinner with wife and Edith. Had roast beef and orange pudding, Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth were there.

Mar 22 – Cold and fair. Sawing and splitting wood, John Berry and Herman helping. Got well along with it and just the weather for it. Snow and ice abundant but no sleighing.

Mar 23 – Cold. Went to town at 10 and carried 24 ½ dozen eggs and 6 ¾ pounds of butter and got a barrel of flour for them at \$7.00. Split wood after we got back. Went to the yard and got my pay, \$21.00.

Mar 24 – Cold, 12 above in the morning. Went to town at 9:30 and to the yard and got my tools. Abbie went to the dentist. At night went to the district school meeting, William H. Seavey is committee.

Mar 25 – Cold and high northwest wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. It was Easter and they had a grand display of flowers.

Mar 26 – Not so cold. Cutting apple tree wood and old trash for summer. Went to town at 4:30 and carried 11 ½ dozen eggs at 20 cent per. Lizzie went with me and bad traveling with the snow mostly gone.

Mar 27 – Dull and light rain came at 3. Planted potatoes in boxes for early. At 4 all the family went to Oren Drake's to tea and spent the evening. Aunt Mary was there and we had a pleasant visit.

Mar 28 – Cold and freezing. Worked on horse stalls for Alfred Elwyn and on the new barn. He and Tommy came on yesterday from Philadelphia and Tom was at play in the barn and fell from the beam and broke his arm. (Thomas Langdon Elwyn was 15 years old at this time.)

Mar 29 – Cold. At work on stalls for Elwyn and finished and settled, he paid me \$10.00 and my contract is done. Joseph Brown died today, very old 79. Nellie Haynes and babies were in and Jennie was here. (Nellie (Trefethen) is the daughter of Charles F. and is married to George F. Haynes. Her daughters are Daisy and Bessie.)

Mar 30 – More thawy and spring like. Went to town at 9 to market and carried eggs and butter, Lizzie went with me. We had company, Ann Trefethen and Mrs. Odiorne. There is to be a woman hung in Vermont today, Mrs. Meaker. (Emeline Lucy Meaker was the first woman who was legally executed by Vermont. Meaker was convicted of and hanged for the murder of her husband's niece Alice.).

Mar 31 – Cold for the season. Jobbing round till 10 then went to town and got front doors at \$75.00. All are complaining of dull times. Wife and Lizzie went with their team.

Apr 1 – Cold in morning with north wind. Did not go to church. All are sick with colds but myself. Quite a number went.

Apr 2 – Cold and muddy. Went to the sea twice and got sand and to town and got a barrel of lime for mortar for building up chimney in house. Intend to take down the old one tomorrow.

Apr 3 – Taking down the old chimney, John Berry helping. Got down the fireplace by hard work. It had been built about 52 years ago. (The Joseph Trefethen house was built on or before 1831. The property was purchased in 1813 by Joseph. On the deed no buildings were mentioned.)

Apr 4 – Finished taking down chimney and hauled away 13 loads and made mortar for new one on the vacant place. I think I can make more available with stairs and closet.

Apr 5 – Fast Day and we improved it by building up the new chimney. Henry Rand and Oliver Winslow Trefethen did the mason work; John O. Berry helped till 9 then went home sick.

Apr 6 – Clearing out old partitions and laying floor etc. Went to town at 4 to carry eggs and butter and get laths and nail and shorts. It was rumored that Bill Noyes was discharged.

Apr 7 – Snowing all day. Worked in the house laying floor and setting partitions etc. It was quite a severe storm and very bad going and few went to town. The frost is not half out yet. My potatoes are up and growing in boxes.

Apr 8 – Fair again. The snow is fast going off. But few went to church; Lizzie and Edith went, bad wheeling. There is to be no meeting the next 2 Sundays. Drove the cow at 11. John Grover called at 4.

Apr 9 – Clearing out for stairway and getting ready to finish off. Washing day. W. Jenness came and furnished grain for the week as usual.

Apr 10 – Worked at finishing up where we took the chimney out till 4 then went to town to get laths and nails. Carried eggs at 18 cents. Bad traveling. The frost is not out.

Apr 11 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and I worked at finishing entry closet, lathing etc. Jennie is here while her mother Eliza is keeping house for Mrs. Stoddard.

Apr 12 – Rainy all day and I had a good time to push my work of filling up the gap of the old chimney and hope to be able to plaster next Wednesday.

Apr 13 – Dull and wet and showery. At work finishing and getting ready for plastering. John Grover brought up 1 pack of Early Vermont Potatoes to change for ½ pack of Early Hebron. The frost is coming out fast.

Apr 14 – Cool and pleasant. Clearing up the hill in front of the house and doing odd jobs getting ready to plaster. Went to town at 3:30 and carried 23 dozen eggs and 6 ¾ lbs. of butter. Got a barrel of lime and laths etc.

Apr 15 – Mild and pleasant and spring like. Birds are getting more numerous as Harbingers of spring. Did not go to church because there was none at our house. Lizzie went to the Baptist.

Apr 16 – At work round where the chimney came out and got ready for the plastering. Went to town at night and got barrel of lime etc. Cold and backward for farming.

Apr 17 – Cold for the season. Hauled two loads of sand and made the mortar for plastering after so long and Levi Hall is coming in the afternoon tomorrow to help.

Apr 18 – Plastering all day and got the mortar all on, Levi Hall helped in the afternoon. James Rand's girl has got the diphtheria. (James M. Rands daughter is Lizzie and is 14 years old.)

Apr 19 – Mild and pleasant and more like spring. Leveling up round the new well and grading up round the platform back of the house. My potatoes are growing nicely in boxes but too cold to set them out. Got 4 barrels of clam shells from Caswell.

Apr 20 – Smoothing the plastering. Rainy all day till 4 then went to town with eggs and butter. Three pound can of tomatoes are sold at 10 cents per can in town. They say it is dull in town as ever.

Apr 21 – Cold. Cleaning up round and carried the boards to town to be planed for the stairs and made a beginning on them.

Apr 22 – Cold and freezing this morning. Did not go to church but sent wife and my two daughters, Lizzie and Edith. At 1:30 we went to Aunt Mary's and I went to the Red House to see Joe Stoddard.

Apr 23 – Cold. Worked all day on front stairs and got them together. All the rest went to town at 2. People are plowing but it is not growing weather.

Apr 24 – Cold, snow storm this morning but it soon melted away. Finished the closet then went to town and got Hogs plucks for hens. Eggs at 17 cents. Finished the stairs except the rail

Apr 25 – Cold. Cleaning up round and at 3 went to the sea and got a little gravel and got cedar for the well frame and posts. Hewed out frame. John Webster is sick with dropsy.

Apr 26 – Cold. At 7 carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston to teach school. Making well curb and platform for new well and got it well along.

Apr 27 – More mild. Finished the well curb and graded round it. Cleaned out privy. After dinner repaired the hen yard fence to shut up my 80 hens. Wife and daughters went to the post office at 2.

Apr 28 – Building hen yard. Went to town at 9 with wife to market and sold eggs at 17 cents and butter at 25 cents. All say it is cold and backward. At 4 went to town and got a pump to pump out the new well.

Apr 29 – Cold with a northeast wind all day. Went to church and heard one sermon by Mr. Boynton from Acts, “Lord what wilt thou have me to do?” William Ayres and wife Fannie were here and Herman O. and his wife Louise.

Apr 30 – Cold, 26 in the morning. Pumped out the new well and jobbing round. Carried pump to town at night. Edith went to school today for the first time and likes to go.

May 1 – Cold in the morning, 26 freezing. Hauled out manure all day, 23 loads, and got ready for plowing and at night went to see George Leroy about plowing for me. Si Grover is painting Joseph W. Odiorne’s house.

May 2 – Cold. Dressed my trees in forenoon. Graded on lawn till 5 then plowed a patch for onions etc.

May 3 – Dressed the ground and set out onions and sets and sowed some beet seeds. My wife had company, Susan Walton and sister. She carried them home.

May 4 – Cold and dull in the morning. Shingled round the chimney and cleared off roof etc. At 3 went to town in cart and got 1 barrel plaster and stair rail and many other things, a paper bucket.

May 5 – Dull. Cleared up the hill in front of house then graded some in the lawn and fixed round front door inside. At 4 went to town with wife. Rain came on at 5. Got eggs at Jim Halls.

May 6 – Dull and some rain in the morning but breaks at noon. Did not go to church. At 2 went to New Castle to see the new Wendell Cottage of the “Queen Anne” style.

May 7 – More mild. Plowed and harrowed for potatoes and planted peas and beets etc. The farmers are nearly done planting potatoes and are breaking up for corn.

May 8 – Warmer and grass and trees start rapidly. Went to town in morning then got ready to plant potatoes and put them in, John Berry helping all day. There were 23 carpenters discharged from the yard.

May 9 – Planted sweet corn in forenoon. After dinner John Berry came up and helped me grade the lawn and clean up round the new well and got it about done.

May 10 – Raked and sowed the lawn with timothy and white clover. Wife and Lizzie went to town. Set some pear grafts and winter sweet apples. Plowed my piece for early potatoes.

May 11 – Dull and somewhat showery. Harrowed the ground and set out my potatoes. Some are 6 inches high. Had a shower on them. We had 9 live chickens come out this morning.

May 12 – Jobbing round till 10 then went to town with butter and eggs. Hauled out manure and at 5 went with wife to cemetery to clean up lot.

May 13 – Frosty, cool and pleasant. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard one sermon. At 3 went with wife to see the new houses at the beaches. They are all of the “Queen Anne” style. The new Farragut is very nice and substantial.

May 14 – Cleaning up round and getting ready to go away to work. At night went to town with Lizzie and carried 12 dozen eggs at 17 cents and corn is 80 cents per bushel.

May 15 – Dull and rainy and put up front stair rail and balusters of black walnut. Mrs. Seavey was in and said it looked well.

May 16 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn on his stable laying new bedding and putting in gutters to carry off urine and going to put shades over the windows of the horse stalls.

May 17 - Worked for Elwyn on stable. They are plowing for corn and sowing grain. The ground is still very cold and vegetation does not make much progress.

May 18 - Worked for Elwyn. This was a very nice and mild day and the trees are now beginning to open their buds. They are very backward for the season because it has been so cold.

May 19 – Pleasant. Worked ½ day for Elwyn and finished the stable then came home at noon. Planted cabbages etc. Hoed early potatoes. Went to town at 3:30 with eggs and butter.

May 20 – Dull and wet in the morning and did not go to church but had a day of rest. At 3 went to ride with wife to the cemetery and to Christian shore and past the city farm and by the breweries.

May 21 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn at the Whipple Farm shingling the shed. All the farmers in that vicinity are getting ready to plant their corn. They are going to plant more than usual.

May 22 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Filled and oiled the stair rail. Went to Jim Rand’s shop and got the axel mended. Worked on new stock. (Jim M. Rand had a blacksmith shop on the corner of Wallis and Brackett roads.)

May 23 – Dull. Worked for Elwyn shingling. There will be no need of complaining for want of water for a while. It is very nice weather for the “bloth”. There will be much pear bloth.

May 24 – Dull and wet in forenoon and slatted round the cow yard to shut the hens in and put down a lot of grape vines for next year.

May 25 – Warmer. Worked for Elwyn at clapboarding the shed at Whipple Farm. Joe Ham is getting ready to plant corn. Cucumbers are coming up. There is not as much trouble as usual about seed coming up.

May 26 – Very warm and pleasant for the season. Worked ½ day for Elwyn then came home at noon and hoed my potatoes and among onions. Put up fence in cow pasture and went to town at 5 and sold eggs at 18 cents.

May 27 – Dull most of the day and it rained in the night. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith.

May 28 - Worked for Elwyn at Whipple Farm clapboarding and getting ready to paint.

May 29 - Worked for Elwyn at the Whipple place and got the shed down.

May 30 – At home jobbing round doing a little of everything. Hoed my early potatoes etc. etc.

May 31 – Dull and wet in the morning and hauled out 6 loads of manure for cabbage patch ad George Leroy plowed it for me and at 4 went to town to market with Lizzie.

Jun 1 – Fair and good growing weather. Hoed early potatoes, planted beans etc. At 11 Clara Raynes and Ruth came down with Lizzie to spend the day and we carried them to the beach to see the Queen Anne houses.

Jun 2 – Fair and drying. Hauled out manure for cabbages etc. Cultivated potatoes etc. Went to town at 4 with eggs and butter. They say butter is too plenty.

Jun 3 – Warm and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent all the rest and I kept house and rested.

Jun 4 – Dull and showery in forenoon. Loaded hay after changing carts, Herbert Lear helping. After dinner went to town with a load with the new horse, “Shoo Fly”. (Charles Herbert Lear is living on the corner of Wallis and Washington road.)

Jun 5 – Hauling hay to Ben Russell, 2 loads. It was hot as guns.

Jun 6 – Hot as ever. Hauling hay, 2 loads, to Ben Russell and got done for this year.

Jun 7 – Hot as ever. Worked for Alfred Elwyn shingling the barn at the Red House, William Foster helping.

Jun 8 – Hot as guns. Worked at shingling for Elwyn.

Jun 9 – Shingling for Elwyn and got off at 5 and went to town with wife and girls. Got home at 8 pm.

Jun 10 – Hot. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon to the children.

Jun 11 – Dull and rainy in forenoon. Getting out stock for well top. Worked for Elwyn in afternoon and had another shower at 5, plenty wet.

Jun 12 - Worked for Elwyn shingling. Good growing weather as we ever had. Some of my early potatoes are blossomed and also peas.

Jun 13 - Worked for Elwyn, Foster helping. We had another shower at 3 and 5.

Jun 14 - Worked for Elwyn, William Foster not there but Storer Marston helping. Cool and nice for the work.

Jun 15 - Worked for Elwyn at shingling and got them all on and the lightning rods on and ready to take down staging, Foster helping today.

Jun 16 – Warm. Worked for Elwyn ½ day and finished the barn shingling and carried the brackets back. Came home at 1:30 and hoed in garden. Went to town at 4 with wife.

Jun 17 – Dull and showery in the morning and did not go to church but had a day of rest and reading.

Jun 18 – Warm and pleasant. Began working for Charles A. Drake at making horse stalls.

Jun 19 – Rainy all day. Worked for Drake.

Jun 20 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for Charles Drake.

Jun 21 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for Drake. Good grass weather.

Jun 22 – Hot and fair. Worked for Drake and finished the horse stalls. The potato bugs have come in force.

Jun 23 – Stayed at home and cultivated my potatoes and corn etc. Harrowed for pickle cucumbers. Went to town at 4 with the whole family.

Jun 24 – Warm and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent wife and the girls and I had a day of rest. At night went to a concert of the Sunday school.

Jun 25 – Fair and hot till 4 when the wind changed to the east and signs of dullness. Worked for Drake casing doors in the hall. Maine's men began mowing today.

Jun 26 – Dull and wet most of the day. Worked for Drake at making window screens etc. Good growing weather but not hay weather.

Jun 27 – Dull. Worked for Charles Drake making screens, floors and put sill under barn etc.

Jun 28 – Worked for Drake and finished to get ready for my haying. The hay crop is very light in Rye.

Jun 29 – Went to town in morning. Then hoed and planted potatoes. At night shod one horse. Hot as guns.

Jun 30 – Hoeing in the garden and harrowed my piece for cucumbers. Frank J. Trefethen helped weed onions. (Frank Jones Trefethen is 10 ½ years old at this time and is the son of Horace Levi and Ann (Clark) Trefethen.). Went to town at 4 to get Abbie, she came from New Boston.

Jul 1 – Cool and comfortable. Went to church with wife and Edith, Lizzie being sick did not go. At 5 wife and I went to see the Wentworth.

Jul 2 – High west wind. Began the regular haying today by cutting the field by Grammy's, John O. Berry helping. Hay is very light this year. Went to town at 4:30.

Jul 3 – Good hay weather and we cut some in the Betty field. Broke the elbow of my machine and had to give it up. Got in 4 loads from lower field and went to town at night.

Jul 4 – Hot in forenoon. Went to town to Albert Brackett's to dinner with wife and Edith. All of his and his wife's relations were invited and 30 were there. We had 2 heavy showers at 3 and 5.

Jul 5 – Wet and no hay weather. Set out cabbages and tomatoes. Opened some hay but it did not dry. We had a heavy shower at 3:30.

Jul 6 – Fair and good hay day. Cut the Betty field and back of the house. Got in one load from Betty lot. The hay crop in Rye is light to last year's good crop.

Jul 7 – Very hot with west wind. Cut the further field and cleaned up the Betty lot and back of house and got in 5 loads and cut under trees in front. Went to town to market at 5:30 with whole family.

Jul 8 – Dull and wet all day. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to make report. We have an abundance of wet now days. The ponds and brooks are full.

Jul 9 – Not good hay weather but we cut the thirds and cleaned up further field. Went to town and got malt for the hens.

Jul 10 – Haying. Cut the front of Charles and got in one load from thirds.

Jul 11 – Haying. Finished cutting by Charles and cleaned up the thirds.

Jul 12 – Haying. Cut above the barn $\frac{1}{2}$ and cleaned up on the other side of the road. The crop is lighter than last year in all the fields.

Jul 13 – Dull and wet and no haying. Went to town at 9 and carried eggs at 22 cents and butter at 22 cents. Jobbing round the place.

Jul 14 – Dull and wet. Patched shingling on the barn and hoed in the garden. Set out cabbages etc. Went to town with the family at 4 o'clock.

Jul 15 – Foggy. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on "Take no thought of the morrow", that is don't worry.

Jul 16 – Dull and wet. Transplanting and hoeing and jobbing round the plantation etc.

Jul 17 – Wet and not hay weather.

Jul 18 – Good hay weather and we finished cutting grass and got in two loads.

Jul 19 – Good hay weather and we finished the English haying today and the crop was good but not equal to last year.

Jul 20 – Fair and good hay weather. Cleaning up after the battle and put away the old rake etc. Went to town and got malt for hens.

Jul 21 – Fair and warm. Went to town to see John B. Doris Circus parade the streets, he had a good street show.

Jul 22 – Fair and hot. Did not go to church but had a day of rest, sent Lizzie and Edith. At night we all went down to see the Wentworth.

Jul 23 – Went to town to get malt and invite Clara Raynes to come down tomorrow.

Jul 24 – Cool and pleasant. Had company from Portsmouth, Dick Miller, wife Ruth and Clara Raynes to spend the day. Went to see the Farragut House etc.

Jul 25 – Hot and fair. Getting in winters wood $\frac{1}{2}$ day then hoeing in the garden and other jobs.

Jul 26 – Hoeing in garden and also set out my celery, 150 plants in trenches 6 inches deep. The collector called but had no money.

Jul 27 – Warm and dry. At 9 went to town with all the family carried eggs at 22 cents and butter at 22 cents. Came home and hoed in garden and got in wood. Went to town at 5 and got malt.

Jul 28 – Dull and wet all day. Set out cabbage plants and hoed in the garden. At 9 went over to see Alfred Elwyn and he paid me \$35.00 for work done for him last spring.

Jul 29 – Fair. Went to church to hear Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from “I came not to destroy but to build up”. At 5 went to Foss Beach. Called at William Ayres.

Jul 30 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for Alfred Elwyn making slat door to the stable.

Jul 31 – Worked for Elwyn at making a door and getting out posts to support the room floor. We had a good shower. Eggs 24 cents.

Aug 1 – Worked for Elwyn and finished and he paid me \$6.00 for 2 days work. Cool weather for the season.

Aug 2 – Mild and pleasant. Getting in wood part of the day. Went to town with wife and carried eggs and butter.

Aug 3 – Finished getting in wood and filled the shed. At 2 went to town and to the navy yard to apply for a job. They have been taking on some.

Aug 4 – Cool and comfortable. Jobbing round, shod horse etc. Went to town at 4 with Lizzie and Edith and carried a bushel of Red Astrachan apples.

Aug 5 – Cool with high northwest wind. Did not go to church but sent all the rest. Charles Drake and wife Helen called at 4:30. At 5 went to cemetery with wife and to town. (Charles is living on Lafayette Road just north of the intersection of Washington Road.)

Aug 6 – Jobbing round the plantation etc. The ground is getting dry and very dusty.

Aug 7 – Had company and did not do much of anything. Lizzie Green and Abbie were here. At 3 we went to New Castle to see the Wentworth.

Aug 8 – Got in onions and sets and cleaned up the land, ready to sow turnips.

Aug 9 – Went to town in the morning and got malt. Albert Brackett’s wife Mary Abby and children were down and spent the day and I had to help entertain them. (Albert’s children were; Everett W., Ralph, Frank and Wallace.)

Aug 10 – Hot and dry. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and some mussels. Dug 9 bushels of potatoes in the thirds, “Beauties of Hebrons” very large.

Aug 11 – Dry and hot. Jobbing round etc. Cut bushes in the lane as far as the field. Went to town at 4 with wife and Edith. Baush the constructor is ordered away from the yard.

Aug 12 – Dry and warm and very dusty. Went to church and heard Mr. Abbott from Newport, New Hampshire preach one sermon and a very good one.

Aug 13 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for Charles A. Drake on building.

Aug 14 – Worked for Drake and he is hauling salt hay home green. There was a town meeting to see if the town would accept \$8000.00 for town library and they rejected it. (There is an interesting video on salt hay at this site: <https://historicipswich.org/2021/02/12/salt-marsh-hay/>)

Aug 15 – Worked for Drake jobbing. No signs of rain.

Aug 16 – Worked for Drake making a gate for the field. Very dry and dusty till we had a little shower at 5.

Aug 17 – Worked for Charles Drake making a gate and began on a cart. They were at work on salt hay etc.

Aug 18 – Hot and signs of a shower. Picked apples and carried 5 bushels to town at \$1.00 per bushel and eggs, 20 dozen, at 24 cents and butter at 22 cents.

Aug 19 – Hot and dry again. Did not go to church but sent wife, Lizzie and Edith. At 4 went to ride up to Portsmouth Plains.

Aug 20 – Worked for Charles Drake. At night we had a shower to cool off the crops.

Aug 21 – Worked for Charles Drake and finished and shall go on the navy yard tomorrow.

Aug 22 – Hot and dry. Began work on the navy yard for U.S. on the ship “Omaha” rebuilding. There are about 50 carpenters.

Aug 23 – Worked for U.S. at ceiling. Hot and dry and vegetation suffers much, corn more than anything else.

Aug 24 - Worked for U.S. They are making great preparations for the fireman’s muster at Portsmouth and will have a big time.

Aug 25 - Worked for U.S. Sold 2 bushels of William’s Favorite apples for \$1.21 per bushel, Reds at \$1.00.

Aug 26 – High west wind, cool and comfortable. Did not go to church but sent wife, Lizzie and Edith. There was much riding today. Dry as ever.

Aug 27 - Worked for U.S. In Portsmouth they are making great preparations for a fireman's muster for the next 3 days.

Aug 28 - Worked for U.S. The muster began today but the prospect is not so good as they expected for a large crowd.

Aug 29 - Worked for U.S. 2nd day of the muster.

Aug 30 - Worked for U.S. 3rd and last day of the muster. There was a great crowd in Portsmouth.

Aug 31 - Worked for U.S. There was a boat race between U.S. sailors and fisherman for 80 dollars a side and the fisherman won.

Sep 1 - Worked for U.S. at squaring the ceiling. Hot and dry as ever and no signs of rain.

Sep 2 – Fair and dry. Went to church and heard Mr. Hastings of Boston preach. He also lectured in the evening. William Jackson was down in the evening.

Sep 3 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on the yard on the ship "Omaha". At night we had a severe frost killing cucumber vines etc.

Sep 4 - Worked for U.S. Hot and dry. Bought a watch of Charles Hanscom for \$10.00 and paid \$3.00 for repairs, got it tonight. (Charles was an auctioneer in Portsmouth.)

Sep 5 – Hot and dry. Worked for U.S. The New England Fair is in progress at Manchester.

Sep 6 - Worked for U.S. Dry and very dusty and all vegetation is suffering. Water is very rare and forest fires are raging all round.

Sep 7 - Worked for U.S. At night dug the Blush potatoes and got 41 lbs. 7 oz. from 1 ½ oz of seed.

Sep 8 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. Signs of rain but little came. Orders were received to go to work on the "Marion" and 18 more carpenters were required.

Sep 9 – High northwest wind and cool. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. James Hall and wife Martha and sister and daughter Emma called an hour. (The Halls are living on Miller Ave. near Supply's house on Lincoln Ave. in Portsmouth.)

Sep 10 - Worked for U.S. There were about 20 carpenters added to the gang today. They went to work on the "Marion".

Sep 11 - Worked for U.S. Received pay for 9 days worked in August, \$27.00. Coal is \$5.50 per ton on the wharf.

Sep 12 - Worked for U.S. There was an excursion to the White Mountains from Portsmouth and return for \$2.00, some Rye folks went.

Sep 13 - Worked for U.S. The boarding season is now past and all say it has been a bad beach season for want of visitors.

Sep 14 – Dry as ever and grapes are suffering for rain. Worked for U.S. There is building in Portsmouth and a large machine shop for general work.

Sep 15 – Foggy in the morning. Worked for U.S. on the “Omaha” putting on grip castings. This makes 3 straight weeks of work full time. Two young men were drowned today. (PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Sept. 15.--Frank Foster, 21 years old, and Charles Pray, 24 years old, were drowned last night in the river while on their way to Leach's Island, by the upsetting of their boat.)

Sep 16 – Fair and mild. Did not go to church but sent all the rest and I had a day of rest. At 3 wife and I went to ride to Greenland through the Sodom Road. The drought is very severe on apples etc.

Sep 17 – Worked for U.S. putting castings on the stem of the “Omaha”. Had my potatoes dug today by John O. Berry and got about 75 bushels in all 4 kinds. Hot and dry. (A bushel of potatoes is 60 lbs.)

Sep 18 - Worked for U.S. Carried 4 bushels of potatoes to John Mahana at 50 cents per bushel. The crop is large generally.

Sep 19 - Worked for U.S. on “Omaha”. They are also repairing the “Marion” in the dock. Had a cold come along on Monday night. (USS Marion was a sloop-of-war of the third rate in the Union Navy during the American Civil War launched at the Boston Navy Yard on April 24th 1839).

Sep 20 - Worked for U.S. The “Tennessee” went ashore in the lower harbor last night breaking a shackle. Sold a bushel of Bartlett pears for \$1.00. (USS Tennessee, originally USS Madawaska, was a screw frigate built of wood at the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York, and launched on the 8th of July 1865.)

Sep 21 – Worked for U.S. at squaring under the batton. Tis said that apples are scarce and high all over the states.

Sep 22 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. They paid us off today for the 1st half. I got \$39.00 for 13 days.

Sep 23 – Dry as ever. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about Samuel the Prophet. Elizabeth called at 4 with her daughter Ella. (Elizabeth is Supply's sister Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes.)

Sep 24 - Worked for U.S. Dull and rain came on at 3 and we had a good rain till 10:30 at night. It was very welcome to lay the dust and we and the trees etc.

Sep 25 - Worked for U.S. High northwest wind all day but the dust is gone and the top of the ground is wet once more. William Ira Holmes and wife Sarah Elizabeth were down and got a cat tonight.

Sep 26 - Worked for U.S. at squaring the batton. Ben Butler was nominated today for Governor of Massachusetts by the Democrats.

Sep 27 - Worked for U.S. Cool and dry. Took the cart and got a load of coal, 1370 lbs. for winter, the price is \$5.50 per ton.

Sep 28 - Worked for U.S. Got another load of coal for winter, 1440 lbs. One more load will make me out. The telephone is now in general use in the cities. (The first commercial use of the telephone started in New Haven, Connecticut on January 28, 1878.)

Sep 29 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week and 12 this half month. Very dry but signs of rain. Eggs 25 cents and butter at 25 cents.

Sep 30 – Rainy all day and did not go to church but rested and enjoyed the rain which was very much needed.

Oct 1 - Worked for U.S. Cool and frosty in the morning. Horace and Ann Trefethen have gone to Boston for a week or so.

Oct 2 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. Last night was very cold and hurt the grapes very much. They were not quite ripe. At 10 rain came down furiously from the southeast. Came home at noon.

Oct 3 - Worked for U.S. at squaring under the batton of the “Omaha”.

Oct 4 - Worked for U.S. This was a cold October day with the wind north and cold.

Oct 5 - Worked for U.S. Cold for the season, freezing every night. All the grapes and vines are frozen and not fit to eat. Eggs 25 cents.

Oct 6 - Worked for U.S. making 5 ½ days this week.

Oct 7 – Pleasant but cold for the season. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach from Romans. At 3 went to ride to the Red House and round the town and to see John O. Berry.

Oct 8 - Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant. Everybody are getting in their apples. John Berry has been picking for me and got 40 bushels for cider.

Oct 9 – Worked for U.S. John Berry picking apples for me.

Oct 10 - Worked for U.S. Got Henry Grover to haul 14 bushels of apples to depot to sell for Herring at 25 cents. (John “Henry Grover” is John Grover’s son and is 27 years old. He is living with his father on the old town farm. John is 62.)

Oct 11 - Worked for U.S. at squaring. John O. Berry picking apples for me. I am in hopes to get 15 barrels of Baldwins and 4 of other kinds. No1 apples are selling for \$3.25 per barrel. (John O. Berry is 32 years old at this time.)

Oct 12 - Worked for U.S. ½ day. Came home at noon in rain. Got a load of malt at 5 cents per bushel and one bag of cracked corn for \$1.35. John Berry finished picking my apples today. Engaged 2 barrels more.

Oct 13 - Worked for U.S. We had rain from 10 to 12 and then it cleared off so we worked the afternoon. Sold chickens and hens to Rockingham for \$8.62.

Oct 14 – Rainy all last night and cleared off at 9. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. Very warm for the season and our peaches are ripe now.

Oct 15 - Worked for U.S. Cooler. Hauled 25 bushels of apples to cider mill and got a new rum barrel at night.

Oct 16 - Worked for U.S. Cold all day. Sold 2 barrels of apples for \$5.00. Got home a barrel of cider at night and hauled more apples.

Oct 17 - Worked for U.S. and it is good weather to work. No storms or high winds. It is said that at Breakfast Hill water has never been so low as now.

Oct 18 - Worked for U.S. Farmers of Rye have raised this year better paying crops than for many years. Potatoes are abundant at 50 cents and apples plenty at \$3.00 per barrel.

Oct 19 - Worked for U.S. squaring on “Omaha”. Webb, constructor and William Noyes, boss carpenter, Moses Plummer, quartermen. Repairing one ship on the ways and one in dock.

Oct 20 - Worked for U.S. Rainy all day but we made good weather at squaring under the quarter. There were 3 carpenters taken on today from Eliot.

Oct 21 – Cold and some hail fell this morning being squally. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith ½ day, there was not a great attendance. At 3:30 went to see Fannie Ayers and Oliver

Winslow Trefethen. (Oliver Winslow is living on Wallis Road. Fannie Ayers and mother Almira are living with her sister Lizzie and her husband Thomas Green on Brackett Road between Wallis and Washington Roads.)

Oct 22 - Worked for U.S. Cold and chilly. There as a schooner went ashore on the "Sisters" (Rocks near Portsmouth Harbor) and was a total loss, all hands saved.

Oct 23 - Worked for U.S. at squaring. There was signs of a storm. Sold 2 barrels of No 1 and one barrel of No 2 apples to Joe Fletcher for \$8.00. Ten gallons cider to Fred Peterson for \$1.20.

Oct 24 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and did not go to the yard but jobbing round the house and barn. Making shelves and fixed hen house.

Oct 25 - Worked for U.S. but it has not fairly cleared off yet. Apples are in great demand at \$3.25 barrel and cider at 12 cents per gallon.

Oct 26 - Worked for U.S. Dull all day. Good grass weather for those who have lawn down this full.

Oct 27 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. It was somewhat rainy and dull all day.

Oct 28 – Dull all day and did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to hear Mr. Boynton. There was not many went today.

Oct 29 – Went to the yard but no muster. Rainy all day and made shelves and about 400 other jobs.

Oct 30 – Dull. Worked for U.S.

Oct 31 - Worked for U.S. The political battle is raging in Massachusetts with more and more heat. Ben Butler, Democrat against George D. Robinson, Republican. It is now hard to tell who will win. Next Tuesday is the election.

Nov 1 - Worked for U.S. There is still a brisk demand for apples at \$3.25 and \$3.50 per barrel for No1s. Eggs are said to bring 33 cent per dozen and butter 30cents per lb. and potatoes for 50 cents per bushel. Miss Sherburne came tonight.

Nov 2 - Worked for U.S. Cool but good working weather and the work on the yard is nearing completion.

Nov 3 - Worked for U.S. at squaring. Cool and chilly all day. The old ship "Sabine" that was sold by U.S. was taken away from the yard today to go to Belfast, Maine. Two tugs towing. (The first

USS Sabine was a sailing frigate built by the United States Navy in 1855. The ship was among the first ships to see action in the American Civil War).

Nov 4 – Cool and cloudy. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith and Miss Sherburne. At night had callers to see her.

Nov 5 – Worked for U.S. on the yard. Mild again and all goes well.

Nov 6 - Worked for U.S. Very mild for the season and now my celery grows as fast as ever. This is the best time for it to grow and blanch if not too cold. Miss Sherburne went to Eliot today.

Nov 7 - Worked for U.S. at squaring. 3 of us have been at it since the 20th of September and the ship is only ½ done.

Nov 8 – Worked for Uncle Sam and got paid today for the last half of October \$36.00. It only requires an hour to pay all departments on the yard. Years ago to took a whole day and more sometimes.

Nov 9 – Worked for Uncle Sam. In the afternoon rain came on at 2 but not severe.

Nov 10 – Worked for Uncle Sam making 6 days this week and 9 this month. There were rumors of a discharge tonight but none came. They are getting well along with the “Marion”. She will soon be taken out of the dry dock.

Nov 11 – Mild and pleasant. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from Revelations, “Come out of her my People”. Abbie came home last night with me.

Nov 12 – Worked for U.S. Cold with high northwest wind. Got cabbages in this evening and some turnips, Herbert Lear helped. Some farmers were plowing all day.

Nov 13 - Worked for U.S. Cold as ever with furious northwest wind but it went down and was quite mild at night with signs of a storm. Herbert Lear got my celery in today. 100 hens and 18 eggs.

Nov 14 - Worked for U.S. More mild and comfortable.

Nov 15 - Worked for U.S. Cold, 18 above. Still at squaring. There was a rumor of discharge but it did not come and it is not certain when it will come. Sold eggs at 34 cent per dozen. Arthur Rand got hurt today.

Nov 16 - Worked for U.S. Cold and the first snow storm of the season lasting 3 or 4 hours but did not cover the ground fully.

Nov 17 - Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week. It was cold this morning, 15 above. Next Sunday Boston time is to set back 16 minutes to agree with Philadelphia.

Nov 18 – Mild and pleasant. Went to church and heard Boynton preach about Joseph's being sold into Egypt. Went to the cemetery with wife. Today at noon our time is set back 16 minutes. (The Day of Two Noons - On November 18, 1883, individual railroad station clocks were reset as standard-time noon was reached within each time zone—hence the Day of Two Noons—making the movement of people and goods in the United States safer.)

Nov 19 - Worked for U.S. Mild for the season but too hot for comfort.

Nov 20 - Worked for U.S. at squaring the "Omaha" and there was 6 caulkers taken on today. Received of Joe Stoddard $\frac{1}{4}$ of hog, very fair at 135 lbs. (Caulkers used cotton or rope in the seams of a ship's wooden planks or hull to make it watertight. It also had a role in tightening up the ship and reduced movement of neighboring planks.)

Nov 21 - Worked for U.S. Warm for the season. There was a discharge of 18 from the carpenter's gang. At night went to Town Hall to hear Frost preach temperance. There were but few there. Eggs 35 cents.

Nov 22 - Worked for U.S. Hot as July and we sweat all day on the north side of the ship. Received pay for the first half of the month, \$39.00.

Nov 23 - Worked for U.S. Dull most of the day but not much rain. There is complaint on the yard of scarcity of water and they have engaged a tug to bring it from the Durham River.

Nov 24 - Worked for U.S. Rainy in the morning. The Kittery murder is all the talk at the yard for the present. There has been two arrests made today.

Nov 25 – Mild and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. At 3 went to Joe Stoddard and to see Aunt Mary Tucker.

Nov 26 - Worked for U.S. on the yard. Dull and signs of rain. Sold 8 dozen eggs at 36 cents. Thanksgiving is coming.

Nov 27 - Worked for U.S. Last night rain come down furiously all night and there is now plenty of water. Wind northwest today and cool.

Nov 28 - Worked for U.S. Cold and chilly. This is the day before Thanksgiving and all are getting ready for it. Turkeys are selling at 28 cents for nice ones. Chickens at 20 cents per lb.

Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Day appointed by President Arthur and Governor Head. Hauled out manure round my trees and vines etc. John C. Webster came to dinner.

Nov 30 - Worked for U.S. They all had a plenty to eat yesterday and there was no very startling events transformed in the vicinity, so we go on as usual.

Dec 1 - Worked for U.S. Cold in the morning but at noon it was quite mild and a southerly wind at night. Herbert Lear came up at night to tell of going to Boston.

Dec 2 – There was snow on the ground this morning then it rained all day and I had a day of rest. Harrison Seavey went to church and was the only team.

Dec 3 – Cold and a furious northwest wind all day. Worked for U.S. squaring the “Omaha”.

Dec 4 – Cold in the morning but soon grew mild and warm. Worked for U.S.

Dec 5 – Warm. Worked for Alfred Elwyn making doors under the barn and got one pair made. Joe Stoddard is getting out wood with 2 moves. John W. Johnson has gone to Florida for winter.

Dec 6 - Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant. The new machine shop at Portsmouth is nearly done and they hope to be able to do a large business in the spring of some kind of iron work.

Dec 7 - Worked for U.S. Mild for the season and muddy. Jacob Christensen moved into his new house on Broad Street in Portsmouth today. (He will refer to Jacob as Jake Criss many times.)

Dec 8 – Dull and damp but mild and good working weather. Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week. Eggs cents.

Dec 9 – Mild and cleared off, warm and pleasant this morning. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the sermons.

Dec 10 - Worked for U.S. Mild for the season. Tis said potatoes have fallen in price to cents per bushel. Apples at \$3.50 per barrel, eggs at 36 cents and butter at 30 cents.

Dec 11 - Worked for U.S. Cooler and signs of snow but the moon is large and it may be fair. They are to take the dock out of the basin tomorrow so as to take the “Marion” out next day.

Dec 12 - Worked for U.S. Very mild weather and muddy.

Dec 13 - Worked for U.S. Mild and muddy. There is an order from Washington to reduce the gang.

Dec 14 - Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week and was discharged tonight with 25 carpenters, 52 in all gangs.

Dec 15 – Cold with huge northwest wind all day. Went to town with eggs to market at 36 cents. Very rough traveling. Got 27 eggs today from 100 hens. Butter is 30 cents.

Dec 16 – Cold, 6 or 8 below zero this morning. Did not go to church as it was too cold. Lizzie walked to church to hear Mr. Boynton. John Webster was down this evening.

Dec 17 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and about 4 inches of snow fell. Jobbing round the buildings and getting ready for winter as it is now coming soon.

Dec 18 – Worked for Elwyn making doors under new barn. Captain Benjamin Odiorne died Saturday night of heart disease and to be buried tomorrow at 1. (He is buried in the South Street Cemetery.)

Dec 19 – Cold and snowy all day. Worked for Elwyn making doors and finishing round then very good sleighing.

Dec 20 – Cold. Worked for Elwyn ½ day and came home at noon to get a load of grain and barrel of flour at \$7.00, corn at \$1.55 per 112 lbs. and meal \$1.45 a bag.

Dec 21 – A regular snow storm all day but it did not gain much. Jobbing round the buildings and taking care of the animals and hens. We now have 120 hens and got 25 eggs.

Dec 22 – Very cold with high northwest wind all day. Went to town at 11 with wife and Lizzie to get groceries etc.

Dec 23 – The coldest yet, 15 below zero this morning. The pump froze up and broke the upper box. Did not go to church because we had hard work to keep warm.

Dec 24 – Cold as Greenland. Worked in the shop at framing pump bottom, intend to build a new one for my dear self.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day. Went to town in the morning with Lizzie to see the fashions. Sold eggs at 36 cents. Grammy was up to dinner and we had a roast beef and orange pudding.

Dec 26 – Mild and pleasant. At work on the Pung etc. In forenoon worked for Elwyn on barn cellar doors etc.

Dec 27 – Mild, dull and rainy in the afternoon. Worked for Elwyn in the barn cellar. The snow is fast going off.

Dec 28 – Cold with high northwest wind all day. Worked for Elwyn at making a pig pen in barn cellar.

Dec 29 – Cold but pleasant. Went to town and to the navy yard and got my pay and tools. Sold eggs at 33 cents, bought grain at \$1.50 per bag and got stock to build a Pung.

Dec 30 – Cold with northeast wind and signs of snow. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Boynton preach about Lott's wife. There were more than usual in attendance.

Dec 31 – Dull and snowy all day but did not gain any, it is good sleighing. Worked for Elwyn making pig troughs and fixing their feeding apparatus in the barn cellar. Joseph Stoddard was hauling out wood. Elwyn is coming from Philadelphia the 7th of January. Tonight there is a surprise party at Berty Drake's.

Memoranda

One of the events of the year was the changing of the time from the old to what they call "Standard Time" namely the 75th parallel of Longitude and it is for the accommodation of the railroads east of Chicago. So we have on time from the Atlantic as far west as the Queen City. It sets our time back about 16 minutes and the Chicago time ahead about the same. All the railroads now have the same time and are probably happy in knowing that when one takes out his watch in Rye or Portsmouth it is by the same time that they are enjoying in Washington, New York, St. Louis and Philadelphia.

We can stay in bed 16 minutes later and still be on time. I find it easier to get to church on Sundays because the sun is higher at 7 than formerly. Then again we don't have to go to bed as soon by the sun. We have longer evenings and 9 o'clock is quite distant.

1884

Jan 1 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and in to the night. Worked at making myself a new Pung. Got the runners together and connected by bars and parts etc.

(This was the only entry that came at the end of the 1883 diary. No 1884 diary was available.)

1885

Jan 1 – Wish you Happy New Year. Put gutters on the hen house and end finish and shingled up the "rake". Horace raised his building yesterday and partly boarded it today. Went to town at 3:30 with Lizzie and carried 30 dozen eggs to go to Boston. Awful muddy and wet.

Jan 2 – Cold and high northwest wind. Finished clapboarding hen house and cleaned up round the barn. Have got about done for the present on it. Saw William W. Tucker, he said he would help me paint it sometime. Horace's wife Ann is sick with fever. (William W. Tucker is George Leroy Trefethen's son-in-law and is married to George's daughter Mary.)

Jan 3 – Cold, 4 below this morning. Finished clapboarding the east end of the barn and was jobbing round till 3:30. Went to town and got egg box and pay for eggs at 32 cents. Cold wind and was glad to be home by the fire.

Jan 4 – More mild and pleasant but very rough traveling. Did not go to church but sent all the rest and I kept house. There was not much traveling. Herman O. rode out this afternoon. Mamie Odiorne is a little better. Got 34 eggs today.

Jan 5 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn making sink for the pump room.

Jan 6 – Rainy till 2:30. Worked for Elwyn putting up sink and shelves etc. for use of the men in outdoor work. Went to town and got a load of coal and carried fowls at 14 cents per lb.

Jan 7 – Mild but somewhat squally. Worked for Elwyn. There is no work on the yard now for want of money. Went to town lecture by G.H. Jenness about Washington City.

Jan 8 – Mild and muddy. Worked for Elwyn putting in a window in the box stall and other odd jobs. They are hauling seaweed. Mamie Odiorne was down today, she is not much better.

Jan 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn making horse stalls and some repairs in the house. Stoddard is cutting timber for the additions to the house at night. Carried 30 dozen eggs to town to go to Boston and got 51 eggs today.

Jan 10 – Hauled 2 loads sand and put it in hen house and one load of loam and jobbing round generally. Went to town at 3 with wife and Lizzie. It was cold with a high northwest wind and rough wheeling.

Jan 11 – Chilly south wind. Went to church with all the family and heard one sermon in regard to God visible and invisible spiritual and otherwise. At 3:30 went with wife to see Orin Drake and Fannie and Aunt Mary's.

Jan 12 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for Elwyn framing off over the carriage house. Joe Stoddard was threshing rye.

Jan 13 – Windy and not very cold. Worked for Elwyn laying the floor over the shop and carriage house. At night went to town and got plucks for the hens and got pay for eggs sent to Boston, 30 cents per dozen including expressage.

Jan 14 – Cool and pleasant, good winter weather. Worked for Elwyn selecting stock for the frame of the addition to the hen house. Got 2 loads to and 2 loads from the mill. Mamie Odiorne is a little better today.

Jan 15 – Worked for Elwyn getting timber to the mill. Adams Drake was hauling with Elwyn's teams and we got off 8 loads, all on wheels. It began to snow at 11 and at night and we had 4 inches.

Jan 16 – Snowing all day with wind northeast and it is sledding again. Worked for Elwyn. We got of 5 loads to mill and 5 back. There is now snow enough for good sleighing. We got today 57 eggs from 130 hens.

Jan 17 – Rain and sleet fell till 11 o'clock then cleared off. Colder with 6 inches snow and heavy crust. Went to town to carry eggs to go to Boston, 30 dozen. Went to the yard and got \$3.00, one day's pay, the first of last December.

Jan 18 – Colder, 8 above with wind, very good sleighing. Went to church with all hands and heard Boynton preach one sermon on faith. At 3 went over to see Joseph and folks.

Jan 19 – Cold and clear, good sleighing. Worked for Elwyn hunting stock and sending it to mill. We are now sending the large logs. There is a large cotton exposition at New Orleans now open and many are going from the north.

Jan 20 – Cold and clear and the good sleighing continues. Worked for Elwyn getting stock to and from the mill. Now is the time for people who have sledding to do to take hold of it at once. There is a cry of dull times.

Jan 21 – Cold and clear, 2 above. Worked for Elwyn. At 5 went to town with 30 dozen eggs to go to Boston. At 6:30 went to town hall to hear Joseph Kidder lecture on the Revolutionary history, not very good.

Jan 22 – Very cold, 6 below with high northwest wind all day. Stayed at home and racked off cider and about 500 other jobs too numerous to mention. There was not much travel on the highway. It was more comfortable round a coal fire.

Jan 23 – Cold as ever, 6 or 8 below in the morning but soon grew warmer. Went to town with wife and we got the long needed hanging lamp and hung it in the center of the sitting room and it is perfection. I also had a present of a watch chair. (A watchman's chair is a design of unupholstered wood construction featuring a forward slanted seat, such that the watchman could not readily fall asleep without sliding downward and off the front of the chair. The design was developed in Western Europe, and was used from late medieval times well into the 19th century.)

Jan 24 – Snowing all day so I took care of animals and fowls and also drew plans for John Henry Grover's house etc.

Jan 25 – Pleasant and mild and thawing. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about the prodigal son. The sleighing was not the best.

Jan 26 – Cold. Worked for Elwyn at getting timber to go to mill. We have now got the most of the frame.

Jan 27 – Cold and windy and good sleighing. Worked for Elwyn. Took latch off door at Whipple farm and assorted and piled timber. At night went to town and carried 30 dozen eggs and 17 lbs. fowls at 14 cents per lb.

Jan 28 – Cold and very stormy all day and at times it was 2 below zero with high northeast wind. So I took care of the hens and beast and sat by the fire. There was very little traveling.

Jan 29 – Cold, 6 below in morning but soon softened. They broke out the road and got a good path. At 2 went to town with wife and called to see Clara Raynes. Got egg box and pay for the 30 dozen eggs, \$7.75.

Jan 30 – Cold, 4 below in morning. Worked for Elwyn sending logs to mill etc. At night went to town hall to an entertainment by the Portsmouth Club. We thought it was a slim affair and weak.

Jan 31 – Very bright and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at jobbing round in pump room. Charles Brackett's horse ran away from Red House towards town and he rode with me till we found it hitched to rail of the bridge on Lafayette Road.

Feb 1 – Dull with light snow all day. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about the responsibility of man. It is in proportion to his talents.

Feb 2 – Cold and furious northwest wind and snow flying. This was the roughest day of the winter and there was not a team of any kind passed the house today.

Feb 3 - Cold as ever and windy, 8 below in morning. Then moderated down so that by night it was quite mild. Went to town at 9 and carried 30 dozen eggs and 20 lbs. poultry. Brought Abbie home, she came from New Boston last night.

Feb 4 – More mild and cloudy. Went to the yard and worked for U.S. on the "Marion". At 5 it began to snow again. There is quite a gang on the yard. Orders came to get the "Marion" ready forthwith.

Feb 5 – More mild and cloudy all day. Worked for U.S. on “Marion”. There is said to be a large gang coming on tomorrow. There is but one steamer to carry workmen and it is difficult getting passage.

Feb 6 – Cold. Worked for U.S. on “Marion”. They are fast getting her ready for sea. There is also gangs at work on the “Omaha” and “Vandalia”, both undergoing repairs. The time for inauguration of Cleveland as President is fast coming along.

Feb 7 – Cold, 3 below in the morning. Work for U.S. and we had a cold time of it all day. Tis said the Ten Cent Savings Bank receiver is soon to pay the last dividend or last payment in settling up that defunct institution after 8 years.

Feb 8 – Dull and still cold and signs of snow. All went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about “Holiness, be thou holy”. Adams E. Drake has lost a horse by colic.

Feb 9 – More mild and dull all day with signs of storm. Worked for U.S. on “Vandalia” getting ready to lay forecastle deck. Tis said Frank Jones will be Secretary of the Navy under Cleveland. (USS Vandalia, screw sloop, was built at the Boston Navy Yard, Charlestown, Massachusetts. Commissioned in January 1876).

Feb 10 – Dull and rainy in the morning. It rained furiously all night and everything is flooded and awful traveling. At 10:30 went to town and carried 30 dozen eggs and 23 ½ lbs. fowl. In the afternoon worked for U.S.

Feb 11 – Cold as Greenland with high northwest wind all day and very bad traveling. Worked for U.S. It was a regular blizzard and the road was a little better tonight.

Feb 12 – Cold as ever with wind north. Worked for U.S. on “Vandalia” taking out forecastle deck. Elwyn has been here from Philadelphia and went back today. He has given a deed of the Whipple place.

Feb 13 – Cold, about zero. Worked for U.S. The sleighing is rough with any quantity of “driving bells” so we have to drive slowly. The bosses on the yard are trembling for the fate that awaits them after 4th of March.

Feb 14 – Cold. Worked for U.S. on “Marion”. She is about ready for sea with all hands on board. There is more ice in the river than for many years. John Salter Marden’s wife Sophia was buried today at age 56. (Sophia C. was the daughter of William and Mary (Rand) Holmes and was 56 years old.)

Feb 15 – Cold. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get the sermon and I sat by the fire. At 3:30 we all went to see Eliza Ann reading the history of the “First Century”. (Eliza Ann is the wife of Supply’s brother Samuel A. Trefethen.)

Feb 16 – Cold, 3 below. Worked for U.S.

Feb 17 – Cold as usual, zero. Worked for U.S. Carried 30 dozen eggs to town to go to Boston and also sold poultry at 14 cents. Lizzie went to town to the ball of “Sons of Veterans”.

Feb 18 – Very cold. Worked for U.S. The bosses are sadly looking for March 4th when their removal will be in danger.

Feb 19 – Cold, zero weather with north wind. Worked for U.S. on the “Vandalia”. At night got egg box and pay for 30 dozen eggs at 24 cent per dozen.

Feb 20 – Cold north wind and zero in the morning. Worked for U.S. at laying forecastle deck. Got pay (\$28.50) for the first half of this month. Paid for coal etc.

Feb 21 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. There is now about 8 inches of solid ice on the ground and covered most of the way with 6 or 7 inches of snow, so that it solid and elegant traveling except the pitches.

Feb 22 – A little more mild. Did not go to church but sent all hands to get a report of Boynton’s sermon. At 3 went with wife to the Elwyn farm to see if the timber is all sawed, Eliza was there.

Feb 23 – Cold and fair. Worked for U.S. It is elegant sleighing and people are improving it.

Feb 24 – Cold and pleasant. Worked for U.S. Carried 30 dozen eggs to town to go to Boston and also sold poultry, 13 ¾ pounds at 14 cents.

Feb 25 – Worked for U.S. Mild and pleasant and very bright moon light nights. Miss Emma Merrill, the teacher of our school, was up to tea and spent the evening.

Feb 26 – Worked for U.S. More mild and somewhat thawing. But there was a great amount of teaming done today. At night we all went to town hall to hear a temperance lecture by Mr. Merrill.

Feb 27 – Good winter weather. Worked for U.S.

Feb 28 – Mild and thawing. Worked for U.S. at lining planks for saw mill. This is the last day of February and many thought there would be a discharge.

Mar 1 – Dull. Intended to go to church but word came that Edward Tucker was much sicker and so went over to see him. He is very low at 6 at night.

Mar 2 – Mild for March. Worked for U.S. Edward W. Tucker died last night at 8:30 of typhoid pneumonia. (Edward Tucker was the brother of Susan (Tucker) Clark. Susan being the wife of Moses Clark, Supply's wife Mary (Clark)'s step brother.)

Mar 3 – Mild and thawing. Worked for U.S. all day in mill molding out planks. Edward Tucker's funeral is to be tomorrow at 2. He was 66 years old. Cleveland is to be sworn in President tomorrow at noon.

Mar 4 – Dull and snowy in the morning. Worked for U.S. ½ day. Came home at noon and went to Uncle Edwards's funeral. There were but few to follow. The house was left alone tonight, the first time in many years.

Mar 5 – Mild and thawing. Worked for U.S. The first regular day under Democratic President Cleveland. The cabinet has not been announced officially.

Mar 6 – Cold and windy and did not thaw. Worked for U.S. The new Cabinet was confirmed today, T.F. Bayard is Secretary of State, Daniel Manning, Treasury, William Vila for Port Manager, General William Whitney for Secretary of the Navy and Garland Attorney's General and William C. Endicott is Secretary of War.

Mar 7 – Colder than it has been for some time. Worked for U.S. The new Cabinet went to work today. Mr. Lamar of Mississippi is Secretary of the Interior.

Mar 8 – Cold and disagreeable. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach about gods forsaking a man. Miss Emma Merrill our teacher was here to dine and left at 6 for Mr. Emery Woodman's. We hope to get her to teach again.

Mar 9 – Cold as usual. Worked for U.S. Carried a case of eggs to town to go to Boston.

Mar 10 – Fair and not very cold. Worked for U.S. ½ day. Came home at noon and went to town meeting. Paid J.H. Broughton \$37.50 for clapboards, 1 ½ M (M = thousand feet). Got paint of Wendell to paint the barn. William W. Tucker will paint it.

Mar 11 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. William Tucker was painting on the barn for me, 2 colors. H.W. Johns asbestos paints and No 33 light and 65 dark brown.

Mar 12 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. At night got the eggs case and received 25 cents per dozen. William Tucker was painting ½ day on the barn and hen house.

Mar 13 – Cold, 3 below zero. Worked for U.S. on "Omaha". William Tucker was painting on the barn.

Mar 14 – Cold but not so bad as yesterday. Worked for U.S. on ship “Omaha”. At night went to school meeting. Irvin Seavey was chosen to Prudential Committee.

Mar 15 – Dull and snow came on at noon and soon turned to rain. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get reports. William Tucker called at noon.

Mar 16 – Cold and fair. Worked for U.S. on “Omaha”. There is great activity in getting her ready. The Democrats who are not on the yard are swearing because Republicans are not discharged and they take on.

Mar 17 – Very cold, too much for painting outside. Stayed at home in forenoon to welcome a small calf and see that he was kept from freezing. Worked for Uncle Sam in the afternoon. Sent eggs to Boston at 22 ½ cents.

Mar 18 – Cold and clear, 3 below. Worked for U.S. and all had to find inside jobs. Eddie Varrell and Frank Muchmore are sawing my wood by contract, \$5.00 for the job and began today. (Eddie Varrell is 18 and the son of John and Margaret (Muchmore) Varrell. John died in 1881. Frank “Muchy” Muchmore is the younger brother of Margaret and is 29 years old. Margaret and her son are living in the Old John Varrell house on Sagamore Road.)

Mar 19 – Cold, we have now had a continued “Spell” of cold and clear weather for nearly a fortnight and we have become resigned to arctic temperatures. If we only had sleighing we could be happy.

Mar 20 – Cold, zero weather. Worked for U.S. Varrell and “Muchy” finished their contract today and we have a large pile of stove wood. Sold eggs at 21 cents.

Mar 21 – Cold with high northwest wind making it one of the roughest days of the winter. We had expected to be paid today but no money came.

Mar 22 – Cold with signs of a storm. Both pumps froze up last night so I had a little rest in thawing them. Sent Lizzie and Edith to church to get reports.

Mar 23 – Cold as usual. Worked for U.S. The navy yard bosses have been expecting to be removed ever since the 4th of March but no changes have yet been made. Eggs 20 cents.

Mar 24 – Cold. Worked for U.S. We have had the most fair weather since February began of any winter month I have known but it has been one continued cold spell.

Mar 25 – More mild. Worked for U.S.

Mar 26 – More mild. Worked for U.S. News came that Samuel J. Gerrish is appointed Port Master of Portsmouth and will qualify at once.

Mar 27 – Warmer and snow going off fast. Worked for U.S. fitting one boat into another for “Omaha”.

Mar 28 – Very mild and pleasant. Worked for U.S. This was a very nice and spring like day and the frost is fast coming out. Carried 30 dozen eggs to go to Boston.

Mar 29 – This morning there was a furious northeast snow storm raging and continued till 10 then broke away and came off warm. No one went to church and none passing here except the baker and milk carrier.

Mar 30 – Mild and fair. Worked for U.S. There is a report that a big discharge will come off tomorrow.

Mar 31 - Worked for U.S. and was discharged with 21 other carpenters and many boat builders and other in all about 90.

Apr 1 – Put up conductors to barn gutters. Then went to town and to the yard and got my tools and pay, \$40.50. Came home and cut out parts in dining room and hunted up tools to begin work at Elwyn’s.

Apr 2 – Mild and thawy. Worked for Alfred Elwyn hewing timber for addition to his house, Horace and Charles E. helping.

Apr 3 – Warm part of the day then came of colder. Worked for Elwyn hewing timber.

Apr 4 – A regular northeast storm all day. Worked for Elwyn taking down the sink room and getting out finish and got plucks for the hens.

Apr 5 – Strong west wind. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on the resurrection of the Savior it being Easter Sunday.

Apr 6 – Cool north wind. Worked for Elwyn. Got William Foster and Storer Marston to dig for the foundation. Horace is hewing for Eben Odiorne.

Apr 7 – More mild with signs of rain. Worked for Elwyn framing the addition and Storer Marston digging. William Tucker finished the 2nd coat of painting my barn and is to paint the shop.

Apr 8 – Dull all day. Worked for Elwyn at framing. The diggers did not work.

Apr 9 – Worked for Elwyn putting in foundation for the addition. Got pay for eggs at 17 cents. General Grant still lives.

Apr 10 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn. Got well along with the stone work. Mr. Elwyn returned to Philadelphia today at 3. I received \$75.00 of him to pay for work on his addition.

Apr 11 – Cool and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn on foundation. Got well along with the stone work and hope soon to get the brick underpinning on so as to raise the frame.

Apr 12 – Dull and cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about the Holy Land. There was no meeting at the other church and we were full. Snow came down furiously at night.

Apr 13 – One inch of snow on the ground this morning but it soon went off but we had a showery day. Worked for Elwyn and got ready to put on the brick work.

Apr 14 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn. We were putting on brick underpinning, Levi Hall and Gilman Trefethen helping and Henry Rand laid bricks. We are getting the frame ready to go up on Thursday.

Apr 15 – Fair and good working weather. We are pushing Elwyn's work along. Finished the underpinning and put sills on today and got ready to raise.

Apr 16 – Fair as usual. Worked for Elwyn. We raised the building and boarded the body and got up staging all round and ready to put on roof. This was Fast Day and we worked fast.

Apr 17 – Mild and spring like. Worked for Elwyn. Put on roof frame and boarded some, also got the chimney started, Henry Rand building it.

Apr 18 – Fair and dry. Worked for Elwyn. Got most of the roof boarded. Received from him \$85.00 and paid most of it out to the men.

Apr 19 – Mild and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. At night went to Daniel M. Foss, he is much improved.

Apr 20 – Very warm. Worked for Elwyn getting ready to shingle.

Apr 21 – Very hot, 80 in the shade. Worked for Elwyn getting ready to shingle.

Apr 22 – Hot for the season. Worked for Elwyn shingling etc.

Apr 23 – Warm and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn shingling and putting on finish.

Apr 24 – Warm and fair. Worked for Elwyn. We are pushing the shingling so as to be able to work inside.

Apr 25 – Fair and good working weather. Worked for Mr. Elwyn. Got the shingling about done so the rain will not trouble us about going on inside. Received the money from Elwyn and paid all for this week.

Apr 26 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Did not go to church but had a day of rest. Charles E. came in to see me about going tomorrow.

Apr 27 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn on improvements.

Apr 28 – Cool. Worked for Elwyn. Went to town and got a load of stock. Carried eggs, 30 dozen to go to Boston. Eggs 16 cents.

Apr 29 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and furious wind. Worked for Elwyn furring and getting ready to lath.

Apr 30 – Fair with northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn. Getting ready for lathing. At night went to Warren Caswell's and got clam shells, Lizzie and Edith went with me.

May 1 – Dull and cold but no rain. Worked for Elwyn. Went to town and got materials. The large rocks came today. Tis said now that there will be war between England and Russia.

May 2 – Cold and rainy with wind northeast. Worked for Elwyn. Getting ready for lathing and plastering. Frank Libby began to put on laths this afternoon. Got ready to make mortar.

May 3 – Cold, freezing this morning. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from "Put on the whole armor of God".

May 4 – Cold and freezing in the morning. Worked for Elwyn on addition to his house.

May 5 – Cool weather. Worked for Elwyn. Mrs. Elwyn arrived from Philadelphia today to clear the chambers so we can get the dormer windows in.

May 6 – Cool and cloudy. Worked for Elwyn. Got well along with the clapboarding. Mrs. Elwyn returned to Philadelphia at 3. Have got all ready for the plastering and George Webber came today.

May 7 – Dull but not rainy. Worked for Elwyn. Began the plastering and going on with the clapboarding etc.

May 8 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for Elwyn. Got the upper story all plastered and started on the lower rooms. Got the clapboarding well along and cut a doorway through pantry to hall.

May 9 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Elwyn. Got the most of the first coat of mortar on and tore out for the dormer windows inside.

May 10 – Fair with west wind. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Robie preach one sermon and at 3 went with wife to New Castle to see Wendell's cottage and others. John Grover called.

May 11 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn plastering and framing Tom's chamber and the front dormer windows. Went to Fernald's to see about posts.

May 12 – Warmer and more spring like. Worked for Elwyn. Raised the body of Porte Cochere. (Porte Cochere is a porch where people stop to discharge passengers.)

May 13 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn and got one of the dormer windows nearly shingled and Tom's chamber boarded except joining on the house. The plastering is drying out well.

May 14 – A regular northeast rain storm. Worked for Elwyn. Tore out the closet and set partitions for the China closet and storage. Getting out finish for the Porte Cochere.

May 15 – Very warm and pleasant. Working for Elwyn. Finished one dormer window outside and got ready to cut out for the other. Also shingled most of Tom's chamber etc.

May 16 – Fair and drying and the plastering is getting about dry enough to put on the skim coat. Received \$97.00 of Elwyn and paid the men and settled with all hands.

May 17 – Fair and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. Went with wife to North Hampton to see the cottages and farm house and came back past Winchester's.

May 18 – Fair in morning and at 3 rain came from the northeast freely. Worked for Elwyn.

May 19 – Fair and hot. Worked for Elwyn on dormer windows and Tom's chamber. Finished shingling and front windows.

May 20 – Showery in the morning then cleared off mild. Worked for Elwyn putting in dormer window over library and furring Tom's room and putting on skim coat etc.

May 21 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn putting in dormer windows over the library. The masons are putting on the skim coat.

May 22 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn putting in dormer window over old kitchen and furring all the dormers. The masons finished the 2nd story.

May 23 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Elwyn. The masons putting on the skim coat below and got the last dormer window well along and have got them ready.

May 24 – Fair and mild and muddy. Did not go to church but had a day of rest and sleep. Joe Ham called and got a grape vine and a drink of cider.

May 25 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for Elwyn lathing and plastering and the plumbers began today. So all parts are going along.

May 26 – Hot. Worked for Elwyn lathing, clapboarding and making mortar etc. Eggs 15 cents.

May 27 – Warm and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn and finished the lathing in dormer windows and China closet and Tom's room. The plumber is at work on the large iron pipes.

May 28 – Fair, cool and good working weather. Worked for Elwyn. The plastering is nearly all on and we are laying floors and putting on finish etc.

May 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn. The plasterers finished the first coat in the main house and putting dentals on Tom's part and laying floors in the addition etc. Went to town at night with eggs, 30 dozen at 15 ½ cents.

May 30 – Dull and cloudy all day. Worked for Elwyn finishing dormer windows and chamber windows inside. Began to paint the roof red etc. Went to town to get stock. Saw the Circus Street parade and the Memorial Day crowd.

May 31 – Dull and Rainy all day and so I had a day of rest and recuperation. No one went to church past here so we were not disturbed by the traveling public.

Jun 1 – Cloudy. Worked for Elwyn. Had all parts going on, finishing windows, putting down base boards, painting and plumbing. Got a letter from him in regard to insurance, he desires me to see the agent.

Jun 2 – Fair with high northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn. Getting along with painting the roof, finishing windows and getting out finish for Porte Cochere etc.

Jun 3 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn painting roof red, going at plumbing and finishing Porte Cochere, windows etc. At night went to town with Edith to carry eggs at 15 cents.

Jun 4 – Bright in the morning and at noon showers came in and dull till night. Worked for Elwyn. Finishing Porte Cochere outside and painting roof. Got the 3 tanks nearly done and 2 are lined.

Jun 5 – A regular northeast rainstorm all day. Worked for Elwyn. The masons were putting on the skim coat in dormer windows and Tom's chamber. The plumbers are getting along well.

Jun 6 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn. The masons finished the plastering and the plumber finished lining the large tank and we were shingling the Porte Cochere and about 100 other jobs. Received of him \$141.75 and paid off.

Jun 7 – Mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon about children. At night went with wife to see cemetery etc.

Jun 8 – High wind and hot. Worked for Elwyn. Going along with all parts, finishing chamber in main house.

Jun 9 – Cool northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn. Laying floors and shingling Porte Cochere.

Jun 10 – Hot and fair. Worked for Elwyn finishing chambers, painting roofs 2nd coat, painting inside and going on with plumbing. George Webber cut his ankle this forenoon.

Jun 11 – Hot and fair. Worked for Elwyn. Received a part of my floor boards today. They are maple and came from Boston, 3 ½ inches wide. Want to begin to lay them tomorrow.

Jun 12 – Fair and hot. Worked for Elwyn. Laying floors in Wash room and in Tom's chamber and bathroom. The plumber was getting the water closet ready.

Jun 13 – Fair, hot and dry and very dusty. Worked for Elwyn laying floors.

Jun 14 – Very hot with high wind. Did not go to church in the morning but at night went to concert for the children at Baptist.

Jun 15 – Hot and dry. Worked for Elwyn with 10 men. Laying floors, hanging doors and setting posts under Porte Cochere. Expect Mrs. Elwyn will be here next Friday.

Jun 16 – Very hot, 95 in the shade. Worked for Elwyn.

Jun 17 – Cooler than yesterday. Worked for Elwyn hanging doors, building stairs, setting laundry traps and digging trench for pipe to well.

Jun 18 – Cool and comfortable. Working for Elwyn. Got the pipe in from well to house except connecting with sink. Also got the floors washed in chambers.

Jun 19 – Hot and fair and dusty. Worked for Mrs. Elwyn that is she arrived today to direct about the work bringing 2 colored servants, male and female. We found this morning the pipe to the well was tight so we could close up the trench.

Jun 20 – Hot and dry. Worked for Elwyn finishing China closet and other jobs with plumbing. Mrs. Elwyn has ordered some changes and I have had them done.

Jun 21 – Fair and hot and dry. Did not go to church as there was no meeting at our church. So had a day of rest. At 4 went with wife to cemetery to see Clara's lot etc.

Jun 22 – Worked for Elwyn. Had a good shower at 11. Went to town to get stock.

Jun 23 – Fair and cool and good working weather. Worked for Elwyn. Had some digging the cesspool and others at painting and Henry Rand set the boiler. Received a marriage card from G.H. Jenness.

Jun 24 – Dry and cool wind northwest. Worked for Elwyn. Digging cesspool, had 10 men most of the day and we got down only about 7 feet when the water came in so freely I think we shall have to abandon it till September.

Jun 25 – Hot and dry. Worked for Elwyn. George Webber got back today and built platform at south end of the house.

Jun 26 – Hot and dry. Worked for Elwyn. This was inspection day. Mr. Chandler the architect was down from Boston to see the work and said all was well and satisfactory.

Jun 27 – Hot and dry. Worked for Elwyn. The plumber pumped water into the tank for the first time and all was tight and well.

Jun 28 – Dull and somewhat foggy. Did not go to church but sent all others of the family. At night there were signs of rain.

Jun 29 – Cool and dull and wet. Last night we had a heavy rain and all vegetation starts with a rush. Worked for Elwyn sheathing under Tom's room. The plumber got done today.

Jun 30 – Cool and comfortable but not hay weather. Worked for Elwyn.

Jul 1 – Dull all day and no hay weather. Worked for Elwyn with 9 men finishing Porte Cochere and bathroom, also privy. Elwyn is to start from Philadelphia tomorrow with balance of his family.

Jul 2 – Fair and good hay weather. Worked for Elwyn. Had the bathroom finished and all three of privies and got Porta Cochere well along.

Jul 3 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn. Finished Porte Cochere and many other odd jobs and got the house in running order. He and balance of his family came last night so there are now 11 all told with one guest. Received money and paid the men.

Jul 4 – The glorious forth, the day we celebrate. Fair and pleasant. Went to town in morning then cleaned up a little to get ready for haying. Mrs. Irvin Seavey and Miss Emma Merrill were up to tea.

Jul 5 – Warm but foggy in the afternoon. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on the inspiration of the scriptures. There were but few hearers.

Jul 6 – Foggy all day and no hay weather but we cut off about one acre, John O. Berry helping. There is a light drop all round. At night went to town with wife to see the town.

Jul 7 – Dull all day. Worked for Elwyn ½ day repairing boat.

Jul 8 – Fair and very drying. John Berry helping on the haying. Cut all in field back of Grammy Clark's and half of Betty field and raked all up at night.

Jul 9 – 14 Missing

Jul 15 – A good hay day and we improved it by getting in all we could and raked the balance up.

Jul 16 – This was what we called Barnum's Day. That is Barnum's Circus was at Portsmouth and we all went in the morning to see the street parade. Then at 1 to see the circus, it was a great show.

Jul 17 – Fair and good hay weather and finished getting in my hay, got in 6 loads today making in all, 30 loads.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot. Went to Elwyn's in morning to see about Dutch door. Then to town and home. In the afternoon was jobbing round the garden etc.

Jul 19 – Fair with west wind. Did not go to church but has a day of rest. Sent Lizzie and Edith. At 5:30 went with wife to see the Elwyn house.

Jul 20 – Fair and not very hot. Had a day of rest after going to town etc.

Jul 21 – Light shower in morning but not enough to wet down and the potatoes are dying.

Jul 22 – Dull with a slight shower in the morning. Jobbing round and resting. Getting ready to work for Elwyn. At 3 laid out a cellar for John Henry Grover. (John Henry is the son of John Grover and is 30 years old and is building a home in Portsmouth.)

Jul 23 – Fair and pleasant and not very hot. Clara Raynes and her daughter Ruth, son-in-law Israel Miller and infant son, Kennard were down and spent the day. We went to the beach and had a good time.

Jul 24 – Hot and dry. Cleaning up round the buildings etc. Tis said that “times are very dull all over the country”.

Jul 25 – Very hot indeed. Jobbing round the plantation etc. At 3 went to town and got malt for hens and chickens.

Jul 26 – Very hot and so thought best to keep cool by staying at home, 95 in the shade and was too much to travel in.

Jul 27 – Began work again for Elwyn today with 2 men finishing Porta Cochere. Went to town and got his Dutch door and hung it. It will be very nice for the place. The upper half will be open most of the time.

Jul 28 – Not very hot but very dry top of the ground so that the crops are drying up. Worked for Elwyn painting and laying maple floor in vestibule.

Jul 29 – Worked for Elwyn finishing hardwood floors in the vestibule and had it oiled. It is very nice and much of the wood is Birdseye maple.

Jul 30 – Worked for Elwyn. The Dutch door gives great satisfaction to all the family.

Jul 31 – Worked for Elwyn. He and his family intend to stay here until September 17th then go to Philadelphia for the winter.

Aug 1 – Worked for Elwyn. Painted the north end of the main house and they pronounced the colors satisfactory.

Aug 2 – Fair and pleasant and went to church with wife and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. As this was the first Sunday of the month the boxes were passed round for “current extras”.

Aug 3 – Worked for Reverend Mr. Elwyn at painting the house.

Aug 4 – A furious rain all the forenoon and it was much needed. It seems now that we shall not soon suffer for water. There is more riding than ever by the summer visitors and others.

Aug 5 – Painting for Elwyn. People are generally cutting their salt grass and it is said to be much better than usual. So they are happy or will be if they have good weather to dry it.

Aug 6 – Worked at painting for Alfred Elwyn with two men. There has been today a great lawn tennis tournament at the Wentworth and all the Elwyn’s and a thousand others were there.

(The tournament was the Wentworth Invitational and ran from Aug. 3 – 9. It was won by Walter Van Rensselaer Berry. Berry was an American lawyer and diplomat and friend of several great

writers. He was also an American tennis player active in the late 19th century. Berry reached the semifinals of the U.S. National Championships in 1885 and the finals of the doubles in 1884.)

Aug 7 – Very comfortable. Worked for Elwyn at painting. There is in New York and nearly every other city, great preparations for the memorial ceremonies in honor of General Grant.

Aug 8 – Fair and good working weather. Painting for Elwyn on additions and have got round to backside. Also privy closets made upstairs. General Grant was buried today in New York with great pomp and display.

Aug 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Did not go to church but had a day of rest.

Aug 10 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn at painting. The beach houses are now said to be all full and doing a good business.

Aug 11 – Dull all day and so we did inside work most of the day for Elwyn.

Aug 12 – Fair and hot, 90 in the shade. We were painting north end of the house and hung blinds.

Aug 13 – Showery and we painted blinds and are getting ready to put a window in over Porta Cochere. John S. Remick is very sick and is thought to be dying. He is representation to general court.

Aug 14 – Worked for Elwyn painting etc. They are now in the midst of their summer vacation and are enjoying it to the utmost.

Aug 15 – Pleasant. Worked for Elwyn painting. Shellacked the closet and Dutch doors. Charles E. Trefethen made the hall closet.

Aug 16 – Fair and cool and comfortable. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on love. At 3 went with wife to Boars Head to see the beaches.

Aug 17 – Worked for Elwyn putting in an additional window to Tom's chamber. Got the frame and window in and shingled round it.

Aug 18 – Fair and not very hot. Worked for Elwyn finishing window.

Aug 19 – Worked for Elwyn painting dormer windows etc. Albert Dow is very sick with cancer in the mouth. (Albert Dow is living near Wallis Sands in East Rye, now known as Parson's road.)

Aug 20 – Fair. Painted the south end of Elwyn's house with Thornton Betton. Also finished other odd jobs.

Aug 21 – Very hot. Worked for Elwyn at painting and getting it along well. John S. Remick is still very sick.

Aug 22 – Shower then fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn and finished the painting and discharged the painter, Batton. Have got orders to build the piazza.

Aug 23 – Hot and dry. Did not go to church but sent all others and had a day of rest till 3 then went with all hands to town to see Frank Jones place. He has many acres of lawns filled with shrubs and trees and statuary and flowers in great abundance.

Aug 24 – Very hot and muggy. Worked for Elwyn. Began framing the “Porch”, Horace helping. Got the sills about ready. The new bosses are appointed at the navy yard and assumed duty today. Charles W. Stimson is foreman of the carpenters.

Aug 25 – Rainy most of the day and had a day of general jobbing round at home. Last night sold Hiram Locke 3 bushels of apples at 8 ½ Red Astrachans.

Aug 26 – Fair and cool with north wind and nearly cold enough for frost. Worked for Elwyn on porch. At night carried 2 bushels of apples to town to Fred Moses at 8 ½ cents per bushel.

Aug 27 – Today was the picnic of the Trefethen families and others, about 200 in all at Wallis Sands near Concord Point. We had Pierce’s tent and a good time generally.

Aug 28 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn on Piazza, Horace helping. Also Charles E. got the roof frame well high in place.

Aug 29 – Fair and pleasant and cool as it has been for 4 days. Worked for Elwyn and finished the frame and boarded the porch. Went to town and got stock to finish with the shingles. Fannie Ayers was here to tea.

Aug 30 – Dull and rainy all day so had a day of rest. No one went to church past the house.

Aug 31 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn on the porch and getting ready to shingle and put on gutters.

Sep 1 – We had a shower last night. Worked for Elwyn on porch.

Sep 2 – Worked for Elwyn on porch. Tis said business is very dull all over the country. They are now beginning to work on the navy yard and it may help Portsmouth out a little.

Sep 3 – Cool. Worked for Elwyn on porch.

Sep 4 – Fair and cool but no frost yet. Worked for Elwyn at painting etc. Went to town and got stock. Mr. Levi Rand formerly from Rye was buried yesterday. He sold meat here for several years and was once a tailor. (Levi was the son of Joseph and Olive (Marden) Rand and was 74.)

Sep 5 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn painting. John S. Remick died this evening at 7 of consumption. (John was the son of John G. and Betsey B. (Philbrick) Remick. He was 58 years old.)

Sep 6 – Fair and cool, wind northwest. Went to church with Lizzie and heard Mr. Boynton preach about “faith”. At 3 went with wife to ride through North Hampton. Greenland and home by way of Lafayette Road.

Sep 7 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn, Horace helping. Elwyn went to Philadelphia at 3 o clock.

Sep 8 – Worked for Elwyn and about finished the porch except painting and lattice work under front and ends.

Sep 9 – Dull and raining all day with wind southwest. Worked for Elwyn painting. John S. Remick was buried today at 2.

Sep 10 – Dull and rainy till noon then cleared off. Hot. Worked for Elwyn and made a table and lattice work.

Sep 11 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn, Horace L. and Charles E. helping. Got the carpenter work done.

Sep 12 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn painting. He came home today from Philadelphia.

Sep 13 – Foggy in the morning but soon cleared off. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. At 2 went with wife to Stratham through Greenland to ride for pleasure and see the habitations.

Sep 14 – Fair and very hot. Worked for Elwyn at painting on porch. Mrs. Balch has advertised her house on Lafayette Road for sale.

Sep 15 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn.

Sep 16 – Fair and dry. Worked for Elwyn.

Sep 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn finishing piazza.

Sep 18 – Fair and dry. Went with wife to cemetery and to see her grandfather’s place. Then at three went to town to market. Widow of Nathaniel Foye died today at Joseph D. Jenness. (Nathaniel’s wife was Martha Locke Foye. She was the daughter of James Dow and Polly Parsons.)

Sep 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn. Jobbing round the house at night. Received \$10.00 for 5 days. Went to town and got one quart of oysters for Sunday morning.

Sep 20 – Fair and dry. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Boynton preach about faith. At one went with all hands to Newington. Called at Bent Hough's and John Ichabod Trefethen's. (John Ichabod is Supply's brother and is living in Newington with his family at this time.)

Sep 21 – Fair and cool with wind south. Worked for Elwyn putting up trellises and oiling window rungs. The family are getting ready to go next Thursday to Philadelphia. Mrs. Foye was buried yesterday.

Sep 22 – Worked for Elwyn making storm door and otherwise getting the house ready to close up for the season.

Sep 23 – Wind northeast and storming all day. Worked for Elwyn. The family are getting ready to go to Philadelphia.

Sep 24 – Worked for Elwyn and got the house ready and fastened up for the winter. They all went except Fanny and Helen who are to stay at Mr. Wendell's at New Castle one week. (They are Alfred's oldest daughters. Fanny is 20 and Helen is 19.)

Sep 25 – Fair and cool. Jobbing round in forenoon. Went to town with wife to see the town. Sold 1 bushel of apples for \$1.00. This evening Miss Emma Merrill was up to tea. She is now teaching her 5th term in our district.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round in forenoon. Made a butter worker etc. Afternoon went to town and carried 1 bushel of Gravenstine apples for \$1.00.

Sep 27 – Fair and warm. Did not go to church but sent all others and had a while to rest and read. At 3 went with wife to New Castle to see the town and surroundings and the Wentworth.

Sep 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for A. Elwyn getting ready to complete the cesspool we began last spring, Henry Grover helping. Went to town to get help and other things for the work.

Sep 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn digging the cesspool. Had 4 men and got down about 2 feet today, good progress.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn and finished digging cesspool and stoned it up out of the way of the water. There is about 3 feet of water now in. Mrs. Balch's house and land were sold today at auction, \$5150.00. (Elizabeth Balch is the mother of Martha Ellen (Balch) Trefethen who is the wife of Charles Erwin Trefethen.)

Oct 1 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn. Taking up well getting ready to blast it down. There is now about 15 inches of water. John Cutts was down and regulated the plumbing work for winter.

Oct 2 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn and finished taking up well and got ready for blasting in bottom.

Oct 3 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for Elwyn. Made two blasts in the well but did not clear it out afterwards. Put 2 plow beams on plow for the farm.

Oct 4 – Dull in morning but cleared off at 10, warm and bright. There has been no frost yet to kill tomato vines or injure the grapes.

Oct 5 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn blasting the well. We have got down about 2 feet with 4 men. The water comes in faster as we go down.

Oct 6 – Fair in forenoon then rain came on and continued till night. Worked for Elwyn and had good luck going down with the well 2 feet in ledge. They are now building the “Big Sewer” in Portsmouth.

Oct 7 – Fair and cold with northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn at blasting the well. We went one foot today making 18 feet in all and 5 feet more than when we took it up. Heard that William Noyes broke his arm on the yard the other day.

Oct 8 – Fair and cool. Working for Elwyn blasting well. We now got down the depth we think will give plenty of water.

Oct 9 – Fair and cold. Worked for Elwyn blasting well. Did not make much progress today.

Oct 10 – Fair and very pleasant. Worked for Elwyn on well and got it down 7 feet into the ledge with plenty of water and began to stone it up.

Oct 11 – Fair and mild. Wife is on sick list and did not go to church. Sent Lizzie and Edith. James Hall and wife Martha called at 12. Then in the evening Mr. Oren Drake and wife called.

Oct 12 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at stoning up the well. Got up within 4 feet of the ground surface. Oliver’s daughter Gertrude died this morning at 8.

Oct 13 – Dull. Worked for Elwyn and finished stoning the well and also filling in around the stoning.

Oct 14 – Rainy all day. Went to town in the morning and got malt for hens. At 12 rain came down. Gertrude’s funeral tomorrow. She had been blind nearly 5 years caused by an injury to

her spine. (She died of cerebral sclerosis and is thought to be a type of multiple sclerosis. Gertrude Amy was 16 years old and died on her birthday.)

Oct 15 – Fair and very pleasant. Went to town and got flour for \$5.75. Went to Gertie's funeral at 12:30 and 2.

Oct 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn at making form to turn arch on over cesspool. Paid the men for last week's work etc.

Oct 17 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn making form over cesspool and grading round well.

Oct 18 – Fair and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach about miseries. Daniel Trefethen Jr. and wife Mary (Blake) and baby Irene were here at 2 till 5. Joseph P. and wife Olivia went to Newington.

Oct 19 – Dull and foggy all day. Worked for Elwyn at the Red House and put a window in joiners shop and got ready to put top on the well curb. Went to town and paid men for last week.

Oct 20 – Worked for Elwyn at leveling up the tennis court. It is 86 feet long by 36 wide.

Oct 21 – Worked for Elwyn at putting on a new well top at the Red House. Got it ready to draw water. Paid Charles Yeaton for last week.

Oct 22 – Fair and pleasant. Picked apples, John Berry helping. Got 10 bushels. Went to town at 3 and got malt and egg box.

Oct 23 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn in forenoon helping sod the tennis court. Afternoon putting windows in Red House and got 2 in.

Oct 24 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn and finished sodding the tennis court and began making door frame etc. At night went to town and brought Abbie home from New Boston.

Oct 25 – Fair and warm. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon on faith and reason. Mr. Lang's wife died last night after a long sickness of cancer.

Oct 26 – Worked for Elwyn at sodding tennis court etc. He is expected soon.

Oct 27 – Dull part of the day. Worked for Elwyn putting new door in western end of the Red House. It saves one half the distance to the new barn.

Oct 28 – Dull and foggy. Worked for Elwyn at putting windows in Red House. Mr. Elwyn came from Philadelphia today.

Oct 29 – Dull and foggy. Worked for Elwyn on the Red House. Also planned for moving the stable with him. Got orders to do it soon. He started for Philadelphia tonight. Davie Jenness's mother died today. (Davie's mother was Mary (Jenness) Jenness.)

Oct 30 – Rainy all day with wind northeast. Worked for Elwyn at putting windows in the Red House in the large front room. Alice Stoddard is not better but failing every day. Bought ½ bushel walnuts of Hovin Berry for 85 cents.

Oct 31 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn putting in windows in the Red House. Got them all in today and ready to put cellar in for stable. Went to town at night.

Nov 1 – Last night was the coldest. Ice was formed quite thick. Dull most of the day. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the proceedings. There was not a great crowd passed here.

Nov 2 – High southeast wind with rain. Many trees were blown down, one in our lane went down root and branch. Worked for Elwyn arching cesspool, Winn and Gilman helping. John J. Odiorne's wife died this morning. (His wife was Miriam Louisa (Miller) Odiorne.)

Nov 3 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn on cesspool etc. Went to town and got new tea kettle etc. Apples are very low this year, \$1.25 per bushel for best Baldwins.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn. Finished the cesspool and cemented well top and laid out cellar for stable. Went to town, the Democrats carried New York yesterday by 15,000.

Nov 5 – Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for Elwyn on stable cellar and got done digging and begun to stone. John J. Odiorne's wife Miriam was buried yesterday in Truman Odiorne's yard by Gilman Berry's. (Truman is living on the corner of Brackett and Wallis roads.)

Nov 6 – Fair and mild as summer. Worked for Elwyn at stoning cellar. It seems to be very mild for the season. There is danger of the buds of trees starting and spoil them for next year. It is a grand time for lane seeded to grass this fall.

Nov 7 – Dull and rainy all day. Jobbing round the plantation. At 1 went to town and carried 1 barrel and 1 bushel of apples and 11 lbs. of butter etc. Got the news etc.

Nov 8 – Dull all day. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Mable (Edith) to hear the sermon.

Nov 9 – Dull and rainy in forenoon. Worked for Elwyn tearing out stalls in stable and filling in round the cesspool.

Nov 10 – Cool with a northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn at stoning barn or stable cellar. Went with E.C. Spinney to see the Tucker place that is for sale on the 14th.

Nov 11 – Fair and not very cold. Worked for Elwyn at the stable foundation. Went to town and carried 2 barrels of apples at \$1.25 to Charles Leach. There is a complaint of dull times in general. (Charles Leach is working in a bakery in Portsmouth.)

Nov 12 – Very warm for the season. Worked for Elwyn and we made good progress getting well along with the walls. Went over to see William Rand about making my cider and I saw the old Moses place that was owned by someone by that name for 200 years.

Nov 13 – Mild and pleasant with a south wind. This was “Quartily Day” as Mr. William Yeaton used to call it. The 13th governs the next 3 months. Worked for Elwyn and we have got the main foundation and cellar about done. Received money and paid the men.

Nov 14 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn and got along well with foundation. At 10 went down to the auction sale of the Tucker farm. The bidding was lively till it went up to \$3500.00 when from that to \$3800.00 it was slow and sure.

Nov 15 – Fair and not cold. Went to church with wife to hear Mr. Boynton preach about the importance of standing together, shoulder to shoulder at all times.

Nov 16 – Cool and a northwest wind blowing briskly. Worked for Elwyn. Moved the pen west and got the well near done

Nov 17 – Fair and cool for the season. Worked for Elwyn hewing timber for moving the stable. Went to town a few minutes. D.H. Montgomery was buried this afternoon, he died Saturday in Boston.

Nov 18 – Fair and mild as usual. Worked for Elwyn with Gilman D. for mason and Charles Yeaton and Henry Grover for laborers we finished painting the cellar and hewing timber for track. (Gilman D. was the son of Joseph Parsons Trefethen and was Supply's nephew. He was living on Wallis Road with his wife Julia and parents.)

Nov 19 – Dull all day and somewhat rainy. Worked for Elwyn at tearing out the inside of the stable and getting ready to move, got the jacks of Benjamin F. Webster.

Nov 20 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn and got the stable on rolls ready to start in the morning, had George Webber helping today. Went to town and got ball.

Nov 21 – Dull and signs of rain but none came. Worked for Elwyn. We moved the stable today from the old to the new site without any trouble and with tackle and oxen. Bought a new mattress tonight for \$18.00.

Nov 22 – Cold and cloudy all day with wind north. Stayed at home to rest and recuperate. Lizzie and Edith went to church.

Nov 23 – Cold and cloudy with signs of snow. Worked for Elwyn and moved shed. Ready to put on barn for an addition. Stoddard's daughter is much sicker than ever before. Eggs 34 cents.

Nov 24 – High northeast wind with snow and rain all day. Worked for Elwyn on shed and put in new sill and lengthened out studding one foot to get height for door, Webber and Yeaton helping. Gilman was at the Red House.

Nov 25 – A regular northeast rain storm for the last 24 hours without cessation. Jobbing round the buildings and taking care of animals and fowls. Got 140 hens and chickens and got 40 eggs today. It was the day before Thanksgiving and nobody could go to town.

Nov 26 – The storm continued all day and I kept housed from it. At night there was several inches snow on the ground. We had a dinner of chickens.

Nov 27 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Elwyn getting ready to frame in under flooring. Stoddard got out logs for planks on floor.

Nov 28 – Mild and fair. There was today sleighing and wheeling on the road today. Went to town in morning to carry Abbie to go to New Boston. Worked for Elwyn at framing under stalls.

Nov 29 – Fair and mild after the morning. We all had an invitation to go to Emily and John Webster's to a turkey dinner. We went at 11:30 and came home at 3:30 and had a good time.

Nov 30 – Dec 5 Missing

Dec 1 – (Joseph Stoddard's daughter, Alice Maria Stoddard died this day of consumption. She was 19 years old.)

Dec 6 – Fair and cool. Went to church with Lizzie and heard Mr. Whittier, the evangelist so called at the Baptist house. They have decided to hold meeting all of next week, day and evening, hoping to get up a revival here.

Dec 7 – Cold with high northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn on stable, George Webber and Charles E. Trefethen helping. Went to town and ordered stock for the work. Came home at 3 to bank up cellar case.

Dec 8 – Cold but not so windy as yesterday. Worked for Elwyn at laying floor in addition and completed it. The ground is bare and there is solid traveling. Horses that having been sharpened are now dull and slick.

Dec 9 – Dull with warm southerly rain all day and signs of frosts coming all out again. Worked for Elwyn at finishing stable, George Webber and Charles E. Trefethen helping. At night it is very warm and muggy outdoors.

Dec 10 – Very warm and pleasant and the mud is 3 inches deep. Worked for Elwyn on stable, shingling and clapboarding etc.

Dec 11 – Cooler and fair. Stoddard had 10 barrels of cider made today in Greenland. Worked for Elwyn on stable. William H. Vanderbilt, the great New York millionaire, was buried today at 64. The richest man in American.

Dec 12 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn on stable and got the clapboarding and shingling about done and windows in and got orders to suspend till January 1st, 1886.

Dec 13 – Dull but no snow. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Mable.

Dec 14 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Churned about 15 lbs. of butter and at 2 carries 10 ½ to town at 25 cent, got sugar etc.

Dec 15 – Fair and cool with chilly northwest wind and very rough traveling. At 2 went to town with wife in carriage. Sarah (Rand) Hall, widow of William Hall and mother of James Hall died last night at Levi's. (Sarah was also Levi Hall's mother.)

Dec 16 – Fair and mild. Worked on cart making repairs. This was the great day in Portsmouth for the marriage of Washington Freeman to Daughter of Charles H. Mendum's son at the Episcopal Church. Wife and Lizzie went.

Dec 17 – Cold and black with light snow. Jobbing round in forenoon. At 1 went to Mrs. Hall's funeral, she was 84 ¼ years old. Was buried in South Cemetery at Portsmouth. H. Yankton came down with hearse.

Dec 18 – Cold northeast snow storm all day but not more than 4 inches fell. Which is hardly enough for sleighing. Jobbing round the house helping stuff backs of Pung seats and put up hanging lamp and trying to make hens lay.

Dec 19 – Dull and snowy in forenoon, cleared off. At 2 went to town to pay men for work done for Elwyn last week.

Dec 20 – Cold with high northwest wind. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Mable to get report of union meeting. Got 38 eggs today.

Dec 21 – More mild jobbing round and put the Pung and sled together and ready for business. Put latch on door for Grammy. At 12:30 went to Red House to get tools and settle with Joe Stoddard.

Dec 22 – More mild with some snow. Went to town and got plucks for hens, 2 dozen. Elegant sleighing and all are improving it. All are getting ready for Christmas with high flying round town. Got 40 eggs at 32 cents.

Dec 23 – Mild and thawy with good sleighing in the morning but at night it was done. Went to town and got a load of coal for Grammy Clark and also a new coal stove for her and set it up and started a fire for the winter.

Dec 24 – Fair and mild and muddy. Went to town with butter at 25 cents per lb. Poultry was very cheap, turkeys 16 cents and a plenty of it.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day, Fair and cold with rough wheeling. Grammy was up to dinner and John and Emily Webster were also here to dinner of turkey and other fixings. John has two sore legs with running sores.

Dec 26 – A furious north wind all day and I was glad to keep in. Went to town at 12:30 to get the news and hurried back to set by the fire. Eggs 32.

Dec 27 – Cold with north wind and signs of snow. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Mabel in the carriage.

Dec 28 – Fair and not cold. Jobbing round and also trying to make the hens lay.

Dec 29 – Mild and pleasant. Working on wagon in shop. Wife and Lizzie went to town to get the news. There is nothing of a startling nature in this vicinity.

Dec 30 – Very mild and pleasant all day. Repairing wagon then went to town with wife. Got 1 quart of oysters for tea. Miss Emma Merrill, the teacher, was up to tea and spent the evening. Carried her home at 9:30.

Dec 31 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Finished the old wagon and ready for use in trucking things from market. They all say it is dull in Portsmouth. The beautiful Rockingham House is now about completed for guests. Tis said they have all the late improvements added to the hotel and everything that can be done for convenience and comfort of the guests, equal of any of its size in the country. Frank Jones is the owner.

Memoranda

This has not been a year of very remarkable events. There has been plenty of rain and abundant crops the world over. The corn crop is said to greatly exceed any other year in abundance. Wheat is not quite up to the standard but everything is cheap and everybody that can work can have enough to eat and drink here. And through the near inventing and improvements in nearly every department of house hold and other economies, people are

enabled to have nearly everything desirable or needed and as convenient as may be. The grocer or merchant or Doctor can sit in his office and talk with people in all the surrounding towns and cities through the telephone. They order goods from Boston or any other city. The doctor is called to patients 50 miles away in 2 minutes.

This is the first year of Grover Cleveland's presidential rule and it is thought generally falls far short of what his supporters thought would be the case at the time of election. There has been a vast shrinkage in values of stocks of most kinds. To the amount of \$100,000,000.00. Tis said in the whole country and business everywhere has been dull and wages low.

This year has recorded the death of many noted men. Among them was General Grant, the most prominent union general who died of cancer in New York State. William H. Vanderbilt the railroad King and richest man in the world died the last of this year. He gave in his will 200 millions of dollars to his family and others and one million to public institutions. Tis now said the Panama Canal is 1/3 done and it will take 5 more years to complete it. Mail steamers now make the round trip from New York to Europe and return in 12 ½ days and the companies have vessels building the hope to do the job in 10 days.

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Jan 1 – New Year comes in mild and serene with no indications of cold. Went to town and got hog plucks to boil for the hens. Have got about 160 hens and got an average of 4 dozen eggs per day worth 30 cents per dozen. (Hog plucks are larynx, trachea, lung, heart and liver taken from pigs under 12 months of age, free from imperfections).

Jan 2 – Very mild and pleasant with plenty of mud. Repairing sleigh and getting ready for snow. Went to town at 3 and got bricks to put on arch on Grammy Clark's chimney.

Jan 3 – Dull and wet and muddy. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the sermon by Mr. Boynton.

Jan 4 – Dull and wet all day with wind south and warm. Worked for Grammy putting arches on chimney, Herman O. did the mason work. The weather is soft as April with no frost in the ground. Plowing could be done as well as ever.

Jan 5 – Dull and rainy all day and awful muddy. Drew off my 2 barrels of cider. Repaired table. Sold 29 ½ dozen eggs at 32 cents and was jobbing round generally. Edith goes to school to Miss Emma Merrill.

Jan 6 – Mild and muddy and finished sleigh. Then went to town with Lizzie got 1000 shingles for the hen house and tore off the old shingles and got ready to put on the new.

Jan 7 – Cold, 12 above with high northwest wind and rough traveling. Shingling the chicken house coop. This was Charles F. Trefethen's golden wedding day, 50 years ago. Today they (he and Dorothy "Dolly" Marden) were married. All their children except one were there and their brothers and sisters.

Jan 8 – Cold with high northwest wind and very rough traveling. Worked in shop till 2 then went to town and carried Lizzie to go to Boston tomorrow on an excursion. Sold 9 lbs. of butter at 25 cents per lb. and got the news etc.

Jan 9 – A regular northeast snow storm most of the day with high wind. Everybody kept housed except Joseph L. Seavey who hauled a load of wood to the school house. Took care of fowls and animals. Got 55 eggs and shoveled snow, there is 6 inches.

Jan 10 – Cold and windy. Shoveled out the path etc. Went to town at 11:30 and got Lizzie and the news. There was a steamer came in to Portsmouth in distress bound to Boston from Portland with passengers.

Jan 11 – Cold, 4 below this morning with high northwest wind. Carried Edith to school and home. Took care of animals and fowls and sat by the fire. Got 5 dozen eggs today worth 32 cents per dozen.

Jan 12 – Very cold, 14 below this morning and at noon it was 3 or 4 below and at 8:30 pm. it was 14 below again. Went to town and got grain etc. There was a very cold storm all over the country last Saturday and Sunday.

Jan 13 – The coldest in many years. Colder than ever, 20 below this morning with north wind and there was not much travel. It has been very cold all over the country with some places 50 below zero. It has been colder in the south than ever known before.

Jan 14 – Cold, 6 below this morning but soon became more mild and by night it was 18 above. Last night went to town to Odd Fellows time at their hall, Lizzie went with me.

Jan 15 – Cold in the morning, zero but soon grew warmer. Went to town with wife and carried 11 ½ lbs. of butter at 25 cents per lb. The cold weather has made a demand for produce and eggs bring 30 cents and not plenty. Mrs. William Moses was buried today. (She was Abigail Atwood Moses and is buried in the Harmony Cemetery in Portsmouth. She was the daughter of Joshua Seavey and Betsy (Webster) Seavey.)

Jan 16 – Fair and mild. Went to town at 1:30 and got ½ thousand shingles for chicken house. Wife and Lizzie went at 2. Sharpened the horse's shoes to get ready to haul wood etc. The Rockingham House is nearly done and ready for opening to the public.

Jan 17 – Mild and dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from "One thing thou Lackest". Called to see Elizabeth. (Sarah Elizabeth, his sister.)

Jan 18 – Fair and cool and very good sleighing. Hauled out 3 sticks of timber for platform sills back of house. Wife and Lizzie went to town to get a canvas carpet.

Jan 19 – Dull and snowy till night then rain came down furiously making a crust on all around. At work for wife all day putting down oil cloth carpet in dining room and pantry. Carried Mabel (Edith) to school, Lizzie went after her.

Jan 20 – Fair and pleasant. I have been on the sick list today so kept the house. Aunt Mary and Izette and her daughters came at 2 and spent the day and John and Mr. Orin Drake came over to tea. (Mary is John Adam Trefethen's wife and his daughter Izette. I believe the two daughters were from Orin's previous marriage and they would be Augusta and Sarah (Odiorne).)

Jan 21 – Dull but not stormy. Went with wife to offer to assist Emery Woodman in the burial of his wife. She died yesterday. (Emery's wife was Mary G. (Bickford) Woodman and the mother of Chauncey M. She was the daughter of Henry and Mary (Merrill) Bickford. They were living on the corner of Clark and Brackett roads.)

Jan 22 – Not very cold but grand sleighing. Churned in the morning, 13 lbs. of butter and carried it to town at 25 cents. Wife and Lizzie went with me for a ride. Edith goes to school to Miss Emma Merrill.

Jan 23 – Cold with north wind. Finished new butter worker. At 1:30 went with Mary to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emery Woodman who died on Wednesday, aged 48 of consumption.

Jan 24 – Very cold and black and dull all day and so we had a day of rest by sitting by the fire. At 4 Charles came in to get the address to subscribe for Tribune.

Jan 25 – Cold and black all day with signs of snow. Bad traveling. Jobbing round the plantation and taking care of hens and animals. Get about 5 dozen eggs per day at 25 cents per dozen. Sold today 37 dozen.

Jan 26 – Fair and cold. Hewing for platform sleepers till 2 then went to town with Lizzie to see about Mrs. Clara Raynes coming down. Charles Rand's wife Martha came over for the afternoon. Joseph P's wife Olivia was taken very sick this morning but is better at night.

Jan 27 – Hewing in morning then got ready and hauled 300 feet of boards to mill and got them planed for finish. At 4 rain came on and continued to rain and freeze into the night.

Jan 28 – It continued raining and freezing all last night and all through the day. So that at night everything outdoors is banked with ice. The trees are more heavily loaded than ever before and many are breaking down under the weight.

Jan 29 – The raining and freezing continues and all out of doors has the appearance of the arctic region. The trees of all kinds have heavier loads of ice than they can bear and they are breaking down in every direction.

Jan 30 – Today is a little more mild and the trees have a partial relief but still they are banked with ice and very great damage has been done everywhere. Went to town with wife and Lizzie to see the ruin.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold with 4 or 5 inches of new snow that fell last night. Had a day of rest and a chance to read the news. There were a number went to church. The trees are still loaded with ice.

Feb 1 – Cold and windy. Finished hewing the timber I had out and am ready to haul more. It would be a fine time for teaming if people could get once started. Eggs 24 cents, sold 33 dozen.

Feb 2 – Cold, zero weather and I had a leisure day. Mrs. Clara Raynes came down to spend the day. Lizzie brought her down and carried her home. Mr. Elwyn called for me to do more work for him soon.

Feb 3 – Cold, zero weather. Jobbing round and taking care of animals. At 10:30 went to town with wife to get her tooth filled. Got 2 dozen hogs plucks for hens. Today got 58 eggs.

Feb 4 – Cold, 4 below with high north wind. So was obliged to keep near the fire. At 2:30 went with wife to see Olivia and to the post office. There was not much travel. 75 eggs today.

Feb 5 – Very cold, 8 below in morning and at noon it was at zero. So I had to sleep near the coal fire. Carried Edith to school and got her.

Feb 6 – Cold. Went to town at 10. Carried 10 ½ lbs. of butter at 25 cents. Business is dull they say and eggs are falling in price to 22 cents per dozen today. Wife and Lizzie went to the post office.

Feb 7 – Fair and mild and pleasant. Went to church with all the family and heard a man from Orange, Massachusetts preach from the text. “He that is faithful in a little is faithful in much and he that is unfaithful a little is unfaithful in much.” At 3 went to Joe Stoddard’s.

Feb 8 – Pleasant and mild. Hauled timber from lower pasture for frame of a small building. Mary and Lizzie went to town to get the news, the sleighing is perfect.

Feb 9 – Mild and thawy and it is damaging the sleighing. Hauling wood and timber from the lower lot. Joseph's wife Olivia does not gain strength as fast as she ought. Everybody are using the sleighing and sledding. Sold 40 dozen eggs at 22 cents.

Feb 10 – Dull but no rain. Hauled wood and timber from lower pasture. Carried Edith to school on sled. Went to town with Abbie and carried 10 fowls and sold at 14 cents per lb. Got \$5.50 for 39 ¼ lbs.

Feb 11 – A cold northeast storm all day but did not gain much. Made a new drawer for the pantry and was jobbing round generally. At 3 went with wife to see Olivia and then to the post office.

Feb 12 – Rainy all day with wind northeast and there is now any quantity of water and we have 2 or 3 inches in the cellar. Carried Edith to school and back. Repaired horse's collar and other gear.

Feb 13 – Dull and wet all day. There is now any quantity of water and fields and pasture are flooded and everybody's cellars are covered with water. Went to town with Mary.

Feb 14 – Fair, mild and thawy. The sleighing will soon be spoiled if does not freeze up. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith.

Feb 15 – Mild and thawy. Hauling wood from lower pasture in the forenoon then trimming apple trees. The sleighing is done up. Sold 36 dozen eggs at 20 cents.

Feb 16 – Fair and cool. Went to town visiting at Israel P. Miller's and also went to the theatre in the evening to see "The Dalys in Vacation or Harvard vs Yale".

Feb 17 – Fair and pleasant. Churned in morning. Went to town and sold butter at 25 cents and got 2 dozen plucks for \$1.35. Hauled wood in afternoon. At night went to lecture by G.H. Jenness. What to read.

Feb 18 – Fair and mild. Hauling limbs from the Varrell pasture that were broken off by the ice, had 5 loads of broken. At night went to the hall to an Old Folks concert. The hall was full.

Feb 19 – Fair, mild and pleasant. Trimming apple trees above the barn. Got all cleared up there and took me all day. The sleighing is going to pot since Monday.

Feb 20 – Fair in forenoon. Cutting and hauling apple tree wood broken off by ice. In the afternoon went to town with Lizzie. We had snow squalls and cold with high northwest wind.

Feb 21 – Cold with high northwest wind and we all sat by the fire to read and rest and contemplate the past and future. John O. Berry called in the evening.

Feb 22 – Fair and cool. Shingling chicken coop and got it done and painted the shingles to preserve them. This evening Miss Merrill, the teacher, was up to see us. She is to keep 2 weeks after this.

Feb 23 – Fair and cool. Cutting summer wood, Herman helping and got nearly all cut. Wife and Lizzie went to town. We sold today 46 ½ dozen eggs at 22 cents.

Feb 24 – Fair, cold and pleasant. Hewing timber and Herman cutting wood for me. Hay is worth \$7.00 per ton. Higher then for several years and corn is lower than for several years.

Feb 25 – Dull and threatening all the forenoon and at noon snow came down furiously. Cut wood in the forenoon, Herman O. helping. Wife went to Albert Brackett's visiting and Lizzie carried her up and I went to get her at 3.

Feb 26 – A high northwest gale and blizzard all day with snow. Carried Edith to school and back and it was as furious as ever. I came up the road and took care of the fowls and animals. Got 83 eggs today.

Feb 27 – The blizzard continuing in all its fury with two below zero and everybody who can are housed. Went to town at 11 to get the news, rough wheeling.

Feb 28 – The blizzard has not abated but rages as furious as ever. There was but one went to church today, William H. Seavey. We had to keep near the fire to be warm.

Mar 1 – The same old blizzard is still in force and cold as ever. Zero all day with the gale as strong as ever. The hens continue today as ever, 83 today.

Mar 2 – Cold and windy. Killed 9 hens this morning and carried to town at 13 cents per lb. Got a load of coal for Grammy at \$5.00 per ton. Sold 50 dozen eggs at 22 cents.

Mar 3 – More mild today making post and cutting wood on various other jobs and getting ready to go to work for Elwyn. Herman helped at splitting wood this afternoon. Mary and Lizzie went to town.

Mar 4 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Alfred Elwyn on the stable finishing inside. At night went to a school exhibition by West School.

Mar 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn, Charles E. and George Webber helping.

Mar 6 - Worked for Elwyn on stable making doors etc.

Mar 7 – Fair and mild. All went to church today for the first time in 2 months. There was a large turnout from all direction. The text was “Quench not the Spirit” by Boynton.

Mar 8 – Dull with signs of a storm. Worked for Elwyn on stable.

Mar 9 – A north snow storm in forenoon. This was town meeting and we went in sleighs but there was not enough for good driving. The new school law goes into effect, districts are abolished and the whole town is one district.

Mar 10 – Fair and mild and the sleighing is used up. Worked for Elwyn on stable laying floors.

Mar 11 – Fair and spring like and the snow and ice are fast going off. Worked for Elwyn on the stable. Sold 60 dozen eggs at 14 cents per dozen. They were lower than for many years.

Mar 12 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn on the stable. There is great excitement through the country about labor strikes so called. They are striking for more pay and less hours.

Mar 13 – Dull and rain came on at 3. Worked for Elwyn on the stable getting it well along.

Mar 14 – Fair and cool. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get report of the sermon.

Mar 15 – Fair and thawy. Worked for Elwyn on the stable laying floor and making grain bins etc. At night went to town and got a barrel of flour for \$5.75 of Russell Brothers.

Mar 16 – Dull and wet all day. Churned in the morning and was jobbing round in the forenoon. At 1 went to school meeting, the whole town being one district now. Was elected on the committee.

Mar 17 – Fair and mild and very muddy. The frost is fast coming out. Worked for Elwyn on the stable. Stoddard’s men are cleaning up the wood broken by the ice. Henry Grover and Charles Yeaton cut their feet today.

Mar 18 – Fair and mild and the frost is fast coming out. So we shall soon expect settled traveling. Worked for Elwyn on the stable making doors outside and got hardwood.

Mar 19 – Dull and signs of storm. Worked for Elwyn.

Mar 20 – A northeast storm all day. Worked for Elwyn making stalls. Went to town to get materials for the work.

Mar 21 – Dull and stormy all day. The Equinoctial is on time this year and is furious. Jennie is sick and we went over to see her. Two doctors were there today and thought there was a chance for her. (Jennie is Samuel A. Trefethen and Eliza’s daughter.)

Mar 22 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for Elwyn on the stable getting ready to build stalls or partitions to them. At night went to the Center to a meeting of the school board.

Mar 23 – Cool with high northwest wind. Worked for Elwyn on stalls. Got plucks at express office for hens.

Mar 24 – Fair weather with a north wind and cool. Worked for Elwyn. Today sold 43 dozen eggs at 14 cents, meal at \$1.10.

Mar 25 – Cloudy and signs of dull weather. Worked for Elwyn. Went to town to get hardware etc. Got the horse shod etc. 4 men started for Florida today to work for Frank Jones.

Mar 26 – Mild and spring like, ice fast going away. Worked for Elwyn painting stable.

Mar 27 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at painting the stable. Went to town to get materials etc. Charles E. was finishing stalls. It was said that the navy yard would be closed today.

Mar 28 – There was a slight snow storm last night and cleared off this morning. Mild and pleasant and the snow soon went off. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach about the old and new testament.

Mar 29 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn on the stable. Went to town and ordered boards for hall floor of T.E. Hall. Also have received orders to paint the stable.

Mar 30 – Dull and wet. Worked for Elwyn on the stable finishing inside.

Mar 31 – Dull all day with some rain. Worked for Elwyn on the stable, Charles E. Trefethen helping. Went to town at 10 to get materials and paint.

Apr 1 – Fair and mild with signs of warmer weather. Worked for Elwyn finishing the stable etc. Also getting ready to make well curb of modern mold, 2 feet 7 inches high above the platform and 2 feet 10 ½ inches square, boarded up and down with cap.

Apr 2 – Fair and mild and spring like. Worked for Elwyn painting stable and making well curb. Went to town to get materials. The mud is drying up fast and the traveling will soon be good.

Apr 3 – Dull and cloudy most of the day with some snow. Worked for Elwyn painting stable and laying hall floor. At night went to town hall on school committee.

Apr 4 – Fair and pleasant. Went to church with Lizzie to hear a sermon by Mr. Boynton. There is a question as to whether he will stay here another year as they cannot raise the money for him, \$900.00.

Apr 5 – Fair and mild. Stayed at home to do jobs around the buildings. At 4 went to town to get a barrel of flour for Grammy. John E. Rider of the Globe Grocery Store was burned out last night.

Apr 6 – A high northeast rain storm all day. Worked for Elwyn alone in the stable at odd jobs.

Apr 7 – Dull and wet. Worked for Elwyn.

Apr 8 – Dull as usual. Worked for Elwyn scrapping the floor of Tom's room. Fast Day appointed by the Governor.

Apr 9 – Very pleasant. Worked for Elwyn painting the stable. Went to town to get paint. Captain Albert Dow died this evening of cancer. (Captain Dow was living on Parsons Road leading to High Beach.)

Apr 10 – Fair and pleasant and spring like. Worked for Elwyn on the house and stable and have got the job nearly done. He is coming from Philadelphia next Tuesday.

Apr 11 – Fair but chilly with wind southeast. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. There was but one sermon today and by a vote of the society there will be but one sermon in the future.

Apr 12 – Fair and pleasant but chilly and signs of rain. Worked for Henry Grover framing his new house. Got the mortices and tenants all made.

Apr 13 – Dull in the forenoon but cleared off by noon. So we had a good day for working for Elwyn at painting his barn. Captain Albert Dow was buried today, aged 65.

Apr 14 – Fair and warmer. Worked for the Reverend Alfred Elwyn. He returned to Philadelphia today after giving me orders for work to be done.

Apr 15 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn painting the roof of the stable.

Apr 16 – Dull all day with signs of rain. Worked for Elwyn at finishing bathroom and hall floor, had Thornton Betton helping. We are using Crockett's Preservatives to polish the floors in hall etc.

Apr 17 – Dull in the morning and Betton came out to help finish Tom's room and stair rails. Moved the hen house and made some repairs on it. Got ready to paint stable roof.

Apr 18 – Fair and very warm for this time of year so we had to open doors. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach against using fermented wine at communion service.

Apr 19 – Very mild and warm. Worked for Elwyn painting roof of the stable. Charles E. was at sealing wood house.

Apr 20 – Fair and good working weather and everybody are busy. Worked for Elwyn painting the stable roof. Went to town to get stock and see Betton about finishing floors.

Apr 21 – Warm and pleasant and the trees are pushing out their buds rapidly. Worked for Elwyn on painting the stable roof. Rode at night and went over to Warren Caswell's to get clam shells.

Apr 22 – Very warm and the trees are pushing ahead as well as grass and all else. Worked for Elwyn and finished painting the roof of the stable.

Apr 23 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn on the stable etc. Farmers are putting in their potatoes and peas etc. There is prospect of a plenty of apple blossoms and pear but peach is in doubt.

Apr 24 – Fair and warm. In the morning carried Abbie to town to go to New Boston to teach school. Went to John Webster's and got 3 Ash trees and set out 2 above the barn and 1 beside the road next to the large maple.

Apr 25 – Fair and chilly. Went to church and heard Mr. Haines of North Hampton. At 3 went down to see Miss Merrill, the teacher. At 7 went to Easter Concert at Baptist church.

Apr 26 – Fair and warm and all vegetation is going ahead with a rush. Worked for Elwyn at painting front of the stable alone. The school began today with Miss Merrill as teacher. The center has Miss Norris.

Apr 27 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Elwyn and painted the south end of the stable. Joseph Stoddard is sowing grain etc.

Apr 28 – Cloudy with some signs of rain. On the sick list today with cold and kept housed.

Apr 29 – Cool with north wind. Worked for Elwyn and finished the stable and began the hen house painting.

Apr 30 – Fair and dry. Worked for Elwyn on the hen house and privy etc.

May 1 – Fair and dry and dusty. Worked for Elwyn at painting hen house etc. Went to town to get paint and engaged Mr. Thornton Betton for Monday to finish the floors. Miss Merrill was up this evening to see about books.

May 2 – Fair but cool with northeast wind. There was a baptizing at Concord Point by Mr. Phillips, 12 were immersed and tonight are to be taken into the church. At 2 went with my wife Mary to the cemetery and to James Halls.

May 3 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at oiling and finishing floors, Thornton Betton helping and using Crockett's Preservative on the hall floor.

May 4 – Fair as usual. Worked for Elwyn painting hen house and privy. It is now getting very dry and dusty. We have had no rain for 4 weeks.

May 5 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn oiling floors and painted passage by store closet and china closet.

May 6 – Stayed at home and planted potatoes and set out some potatoes I had in boxes. At noon went to center and with Charles D. Garland. Visited the center and east school officially.

May 7 – Worked for Elwyn. Getting out stock for fence and making gate between hen house and stable. Wife and Lizzie were over to see the place and surroundings.

May 8 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. Worked for Elwyn doing odd jobs, making well pole, rail around stairs in the stable etc. Went to town at noon, painted floor.

May 9 – Fair and pleasant again and warm and fine growing weather. Went to church and heard Boynton preach one sermon on the duties of members of the church and societies and scolded somewhat. At 3 William Jackson came down, I carried him up at 7.

May 10 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn making fence between the hen house and the stable with small gate beside the large one. Stoddard turned cattle out today for the first time.

May 11 – Dull and rainy with wind south. Stayed at home today with swelling around my right eye. I think caused by sting of an insect.

May 12 – Fair and pleasant and good growing weather. Worked for Elwyn at finishing up odd jobs and getting ready for their coming first of June.

May 13 – Fair and wind northeast. Stayed at home. In forenoon cleaning up around the buildings and cellar. After dinner went to visit the west and south schools with Charles D. Garland as committee.

May 14 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Elwyn at underpinning privy etc. There is plenty of wet now and vegetation is going ahead very rapidly. It is thought the apple trees are 10 days earlier than last year.

May 15 – Dull all day with signs of rain but none came till night. Worked for Elwyn at making fence beside privy and also put red line on Porta Cochere.

May 16 – Dull and rainy all forenoon and so had a chance to sleep and rest. At noon cleared off and sun came out very warm and pleasant. The apple blossoms are coming out fast. I think they will be in full bloom next Sunday.

May 17 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn painting etc.

May 18 – Fair and good growing weather. Worked for Elwyn painting etc. Mrs. Joseph Seavey, mother of Ervin J., died last night. (She was Sarah (Lang) Seavey and died of natural causes at 77 years old.)

May 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn in the house papering and painting etc.

May 20 – Fair and not so hot as yesterday. Went to town with wife and got 4 dozen pansies and set them out at cemetery in Clara's lot.

May 21 – Fair and hot. Worked for Elwyn at odd jobs around his house.

May 22 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Worked for Elwyn underpinning and well jobs etc. Stoddard was grading all day and got well along. The trees are in full bloom and very early.

May 23 – Fair and very warm. Went to church and heard A.M. Greely from Concord begging for the home mission and they raised \$30.00 for the gift. At 3 went to see the Old Wentworth mansion sold to Coolidge of Boston.

May 24 – Warm and fair. Worked for Elwyn.

May 25 – Warm and good growing weather. Worked for Elwyn at making well sweep and new pail and other jobs.

May 26 – Dull and rainy. Worked for Elwyn. Went to town to get things to finish with at the new house.

May 27 – Fair and warm. Hoeing potatoes etc. Went to town with Mary.

May 28 – Worked for Elwyn at the Red House painting well top etc. and many other jobs.

May 29 – Fair as usual. Worked for Elwyn at the Red House and finished painting the well top and repaired the refrigerator and got done for the present.

May 30 – Fair. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. At night went to the Baptist to the memorial service by Phillips.

May 31 – Fair and warm. Went to town in the morning to get paint for wagons and barn etc. This was Memorial Day and they had quite a turnout.

Jun 1 – Began the job of painting and repairing the wagons.

Jun 2 – Working on the wagons and about 500 other jobs for the benefit of house hold and surroundings.

Jun 3 – Rainy and dull. Working on wagons all day and want to get the maul in order for the season etc.

Jun 4 – Fair. Working on wagon all day and got my wheels new tires at Jim Rand's, new steel.

Jun 5 – Fair and cool. Painted wagon with black and Indian red and cleaned the little wagon to paint. Went to town with wife at 3.

Jun 6 – Fair and cool. Stayed at home to rest till 4 then went down to George Seavey's to see Miss Merrill and Miss Ada Phillips, both teachers. Then went with them to the school house.

Jun 7 – Fair. Painting wagons and then changed cart to get ready to have hay to market. There is a strong wish for rain among farmers.

Jun 8 – Fair. Went to town with two loads of hay at \$17.00 per ton. There is a good demand for hay at that price which is better than any other farm produce sells and better than for several years.

Jun 9 – Fair and cool. Hauled a load of hay to town then worked on wagons etc. Farmers are doing their hoeing. The south school was closed yesterday because of sickness of one of the scholars.

Jun 10 – Dry as ever. Hauled one load of hay to town to Sam Batchelder. Then finished varnishing the wagons and now I have got two of them ready for service.

Jun 11 – Hot and dry. Hauled the last load of hay to town today to Sam Batchelder. Making in all sold a little more than 3 tons at \$17.00. The prospect for this year's crop is not good.

Jun 12 – Fair and hot and dry. Cleaning up around the premises and getting ready for making some repairs and painting. At 4 went to town to get the news and see the fashions.

Jun 13 – Rainy all day. It came very gently from the south and is of the greatest benefit. Had a day of rest and time to read the news.

Jun 14 – Jobbing round and got up staging to shingle the shop.

Jun 15 – Dull and rainy all day and could not do much towards shingling the shop. Went to town etc.

Jun 16 – Clearing off. The cow's floor gave away last night and put in new timbers, John O. Berry helping in the afternoon.

Jun 17 – Finished shingling the shop and painted the roof red and graded by Weston barn doors etc.

Jun 18 – Fair and warm. Painted the barn roof dark slate color, John Berry helping.

Jun 19 – Fair and pleasant. Cleaning up round in the forenoon. Went to town at 2 to market. Miss Merrill went with wife and Lizzie to the theater.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm. Daniel Trefethen Jr. and wife Mary and child Irene came from Amesbury to spend the day and at 2:30 went to the Wentworth with them.

Jun 21 – Fair and hot. Put on gutter and began to shingle front side of "L" roof, Charles F. Trefethen helping. The weather was very hot and drying.

Jun 22 – Fair and we finished shingling front of the "L" and got up stage to shingle back side.

Jun 23 – Dull and rain came on at noon but we shingled all day on the back of the "L" roof, Charles helping. Mary and Lizzie went to town and got me 100 lbs. of shingle nails.

Jun 24 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town in the morning. There was a masonic celebration in Portsmouth and many went. John O. Foss's mother was buried today, aged 87. (John's mother was Eliza E. (Shapley) Foss and was the daughter of Henry Shapley.)

Jun 25 – Dull and rainy all day. Got out saddle boards etc. and done some shingling.

Jun 26 – Fair. Finished putting on shingles, Charles helping. I have a lame shoulder so I could not do much. Went to town at 2.

Jun 27 – Dull and wet and did not go to church but had a day of rest.

Jun 28 – Dull and wet. Finished the house shingling and put on saddle boards.

Jun 29 – Fair and good hay weather. Laid up with a lame shoulder.

Jun 30 – Hot and dry. Good hay weather but had to go to Elwyn's house to see about getting it ready for the summer. John Berry was painting for me on the roof of the "L" of the house.

Jul 1 – Hot and dry and good hay weather. Worked for Elwyn at preparing the house for his family.

Jul 2 – Hot and dry. Went to the auction at the Tucker farm of standing grass. Afternoon went in to visit the school. John J. Odiorne hung himself last night. (John James Odiorne was the son of William Seavey and Mary (Amazeen) Odiorne. He was 45 years old.)

Jul 3 – Fair and hot. Carried Miss Merrill, the teacher, to the station at 7. Then was getting ready for haying. At 4 went to town to get Abbie. She came from New Boston. Lizzie went to Amesbury.

Jul 4 – Dry and hot. Did not go to church but at 2 went to John J. Odiorne's funeral. There were 42 Odd Fellows there. Thomas Wildey (1782–1861) was the founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) in North America. Their purpose was to:

"Visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."

Jul 5 – Dull and foggy. Cut grass back of the house and garden, John Berry helped ¼ day. Jobbing round and getting ready to push the haying.

Jul 6 – Hot and dry and we went at the haying in earnest. Cut and got in hay in field back of Grammy Clark's and cut ½ of the corner field, got in 5 loads. Arthur Rand is still very sick with typhoid fever.

Jul 7 – Hot and dry. Finished cutting the corner field and cut and got in the further field, 7 loads. This way of haying is unusual by cutting and hauling in the same day. Tonight we have none out that is cut off.

Jul 8 – Hot and dry as usual. Cut the thirds and got in 2 loads from there and cut most of the lots front of Charles and raked them together. My hay is coming in less than last year by 2 tons.

Jul 9 – Fair but not so drying. Got in 6 loads and cleaned up on the opposite sides of the road except one load. Cut more than ½ above the barn, John Berry and William Odiorne helping.

Jul 10 – Dull but we continued to mow and got my grass all cut off but could get none in. Went to town in the morning. Paid John Berry off \$9.50 and William Odiorne \$3.00 for 1 ½ days.

Jul 11 – Fair and dry as usual. Went to church with Mary, Lizzie and Edith to hear Mr. Phillips of the Christian church preach one sermon from Genesis 17th chapter, "I will be thy shield".

Jul 12 – Fair and very drying and we finished getting in hay. Got in 9 loads and so have finished the haying easier than ever before. We have not had to turn or otherwise handle the hay except to cut and haul.

Jul 13 – Fair and hot and good hay weather. Jobbing round cleaning up after haying, hoed the garden etc. Wife and Lizzie went to town at 1. At 3:30 went to the sea and got a mess of mussels.

Jul 14 – Fair in forenoon. Finished getting in wood for winter and it is in good order for storage. At 2 went to town to assist John in trying to obtain a pension.

Jul 15 – The welcome rain has come. It rained the most of last night and more than half of the day and all nature smiles and the people are happy. Planning out for repairs on the house. Am thinking of putting on a new roof.

Jul 16 – Dull and wet and the prospect now is that there will be a plenty of berries of all kinds and they are now ripening.

Jul 17 – Dull and showery. Went to town at 10. At 3 went with my mother-in-law Adeline to the Tucker place to make some repairs.

Jul 18 – Dull but no rain. Did not go to church but sent wife and Lizzie, Mr. Boynton preached. At 3 went with wife to Foss Beach. They had a good share of boarders there.

Jul 19 – Dull and showery. Went to blacksmiths and got cart wheels tires reset and was jobbing round the place.

Jul 20 – Fair and very good hay weather. Went to town and got boards planed for finish to house. There has been more riding past here today than ever before.

Jul 21 – Fair. Framing new roof for the house. Then decided to put on a Mansard with windows 5 feet wide. (This was Joseph Trefethen's original house believed to be built on or before 1831. Supply changed the roof at this time in 1886. This is now 404 Sagamore road.)

Jul 22 – Fair and hot. Worked at framing the new house roof in the lane, Lizzie helping to frame the studding.

Jul 23 – Fair and dusty. Went to see Mr. Elwyn as to how his building suits him and found it all right. He wants me to make new gates for him. Mrs. Abram Perkins died suddenly today. (Christina R. (Philbrick) Perkins was the daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Webster) Philbrick.)

Jul 24 – Fair and warm but not too hot for comfort. Framing house roof in the forenoon and till 3 then went to town with Mary to market and to see the fashions etc.

Jul 25 – Cloudy and hot and dusty. Went to church and heard a man from Exeter preach on the Bible. At 3:30 went to Straws Point and Boars Head to see the Architecture etc.

Jul 26 – Fair and cool with signs of rain. Framing and getting ready to put on the roof. Mrs. Perkins was entombed at Portsmouth today.

Jul 27 – Dull all day after a rainy night. Sawing out the outside finish.

Jul 28 – Fair and pleasant. This day was given to visitors. Mrs. Clara Raynes and Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth and baby Kennard were down to spend the day. Brought them down and back and went to Concord Point with them.

Jul 29 – Framing and getting ready to begin putting on the new roof.

Jul 30 – Dull. Getting out finish and framing. Dull part of the day.

Jul 31 – Getting out finish for roof and cleaning up generally. At 3 went to town with Mary to market and to see fashions.

Aug 1 – Warm and fair. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon from “What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?” Went to town at 4 with wife to see fashions.

Aug 2 – Fair after a rainy night. Began the job of putting the new roof on, Horace Levi helping. Got up staging and in place 3 of the 4 lower plates etc.

Aug 3 – Fair with high northwest wind and cool. Getting the frame in place and got 3 of the upper plates on and most of side studding, Horace Levi helping. (Horace Levi Trefethen is living on Trefethen’s Corner in the old Simon Goss Trefethen homestead. Simon Goss was Supply’s oldest brother and was 23 years older. He died in 1861. This is now 361 Sagamore road.)

Aug 4 – Fair and wind northwest and blowing. Got the roof on and partly boarded and many other small jobs done.

Aug 5 – Fair and warm. Got 3 sides of the roof boarded and front finish on and shingled well up, Charles F. helping. All has been favorable so far for the work and we have made the best use of it. (Charles F. is Supply’s cousin and lives next door at this time. This is now 390 Sagamore road.)

Aug 6 – Fair and good working weather. Finished boarding the roof and got it 2/3 shingled, Horace, Charles F. and Sammy Odiorne helping. Sammy Tilden died yesterday in New York.

Aug 7 – Fair and warm. Working at shingling and got the top all covered and done. Went to town at 5. There was signs of a northeast storm.

Aug 8 – Fair and hot after a rainy night. Did not go to church but had a day of rest. Sent all the rest to church and they heard a stranger preach an interesting sermon.

Aug 9 – Fair and warm. Began on front of house and boarded it and got up frame work for windows and also boarded most of them. Went to town at 5 and got windows.

Aug 10 – Fair and hot. At work on front and got two of the windows done except side shingling and also got moldings on the 3rd. Went to town at 5 and got fancy shingles.

Aug 11 – Fair and very hot, 92 in the shade. Continuing the new roof and took off the old roof on the east end and built in new and put in the 2 window frames and ready to shingle.

Aug 12 – Fair with a northwest wind and hot. Working on the house and took out the west end and built in the new and got in window frames, also shingled 2 window tops. Wife and Lizzie went to town and got 100 and 20 lbs. nails.

Aug 13 – Fair and not. Took off the remaining parts of the old roof and built in new.

Aug 14 – Fair and hot. Pushing along and the boarding and shingling of the slant. Went to town at 5 with Mary. Paid the men for the week, \$26.00.

Aug 15 – Fair. Sent all to church and had a day of rest myself. At 4 went with wife to see Dana Jenness at the Sheafe Coffin farm.

Aug 16 – Fair all day till 6 then rain came on. Shingling west end of house slant and also front.

Aug 17 – Dull and cool and rainy all last night. Shingling sides and got 3 sides about done and hope tomorrow to get the back side about done. Also then the corners will be the worst part.

Aug 18 – All hands shingling with a will to get it out of the way of rain. We have now got well along with it.

Aug 19 – Fair and cool. Finished the shingling and put on a large part of the finish under the projection. Went to town at night with 2 bushels of apples at 75 cents per bushel.

Aug 20 – Fair and cool and good working weather. We have now got about all of the outside finish on and back side clapboarded up and tomorrow shall put in front door. Went to town tonight.

Aug 21 – Fair. Went to town and got a load of lumber for finishing the chambers. Put in the new front door. It is double each being 2 feet wide, also got the brackets up. Paid the men off with \$27.00.

Aug 22 – Warm and dry. Did not go to church but had a day of rest and sent all the family to hear the sermon. At night went to town to see Boars Head etc. with Mary.

Aug 23 – At work on front door head and got it completed satisfactory to myself, Horace helping. William W. Tucker lost an infant son today. At night went and engaged board for Miss Merrill at Irvin Seavey. (The infant baby would be George Leroy Trefethen's grandson from his daughter Mary Gilman (Trefethen) Tucker.)

Aug 24 – Very hot in forenoon and cool afternoon, wind northeast. At work furring and partitioning off the chambers, Samuel O. and Horace helping. Got most of the studding done. (Samuel Odiorne is Horace Levi's son-in-law with his daughter Annie Olivia.)

Aug 25 – Fair and not very hot. Continued the partition studding and furring and doorways etc. At night went to town and got a barrel of flour at \$5.50. Sold a bushel of apples at 75 cents.

Aug 26 – Hot as 90. Furring the chambers and got that part about done. Samuel lathed the closets. Have sent for Frank Libby to do the lathing it requiring 4500 laths. Went to town with apples, 3 bushels at 75 cents each.

Aug 27 – Fair and dry. Went to town in the morning and evening and got laths and floor boards. Horace clapboarding the front and put on window heads. Samuel Odiorne was painting the roof slate color.

Aug 28 – Fair, hot and dry and very dusty. Horace is getting out the door frames. Samuel began lathing. Paid the men \$16.75.

Aug 29 – Fair and very dusty. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach a sermon from, "Am I my brother's keeper"? William Jackson came down at 3. Went to town at 4:30 to get Lizzie.

Aug 30 – Dull and foggy all day. Charles Yeaton making mortar. Made up casks, Sam Odiorne lathing, Horace putting in door frames and window casings etc. (Charles Yeaton is living at Trefethen's Corner on Clark Road.)

Aug 31 – Dull and rainy in the afternoon. Went to town to get weights for windows. We are going on with the lathing etc.

Sep 1 – Fair with a northwest wind. Pushing the lathing along and finished it and got ready for plastering but can't get any help till Friday. Went to town at night to get window cord etc.

Sep 2 – Horace helping ½ day. Got the baseboards all down and ready for the plastering. At night went to town and got 100 bricks.

Sep 3 – Fair and warm. Herman O. helping and we plastered 4 rooms and 2 closets, Charles Yeaton tending. At night was used up and too tired to sleep.

Sep 4 – Fair, cool and pleasant. Herman O. and Charles Yeaton helping and we got the mortar all on and smoothed one room. Cleaned out the well and got ready to top out the chimney. Went to town at night and got 50 bricks.

Sep 5 – Fair with wind south. Did not go to church but had a day of rest. At 3 went to ride with wife to Plains and through to town.

Sep 6 – Warm with strong south wind. Smoothing and plastering all day and finished that part of the works, Herman helping. Went to town at night and got paint and oil for outside.

Sep 7 – Finished the plastering and topped out the chimney and took down the staging etc. etc. Went to town at night and got 7 pairs of blinds for the new windows.

Sep 8 – Fair and hot. Setting ready and began to paint the house above the water board, Samuel Odiorne helping. Got over backside.

Sep 9 – Fair. Painting above Cornish and got round and ready to begin below in the morning.

Sep 10 – Fair. Painting house, Sam Odiorne helping. Got two ends done and ready for the front.

Sep 11 – Fair and pleasant. Worked hard all day and finished painting the house one coat, Sam Odiorne helping.

Sep 12 – Stayed at home and had a day of rest and sent my folks to hear Dr. Goodall preach about Solomon.

Sep 13 – Fair and cool with high wind. One of our cows was sick this morning. Worked for Mr. Elwyn at making gates near the old barn.

Sep 14 – Fair and pleasant. Stayed at home to attend the sick cow, at 11 she died of milk fever and cold etc. Got Joseph W. Seavey to help me bury her in the pasture beside “Flora Temple’s” grave. (Joseph is living across the street from Herman O. Trefethen on Sagamore Road.)

Sep 15 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at making gates and odd jobs.

Sep 16 – Dull and rainy all day and we had a very welcome rain. Worked for Elwyn at making gates and jobbing at his new house. The family is going to the city the 23rd. Made a bargain with him for a cow at \$35.00.

Sep 17 – Very hot, 90 in the shade. Worked for Elwyn making new platform for the well at the Red House.

Sep 18 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn and finished the platform to the well and other odd jobs. At night drove home with the new cow, John Stoddard helping me.

Sep 19 – Cloudy with wind southwest. Stayed at home and had a day of rest. Sent wife and girls to church. Had a calf come along today.

Sep 20 – Cold with very high northwest wind and a great coat was good in the morning. Worked for Elwyn in shop.

Sep 21 – Warmer with less wind and more comfortable to work outdoors. Worked for Elwyn.

Sep 22 – Wednesday, cool with north wind. Worked for Elwyn at Red House. He was getting ready to go home to Philadelphia for the winter.

Sep 23 – Dull and rainy all day, wind east. Mr. Elwyn and 2 daughters and 2 maids started for Philadelphia at 7:30 this morning. I was at work for him in shop on a cart etc.

Sep 24 – Fair and warm west wind. Worked for Elwyn on gates etc. in forenoon. At 1 Mrs. Elwyn and daughters started for Philadelphia and I had to go to their house and let the water off and clean out the traps etc.

Sep 25 – Hot as summer. Worked for Elwyn at cleaning house etc. Did not go to town.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. Went to church and heard a man from Exeter on “Bare one another’s burdens”. Dana Jenness called at night with wife.

Sep 27 – Hot in forenoon then cool with signs of storm. Worked for Elwyn and hung a gate on Lafayette Road etc.

Sep 28 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Stayed at home and laid floors in the chambers. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 4:30 when the storm was over.

Sep 29 – Fair and wet. Worked for Elwyn at laying new piazza floor etc.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn on piazza.

Oct 1 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn.

Oct 2 – Cool and fair. Worked for Elwyn making 5 days this week. There was a heavy frost this morning, the first severe one this fall.

Oct 3 – Fair and cool and I had a day of rest and sent all hands to meeting to hear a stranger preach.

Oct 4 – Fair and pleasant and good working weather. Shingling for Elwyn on wood house at the Red House, William Foster helping. Stoddard digging out the ice pond.

Oct 5 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn on the wood house. Farmers are harvesting.

Oct 6 – Fair and warm and good working weather. Worked for Elwyn at shingling the wood house and got nearly done.

Oct 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn shingling the wood house etc. The political pot is beginning to boil. Both parties have nominated their candidates and are going to battle till November 2.

Oct 8 – Warm and fair. Worked for Elwyn at sheathing piazza, Bill Foster helping Stoddard.

Oct 9 – Warmer then for a long time. In the morning went to town and carried Abbie to go to New Boston. Got doors for chambers then hung blinds and windows etc.

Oct 10 – Very warm. Went to church and heard a stranger preach from 1st Corinthians, chapter 8 verses 11 to 15.

Oct 11 – Warm and fair. Worked for Elwyn hanging gates in front of the old barn.

Oct 12 – Very hot, 84 in the shade. Worked for Elwyn painting the road gate and cut door through the wood house to the privy etc.

Oct 13 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn building the passage to the privy dock etc.

Oct 14 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn moving the privy at the Red House to be connected to the wood house there.

Oct 15 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn finishing the privy and made box and door etc. Mr. Elwyn came at 10 to see the improvements.

Oct 16 – High northwest wind and very cold. Mr. Elwyn went back to Philadelphia this morning. Worked for him on the privy.

Oct 17 – Fair and cold, 25 in the morning. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. Howard Frisbee called in the morning.

Oct 18 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn shingling and finishing the privy and around it.

Oct 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn repairing and hanging new gates by the old barn, Bill Foster helping.

Oct 20 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn at mending shingles on the front of the Red House etc. In the evening Miss Merrill was up and spent the evening.

Oct 21 – Dull in the morning then cleared off. Worked for Elwyn painting the roof of the Red House, William Foster helping.

Oct 22 – Fair and warm with south wind. Worked for Elwyn painting the roof of the Red House, Foster helping.

Oct 23 – Fair and cool but dry. Worked for Elwyn at shingling privy and painting the wood house roof. Went to town at 11 and Joe Stoddard went with me.

Oct 24 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon. Then came home to rest etc. The drought continues and I think it is as dry here as ever was known.

Oct 25 – Dull all day with signs of rain but none came. Stayed at home and laid chamber floor and hung door and window. George H. Seavey died yesterday (Sunday) morning at 1 o'clock after 5 days of sickness of fits. (George H. was the son of Edward and Mary (Willey) Seavey. He died of Epilepsy and was living on Brackett Road at this time.)

Oct 26 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Elwyn ventilating bookcase doors.

Oct 27 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn, Bill Foster helping.

Oct 28 – Worked for Elwyn in the forenoon, then went to George H. Seavey's funeral, he was 45 years old. There was quite a large turnout of Odd Fellows and Masons.

Oct 29 – Dull and rainy. Worked for Elwyn.

Oct 30 – Rainy all day. Went to town at noon to market.

Oct 31 – Fair and pleasant. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach one sermon.

Nov 1 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn framing ice house addition.

Nov 2 – Fair and warm as May. Worked for Elwyn ½ day. This was the semi-annual state election. There was not much excitement and the party made great effort.

Nov 3 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn. This is the day after election but I could not get much news of returns. In Rye the vote stood, Democrats 153 and Republicans 77.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for Elwyn in forenoon and afternoon went to visit the Center and East schools with Charles D. Garland.

Nov 5 – Worked for Elwyn in forenoon on the ice house. In the afternoon went to visit the West school, all the schools are closed today except the South school.

Nov 6 – Dull in the morning and at noon rain came down freely and continued all the afternoon. Worked for Elwyn on the ice house sheathing up and filling in the sawdust.

Nov 7 – Fair with high west wind. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to hear the sermon. At 3 went to Irvin Seavey's to see Miss Merrill about going to Portsmouth.

Nov 8 – Fair and cold. Carried Miss Merrill to town and to go home. Then carried apples to Jim Haley at \$1.25 per barrel. Eggs 30 cents.

Nov 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn on the ice house.

Nov 10 – Fair in the forenoon and dull after dinner. Worked for Elwyn.

Nov 11 – Fair and cool. Worked for Elwyn and came home at night. Sick with dysentery and strain combined.

Nov 12 – Fair and mild. Was on the sick list all day and not much better than yesterday.

Nov 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and I kept in the house by the fire to try to get cured of my attack of dysentery.

Nov 14 – Cool with northwest wind. Did not go to church but had a day of rest and recuperation with wife. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Boynton.

Nov 15 – On the sick list but recovering rapidly. Went to town at 2:30 with wife to market.

Nov 16 – Fair and good working weather. Worked for Elwyn building a storm house.

Nov 17 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Elwyn on the storm house and got it well along.

Nov 18 – Dull all day and very rainy after 10. Worked for Elwyn in the dairy putting in shelves etc.

Nov 19 – Worked for Elwyn at jobbing round the house and painting the storm house and part of house and shed.

Nov 20 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn at painting wood house and roof of the privy. Did not go to town.

Nov 21 – Fair and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Boynton preach a sermon about “Forever and ever or Eternity”.

Nov 22 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn at painting roof of the wood house. Ex-president Arthur was buried today at Albany, New York, aged 57 years.

Nov 23 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for Elwyn at getting out bands for windows of the Red House.

Nov 24 – Fair and mild and muddy. Worked for Elwyn at painting etc. Went to town at 11:30 and got turkey at 23 cents per lb. also a bunch of celery at 15 cents.

Nov 25 – Thanksgiving Day. Dull in the forenoon and rain came down quite freely. Grammy was up to dinner, also John and Emily Webster helped discuss the turkey.

Nov 26 – Fair all day. Worked for Elwyn at painting the wood house.

Nov 27 – Fair and mild. At work for Elwyn at painting the roof of the Red House. Went over the front and at 3:30 went to town etc. Eggs 32 cents.

Nov 28 – Fair and mild. Went to church with family and heard Mr. Robie of Greenland preach. Mr. Boynton has left and we are to have candidates.

Nov 29 – Fair and mild. Worked for Elwyn at painting. At 3 went to town and got the school teacher and her mother and carried them to Mrs. George Seavey's.

Nov 30 – Dull all day but no rain. Worked for Elwyn and put springs in the windows and painted some.

Dec 1 – Warm. Worked for Elwyn at painting the end of the shed and house. We hope winter will not come on at present.

Dec 2 – Cold and windy with snow squalls and freezing. Worked for Elwyn. There is a milk car that goes from Portsmouth to Lynn. Stoddard sells two cans a day.

Dec 3 – Cold with high northwest wind. Got ashes out of the cellar and banked up cellar case etc. Went to town and got coal etc.

Dec 4 – Cold and windy and rough wheeling. Went to town and got a load of coal, 1180 lbs., and put in cellar and banked up round that part of the house. Wife, Lizzie and Edith went to town to get Edie a new cloak. Eggs 32 cents and got 20 today.

Dec 5 – Cold with high northeast snow storm all day and we all sat by the fire etc. Mrs. Horn came after 2 quarts of milk.

Dec 6 – Cold and dull but not stormy. There is about 4 inches of snow and we go with sleighs. Miss Haynes, as teacher, began the East School today. I carried her down this morning. At noon went to town and sold butter at 28 cents per lb.

Dec 7 – A furious northeast snow storm all day and cold, so I had to keep in doors and take care of the animals. At 9 carried Edith to school and at 3:30 went after her.

Dec 8 – Fair and mild and snow enough for sleighing and all are improving it. Shoveled out the paths in forenoon. At 2 went to visit the Center School. There were 31 scholars.

Dec 9 – Fair and mild and good sleighing. Worked for Elwyn at painting on the west end and had to give attention to get over the big end in a day.

Dec 10 – Fair and mild and good weather to paint. Worked for Elwyn on the front of the Red House.

Dec 11 – Mild as ever. Worked for Elwyn and painted the back side of the roof. Went to town at 3:30 to get the news etc. We have now had one week of sleighing.

Dec 12 – Cool and dull with wind from the northeast and rainy in the afternoon. So I had a day of rest and recreation in reading and sitting by the fire.

Dec 13 – Dull and stormy all day of rain and sleet and everything is covered with ice. Worked for Elwyn putting on the iron sink in the kitchen of the Red House. Stoddard was in woods. Nice sleighing tonight.

Dec 14 – Fair and pleasant. Churned and went to town with Mary to see the fashions in forenoon. Went in to East School at 2 to see how the new teacher, Miss Haynes, gets along.

Dec 15 – Mild but dull and signs of rain. Worked for Elwyn at repairing back side of the Red House. At night went to town and got plucks for Grammy. Mrs. Raynes came over from Henry Foss's for the night.

Dec 16 – A regular northeast snow storm all day but not very cold till night. Carried Edith to school. Mrs. Raynes stopped down last night and at 10 carried her home. She said she had a good time.

Dec 17 – Fair again. Had to stop at home to shovel snow. We have now just enough for sleighing. Went to town with wife at noon.

Dec 18 – Fair in the morning then it became dull and rained at 3 and till night. Worked for Elwyn repairing back side of the Red House and painted part of it. Went to town at 4, good sleighing. Eggs 34 cents.

Dec 19 – Fair and mild and thawy. Went to church and heard Mr. Rand from Maine preach one sermon on liberty.

Dec 20 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn at painting on Red House. The sleighing is superb and all are enjoying it. Miss Merrill was over to spend the evening.

Dec 21 – Mild and pleasant and the good sleighing continues. Worked for Elwyn painting on the Red House. At night went to town to get plucks for the hens and boiled them.

Dec 22 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Elwyn.

Dec 23 – Fair and mild. Worked for Alfred Elwyn.

Dec 24 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Elwyn making storm house for the west door of the Red House. Am making the sides, ends and top and in the shop.

Dec 25 – Christmas and a mild and fair day. Went to town in morning to get some groceries etc. At 10:30 went to John and Emily Webster's to dinner on turkey. We had a good time and nice dinner.

Dec 26 – Cold with signs of snow but none came. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Phillips preach one sermon.

Dec 27 – Fair and not cold. Putting up the storm house at the Red House for Elwyn, John helping. Got it up and in place. General Logan died today of Rheumatism of the heart.

Dec 28 – Fair and cold with a chilly wind. Worked for Elwyn on storm house and laying floor etc. Mr. Elwyn came from Philadelphia at 10. Miss Eleanora Bartlett was married to William B. Ogden at 6 pm. in the Episcopal Church. (He is the son of Mahlon and Frances Ogden and she is the daughter of James and Frances Bartlett.)

Dec 29 – Cold and windy. Worked for Elwyn on the storm house and finished it except painting. Mr. Elwyn started for Philadelphia at 3 pm.

Dec 30 – Cold and windy. Went to town at 10 to get flour for Grammy at \$5.75 a barrel. Took care of the animals and hens etc.

Dec 31 – Very cold and windy and snowy all day, zero. Worked at hanging chamber doors etc. There is not snow enough for sleighing and all use wheels. There ends the year of 1886. At 8 pm. rain and sleet began to fall and continued through the night. Wind changing from northeast to southeast and growing much more mild. The fog horn has been sounding two days and nights almost continually.

Deaths in Rye 1886

Jan 20th – Mrs. Mary G. Woodman, aged 48 yrs. 8 months.

Feb 15th – Miss Annie G. Delaney, aged 18 yrs. 5 months.

Feb 21st – Mrs. Parmelia A. Berry, aged 58 yrs. 3 months.

Mar 5th – Mrs. Caroline Jenness, aged 89 yrs. 4 months.

Mar 7th – Mrs. Augusta Walker, aged 31 yrs. 10 months and 28 days.

Mar 20th – Eben Seavey, aged 67 yrs. 2 months.

Mar 20th – Lizzie May Spear, aged 1 yr.

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Jan 1 – Dull with rain and sleet and barely snow and ice enough for sleighing. Went to town with Lizzie and Edith. There were many teams in town and much shopping done.

Jan 2 – Dull and snowy in the morning. I did not go to church but had a day of rest and a time to read till 2:30. Then went with Mary to call on James Hall on Miller Avenue in Portsmouth.

Jan 3 – Very cold and superb sleighing but a little rough. The Congregational Society are getting ready for a festival Wednesday and Thursday evening. At night went to town and brought Abbie home from New Boston.

Jan 4 – Cold, zero weather. Killed 10 hens and carried them to town to market at 12 cents per pound. The lot weighed 32 ½ lbs. also got a barrel of flour for \$5.75. At night went with wife to see Miss Merrill at Mrs. Marden's.

Jan 5 – More mild and I worked for Elwyn at finishing the storm house and painted back side of the house. At night went to festival at town hall. There was a large crowd.

Jan 6 – A northeast snow storm till noon then cleared up leaving 5 or 6 inches of snow and loose traveling. At night went to festival again. They were very successful.

Jan 7 – Cold in the morning but pleasant afternoon. Killed 10 hens and carried to town at 12 cents per lb. There is good sleighing again and much teaming done.

Jan 8 – Cold, 6 below in the morning. Worked for Elwyn at making drawers for the pantry at the Red House. Did not go to town today. Butter 28 cents and eggs 34 cents.

Jan 9 – Cold, 3 below in the morning. Went to church and heard a Mr. Richardson preach from Isaiah, 42nd chapter and 6th verse. He was a candidate and was liked very well.

Jan 10 – Cold, wind northwest. Worked for Elwyn at making drawers for pantry. The ice harvest is going on in all directions and it is of the best quality and very thick.

Jan 11 – Fair and cold and good sleighing. Worked for Elwyn making and preparing drawers etc. Eggs are 34 cents but we do not get as many as we ought, 24 eggs from 150 hens.

Jan 12 – Fair and not cold but pleasant. Worked for Elwyn putting drawers in the pantry. Good sleighing. Perkins and Gardner are putting ice houses at John Grover's pond, 16 inches thick.

Jan 13 – Fair with good prospect of a continuation. Worked for Elwyn at fitting up pantry in the Red House. Got the drawers shellacked etc.

Jan 14 – A high northeast snow storm all day and I had all I could do at home caring for the animals and fowls of the air. The hens laid 30 eggs and they are worth 34 cents per dozen.

Jan 15 – Cold with high wind. They got the roads broke out at 10. Went to town to carry butter at 28 cents per lb. Sold and changed it for groceries.

Jan 16 – Fair but not good traveling. Went to church and heard Mr. Richardson preach. He is a candidate and some are disposed to favor hiring him but it is yet undecided.

Jan 17 – A regular northeast snow storm all day. Worked for Elwyn at finishing the pantry drawers etc.

Jan 18 – Very cold with north wind and very bad traveling. There is about 2 feet of snow on a level.

Jan 19 – Very cold, 18 below in the morning and only 10 above at noon. Worked in the shop getting out window bands for chambers. At 1:30 went to town with Lizzie to get the news. They are storing ice at John Grover's.

Jan 20 – More mild with signs of rain. Made window frames for 2 windows for the barn and put on in behind cows. At 1 went over to visit the South School, taught by Miss Phillips. Received of Elwyn this day, \$10.00.

Jan 21 – Cooler and signs of freezing. Wife and Lizzie went to Liza's for dinner. Putting bands to the windows in the chambers.

Jan 22 – Mild and rather bad sleighing. Putting bands on chamber windows. At 11 went to town to market with Lizzie. Carried butter to Mrs. Lear. Eggs 34 cents.

Jan 23 – Very mild and thawy and the snow is fast going off. Went to church and heard Norman Ward of Plymouth preach from Acts, “Go preach to all in their tabernacles”. At 3 went to call on John Grover.

Jan 24 – Dull and rainy all day. Put up railing around the stairway in the hall for the chamber.

Jan 25 – Fair and cool. Went to town to visit Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth and her mother, Mrs. Raynes. Went at 10 and dined at 1:30 and came away at 3:30 and had a good time. Got plucks for hens.

Jan 26 – Cold and windy. Putting closets in order with cleats and shelves ready for use.

Jan 27 – Snowy most of the day. At work in shop at making over a door for the end of the house on the piazza. Etta Clark, daughter of Moses, died at one o'clock this morning, aged 20 years and 4 months of consumption. (Etta was Mary's niece and Grammy Clark's granddaughter.)

Jan 28 – Mild and the best of sleighing. Went to town to get hangings for doors on the piazza and hang it in with new thresholds. At night much more thawy.

Jan 29 – Dull and thawy in the morning and rain all the afternoon. Finished door on the piazza. Went to town with wife to market and got plucks for Grammy. At 2 went to the Center to meet school board and selectmen to settle up for the year. Eggs 30 cents.

Jan 30 – Dull all day. Etta Clark, daughter of Moses, was buried or rather put in tomb at Portsmouth. The funeral was at 1:30. She was 20 1/3 years old and had been sick 4 years.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold. Repairing horse stalls and other odd jobs around the barn and putting up shelves in the chamber. The sleighing is gone and we have to use wagons again which we don't like.

Feb 1 – Fair and mild. Topped the old willows in the lane and hauled the wood to the pile, ready to cut up for stove.

Feb 2 – Candlemas Day, “half your meat and half your hay.” A regular northeast snow storm all day. So according to the old aging we have seen the worst of winter.

Feb 3 – Dull but not cold. At night we all went to town hall to an entertainment by the Rye Beach Improvement Association. Of dialogues, recitations, declarations, singing etc. All good supper after all.

Feb 4 – Fair and good winter weather. Killed 10 hens and carried them to market at 12 cents per pound. Rye Beach Company again tonight.

Feb 5 – Fair and elegant sledding. Went to town and hauled log to mill. At 1 went down in the lower pasture to break out for hauling logs to mill and also firewood home.

Feb 6 – Fair and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Richardson preach from “He that is faithful in little things are also faithful in great things”. At 3 went with wife to town for a sleigh ride.

Feb 7 – Fair and good sleighing. Cutting mill logs, Chauncey Woodman helping. Cut 2 large trees and sawed them up and hauled some out to road.

Feb 8 – Dull and snowy most of the day. Cutting mill logs, Charles Yeaton helping ½ day. Adams Drake hauled 2 loads of logs to the mill to town. (Adams E. Drake and family are living with his father-in-law Samuel Marden on Washington Road.)

Feb 9 – Fair and thawy. Drake hauled 3 loads of logs to the mill for me. Cutting and hauling out logs, Chauncey Woodman helping. Cut 2 trees. At night went to the town hall to a Sociable by Christian Society. (Chauncey is Emery Woodman's son and is 19 years old.)

Feb 10 – Fair and cool. Adam E. Drake hauled one load of logs to the mill. Hauled one log to the mill and hauled 5 loads of boards from the mill to the lot on Lincoln Avenue in Portsmouth. (Supply owns a lot on Lincoln Ave. in Portsmouth.)

Feb 11 – Dull and rainy. Hauled 2 loads of wood in the forenoon. At 1 went to town and got plucks, carried butter, 13 ½ lbs. at 28 cents and got groceries etc. The sleighing is good.

Feb 12 – Cold and windy. In the forenoon went to town and hauled 3 loads of boards from the mill to the lot on Lincoln Ave. Afternoon hauled 2 loads of wood from the lower pasture etc. Wife and Lizzie went to town. Eggs 22 cents.

Feb 13 – Very cold, zero in the morning. Did not go to church but kept near the fire and found that the most comfortable place away from the piercing wind. Few went to church.

Feb 14 – Fair and cool. Hauling wood in the forenoon. After dinner cut red oak trees to have sawed to make a Bobsled next winter. At night Miss Haynes and mother were up.

Feb 15 – Fair. Hauled wood in the morning with Woodman's sled, then he hauled logs for Abbie to the mill.

Feb 16 – Dull with snow and rain. Worked in the shop and barn making repairs. Henry Locke is very sick with Pneumonia.

Feb 17 – Fair and mild. Hauling wood in the forenoon. Went to town and got stock sawed for sled etc.

Feb 18 – Hauled sled home from Emery Woodman's and repaired it. Snow came on at 10 and continued all day furiously.

Feb 19 – Fair with high wind and thawy. Jobbing round in the forenoon. At 1 went to town with Edith and Lizzie. They went to the horse show of trained or educated horses. Harvey Locke died today at 7 am. (William Harvey Locke was the son of William and Elizabeth (Knowles) Locke and he was 56 years old.)

Feb 20 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard a man from Ohio preach about conscience and character. The sleighing has gone and we regret to return to wheels.

Feb 21 – Cool and windy. Dug out a watering trough for the cows and horses and hewing timber for frame for carriage house and the lot in town.

Feb 22 – Dull. Jobbing round and not accomplishing much.

Feb 23 – Fair and mild. Went to town in forenoon to get plucks etc. At 1 went to visit the South and Center Schools with the other members of the board. At night went to tea to Mrs. Marden's.

Feb 24 – A regular northeast snow and rain storm all day. Went to town at 1 to get groceries and sell apples at 50 cents per bushel.

Feb 25 – Fair and cool wind northwest. Killed 32 pounds of poultry and carried to town at 13 cents per lb., wife went. It was sleighing but not the best.

Feb 26 – Dull all day with snow coming on at 3. Went to the town hall to make out our report of schools for the year ending March 1st. The selectmen were making out theirs at the same time. Dan Parsons moved a house today.

Feb 27 – Fair and cool wind from the northwest and plenty of it. Three inches of snow and good sleighing. Went to church with all the family and heard a man from Colebrook preach from "What manner of man is this". At 3 went to see Eliza and Joseph P.

Feb 28 – Cold with high northwest wind and very disagreeable. Cut wood in the forenoon. Went to town at 2 to market. Paid Henry Grover for work done for me.

Mar 1 – Fair and cool. Cutting and hauling wood and timber by John Varrell's.

Mar 2 – Fair and cool and good sledding. Hauled 6 loads of timber and wood for Grammy and myself. She is to have a building to connect the house and barn so as not to be obliged to go outdoors to feed the hens etc.

Mar 3 – Fine and fair and the best of sleighing. Went to town with wife to market and carried 5 hens at 13 cents and 2 bushels of apples at 50 per. Many are improving the fine sleighing. Cut wood after noon. Wife went in to the Center School at 3.

Mar 4 – Fair and cool and cut wood. Went to town to proof read my report of school work for the year ending March 8, Abbie went with me.

Mar 5 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Went to town and to the Plains to see a building which Joe Ham wants me to shingle and clapboard. Also called to the Red House to see Joe Stoddard. Cut wood. Wife and girls went to the show at the music hall.

Mar 6 – Furious snow storm from the south all day and all enjoyed setting around the fire to read and reflect and get rested and eat corn balls.

Mar 7 – Snowy and not good traveling. Went over to Mrs. Marden's and carried Miss Merrill to Charles W. Rand's. She is to begin school in the East School room tomorrow. Eggs 18 cents.

Mar 8 – Hewing and cutting wood in forenoon. This afternoon went to town meeting to see and hear what was done. They voted to have a high school and raised \$1800.00 in all for schools.

Mar 9 – Fair and pleasant. Cutting wood for summer and winter, Chauncey Woodman helping. Heard that Henry Ward Beecher died yesterday at age 74. He was said to be the greatest pulpit orator of the age. (Henry Ward Beecher (June 24, 1813 – March 8, 1887) was an American Congregationalist clergyman, social reformer, and speaker.)

Mar 10 – Rain and snow all day and I had jobs in the shop and barn making repairs.

Mar 11 – Cold and chilly. Put new sill under the chicken house and laid part of the new floor. Lizzie went to town with her Aunt Abbie Clark.

Mar 12 – Fair and good sleighing. Went to town with wife to market in the forenoon. Afternoon went to school meeting and resigned the position as a member of the school board of education because it required too much time of me.

Mar 13 – Fair and mild and sleighing but not good. Did not go to church but sent wife and Edith and Lizzie to get the report. There were but few out today and the sermon was not satisfactory.

Mar 14 – Fair and cool. Cutting up wood, Emery Woodman helping.

Mar 15 – Fair and cool and good sleighing. Cutting wood, Emery Woodman helping and we get it nearly done. I am not sorry for my arms are quite lame for strain. Went to town to get plucks.

Mar 16 – Dull and chilly. Cutting wood and hewing etc. There was a bad railroad accident on the Boston and Providence road. A bridge gave away at Dedham, Massachusetts and 27 were killed and many wounded.

Mar 17 – Dull and wet and the sleighing is fast dissolving but still runners are used and they will continue to be as long as possible.

Mar 18 – Dull but not stormy. Hewing timber for my building to be built on Lincoln Avenue in Portsmouth. I think to have it 22 feet long by 16 feet. (I believe the house built by Supply is at 319 Lincoln Ave.)

Mar 19 – Dull and squally and rainy. Cleared up round the buildings. Went to town with wife to market and sold butter at 28 cents per lb., bad wheeling. Mrs. Gilman C. Berry died last night after a long sickness. (Elizabeth Jane (Caswell) Berry was John O. Berry's mother and was 63 years old. They were living in the old Samuel Berry home at 495 Brackett road.)

Mar 20 – Fair and mild and the snow is fast going off. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the sermon.

Mar 21 – Mild and pleasant. Finished cutting wood and hewing and making parts etc.

Mar 22 – Dull in the morning and began to hew for Grammy. Snow came on furiously at 9:30 and sat by the fire. It snowed 3 inches with some rain. Mrs. Gilman Berry was buried today.

Mar 23 – Cold and windy. Went to town in the morning to order plucks for the hens. It was a very good sleighing.

Mar 24 – Cold and windy. Went to town in the morning and got plucks and boiled them. At night Miss Merrill and Mrs. Charles Rand and cousin were over to tea. Trimmed apple trees.

Mar 25 – Cold and windy. Went to town and carried Miss Merrill to the depot. Then worked for Grammy of $\frac{3}{4}$ day at hewing.

Mar 26 – Cold and windy. Finished hewing for Grammy and piled up boards in the forenoon. Went to market after dinner.

Mar 27 – Fair and cold. Did not go to church. All were sick with colds except myself.

Mar 28 – Rainy all day with wind northeast. Making repairs round the buildings.

Mar 29 – A furious northwest wind with very cold. Hauled apple tree limbs to Charles from the trees I had trimmed. Six loads on the sled and the snow not having all disappeared.

Mar 30 – The blizzard continues and I stay housed except to take care of the animals. We have 2 cows in milk and 140 hens and get 70 to 80 eggs a day, 4 hens setting.

Mar 31 – Cold and windy but more mild than yesterday. Went to town with wife to market and got the news etc. The wheeling is bad and people go as little as possible. Worked for Grammy for ½ day.

Apr 1 – Cold and black. Went to town to pile up boards on my lot, Frank J. Trefethen helping. Afternoon hauled 2 loads of sand etc. People are beginning to think of spring but the weather is yet very cold. (Frank Jones Trefethen is the son of Horace Levi and is 14 years old at this time.)

Apr 2 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and about 6 or 8 inches of snow fell with high wind drifting it into deep drifts. There was but little travel. The milkman had a hard work to get along with wheels and 40 cans of milk. Dana Jenness went home to the Sheafe Coffin place.

Apr 3 – Fair and thawy with a west wind. There were sleighs used today but with hard work. No one went to church this way and we all had a day of rest after shoveling snow for 1 hour.

Apr 4 – Cold and bad traveling. Went to town in the morning to get plucks for Grammy, Abbie went with me. She is talking of taking lessons of Smith in Mathematics next week.

Apr 5 – Cold and fair and the snow goes off very slowly and it is feared it will be late planting. There are many large snow drifts visible to the naked eye.

Apr 6 – Cold but pleasant. Went to town in the morning. This was Joseph P. and Olivia's 50th wedding day. We went at 4 and took tea and stayed till 9. There were about 70 people. Fannie Ayers came from Everett, Massachusetts.

Apr 7 – Very cold and windy. Worked for Elwyn repairing carts etc. Last night we went to Joseph's golden wedding. There were many guests and we had a good time. They had a very pleasant occasion for their 50th anniversary.

Apr 8 – Cold with a north wind. Worked for Elwyn on carts. His daughter, Fannie, is to be married on the 20th to Gordon Wendell of New York and sail for Europe on the 30th. (Gordon Wendell, 1859 – 1910. Married Frances (Fannie) Cadwalader Elwyn, daughter of Alfred Langdon Elwyn and Helen Maria Dyer.)

Apr 9 – Fair and mild and the most spring like if any yet. Worked for Elwyn at painting roof of the wood house and storm house. The snow has gone more today than any other.

Apr 10 – Very mild and like summer. Went to church with all the family to hear the new minister Mr. Humphries preach one sermon on the resurrection of Christ. Charles J. Brown has returned from Florida after 5 weeks visit and at the Capitol.

Apr 11 – Mild and good working weather. Worked for Elwyn on odd jobs.

Apr 12 – Cooler. Worked for Elwyn.

Apr 13 – Cold as usual and all thoughts of planting are abandoned. Worked for Elwyn on privy etc.

Apr 14 – Cold for the season. Finished working for Elwyn for the present. There is much snow in the woods and it must be many days yet before active field work will begin.

Apr 15 – Fair and cool. Great coat and mittens are needed in riding. Went to town with wife to market. She got room paper for the bathroom.

Apr 16 – Rainy all day and cool so had to keep near the fire most of the time. Smoothed up the chamber floors and the rooms are now ready for carpets.

Apr 17 – Fair and cool and did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the sermon by the new minister, Mr. Humphries from Andover, Massachusetts.

Apr 18 – Dull till 3 then a furious snow storm came on and ran into the night. It was freezing cold all day. Worked for Abbie on the addition to connect the house to the barn.

Apr 19 – Fair and cold with 3 or 4 inches of snow on the ground and stayed at home in the forenoon. But worked for Abbie in the afternoon.

Apr 20 – Fair and warmer and the snow has about all gone again. Worked for Abbie on the addition and got it about all boarded and ready for the finish.

Apr 21 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Abbie. Went to town with boards and got them planed and got clapboards and gutter and hardware. It now seems like spring and farmers are beginning to plow.

Apr 22 – Fair and mild and the mud is drying up to give the farmers a chance to put in the seed. Worked for Abbie putting on finish.

Apr 23 – Dull but no rain came till night at 10. Worked for Abbie for ½ day and then went to town with wife to the market and carried butter at 28 cents per lb. George W. Towle is dead and is to be buried tomorrow.

Apr 24 – Fair and cool. It rained all night and cleared off in the morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach about Peter. He is to move here soon and the parsonage is ready.

Apr 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for Charles A. Drake at Breakfast Hill making window frames.

Apr 26 – Fair and cold and an overcoat is needed in riding. Worked for Drake at jobbing.

Apr 27 – Dull and a cold rain storm all day ending with snow. Worked for Drake a putting in a slide between the pantry and dining room.

Apr 28 – Worked for Drake putting windows in the dining room. Rain came on at night. Drake sells 12 cans of milk per day. (Charles Drake was a farmer.)

Apr 29 – A cold rain all the forenoon and I was jobbing round the house till one, then went to town to market.

Apr 30 – Fair. Worked for Drake and finished putting in windows to the dining room and brought tools home to work for Abbie next week. Little or nothing has yet been at planting.

May 1 – Fair. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach one sermon. At night went with wife to Foss Beach to see improvements.

May 2 – Very warm. Hauling out manure and spreading it on grass to clear the yard.

May 3 – Warm. Hauling out manure, Chauncey Woodman helping. We got out 25 loads.

May 4 – Hauling out manure, Mr. Woodman helping. We finished hauling out all 70 loads with a horse and have about 50 more for the fall dressing.

May 5 – Fair and cool. Working for Abbie on the new building and boarded it in and got ready to tin the roof.

May 6 – Fair. Went to town in the morning and got Taylor's tinman to tin the roof. Also had to carry him back. Daniel Trefethen died today. He was the brother of Horace. (Daniel and his brother Thaddeus were both listed as non-compos mentis and were the sons of Simon Goss Trefethen.)

May 7 – Dull all day but no rain came till 5:30. Worked for Abbie till 4 then went to town with wife to market etc.

May 8 – Fair and quite mild. Went to church and heard Humphries preach one sermon urging his hearers to join the church to enable them to be more useful

May 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Abbie for ½ day then went to Daniel's funeral. He was 47 years old and had never walked a step or was able to talk.

May 10 – Very hot. Worked for Abbie on the addition.

May 11 – Fair but not so hot. Stayed at home and had Adams Drake plow for me and I set out my potatoes and also planted potatoes and peas.

May 12 – Fair. Worked for Abbie on the addition.

May 13 – Fair and cool. Worked for Abbie making steps etc. Very dry for this time of year. Trees are putting out first.

May 14 – Fair and cool. Worked for Abbie for ¾ of a day. Went to town at 3:30 with wife and got windows etc. for the addition.

May 15 – Fair and warm and dry. Went to church with wife and heard Humphries preach a short sermon, then they had communion. Called to see John C. Webster, he is quite lame.

May 16 – Very dry and no signs of rain. Worked for Abbie on the addition lathing etc.

May 17 – Fair and dry. Worked for Abbie.

May 18 – Fair and hot. Worked for Abbie lathing and getting ready for plastering.

May 19 – Warm and dry. Worked for Abbie. Went to town with boards and got them planed. Mrs. Parsons was down and spent the day.

May 20 – Hot and dry. Worked for Abbie at plastering and painting. Last night Mrs. Humphries and her daughter-in-law were killed by the cars on Eastern Road at the Banfield Road crossing.

May 21 – Hot and dry. There has been no rain for three weeks and it has been very drying all the time so that the top of the ground is very dusty and vegetation is suffering. Worked for Abbie ¾ of a day.

May 22 – Fair and did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. At 3 went to ride with wife up across the Banfield Road to see where the accident was.

May 23 – Fair and the drought continues. Worked for Elwyn at changing horse stalls, this making 3 out of 4. This job he has long been anxious of seeing completed for a long time.

May 24 – Fair and dry with strong southwest wind. Working for Elwyn on stalls. At night went to Foss Beach to see improvements etc. Then called to see Miss Merrill at Mrs. Mary Ann Marden's.

May 25 – Dull with slight rain which has cooled off vegetation and been of immense benefit to all. Worked for Elwyn and completed the stalls and took my tools home to go to Drakes.

May 26 – Fair again till night when we had a slight rain. Worked for Charles A. Drake at Breakfast Hill remodeling rooms in the house. He has taken down the chimney accompanied by all its surrounding horror of dust and dirt etc.

May 27 – Dull with fog. Good for grass and other growing crops. Worked for Drake. They were building the chimney etc. I was filling in flooring around the new chimney.

May 28 – A regular northeast rain storm most of the day and it came down freely. Worked for Charles Drake at finishing chamber. Mayor Downing died yesterday. Mrs. Joseph Jackson Seavey was buried today at Portsmouth. (Elizabeth A. (Lear) Seavey was the daughter of John and Nancy (Downs) Lear.)

May 29 – Dull and wet with wind from the northeast and all nature has a plenty to drink and now can grow on rapidly. No going to church and all had a day of rest.

May 30 – Fair. Worked for Drake finishing chambers.

May 31 – Dull and wet. Worked for Drake.

Jun 1 – Dull and wet and good weather for grass. Worked for Drake.

Jun 2 – Showery and cool. Worked for Drake.

Jun 3- Dull and wet. Worked for Drake finishing dining room for lathing and also closet and now all is ready to plaster tomorrow.

Jun 4 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Elwyn at getting the house ready for his family. Found trouble with the pump. Went to town at 11.

Jun 5 – Fair and did not go to church. Daniel Trefethen Jr. and wife Mary and baby Irene were over from Amesbury and spent the day.

Jun 6 – Fair. Worked for Elwyn getting the pumps in order for summer, John Cutts helping ½ day. (John Steward Cutts was a local plumber living on Congress Street in Portsmouth.)

Jun 7 – Fair and hot. Worked for Abbie at putting shelves in the closet etc.

Jun 8 – Worked for Abbie at jobbing round and painting the addition.

Jun 9 – Worked for Elwyn fixing up things at the Red House.

Jun 10 – Fair and warm. Worked for Elwyn at odd jobs and making screen and also building wire fence.

Jun 11 – Worked for Elwyn at building wire fence, Jim Preble helping. (James Preble was a farm worker and associated with Joe Stoddard off of Rye road.)

Jun 12 – Fair and warm. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Humphries one sermon. William Jackson was down from town. At 7 went to Sunday school concert.

Jun 13 – Began working for Drake again finishing chamber and closets etc.

Jun 14 – Fair and dry for the season. Worked for Drake. Bob Locke put on the skim coat today.

Jun 15 – Fair as usual. Worked for Charles Drake and finished the chambers.

Jun 16 – Fair and very hot and dry. Worked for Drake at getting out finish.

Jun 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for Drake at getting out finish for dining room.

Jun 18 – Fair. Worked for Drake at getting out and putting on finish.

Jun 19 – Fair and dry and dusty. Did not go to church but had a day of rest. All went to church but me. At 3 went with wife to cemetery and to see horses of Jim Yeaton's.

Jun 20 – Dull and cool. Worked for Charles A. Drake getting ready to lay floor and finish round doors.

Jun 21 – Dull and wet. Worked for Drake, he went to Newburyport to get floor boards, hard pine ½ inches wide and he got back at 5. The Bronco horses were sold.

Jun 22 – Working for Drake laying floor. Dull and wet and we had a good rain last night.

Jun 23 – Fair and warm. Worked for Drake and finished the floors and put in finish.

Jun 24 – Worked for Drake and finished up all the jobs about the dining room. So they can use it as soon as it is oiled.

Jun 25 – Stayed at home jobbing round home and went to Elwyn's place and to Tucker's farm to auction off grass. It brought about \$150.00. Went to town at 5.

Jun 26 – Very hot and did not to go to church but sent all the others to hear the sermon.

Jun 27 – Fair and hot. Worked for Elwyn making and hanging screen doors. Joe Stoddard is doing a little at haying and it is good weather for it.

Jun 28 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. Worked for Elwyn. Miss Sarah D. Curtis, the East School teacher, was up and spent the evening.

Jun 29 – Fair and hot as guns. Worked for Elwyn and made rock cart etc. and finished there to get ready for haying at home. Miss Merrill was over to tea and the evening.

Jun 30 – Very hot, 90. Got rock cart ready and loaded hay to go to John H. Broughton tomorrow. Went to town and got malt etc. Herman O. lost his horse today by feeding corn and watering while hot.

Jul 1 – Fair and hot as ever. Hauled 2 loads of hay to John H. Broughton, 1 ¼ tons at \$17.00 per ton = \$21.25.

Jul 2 – Fair and the hottest day for 20 years, 100 in the shade and there was no peace. Getting ready for haying. Went to town at 4 with wife and getting ready for the 4th.

Jul 3 – Very hot in the forenoon then came up cloudy and was more comfortable. All had a day of rest and sleep and it was a relief to have it cooler. There were showers in some directions but none came here.

Jul 4 – Fair and hot. Began the regular haying today, John O. Berry helping. Cut back of the house and ½ of the corner field.

Jul 5 – Fair and hot. Cut the rest of the corner field and got in 8 loads. 4 in the lower lot and 3 in the corner and 1 in the back of the house.

Jul 6 – Dull and some rain in the forenoon but cleared off at 10. We went in to the haying and cut farther field and the thirds, John Berry and William Odiorne helping. It is light in the farther field but very good in the thirds.

Jul 7 – Hot and very drying. Continued cutting and got all down on the north side of the road and cleaned up farther field and 1 load in front. This is the best of hay weather and all are improving it.

Jul 8 - Hay weather continues and we finished cutting today and got in 7 loads.

Jul 9 – Fair and we finished haying and think it has fell short of last year being killed out by drought and ice. Paid John Berry \$10.00 and William Odiorne \$6.00. Went to town in the morning to market and again at 3 to get the doctor for Grammy, her face being swelled badly.

Jul 10 – Dull and some rain in the morning then cleared off.

Jul 11 – Rainy all day and it came down good so all vegetation had a plenty to drink for the present.

Jul 12 – Very hot and good hay weather and the farmers are pushing it along as fast as possible. Cut a piece by the road for Horace with a horse. Mrs. and Mr. Elwyn called for me to do some work.

Jul 13 – Getting ready to relay the platform back of the house etc. At 2 went to see Mr. Elwyn about work they want me to make screens etc. Mrs. Elwyn has a black eye from a bump on the gate.

Jul 14 – Worked for Elwyn at making screens for wash stands. They are something new and are to fold up when not in use.

Jul 15 – Fair and hot. Worked for Elwyn jobbing. The beach season has begun in earnest. Foss Beach is getting to be more popular than ever.

Jul 16 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the morning to get malt for the hens and chicks. Then was jobbing round generally.

Jul 17 – Fair and hot. Did not go to church but sent all the rest to get a report of the sermon. Charles Remick's wife is sick with typhoid fever.

Jul 18 – Dull and wet. Worked for Elwyn making screens.

Jul 19 – Foggy and very wet. The rivers of New Hampshire are very full and much damage by floods. Worked for Elwyn.

Jul 20 – Dull and hot as usual. Worked for Elwyn at jobbing.

Jul 21 – The wet continues. Not for many years has it been so wet at this time of the year. All brooks and ditches and wells are full. Worked for Elwyn.

Jul 22 – Worked for Elwyn. They are trying to do some haying but it is the most difficult work I have ever seen.

Jul 23 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. Went to town to market and got malt for hens. We had a very heavy rain all the afternoon and so kept housed.

Jul 24 – Fair and very hot and I stayed at home and rested and sent all others to meeting. Had showers in the afternoon.

Jul 25 – Dull with signs of showers. Worked for Elwyn. Albee Foss's wife was buried today, aged 30. (Alba's wife was Minnie (Brown) Foss and died of the fever.)

Jul 26 – Foggy and hot as usual. Worked for Elwyn.

Jul 27 – Hot and wet with plenty of fog. Worked for Elwyn at jobbing.

Jul 28 – Hot as ever but too damp for hay weather. Worked for Elwyn and finished today. Those who have hay to get find it perplexing work.

Jul 29 – Rainy in the morning and was putting springs on the windows. In the afternoon went to work for Mr. Elwyn.

Jul 30 – Fair and hot as guns. Went to town in the morning to market etc. and was jobbing round. At 2 went to the sea to get mussels and had a good mess at night.

Jul 31 – Very hot and muggy. Went to church and heard Rev. Robert Humphries preach one sermon from 1st John, chapter 1 and verse 9. At 5 went with wife to Foss Beach to get cooled off.

Aug 1 – Hot and dull. Worked for Elwyn. All the farm hands struck and were paid off today and Joe Stoddard has nobody to help him on the land but Mr. Shedd. Eggs 22 cents.

Aug 2 – Worked for Elwyn at making window screens for his house.

Aug 3 – Worked for Elwyn for ½ day and finished for the present. Came home and got ready to build the new platform on the back of the house.

Aug 4 – Fair and warm. Building the platform on the back of the house.

Aug 5 – Building platform at the back of the house and finished it ready for service.

Aug 6 – Fair and warm in the morning. Went to town to get malt for the hens and to market. In the afternoon rain came down freely and we sat by the fire.

Aug 7 – Very pleasant. Sent all to church. At 2 got ready to go to Newington. Met James Hall and wife and came back with them.

Aug 8 – Fair and pleasant. Preparing for company tomorrow. Went to town at 3 with apples at \$1.00 per bushel.

Aug 9 – Fair with west wind. Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth and Mrs. Raynes and Kinnard were down and spent the day. Carried them to the Farragut House to see the fashions.

Aug 10 – Fair with a west wind. Cutting bushes beside the road and trimming trees. Picked 3 bushels of Red Astrachan apples and carried to town at \$1.00 per bushel.

Aug 11 – Dull all day. In the forenoon cut bushes in the pasture and at 3 rain came down furiously with thunder.

Aug 12 – Cut bushes but we have so much rain that it is slow work indeed as they grow very rapidly.

Aug 13 – Went to town to market and got malt for the chickens of which we have now about 100 pullets and hope to insure that number.

Aug 14 – Went with wife and girls to Dover Point Bridge in Newington and passed Frank Jones place which is a fine show.

Aug 15 – Went to town at noon and carried apples. Then worked for Andrew Milton Gardner laying out cellar for the house on South Street that he is talking of building.

Aug 16 – Cutting second crop and bushes etc.

Aug 17 – Cutting bushes beside the wall in the field etc.

Aug 18 – Rainy all day and was drawing plans for Gardner house.

Aug 19 – Went to town to move a building for Andrew Milton Gardner and got it partly down, Samuel Odiorne helping.

Aug 20 – Fair in forenoon. Had a shower at noon. Worked for Gardner and finished moving the building and laid out the cellar of the house.

Aug 21 – Fair. Did not go to church but sent all others. At 3 went to Greenland and to North Hampton to see the country. The fields are a deep green and apples are scarce. They say potatoes are rotting.

Aug 22 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and I was jobbing round the buildings and keeping the chickens from drowning. We have about 100 pullets now I think. Eggs 24 cents.

Aug 23 – The rain continues all day steadily and I think more rain has fallen in August then I ever knew.

Aug 24 – Rainy most of the day but at 4 it held up and wife and I went to William Trefethen's Golden wedding. There were quite a number present for such a day and we had a good time. (William and Hannah L. (Garland) Trefethen were married on Aug. 24, 1837 and are living on Central road across from the Central Cemetery in Rye.)

Aug 25 – Fair and a northwest wind. Went to town and got shingles for Abbie's house and began the work this afternoon for re-shingling the back side.

Aug 26 – Fair and cool. Worked at shingling Abbie's house. Mrs. Horace Pickering is visiting her parents, Charles F. Trefethen. John S. Marden's sister was buried today. (Mrs. Pickering is Annie (Trefethen) and living in Malden, Massachusetts.)(Elizabeth S. Marden was the daughter of Ebenezer and Lovey (Berry) Marden and died on the 24th of Aug. of old age at 77 year old.)

Aug 27 – Fair and comfortable. Went to town to market in the forenoon. Worked for Abbie in the afternoon. Wife and girls went to Matinee at the Music Hall.

Aug 28 – Fair and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach one sermon about the origin of man. At 3 went with wife to Greenland by way of Elwyn Road and Plains and back through Sodom Road.

Aug 29 – Fair and cool. Worked for Abbie at shingling the house. Got back up and began the "L". It is now said there will be a rotten potato crop in addition to a ruined hay crop and failure of the apple crop so that farmers are suffering great losses.

Aug 30 – Signs of rain in the morning but soon cleared off and we had a nice day. Shingling for Abbie for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. Drove Horace's cow. The summer boarders are rapidly disappearing by every conveyance possible.

Aug 31 – Fair and good working weather. Shingling for Abbie on the house. The farmers are complaining that the potatoes are rotting very badly.

Sep 1 – Fair and warm. Worked for Abbie at shingling the house. Went to town at noon and got shingles and paint for the roof.

Sep 2 – Fair. Worked for Abbie and finished the shingling and began painting the roof but had a little shower at 3 and could not continue.

Sep 3 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Went to town in the forenoon to market and got malt for the chickens. Worked in the afternoon for Abbie at painting the roof of the house.

Sep 4 – Fair and did not go to church but sent all others. Howard Frisbee called in the morning and he is at work for the machine company. At 3 went with wife to New Castle and to see James Hall on Miller Avenue.

Sep 5 – Fair. Worked for Abbie painting. At 5 went to town and got paint and oil for the barn.

Sep 6 – Fair and warm with some signs of rain. Worked for Abbie painting the barn and got the front and east end about done.

Sep 7 - Dull and wet in the morning and got in wood and jobbing round. Went to town at 10 and got cellar window frames for Gardner and put them together. Worked for Abbie in the afternoon at painting etc.

Sep 8 – Fair with northwest wind. Worked for Abbie for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day at painting. We had a shower last night and had to stay at home. At 1:45 went to farm and dug 1 bushel of potatoes and found no rotten ones. I read of people plowing them in them being so rotten.

Sep 9 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Abbie at painting and got well along.

Sep 10 – Fair and cool. We had a shower last night. Went to town in the morning to market and to get malt for the chickens. Saw Milton Gardner about building his house. Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Abbie at painting. Carried Gardner's cellar windows up to him.

Sep 11 – Cool and fair. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach about the imprisonment of Paul etc. At 4:30 went with wife to the cemetery to see.

Sep 12 – Fair in the morning. Worked for Gardner at laying out the addition $\frac{1}{2}$ day. When the rain came on and came home to rest and recuperate by mowing the second crop in the lower field. Eggs 24 cents.

Sep 13 – Fair. Went to town to make cellar window frame for Gardner $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Sep 14 – Fair. Last night we had a shower. Repaired clapboarding in back corner of the house in the forenoon. After dinner worked for Abbie at painting.

Sep 15 – Fair and pleasant. Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day at painting for Abbie. At 10:30 went to town to the firemen muster at Portsmouth. It was a local affair with a clam bake.

Sep 16 – Painting for Abbie in the forenoon. After dinner went with wife to Breakfast Hill to see boards for Andrew M. Gardner.

Sep 17 – Went to town in the morning to market and got malt etc. Got in a load of second crop and other work.

Sep 18 – Fair and mild. Did not go to church but sent 2 to get report. At 3 went with wife to see John Berry about digging my potatoes. Then called on Orin Drake and wife Mary on the beach road.

Sep 19 – Fair and good working weather. Getting tools ready to go to work for Gardner and also doing up odd jobs besides going to Kittery and York and also to school house to make repairs.

Sep 20 – Fair and mild. Worked for Andrew M. Gardner and began building his house today, with 3 men helping. (His house is being built on 12 South Street in Portsmouth.)

Sep 21 – Fair and warm. Worked for Gardner at framing with 4 men helping including Joshua Stackpole.

Sep 22 – Worked for Gardner today. We got the framing about done and think we are ready to raise and if part, hope to put the timber in place tomorrow.

Sep 23 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for A.M. Gardner and raised the house today and partly boarded it. All said we made good progress.

Sep 24 – Fair and cool and this was the coldest morning this fall, 36 degrees above or 2 above freezing. Worked for Andrew M. Gardner and have got the house ready for the roof.

Sep 25 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach one sermon. Levi Hall's wife called at 3, they live in Malden, Massachusetts.

Sep 26 – Cool mornings with frost and a north wind. Worked for Gardner and put the roof on today and boarded most of it.

Sep 27 – Mild and smoky. Worked for Andrew M. Gardner on the house and finished boarding the roof and got one side shingled up 2/3 its distance.

Sep 28 – Fair and good working weather. Worked for Gardner and continued the shingling. The house is 24 by 32 and two stories and I have 4 men to help.

Sep 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for Gardner and finished the shingling except the "rakes" so it is now ready to keep out the rain. We put the finish on today.

Sep 30 – Warm and smoky. Worked for Andrew M. Gardner putting on the end finish.

Oct 1 – Dull and some rain. Worked for Gardner putting on the end finish and got it mostly on. Began tonight to sell milk to the "Lynn Milk Co.", three cans per day at 24 cents per can.

Oct 2 – Warm and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent all others and kept house. At 2:30 went with wife to see the new Life Station now building at Jerrys Point, New Castle.

Oct 3 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Gardner at odd jobs round the building and getting ready for furring.

Oct 4 – Dull but not rain till 4 pm when we had a heavy thunder shower. Worked for Elwyn at closing his house and letting off the water etc.

Oct 5 – Warm as usual. Worked for Gardner.

Oct 6 – Worked for Andrew M. Gardner.

Oct 7 – Fair and mild as usual. Worked for Gardner. There is a mechanical fair in Boston held by Massachusetts charitable Mechanical Association and many are going at cheap rates of the railroad.

Oct 8 – Summer weather, warm and salubrious. Worked for Gardner furring for the lather, they are very anxious to have the plastering done.

Oct 9 – Fair and mild. None went to church. Daniel Trefethen Jr. came from Amesbury with his wife Mary and daughter Irene and spent the day.

Oct 10 – Warm and muggy. Worked for Gardner today and we raised the addition with Jacks and are ready to roll on the foundation. Caswell was sick and absent.

Oct 11 – Fair and mild. Worked for Gardner and put the addition on its foundation and began to remodel the interior.

Oct 12 – Cool with signs of rain. Worked for Gardner. Caswell, one of my gang, has been sick for 3 days and has pronounced to be on hand tomorrow.

Oct 13 – Fair and cool and drying. Worked for Gardner building bay windows.

Oct 14 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner with the full gang at furring and on the bay windows. There is much building in Portsmouth this season. Eggs 24 cents.

Oct 15 – Cool and frosty mornings. Worked for Gardner at getting ready for the lather who began today in the 2nd story with a helper.

Oct 16 – Cool. Did not go to church but sent 3 delegates to get a report. Mr. Haines of North Hampton preached in exchange with Humphries. Howard Frisbee called in the morning and evening.

Oct 17 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for Gardner at furring for the lather. Who is getting ??? (I guess he fell asleep.)

Oct 18 – Fair and very mild and pleasant. Worked for Gardner for ¼ day. Then went to court as a Grand juror and got out at 5:30. There were many indicted for selling liquor.

Oct 19 – Fair and very pleasant. Worked for Gardner. Then went to court on the Grand jury and got well along with the cases so expect to get through tomorrow forenoon. General Sawyer has

vetoed the Hazen Bill and there was great turmoil about it. (The Hazen Bill was to stop the ability of the railroads to raise rates without legislative authority.)

Oct 20 – Went to court in the morning and closed the business with the Grand jury. We found 54 indictments. Got pay and worked ½ day for Gardner.

Oct 21 – A regular northeast rain storm most of the day. Worked for Gardner and we got about ready for the plastering inside but the clapboarding must be done first.

Oct 22 – Fair with high northwest wind. Worked for Gardner. All hands on the bay windows and got them well along.

Oct 23 – Fair and cool. Had a day of rest and sent all to the meeting and kept house etc. Reverend Dr. Alden preached at the Baptist this forenoon in exchange with Mr. Phillips.

Oct 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner at finishing outside. There is a great amount of work going on in Portsmouth, more than usual.

Oct 25 – Fair and cool west wind. Worked for Gardner with 5 men finishing outside and porch with vestibule. Getting about ready for Plastering.

Oct 26 – Cold north wind. Worked for Gardner. Got through with Horace today.

Oct 27 – Fair and cold. Worked for Gardner. Wife was up to Albert Brackett's to spend the day. I was in to dinner. (Albert Brackett is living at 20 South Street near by the job site.)

Oct 28 – Cloudy but not cold. Worked for Gardner and we have now got ready for plastering and they began today to make mortar. Heard that the Dow farm was sold to some gentleman for a private summer resort. (The Dow farm is near the end of what is now Parsons Road in Rye.)

Oct 29 – Fair and fine and excellent working weather. Worked for Gardner and got ready for plastering but we cannot get it put on till the middle of next week.

Oct 30 – Dull and wet but not rainy. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report.

Oct 31 – This was the coldest morning yet, 30 degrees. Fair and pleasant after the sun got up. Worked for Gardner alone at finishing odd jobs among others, made conductors. Have sold to Lynn Co. 93 cans of milk this month.

Nov 1 – Fair and more mild but frosty mornings. Worked for Gardner at odd jobs on the house and alone. We had hoped to get it plastered but there is no prospect of it this week.

Nov 2 – Fair and very pleasant. Stayed at home and got in my celery and did other jobs around the place. At night went to Barnard's and got 3 dozen cabbages for \$1.00.

Nov 3 – Fair and dry and extra nice weather for the season. Worked for Andrew M. Gardner on the house.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild till night when we had a squall of northwest wind and much colder. Worked for Gardner. Miss Merrill was over and spent the evening.

Nov 5 – Fair and cold with high northwest wind. Worked for Gardner making cellar stairs and put in the windows etc. The plasterers say they are coming Monday.

Nov 6 – Fair and more mild. Went to church with all my family, Mr. Humphries preached.

Nov 7 – Fair and good working weather. Worked for Gardner. The masons began putting on mortar but did not make much progress. Put in 2nd story windows. Eggs 30 cents.

Nov 8 – Fair and cold in the morning. Worked for Gardner putting in lower windows and closed it up. Have got the 2nd story about done plastering.

Nov 9 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner. The masons got all plastered except closets and we have 3 fires going to dry it. There is great excitement in Chicago about the coming executions.

Nov 10 – Cool and cloudy with signs of rain and snow squalls. Worked for Gardner. At night snow came on lightly, the first of the season.

Nov 11- Cool with a northwest wind. Worked for Gardner making cellar doors. This was the day the Chicago Anarchists were hung. 4 were hung and 2 were commuted to life in prison and one committed suicide. (Haymarket Square riot- was the aftermath of a bombing that took place at a labor demonstration on May 4, 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago. It began as a peaceful rally in support of workers striking for an eight-hour work day, the day after police killed one and injured several workers. An unknown person threw a dynamite bomb at the police as they acted to disperse the meeting, and the bomb blast and ensuing gunfire resulted in the deaths of seven police officers and at least four civilians; dozens of others were wounded.)

Nov 12 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Gardner at making doors. The mortar is drying well and we hope to get ready to “skim” next week.

Nov 13 – Fair and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach from St. John, 4th chapter and 24th verse about the spirituality of God.

Nov 14 – Fair and mild. Worked for Gardner getting the odd jobs done as soon as possible so to be ready to put on the finish as soon as skimming is done. Eggs 32 cents.

Nov 15 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Stayed at home and took care of the animals and fowls. We have about 200 hens and pullets and now get 18 eggs a day and they now bring 32 cents per dozen. Tonight we received a check for \$21.33 for 93 cans of milk sold in October to Lynn Milk Co. at 23 cents per can.

Nov 16 – Cool and dull with signs of rain but none came. Worked for Gardner.

Nov 17 – Fair and mild weather for the season. Worked for Gardner getting the water closet ready. Had the plumber come and put in the pipe of iron into the soil pipe. The trap is to be ventilated through the chimneys.

Nov 18 – Fair and warm and excellent working weather for all trades. There is much building in Portsmouth this season and also round the seashore. Worked for Gardner on the privy.

Nov 19 – Worked for Gardner on the privy and sink and got them ready for the plumber to make all connections so they can be put in working order.

Nov 20 – Dull and mild and without frost. Did not go to church but sent all others and had a day of rest.

Nov 21 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner. We have not yet got the “skimming” done so we cannot go on with the finishing but am getting the odd jobs done up. Eggs 32 cents.

Nov 22 – Dull all day with some rain and plenty of mud. Worked for Gardner at building the water closet in the cellar and have got ready for the plumbing.

Nov 23 – Dull and dark all day. This the day before Thanksgiving and poultry is selling at 20 cents for turkeys and 16 cents for chickens and duck. Worked for Gardner helping the plumber.

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day appointed by President Cleveland and also Governor Sawyer of New Hampshire. Mild and warm weather. John and Emily Webster were down to dinner and we were all able to do justice to the turkey.

Nov 25 – Dull and foggy as usual with plenty of mud and wet. Worked for Gardner. We get 3 cans of milk a day from 2 small cows.

Nov 26 – Dull and foggy all day. Worked for Gardner and have got sink and privy completed and must work for the masons.

Nov 27 – Dull and wet and had a day of rest. Sent Lizzie and Edith to meeting. The milkman came at 12 and got 3 cans. Edward Balch's daughter Eliza Grace was buried today. Got 25 eggs.
(Eliza was 23 years old and died from cerebral-spinal meningitis. She was 22 years old.)

Nov 28 – Dull and very muddy in the morning. Went to Jones Brewery for malt then assisted in renovating the sitting room. Cleaned it out and tore off paper and I had the job of whitewashing it.

Nov 29 – Fair and not too cold. Continued work on sitting room and got ready for papering. Went to town with wife and Lizzie and got paper etc. for the work.

Nov 30 – Completed the room. It is much lighter and greatly improved in appearance at a cash cost of about \$5.00. At night went to town hall to on entertainment for the benefit of High School.

Dec 1 – Very cold, 6 above and had to give attention to banking up the house. Lizzie went with me and got a load of hemlock brush from the lower pasture. Sold 89 cans of milk in November to Lynn Milk Co. at 28 cents per can.

Dec 2 – Fair and cold, 8 above. Worked for Gardner at preparing and hanging blinds on the lower story. The skim coat is not all on but enough for me to go on with my work.

Dec 3 – Fair and mild and thawy. Worked for Gardner and finished hanging blinds and began finishing chambers. The masons have not yet got done but hope they will if they are permitted to live through Monday.

Dec 4 – Cloudy. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Humphries preach from “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” There was not a great crowd. Got 28 eggs.

Dec 5 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for Gardner at finishing windows in the 2nd story. The masons did not appear so we must be delayed still longer.

Dec 6 – Cool and good working weather. At work for Gardner. The masons finished the house today and we were glad exceedingly. Gave John O. Berry \$50.00 towards a house he is to buy and move to near his fathers.

Dec 7 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Gardner. The weather is mild and spring like and all are busy and all have enough to do. Joiners \$2.25 per day.

Dec 8 – Mild as usual. Worked for Gardner at finishing windows in the 2nd story. Mr. Stackpole began again today with me to help finish. He is getting out the casings etc.

Dec 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Gardner at finishing windows.

Dec 10 – Warm and good working weather. Finished the windows in the 2nd story and began other finish. There is signs of rain and a soft period.

Dec 11 – Dull and rainy most of the day. There is much mud and fog and as mild as May. Did not go to church or see anyone go past here. The milkman came at 12. We still sell 3 cans a day. Got 25 eggs today.

Dec 12 – Fair and mild and soft with plenty of mud and fine chance for farmers to plow and do other farm work preparing for spring. When the gentler zephyrs will blow and merry birds will sing. Worked for Gardner.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild. We are jobbing the Gardner house along slowly and think to get it well-nigh done by Christmas. Which by the way is coming rapidly as they say Christmas is always coming. Eggs 32 cents.

Dec 14 – This was one of the most pleasant days we ever had at this season. Worked for Gardner. Governor Bodwell died today. It is said today that the James Hartshorn place has been sold to Charles P. Wendell.

Dec 15 – Dull and rainy most of the day and at night it was very muddy traveling and locomotion was not as rapid as usual. Worked for Gardner and got the '2nd story done except hanging doors.

Dec 16 – Fair and mild and pleasant with plenty of mud. Worked for Gardner building front stairs, Stackpole helping. Got 35 eggs today an increase which we hope will be sustained.

Dec 17 – Cool and freezing in the morning but became more mild. Worked for Gardner at finishing below. At night received a check from Lynn Milk Co. for 89 cans at 25 cent per can = \$22.25.

Dec 18 – A regular northeast snow storm but not cold, just at freezing. No one went to church but all had a day of rest and recuperation.

Dec 19 – Cold and windy with snow squalls. There is barely snow enough for sleighs. Worked for Gardner. Went on wheels to get a load of malt for the cows.

Dec 20 – Worked for Gardner. Went on sleigh, there is just enough to get along on.

Dec 21 – Worked for Gardner. A regular snow storm all day and we now have enough for good doing. There is not any frost in the ground.

Dec 22 – Cold and wind. Worked for Gardner laying floors etc. Now all go on runners and we think winter has set in and we hope to enjoy it.

Dec 23 – Worked for Gardner. Good Christmas weather and the stores are all filled with trash to catch the pennies. Much of it is foolishness with vanity of spirit.

Dec 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner at inside finishing. We hope to get done in one week more. The sleighing is excellent and everybody had a chance to go and buy Christmas presents. Got 40 eggs today.

Dec 25 – Fair and mild with good sleighing. Lizzie and Edith went to church and we all went to John Webster's to dinner and stayed till 3. Herman called at 5; he came from Amesbury last night. Eggs 32 cents per dozen.

Dec 26 – Cool and fair with good sleighing. Worked for Gardner at inside finishing.

Dec 27 – Very nice sleighing with cold enough to keep it and all are improving it. Worked for Gardner and hoping to get done some time soon.

Dec 28 – Warmer and rainy most of the day. Worked for Gardner at finishing the front Bay window inside with 3 ½ inches of molding.

Dec 29 – Cool and freezing and also bad sleighing. Worked for Gardner.

Dec 30 - Very cold with a northwest wind. Worked for Gardner. Had to go on wheels again with rough traveling and slippery. It is cold enough now to make ice for the icemen.

Dec 31 – Cold and dull all day. Stayed at home sick with a cold. My nose is badly filled up so I must lay by. Wife and Lizzie went to town at 1 to get the news and groceries.

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Jan 1 – Snowing in the morning then turned to rain and continued all day carrying most of the snow we had. This winter so far has been mild and indications seem to lend us to suppose it will continue so. Eggs 32 cents.

Jan 2 – I have been on the sick list since Friday night last with cold in the head and otherwise indisposed. So had to keep housed.

Jan 3 – Cold with high northwest wind. So have been obliged to keep housed and think tonight am much better. Hope to be able to work tomorrow.

Jan 4 – Fair and cold. Worked for Gardner at finishing the house. Mrs. Dorothy Rand, mother of Albert, James, William, Henry, Amos and Charles died at noon today at Albert Brackett's. Portsmouth, South Street. (Dorothy was the daughter of James and Mary (Odiorne) Moses and was the wife of Samuel M. Rand.)

Jan 5 – Cool and dull with signs of snow but none came. Worked for Gardner on the house.

Jan 6 – Fair and cool. Worked for Gardner and have got about done. Mrs. Rand, widow of Samuel M. Rand and mother of Brackett's wife Mary Abby, was buried today or put in the tomb at South Cemetery in Portsmouth, aged 84. (She was Dorothy (Moses) Rand and was Albert Brackett Trefethen's mother-in-law.)

Jan 7 – Cold and slippery but not quite snow enough for sleighing. Worked for Andrew Milton Gardner and finished his house on South Street, Portsmouth and he is to move in at once. It is a residence good enough for anyone.

Jan 8 – Dull and mild for the season. Did not go to church but sent two delegates and had a day of rest myself.

Jan 9 – Cold and solid wheeling with much ice in the road so that now if we could get a little snow sleighing would come. Went to town and got malt. We are selling 3 cans of milk a day. Sold eggs today for 30 cents. At night heard I was called on the yard.

Jan 10 – Cold and windy. Getting ready to go to work on the Navy Yard. Got my tools ready and went to town with wife and got a coat and over shoes etc. Got a barrel of sugar of Emery C. Jenness, 212 lbs. for \$16.00. Eggs 30 cents. (Emery was a grocer in Rye.)

Jan 11 – Went to work for Uncle Sam on the dry dock repairing it. There is quite a large gang mostly Republicans whom they took on because there were not enough Democrats to do the work.

Jan 12 – Cold, zero weather. Ball Day on the yard and no work. So had a day of comfortable rest. Went to town at 1 and got malt. Aaron R. Locke died today of consumption. (Aaron was the son of James and Jane (Bunker) Locke and the husband of Eva M. (Rand) Locke. He was 40 years old and was a mason from Rye.)

Jan 13 – Dull and snowy ending with some rain at night. Worked for U.S. half day then came home at noon. Charles W. Clark, son of Moses, died this morning at 4 of consumption; he was about 18 years old. (Charles was the nephew of Supply's wife Mary.)

Jan 14 – Very mild and pleasant with good sleighing and all were improving it. Worked for Uncle Sam on the dry dock. Received a check today from Lynn Milk Co. of \$22.00 for 88 cans of milk sold in December at 25 cents per can.

Jan 15 – Dull and wet all day. At 1 went to Aaron R. Locke's funeral. He belonged to the New Hampshire Lodge of I.O. of Odd Fellows and had been sick a long time. He was about 40 years old. Called to see Joseph P. and Olivia Trefethen.

Jan 16 – Cold and windy. Went to town in the morning to get plucks. At 1 went to Charles Clarks funeral and he was entombed at Portsmouth, he was 18 years old.

Jan 17 – Cold in the morning, 2 below. Ball Day at the yard. We went up in the morning and finding the ball up, came home again. The ice harvesters are at work a Grover's pond. At noon went to town to get malt. Eggs 28 cents. (They raised a black signal ball that could be seen from a distance, which meant no work. The men from Portsmouth and Rye would have had to cross the Piscataqua to get to the Navy Yard. This would save them the trip. Hence "Ball Day" mentioned in the diaries.)

Jan 18 – A regular northeast snow all day and we sat by the fire and took care of the animals and fowls. We now get about 42 eggs a day on the average.

Jan 19 – Fair and cold. Worked for U.S. on the dock digging out rotten wood. There are now about 75 men at work on the dock.

Jan 20 – Colder and more disagreeable. Worked for U.S. and are hoping for warmer weather.

Jan 21 – Coldest working day we have had. We worked on the dock and it was near zero all day with a brisk northwest wind making it as bad as possible. So we got through the day and we were glad it was Saturday. Got 55 eggs today.

Jan 22 – This was the coldest morning so far this winter, 7 below at 8 o'clock and continued cold and blowing until noon when it began to moderate and at 2 it was 15 above. There was no traveling today. All preferred to keep near the fire.

Jan 23 – Very cold, 6 below in the morning and it was Ball Day at the yard. Went to town at 12 with Lizzie and got a barrel of flour for Grammy at \$5.75 from Russell. Eggs at 26 cents.

Jan 24 – Cold, 4 above in the morning. Soon the wind sprung up and we had one of the roughest days of the season. Worked for U.S. on docks.

Jan 25 – Colder than ever, 10 below in the morning and Ball Day at the yard, so we had a day of rest. Went with wife to the post office and called at Elizabeth's and Jenness Rand's to get potatoes at 90 cents per bushel.

Jan 26 – Cold with a northeast snow storm all day. So stayed by the fire oiling harness. The road breakers went past and but few others. The snow was very stiff and hard to break and prospect of a wild night and very cold. The milkman came at 4. Got 49 eggs today.

Jan 27 – Fair and cold, zero all day with high northwest wind and blustery and no travel. The last three weeks has been the roughest I ever knew. There is now about 18 inches of snow and ice and so solid that it will nearly bear a horse and the roads are not broken yet.

Jan 28 – Cold, 6 below in the morning and it remained at zero all day with strong northwest wind and it was said to be the worst day of all to be out. But few went to town. I stayed as near the fire as convenient. Took care of cattle and fowls and got 53 eggs.

Jan 29 – Cold as ever, 10 below this morning and a keen northwest wind and everybody remained in doors the traveling being so unsafe. The roads are not broken so as to be hardly passable.

Jan 30 – More mild, 14 above and we were able to work for U.S. on the dock. The ice company have been plowing and getting ready to haul ice. It is now about 20 inches thick so that a cake of ice is nearly a cube of equal sides.

Jan 31 – This has been a very nice day to work on the docks and we made good use of it. The sleighing is bad the road being full of “pitches” and rather dangerous. The icemen have been hauling ice to town today. Eggs at 26 cents.

Feb 1 – Fair and good working weather and it has been improving by all. It has been as good as any in the year for the work we are doing on the dock. We are now filling in what we had taken out.

Feb 2 – Fair and very pleasant. Worked for U.S. on the dock. This was Candlemas Day, “Half your meat and half your hay”. If the signs are true the worst of winter will appear as there was not a cloud to be seen and the sun shined in very deep.

Feb 3 – Fair and mild as usual and we had an excellent day for work on the dock for the U.S. replacing where we had taken out.

Feb 4 – Fair in the morning and till noon but soon after snow came down rapidly till night. We worked for U.S. making a full week. There was 15 laborers discharged from the gang tonight.

Feb 5 – Fair and mild and thawy after quite a little snow storm last night with rain and sleet. Orin Foye broke his whiffletree in going to church and called for lines to lash up with.

Feb 6 – Fair and good working weather with indications of a thaw. Worked for U.S. on the dock. William F. Fernald, as foreman, we work 8 hours a day beginning at 8 in the morning and leave at 5 p.m.

Feb 7 – Fair and thawing and the hard snow has been settled much today and traveling improved. Worked for U.S. on the dock. A slight rain came on at 4:30 but not bad.

Feb 8 – Fair most of the day with some dampness and fog. Worked for U.S. on the dock. Ice is now thicker than for many years, 22 inches thick so that the cakes are cubes being as thick as they are large and weighing 325 lbs. each.

Feb 9 – Cold all day with a cold west wind making it very disagreeable to work on the dock but we made out the day and also got pay for the last half of January. Worked 6 days and got \$18.00, \$3.00 per day as a first class carpenter.

Feb 10 – Very cold, 6 below and did not go to the yard as we suppose it to be Ball Day. Kept near the fire and tended to the animal and fowls. Sold 3 cans of milk to Lynn Milk Co. The teams are hauling ice for Gardner and Perkins from John Grover's to Portsmouth. Got 72 eggs.

Feb 11 – A regular northeast snow storm all day but not cold. Went to the yard and worked in the mast house on shears they are building for hoisting purposes. Horace has bought a new horse of Beacham and Son.

Feb 12 – Fair and mild with wind south. Went to church with Lizzie and heard Mr. Humphries preach about Jacob's ladder and about Jacob and Esau. At 3 went to call on Elizabeth and Joseph, Olivia had the "Pink Eye" quite bad.

Feb 13 – Fair and good working weather and we got along well on the dock. George Perkins' mother is dead and he and his brother Langdon are said to be quite sick. Horace and Herman bought a new horse of Beacham and Son on the 11th of February. Eggs 24 cents. (Their mother was Mary (Lang) Perkins and she was 84 years old. She was the daughter of Mark and Hannah (Marden) Lang.)

Feb 14 – Fair and very mild for the season. We worked on the dock and it was too warm for comfort being up to 60 in the afternoon and men were working in their shirt sleeves. Received \$18.68 from Lynn Milk Co. for 82 cans of milk we sold in January at 24 cents per can.

Feb 15 – Mild and thawy in the morning then came up cold and windy and we had a very rough day to work on the dock but made out the day making 12 this ½ month. Miss Merrill was over and spent the evening. Lizzie carried her home at 11, zero weather.

Feb 16 – Fair and cold, 7 below in the morning and "Ball Day" at the yard and I had a day to sit by the fire and recuperate. There was but little travel. The road has become one solid mass of ice, 12 or 15 inches thick and full of waves and blisters and bad turning out.

Feb 17 – Fair and more mild, 12 above. Worked for U.S. on the dry dock putting in "Slapping Ribs" on the west side. We have got about done on that side.

Feb 18 – Fair and mild. Worked for U.S. on the dock. Oliver came to Rye tonight from Boston.

Feb 19 – Mild and thawy. Did not go to church. Lizzie and Edith went and heard Mr. Humphries preach. They first heard that the Baptist church was burned last night a 1 o'clock. It is supposed

that the fire caught from the furnace. It is a great loss to the society. (The history of the church is mentioned in the "History of the Town of Rye" book written by Langdon B. Parsons in 1905.)

Feb 20 – Fair and mild in the morning then rain came on at 8:30. Worked for U.S. and made out in the day partly in the dock and partly in the mast house. It rained smartly at night with the wind southeast and settled the snow greatly.

Feb 21 – Warm and thawy all day settling the snow much making bad and slumpy sleighing. Worked for U.S. on the dock getting ready for plank inside. Sam Caswell came round today with grain and paid 24 cents for eggs.

Feb 22 – Fair and thawy with mildness. This was a holiday at the yard and we have a rest without loss of pay, Washington's Birthday.

Feb 23 – Fair and good weather for us to work for Uncle Sam on the dock. The discharge of today reduces the gang by 13, mostly carpenters.

Feb 24 – Fair and mild. Worked for U.S. on the dock on the south side getting ready for planking by putting in new timbers. 5 caulkers were taken on the dock today and began their work.

Feb 25 – Dull in forenoon. At 1 a regular southeast snow storm came on and was furious all the afternoon and into the night. We worked for U.S. on the dock putting in new timbers and made out the day. There was a discharge of 12 from the gang.

Feb 26 – Fair and mild thawing all day settling the snow and eating up the ice. There was but little travel on the road on account of the loose sleighing. It has been mild most of the time since February came in as predicted by Leavitt's Almanac. (Published in 1797 Leavitt's Farmer's Almanac, one of the nation's earliest farmers' almanacs. Leavitt poured his knowledge including mathematics, language and astronomy into the wildly popular almanacs, which outlived their creator, being published until 1896.)

Feb 27 – Fair and good weather to get the work along on the dock and good progress was made. At night 12 were discharged from the gang including Daniel Perry of Kittery.

Feb 28 – Fair. Worked for U.S. on the dock as leader on one side today, had charge of Perry's gang. Also tis said the funds are running low and they must reduce expenses.

Feb 29 – Dull in the morning but no storm until after 1 when snow came down furiously. Worked for Uncle Sam. There was another discharge from the gang of 12 but I escaped. It rained hard at night. Good sleighing.

Mar 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for U.S. in the yard. William W. Tucker went to the yard with us, his friends were suspended yesterday, Emmons Clark and John E. Trefethen. George Marden

was buried today from Joseph's. (John Edwin Trefethen was Supply's cousin and son of his father's brother John Adams Trefethen. He was living on Washington Road at this time.) (Emmons P. Clark was the nephew of Supply's wife Mary and the son of her brother Moses Clark.) (George Marden was the brother of Olivia (Marden) Trefethen, Joseph P. Trefethen's wife.)

Mar 2 – Fair and good working weather, so we toiled again for Uncle Sam on the dock. Horace rides with me and we keep the horse in Coffin's stable. The sleighing is good on a bed of solid ice.

Mar 3 – Snowy in the morning. We went to the yard and mustered as it did not snow at 8. At noon it came off from the northwest with howling blasts and continued growing colder all day and at night we were glad to get home.

Mar 4 – Fair and cold with strong northwest wind. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. This 4th of March finds cold winter weather and more than 1 foot of snow in the ground and a road bed of solid ice 10 to 12 inches thick making excellent sleighing.

Mar 5 – Fair as usual. Worked for Uncle Sam. Emery Jenness came to buy eggs and sell grain Sam Caswell left him yesterday. We are still selling milk at the rate of 5 cans in 2 days. Eggs 24 cents.

Mar 6 – Cloudy in the morning but no storm. Worked for U.S. on the dock. There is much talk of the scarcity of money in the department and consequently the gang must be reduced but when, we know not. Dr. Hall buried today.

Mar 7 – Fair and good for work on the dry dock and rapid progress is being made with the repairs. The sleighing continues good and solid and we are glad to keep clear of wheels so long. Horace Kent was buried today.

Mar 8 – Fair and not cold. Worked for U.S. on the dock. There was another discharge from the gang leaving 13 carpenters. The emperor of Germany is dying and there is much talk about it as his son is also very sick with consumption.

Mar 9 – Fair and mild, good working weather on the dock where we toiled for Uncle Sam. John O. Berry hauled his house today from the Center, they had a team of 16 yoke of oxen and 6 horses and moved it 2 ½ miles in 3 hours. (On the 1892 Rye map it shows John O. Berry's house on the west side of Brackett Road just south of Wallis Road.)

Mar 10 – Fair and mild melting the snow very much. Worked for U.S. on the dock. We go in sleighs and got along very well but it seems we must give them up soon unless a change comes.

Mar 11 – Fair in the morning but soon indications of rain came up. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report.

Mar 12 – Dull in the morning with strong signs of approaching storm and at 11 a furious snow storm came on from the northeast. We worked for the U.S. till noon then came home in the toughest snow storm of the season.

Mar 13 - \$18.00 for schools. The storm continued all night and cleared off this morning with the roads all filled with snow so they had to break the roads all the forenoon. It was the town election day but few were there to choose a Republican town clerk. Eggs 20 cents.

Mar 14 – Warmer and the snow has settled much today. Worked for U.S. in the ship house hewing out a spar for the shears. There was no muster but a few of us worked. They have had the worst storm in New York for many years.

Mar 15 – Fair and warm, melting the snow quite rapidly. Worked for U.S. on the dock. The sleighing is bad on account of the great amount of snow and water. There has been no communication with New York since Monday except by way of London. (Great Blizzard of 1888, winter storm that pummeled the Atlantic coast of the United States, from the Chesapeake Bay to Maine, in March 1888. The blizzard caused more than \$20 million in property damage in New York City alone and killed more than 400 people, including about 100 seamen, across the eastern seaboard.)

Mar 16 – Fair and mild with hard sleighing. Worked for U.S. getting ready to lay deck on the dock. Received of the Lynn Milk Co. \$17.79 for 73 cans of milk sold in February at 23 cents per can.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold with high northwest wind making one of the most disagreeable days of the winter. Worked for U.S. on the dock and expected to get done tonight but did not.

Mar 18 – Fair and cool with rough sleighing. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach about John the Baptist. Both societies were represented, Mr. Phillips taking part in the services.

Mar 19 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on the dock. There are rumors of a discharge in the gang tomorrow. We still go in sleigh but it is not good sleighing. There is much snow on the ground.

Mar 20 – Dull and thawy with signs of rain. Worked for U.S. on the dock and was discharged at night with 10 or 12 others as the work is nearing the end. Worked 47 days at \$3.00 per day.

Mar 21 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind. So I had a day of rest with a little exercise of taking care of the animals and fowls. Got 120 eggs today worth \$1.60. Repaired wagon etc. etc.

Mar 22 – Fair and mild. Went to the navy yard and got my tools and pay for 15 ½ days, \$46.50. Paid Charles Remick \$2.00 for the ministers tax. Settled with Wendell and Co. and paid for coal Began cutting wood for summer.

Mar 23 – Cold with high northwest wind. Hauled wood from front of Charles and also cut and hauled willow wood from near the spring in the lower field. There is a great amount of snow on the ground but the road is bad.

Mar 24 – Cool for the season, 10 above in the morning. Went to town with wife to market. The sleighing is used up but still people go in on runners. There is a good solid foot of snow and ice on the ground and more than 1 foot of frost in the ground and not much signs of thawing.

Mar 25 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Humphries preach his last sermon of the year and perhaps his last, for he is going away soon “to the far west”. So we shall again have candidates who will most likely have good sermons.

Mar 26 – Fair in the morning then signs of storm and at 1 snow came from the southeast. At 1:30 went with wife to Elvin Rand’s funeral. He died on Friday morning aged 73 ½ of enlargement of the liver. In the forenoon hauled 2 loads from the lower pasture. (Elvin is living on Brackett Road at this time with his wife Martha and daughter Clara.)

Mar 27 – Dull and wet. Went to town to get news etc. Jobbing round the plantation. Wife went up to see Albert Brackett’s wife Mary Abby who has been unwell for some time.

Mar 28 – Fair and cool and cutting wood and hewing timber etc. and taking care of the animals and fowls of the air. Tis now said that Cleveland will be renominated for President. Blaine has withdrawn and we cannot tell who the Republican candidate will be.

Mar 29 – Dull and wet in the forenoon. Went to town to get the news and got plucks for the hens. At 1 went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Temperance Langdon Seavey, widow of Joseph Langdon Seavey aged 91 years. She was the daughter of Minister Langdon who lived on Lafayette Road long years ago.

Mar 30 – Fair and cool. Cutting and hauling summer wood from the lower field and back of John Varrell’s where John Berry is cutting 3 cords for me. At night John Edd, Mr. Orin Drake and wife Izette were over to tea and spent the evening.

Mar 31 – Mild and thawing with plenty of mud. Cutting summer wood in the forenoon. Went to town at 3 to get the news and Provender etc. Tis said time will be driving as soon as the frost is out. This is presidential year and it will be hurrah boys. (Provender is dry food for domestic animals.)

Apr 1 – Mild and thawy with very muddy traveling. Went to church with Lizzie, Edith and Clara and heard Mr. Humphries preach his last sermon here. The funeral of Joseph Jackson Seavey was held in the church, sermon by Phillips and assisted by the Grand Army. About 25 were there, he was 56 years old. (Joseph Jackson Seavey was married to Elizabeth Ann Lear, the daughter of Nancy (Downs) and John Lear. Joseph was born in Portsmouth and died in Rye, NH.)

Apr 2 – Dull and rainy all day. Jobbing round the place. We are selling 2 cans of milk per day to Lynn Milk Co. at 23 cents per can.

Apr 3 – Cool. Cutting and hauling wood from pasture and got a piece for troth and hewed it out. Emery Jenness brought grain and took eggs at 16 cents per dozen.

Apr 4 – Fair and cool. Sawing and splitting wood all day, Henry Grover helping and we got well along with. Wife and girls went to Charles Rand's to tea.

Apr 5 – Dull. Splitting wood in the forenoon and got it about done. Went to town at 2 and got plucks. Rain came on at 3:30 furiously and ran into the night. Bought a pair of buggy wheels of G.J. Greenleaf.

Apr 6 – Fair and windy after an all-night rain. Cleaned and painted the dingle cart wheels in the forenoon, Edith helping. In the afternoon made and watering troth for the yard. The traveling is yet very bad. Eggs 16 cents.

Apr 7 – Cold and fair. Put the new troth in place in the yard and made firewood of the old one. Went to town with wife to market and got the news. Very bad wheeling with a good prospect of improvement. Made new bar posts.

Apr 8 – Freezing cold with high northwest wind. Went to church and heard a candidate from Boston preach. The Baptist folks had a meeting in the town hall and will continue until their new church is done.

Apr 9 – Cold. Went to town in the forenoon and got new wheels and got them oiled hoping it will keep the water out. The snow is still plenty in the woods and around the walls and the weather is cold and backward for the season. Eggs 16 cents.

Apr 10 – Cool and very muddy. In the forenoon making general repairs getting ready to paint the house. At 3 went to town with wife. She called to Albert Brackett's. I called to Mrs. Gardner's to see the new house.

Apr 11 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked on the new wheels, putting in boxes, taking care of cows and hens. We have 160 hens and get 100 to 120 eggs per day and sell 2 cans of milk per day.

Apr 12 – Fair but not very warm. Worked at painting the “L” of the house and used up all of the paint I had on hand.

Apr 13 – Fair and cool. Painted the cart, Edith helping. Put 2 new windows in the kitchen of 4 lights. Received of Lynn Milk Co. \$16.33 for 71 cans of milk sold in March at 23 cents.

Apr 14 – Dull all day. Went to town with wife to market in the forenoon. Called at Brackett’s to get butter that came from Vermont. At 1 Israel P. Miller, Ruth and Mrs. Raynes came and stayed to dinner. They thought to go to Straws Point but it was too rainy.

Apr 15 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard a Mr. Holmes preached one sermon from “This mortal must put on Immortality”. There was quite a full house. Samuel Bickford Philbrick was buried today at 2. (Samuel was the son of Joseph and Betsey (Fogg) Philbrick and was married to Lydia (Moulton) Philbrick. He was 66 years old.)

Apr 16 – Fair, cool and muddy. Put boxes in wagon wheels in the morning then went to town and made an offer for building fence for the Baseball club. Got a barrel of flour of Russell and paint for the house and finished 1st coat on the “L”. Eggs 16 cents. (The Portsmouth Lillies minor league baseball team played in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for part of one season in 1888. The Lillies replaced a team from Portland, Maine, on July 20, 1888. They played in the New England League, which was a group of minor league baseball teams from 1886 to 1949.)

Apr 17 – Fair. Painted the roof of the main house today, black or nearly so. Lizzie painted blinds and Edith painting back side of the “L”.

Apr 18 – Went to town in the forenoon with wife to get plucks and paint. Sagamore Road and bridge are to be closed for repairs after today. I have made application for work on the bridge. Painted the wagon and blinds, raining all afternoon.

Apr 19 – Sagamore Bridge was closed today for 2 months they say. It is to be rebuilt and raised 8 or 10 feet so as to be easier getting over the hills each side. This was Fast Day in Maine. Painted the roof of the “L”. Got potatoes of Jenness Rand.

Apr 20 – Dull and so could not do much at painting, so worked on the hens yard fence and got it mostly out and started. Joseph L. Seavey helped me raise up the hen house. Wife went to town with Ellie Rand.

Apr 21 – Snow and rain fell most of the day. Repaired the wagon etc. etc. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. Came home over the Sagamore Bridge with bad traveling. William Tucker came home with me. He is at work at the yard.

Apr 22 – Fair and cool and muddy. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Holmes preached as a candidate. This is his 2nd Sunday and there are several who are in favor of hiring him. At 3 went with wife to call on Joseph and Oliver Winslow Trefethen.

Apr 23 – Fair and mild. Painting the house back side and east end above the gutters. The weather is good for the business. Eggs 16 cents.

Apr 24 – Fair. Painting the house and have got about tired of it.

Apr 25 – Fair. Continuing painting and have got the house nearly done.

Apr 26 – Fair. Finished painting and began building the hen's yard fence to give them more room.

Apr 27 – Fair and cool. Putting up hen's yard fence and got them shut in after a long time. There is a tribe of them and they now have a good large yard and can scratch to their hearts content.

Apr 28 – Fair and mild. Went to town with wife to market and to see about working on the Sagamore Bridge and agreed to begin Monday.

Apr 29 – Fair and spring like. Went to church and heard a candidate preach one sermon from John. The Christian Society are making great effort to raise money to build their new church.

Apr 30 – Fair with strong east wind, cold and chilly. Began working for the City of Portsmouth on the Sagamore Bridge. They are building an entire new bridge 8 feet higher than the old one and building the new piles to old caps. (Sagamore Creek bridge, Portsmouth, N.H. Stated earlier that the bridge was to be raise up 8 to 10 feet in 1888. I would say the stones show the areas at both ends how this was done.)

May 1 – Dull and cold with chilly northeast wind and some rain at 11:30. Worked for the city ½ day and then came home on account of rain.

May 2 – Dull and cold with a northeast wind all day with some snow. Worked for the City of Portsmouth on the bridge. It was a very disagreeable day to work. Bad weather for farming.

May 3 – Fair and more mild but still cold for the season, freezing in the morning. Worked for the City on the bridge.

May 4 – Worked for the City on the bridge. They now have ½ of the piles driven and well started with the capping.

May 5 – Rainy and no work of the bridge. So I worked ¾ of the day for Elwyn on the shed which was broke down by snow in the winter. At 4:30 went to town to market and got the news.

May 6 – Fair and mild. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes, the new minister, preach defining his duty and also the duty of the congregation. At 3 went with wife to see William Trefethen's sick wife Hannah and also called to see Aunt Hannah Berry, aged 93. (William's wife is Hannah (Garland) Trefethen and they are living on Central Road across from what is now the Central Cemetery. Aunt Hannah (Locke) Berry is married to Supply's mother's brother Joseph J. Berry.)

May 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for the City of Portsmouth on the bridge at getting the pilings ready.

May 8 – Fair and cool as usual and a very backward spring but very little has yet been done in the field work by farmers. Worked for the city.

May 9 – Rainy all the forenoon, then cleared off and we worked on the bridge ½ day. We are getting along well with the bridge but the filling of the approaches to it are advancing very slowly. As the steam drill is not yet working.

May 10 – Dull and cool but no rain. Worked all day on the bridge. Today Joseph W. Garland sold his personal property at auction having sold his farm last week to an Exeter man. Tis said everything sold cheap. (It was sold to Erastus L. Senter. It sold for \$6000.00 and was 56 acres with buildings in Rye.)

May 11 – Dull and cold with a north wind prevailing without rain. Worked on the bridge for Portsmouth at \$2.50 per day.

May 12 – A regular northeast rain storm with a flood of water continuing till 3. Then we went to town to get the news and to market.

May 13 – Dull and rainy but more mild with good prospect for grass to grow.

May 14 – Dull and cold. Worked for the City on the bridge at getting the pilings ready. They have begun filling in the Rye side in earnest.

May 15 – Dull and wet for most of the day. Worked ¼ day for the City and came home at noon. They are doing good work with the steam drill on the ledge by Sheds house.

May 16 – Cool. Worked for the city. Charles W. Rand began today to work with his team for the city. Heard that Aunt Abbie Robertson was buried last Saturday. Received of Lynn Milk Co. \$13.42 for 61 cans we sold in April.

May 17 – Cool and fair. Worked for the city. It is still very backward weather for farmers. There has been but very little planted yet. John Berry put up my walls and fences today.

May 18 – Fair with cool wind. Worked for the city and have got all the piles ready to drive. The Baptist Society are much troubled about finding a location for their new church.

May 19 – Dull and wet most of the day. But we worked for the city on the bridge. At 4:30 we went to town to get the news and to William Rand's to get oysters. Tis now said that Charles Widden has bought the Joseph W. Garland farm. (Whidden actually bought the farm from Erastus L. Senter for \$6200.00. Senter had purchased the property from Garland early this month.)

May 20 – Fair with cool northwest wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach about God's Kingdom being with in all. At 3 went with wife to see improvements at Concord Point. There are two new houses building.

May 21 – Fair and cool. Worked for the city on the bridge. They are making good progress and it will be one of the best jobs in this vicinity in many years. The new bridge will be 322 feet long.

May 22 – Fair, warm and dry. Stayed at home and set out my potatoes which had been started in boxes. Some were 6 inches high. Also planted about ½ bushel. At 3 went with wife to the cemetery and set out pansies.

May 23 – Fair and cool. Worked for the city on the bridge. They began to lay planks today. Tis said this is the most backward season in many years. Milk 20 cents per can.

May 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for the city. Tis now said the Baptist Society have decided to rebuild their church on the old site but there are some dissenters.

May 25 – Worked for the city. Cherry trees are just blooming out and apple buds are just swelling and will not probably be open for 10 days to come.

May 26 – Fair with a northeast wind. Worked for the city on the bridge.

May 27 – Partly cloudy weather but no rain. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach a memorial sermon and expound on the greatness of our reunited country of 60,000,000 people.

May 28 – Dull and wet. Rain came down at 4 thick and fast. Worked for the city on the bridge. Got the two cap pieces on the abutments. There was a man murdered on Nobles Island on Sunday night, his throat being cut from ear to ear.

May 29 – Dull in the forenoon but no rain. Worked for the city on the bridge getting the last stringers in position. The murdered man's name was Whitehouse and killed by Palmer for revenge. (The murdered man was Henry T. Whitehouse and was an assistant engineer at the electric light station in Portsmouth. The killer was James Palmer and was an engineer at the same station up until February of 1888.)

May 30 – Memorial Day and no work on the bridge. Went to Jenness Rand's and got 2 bushels of potatoes at 90 cents per. At 2 went to town with Lizzie and Edith and saw the procession disband on the parade in Portsmouth.

May 31 – Fair. Worked for the city on the bridge planking the first span on the south end. The whole work is making good progress. Tis said we shall get only 18 cents for a can of milk in May and June.

Jun 1 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Good progress has been made on the bridge today it being now about 2/3 planked. Apple trees are just coming in bloom.

Jun 2 – Fair, mild and pleasant. Worked for the city on the bridge planking. They have been hauling stock for the railing. It will be a fancy rail with Gothic posts. Mayor John Parson, brother of Thomas Parson died at Bayport, Florida on May 30th.

Jun 3 – Fair with a northwest wind. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Mr. Holmes preach a good sermon on 2 pictures, one "Christ before Pilot" and the other "Christ on the Cross". Charles Brown starts at 4 to attend his uncle's funeral in New York.

Jun 4 – Fair and warm. Worked for the city on the bridge.

Jun 5- Fair. Worked for the city on the bridge. This is the day the Democratic National Convention meets at St. Louis, Mo. to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. Eggs 16 cents.

Jun 6 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. There is an abundance of apple bloth and good weather. So for fruit to be set the prospect for a hay crop is not first class. Worked for the city on the bridge.

Jun 7 – Fair and hot. Worked for the city and began putting up railings. The Democrats have renominated President Cleveland and have put Allen G. Thurman of Ohio up for Vice President.

Jun 8 – Fair and hot. Worked for city putting up railings. The Democrats have completed their ticket “Cleveland and Thurman” are their standard bearers.

Jun 9 – Fair and warm. Worked for city putting rail on the western side of the bridge. We have gotten across with it except 60 feet. James Palmer has been charged with the murder of Whitehouse and held by the grand jury in October next.

Jun 10 – Fair and warm with strong southwest wind. Did not go to church but sent all others and had a day of rest. At 3:30 went with wife to the Old Tucker Farm and at 7 went to the Center to Sunday School Concert.

Jun 11 – Cool with west wind. Worked for the city. William S. Willey broke his leg today in the gravel pit. It was said to be very bad. At 1:30 Albert Brackett was thrown out of his wagon and badly hurt but no bones were broken.

Jun 12 – Fair. Worked for the city and finished putting up the rail parts and got ready to put on the “caps or bonnets” as they call them.

Jun 13 – Fair and not very hot. The ground is getting dry and rain is wanted. Worked for the city on the bridge. At night hoeing potatoes and beans and planted more cucumbers.

Jun 14 – Dull and showery. Went to the bridge and worked an hour and all knocked off and went home. It is said they allowed us $\frac{1}{4}$ of a day.

Jun 15 – Dull and foggy and good for the grass. We had a good shower last night. Worked on the bridge at capping posts.

Jun 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for the city at putting caps on the posts. Did not go to town today but sent wife and Lizzie to get news and stories. Received of Lynn Milk Co. \$9.80 for 49 cans of milk sold in May.

Jun 17 – Fair and warm. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Mr. Holmes preach on sermon. There was a sudden death at Horace Sawyer’s last night of a young lady. At 4 went to Foss Beach to see improvements.

Jun 18 – Fair and very hot, 98 in the shade. Worked on the bridge at capping the posts. The job is now well along with the greater part being done. Frank Jones was down and examined it today. Had 2 cans of milk come back today.

Jun 19 – Fair and not so hot. Worked on the bridge. There were many teams passed over it today. They were having a hearing in Portsmouth in regard to the proposed Horse Railroad. Eggs 16 cents. (The first attempt to establish street railway service in Portsmouth was made in 1887 when eight residents of that city organized the Portsmouth Horse Railroad Company. This

company was authorized to construct, maintain and operate a street railroad, to be operated by horse power, from any point near the railroad station in Portsmouth, over and upon Deer, Vaughan, Congress, Islington and other streets to any point in the neighboring towns of New Castle and Rye.)

Jun 20 – Fair and warm with signs of showers. Worked on the bridge for the city of Portsmouth. The Republican National Convention is in session in Chicago but only organized as yet.

Jun 21 – Dull and rain came on at 11. Worked on the bridge for ½ day and came home. Went to town with wife and she got a mattress. She got word that her Aunt Abbie is coming from New York at 10 tomorrow.

Jun 22 – Fair and very hot. Worked for the city on the new bridge. They are getting well along with the work. Aunt Martha Hall came today from New York. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jun 23 – The hottest day for many years, 104 in the shade at noon. We worked on the bridge but nearly everywhere else it was too hot. The Republican Convention have done nothing yet at Chicago.

Jun 24 – Dull with a northeast wind with signs of rain. Lizzie and Edith went to church. At 3 went with wife and her Aunt Martha to see the Wentworth and the improvements of New Castle generally.

Jun 25 – Fair and good working weather and we made good progress on the bridge. The Republican Convention at Chicago completed the ticket today. Nominating Ben Harrison of Indiana for President and Levi Morton for Vice President.

Jun 26 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the city on the bridge. Eggs 18 cents.

Jun 27 – Fair. Worked for the city on the bridge. William S. Willey died this morning at 5 o'clock in the Cottage Hospital, aged 74. He had broken his leg while at work on the road at the Sagamore Bridge. (William S. Willey was the son of Samuel and Martha (Seavey) Willey. He was a farmer and officially died of heart disease.)

Jun 28 – Cool and comfortable. Worked on the bridge and finished and took my discharge to get ready for haying. The bridge is nearly done and will be a great improvement.

Jun 29 – Getting ready for haying and at 2 went to town to carry Aunt Martha to the depot to start for Cleveland, Ohio. She expects to stop in Boston 3 or 4 hours and go through Albany, New York.

Jun 30 – Warm and fair. Getting ready for haying and at 10:30 went to Tucker farm to the auction. The sale of grass standing and sold for \$122.50. At 3 went to town and got wheels for

rake. Georgia Ann Odiorne died today. (Georgia was the daughter of Benjamin Tarlton and Mary Ann (McKenna) Odiorne. She was 18 years old died of lung disease.)

Jul 1 – Cool with a northeast wind. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith.

Jul 2 – Fair and good hay weather. Began the regular haying. Cut back of the house and the lower field and ½ of the corner field.

Jul 3 – Good hay weather and we continued finished cutting the corner field and got in 6 loads. Portsmouth is preparing to celebrate their Soldiers and Sailors monument tomorrow. Eggs 20 cents.

Jul 4 – The glorious fourth and we celebrated it by continuing haying. Cut the further field and cleared up 3 lots viz; the lower field, corner field and back of the house. Lizzie and Edith went to town to celebrate the monument. (Dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on July 4, 1888 was marked by pomp, parades and oration at the new Goodwin Park area. The new park was named for Ichabod Goodwin of Portsmouth, New Hampshire governor during the Civil War. It was located across from his family mansion on Islington Street. According to the local newspaper: ...never was seen in Portsmouth such a gathering of battle-scarred heroes as composed the Grand Army division of the parade. Several one-armed men were conspicuous, at least one wooden-legged veteran marched over.)

Jul 5 – Continued haying and cut the field in front and ½ of the next lot and got in all in the further field and 2 loads from thirds. Benjamin Odiorne's daughter, Georgia was buried today, age 18.

Jul 6 – Fair and hot and good hay weather. Finished in the thirds and also finished cutting on the north side.

Jul 7 – Fair and very drying. Continued haying and finished on the north side of the road and cut ½ above the barn. Got it 3 loads. Went to town at 5 to get news etc.

Jul 8 – Fair and dry with cool north wind. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith. At 3 went with wife to Concord Point. At 6 Oliver Winslow called. Got 112 eggs today.

Jul 9 – Cut balance of the field above the barn and Willow lot and made a finish of cutting and got in 4 loads and settled with John O. Berry. Paid him \$13.50 for 7 days.

Jul 10 – Fair and we had a good chance to finish haying. We got in 3 loads and cleaned up front and raked etc. I think we have about 3 tons more than last year. Everybody are at their haying now. Eggs 20 cents.

Jul 11 – Fair and dry. Went to town with wife and got paint to paint the carriage and put it on after dinner.

Jul 12 – Warm and dry and good haying weather. Varnished the carriage for the summer campaign. Also hoed the garden etc. We had a heavy shower in the night last night.

Jul 13 – Fair with a high northwest wind and cool. Re-laid horse stalls. Wife and Lizzie went to town to market and got the news.

Jul 14 – Fair and good hay weather. Painted the wagon in the forenoon. Lizzie went to town with Abbie. At 4 went to town with wife to get the news. Received of Lynn Milk Co. \$5.74 for 33 cans of milk in June.

Jul 15 – Fair and dry. Did not go to church but sent all others to hear Mr. Holmes preach on “building well”. At 3:45 went with wife to Rye Beach to see improvements. Daniel Dalton was buried today at 2 o clock. (Daniel was the son of Daniel P. and Martha (Brown) Dalton. He was 72 years old.)

Jul 16 – Fair and dry. Varnished the wagon to day and hoeing garden etc. Went to the sea with the wife for mussels.

Jul 17 – Fair and dry. Got in wood in the morning. Lizzie and Edith went to picnic at the Remick's house. At 2 went to town with wife to see the town and new monument.

Jul 18 – Fair and cool. Mending shingles on the south side of the barn and now hope it will be tight. After dinner was cutting bushes in the pasture and our cow (Deb) calved today.

Jul 19 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon and till 1 ceased. The rain was very much needed and all growing crop are revived. Jobbing in the forenoon and after dinner cu the bushes.

Jul 20 – Dull and foggy with signs of rain. Jobbing round and cutting bushes etc. James Parsons of Philadelphia who bought the Dow farm is preparing to build there a new summer residence.

Jul 21 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round home in the forenoon. Burning debris by the willow etc. Anderson came after me to go to work on Parsons house on the Dow farm. Went to town at 3.

Jul 22 – Dull and very rainy in the afternoon. Daniel Jr. and wife Mary and child Irene came from Amesbury and were obliged to stay all night.

Jul 23 – Fair and hot and good growing weather. Began working today for Mr. James Parsons at building his new house on the Dow farm by Anderson and Junkins.

Jul 24 – Fair and very hot at noon but cooler at night. Worked for Parsons at Dow farm. Wife came down to get me in the carriage. We leave at 5:30 with ½ an hour at noon.

Jul 25 – Fair with plenty of heat. Worked for Parsons. Albert Brackett's wife Mary Abby and Oliver's daughter Grace called at 4. Lizzie came down to get me at night. Eggs 20 cents.

Jul 26 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Parsons. People are now getting their salt hay and good weather they have. Emery Woodman and Charles P. Wendell are hauling lumber for Parsons. (Charles Wendell is now living in the Eben Seavey house next to the bridge on Brackett Road.)

Jul 27 – Rainy most of the day. Worked for Parsons in shed but the masons did not work.

Jul 28 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Parsons at getting ready for framing.

Jul 29 – Fair and cool. Did not go to church as Herbert Lear came down to spend the day. Lizzie and Edith went to church to get a report of the sermon. At 4 wet with wife to the Red House to see Joe Stoddard. (Joseph Stoddard is staying on the Alfred Elwyn property for now.)

Jul 30 – Fair and very warm. Worked for Parsons at getting ready for framing and making horses etc. Sold calf today to Charles Brackett for \$5.00 and at night sold one can of milk to Lynn Milk Co.

Jul 31 – Very hot. Worked for Parsons on his summer residence. There are now only 3 of us, Charles E., Horace and myself but more are expected tomorrow. Milk sells this month at 20 cents per can.

Aug 1 – Fair and hot. Worked for Parsons on his new house at framing sills which are 6 x 12 of hard pine. The masons work is going along slow.

Aug 2 – Fair and hot. Worked for Parsons under Anderson and Junkins. Mr. Parsons is said to be worth millions and will have one of the best houses in the vicinity.

Aug 3 – Hot as usual. Worked for Parsons at Dow farm near Wallis Sands.

Aug 4 – Very hot and at 10:15 we had a shower that cooled off the air. Worked for Parsons and received pay for 6 days, \$15.00. On Saturdays we leave at 4:30. At 5 went to town with wife to market. At 10:00 pm. had a calf come along, 2nd cow.

Aug 5 – Fair and very hot in the morning but soon we had a sea breeze and cooler. Went to church with wife and Edith and heard Mr. Holmes preached about saying a cheering word to all as we go.

Aug 6 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. So had a day to work round home and fixed up the coal pen in the cellar and about 400 other jobs. At 3 got ice to keep cool and had some ice cream. Had to bury the calf which the cow killed by stepping upon the wind pipe.

Aug 7 – Dull but no rain so we worked for Mr. Parsons at framing sills. The masons did not work on account of the wet. This was Election Day in Portsmouth. Sold 4 cans of milk tonight. Hauled 3 tons of coal today by Chancy Woodman. Eggs 24 cents.

Aug 8 – Fair. Worked for Parsons. The entire Democratic was elected in Portsmouth. James G. Blaine arrived in New York from Europe after an 18 month absence. He had a grand reception by the Republicans.

Aug 9 – Fair and good working weather. We are going on with the framing of Mr. Parsons's house. General Phil Sheridan, Commander of U.S. armies is dead of heart trouble.

Aug 10 – Fair and pleasant and good hay weather. Worked for Parsons.

Aug 11 – Fair and warm. Worked for Parsons at framing. The foundation is still behind. At night went with wife Mary to town to market.

Aug 12 – Dull and rainy most of the day.

Aug 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night.

Aug 14 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Parsons at framing the house.

Aug 15 – Pleasant and good hay weather. Worked for Parsons.

Aug 16 – Fair and very hot. Worked for Parsons. Received \$2.80 for 14 cans of milk in July. We are now selling 3 ½ cans per day..

Aug 17 - Fair with a slight showers. Worked for Parsons.

Aug 18 – Fair. Worked for Parsons making 5 days this week and at night got paid. Went to town with the wife at 5 to market.

Aug 19 – Fair and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie, Edith and Mrs. Raynes to get a report. At 3 James Hall, wife Martha and son George came down to tea and carried them up at 7.

Aug 20 – Fair and not hot but good working and we made good progress on Mr. Parsons's frame.

Aug 21 – Fair and we made good progress for Mr. Parson on the frame of the new house.

Aug 22 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off and we made out the day for Parsons.

Aug 23 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons at framing piazza sills. The U.S. ship “Saratoga” was off the sands at anchor. Elizabeth was down to see the plans of the new house.

Aug 24 – Fair and hot. Working for Mr. Parsons at framing the piazza sills and floorings.

Aug 25 – Fair and hot. Working for Parsons making 6 days this week and we got paid as usual on Saturday and it has become a settled custom to pay workman weekly.

Aug 26 – Very hot. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Holmes preach from John, 5 – 15. This was his last Sunday before a vacation of three weeks. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary were down. She spent the day here.

Aug 27 – Fair and warm. Worked for Parsons on his house putting on sills and flooring. Cool northwest wind in the afternoon which we enjoyed.

Aug 28 – Fair and comfortable with northwest wind. Worked for Parsons.

Aug 29 – Fair and hot. Worked for Parsons getting ready to raise, laying floors etc.

Aug 30 – Hot as July. Worked for Parsons. Have got well along with laying the 1st floor and this afternoon we raised the east end section. Hollis Marden began today.

Aug 31 – Fair. Worked for Parsons. Continued putting up the parlor section and got plaster and 3rd flowing on and laid some of the 2nd floor. Anderson went over to see Parsons. Sold this month 101 cans of milk at 22 cents per can.

Sep 1 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and there was nothing done by the masons but Charles and myself worked at smoothing window frames. At 5 went to town with Edith and Lizzie. Ed Balch was here. Worked 6 days this week. (Edward H. Balch is Mary's cousin from Portsmouth.)

Sep 2 – Fair and pleasant. Did not go to church. At 11 went with wife to ride to the cemetery and to Greenland to see the country etc.

Sep 3 – Fair and good working weather and we have made good progress on Mr. Parsons's house.

Sep 4 – Fair. Worked for Parsons on the house. Anderson has not been down since last Friday but we have continued the work. We have got the hall section nearly in frame and also the dining room. Eggs 26 cents.

Sep 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons on the house.

Sep 6 – Very cool with a northwest wind with heavy frost. Worked for Parsons.

Sep 7 – Cold and almost freezing weather and the vines are badly killed, 33 degrees. Corn and other vegetables are also injured. Worked for Parsons.

Sep 8 – Dull all day and rain came on at 4. Worked for Parsons at putting up the frame of the mansard part of the house.

Sep 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Did not go to church. Joe Ham called at 10 and got some cider. At 12 went with wife to North Hampton and called to see William Ira Holmes and also to see Charles A. Drake.

Sep 10 – Fair and very hot and muggy. Worked for Parsons and sweat all day. At night went to town. The “well driller” began today drilling an artesian well for Parsons. It is 6 inch bore and he is to go 50 feet or more.

Sep 11 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Parsons on the house. He was down this forenoon to see what progress has been made.

Sep 12 – Dull and very rainy in the forenoon so that only 3 of us worked before noon. Then Joe Berry and Dick Varrell came and Harrison Salter. The well drilling goes on well and tonight they are down 13 feet.

Sep 13 – Fair with west wind. Worked for Parsons. 3 of the gang were off to a picnic at Stratham Hill, the Baptist Society.

Sep 14 – Fair. Worked for Parsons on the house. The architect came today from Philadelphia to see the progress and found fault etc.

Sep 15 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for Parsons. We have now got the first boarding about done. The architect was here all day. Went to town at night. Received \$22.22 for 101 cans of milk sold in August.

Sep 16 – Dull with signs of rain. Had a day of rest. Sent Lizzie and Edith to church.

Sep 17 – Dull all day with very little rain. Worked for Parsons at getting up the frame of the roof. Got up the main rafters and ridge pole. Anderson was not down.

Sep 18 – A regular northeast storm and rain all day and we hope it will pass for the “live gale”. Worked for Parsons at smoothing up window frames. Wendell hired a man who was run over last night and broke 1 leg.

Sep 19 – Dull all day but no rain. Worked for Parsons at putting up the roof frame. Also putting in the tower window and getting ready to board the roof.

Sep 20 – Dull. Worked for Parsons but made slow progress on account of the weather. This is a regular rainy siege with no days of sunshine.

Sep 21 – Dull all day with heavy rain all the afternoon. Worked all day for Parsons in the shed when it rained. Framing the cellar beams etc. The well drillers work on without regard to rain. They are down 45 feet tonight.

Sep 22 – Dull most of the day. Worked for Parsons with a full gang. Getting the roof frame up and frames for the dormers but it is too wet for boarding. There is no prospect of drying winds again.

Sep 23 – Dull with a northeast wind and some rain. At 3 went with wife to see Joseph P. He is quite as well as usual.

Sep 24 – Fair after a long wet “spell” and all were glad to see it. Worked for Parsons and we had a day to dry boards. Which we have not had for a long time.

Sep 25 – Fair and good weather for laboring. Worked for Parsons at putting on the tower roof frame and the rafters of the main house etc.

Sep 26 – A regular northeast rain storm, the most furious for a long time and the rain came down in torrents until 1:30 o'clock. Worked for Parsons with 5 men getting out braces for the roof.

Sep 27 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons putting up the roof frame and boarding etc.

Sep 28 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons. There has been more rain this month than for many years. The ground is full. John Locke was married last night. (John is the son of James J. and Hannah J. (Bunker) Locke. He married Mary E. Ward the daughter of Edward and Julia Ward.)

Sep 29 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons at boarding the roof. We have now 15 men and are making good progress. Have gotten most of the window frames set. Aunt Mary is very sick.

Sep 30 – Cold and heavy frost last night with ice in the watering troth. Did not go to church but sent all others. At 3 went to see Aunt Mary. She died at 12 last night. We also called at Aunt Hannah Berry's. (Aunt Mary was Mary (Locke), wife of John Adams Trefethen who is Supply's uncle. Hannah Berry is living on Center Road by William Trefethen, Supply's cousin.)

Oct 1 – Cold and frosty morning after which we had a fine day. Worked for Parsons. At night Mr. Elwyn called. He has been in Europe nearly one year. He brought me a meter measure for a present.

Oct 2 – Dull and showery with heavy rain at 3. Worked for Parsons in the forenoon and at 2 went to Aunt Mary's funeral. She was 79 years old and buried in the lot above Levi Marden's. Eggs 24 cents. (Levi Marden was living on Washington Road by Wallis Road on the 1892 map of Rye. Mary's remains were later moved to the Central Cemetery.)

Oct 3 – Dull but not much rain. Worked for Parsons. We have gotten it boarded except the dormer windows. Began today putting in the piazza flooring and den floor timbers etc.

Oct 4 – Dull all day but not much rain. Worked for Parsons.

Oct 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons on his "Villa by the Sea". We have a gang of 16 carpenters but the work is so complicated we get along very slowly. Nearly all are at work on the dormer windows.

Oct 6 – Dull and wet all day with an east wind. Worked for Parsons on the dormer windows and tower. I believe he has let the slating contract to a Boston man. Chase, the well driller, has been getting ready to go to work again.

Oct 7 – Rainy all the forenoon after a heavy rain all night. The wind has changed to the south and it is quite mild. At 3 went with wife to see about getting a grating for the cellar window for Elwyn.

Oct 8 – Cold with a west wind. Worked for Parsons. They are "topping out the chimney" very slowly. The frame for the new Baptist church has come and ready to go together.

Oct 9 – Cool and very much like fall and time to pick apples. Worked for Parsons getting up the piazza plate and arches and also finishing the tower top etc. The well drillers are at it and are now down about 50 feet.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons at getting ready for the slaters with no increase in the gang. John O. Berry was digging potatoes and picking apples for me. Got 10 bushels of potatoes. Eggs 25 cents.

Oct 11 – Dull most of the day with glimpses of the sun occasionally. Worked for Parsons on his house.

Oct 12 – Fair in the forenoon then clouds came up and rain came down at 3 and continued long into the night. Worked for Parsons on his house.

Oct 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for Parsons on his house getting out stock and furring the attic etc. At 5 went to town to get the news etc. Republicans are very confident of success in November.

Oct 14 – Northeast rain and snow continues all day and cleared off at night and the moon was very pleasant. At 3 went to see John Webster, he thinks the Republicans may succeed.

Oct 15 – Very mild and pleasant and just such a day as we wanted. Worked for Parsons. He and his family were down to see what progress we have made.

Oct 16 – Cloudy all day and rain came on at night. Worked for Parsons at boarding the house the 2nd time after furring on the first boarding for a space of 7/8. Received of Lynn Milk Co. \$24.64 for 112 cans of milk sold in September at 22 cents per can.

Oct 17 – Dull all day and at 3 rain came down furiously. Worked for Parsons at boarding and stair building and furring and also we are going on with the tower finish. The well drillers are about ready to go on again.

Oct 18 – Mild and pleasant. Worked for Parsons at getting ready for the slaters. There is talk of a new Life Saving Station at Wallis Sands and the U.S. inspector was here today to see the location.

Oct 19 – Cloudy all day and at night rain came on. Worked for Parsons. Mr. Hollowell the architect was here for the inspection. Mr. Parsons was here also to see the work.

Oct 20 – Fair after a night of rain, making the roads muddy and very bad wheeling. Worked for Parsons on his house. Mr. Parsons was down again in the forenoon. We are getting ready for the slaters. Went to town at night and got a barrel of flour for Grammy at \$7.50.

Oct 21 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Howard Frisbee called this morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach about Foreign missions. Saying that the congregational denomination raises \$700,000.00 yearly for the purpose.

Oct 22 – Fair and cool and fall like. Worked for Parsons on his house getting ready for the slaters and gutters and also putting up the piazza rafters.

Oct 23 – Very mild and pleasant and we had a good day to put on the finish for Mr. Parsons house.

Oct 24 – A regular northeast rainy day and cleared off at night. Worked for Parsons. Had all the gang at doing up odd jobs about the house. The well drillers broke their drill shaft again today and are laid by.

Oct 25 – Fair and very mild for the season. Worked for Parsons. The slater arrived today with his slate to get ready for his work. At night went to town and saw the Democratic Procession.

Oct 26 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull with signs of rain. Worked for Parsons on his house getting ready to put on the gutter. We are getting the main house well near ready for slates.

Oct 27 – Dull and somewhat rainy. Worked for Parsons and at 5 rain came on and continued through the night. Went to town at night to get the news etc. and came home in the rain. Joseph Berry brought me 8 bushels of potatoes at 50 cents per bushel.

Oct 28 – Dull and rainy all day so had a day of rest. There was none went to church and but few on the road.

Oct 29 – Fair with northwest wind and cool. Worked for Parsons on his house getting ready for gutters and slating. The well drillers came back today with repaired tools and ready for work tomorrow. Sent off 4 cans of milk tonight.

Oct 30 – Cool with northwest wind. Worked for Parsons on his house at the outside finish. Anderson went over to Mr. Parsons who is to return to Philadelphia tomorrow. He is anxious to get his house ready to occupy in June.

Oct 31 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons. At 11 went to the sale of the Tucker place at auction. It was sold in lots and brought about \$3050.00. James R. Connell bought the main lots.

Nov 1 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons on the outside finish. Sent in milk bill to Lynn Co. We sold 107 cans in October at 22 cents per can= \$23.54.

Nov 2 – Fair and mild and good weather for any business. Worked for Parsons. The slaters began putting on slate today. The coppersmith also came today to put on the gutters.

Nov 3 – Dull and some rain. Worked for Parsons at getting on the outside finish. They are putting on the copper gutters and some slate. Went to town at night with wife and on the way paid C.W. Remick \$8.00 ministers tax.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild. Went to church with all the family and heard Mr. Holmes preach a sermon on education. There was a good audience and it was communion day.

Nov 5 – Fair and very mild. Worked for Parsons with a gang of 18 on the different parts of the outside finish. The slaters are at work. There is much talk about the election tomorrow between Cleveland and Harrison.

Nov 6 – Fair and warm as summer. Worked for Parsons ½ day. This was Election Day and there was much interest in the results and about the same vote cast in Rye as in 1884. The Republicans had 99 votes and the Democrats had 170.

Nov 7 – Fair and good weather for labor. Worked for Parsons. The election returns show the election of Ben Harrison for President by a good majority and a Republican majority in the House of Representatives.

Nov 8 – Fair and warm. Worked for Parsons. We are getting ready to put up the partitions and furring. The smoke of the battle is clearing up showing that the solid South has been broken. West Virginia has gone Republican.

Nov 9 – Dull and rainy all day and we improved it by getting the 3rd story ready to lath. With the hope of getting ready to plaster soon. Carried apples down to Irvin Seavey's to make cider.

Nov 10 – Rainy all day with a northeast wind. Worked for Parsons at getting partitions and furring. The Frenchman was discharged today. The election returns are all in and we could wish General Harrison 239 electoral votes and Cleveland has 162.

Nov 11 – Fair and cooler with a west wind. Went to church with Lizzie and Edith and heard Mr. Haynes of North Hampton preach of the Savior's high character. There is to be an old folk's dinner at the town hall the 14th.

Nov 12 – Fair and cool all day. Worked for Parsons at setting partitions and furring with 16 men. Frank Libby began the lathing today.

Nov 13 – Cold this morning with much ice visible. Worked for Parsons. At night it was mild and pleasant and good weather to celebrate.

Nov 14 – Very mild and pleasant with a south wind. Worked for Parsons getting ready for the lathing. Frank Libby is putting them on quite rapidly. The Republicans celebrated the election of Harrison and Morton at North Hampton last night. Received for milk in October, \$23.54.

Nov 15 – Rainy most of the day and chilly. Worked for Parsons at furring. Yesterday the old folks of the congregational society had a dinner at the town hall at 1 o'clock, 100 seated.

Nov 16 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons. It is now settled that the Republicans will have a majority in the next congress as well as the President. West Virginia has gone Republican for the first time.

Nov 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons making 6 days this week. We get pay weekly, on Saturday. Went to town in the evening to get the news.

Nov 18 – Cool but pleasant. Went to church and heard a sermon from Joshua about sending the 3000 up to the promised land and he took the occasion to scold.

Nov 19 – Cool in the morning then came up to rain and continued through the day. Worked for Parsons and began framing with 7 men on the stable.

Nov 20 – Fair and cold. Worked for Parsons on the stable and house. At night went to town to see the Republican celebration of the election of Harrison and Morton.

Nov 21 – Cold and fair. Worked for Parsons on the stable and house. At night went to the Republican celebration at Rye Center and also through the town they had gay fireworks.

Nov 22 – Cold, 13 above. Worked for Parsons on the stable, raised the sides this afternoon.

Nov 23 – Cold all day. Worked for Parsons on the stable and house. The slaters are getting well along with their work, also the masons.

Nov 24 – Cold and dull with a north wind. Worked for Parsons on the stable and got the body framed and up and we cleaned up all round to get ready for snow.

Nov 25 – A regular northeast snow storm all day, the first of the season and I had to clean up and make ready for winter as it was very cold.

Nov 26 – The storm continued as furious as ever only we had rain today instead of snow as yesterday. There was a deluge of water. Worked for Parsons at odd jobs in the house and had a small gang.

Nov 27 – This has been the third stormy day in succession. It has snowed or rained for 72 hours continuously. Worked for Parsons on the house doing up odd jobs There is a vessel ashore at Jerry's Point, New Castle.

Nov 28 – Fair and mild. Worked for Parsons at getting ready for the plasterers. The gang is small as many have gone home to Thanksgiving.

Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Day. Fair in the morning but soon came up dull and rain came on at 11:30. John C. Webster and sister Emily came down to dinner and we had a nice turkey. (at 23 cents per lb.) At 3 went to Elwyn's farm to put grating on the windows.

Nov 30 – Dull most of the day. Worked for Parsons on his new house.

Dec 1 – Fair until 3:30 when we had snow squalls and cooler. Worked for Parsons on the house and stable. Anderson the builder cut the carpenters wages from \$2.25 to \$2.00 per day.

Dec 2 – Fair and cool. Went to church with Edith and Lizzie and heard Mr. Holmes preach a Thanksgiving sermon. There was not a full house. At 3 went over to see Oliver Winslow who is quite sick.

Dec 3 – Fair and good working weather. Worked for Parsons at clapboarding and finishing outside and we are also going on with the stable.

Dec 4 – Mild and good weather to go on with Parsons work at outside finishing. Eggs 36 cents per dozen.

Dec 5 – Cool and cloudy. Working for Parsons and shingling and clapboarding the walls of the house. The gas fitters have begun putting in their pipes.

Dec 6 – Fair and good weather for clapboarding Mr. Parsons's new house which we are doing with 8 men.

Dec 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons and began framing the roof of the stable.

Dec 8 – Mild all day with a west wind. Worked for Parsons at putting rafters on the stable and clapboarding the house. They are now talking about General Harrison's cabinet, picking it out for him. Groaning about the fall in railroad shares.

Dec 9 – Snow storm all day with the wind from the northeast. Sat by the coal fire to read the news etc. John Salter went by a courting "Dressed in Lavender".

Dec 10 – Fair and quite mild and thawing. So that we worked on the stable for Mr. Parsons putting on the hip rafters and also clapboarding the house. Sheridan Jenness died this morning of cancer in the stomach. (Sheridan was the son of Joseph and Annie (Knox) Jenness.)

Dec 11 – Northeast rain storm all day. Worked for Parsons at finishing odd jobs in the house and began furring the basement. At night the snow was about all gone and plenty of mud. The school began yesterday, Miss Marston teacher.

Dec 12 – Fair with northwest wind. Worked for Parsons on his house. The architect came today for an inspection but not many changes are ordered.

Dec 13 – Cold and windy. Worked for Parsons. Sheridan Jenness was buried today, aged 64.

Dec 14 – Fair with cold north wind. Worked for Parsons on the stable and house. The gas fitters have gotten about done with their work and the lather is also nearly done with 3 stories so they can plaster soon.

Dec 15 – Fair and more mild. Worked for Parsons on the house and stable. The outside mason work was stopped tonight and the men discharged. Received \$20.40 for 85 cans of milk sold in November.

Dec 16 – Fair with strong southwest wind. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach from “We spend our days as a tale that is told”. Howard Frisbee called at 5.

Dec 17 – Rainy all day with wind southeast and there is any quantity of mud. Worked for Parsons at odd jobs about the house. There was not a full gang. Chase, the well driller, has now gone down 160 feet and is to test it soon.

Dec 18 – The storm continued all day with rain and sleet in the afternoon and much colder. Worked for Parsons.

Dec 19 – Very cold and windy. Worked for Parsons on his new house on the Dow Farm. Milk 24 cents per can and eggs 34 cent per dozen.

Dec 20 – Cold north wind. Worked for Parsons at boarding the stable. Thomas Jefferson Parsons’s wife died this morning. She had been sick a long time. (Thomas’s wife was Eliza (Brown) Parson and was 83 years old.)

Dec 21 – A little more mild but still cold with solid wheeling. Worked for Mr. Parsons at boarding the stable. Got it nearly covered and thus think we shall keep the snow out.

Dec 22 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Parsons on the house and stable. Cleaning up the stable to keep out snow. There were 4 men discharged tonight. At night went to town and got lead pipe to take water in the barn.

Dec 23 – Mild and pleasant. Did not go to church but sent all others to get a report of the sermon from Isaiah, chapter 6, “Unto you a child is born”. Mrs. Thomas J. Parsons was buried from the church at 1 o clock.

Dec 24 – Very mild for the season. Worked for Mr. Parsons on the stable cupola. The weather is very favorable for outside work. Aunt Clark, widow of Thomas Remick Clark, died this morning, aged 84 years old. (Thomas’s wife was Almira Maria (Greenough) Clark. Thomas was the brother of Supply’s wife Mary’s father, John.)

Dec 25 – Christmas and very mild and thawy and muddy. At 11 we all went up to John C. Webster’s to dinner. The main dish was goose and we had a good time. John is very lame and it seems as if he never would get better.

Dec 26 – Warm and thawy with plenty of mud. Worked for Parsons. Aunt Clark was buried today at 12. Wife and Abbie went. Alfred Davis Moses died yesterday, aged 73 years. (He was a ship carpenter and living at 8 Widden Street in Portsmouth.)

Dec 27 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind and very mild frost coming out past. Worked for Parsons on the stable cupola. The slaters have worked today.

Dec 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons on the tower of the stable also some men on the house.

Dec 29 – Fair and cool. Worked for Parsons on the cupola of the stable. The house is not yet quite ready for plastering because the slating is not done. This was the twenty third week on my working for Parsons.

Dec 30 – Mild and pleasant. Howard Frisbee called in the morning. Went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach from 89 Psalms about David's asking God to consider the shortness of his days.

Dec 31 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for Mr. Parsons on the stable and house and busy getting ready for the plasterers.

1889

Jan 1 – Very mild for the season. It did not freeze any last night and the frost is nearly all out. So we are having good October weather and we are willing it shall continue. Worked for Parsons on the stable tower. Have got it now ready for slating but the slaters have more than they can do in Boston.

Jan 2 – Fair and mild and good for pushing Mr. Parsons work along, which we have been doing. Henry Rand has been down today to do up odd jobs of the mason work.

Jan 3 – Very mild for the season. Worked for Parsons. They began to plaster the house today. Dennis H. Trefethen is the leader with 2 others. The work is to have 3 coats, William Fraser has the contract. Ella Rand, wife of Charles W. was over to spend the afternoon and evening. (Dennis Hill Trefethen and was Supply's cousin. Dennis was the son of John Adams Trefethen. He was living on Gates Street at this time. Dennis was a brick and stone mason.)

Jan 4 – Mild and pleasant as usual. Worked for Parsons on the stable. Henry Rand has been building the chimney on the stable. The plasterers are making good progress.

Jan 5 – Dull all day with a northeast windy with signs of rain. Worked for Parsons on the stable getting up the cupola and began the dormer windows. The house is now mostly given up to the mason. They are putting on the 2nd coat to the 3rd story. At night went to town with wife to get groceries and the news etc. A barn was burned at Kittery, E.C. Spinney's.

Jan 6 – A regular northeast rain storm all day but not very cold. So we had a day of rest with a chance to read the news. No one passed today except the milkman. Who now gets about 75 cans a day. People are not pleased with the price, 23 cents per can.

(Dec 24 – Joseph Parsons Trefethen, Supply's brother dies.)

(There is no separate diary for 1889. The previous entries were made in the 1888 diary.)

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Jan 1 – This has been a national holiday and no work at the yard. So had a day of rest and chance to do up odd jobs. Went to the post office at 2 with wife to get mail. It was bad sleighing. There is about 14 inches of snow and ice.

Jan 2 - Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard but there was no muster and came home to clean up the shop and do other jobs needed. The horse is lame and had to bathe her shoulder in rum and salt water. The snow has settled much. They were storing ice at the Grover farm today.

Jan 3 – Fair and cold northwest wind. Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster". It was bad traveling in the morning but at night they had worn it down very good.

Jan 4 – Cold, 8 above. Fair in the morning but soon came up dull with signs of snow. Did not go to church but kept housed and read the news. Chauncey Woodman called at 12 and got the 1 can of milk sold to Hawkes at 22 cents. (Chauncey is the son of Emery and Mary Woodman and he is 23 years old.)

Jan 5 – Cold with a regular northeast snow storm all day so had a chance to sit by the fire etc.

Jan 6 – Cold and cleared off. Worked for the U.S. with George Webber at squaring the upper deck of the "Lancaster".

Jan 7 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S. They are hauling ice to town from Grover's Pond. It is 16 inches thick.

Jan 8 – Cold with a northwest wind. Worked for U.S. at squaring the deck. This said today they will have the same money this month as last.

Jan 9 – Cold, 2 above in the morning. Worked for U.S. At night it was quite mild. Got a horse of Beacham to use while mine is lame.

Jan 10- Set a new clock today. Cold, 4 above in the morning. Worked for U.S. making 5 days this week at squaring the deck with George Webber. They have money enough this month but the carpenter work is scant but they are looking for more.

Jan 11 – Fair but not cold. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Holmes preach from “We are all workers together with God”. All must work and the reward will be according as the work performed. Rain at 3 and in to the night.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Worked for U.S. Slippery traveling. We have had sleighing ever since the 4th of December last.

Jan 13 – Fair with high northwest wind. Worked for U.S. squaring the deck. The sleighing is perfect on a solid bed of ice. Sold one can of milk to Hawkes of Lynn at 22 cents. Chauncey Woodman is collecting it still at 3 cents per can.

Jan 14 – Cold with a northeast snow storm in the forenoon. Went to the yard in the morning but “no muster”. Came home and called at William Jackson's to see his new furnace. In the afternoon went to Albert Rand's and called to John C. Webster's and also to see Eliza with wife. (Albert Rand and John C. are living on Wallis Road just south of Lang's Corner.)

Jan 15 – Fair and cold. It snowed all day yesterday but did not gain much. Worked for U.S. The ice companies are filling up their houses.

Jan 16 – Very pleasant for the season but not thawy. Worked for U.S. on the deck of the “Lancaster”. There has been a murder at South Seabrook. Mrs. Beckman is charged with killing her husband with a knife but she has much sympathy.

Jan 17 – Cold northeast snow and hail storm all day. Worked for U.S. at squaring the upper deck. It is said the Lancaster is to be changed back from a gunnery ship to a “Man of war” again. Rain and sleet came down rapidly at night.

Jan 18 – Dull but not cold. It stormed all night and this morning. The trees are heavily iced up and today there are signs of an ice storm as we had it 5 years ago. Chauncey Woodman came for the milk at 12:30. No going to church.

Jan 19 – Dull and black all day and cold. Worked for U.S. This may be called the ice storm of 1891 as the trees are heavily loaded with ice but not so bad as in 1886. James S. Seavey died today at age 78. It is the best of sleighing. (James was married to Supply's older sister Mary who died in 1842.)

Jan 20 – Black and cold most of the day. The sun shone for 2 hours at noon. Worked for U.S. Left off squaring the deck and began putting pivot sockets in the deck aft for a pivot gun. They have orders to push the work on all ships. Eggs 34 cents.

Jan 21 – Mild and pleasant and thawing and the trees got some relief from the ice. Worked for U.S. at putting pivot sockets in the deck for pivot guns. J.H. Galanger was elected U.S. Senator at Concord today.

Jan 22 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for U.S. at getting ready to put in the pivot sockets. There was a fisherman named Hiltz run over by a schooner in Ipswich Bay.

Jan 23 – Fair and not cold but strong west wind. Worked for U.S. At night heard that James Miller died today at age 63. Charles Ridge rode down with me at night to Grammy's. Received pay for 10 days. (Charles Albert Ridge was a house carpenter living in Portsmouth.) (James was the son of Tobias Ham and Mary (Moses) Miller.)

Jan 24 – Fair and thawing. Worked for U.S. putting in the pivot sockets. At 8 pm. Eddie Drake and wife Marcia and child Helen came down from Breakfast Hill. (Edwin Howard Drake was the son of Charles A. and Helen A. (Weeks) Drake. He was married to Marcia B. (Clark) and they had a daughter Helen C.)

Jan 25 – A furious snow storm until 2:30 pm. when it cleared off mild. Shoveled paths and went to Grammy's to get water. There is about 8 inches of snow. At 12:30 James Miller was to be buried. A high storm was raging. Got 37 eggs.

Jan 26 – Fair and not cold. Worked for U.S. on the deck on the pivots. Good sleighing at night. This winter there are a great many arctic owls in New Hampshire and other New England states. Tis said they came here on account of extreme cold weather in the arctic region.

Jan 27 – Dull and snowy most of the day. Worked for the U.S. on the deck. There was a hearing in Portsmouth in another murder case from Salem, New Hampshire. A man named Reed was found murdered. His wife and 2 men are charged with his murder by beating him to death.

Jan 28 – Cloudy but not cold. Worked for the U.S. at putting in the pivot sockets. William Tucker is at work on ice in Portsmouth near the pound. They are about done storing ice in this vicinity. The sleighing is as good as ever. Milk 21 cents and Eggs 32 cents.

Jan 29 – Dull and snowy all day with some rain at night. Worked for the U.S. There was rumors that steam engineering would shut down tonight until Monday for want of money. Outside work has stopped in Portsmouth.

Jan 30 – Fair and thawy with a south wind. Worked for the U.S. putting down gun tracks. The county is to let out the contract of building a new jail and house for the jailer on February 2nd in Portsmouth.

Jan 31 – Worked 14 days in this ½ month. The first in the year past. Fair in the forenoon then clouds came up and grew dense and at night rain and snow came down. Worked for the U.S. at putting down the gun track, George Webber and Harry Mitchell helping. Tis said there will be less money for next month.

Feb 1 – Fair and thawy after a night of rain and the sleighing has been damaged a good deal. Did not go to church. At 2 went with wife up to see Oliver Winslow at Alfred S. Trafton's. His leg is much better and the brake is getting quite strong. (Alfred Streeter Trafton is Supply's sister, Emily Amanda's 2nd husband. Her first husband, Charles W. Hall passed away in 1873. They are living on North Road in Portsmouth at this time. Oliver Winslow is Supply's nephew.)

Feb 2 – Candlemas Day and it was fair and bright and so suppose winter will take another flight. It was not cold. Worked for the U.S. There were 3 transferred into our gang from the boat shop.

Feb 3 – Dull and rain came on at 10. Worked for U.S. Rain continued until midnight the cleared off. The sleighing is of the best as it has been all winter except 2 or 3 days.

Feb 4 – Fair in the forenoon then furious snow squalls occupied the day. Worked for U.S. There is a cold wave passing over the country, in the west it is 40 below zero.

Feb 5 – Cold, 4 below in the morning but not windy. Worked for U.S. We thought it would be Ball Day but all worked. Emery Jenness came and bought eggs at 28 cents.

Feb 6 – Fair and cold. Worked for U.S. and received pay for last ½ of January, \$42.50. The sleighing is perfect as it has been all winter. Irvin Seavey, his wife Sarah and Mrs. Sarah Curtis were in and spent the evening.

Feb 7 - Worked for U.S. Fair till 10 then came up cloudy until 8 pm. when snow came down. This was Aunt Hannah Berry's 96th birthday. Wife and Eliza went over to dine with her. She was able to eat a hearty dinner and enjoyed their visit greatly.

Feb 8 – Dull with a northeast snow storm all day. So had a day of rest and reading. Chauncey Woodman came for the milk.

Feb 9 – Dull with light snow all day. Worked for U.S. Tis said there is much sickness in Hampton among the shoe makers and others of Pneumonia and Diphtheria and many deaths.

Feb 10 – Dull and rainy about all day. Worked for U.S. At night the wind came round northwest and cold. Cornell is sending the timber to Parson's farm for his new barn which is to be built in early spring.

Feb 11 – Fair with cold northwest wind. Worked for U.S. There is talk of another ship coming to the yard for repairs. At night we all went to the High School exhibition at the town hall.

Feb 12 – Partly cloudy and cold. Worked for U.S. The sleighing continues as good as ever and is of the best but there is very little teaming.

Feb 13 – Fair, mild and pleasant. Worked for U.S. on the ship "Lancaster". She is soon to be got ready for sea. News came at night of the death of Admiral David D. Porter, aged 78 years at Washington, died of paralysis.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold all day. Worked for U.S. Mrs. Raynes and Ruth Miller and son Kennard were down and spent the day. Lizzie went and got them and carried them back. General Sherman died today at 1 pm.

Feb 15 – Cold, zero weather but pleasant. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report of the sermon. Guss Caswell's son Elmer was married tonight to Sam Smart's daughter Sophia.

Feb 16 – Dull with some snow. Worked for U.S. Mark C. Fernald, our quartermaster, came up from Portland at noon. Fred Billings was in the hospital there sick with cancer.

Feb 17 – Dull and rainy in the morning and did not go to the yard till afternoon, so made ½ day. Mrs. Clara Raynes and Israel P. Miller are both sick with cold as is nearly everybody else.

Feb 18 – It rained and snowed all last night and till 8 this morning. Worked for U.S. It appears there was orders came today to get the ship ready as soon as possible. She is to go to the East Indies as a Flag Ship.

Feb 19 – Fair but not cold. The sleighing continues well. Worked for U.S. At night John, Ed and his sister, Mrs. Drake were over to spend the evening and played cards and Bagatelle.

Feb 20 – Dull and snow came on furiously at 10 continuing into the night. Worked for U.S. I am about sick with cold in the head and my nose is plugged up solid.

Feb 21 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for U.S. making 5 ½ days this week. This was pay day for the first ½ of the month. Notice was given that there will be no work on Monday, Washington's Birthday.

Feb 22 – Fair with west wind. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Holmes preach. My cold is not much better as yet. This was Washington's Birthday and tomorrow will be observed.

Feb 23 – Fair and pleasant but cold. Lizzie went to town and got Dr. Parsons to come to see me as my cold is no better. Mr. William Holmes died yesterday at 2 of heart failure, aged 85. This was observed as a holiday, Washington's Birthday. (William Holmes is the father of William Ira Holmes and the father-in-law of Supply's sister Sarah Elizabeth. They are living on Wallis road south of Lang's Corner.)

Feb 24 – Fair, mild and thawing which is carrying off the sleighing. Lizzie went to town to get me some medicine. Abbie went with her. I am better than yesterday. Mr. William Holmes was buried at 2. Wife and Edith went to funeral.

Feb 25 – Dull with some rain, wind south and thawing. Wife and Edith went to the Red House to carry the plan of the ice house. I am on the sick list still but hope to be out tomorrow.

Feb 26 – Dull and rainy most of the day so I kept housed and continued doctoring and by night felt quite well again.

Feb 27 – Cold and snowy in the morning then cleared off. At 10 went to town and to the yard to get re-mustered so as to work tomorrow. There was no muster of carpenters. It is thought now the job will be short.

Feb 28 – Cold and fair with high wind. Worked for U.S. the first and only day this week. I got through the day very well. There are many away from the work on account of sickness.

Mar 1 – Cold and fair, wind west and good sleighing. No one went to church as I was too sick. There was but little travel. Someone said Dr. Potter went past and Joseph Freeman and wife Emma. (Emma is the daughter of George Leroy Trefethen.)

Mar 2 – Fair and not cold but good sleighing. Worked for U.S. on the "Lancaster" putting down track. At night went to see Charles Yeaton and Emmons Clark about cutting timber and Adams Drake about hauling.

Mar 3 – Dull and snowing lightly most of the day. Went in the woods and cut timber for the house frame. Yeaton and Clark cutting and Adam hauled 2 loads to Mason's mill. We got the most of it cut.

Mar 4 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and most all night. Sat by the fire and had a day of rest. Took care of the animals.

Mar 5 – Fair with a northwest gale and the roads full of snow. Started for the yard at 10:30 and the horse wallowed through and I worked ½ day for the U.S. At night the roads were filled up again.

Mar 6 – Cold but not so cloudy. The roads were all full so I did not start for the yard until 11 and made ½ day for the U.S. At night the sleighing was quite good.

Mar 7 – Fair and pleasant, thawy. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Lancaster”. The sleighing is very good for so much snow.

Mar 8 – Fair and mild. Did not go to church but had a day of rest which I very much needed. At 4 Adams Drake called to say he will haul my logs tomorrow if weather. Saw Charles Yeaton about helping Drake. Carried 2 bushels of potatoes to Grammy Clark.

Mar 9 – Fair. Worked for U.S. Adams Drake was hauling logs to the mill for me.

Mar 10 – Dull but not rainy. Worked for U.S. This was town meeting day but I did not go because there was not much interest taken in it.

Mar 11 – Fair. Worked for U.S. The snow has gone so that we have to use wheels but still there is plenty in the fields and pastures. Adams Drake has been hauling timber logs to Mason’s mill.

Mar 12 – Fair and mild and spring like. Worked for U.S. They are fast getting the “Lancaster” ready for sea. I have now got 4 or 5 loads of timber hauled on my lot in Portsmouth from Mason’s mill.

Mar 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. So I stayed at home to keep dry and do jobbing round the place.

Mar 14 – Fair with northwest wind. Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” at getting out a new hook to go over the Bowsprit. Tis said the “Galena” started for this yard from New York and went ashore. Charles Yeaton rode home with me at night. (Charles is living on Clark road next door to Abbie Clark.)

Mar 15 – Dull and cold with high wind and sat by the fire.

Mar 16 – Cold and windy. Worked for U.S.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold. Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster”. The “Monongahela” went in commission at noon today with Captain Sands as commander. She is for the boys to learn in. Eggs 18 cents.

Mar 18 – Fair and not cold. Worked for U.S. There was a discharge of 7 or 8 carpenters last night. It is expected there will be 10 more sent home in a few days.

Mar 19 – Fair. Worked for U.S. The “Lancaster” went in commission at 1 o clock. She is commanded by Captain Sealey from League Island. There was but few mustered today.

Mar 20 – Dull and cold. Worked for U.S.

Mar 21 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for U.S. on the “Lancaster” but we did not accomplish much. They hauled the dock out and floated the “Leyden” and “Fortune” out. The crews are coming to “Lancaster”.

Mar 22 – Dull and rainy all day with plenty of mud. Sat by the fire and had a day of rest.

Mar 23 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard but no muster and came home at 11 after getting news. Went round to see the lot and about timber. Paid Joe Holmes \$11.85 for putting in the pipe last fall. The crew of the “Lancaster” came today.

Mar 24 – Dull in the morning. Worked for U.S. It cleared off at 1. There was a discharge of laborers and some others. Six carpenters were discharged. William Jackson and Charles Ridge were among them.

Mar 25 – Fair. Worked for U.S. They are busy getting the 3 ships ready for sea. The “Fortune” is a transport. The “Monongahela” is a training ship for boys. The “Lancaster” goes on a 3 year cruise to China. (USS Fortune was a steam-powered tugboat that served in the United States Navy intermittently from 1871 to 1922. She served as a harbor tug, fireboat, cargo transport, training ship.)

(USS Monongahela was a barkentine-rigged screw sloop-of-war that served in the Union Navy during the American Civil War. Her task was to participate in the Union blockade of the Confederate States of America. Post-war, she continued serving her country in various roles, such as that of a store ship and school ship.)

Mar 26 – Fair. Worked for U.S. finishing the “Lancaster”. She is to go to the East Indies through the Suez Canal.

Mar 27 – Fair, cool and muddy. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Lancaster” and was discharged at night with 5 other carpenters including 3 from each side of the river.

Mar 28 – Fair. Cutting firewood, Charles Yeaton helping. We got nearly half through and hope to finish Monday. At 5 went to town to market, Yeaton went with me. Abbie is ill with La Grippe. (La Grippe is an old fashioned name for the flu.)

Mar 29 – Fair, wind east. Did not go to church but sent wife and Lizzie to get the report. At 3 Guss Rand and wife called and he brought me 1 pack of early Hebron potatoes.

Mar 30 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Sawing wood, Charles Yeaton helping. We are getting well along with sawing. Horace Levi staked out a cellar for Herman O. in Joseph Odiorne's field. (Herman O. Trefethen was the son on Horace Levi and would be living on Sagamore Road a few hundred yards from Supply. I believe the woman holding the child is Anna Louise, Herman's wife and the baby would be their son Norris.)

Mar 31 – Fair and cold. Finished cutting wood this forenoon, Yeaton helping and hewed 2 pieces. They began digging the cellar for Herman this morning, 3 men.

Apr 1 – Fair and cool. Went to the navy yard and got my pay and tools and that took about all day. The prospect for carpenters is decidedly blue now. They continue the cellar.

Apr 2 – Fair and cool. This was Fast Day appointed by Governor Hiram Tuttle. At 9 went to the sea and got some mussels and a few clams. They are tearing the old Dow barn down to make room for the new. (The new barn is for Professor James Parsons who bought the Dow farm.)

Apr 3 – There was a regular northeast snow and rain storm all day with high wind. Oiling harness and making brackets for building staging.

Apr 4 – Fair and muddy. Building a wall in front of the house in the forenoon and getting ready to haul out manure. Went to town at 4 with Edith to get news and food.

Apr 5 – Fair and cool. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report. They had a Union Service at Baptist. At night John C. Webster came in.

Apr 6 – Fair. Hauling out manure, Charles Yeaton helping. We got out 28 loads and put on the grass. The selectmen were round taking the inventory. Benjamin Welsh is digging Herman's cellar.

Apr 7 – Fair and cold. Hauling out manure with Yeaton helping. Herman is getting along slowly with the digging of his cellar. There is much water in the trenches.

Apr 8 – Fair and cool. Hauling out manure, Yeaton helping. We hauled out in all about 75 loads and have finished for the year.

Apr 9 – Fair. Jobbing round in the forenoon and after dinner went with wife to lower pasture and put wall and bars. At 3:30 went to town and got notice to go on the yard tomorrow.

Apr 10 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. in the dry dock fitting blocking. The “Lancaster” has not sailed yet but is getting ready.

Apr 11 – Dull and wet most of the day. Worked for U.S. at getting the dock ready to take the “Galena” in to examine her bottom. She has been ashore on Gay Head but does not leak much. (USS Galena was a wooden armed steamer in commission in the United States Navy from 1880 to 1890. She had an active career in which she operated in the North Atlantic Squadron and South Atlantic Squadron)

Apr 12 – Fair after a rainy night. Sent Lizzie and Edith to church to get the report, Mr. Christy preached.

Apr 13 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock.

Apr 14 – Fair and very hot, 80. Worked for the U.S. If the “Galena” is not repaired the prospect is dark for work in our department this season.

Apr 15 – Dull and wet. But we were able to work in the dry dock and got it ready for the ship and were notified to stop at home until Monday, the 20th, when they will take the ship in. Eggs 16 cents.

Apr 16 – Fair. At home jobbing round the place trimming trees, building fences etc. They are going on with Herman’s cellar.

Apr 17 – Fair and warm with a west wind. Got Joseph William Odiorne to plow for me this morning. The farmers are getting in their early stuff and the weather seems favorable.

Apr 18 – Fair and warm. Planted my potatoes this forenoon. They were well started. At 3 went to town with wife to market. There is a new order at the yard that all bosses are discharged on June 1st.

Apr 19 – Fair and warm. Howard Frisbee called at 9. Sent wife and Edith to church, Mr. Holmes preached. They are talking about remodeling the church. At 2:30 Aunt Jane Gustin called.

Apr 20 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. The “Galena” was taken into the dry dock today and shored up. She is not found to be so badly damaged as was thought.

Apr 21 - Worked for the U.S. at building staging around the “Galena” getting ready to bare her to ascertain her needs for repairs. The “Lancaster” sailed today for New York.

Apr 22 – Warm. Worked for the U.S. on “Galena”. They are getting the Old Constitution ready for the “Colonial Ball” to be held April 30th. (This was a celebration of the vessel's overhaul in 1891. The event was sponsored by the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic and was held in Portsmouth).

Apr 23 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. in dry dock on the “GREENLEAF”. They are laying bricks on the new building for a machine shop.

Apr 24 – Dull with signs of rain but none came. Worked for U.S. on “Galena”. The prospect of repairing her is good although the secretary has not yet decided.

Apr 25 – Dull all day with snow squalls and very cold. Worked for U.S. at baring the “Galena”.

Apr 26 – Fair and cool. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report, Mr. Christy preached. Mr. Holmes expects to go away in May.

Apr 27 – Fair and cool with a north wind. Worked for U.S. at examining the “Galena”.

Apr 28 – Fair and cold and frost. Worked for U.S. on the “Galena”. Some of my potatoes are up and they have not been planted 2 weeks yet. Mrs. Mark R. Webster was buried today. (She was Mary Ann (Lang) Webster and the daughter of Richard Lang and Comfort (Foss) Lang. She died at 83 years of old age.)

Apr 29 – Fair and cold with a heavy frost but it is thought that vegetation is not hurt. There will be much blöth. Worked for U.S. in the dock on the “Galena”.

Apr 30 – Fair and warmer. Worked for U.S. This was the day for the “Colonial Ball” on board the Old Ship “Constitution.” There was a crowd and Governor Hiram A. Tuttle was there.

May 1 – Cool and fair. Worked for U.S. and have got well along with the survey. Tis said that they lost money at the Colonial Ball.

May 2 – Fair and cool. Worked for U.S. on the survey of the “Galena” and finished it and was discharged. They are expecting it will be approved and we shall soon go back to repair the ship.

May 3 – Dull with some rain which was needed as the ground was quite dry. My potatoes are up and will soon do to hoe.

May 4 – Fair and cold and heavy frost. Went to town and began painting my stable. Got the backside and one end done. Seal brown trimmings and yellow body.

May 5 – Fair and cold. Finished painting the stable and began over hauling timber. This has been a cold snap for trees and early potatoes as the buds are started and there is danger of freezing.

May 6 – Fair and cold. Over hauled the frame for the house in town and began striking.

May 7 – Cold and fair. Began framing the new house this morning, Milton Gardner and Horace helping. We got the sills of the addition and part of the main house on. (This is the Lincoln Avenue home.)

May 8 – Fair. Framing the first floor and got all the sills on and floor timber in and about 2/3 of the floor laid. Chauncey Woodman hauled up a load of boards and timber.

May 9 – Dull part of the day. Finished laying the floor and began making off the frame and got well started.

May 10 – Fair and warmer with a west wind. Sent wife and Edith to church to get the report. They say they are going to repair the church and put in new pews. At 4 went to New Castle to see houses. Called at Sam Odiorne's.

May 11 – Fair and warm. Worked at framing the body of the new house, Horace helping. We want to get ready to raise on Wednesday.

May 12 – Fair and cool. We about finished the framing and are ready to raise having made horses etc. and got things located for morning.

May 13 – We had some rain last night but it cleared off this morning and we raised the new house today. 4 men all told we got it all up except the end of the addition and some odd pieces. Got a horse of Beacham tonight.

May 14 – Fair and we began the boarding and got the first story covered and also got in the odd pieces of frame, 4 in all of gang, John Odiorne helping.

May 15 – Dull and chilly but no rain. Continued the boarding and the body is covered and about ready for the roof.

May 16 – Dull and rainy all day. We made bench and got out a part of the finish and between showers cut the rafters and got about ready for the roof at 3 today. Bob Pierce is having the Tibbett's house remodeled and torn to pieces.

May 17 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind. Did not go to church but had a day of rest.

May 18 – Fair and cold. Began putting on the roof and got all the rafters on and well started with the boarding.

May 19 – Fair and cool. Worked at boarding the roof and got all covered except the gable towards Mrs. B.'s and got the gutter on the east side and 2 courses of shingles. (Mrs. B is Mrs. Batchelder, the house next door.)

May 20 – Fair and mild. Working on the house and got the roof all boarded and half of one side shingled and part of the gutter on the side toward Mrs. Batchelder's. Chauncey Woodman hauled 2 ½ m (1000) bricks and a load of sand.

May 21 – Fair except slight showers. All hands shingling and made good progress.

May 22 – Got well along with shingling and got ready for fascia.

May 23 – Fair and not cold. The shingles are all on except the rakes and chimney space and we have got the planers and fascia on and are ready to finish rakes.

May 24 – Fair and cool. Turned out the cows for the first time this morning and they were glad to get out. Wife and Edith went to church to hear Rev. John E. Everingham. At 3 went to see Aunt Hannah. (Hannah Wallis (Locke) was the sister-in-law of Supply's mother and married to Joseph Jenness Berry who died in 1868. She is living with her son on Central Road across from the Central Cemetery.)

May 25 – Fair and cool. Working on the house and getting out the finish and began to put it on, Joe Green helping.

May 26 – Fair. Working in the house, John O. Berry helping. Shoveling out the cellar and made mortar for the chimney. Had a shower at 3.

May 27 – Fair and mild. Building the chimney, Herman O. and another man helping. Got them both up to the 3rd floor, John O. Berry tending.

May 28 – Fair and cool. Finished both chimneys today and all had a hard day's work. Joe Green was there and cut fancy shingles and odd jobs.

May 29 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked on the house at laying the floor on the 2nd story, Joe Green helping. Shingled up back of the other chimney.

May 30 – Fair after 8 but very muddy. This was Memorial Day and they had a procession in town. Worked on my house putting on the north end finish and shingled up the rake.

May 31 – Fair and warm. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Everingham. At 2:30 went with wife to Lafayette Road and to the Plains to see George Webber. Saw Joe Stoddard.

Jun 1 – Fair and cool. Working on the house and put the finish on the front end and shingled up rakes.

Jun 2 – Very hot in the forenoon with showers at 3. Getting out finish and putting on to the end of the addition, Joe Green helping.

Jun 3 – Fair most of the day. Worked all day on the gable of the addition and got on the fancy shingles, Joe Green helping.

Jun 4 – Rainy all last night and dull in the forenoon then cleared off. Worked on the house at getting out the saddle boards etc. and putting on the finish to the gable next to Mrs. B's.

Jun 5 – Fair. Worked on the house, John Odiorne helping. Got the gables all finished except shingling on the front end.

Jun 6 – Fair and cool. Working on the house and got the front end gable shingled and got on part of the saddle boards etc. and did up odd jobs.

Jun 7 – Fair with a west wind. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard a stranger preach at the Orthodox Church. At 3 went with wife to Sands and Foss Beach to see improvements.

Jun 8 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked on the house putting on fillets and bed moldings etc. Joe Green was painting and at 4 we began to put on the clapboards. (A fillet is an architectural feature.)

Jun 9 – Fair and hot. Worked on the house and got window frames and put in 3 to the 2nd story and put on corner boards and clapboards to the side of the addition. John Berry cleaned out the cellar and around the house and yard.

Jun 10 – Fair with a west wind and rather dry for the season. Worked on the house, John Odiorne and Joe Green helping.

Jun 11 – Fair and dry as usual. Worked on the house at clapboarding on the front end and down to the bottom of the windows. Joe Green was all my help.

Jun 12 – Fair and hot. Worked on the house, John Locke helping today and got one Bay window in the frame and mostly boarded. We clapboarded the western side by the stairway.

Jun 13 – Hot and dry. Worked on the house and have got the 2nd story clapboarded except one side of the addition and John Locke has got the front Bay window in the frame and partly boarded.

Jun 14 – Hot and dry. Did not go to church but sent the wife and Lizzie. A stranger preached and they liked him very well.

Jun 15 – Very hot, above 90 and we all sweat freely. John Locke was on the Bay windows. I was at work on window frames making casings etc.

Jun 16 – Hotter than ever, 95 in the shade. Working on the house. John Locke on the Bay windows. Putting on the finish and got the back door frame in. The window frames are all in.

Jun 17 – Dull with a cool northeast wind all day with signs of rain. Worked on the house with John Locke on the Bay windows and have got them well along. John Odiorne was clapboarding and at 3 we began to shingle the windows.

Jun 18 – Dull and rainy all day with wind from the northeast. Worked in the house framing off, laying floor and began the furring, John Odiorne helping. John Locke has gone to work for C. Norton on the court house.

Jun 19 – Dull and cool but not rainy so we finished shingling the Bay windows. The welcome rain has delayed haying 10 days or more.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm with east wind. Working on the house and made the front door frame and put it in. John Odiorne and Milton Gardner were clapboarding the addition.

Jun 21 – Fair in the forenoon but soon came up dull. Lizzie and Edith went to church to get a report. John Foss of Stratham was down to John Odiorne's.

Jun 22 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked in the house making the front door and John Odiorne was laying 2nd story floors and finished it.

Jun 23 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked on the house putting up front door head and got it done and clapboarded around.

Jun 24 – Fair but not hot. Worked on the house and finished the front except the base of the Bay window.

Jun 25 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house and about finished the front Bay window, Joe Green was helping today again.

Jun 26 – Fair and warm. Working on the house and finished the Bay window outside and got well along with clapboarding. William W. Tucker was painting the front and Joe Green and John Odiorne helped.

Jun 27 – Jul 2 Missing

Jul 3 – Dull in the morning but cleared off at 9 and John O. Berry came for $\frac{3}{4}$ day. I went to town with Edith to market and got home at 10:30 and we got in 6 loads of hay. 4 from the corner field, 1 from the back of the house and 1 in front of the house.

Jul 4 – The glorious 4th but not a hay day. We had a shower in the morning and clouds all day so I had a day of rest. At 3 went with Jim Haley to see Herman's house. He and Joseph were putting on the Bay windows.

Jul 5 – Dull and cloudy all day with showers. Dick Miller, William Raynes and 2 others called and got some cider. One was from New Zealand. H. Frisbee called at 9:30. Wife and Edith went to church.

Jul 6 – Fair. Cut the further field and finished cutting the thirds. Got in one load from there and raked up all we had cut. At night went to town to pay the Knights of Honor \$3.30 and to market.

Jul 7 – Fair in the forenoon but not so very drying. Cut all in front of Charles, Chauncey Woodman helping. Got in all from the further field and in front of the house and raked up the other. A heavy rain came on at night.

Jul 8 – Dull in the morning till 9 when John Berry came and we cut all above the barn but did not trouble any other as it was not drying.

Jul 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared away and I went to raking around the ditches. John Berry cut the willow field and finished cutting. We tended the hay well and had a very good day and cleaned up in front of Charles, got in 6 loads.

Jul 10 – Fair and the best hay day we have had so far. So we labored hard and finished haying and we got in 9 loads, 7 above the barn and 2 in the willow field. This ending the haying for 1891 making 32 loads in all.

Jul 11 – Fair and good hay weather. Jobbing round and mowing by the road, washing wagon, storing tools etc. At 3 went to town with wife to market.

Jul 12 – Generally fair with some clouds. Went to church with wife and heard a stranger preach from John. Called to see Elizabeth. John Webster called at 4:30. There was much riding.

Jul 13 – Fair and good hay weather. Jobbing round put Paris green on potatoes and cleaned the wagon ready for painting.

Jul 14 – Fair as usual. Edith helped me to paint my wagon.

Jul 15 – Fair and warm. Varnished my wagon and got it ready to use when it is dry.

Jul 16 – Fair and warm. Began work again on the house at making cellar stairs. Got them done and got ready to build chamber stairs.

Jul 17 – Fair as usual. Worked on chamber stairs and got them well along. Wife and Edith were up to clean up the house.

Jul 18 – Fair in the morning but soon came up dull and at 3 rain came down slowly. Worked in the house on Lincoln Avenue building the attic stairs. Called at Gardner's.

Jul 19 – Showers last night and dull this morning. Lizzie and Edith went to church. There has been more riding today than any day before.

Jul 20 – Fair. Working in the house and finished the attic stairs and got ready to put up the front stairs.

Jul 21 – Finished the front stairs and began the attic floor, it is a single floor planed and matched.

Jul 22 – Laying the attic floor and got well along. Frank Libby called and wanted to fur and lathe it but did not make a bargain then. There is to be a wedding at Charles E. Boynton's tomorrow. (Boynton's home can be seen on the 1892 map seen earlier).

Jul 23 – Fair. Finished attic floor and lined out the rooms on the first floor and got ready to set partitions. At night was notified to go on the yard tomorrow to work on the ship "Kearsarge".

Jul 24 – Dull and rain came on at 10. Began to work again for the U.S. on the ship "Kearsarge" putting in the main channels, William Hunter helping. She is in commission and all the men are aboard.

Jul 25 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. on "Kearsarge". There are now 14 carpenters in construction which is a very small gang. They have been examining the bosses this week for the different places.

Jul 26 – Fair but not very hot. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Marshall at the Christian church. Howard Frisbee called in the morning.

Jul 27 – Fair and cool for the season. This has been the coldest July for 20 years they say. Worked for U.S.

Jul 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for U.S. The crops all over the country are said to be heavy. Wheat is more than ever also corn and potatoes are abundant and will be cheap.

Jul 29 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind. Worked for U.S. The most of them were sent home at noon.

Jul 30 – Fair. Worked for U.S. on the "Kearsarge" putting on new channels. She is to go into the dry dock next week to examine the bottom.

Jul 31 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off and we had a good day. Worked for U.S. on the ship. All the bosses were to be discharged tonight but late at night they got the news by telegraph of their appointment.

Aug 1 – Fair and not very hot. Worked for U.S. on the "Kearsarge" and finished channels. The foremen have been reappointed except 2 or 3. Joseph Gardner has gotten Christie's place as boss painter. Had a calf today from the old cow.

Aug 2 – Fair and warm. No one went to church. At 11 went with wife to the cemetery. There was much riding with a great deal of beach travel and came back.

Aug 3 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for U.S. They took the "Kearsarge" into the dry dock today at noon without accident.

Aug 4 – Fair. Worked for U.S. on the “Kearsarge” at building staging around the stern of the ship. The black heifer calved today.

Aug 5 – Fair and cool. Worked for U.S. at repairing copper on the shoe, William Hunter, William Wheren and “Wint” Dame helping. There is not much to be done to the ship otherwise.

Aug 6 – Fair and not very hot. Worked for U.S. The sailors live on board the ship while in the dock as usual.

Aug 7 – Fair. Worked for U.S. at patching copper on the shoe of the “Kearsarge”. They have been talking of taking her out of the dock tomorrow but cannot get ready.

Aug 8 – Fair. Worked for U.S. on the “Kearsarge”. We have gone ½ the length of the keel. They are putting in new “hold down bolts” for the boilers.

Aug 9 – Fair and warm. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Marshall preach from the text “What so ever a man soweth that shall he also reap”. At 4 George Webber and Charles Shannon called.

Aug 10 – Fair. Worked for U.S. in dry dock repairing the keel copper.

Aug 11 – Fair and hot. Worked for U.S. The “Kearsarge” was taken out of dock today.

Aug 12 – Fair and very dry and we hear reports of potato rot. Worked for U.S. at wedging the fore mast of the “Kearsarge”.

Aug 13 – Fair and hot. Worked for U.S. At night sold a heifer to George S. Webber for \$28.50 and he took her away tonight. (George S. Webber is a ship carpenter living on Greenland road in Portsmouth.)

Aug 14 – Fair and warm and dusty. Worked for U.S. at wedging the mast. There is a great amount of travel through Rye of summer visitors. Wife is sick with pain in the arm.

Aug 15 – Dull with rain at noon and at night. Worked for U.S. on the “Kearsarge” and finished. Six workers were discharged for want of work.

Aug 16 – Fair after the rain of last night. Lizzie and Edith went to church. Went down to see Grammy at night.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm. Dug 6 bushels of potatoes and put in the cellar and at 3 picked 3 bushels of red Astrachan apples and carried them to town but had hard work to sell them at 50 cents per bushel.

Aug 18 – Fair and hot and dry. Went to town and worked on the house setting partitions, John Odiorne helping.

Aug 19 – Hot and fair with a shower at night. Worked on the house and got well along with the studding in the first story.

Aug 20 – Fair and dusty. Worked on the house getting ready to lath and made a bargain with Frank Libby to lath it for me.

Aug 21 – Fair and hot. Worked in the house and we have been in the 2nd story today.

Aug 22 – Dull in the morning. Carried 2 bushels of apples to market at 50 cents per bushel. Worked in the house. At night got pay for the heifer, \$28.50 and also my pay at the yard, \$39.50.

Aug 23 – Fair and hot with plenty of dust. Sent Lizzie and Edith to church. At 3 Mrs. James Hall and son-in-law called and got cider and apples and at 5 George Webber and Mrs. Tripp called and we went to Foss Beach. (James's wife is Martha and their daughter Emma is married to George A. Pond.)

Aug 24 – Fair. Worked on my house on Lincoln Avenue, John Odiorne helping. Frank Libby began lathing today. He is to lath it for \$18.00.

Aug 25 – Fair and hot. Worked on the house and we have gotten the furring about done.

Aug 26 – Showery and very hot. Began on the piazza on the west side of the house. Libby finished the 2nd story lathing today. Almy the murderer at Hanover, New Hampshire has been caught in the hay mow. (On the night of July 18, 1891 as Mrs. Warden, her two daughters and a neighbor, a woman, were returning home along a lonely road. Frank Almy appeared suddenly before them with a cocked revolver, seized Christie, terrified the others with the weapon, except the younger sister, who risked her life and stood her ground, though shot at several times, but Almy finally managed to draw his victim into the woods, where he shot her to death. Then he hid in the barn and remained there a month before discovery.)

Aug 27 – Fair with a south wind. Worked on the house and getting along very well.

Aug 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked on the house piazza and finished shingling.

Aug 29 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Worked on the piazza and got the roof all done and also finished clapboarding. John Odiorne worked all week and Libby has got most of the lathing done.

Aug 30 – Dull all day with a northeast wind. Edith and Martha Rand went to church. Rain came on at 4 with a prospect of a rainy night.

Aug 31 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house at furring and on piazza, John Odiorne helping.

Sep 1 – Fair and warm and dry. Worked on the house, Libby finishing the lathing and we got the grounds about all on and John Odiorne got home. Went to the yard to register.

Sep 2 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house at painting etc. I went to get the plastering done.

Sep 3 – Fair. Went to the yard to finish registering for employment under a new order from the department. Worked on the house part of the day.

Sep 4 – Fair and hot. Stayed at home and dug up potatoes and had in all about 15 bushels. They are very plentiful this year and sell at the depot for 50 cents per bushel.

Sep 5 – Wind northeast and at 3 rain came on and continued through the night. Worked on the house and closed up one door in the pantry and made an opening.

Sep 6 – Dull and wet all day but not much rain. No going to church and but little riding as the season of boarding is about over.

Sep 7 – Dull but no rain. Worked on the house finishing round the windows of the addition.

Sep 8 – Dull and wet. Working on the house and put in the attic windows and other odd jobs.

Sep 9 – Fair. Worked at getting ready for making mortar and built pen etc.

Sep 10 – Fair. Working in the house making the shutters to be used after plastering. Expect to make the mortar tomorrow. Wife was visiting at James P. Miller's. I was there to dinner.

Sep 11 – Fair and warm and dry. Making mortar with an Irishman helping.

Sep 12 – Fair and hot. We finished making the mortar used 4 casks of lime and it is now ready for use. At night John Flagg came down from Portsmouth to hire my stable there but have it in use.

Sep 13 – Fair and warm. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get the report. Howard Frisbee called at 9:30 to talk about the navy yard. Etc. Guss Steverson, Boss Boat Builder is discharged for stealing.

Sep 14 – Fair and dry. Worked in the house. This is the driest season for 8 or 10 years and many wells are going out.

Sep 15 – Fair and warm. Began work of William Evans getting ready and laying a hardwood floor in the dining room. (William is living at 5 South road in Portsmouth.)

Sep 16 – Fair and dry and very dusty. Worked for Evans. He is on the yard in the navy store and has been there 2 years and more.

Sep 17 – Fair and very hot. Worked for Evans at laying hardwood floor in the dining room. Got it mostly laid and shall have to smooth etc. tomorrow.

Sep 18 – Fair and hot. Finished work for Evans and carried my tools to the house.

Sep 19 – Fair and warm. Worked in the stable in turn getting out inside finish. The plastering is not done yet.

Sep 20 – Fair and very dry. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Everingham preach about missions and wanted a liberal contribution next Sunday. At 3 went to visit the Life Station at Wallis Sands.

Sep 21 – Fair, dry and hot. Worked on the house. The mason, George Hanson began the plastering today and got on the parlor chamber and the other large chamber.

Sep 22 – Fair and very hot. Worked on the house and the plastering is going on well.

Sep 23 – Fair and very hot. Had to get lime and sand for the skimming. The second story is all on and the main hall below. Henry Grover is tending.

Sep 24 – Fair and hot with a southwest wind. William Henry Hackett died this morning at 8. Worked on the house. The first coat of mortar is on except the dining room, kitchen and pantry. (William Henry was a lawyer from Portsmouth and was the son of the Hon. William Henry Young Hackett.)

Sep 25 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked on the house. They finished the first coat of plastering today and are ready for the 2nd coat of skim.

Sep 26 – Fair and dry. Working on the house. The plasterers began the skim coat today and got over 2/3 of the 2nd story. At night Charles W. Norton asked me to work on the Court House Monday.

Sep 27 – Fair and warm. Wife and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Everingham preach on temperance. At 4 John Odiorne and wife Lucy went home. (They were living between Horace Levi Trefethen and John Varrell on Sagamore Road at the bottom of the hill.)

Sep 28 – Fair and very dry. Began today to work for Charles W. Norton on the new County Court House. Now building by him by contract in Portsmouth and they are now boarding the roof.

Sep 29 – Fair and warm. Worked on the court house. Hanson is skimming my house and expects to get done tomorrow.

Sep 30 – Fair and dry. Worked on the court house. Hanson and Dame finished the skimming of the house and I paid \$35.00 and settled making \$55.00 for putting on the mortars.

Oct 1 – Fair and hot. Worked on the court house for Norton. Had my windows hauled out to the house ready to put in.

Oct 2 – Fair and dry. Worked on the court house boarding the roof. John Odiorne worked for me putting the windows in my house and got them all in but 3.

Oct 3 – Fair and warm as usual. Worked for Norton on the court house making one week and received \$15.00. Rode up with John Locke. Mr. Eben W. Lang is very sick with dysentery. (Ebenezer Wallis Lang is living on Lang's Corner where Wallis and Sagamore Roads meet.)

Oct 4 – Fair, hot and dry. Edith and Martha Rand went to church to get the report. At 3 went with wife to see Professor Boyce new house where his brother-in-law is helping to build.

Oct 5 – Fair and very dry. There are 6 or 7 families who got water from the spring in the Varrell pasture. Worked on the house and rode with John Locke.

Oct 6 - Fair as usual. Worked on the court house.

Oct 7 – Fair and cool. Worked on the court house. Horace and Sam Odiorne are at work for Frank Boyce on his new house near Pine Tree Bridge. (The Frank F. Boyce house can be seen on the 1892 Rye map on Pioneer Road.)

Oct 8 – Rainy in the morning. Rode with John Locke in his carriage. We had a good day at work on the court house.

Oct 9 –Fair and cooler. Worked on the court house.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool. Worked on the court house. they are getting ready to put in the water pipes and also gas pipes. John O. Berry picked some apples for me today.

Oct 11 – Fair in the morning then came up dull but not much rain. Went to church and heard a Mr. Ridland in the new church from here he went on his way rejoicing. Mr. Lang is no better and Joseph Holmes is quite sick.

Oct 12 – Fair and cool. Worked on the court house. The weather is mild for October and nearly all fair. We have had no rain to speak of since the first of September.

Oct 13 – (Ebenezer Wallis Lang died on this day. He was the son of Richard and Comfort (Foss) Lang. He was 89 years old.)

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Oct 19 – Fair. Worked on the court house for Charles Norton.

Oct 20 – Rainy and wind northeast. Worked for Norton. The Supreme Court began business today in Portsmouth and tis said there are not many cases to be tried.

Oct 21 – Dull and cloudy but no rain. Worked on the new court house.

Oct 22 – Dull and wet in the morning but no rain to speak of. Worked on the court house. At noon went up to see the Whipple School house about which so much fault is found. Tis said to be unsafe and I think so.

Oct 23 – Fair and cold with a north wind and dry. Worked for Norton and rode with John Locke and Salter.

Oct 24 – Fair with a cold north wind. Worked for Norton on the court house. He discharged 3 tonight to reduce the gang.

Oct 25 – Fair and cool. Edith and Flossie Tucker went to church and heard Mr. Everingham. Howard Frisbee called at 10. At 3:30 Charles O. Hanscom and wife Ann called to get apples. Called on Grammy at 5:30. (Flossie Tucker is 5 years old and is living with her grandfather, George Leroy Trefethen. Her parents and siblings are also living there on Wallis Road.)

Oct 26 – Fair and cool. Worked for Norton at “furring” in the main court room with William Mace.

Oct 27 – Fair with cool morning. Worked on the court house.

Oct 28 – Fair and cool. Worked on the court house.

Oct 29 – Fair with frosty morning. Worked on the court house. Charles Yeaton cut and got in a load of bedding for the horse and picked some apples. Robert S. Foss died today. (Robert was the son of Richard and Eliza (Shapley) Foss. He enlisted in the army in Sept. 1862 and fought with the 13th infantry. He survived the war and mustered out in Jun. 1865.)

Oct 30 – Fair and warmer. Worked on the court house. Charles Yeaton picked apples and cut wood.

Oct 31 – Fair and very warm so we sweat freely. Worked for Norton on the court house and tonight was “laid off” for a time until after plastering. Robert Foss was buried today, age 66 ½ years.

Nov 1 – Fair and warm for the season. West wind and still very dry. The fire in the great swamp is still burning. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Everingham.

Nov 2 – Fair with a north wind and cool. Stayed at home jobbing round, picking apples etc. At night went to town and carried 2 barrels of apples to William Jackson at \$2.00 per barrel.

Nov 3 – Fair and cool with a northeast wind. At home hauling wood and hemlock brush for banking, Edith helping. (Banking is winterizing around the base of the home.)

Nov 4 – Fair and cool with a northeast wind. Hauling wood and brush for banking. Got in boards from the lane and fixing up a little for winter. Wife went to see Irvin Seavey.

Nov 5 – Fair and cool. Trimming grape vines for winter etc. At 3 went to town with the wife to see about work and to see William Evans. Saw Sugden Brothers and expect to work for them. (Robert Sugden was born in Portsmouth, in May, 1871, his brother; John, who is his partner, being the older, born in 1868. Robert with his brother subsequently engaged in a general contracting business which they carried until 1899.)

Nov 6 – Fair and cool. Went up in the morning to see Sugden Brothers and went to work for them at noon on a horse. They are building for Benjamin Franklin Webster near Morris Foye’s new house. William Hunter works with me. (Webster’s home is on the corner of Broad and Highland.)(Benjamin Webster flourished as a building contractor. At his death, Webster was the largest owner of real estate in the city.)

Nov 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for Sugden Brothers on the house for Webster. Captain Yates was buried today at 11. He was executive officer of the navy yard and died last Wednesday of heart failure.

Nov 8 – Fair and mild with a north wind. Howard Frisbee called at 9:30. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Everingham. George S. Webber and his daughter Agnes called. He has been sick for 5 weeks with a cold.

Nov 9 – Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for Sugden at framing the house for Webster. There has not been a time in many years when water was as scarce as now in this vicinity.

Nov 10 – Fair in the morning then came up dull but no rain. Worked for Sugden. We were getting the sills on.

Nov 11 – Dull all day and foggy and wet but we worked all day and rain came on at 5:30 quite freely.

Nov 12 – Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for Sugden. We had a nice rain last night which was very much needed. Irvin Seavey sent up and got my apples and barrels to make my cider.

Nov 13 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Sugden.

Nov 14 – Fair and warm. Worked for Sugden on the house on Highland Street, Portsmouth, building for Ben F. Webster. Got my cider today, cost \$2.00 per barrel.

Nov 15 – Total eclipse of the moon tonight. Fair and cool. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Everingham. At noon saw the Congregational Church, the fresco painters are at work. At 2 went to the Red House to see Joe Stoddard.

Nov 16 – Fair and cool. Worked for Sugden.

Nov 17 – Dull and rainy in the morning then held up and we worked $\frac{1}{4}$ day in the forenoon and $\frac{1}{4}$ day in the afternoon but there was not much rain fell.

Nov 18 – Fair and cold. Worked for Sugden making partitions and getting ready to raise. There is signs of an old cold winter.

Nov 19 – Cold and fair. Worked for Sugden and began to raise today. Got the posts and girts up for the 2nd story.

Nov 20 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Sugden on the house for Ben F. Webster.

Nov 21 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden. John S. Hobbs, the insurance man, called while I was at work and paid him \$10.30 for 2 years insurance ending last September.

Nov 22 – Fair and mild as summer. Edith and Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Everingham.

Nov 23 – Fair and mild for the season. Frosty in the morning but soon was warm. Worked for Sugden on Webster's house getting ready to put on the top flooring.

Nov 24 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden. Frank C. Almy was convicted of the murder of Christie Warden at Hanover and is to be hung December 6th, 1892.

Nov 25 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden. It is as mild as September and he was very anxious for us to work tomorrow but all want a day of Thanksgiving.

Nov 26 – Fair in the morning and mild but soon came up cloudy. This was Thanksgiving Day and we had a turkey dinner and John and Emily Webster were down to dinner He is as lame as ever.

Nov 27 – Fair after a rainy night and we worked for Sugden. The most rain fell last night then for any rain for 2 months. So people will not cry for water anymore now.

Nov 28 – Dull but not cold. At night we had a snow squall and cold enough to freeze. Worked for Sugden making 5 days this week and received \$12.50.

Nov 29 – Dull and cold in the morning with a little snow on the ground and ½ an inch of frost but cleared off at 11. Lizzie and Edith went to church to get the report.

Nov 30 – Fair and cold and the ground is merely frozen about 2 inches. Worked for Sugden. At night got a barrel of flour of Russell for \$6.00.

Dec 1 – Fair and more mild. Worked for Sugden. It seems we have had the most fair weather this year that I ever knew. There are no rainy days as there generally was.

Dec 2 – Fair and warm again and thawing with mud. Worked for Sugden. They are to build a house for Lydston on the corner of Broad Street and Lincoln Ave. (The Lydston house can be seen on the 1892 Portsmouth map and is down the street from Supply's home.)

Dec 3 – Fair and warm. All frost and ice have gone again and we have muddy September weather again. Worked for Sugden.

Dec 4 – Dull and cloudy with slight rain. Worked for Sugden.

Dec 5 – Fair and mild with a west wind. The grass is as green as September and no ice or frost. Worked for Sugden on the house for Ben F. Webster.

Dec 6 – Fair and very mild, no frost last night. Howard Frisbee called at 10 and he is at work in the yard. Lizzie and Edith went to church.

Dec 7 – Dull and somewhat wet. We worked for Sugden ¼ of a day. Charles Trefethen has been sick for some days but is better now.

Dec 8 – Fair with wind northwest. Worked for Sugden. Henry Rand has a horse that broke his leg or foot today and they think it is spoiled and will be a dead loss.

Dec 9 – Fair and mild and freezing slightly at night. Worked for Sugden on the house for Webster. Henry Rand was obliged to kill his horse.

Dec 10 – Fair and mild as usual which is very unusual for this season of the year. Worked for Sugden putting on gutter. They were getting the sills on for the Lydston house, Horace began there today.

Dec 11 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden on the house for Benjamin Franklin Webster. Herman Trefethen and Louisa Odiorne were married last night and occupied their new house.

Dec 12 – Fair and mild as May. Worked for Sugden on the Webster house. Horace has been at work 3 days. Little Flossie Tucker broke her arm last night while at play.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild with a west wind. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Everingham. Went in to see Charles Trefethen and he is much better today he says. They say that Hanson Seavey is to move back to his farm from Lynn, Massachusetts.

Dec 14 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for Sugden at shingling the front of the Webster house.

Dec 15 – Dull in the morning. Snow came down at 10 and continued most of the day. Worked for Sugden at shingling and furring. William Goss died yesterday at age 88. His sister, Mrs. Ira Rand is very sick. (William was the son of Thomas and Sarah (Marden) Goss.)

Dec 16 – Dull and wet in the morning but soon cleared off and not very cold. There is about 1 ½ inches of snow on the ground. Worked for Sugden. Charles F's wife Dolly is quite sick.

Dec 17 – Cold with strong northwest wind. Worked for Sugden but it was a rough day for shingling and only a part of the gang was there.

Dec 18 – Fair and more mild. Worked for Sugden ¾ of a day. By night it was warm as before the cold snap.

Dec 19 – Fair and mild and some mud. Worked for Sugden at shingling. Morris C. Foye took dinner in his new house today with his father Orin and Sophia as guests.

Dec 20 – Fair in the forenoon then clouds came up. Edith and I went to church and heard Reverend John Goss preach from Corinthians, 3rd chapter last 3 verses about what constitutes riches. The Congregations Church is nearly done and the pews are in.

Dec 21 – Fair and not cold. Shingling for Sugden on Highland Street. Bob Pierce and wife are moving in to their new house on Miller Avenue. The "Tibbetts House" so called.

Dec 22 – Dull and cloudy all day. Worked for Sugden. They say Christmas is coming and it will be bare ground. The "Grippe" is prevailing again. In 1890 they were getting in ice more than 1 foot thick at this time.

Dec 23 – Rainy most of the day. Worked for Sugden but they did not work on the Lydston house on Lincoln Avenue.

Dec 24 – Dull all day and rain came on at 3. Worked for Sugden on the house for Webster on Highland Street. Business is not very good generally but we have mild weather. William W. Tucker had a son born yesterday. (His son is Joseph Wallis Tucker. He has 5 children at this time with his wife Mary Gilman Trefethen.)

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and mild and muddy with no frost in the ground. It rained about all last night and we now have plenty of water. We had a roast beef dinner and all ate hearty.

Dec 26 – Dull all day and rain came on at 3. Worked for Sugden making 5 days this week. There was a plenty of mud when we came home.

Dec 27 – Fair and cool with a slight freeze last night. Did not go to church but sent Lizzie and Edith to get a report of the sermon.

Dec 28 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden at finishing round the top of the house.

Dec 29 – Cloudy but not cold with signs of rain. Worked for Sugden.

Dec 30 – Rainy all day with a southeast wind veering to the northwest. Worked for Sugden at furring. When I came home at night I found the old poplar tree had been blown down by the northwest gale.

Dec 31 – Cold with a west wind. Worked for Sugden at furring and finishing the dormer window

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Jan 1 – Fair most of the day but rain came on at 3. Worked for Sugden in Portsmouth on the house for Benjamin F. Webster at shingling.

Jan 2 – Fair and mild. Worked for Sugden. Mud is plenty and the frost is all out again so that plowing can be done if need be. At night rain came down.

Jan 3 – Fair and mild. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Everingham about unity and love. Ephesians 4 and verse 3. There was not a large turnout it being very muddy. William Raynes is dead in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Jan 4 – Fair and cool. Worked for Sugden at shingling.

Jan 5 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Sugden. William T. Raynes was brought from Lowell today and buried at 3 pm. the funeral was at their house on Daniel Street. Wife went up to assist. He was 32 years old. (William was the son of George and Clara (Tucker) Raynes.)

Jan 6 – Dull and cold and snow came on at 11 furiously. Worked for Sugden.

Jan 7 – Fair. After the snow storm we have 3 inches of snow and some go in sleighs. Worked for Sugden. There was a schooner wrecked on Wallis Sands yesterday and the lifesaving crew had a rough time saving the crew of 5 men. John O. Berry was among the rescuers.

Jan 8 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Sugden at clapboarding the Webster house.

Jan 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for Sugden on the Lydston house shingling.

Jan 10 – Fair and not cold and not good sleighing. Went to church with Lizzie and heard Mr. Everingham. The Congregational Society are to rededicate their church next Thursday.

Jan 11 – Cold with a northeast snow storm all day but not much snow fell. Went to town but did not work. Repaired the sleigh. William Moses died at 1 this morning. Guss Caswell called and got 11 hens at 6 cent per lb. live. (William was the son of James and Mary (Odiorne) Moses.)

Jan 12 – Dull with rain in the forenoon. Went to town to get the news. Saw George Webber and he was inquiring about the Odd Fellows State of Relief Association.

Jan 13 – Dull and wet and foggy. Went to town at 3 to get the news. William Moses was buried today. Got a pair of rubber boots for \$2.50. Mrs. Adeline (Cook) Spear died yesterday. (She was the wife of Samuel Spear.)

Jan 14 – Dull and rainy most of the day. The remodeled Congregational Church was rededicated today. Reverend Jeremiah K. Aldrich preached the sermon. He was assisted by Mr. Haynes. The house is much improved.

Jan 15 – Dull with rain in the morning and soon turning to snow and continued all day.

Jan 16 – Fair with some snow but bad sleighing. Went to town with wife to market. Sleighs and wagon are used. There is some talk of war with Chile.

Jan 17 – Fair and not cold. Went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach in the Congregational Church and assisted by Rev. John E. Everingham.

Jan 18 – Dull with some snow. Went to mill and got boards planed for the finish of the new house on Lincoln Avenue.

Jan 19 – Dull and snowy all day. Worked in the new house cleaning out dry mortar and set up the stove and began getting out the finish.

Jan 20 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Working on the house on Lincoln Avenue making the door frames and getting out baseboards etc. Eliza is better today. She has been quite sick with a cold.

Jan 21 – Fair and cold. Worked in my house putting in door frames and baseboards in place in the 2nd story. At night went with wife to see Mary O. Rand, wife of Henry S. She was but just alive. (Mary Olivia (Trefethen) Rand is Supply's niece and the daughter of Joseph P. and Olivia (Marden)

Jan 22 – Cold and cloudy. Worked in the house. Mary (Trefethen) Rand died last night at 10, aged 48 years and 10 months. She was the daughter of Joseph P. Trefethen. She had been sick only about 10 days and was not thought to be dangerously sick till 2 days ago.

Jan 23 – Cloudy in the morning but soon cleared off and warmer. Worked on my house putting in finish on the 2nd story. There is much sickness in all parts of the world of what they call "La Grippe" and many die.

Jan 24 – Fair in the morning then some snow in the afternoon. Went to Mary Rand's funeral at 1 o'clock with wife. She was carried to the tomb at Portsmouth. There was a large funeral and Fannie Ayers came from Everett.

Jan 25 – Bad sleighing. Fair and not cold. Worked in my house. Jedidiah Rand was buried from the church today, he was 83 years old. (He was living with his son Thomas W. Rand on Washington Road at Rye Center.)

Jan 26 – Fair in the forenoon then came up cold and squally and furious wind. Worked in my house finishing. The boiler for the County Court House is being set and they will soon be plastering.

Jan 27 – Fair and very cold. Did not go up to work till 11. There is not snow enough for sleighing so we have to go in wheels. The icemen are beginning to smile. The ice has grown 12 inches thick and they will soon begin to cut.

Jan 28 – Fair and more mild. Worked on my house hanging the outside doors. Emery Woodman called. James T. Furber, manager of the Boston and Maine Railroad is dead. Many are sick with the Grippe.

Jan 29 – Cold and squally with flurries of snow. Worked in the house at fitting and painting the windows after getting all the outside doors hung and painted.

Jan 30 – Fair after the morning. Went in sleigh but there was not much snow. Worked on my house on the windows. The ice folks are beginning to cut ice for storage. Orin Foye is putting in today.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold. Good wheeling but no one went to church past here. At night the weather was much warmer.

Feb 1 – Fair but there were signs of storm at night. Worked in the house on Lincoln Avenue.

Feb 2 – Cold and rough. Worked in the house and have got all the window in the 2nd story and hung with weights and am getting ready to finish the lower story.

Feb 3 – Cold as winter. Worked in the house at getting out baseboards for the first floor and other odd jobs. There is no sleighing. The ice crop is farming and is about 12 inches thick.

Feb 4 – Dull and snowy all day. Worked in the house at putting down baseboards in the 1st story. Went in the sleigh so had good sleighing coming home. At night Ella Rand was here to play cards. They were getting ready to cut ice.

Feb 5 – Fair and very good sleighing. Worked in the house at getting 1st story windows ready to hang. Wife and Lizzie called at 3:30 and also went in to see Mrs. Batchelder. They are storing ice at Grover's pond. (Mrs. Batchelder is living on Lincoln Ave. next door to Supply's new house.)

Feb 6 – They are storing ice at Grover's. Fair and cold. Worked in the house doing up odd jobs. Got the door frames and put them together ready to set. Have now got ready to hang 1st story windows.

Feb 7 – Cold and fair with not very good sleighing. Had a day of rest. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Rev. Jeremiah Aldrich preach. There is some talk of the warden's hiring him again; he was here 16 years ago.

Feb 8 – Dull all day with a northeast wind. Worked in the house at hanging windows in the 1st story. Aunt Hannah Berry was 97 yesterday and today and tonight they had a reception. Wife and I went over to see her and she was as well as usual. (Hannah W. (Locke) Berry is Supply's mother's sister-in-law and his aunt. She was the wife of Joseph Jenness Berry who died in 1868.)

Feb 9 – Dull and snowy all day. Worked in my house setting the door frames and putting down baseboards in the 1st story. The ice men have filled both houses at the Grover pond and tomorrow are going to work on the new pond in Portsmouth.

Feb 10 – Fair and pleasant all day and at night. Worked in my house. The sleighing is perfect. At night went up to John Seavey's to spend the evening.

Feb 11 – A regular northeast snow storm all day. The snow was wet and stuck to everything. Henry Wendell's mother Olivia was buried today. Worked in my house and put down baseboards in the cook room. (His mother was Olivia (Simes) Wendell, wife of Abraham Quincy Wendell.)

Feb 12 – Fair after an all-night storm and everything was covered with crusted snow and it was hard work to shovel out and get started again with nearly 1 foot of snow and bad sleighing. At noon went with wife to town. She stopped at Mrs. Raynes.

Feb 13 – Very cold and windy. Went up at 8 and worked in my house at getting out the front stairs. Got all the "Risers and treads". This was a regular winter day.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold with not good sleighing and only few went to church. I had a day of rest and was not very well. At night had improved very much.

Feb 15 – Mild and thawy all day with soft sleighing. Went to town to build my front stairs. Wife went to clean up the rooms. I was on the sick list but am better tonight. They are getting ready to haul ice to town

Feb 16 – Fair and much colder. Went to town and worked on my front stairs, got all up but 4. Israel Schurman is hauling ice to town with 20 teams and good sledding.

Feb 17 – Very cold all day, the coldest of the season with high wind. Worked on my house building the front stairs. Got them done except the moldings. The Congregational Society have a festival tonight. Martha Rand is here.

Feb 18 – Fair and cold. Had to stay at home in the forenoon and repair the sleigh. Went up and finished my front stairs. Soon I want to begin laying the floors. Business is dull in Portsmouth and I want to get my work done now.

Feb 19 – Fair but not cold. Worked in the house at hanging Bay windows. Afternoon wife was up and called to see Mrs. Martha Hall. She is to move to Allston, Massachusetts with her son-in-law soon. (Her son-in-law is George A. Pond and her daughter is Emma.)

Feb 20 – Dull all day with no rain. Worked in my house and finished hanging windows and began to finish pantry. The sleighing is good.

Feb 21 – Dull all day with no rain. Did not go to church but sat by the fire and read the news. Few went to church and some sleigh riders were out.

Feb 22 – Fair with signs of a storm. Worked in my house and doing up odd jobs. Hope soon to get the floors down.

Feb 23 – Dull but no storm. Went to town with boards to mill for the floors and began laying the parlor floor.

Feb 24 – Dull with some rain. Hauled some more boards to the house for the floors and finished the parlor and began the sitting room. The sleighing is bad.

Feb 25 - Dull and cloudy all day. Worked at laying the floor in the house. Martha Hall is to move to Allston, Massachusetts with her daughter Emma. We called to see them and also to see Jake Christenson.

Feb 26 – Drama at town hall. Thawing and muddy. Worked in the house at laying floors, finished the dining room. Henry P. Varrell cut his instep today while chopping for Orin Foye. At night went to town hall. (Henry is living with his mother, Margaret in the Old Varrell house on Sagamore Road. He is 20 years old.)

Feb 27 – Cold, windy and rough traveling. Worked in my house at putting the moldings around the doors. They are now ready to plaster the court house and will begin on Monday.

Feb 28 – Cold north wind with some snow blinks. Did not go to church. It was too cold so we sat by the fire and read the papers, about in number. ("Snow blink" is a bright white glare on the underside of clouds, produced by the reflection of light from a snow-covered surface.)

Feb 29 – Dull all day with a northeast wind and cold. Worked in my house at putting moldings around the door and got them done and ready for the windows.

Mar 1 – Dull with a northeast wind all day and very cold. Worked in my house in town at putting moldings round the windows and got them about done. It is rough wheeling. James Hall's widow Martha is to move to Boston today.

Mar 2 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and I stayed at home and cared for the animals and fowls and got about 4 dozen eggs. There was no horsing and it was a gloomy day.

Mar 3 – The snow storm continues and I continued to stay at home and saw wood and care for the animals etc. Went down to Grammy's at 4. She is quite lame but has a good appetite. John Locke went to town and said the sleighing is bad.

Mar 4 – Fair and not cold. Worked in the house at getting out bands for the windows. Went in a sleigh today but the sleighing was not good.

Mar 5 – Dull and bad traveling. Worked in my house in town putting bands on the windows in the 2nd story. Got them all on and ready for the screws. Called to see Jacob Christenson's house. Martha Hall is moving today.

Mar 6 – Fair and cool. Edith and I went to church and heard a student from Andover. They are expecting Mr. J. K. Aldrich will come here to preach.

Mar 7 – Fair and cool and began getting wood for summer. Cut and hauled 5 loads from the pasture. There is snow most of the day but the roads are bare and muddy. Charles W. Rand was hauling red oak logs to town. (Charles is living on Wallis Road near Brackett Road. He is shown on the 1892 Rye map.)

Mar 8 – Dull with some rain at night. Cut wood in the forenoon. This was the annual Election Day. Went to town meeting at 1. Wife went to Emily Webster's. They voted to name the roads of the town. There was a demand by soldiers for a bounty they say was due them in 1862.

Mar 9 – Mild and pleasant all day. Cutting up wood for summer, Henry Varrell helping. David Remick was buried today at age 78. (David died on March 7th and was living on Brackett Road. He was the son of Joseph and Sarah Remick.)

Mar 10 – Dull with high wind and cold. Cutting wood and begun cutting up the old poplar which blew down some time ago. It is bad to split and I used powder and fuse and stove it all up but 1 piece which is in the lane to look at.

Mar 11 – Cold and windy. Cutting wood and finished, Henry Varrell helping. We have got a good pile for summer. Charles Yeaton is cutting for Abbie and finished today.

Mar 12 – Cold with high wind. Went to town to market at 10. Went to see the new house and called at Mrs. Raynes. Went into the new court house and they have got the plastering about done.

Mar 13 – Fair and cold and windy. So we all sat by the fire and read the news and the printed sermons. There was but little traveling.

Mar 14 – Cold and windy. Worked in the new house at sawing out stock for the bands.

Mar 15 – Cold and windy. Worked in the new house and got the bands all ready to go and put in some of them. Also got base moldings ready to put in.

Mar 16 – Cold and windy. Freezing cold but traveling is good being solid wheeling. John Grover has sold his farm to a man from Massachusetts, if he don't back out. (The deed shows that Grover bought the town farm from the town of Rye on the 8th of May, 1869 and sold the farm on the 13th of April, 1892 to William Small.)

Mar 17 – A cold northeast wind all day. Worked in the new house. Tis now decided that Mr. Aldrich is coming here to preach a year from April 1st and is to have a \$1000.00 salary.

Mar 18 – A regular northeast snow storm all day. Worked in the new house finishing odd jobs. William Tucker went up and down with me.

Mar 19 – Fair and cold with a west wind. Repaired the pump in the morning then went to town to work in the new house. Wife went up with me and cleaned up the rooms, we went on the sleigh. There is 6 inches of snow.

Mar 20 – High northwest wind and cold with very good sleighing. Horace rode out with his new horse. William Tucker went past with Beacham's horse and sleigh and several other sleigh riders but no one went to church.

Mar 21 – Cold. Went in the sleigh to town and worked in my house getting out door sills. At noon heard that I was called on the yard last Saturday and made ready to go over in the morning.

Mar 22 – Fair and not cold. Worked for U.S. at getting the dock ready to take the steamer "Leyden" on to be examined. We got the dock ready and are to go again on Thursday.

Mar 23 – Dull and rainy all day and I had a day for jobbing. Went to Warren Caswell's and got one bushel of early potatoes for sprouting, paid 35 cents. They are very cheap this spring.

Mar 24 – Fair. Went to the yard and worked ½ day. Hauled the dock out and ready to take the ship in. Then went to my house and began building the brick piers under the floors.

Mar 25 – Fair. Worked in my house building piers, 4 in all and got 3 done and the last one begun. Mrs. Raynes has moved to Church Place with her daughter Ruth.

Mar 26 – Fair. Worked at my house and finished the piers and built a platform to drive into the stable over.

Mar 27 – Fair and not cold but muddy. Had a day of rest. The weather is more spring like. Gilman's wife Julia called at 5. (Julia was Charles F. Trefethen's daughter and Gilman D. was Joseph P. Trefethen's son.)

Mar 28 – Fair and cool. Worked in the house getting out the front steps.

Mar 29 – Fair with a cool west wind. At home in the forenoon and painted the front side of the Mansard roof and made a gate for above the barn. At noon went to the new house and got out steps, wife went. Albert Brackett's wife Mary Abby was up and examined.

Mar 30 – Fair. Went to the yard and helped take "Leyden" in the dry dock.

Mar 31 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. getting ready to launch the new boat "132", taking up the bridge. Noyes is sick and no one seems to know how long we can stop.

Apr 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. and got the bridge off and about ready for the launch tomorrow.

Apr 2 – Cloudy with strong southwest wind. Worked for the U.S. The boat was launched at 3 with success and more than 200 spectators.

Apr 3 – Fair and much warmer. Sent wife and Lizzie to church to hear Mr. Aldrich preach. He began his year today. John O. Berry called at noon; he is still at the Life Station at the Sands.

Apr 4 – Dull and damp and chilly. Worked for U.S. at replacing the bridge after the launching and got about half done.

Apr 5 – Fair. Worked for U.S. and finished for the present. Tis said there will be more work later but we do not know how soon.

Apr 6 – Fair and mild. I have been on the sick list today with a bad cold in the head. So I kept housed most of the time. Went to town a few minutes to get news.

Apr 7 – Fair and windy. On the sick list and had to lay down most of the day. This was Fast Day in New Hampshire but there was not much attention paid to it.

Apr 8 – Fair, mild and pleasant but quite dry for the season. Some are plowing their early peas. This is the presidential year. Rhode Island has just gone Republican which they say is a good omen.

Apr 9 – Cool and fair. Jobbing round till 10 then went to town with the wife and worked in the house shellacking the window bands. At night found there was no news from the yard. We are hoping there will soon be.

Apr 10 – Fair, cool and dry. Sent wife and Lizzie to church to hear Mr. Aldrich preach about idols of the world he thought they did not decrease.

Apr 11 – Cold in the morning. Hauling out manure till 4 then went to town and got a barrel of flour for grandmother at \$6.00. There is not much doing in the agricultural line it being so cold.

Apr 12 – Fair and cold, 25 in the morning. Cleaned wagon and began to paint it, Edith Mabel helping. Joseph W. Seavey and Fred Trefethen plowed some potatoes for me. (Edith Mabel is Supply's daughter.)

Apr 13 – Fair with a cold northwest wind all day. Put the new gate in above the barn and was jobbing round. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 3:30. My early potatoes are well started by the stove.

Apr 14 – Fair but not quite so cold as yesterday but still it was freezing in the morning. Varnished the wagon, Edith helping. Then planted potatoes, Lizzie helping. Hewed two pieces for Abbie.

Apr 15 – Fair and cool. Trimming apple trees and hauled off the limbs. Gave 2 loads to Charles and 1 load in the lane, it was hard work.

Apr 16 – Fair. Trimming apple and pear trees and also set pear grafts, Bartlett and Sheldon's. Went to town at 2 to get the news and see if there was any prospect of work on the yard.

Apr 17 – More mild and wind south. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach an Easter sermon. There was quite a large congregation.

Apr 18 – Fair and not cold. Jobbing round and Edith helped me get a maple tree from the pasture and set out in place of the Old Poplar. Afternoon went to town and got blinds for the new house.

Apr 19 – Fair. Went to town to paint blinds and get them ready to hang. Edith went up with me and painted blinds all day. Lizzie went to Greenland with Martha Rand.

Apr 20 – Fair. Went to the new house and painted blinds, wife was up helping all day. Got them well along with one coat.

Apr 21 – Fair and cool. Painting blinds, Edith helping all day. We got well started with the 2nd coat.

Apr 22 – Dull and showery. Went to town to paint blinds and the wife went with me and we got them all painted and I hung them on the sitting room windows.

Apr 23 – Fair with a west wind. Hanging blinds on the new house all day and got 2/3 done.

Apr 24 – Fair and warm. Wife and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Aldrich preach. There was a large congregation.

Apr 25 – Fair. Went to town and finished putting the blinds on the new house except 2 windows and engaged 2 loads of hay, one to Frank Libby and one to Sam Batchelder. At night got orders to go to the yard.

Apr 26 – Fair and dry. Went to the yard and helped take the "Leyden" out of the dry dock. There is a prospect of some work there some time but the Lord knows when.

Apr 27 – Fair and dry. Hauled 2 loads of hay, one to Sam Batchelder and one to the Hartshorn place. John Grover is to deed of his farm on Saturday to William Small of Gloucester.

Apr 28 – Dull and rainy. Went to the yard to register and get my pay and came home at noon. Paid C.E. Walker for coal.

Apr 29 – Fair. Hauled a load of hay to the Wood Brothers.

Apr 30 – Fair with a north wind. Hauled a load of hay to Russell and Co. and that ended the hauling. At 3 went to the cemetery with wife and righted up stones and prepared for setting out the pansies.

May 1 – Fair in the morning then came up dull and rained at 6. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. It was communion day and not much of a sermon.

May 2 – Dull in the morning and rain came down at 3. Worked for Abbie at shingling the hen house. The rain came very sparingly. There is very much need of a good soaking rain.

May 3 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for Abbie and finished the shingling and some other jobs. All kinds of trees show a prospect of full bloth but backward.

May 4 – Dull in the morning after a night's rain. Hauled out manure from Abbie's hen yard and cleaned up there. At noon went with wife to the new house and worked on the steps.

May 5 – Fair and cool. Went to town and worked for Mrs. Batchelder making a coat form etc.

May 6 – Fair and cool. Went to the new house and made the back steps and put them up ready to paint.

May 7 – Fair with a strong northwest wind and cold. In the forenoon went to town with hay to John Blute. At 3 Edith and I went to town to market.

May 8 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach. They said there was a fair house.

May 9 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round the plantation. Cleaned the carriage and painted it, Edith helping. We had paint enough left from the wagon.

May 10 – Dull. Worked at the house and cleaned up the cellar etc. After helping Edith in varnishing the carriage.

May 11 – Dull with some rain. Worked at the new house and finished hanging the blinds etc.

May 12 – Fair. Worked at the new house and made a cellar case cover and also built up stone work under it. John E. Trefethen is at work for Mrs. Batchelder building a brick wall under the Bay windows.

May 13 – Fair. Worked in the house in town doing odd jobs. Also built a pier under the piazza sill. At night saw John H. Broughton and agreed to work for him on Monday. (John H. Broughton was a lumber dealer and lived on Middle Street in Portsmouth.)

May 14 – Fair with the wind south. Worked an hour for Abbie. Then hoed potatoes and planted cucumbers and hoed peas etc. Went to town at 2:30 with wife and carried my tools to Broughton's.

May 15 – Dull and rainy all day and there was not much going about. No one went to church, we all had to stay by the fire and read and see the rain come down.

May 16 – Fair. Worked for John H. Broughton at repairing the building damaged by fire last week. I was alone today. Rode with Guss Rand, he worked at the yard but was discharged today.

May 17 – Fair. Worked for Broughton, B. Stone, Lasky and Freeman Heard helping. Edith carried me up and back for the sake of the ride.

May 18 – Fair. Worked for Broughton and got one side ready to begin shingling.

May 19 – Fair. Worked for Broughton, 4 of us finished the shingling on one side and got the staging up on the other.

May 20 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and I stayed at home. At 3 Swinson came with a dispatch that Aunt Martha Hall died in Cleveland on Thursday of Pneumonia.

May 21 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked a quarter in the forenoon for Broughton. Then went to the new house and put cleats and shelves in the closets and got outdoor thresholds.

May 22 – It broke above in the morning but did not clear off. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach, he had a lame arm.

May 23 – Fowl and rainy all day with a northeast wind. So stayed at home and did up odd jobs. At 3 wet to town with wife and carried a jug of cider to Mrs. Batchelder. Mowed the lot in the cemetery.

May 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for Broughton.

May 25 - Fair and warm. Worked for Broughton.

May 26 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Broughton. The trees are coming into full bloom. There will be plenty of apple blossoms.

May 27 – Fair and good grass weather. Worked for Broughton. Tis now said that the “Monongahela” will sail from New York next Tuesday for the yard. (USS Monongahela was a barkentine rigged screw sloop-of-war that served in the Union Navy during the American Civil War. Her task was to participate in the Union blockade of the Confederate States of America.)

May 28 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Broughton at boarding and shingling. Monday is Memorial Day and they are to have a procession in town.

May 29 – Fair with a northwest wind and excellent growing weather. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach a memorial sermon. He has moved into the parsonage.

May 30 – Fair in the forenoon. Worked for Broughton half day. This was Memorial Day and all others went home and so I came home at noon and hoed potatoes. We had a shower at 3. Lizzie and Edith went to see the procession.

May 31 – Fair and mild. Worked for Broughton on repairs of his old building.

Jun 1 – Fair. Worked for Broughton. The ship “Monongahela” arrived at the yard today and tis said they will soon get to work on her.

Jun 2 – Very hot, nearly 100 in the shade. Worked for Broughton at shingling the side of his store house for lumber. At night received a partial notice to go to the navy yard to work.

Jun 3 – Dull and rainy in the morning. Worked for Broughton at mending the flooring. Bought 1000 feet of floor boards of him and put them in my stable to lay the floors in the house.

Jun 4 – Fair and comfortable. Went to the yard and worked for U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”. She is to have a new spar deck added which promises to be quite a little job.

Jun 5 – Dull but no rain. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach to the young men.

Jun 6 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Worked for U.S. on the “Monongahela”. There is much interest in the Republican convention to meet tomorrow at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jun 7 – Fair and cooler. Worked for the U.S. Today the National Republican convention met at Minneapolis, Minnesota to nominate their candidates for President and Vice President. Benjamin Harrison and James Blaine are talked of.

Jun 8 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. There were 8 to 10 carpenters taken on today. George Webber, Charles Ridge, William Hunter, George Stringer, L. Jenkins, L. Briard and others. There was no news from the convention.

Jun 9 – Fair and cool. Worked for U.S. There is much talk about who will be nominated at Minneapolis. Blaine and McKinley and Allison and Alger etc., are talked of.

Jun 10 – Fair and cool with a north wind. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”. The Republican convention have nominated Ben Harrison for President again and Whitelaw Reid for Vice President.

Jun 11 – Fair and much warmer. Worked for U.S. Horace was over today to get registered. There is not much of a breeze over the nomination of Harrison and Reid. Professor Parsons has arrived.

Jun 12 – Fair and very hot. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach to the children and to night there is to be a concert.

Jun 13 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”. Began taking ice today.

Jun 14 – Fair and very warm. Worked for U.S. There was much sweating.

Jun 15 – Fair and hot. Worked for U.S. I am molding out the frame timbers for the ship. The new rail is to be 2 ½ feet higher than the old one with a new spar deck.

Jun 16 – Very hot. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”. The “Kearsarge” is said to be on her way here for repairs. Got a screen door for Abbie at Wendell’s.

Jun 17 – Fair in the forenoon and very hot. But at noon there was a severe thunder shower and clearing the air and making it cool and nice for work. Worked for U.S. At night hung the screen door for Abbie.

Jun 18 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for U.S. There are now about 30 carpenters on the ship. Have worked 13 days so far.

Jun 19 – Dull and foggy in the morning and cleared up at noon. Lizzie and Edith went to church.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. on the yard. One side is timbered out and began on the other today. The “Kearsarge” came up to the yard Saturday night.

Jun 21 – Fair and very hot. Worked for U.S. Heard that Mrs. Call died yesterday at age about 70. The National Democratic Convention meets at Chicago to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

Jun 22 – Fair and warm but no hot as yesterday. We had a nice shower at 4 o clock this morning. Worked for U.S. on the yard and received pay cards today.

Jun 23 – Fair and hot with a south wind. Worked for U.S. at molding timber. The Democratic Convention nominated Cleveland and Stevenson (of Illinois) for President and Vice President.

Jun 24 – Fair and cool with signs of rain at night. Worked for U.S. Orders came to get the dock ready to take the “Kearsarge” in.

Jun 25 – Dull after a rainy night. Rain came down in the afternoon. Worked for U.S. The “Kearsarge” was taken into the dry dock for slight repairs. Ten more carpenters were taken on the yard.

Jun 26 – Dull all day with a northeast wind and foggy. No one went to church. At 2:30 George Webber and Horace Cole called. Lizzie and Edith went to ride.

Jun 27 – Dull and wet and not hay weather but good for grass to grow. Worked for U.S.

Jun 28 – Dull as usual and good growing weather. Peas and potatoes are getting along very fast. Worked for U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”.

Jun 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. There has been nothing done at haying in this vicinity. We are getting a few cherries this year but the robbing and stealing more than half of them.

Jun 30 – Fair and very good hay day. John Berry began my haying. He and Chauncey Woodman cut the lower field and raked it up. Worked for U.S.

Jul 1 – Dull and not hay weather and John Berry did not come. Worked for U.S.

Jul 2 – Fair with the west wind and a prospect of hay weather. Worked for U.S. John Berry worked at haying, opened that in the lower lot and cut the corner field and raked it up. None got in yet.

Jul 3 – Dull and rainy with a south wind. Nobody went to church and all had a day of rest. At night we had a heavy shower. There were many teams and bicycles out and got a wetting.

Jul 4 – This was the glorious 4th and we improved it by making hay and hauled in 9 loads, John Odiorne and John Berry helping. We cleared the lower field and the one by the corner and Chauncey Woodman cut the further field.

Jul 5 – Fair but not a very good hay day. John O. Berry all day and John Odiorne $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. They got in that in the further field and cut $\frac{3}{4}$ of the 2 lots in front of Charles’s and back of the house and put it up. Worked for U.S.

Jul 6 – Fair and warmer. Worked for U.S. John Berry and John Odiorne have been haying. They got in 5 loads in front of Charles’s and cut most of the thirds.

Jul 7 – Fair and a very good hay day. Berry and Odiorne have worked at haying and got in 4 loads. All is cut on the north side of the road. Worked for U.S. on the “Monongahela”.

Jul 8 – Fair but not good hay weather. Berry and Odiorne worked at haying and got in 5 loads and finished cutting above the barn. Worked for U.S.

Jul 9 – Fair in the forenoon and showery in the afternoon. John Berry worked ½ day and finished cutting. So hope in time to get it in. Worked for U.S. making 6 days this week.

Jul 10 – Fair and hot. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich.

Jul 11 – Sargent Robert A. Bates died at noon after working in the forenoon on the yard. He lived in Kittery. Fair and good hay weather and John Berry finished my haying and got in today 4 loads making 33 loads in all and in very good order. Worked for U.S. on the “Monongahela”.

Jul 12 – Fair and warm. Worked for U.S. and rode with Guss Rand. He had to hire a horse.

Jul 13 – Fair and hot as guns. Worked for U.S. on the “Monongahela”.

Jul 14 – Fair and very hot. Worked for U.S. It is the best of hay weather and people are improving it. The crop will be light not more than ¾ of the average.

Jul 15 – Fair and very hot. Worked for U.S. There are reports of many deaths by sun stroke in all parts of the country. They are building a new Button factory at Frenchman’s Lane and Islington Street. (Morley Button Factory, Begun in 1891 by Frank Jones's son-in-law Charles Sinclair to manufacture paper-mache buttons for shoes and clothing. Named for James Morley who invented and patented a shoe button sewing machine in 1880.)

Jul 16 – Fair and cool with a high northwest wind. We had a good shower at 4 this morning. Worked for the U.S. Storer Gates, who died of sun stroke the 14th, was buried today at 2.

Jul 17 – Fair with a strong northwest wind and cool. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Robie of Greenland in exchange with Mr. Aldrich.

Jul 18 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”. The drying winds are injuring the potato crop. The vines are drying up prematurely.

Jul 19 – Cool and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. they are coppering the “Kearsarge” in the dry dock. Also she is to have a re-caulking. The haying season is about done and the crop is light but good quantity.

Jul 20 – Hot and dry and vegetables is suffering for rain. Worked for the U.S. at getting out and putting on the sheer strake.

Jul 21 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. There is a great rush in the dock to get the “Kearsarge” out.

Jul 22 – Very hot and dry with signs of a shower at night. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 23 – The “Kearsarge” was taken out of dock. Very hot with a strong southwest wind and very drying and dusty. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”.

Jul 24 – Hot and dry. There has been much riding today. Many large barges went to the beach for the day. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Rev. Jeremiah K. Aldrich.

Jul 25 – Fair and very hot. Worked for the U.S. at putting on the sheer strake. The deck framing is well along so that in 10 days they will lay the deck.

Jul 26 – Very hot, 100 in the shade and everybody wilted. Worked for the U.S. There is a report of sun stroke from all parts of the U.S.

Jul 27 – Very hot and dusty and all vegetation is suffering. Worked for the U.S. Tom B. Reid of Maine was renominated for Congress today at Portland.

Jul 28 – Fair and warm but not so boiling hot as yesterday. Worked for the U.S. There were about 30 caulkers and helpers discharged tonight having the “Kearsarge” about done.

Jul 29 – Dull and foggy and much cooler. Worked for the U.S. at putting on the rail. They are laying iron and hanging knees. There was a calf appeared this morning. We had a shower at 7:30 pm.

Jul 30 – Cooler and fair with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. making full time for the month and received pay for the first half.

Jul 31 – Fair in the forenoon and cool with a slight rain afternoon. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach from “Why spend your money for that which satisfies not”.

Aug 1 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. but only 8 carpenters mustered and we went in the hold to get ready to lay the floor.

Aug 2 – Dull but no rain. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”.

Aug 3 – Fair and warmer. Worked for the U.S. They are building a Button Factory in Portsmouth.

Aug 4 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. They are in a great hurry for the ship at Washington tis said, but we want her awhile longer.

Aug 5 – Fair and hot and muggy. Worked for the U.S. in the fore hold getting ready to lay the floor. The beach business is in full tide now and they say they have an extra season.

Aug 6 – Fair and warm but not so hot as yesterday. Worked for the U.S. The inspectors from Washington were here to examine the “Monongahela”. We had a shower at 5.

Aug 7 – Fair with a northwest wind. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. There was much riding to the beaches in all kinds of vehicles.

Aug 8 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. They are trying to hurry the work along as the department want this ship to send to the West Indies this fall with 300 boys.

Aug 9 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” getting ready to lay deck.

Aug 10 – Dog days but hot as ever. Worked for the U.S. The officers of the ship are having a good time in visiting the beaches and mountains.

Aug 11 – Dull and wet most of the day. Worked for the U.S. and began laying the deck. I am setting the plank for others to lay.

Aug 12 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for the U.S. Edward H. Balch is on the road again with his coach and carries passengers from Rye beach to Portsmouth.

Aug 13 – Fair and more comfortable. Worked for the U.S. making ten full weeks in succession.

Aug 14 – Fair and cooler. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. He is to have 2 weeks' vacation. Oliver, with his son Albert Brackett and Mr. Trafton called at 5. (Alfred Streeter Trafton is Supply's sister Emily's husband.)(Oliver is Supply's brother.)

Aug 15 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. It is getting very dry and the fruit crop feels it badly. The pear crop will be light but there will be apples in plenty. We shall have peaches if they don't fall off.

Aug 16 – Fair most of the day but foggy in the afternoon. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” laying deck.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. They are putting in new water pipes through all the streets of Portsmouth for what they call high service. So water will run to the tops of the houses.

Aug 18 – Fair and very hot so that many were about used up by the heat. Worked for the U.S. There is a yarn that the shoal's hotels and all have been sold to Boston parties.

Aug 19 – Dull and foggy in the morning but soon came off hot. Worked for the U.S. Mrs. Ira Rand died last night after a long sickness. (She was Sarah A. (Goss) Rand and was 77 years old.

She was living with her sons, Gilbert and Albert on Wallis Road next door to George Leroy Trefethen near Lang's Corner.)

Aug 20 – Fair and more comfortable. Worked for the U.S. The summer travel and boarding business is now at its maximum and will soon be over.

Aug 21 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Lizzie and Edith went to church but were not elated with the minister.

Aug 22 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S.

Aug 23 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. The bosses are in a great hurry to get rid of the ship so they will have an early time.

Aug 24 – Fair and cooler with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. They are getting the new court house about done and ready for the October term of court.

Aug 25 – Fair in the morning then there were northeast clouds came up and rain came down at 2 but we made out the day for Uncle Sam.

Aug 26 – Dull all day with some rain. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Monongahela”. Sold a calf to Bert Drake for \$6.00. He is soon to move to the Joe Garland place above the center.

Aug 27 – Dull and rainy in the morning so there was no muster till the afternoon. Some worked ½ days which is the first ½ lost by me since I have been there 12 weeks. The job is shortening up.

Aug 28 – Fair in the forenoon then clouds came up. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard a man from Boston preach who gave them a very good sermon.

Aug 29 – Fair with a southwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the ship. Have got a very bad cold with much soreness of the limbs.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. but too sick.

Aug 31 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. although I was too sick. My cold is not much better.

Sep 1 – Stayed at home and lay abed all day and doctored for my cold. The Life Saving crew went on duty last midnight. Their pay is to be increased and John Berry is a member.

Sep 2 – Stayed at home all day to treat my cold and make improvement.

Sep 3 – Stayed at home to rest and recuperate and have made great improvement. I did not so much as go to town.

Sep 4 – Warm and pleasant. Edith and Flossie went to church.

Sep 5 – Shower in the morning then cleared off. Stayed at home for rest on the sick list.

Sep 6 – Showers in the morning then cleared off. Wind from the northwest and cool. Stayed at home.

Sep 7 – Fair and warm but was prevailed on to stay at home to gain strength.

Sep 8 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The first day after one week of enforced sickness.

Sep 9 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”.

Sep 10 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. but got very tired. Got oysters to eat at night.

Sep 11 – Fair and warm. No one went to church. Had a day of rest and gained some strength. John Ichabod and wife Ariadna called at 5. (John Ichabod is Supply's brother.)

Sep 12 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. I am gaining slowly in strength and hope to continue.

Sep 13 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”. The transport “Fern” was taken into dry dock.

Sep 14 – Dull all day with rain from the southeast. Stayed at home for fear of getting cold. Wife and Lizzie went to town. At night it rained very fast.

Sep 15 – Fair with a west wind and a splendid day. Worked for the U.S. they are getting the ship along fast.

Sep 16 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. the discharge fever is abroad in the land.

Sep 17 – Worked for the U.S. making 5 days this week. There was a rumor of discharge but none came.

Sep 18 – Fair with a strong west wind and very hot for the season. Lizzie and Edith went to church. There was no meeting at the Baptist. I have gained slowly.

Sep 19 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. or I may say made out my time for I could not do much work for lack of strength.

Sep 20 – Fair and hot for the season. Worked for the U.S. I have been quite ill and but just able to make out my day at the yard.

Sep 21 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The “Fern” was taken out of the dock today.

Sep 22 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock getting ready to take a ship in. Mr. Orin L. Foye fell and broke his shoulder or arm and is quite badly hurt.

Sep 23 – Fair and warm as usual. Worked for the U.S. The ship “Monongahela” was taken into dry dock today at noon and at night she was shored up and all went home at 5.

Sep 24 – Fair and warm as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” in dock. All expected a discharge tonight but none came. I am gaining a very little each day.

Sep 25 – Dull and foggy most of the day and warm as August with not much prospect of cool weather. There was not much church going so we had a day of quiet and a chance to rest.

Sep 26 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon but cleared off at 11 and I went over and worked for the U.S. ½ day.

Sep 27 – Fair with southwest wind and warm. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”. She was taken out of dry dock today.

Sep 29 – Fair with no signs of rain and the dust is plentiful. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Today they were testing the ship to see if there was ballast enough in the hold. They are now ready to take in stairs.

Oct 1 – Fair and cool with a frosty morning. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela”. It is said she must be done in 4 days.

Oct 2 – Fair and cool and very dry. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. Grapes are plenty and ripe also pears and peaches. At night went down to see Grammy.

Oct 3 – Cool in the morning with frost and some ice. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” and she is about done and it is expected that we shall get through on Wednesday.

Oct 4 – Dull and wet in the morning with clouds most of the day. Worked for the U.S. There is a great rush to get the ship done.

Oct 5 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” and at night all carpenters are done work on her. We expected a discharge but none came.

Oct 6 – Fair with a cool northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. at repairing the ferry boat “Emerald”. This job we hope will last 3 or 4 weeks. At noon Augustus Spinney dropped dead on the side walk by the Captain’s garden, age 66.

Oct 7 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” stowing boats. They are taking in all kinds of food. Received pay for the last ½ of September, \$38.00. Charles Yeaton’s wife Bertha is very sick with Bright’s disease. (Bright’s disease is a historical term that is not currently in use. It referred to a group of kidney diseases.) (Bertha L. Dolan) was the daughter of John and Bridget (Kelly) Dolan.)

Oct 8 – Fair and warm with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Monongahela” stowing boats. They are getting everything aboard for the cruise and will get away the last of the month.

Oct 9 – Dull and rainy all forenoon, then cleared off. So no one went to church to get a report. We all had a day of rest and to eat ripe pears, peaches and grapes, all very nice.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. at repairing the “Emerald”.

Oct 11 – Fair and warmer. Worked for the U.S. The “Monongahela” is fast getting ready to go to sea. She is to go to Newport and take in 200 boys and go to Europe to train them.

Oct 12 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Charles Yeaton worked for me picking apples part of the day. Sold one barrel for \$1.50 and engaged some more.

Oct 13 – Fair and much warmer. Worked for the U.S. on the ship. Charles Yeaton picked more apples for me today and got all in the thirds and hope he will get done tomorrow.

Oct 14 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the ship and got done. There is talk of her sailing tomorrow. Yeaton finished the apple picking.

Oct 15 – Sold Mike Long 2 barrels of apples. Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock. The “Fern” was taken out at 10. At night 8 carpenters were discharged leaving 13.

Oct 16 – Showery in the forenoon then cleared off and came on showery at 4. There was no going to church so all had a restful day. The foghorn is going tonight.

Oct 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on Ferry boat “Emerald”. We have been selling apples (Baldwins) for \$1.50 per barrel without the barrel.

Oct 18 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Last night the Republicans had a celebration in Portsmouth with speaking and marching companies.

Oct 19 – Fair as usual and no signs of rain. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 20 – Fair and mild with a prospect of continuing. Worked for the U.S. The political battle is going on but there is not so much noise as usual in presidential years.

Oct 21 - Fair and mild. This was a Holiday and no work on the yard and I picked apples and hauled wood etc. It is “Columbus Day” being the 400 years since he discovered America and they opened the great expedition at Chicago with much ado.

Oct 22 - Worked for the U.S. on the “Emerald”. There is talk of another discharge soon. Apples are now worth \$2.00. They are scarce in the West and many buyers come.

Oct 23 – Fair and not cold. Dry as ever and there has been no rain for a long time. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich.

Oct 24 – Dull but no rain came. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 25 – Fair with a prospect of mild weather. Worked for the U.S. Mrs. Harrison, wife of the president, died at midnight last night, aged about 60 of consumption. (Caroline Lavinia Harrison was a teacher of music, the wife of Benjamin Harrison and mother of two surviving children; after his election as President of the United States, she was the First Lady of the United States from 1889 until her death.)

Oct 26 – Fair and mild in the morning, then rain came down freely. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 27 – Fair and very pleasant. Worked for the U.S. on the boat. There are now 13 carpenters or “Shipwrights” as we are called. Carried apples to Charles Abbott. The cow has got a cold.

Oct 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the boat “Emerald”. This was pay day and I paid Billings \$30.00 on account. The campaign is growing warmer and torch light processions are increasing. Rye republicans to rally the 31st.

Oct 29 – Fair in the morning but soon came off dull and rained at 9. Worked for the U.S. Edith carried me up and we also carried the last 2 barrels of apples and sold, making about 20 in all of Baldwins. There was talk of discharge but none came today.

Oct 30 – Fair and cool. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Rev. John E. Everingham preached his farewell sermon. He goes to Somerset, Massachusetts.

Oct 31 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. The Republicans of Rye had a rally. Lang raised a flag and the company with Rand marched to town hall and had speeches and collation.

Nov 1 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S. I have sold most of my apples, 20 barrels at \$1.50 and they are now selling for \$2.00 with the barrel. Apples are scarce in the west and New York.

Nov 2 – Fair and cool with signs of storm. Worked for the U.S. on the boat. We now hope to stop until after election. The Republicans say that Harrison's election is "assured".

Nov 3 – Dull and rainy. Worked for the U.S. on the ferry boat. There is great political excitement and both parties claim a majority of the Electoral College. But we must wait for Election Day to settle it.

Nov 4 – Dull with some rain. Worked for the U.S. The Republicans has a grand rally last night in Portsmouth and Donahue spoke telling why he left the Democratic Party. Charles Wendell's wife Mary died yesterday morning of consumption. (Mary A. (Dow) Wendell was the daughter of Albert and Mary (Cronin) Dow.)

Nov 5 – Allen Porter died today. Dull with rain and snow all day. Worked for the U.S. There is much talk about the coming election. Both sides claim that they will succeed but we are very hopeful of Harrison's election. (Allen was the son of Allen and Margaret (Maloon) Porter. He died of old age at the age of 82.)

Nov 6 – Fair and cold with ice, frost and snow but soon became quite mild. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Aldrich.

Nov 7 – Dull but not rain. Worked for the U.S. on the boat. There is much talk and on the Presidential election. Both sides claim it confidently and it must take the counted votes to settle it.

Nov 8 – Fair and mild after a rainy night. At 10 went to attend Mr. Porter's funeral. At 1 went to town hall to the election. The Australian ballot law was used and only 65 could go through in an hour. Tis thought there will be a full vote.

Nov 9 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the ferry boat. The news from the election indicates Cleveland's election but it is not quite decided. It took the officers till 3 am. to count the votes in Rye. Republican 105 – Democrats 137.

Nov 10 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Henry D. Foss's daughter Lizzie B. was to be buried today but it was postponed till tomorrow. She died in Boston on November 8th. F. Boyer brought me cabbages, 2 dozen for 75 cents.

Nov 11 – Fair and cool after the rain. Worked for the U.S. the Democrats are very happy over the election and are talking of a celebration and supper at the town hall.

Nov 12 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. on the boat “Emerald”. There is much talk about the recent election. The great over turn of the Republican Party is much regretted by Republicans.

Nov 13 – Fair and cool with ice and frost. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. At 5 Charles called to talk about the recent election.

Nov 14 – Fair and mild with no signs of frost and snow. Worked for the U.S. The farmers have sold their apples well this year. Generally there is no market but there is now great demand for them to ship west at good prices.

Nov 15 – Fair and mild as usual. Worked for the U.S. There is no freezing to prevent outdoor mason work and much of it is being done. The cider makers are over run with work and mine is not made yet.

Nov 16 – A furious southeast rain storm most of the day and cleared off at 3. Worked at the U.S. in the new machine shop. They are fitting up to be able to do iron ship work at the yard.

Nov 17 – Fair and very warm, 70 in the shade. Worked in the U.S. at laying floor in the shop. The Democrats of Dover celebrated Cleveland’s election last night.

Nov 18 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Tis said today that an iron ship has been ordered to the yard for fitting for the sea. She was built a Bath, Maine.

Nov 19 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. in the sheds. There is hope the job will continue. At night Irvin Seavey brought my cider, 94 gallons and it is stored in the cellar.

Nov 20 – Fair and cool. Sent Lizzie and Edith to church to hear Mr. Aldrich on missions Mrs. Nathan Clough died last night. Nelson Stoddard called to get milk to send to Lynn. (Nathan’s wife was Abigail and was the daughter of Solomon and Huldah (Remick) Marden. They were living on Wallis Road near Washington Road. Nathan died in 1872.)

Nov 21 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. at laying floor in the sheds which are to be converted in to a machine shop for building a repairing iron ships.

Nov 22 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Thanksgiving is coming and all are getting ready for the good old fashion holiday. A good dinner is necessary. Turkeys are 22 to 28 cents for chickens and geese at 20 cents etc.

Nov 23 – Fair and cold with rough traveling. Worked for the U.S. in the sheds. The Democrats celebrated the election of Cleveland by marching around the center and a supper at the town hall and ending with a Ball.

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving Day appointed by the President and also by the Governor Hiram Tuttle. We had a turkey dinner. John and Emily Webster were down to dine with us. I had about 40 odd jobs to do in the morning.

Nov 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 26 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for the U.S. and not a comfortable day. They were testing the new rollers in the new shop and broke some cogs in one wheel.

Nov 27 – Dull. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Aldrich preach about Thanksgiving Day and of its history. Both societies joined in the service and singing.

Nov 28 – Dull and cloudy all day. Worked for the U.S. in the shed laying floors.

Nov 29 – Dull and cloudy all day. Worked for the U.S. There is much talk about a comet in the heavens but there are so many clouds that we cannot see any stars or moon or comets of any description. (Holmes Comet: It was discovered by the British amateur astronomer Edwin Holmes on November 6, 1892.)

Nov 30 – A regular northeast snow storm all day but it did not gain much only about 5 inches fell. Worked for the U.S. There was some talk of a discharge but none came except 2 block makers.

Dec 1 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. There is 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground but not enough for sleighing. The comet talk is done and none but astronomers have seen it.

Dec 2 – Dull and mild and thawing. Worked for the U.S. They are getting ready to send off, spar blocks and furniture etc. for ships at New York.

Dec 3 – Dull and cloudy all day. Worked for the U.S. at clearing the shed. No. 48 to get ready for flooring. There is some snow on the ground with plenty of mud. Augustus (Guss) Rand rode with me in the morning and evening.

Dec 4 – Dull with a sprinkling of snow in the morning, not cold. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Haines of North Hampton on the impression of the mind. At 2:30 Joe Berry called and he had been to Iowa. He is a member of the Life Saving crew at the Sands.

Dec 5 – Fair and cool with no signs of snow. Worked for the U.S. at tearing up the floor in the mill. The constructor is anxious to discharge tis said.

Dec 6 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for the U.S. All the joiners were discharged except 2, Guss Rand among them.

Dec 7 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 8 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. in the shed removing the futtock saw. There is discharge rumors flying round thick and fast.

Dec 9 – Fair and very mild and muddy, snow all gone. Worked for the U.S. and was discharged with 4 others in the carpenter's gang. There were 40 discharged from all gangs on account of a lack of money.

Dec 10 – Fair and not cold. Repairing the sink all day. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get the news and something to eat.

Dec 11 – Fair with some mud and had a day of rest. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach. He is strongly advocating a clock and bell in the church spire.

Dec 12 – Fair and mild for December. Went to the yard and got my tools and pay and removed all I had from there. Carried part of my tools to the new house ready for use there next week.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild. At home John O. Berry and Horace were here helping me to saw and split 2 cords of dry pine wood. The 3 of us sawed and split and put it in the shed. John is in the Life Saving Service at Wallis Sands.

Dec 14 – Storming all day with a fast snow then rain and at night cleared off, colder.

Dec 15 – Fair with signs of storm. Jobbing round. Lizzie and Edith went to town to order newspapers for 1893. Cost \$8.50 and also got the news.

Dec 16 – Fair and mild. Jobbing round. Wife and Lizzie went to get the horse sharpened and to the post office. Edith and myself went and got hemlock and pine to bank up the cellar case etc.

Dec 17 – Fair and not cold. Jobbing round the plantation. At 2 went to town with wife to market. There was many in town and the stores are all fitted up to catch the Christmas pennies and dollars.

Dec 18 – Colder and fair with good wheeling. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Aldrich preach about "Peace" from the text. "Peace on earth good will to men" by request of the U.S. "Peace Association" with a wish to having no more wars on earth.

Dec 19 – Cloudy but not cold. Went to town and got shingles for the shed at the church. Chauncey Woodman hauled them for me, 17 M. (1000), Engaged William W. Tucker to help me.

Dec 20 – Cold. Began the job of shingling the shed at the church, William Tucker helping. Got up stage and laid 5 or 6 courses. The shed is 80 feet long. James G. Blaine is very sick with Bright's disease.

Dec 21 – Fair and cold. Working on the shed. I own one stall and so have to work without pay. William Ira Holmes is clapboarding his new building. Chauncey Walker is at home and writes the Rye news to the papers.

Dec 22 – Fair and colder. Shingling the shed. Ralph Walker is cleaning up the old shingles. The Democrat Party are making great preparations to come in power on March 4th.

Dec 23 – Cold and zero in the morning. We were shingling on the shed and finished the west side and got up staging on the east side. There is much talk about "Clock and Bell" on the church, Pro and Con.

Dec 24 – Cold, 2 below with high northwest wind all day. So we sat by the fire most of the day. Went to town at 1 but did not tarry long. The streets were deserted as the people sat by their fire.

Dec 25 – Warm and cloudy all day with snow at 3. Last night was the roughest night we have had this winter. This was Christmas and they had planned to have an entertainment at the church but the weather was too severe.

Dec 26 – Good wheeling. Very cold, zero weather with high northwest wind. So sat by the fire and kept Christmas. We had roasted chicken and other fixings. No sleighing yet.

Dec 27 – More mild and we were able to go on with the shingling at the center. We began the east side and got about half the shingles on.

Dec 28 – Fair but not cold. Worked on the shingling and got all on but one course, William Tucker helping. The ice harvest has begun and the south end people are filling their houses.

Dec 29 – 31 Missing

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Jan 1 – Cool and dull in the forenoon. The snow came down till night. Went church with Edith and heard Mr. Aldrich preach on the old and New Year and our duties. Next week is to be a week of prayer.

Jan 2 – Mild and muddy after an all-night rain. Went to town and began work in my house of Lincoln Avenue where I left it in April last. Laying floors in the 2nd story.

Jan 3 – Fair and very cold with a north wind and strong. Worked in the house in town laying floors. At night William H. Seavey called for me to put some new windows in for him. (William is still living on Pioneer Road by Foye's Corner.)

Jan 4 – Slight snow. Very cold. Worked for William Harrison Seavey putting windows in the house and barn. The ice cutters are storing the crop at the Grover place (The old town farm) it being 12 inches thick and of a superior quality and a large quantity, William W. Tucker helping.

Jan 5 – Cold and snowing all day but did not gain. The ground it not covered. Worked in the house in town. Emery Woodman is the Representative from Rye this year and went to Concord on Tuesday. The session began Wednesday.

Jan 6 – Very cold with a north wind and bare ground. Worked in the house in town. There is not much excitement anywhere at the present. Horace Levi and Herman O. are to build new cisterns and are getting ready.

Jan 7 – Very cold and windy all day. Worked in my house in Portsmouth and finished laying the floors in the 2nd story and am now ready to hang doors and lay the kitchen floor of hard pine. There is not much doing in town now.

Jan 8 – Cold, zero in the morning then became warmer and by night was quite comfortable. Did not go to church or send anyone but read the news and one of Dewitt Talmage sermons.

Jan 9 – Fair in the forenoon and it began to snow at noon and came down freely. Worked in the house and put down thresholds and planing boards for kitchen etc. Professor Bartholomew is in town with learned horses. (George Bartholomew or Professor Bartholomew, as he billed himself, was a horse trainer who had travelled west from New York in search of wild horses. Bartholomew believed horses were highly intelligent and could be taught as children were taught, with affection and patience.)

Jan 10 – Fair after snowing all night. We now have 6 inches of snow and are sleighing. Went to town and worked at getting the floor boards ready to lay, Lizzie went with me.

Jan 11 – Very cold, 4 below this morning with high wind. Very good sleighing. Went to town and began laying the kitchen floor. It was zero all day and there was not much traveling.

Jan 12 – Cold as ever. Finished the kitchen floor and got ready for doors. There are dull times in Portsmouth as well as everywhere else. General B.F. Butler died at 1 this morning at Washington. (Benjamin Franklin Butler (November 5, 1818 – January 11, 1893) was a major

general of the Union Army, politician, lawyer and businessman from Massachusetts. Born in New Hampshire and raised in Lowell, Massachusetts, Butler is best known as a political major general of the Union Army during the American Civil War.)

Jan 13 – Zero weather all day. Worked in the house and got my doors and jointed some of them in. There is more frost in the ground now than for many years past. We have now 5 or 6 inches of snow and not the best of sleighing.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold, zero weather. Went to work in my house jointing doors in and ready to hang. All are now ready, 20 inside doors.

Jan 15 – Fair with a north wind and cold. Very good sleighing. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Aldrich. There was not much travel on account of cold. People in the cities are heating their house with hot water.

Jan 16 – Cold, zero in the morning Worked in the new house jointing doors. It is very cold all over the world. At Minneapolis ice is 6 feet thick with any quantity of snow.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold. Worked in the new house on doors. There is not much going on in town an account of the cold. All outside work is stopped.

Jan 18 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Worked in the house at putting locks and hinges on the doors.

Jan 19 – Zero in the morning. Worked in the house and about finished the doors. The schooner wrecked at Odiorne's Point had corn and everybody is getting corn there at 10 cents per bushel.

Jan 20 – Fair and cold as ever but not windy. Worked in the house and finished the doors and got the stair rail and parts and began to put them in place. Ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes was buried today in Ohio.

Jan 21 – Cold, zero this morning and dry and fair with bad sleighing. Went to town and worked in my house and finished the stair rail.

Jan 22 – Cold as usual, zero this morning. Went to church with Edith to hear Mr. Aldrich preach about self-sacrifice of life for friends. Jenness called in the evening.

Jan 23 – Fair but not so cold. Worked in the house at putting up the sink in the kitchen. This is the best season for getting ice ever known. They are getting their 2nd cutting with no trouble of clearing snow.

Jan 24 – Fair. Worked in the house and finished the sink. Wife went up and cleaned and swept the rooms. U.S. Justice Lamar died in Georgia last night. John Odiorne's wife is sick with dropsy.

(Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar II was an American politician, diplomat, and jurist. A member of the Democratic Party, he represented Mississippi in both houses of Congress, served as the United States Secretary of the Interior, and was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.)

Jan 25 – The festival began tonight. Dull and snowing most of the day which mends the sleighing. Worked in the new house making closet in dining room. It is cold the world over and there is much suffering all through Europe as well as in this country.

Jan 26 – Fair and quite mild with the best sleighing for this winter. Went to town with wife to work in the new house and finished putting up the shelves and began putting for the painting. John Odiorne's wife is very sick.

Jan 27 – Fair and not cold. Went to town and worked in the house getting ready for the finishing, wife helping. The sleighing is of the best. They are hauling ice to town from the Grover pond. James G. Blaine died at 11 today. (James Gillespie Blaine was an American statesman and Republican politician who represented Maine in the U.S. House of Representatives. Blaine twice served as Secretary of State and unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for President.)

Jan 28 – Dull with some snow all day. At night sleet covered the trees. Worked in the house putting and doing odd jobs. Paid Broughton for shingles and stock used on the shed at the church.

Jan 29 – Dull all day and rain came on at 3. The trees and vines are covered with ice. No going to church and no riding. So we had a day of rest to read the news and the Bible etc.

Jan 30 – Blaine was buried to day in Washington. Snowing in the morning and cold. Went to town and put in closet door in the dining room. There is nothing doing in Portsmouth they say it having been too cold since December 10th. It is said there will be much building this year.

Jan 31 – Snow in the forenoon so went to town with wife to work in the house at doing up odd jobs to get ready for painting. Intend to finish on the wood, so called, using "wood filler" and Crocket's oil finish.

Feb 1 – Fair. Stayed at home to get out wood. First I had to sharpen the horse then grind the axe then proceed to the lower field and cut cherry trees and other rubbish that had grown up round the walls.

Feb 2 – Fair and not cold. Cutting and hauling wood from the lower field for summer and trimmed up willows. John Odiorne cut and hauled 2 old apple trees from the field. They are still getting ice at the pond. Lizzie and Edith went to town.

Feb 3 – Cold with a northeast snow storm all day but not much snow fell. Racked off my cider and washed out the casks clean so it may keep sweet through the summer. Have been reading up about hot beets and want to raise early lettuce etc.

Feb 4 – Very cold with high northwest wind. Went to town and worked in the house painting sashes “Venetian Red”. There was not much travel and all were in a hurry.

Feb 5 – Fair and very cold, 4 below. This is the coldest morning of the winter and it has passed for a cold day. There was no meeting, Mr. Aldrich being sick with his old complaint.

Feb 6 – Snow storm most of the day then rain into the night. Went to town with wife and worked in my house painting window sashes. Now intend to get the house ready to let (**Rent**) by the middle of April.

Feb 7 – Aunt Hannah Berry’s birthday and she is 98 today and quite well. Fair and mild after an all-night rain which has carried off much of the snow. Getting out wood for the summer and winter by clearing in the pasture by John Varrell’s. The sledding was rather soft but made out very well. (**Aunt Hannah Berry is Supply’s mother’s sister-in-law and is married to Joseph Jenness Berry.**)

Feb 8 – Cold and windy all day and all is frozen up solid making good sledding. Cutting and hauling wood and have got nearly half enough out. Eggs are in demand at 33 cents per dozen. We get 30 per day now.

Feb 9 – Fair and cool. Cutting and hauling wood and also got out some timber for supports under the horses. Horace Levi is having a new cistern built in the cellar and Herman O. and Frank Jones Trefethen, his sons, are laying the bricks. It is to be 8 ½ x 4 ½ feet.

Feb 10 – Rainy all day with a south wind. Put a new shaft in the sled, made a whiffletree and other odd jobs. The snow is mostly gone and we must take wheels again. Horace had a good day on his cistern.

Feb 11 – Fair and mild with a west wind. Went to town and worked in my house at painting the sashes inside red. Also put in glass in the front door. The insane asylum at Dover was burned last night and 41 people were burned to death. (**During a snowstorm in the winter of 1893, a fire started in the building, possibly by a smoking inmate. It was a small fire, no bigger than a “bushel basket,” according to the investigators, but due to negligence and the general unpreparedness of management around the state of the property and its procedures, that bushel basket grew to encompass the entire building, killing 41 of the 44 inmates.**)

Feb 12 – Fair and mild and thawy. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach. Dutton from Kittery preached at the Baptist.

Feb 13 – Dull in the forenoon then snow came down furiously. Went to town and worked on my house and finished painting the windows red. At night the storm was bad with cloggy wheeling. William Tucker came home with me.

Feb 14 – Fair with 1 foot of snow and hard sleighing. Had a good deal of shoveling. At 9 went to town and finished the front steps in the house and painted them.

Feb 15 – Fair and soft traveling. Went to town to work in the house, wife helping. Got materials and began finishing the 2nd story “filling” wood work to be covered with “Crocket’s preservative” and got 2 rooms filled.

Feb 16 – Fair and mild so we had to go in the wagon to the house. Got one chamber covered and ready to precede, wife helping. There is to be a tenant in the corner house by the name of Charles L. Ames who works in the shoe factory.

Feb 17 – Fair and cold. Went to town with the wife to work on finishing the chambers. Have got well started in the new business and expect to make better work in the 1st story.

Feb 18 – A furious snow storm till noon then held up. Went to the new house at 10 and put the 2nd coat of Crocket’s on the small chamber and began filling the stair balusters etc. Mrs. Eliza Walker died this morning at age 82. (Eliza Ann was the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Marden) Walker.)

Feb 19 – Cloudy and cool. Went to church with Edith and heard Mr. Aldrich preach on the “Proofs of the existence of a God”. This was the first of a series of sermons. Text “The fool says in his heart there is no God”. Called to see Elizabeth.

Feb 20 – High southwest and northwest wind all day with a deluge of snow blocking up the roads. Went to town and worked at finishing the front stairs and hall, Lizzie helping. When we came home Lizzie said “Oh dear, dear the snow!”

Feb 21 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. They had to break out the roads and at 11:30 went to town and worked in the house at finishing the hall. The stairs are done and part of the doors have the last coat.

Feb 22 – A regular northeast snow storm all day with a blizzard in the center filling up the roads and every available place with snow. So I took care of the animals and fowls and sat by the fire and read the news and Ben F. Butler’s book.

Feb 23 – Fair and cold. After the storm the roads were so blocked that I could not go till noon to the house. At work in the hall. Edith went to see the town. There is now 2 feet of snow and many bad drifts.

Feb 24 – Snowy in the morning then broke away. Went to work in the house at filling wood work in the parlor and sitting room and shoveling out. They have had cold and storm weather all over the states with plenty of snow.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold. Some snow fell last night. Went to town and worked in the house putting on the 2nd coat of Crocket's on the parlor and sitting room. This has been the toughest week of winter we have had.

Feb 26 – Fair and pleasant with any quantity of snow. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Aldrich preach a memorial funeral sermon of Eliza Ann Walker, age 82. The new bell was rung today. They are to go on and put the new clock in the belfry at once. (The bell and clock are for the Congregational Church.)

Feb 27 – Fair and cold. Worked in the new house at filling wood work in the dining room. There is any quantity of snow. The roads are full and the road breakers are out nearly every day to keep the track clear.

Feb 28 – High winds with some snow. Worked in the house and finished the dining room which is the last to be finished on the wood, Lizzie was helping. This is to be the inauguration week of Cleveland's 2nd administration.

Mar 1 – Dull with some snow. Went to town and worked in the new house and had 2 fires to keep warm. There is said to be more frost in the ground than for many years. Some places it is 5 feet deep and water people suffer.

Mar 2 – Fair and cold with rough sleighing. Went with wife to town and worked in the new house. Began painting in the small chamber. We are now getting it well along and hope to get it ready to let to somebody by the first of April.

Mar 3 – Fair and cold. Wife and I worked in the new house. At 2 we went and took Clara Raynes out to see the house.

Mar 4 – Fair and clear. Worked in the new house painting the kitchen. This was the 4th of March and Cleveland was sworn in as President and all the papers are full of the doings and pictures of the new members of the cabinet.

Mar 5 – Fair and cold with strong wind. So we all kept by the fire and read the news and a sermon by DeWitt Talmage of Brooklyn, New York. There was no going to church except William H. Seavey. We still have snow in plenty.

Mar 6 – Fair and cold. Worked in the new house painting the pantry. The Cleveland administration has begun to "run the government" as they term it and the new cabinet is confirmed by the senate.

Mar 7 – Fair. Went to work in the new house trying to get it “finished”. Business is dull generally. One reason is because there is so much frost in the ground and snow on it nothing can be done outdoors.

Mar 8 – Fair and very good sleighing. Went to town and worked in the new house, wife helping. We went up town and got the mantle shelves of William G. Billings. They are of “white wood” and fitted with moldings and brackets etc. (William was a businessman dealing in windows and doors in Portsmouth.)

Mar 9 – Dull with signs of a storm but none came. Worked in the house at filling and finishing the mantles and other jobs. Jake Cris was in to borrow tools.

Mar 10 – Fair with bad sleighing. Worked in the house at finishing and putting up the mantle shelves and getting the piazza part ready. The Reverend Mr. Morrell was in to engage it for a family coming from Ohio.

Mar 11 – Dull all day. Went to town and worked in the house finishing up odd jobs. Edith was with me and cleaned up the rooms. At last we oiled the kitchen floor. Am now about done inside of the house but have work in the cellar.

Mar 12 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind and the snow is melting away slowly. There was no riding and but few walking. The Reverend Dr. Peabody died in Cambridge the 10th, age 82. (Andrew Preston Peabody (March 19, 1811 – March 10, 1893) was an American clergyman and author. 1811 - 1883)

Mar 13 – Fair and thawy. Went to town and worked in the house and stable at painting etc. John E. Odiorne’s wife Lucy is very sick with dropsy.

Mar 14 – Mild and thawing. Cut wood in the forenoon and at 1 went to town meeting. Wife went to see Emily Webster. They had many articles in the warrant and got about half through and adjourned to 1 o clock tomorrow.

Mar 15 – Rainy and squally in the forenoon then cleared off colder. Went to town meeting. They have voted to buy a “road machine”, a hearse and build a receiving vault and build a new house for the hearse.

Mar 16 – Cold with a high northwest wind all day. Cutting wood for summer and sitting by the fire. Emery C. Jenness came with grain and took eggs at 20 cents per dozen. Got some early potatoes of John Webster and put by the stove to sprout.

Mar 17 – Fair and cool. Cut off the tops of the willows in the lane and hauled them up and cut a part for summer. John Edwin Trefethen hauled a load of hay to town and clapboards home. Oliver Winslow was teaming bricks for the chimney and cistern. (John Edwin is the son of

Supply's uncle, John Adams Trefethen.)(Oliver Winslow is the son of Samuel A. Trefethen and Supply's nephew.)

Mar 18 – Fair and cold. Cutting wood until noon. After dinner Edith went to town with me to market and to see the town. It was not bad wheeling, there is snow about half the way. The school meeting was held this afternoon.

Mar 19 – Fair and cool, freezing in the morning so had a day to sit by the fire and read the news. Irvin Seavey went to church and that was all who ventured out. Frank Jones Trefethen was out with his new horse.

Mar 20 – Fair. Cutting wood and other odd jobs. Also got the cart ready to haul hay to market. At the school meeting on Saturday they voted to build a new school house of 2 rooms at the center.

Mar 21 – Dull with a little rain at noon. Loaded hay and hauled to town and sold to John Conlon at \$20.00 per ton. There is a scarcity of hay in the market and so it brings a good price. Hauled home a load of trash from the new house.

Mar 22 – Cloudy all day. Cut wood in the morning and at 10:30 we all went to Izette Drake's to dinner by invitation. Mr. Drake is still "non-compos mentis". John Edwin came in to dine with us. John S. Marden has bought a new house. (Izette is married to Orin Drake and is Supply's cousin and the daughter of John Adams Trefethen.)

Mar 23 – Fair and cool. Cutting wood. Wife and Lizzie went to town and got room paper for the parlor and put on about half.

Mar 24 – Mild and fair. Hewing and cutting wood. The papering in the parlor was finished today. Lizzie and Edith were invited to dine with their Aunt Abbie Clark for chicken pie.

Mar 25 – Fair and mild. Sawing and splitting wood for winter in the forenoon. Wife and Lizzie went to town and got a new carpet for the parlor. At 2:30 Edith and I went to town to market and to see the town, muddy traveling.

Mar 26 – Dull in the morning than cleared off mild and muddy. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach about the "Creation of the World". They have got the dials on the church belfry ready for the clock to be put in.

Mar 27 – Fair and cool. Sawing and splitting wood for the winter. The traveling is muddy and deep but soon we hope to have settled and solid wheeling.

Mar 28 – Dull in the forenoon. Then snow came on and covered the ground but got all my wood cut up before the snow.

Mar 29 – Fair and cold. Went to the house to work in the cellar cleaning up and shoveling out the old mortar etc.

Mar 30 – Dull. Went to town and worked in the house and cellar cleaning out and smoothing up the bottom.

Mar 31 – Fair and cool. Went to the house to work doing up odd jobs and made a plan for the water pipes and soil pipe and connections.

Apr 1 – Fair and mild. Went to town and worked in the house and went to the machine shop and got pipe for the water and also for the soil pipes. Went to the Button factory to look around.

Apr 2 – Fair and cool. Went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach on Easter sermon. There is to be an Easter Concert at 7:30. Called to see Mr. Charles Ames who is living in the corner house.

Apr 3 – Fair and cold. Went to town to put in sewer pipe to carry off sink water. Emmons Clark has done the digging. Got the pipe of Daniel Littlefield. We got it in and also put in the water pipe so we can draw water in the sink.

Apr 4 – Fair and cold. Went to town and begun the grading round the new house. Emmons Clark did the heavy work and we got well started. Got gravel under the stable, it is of the best.

Apr 5 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Jobbing round till 11:30 then went to town with a load of hay to Russell and took home a load of trash from the new house for firewood. Lizzie and Edith went up and got a barrel of flour for \$5.25.

Apr 6 – Fair and cold with snow on the ground. It was “Fast Day” so we improved it by working fast at grading around the house and finishing it in good shape. John E. Odiorne’s wife Lucy died this morning at 7 of dropsy after a long sickness. (Dropsy: An old term for the swelling of soft tissues due to the accumulation of excess water, now called Edema.) (Lucy B. was the daughter of John and Lucy (Bading) Foss.)

Apr 7 – Dull all day and snow came at 11. Went to town and finished and painted the piazza steps. Boarded up under the end of the stable and cleaned up the house and stable etc.

Apr 8 – Dull and showery. Cut wood in the forenoon and at two went to attend the funeral of John Odiorne’s wife Lucy. She was 57 ½ years old. All of her relations were there. At 4 went to town with Edith to market and got the news. Mud is plenty. (John Odiorne will be the future father-in-law of Supply’s daughter, Elizabeth “Lizzie”.)

Apr 9 – Fair and warmer with a west wind. Mr. Ames called in the morning to get 1 quart of milk. Wife and Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Aldrich preach a Fast Day sermon to two societies in one church. Elizabeth is quite sick.

Apr 10 – Cloudy and cool. Hauled 2 loads of hay to the market and sold at \$20.00 per ton. One to Lon Green and one to Ira Randell, the fish dealer.

Apr 11 – Fair and mild and more like spring. Went to town and got a plumber to connect the sink pipe to the sewer, so the water business is in order.

Apr 12 – Fair. Went to town to work in the house doing up all kinds of jobs. Among them was putting up the conductors and put on additional steps in the front and made a coal pen etc.

Apr 13 – Fair and cool. Worked in the house on Lincoln Avenue. Made a pit around the faucet for water “shut off”. Cleaned up the cellar and put a bell on the front door and many jobs.

Apr 14 – Fair and cool. Went to town to work in and around the house and finished and it is now ready for the tenant. John Campbell, who is to move in next week. Wife and Edith went up to help clean out.

Apr 15 – Dull in the morning then came on a northeast rain and snow. Doing odd jobs around the buildings. At 3:30 went to town to market. There was not much travel on account of snow and mud.

Apr 16 – Fair and cold this morning. The ground is frozen and covered with snow but soon grew warmer and at night the snow was gone and it was covered with mud. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach of the formation of the Earth.

Apr 17 – Fair and cool Worked at shingling the chicken house, Edith helping and we got it done at noon. Afternoon went to town and painted the piazza floor to the new house and moved out so Campbell can go in.

Apr 18 – Fair and cool. Hewing and cutting wood and cleaning up round. At 3 “Con Philbrick” called for me to make some repairs to the bridge at the Wentworth.

Apr 19 – Went to George Webber’s. Fair and cold with a north wind. Went down to the Wentworth Bridge to see about the number of piles wanted etc. Horace went with me. At night the road agents called to decide about the bridge.

Apr 20 – Fair and cool. Worked for the town of Rye at selecting the piles for the bridge and cut them, Horace and Henry Varrell helping. Campbell moved in to the new house yesterday.

Apr 21 – A cold northeast rain storm till 3. Then I went to town to see about getting a pile driver.

Apr 22 – Dull. Went to town in the morning to see about getting a pile driver but cannot have it till last of next week. Came home and whitewashed 2 rooms and at 3 Edith and I went to town to market.

Apr 23 – Fair. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Aldrich preach about house building etc. there is much talk about a new school house.

Apr 24 – Fair. Went to town with a load of hay to William Evans. Got home and changed cart and got ready to haul out manure.

Apr 25 – Fair. Hauling out manure all day around trees. It is cold and very backward two weeks later than last year.

Apr 26 – Dull and rain came down at 10. Hauled out manure till 10. At 2 Chauncey Woodman came and plowed for me for potatoes and harrowed it.

Apr 27 – Cold, dull and wet. So jobbed round the place doing odd jobs.

Apr 28 – May 3 – Missing

May 4 – A regular northeast rain storm all day with a deluge of water overflowing everything.

May 5 – Fair, wind west. Worked on the bridge driving piles and put on the lower guard. They towed a barge load of rocks through at 3 o'clock. William Israel is captain of tugs. Almy is to be hung the 12th.

May 6 – Fair. Worked for the town on the bridge putting on guards and driving piles. We have got most done driving. We have now to connect the spire shores.

May 7 – Fair and cool. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Dutton preach in the Baptist church. There was a full house. Adams Drake and George Brown called to see about my progress at the bridge.

May 8 – Fair. Worked at the bridge connecting spire shores and putting on guards. One pile drifted out to High Beach and I sent Sam Odiorne out to get it.

May 9 – Fair and warmer. At work at the bridge connecting the spire shores and got them all bolted.

May 10 – Fair and warm. Working on the bridge driving piles in place of the rotten ones.

May 11 – Fair and warm. Worked on the bridge and finished and sent word to the tug to come and get the pile driver.

May 12 – Fair and warm and people are planting. Went to town to see Littlefield and found that the pile driver was towed up. The tug went to get it and broke her propeller and is to go to Boston for a new one.

May 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and was jobbing round the buildings until 4. Then went to town to get the news etc. The new iron ship “Machias” is coming to the yard to go in the dock soon. (The USS Machias, a schooner-rigged gunboat, was laid down in February 1891 by Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. She was launched on 8 December 1891.)

May 14 – Dull and rainy in the morning and partly cleared off at noon. There was no going to church so we had a day of rest and read the news etc.

May 15 – Fair. Found that we must drive more piles. Went to see Drake and Walker about them. Went and cut them and to town to get bolts made and see about the pile driver.

May 16 – Rainy all day so could do nothing. Frank C. Almy was hung today at Concord for the murder of Christie Warden at Hanover, New Hampshire.

May 17 – Rainy all day. Jobbing round the plantation. The new road machine is doing nice work but some are prejudiced against it but it has come to stay and we shall have better roads for the future.

May 18 – Dull and rainy in the morning. At 9 we went to the bridge again to drive more piles to make our other work stronger.

May 19 – Fair and clear. Worked at the bridge and finished again. I think it will be strong enough to stand. The road agents have been using the road machine on our road and improved it wonderfully in one day. (During the late 19th and early 20th century, most road working equipment was horse-drawn. The equipment is very basic. The roller is a simple wheel pulled by the horse, and the spreader is a simple wooden horse-drawn cart.)

May 20 – Fair and warmer. Cleaning up and at 9:30 went to the cemetery then to Hutchinsonson's to get pansies and set them out and mowed the lot. The road commissioners are working on our road with the machine. At 3 went to town with Edith.

May 21 – Fair and warm with a southwest wind. The trees are putting out their buds and leaves rapidly. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich.

May 22 – Fair. Hoeing potatoes and planting cucumbers etc. Putting up grape vines and set out 3 new vines, Concords and Hartford's.

May 23 – Fair and hot. Went to town with Lizzie and got paint for the wagon and after dinner washed and painted it to be ready for varnishing tomorrow. Mrs. Joseph Garland was here before she changed her name. It was Miss Martha Rand.

May 24 – Fair. Varnished the wagon and put it together also washed the carriage. Wife and Lizzie went up to Emily Webster's then to New Castle to try to get a woman to care for her. (Emily Clark Webster is Mary's cousin and is sister to John C. Webster.)

May 25 – Fair and warm. John O. Berry was over and helped me put the wall and fences. We got done at noon.

May 26 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Went to town at 8 to see George Webber about building a new piazza and agreed to go up there next Monday.

May 27 – Fair and mild. Hoeing potatoes etc. Oiled the harnesses and other odd jobs. At 8 went to town with Lizzie and Edith to market. At 7:30 went to center to meet with the committee about a new school house.

May 28 – Dull and wet all day. So we had a day of rest.

May 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for George S. Webber at the Plains, putting on a new piazza, he is helping.

May 30 – Fair and warm and good weather for Webber. This was Memorial Day and they had the usual procession in Portsmouth.

May 31 – Fair. Worked for Webber on the piazza. It is excellent weather for working and also for vegetation. There is but little Baldwin apple blight but all other kinds give plenty.

Jun 1 – Fair and not too hot. Worked for Webber. C. H. Hayes has been cutting winter Rye, 2 or 3 acres for feed for the cows in milk. (C. H. Hayes and Sons were milkmen and vegetable dealers in Greenland.)

Jun 2 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Webber. Business is generally dull they say on account of the change of administration. There is no confidence in the Democratic Party.

Jun 3 – Dull and some rain. Worked for Webber and finished tonight and brought my tools home. There is a slight hope of some work on the yard.

Jun 4 – Dull but no rain and it has been a very quiet day with no travel.

Jun 5 – Fair as usual. Went to town and got wire netting for Abbie for the hen yard fence.

Jun 6 – Fair and warm. Worked for Abbie and put up her wire fence and made the yard 3 times as large as before.

Jun 7 – Fair and dry. Hoeing and doing up odd jobs.

Jun 8 – Fair and dry. Went to town in the forenoon to see Beacham about swapping carriages. Hoeing my potatoes and peas etc.

Jun 9 – Fair and hot. Went to town with wife and Lizzie and swapped carriages with Beacham and they came home with it.

Jun 10 – Fair and dry. Wife and Lizzie went to town in the new carriage. Edith and I went to town to market at 3.

Jun 11 – Fair and warm. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach. It was “Children’s Sunday”. At 5 went with wife to New Castle to see Mrs. Yeaton about working for Emily Webster.

Jun 12 – Dull but no rain. Worked for Abbie at making a new well curb and got out stock and put the new one together. The famous “Borden” murder trial is going on in New Bedford, Massachusetts. (The 1893 murder trial of Lizzie Borden was a media sensation, dubbed the trial of the century by reporters who covered the lurid details of the brutal deaths of her father and stepmother, Andrew and Abby.)

Jun 13 – Dull and wet in the morning. Put in the new door sill to the kitchen door and hoed in the garden in the forenoon. Afternoon went down and finished the well curb for Abbie and got my tools ready to go to Evan’s tomorrow.

Jun 14 – Fair and not. Worked for William Evans putting in new chamber window and other odd jobs.

Jun 15 – Fair and warm. Worked for William Evans and finished. Mrs. Keen, widow of William Keen was buried today in the South Cemetery at age 84. (Harriet J. Keen was the daughter of John and Sydney (Lang) Rand.)

Jun 16 – Fair and warm. Was on the sick list today and kept house to rest.

Jun 17 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind and cool. Went to town at 3 to market. There was not a great crowd in town.

Jun 18 – Cleared off this morning. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach to the children.

Jun 19 – Fair and hot. At home hoeing etc. At night went to town to get the news. At 8 went to the center with the school house committee and they voted to have plans drawn.

Jun 20 – Fair and very hot. Jobbing round and getting ready to repair the barn inside. Lizzie carried Emily Webster to the Cottage Hospital.

Jun 21 – Fair and hot. Jobbing round hoeing. Went to town at 3 with Edith to get the news. Hewed out purlins for the barn.

Jun 22 – Dull all day and rain came at 5. Working in the barn putting up purlins. At 3 went with wife and mowed the cemetery lot.

Jun 23 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked up in the barn all day.

Jun 24 - Dull but no rain. Worked in the barn in the forenoon and finished. At 3 went to town with wife. She called to see Emily Webster at the hospital.

Jun 25 – Partly fair. Howard Frisbee called in the morning. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach.

Jun 26 – Fair. Doing up odd jobs and getting ready for haying. Went to town at 3 to see about work after haying.

Jun 27 – Dull. Put on the hay cart and am now ready for the haying when the weather comes. The high ground grass is lighter but the low ground is better than last year.

Jun 28 – Fair but not the best of hay weather. Began the regular haying today. Chauncey Woodman cut the lower field and I raked it up.

Jun 29 – Very good hay day. Cut the corner lot and got in 4 loads in the lower field and cut the back of the house.

Jun 30 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off and we had a very good day. We got in 4 loads clearing the corner field and cut the further field and some in the thirds.

Jul 1 – Fair and warm but no good hay weather. We cut some in the thirds and got in 3 loads, 2 from the further field and one at the back of the house. News came that Aunt Hannah Berry died yesterday. (She was Supply's mother Hannah's sister-in-law and was married to Joseph Jenness Berry who passed in 1868.)

Jul 2 – Fair and warm. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. Aldrich. It was communion Sunday. No meeting at the Baptist. They are reconditioning their church.

Jul 3 – Fair and very good hay weather. Continued the haying, John Berry helping. Got in 3 loads. At 1:30 went to Aunt Hannah Berry's funeral. She was 98 years old and 5 months. Mr. Aldrich officiated.

Jul 4 – Fair. This was the glorious fourth and we improved it by cutting and getting in hay. All is cut on the north side of the road and we got in 4 loads. At night we rode round by Foss Beach.

Jul 5 – Fair. Cut all of the field above the barn and got in 2 loads than a little shower stopped us and John Berry began cutting the willow field. Mrs. William Foss called.

Jul 6 – Fair with a west wind and we continued haying. Finished the cutting and got in 4 loads and raked up all the other about 200 bunches.

Jul 7 – Fair with a northwest wind and we finished the haying. Got in 8 loads making in all 36 loads, 2 or 3 tons more than last year. John Berry got done and I paid him \$10.00 and owe him \$6.00.

Jul 8 – Fair and good hay weather. Cleaned up and put away the rake and other tools for the year. Then had a little rest and at 3:30 went to town with wife and agreed to go to work on Monday.

Jul 9 – Fair and warm after a shower last night. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich and I had a day of rest. Henry Wendell called and got water.

Jul 10 – Fair with a cool wind. Began work for Joseph W. Marden at the shoe shop building a coal shed.

Jul 11 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked for Marden. Edith carries me up and down.

Jul 12 – Fair and dry. Worked for Marden.

Jul 13 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden at the shoe shop. The weather for haying never was better but it is hard for other crops.

Jul 14 – Hot and dry. Worked for Marden. Hay makers are at it cutting and hauling in.

Jul 15 – Fair and hot as usual. Worked for Marden making a full week. Daniel Jr. came from Amesbury to stay overnight and is to work in town.

Jul 16 – Fair and hot with a dry northwest wind so we had a day of rest. Daniel stayed till 3 then went home and is to come to Portsmouth tomorrow to work.

Jul 17 – Fair and hot. Worked at the shoe factory.

Jul 18 – Edith went to Dover. Fair and dry as usual. Worked at the shoe shop for Joe Marden. Potatoes are feeling the drought badly and the late crop will be light.

Jul 19 – Fair, hot and dry and dusty traveling. Worked for Marden. The shoe company have been doing nothing for most 3 weeks but are getting ready to go on next Monday.

Jul 20 – Fair as usual. Worked for Marden. The hay crop is about all in and is of an extra quality and a good price will be had.

Jul 21 – Fair and very hot, the hottest of the season. Worked for Marden. The beach season is dull this year on account of the financial panic.

Jul 22 – Fair till 3 went we had a shower from the northwest. Worked for Marden.

Jul 23 – Fair in the forenoon. Lizzie and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. We had a light shower at 2. Charles Rand and wife Martha drove in the barn.

Jul 24 – Fair and dry. Worked for Marden at the shoe factory. Preparations are being made for building the new school house in Rye. Digging the cellar etc.

Jul 25 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden. They are working in the shoe factory with a small gang and the prospect is not good for much work there at present.

Jul 26 – Dull with some showers and lightning. Worked for Marden. We had a heavy shower and Joseph Odiorne's horse was struck by lightning and damaged some and set on fire.

Jul 27 – Fair and warm. Worked at the shoe shop. There is much talk of Bank failures and factories stopping work and business failures all round.

Jul 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for Marden.

Jul 29 – Dull in the forenoon with some rain, then cleared up. Worked for Marden in the forenoon then all were sent home and we do not know what will be done.

Jul 30 – Fair and warm. Went to church with wife and heard Mr. John W. Adams preached from "Answer a fool according to his folly".

Jul 31 – Fair and warm. Worked for Marden at the shoe factory. They went to work in the factory.

Aug 1 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden. Emily Webster committed suicide by hanging herself in the attic at noon today. She had been sick a long time. (Emily Clark Webster was the sister of John C. and Daniel C. Webster of Wallis Road. Daniel was married to Sabrina, daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen.)

Aug 2 – Fair and warm. Worked at the shoe factory. The city election in Portsmouth yesterday and Democratic mayor was elected by 1000 majority.

Aug 3 – Fair, warm and dry. Emily Webster was buried at 2; we went to the funeral and assisted John C. in getting ready. (John Hobbs Webster was Emily's father. Emily was never married.)

Aug 4 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden at the shoe factory. Have been figuring on a school house to be built in Rye.

Aug 5 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked at the shoe factory making 5 days this week.

Aug 6 – Fair and warm and muddy and no going to church. So we had a day of rest. At 2 Herbert Lear and wife called on their way to the beach.

Aug 7 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden at the shoe factory on the coal shed. There was a great reduction in the force of shoe makers this morning.

Aug 8 – Fair and hot with plenty of dust. Worked for Marden.

Aug 9 – Fair and very warm. Worked on the coal shed and made an offer for carpenter work on the new school house to be built at Rye Center.

Aug 10 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. Worked for the shoe company on the shed. There is talk of more discharges in the shoemakers tomorrow night.

Aug 11 – Fair and hot. Worked for Marden at the shoe factory. Heard tonight that the contract for carpenter work on the new school house has been given to me.

Aug 12 – Fair and hot. Worked at the shoe factory on the coal shed. I shall have to do the carpenter work on the new school house at the center. (This would be the Wedgewood school house at Rye Center.)

Aug 13 – Fair after a light shower. Wife and Edith went to church and heard a stranger who exchanged with Aldrich.

Aug 14 – Warm and fair. Worked for the shoe company and finished. Tonight to go to work on my contract of carpenter work for the new school house in Rye.

Aug 15 – Fair and warm. Made a beginning on my job today by getting ready and hauling down the stock for window frames and got tools and ready to begin the job.

Aug 16 – Dull with a northeast wind and cool. Began hewing out the large timber for the frame of the school house, Horace and John Odiorne helping.

Aug 17 – Dull most of the day hewing out frame etc. Expect to hew about ?? (I think he fell asleep.)

Aug 18 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. So began making cellar window frames, Horace helping. Got stock all out and some was put together.

Aug 19 – Fair. Finished hewing then went on making window frames, Horace and John helping. Went to see the school house lot. Then to town and got my house rent.

Aug 20 – Dull all day. No going to church so I had a day of rest. At 3 Levi Hall called, he was in Malden, Massachusetts. Went to see the school house.

Aug 21 – Rainy all day. Began making window frames for the school house, Charles E. and Horace helping.

Aug 22 – Fair. Working on the window frames, 3 of us.

Aug 23 – Fair and good working weather and we continued on the window frames.

Aug 24 – Dull in the morning and we went up and began framing the 1st floor but rain came on and we had to come home. Worked on window frames. Went to town at night.

Aug 25 – Fair and very hot. Worked on framing the first floor and got that part well started.

Aug 26 – Fair and hot. We went into the woods and cut and hewed 3 sticks to fire. Frank Jones has a sick horse.

Aug 27 – Fair until noon then dullness set in and we had some rain.

Aug 28 – Fair and very hot. Worked on the school house at getting in girders and first floorings. Got along well considering the excessive heat, 4 men all told.

Aug 29 – Dull and rainy most of the day. We worked on the school house an hour and then came home in the rain. I worked at making privy window frame.

Aug 30 – Martha M. Clough died today. Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Worked on the school house and got in all of the first floor timbers and mostly bridged and are ready to lay the floor but have not the boards. Chauncey Woodman hauled a load of timber. (Martha was the daughter of Nathan and Abigail (Marden) Clough. She was 44 years old.)

Aug 31 – Fair and cool. Worked on the school house. Got ready and began to lay the floor at 11 and got it half laid. Chauncey Woodman hauling boards and timber.

Sep 1 – Fair. William G. Billings died today. Went to town in the morning to get door frame. Got staff beads for window frames and got Charles E. to putting them on and Horace. After dinner worked on the school house and got the floor all laid and laid out the roof etc.

Sep 2 – Rainy in the morning. Went to town and got door frames and put them together and after dinner set them. Also set 6 window frames. Received \$100.00 from the committee. Went to town at night.

Sep 3 – Fair and cool. Dennis and Howard Frisbee called in the morning. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich, it was communion day.

Sep 4 – Fair and cool. This was “Labor Day” and we improved it by hewing out a flag staff to be set up in front of the new school house. Guss Rand employed me because there was no work on the school house. The masons went to a picnic.

Sep 5 – Fair. Charles E. and Horace hauled up window frames in the morning and set part of them. Went to town and got the front door frame and we made it in the afternoon. They are pushing the brickwork along.

Sep 6 – Fair and cool. Carried up the front door frame and set it and made the center for the entrance and began the roof framing and getting ready to make trusses.

Sep 7 – Dull but no rain till night when we had quite a shower. Edward H. Balch called on his way to town with his coach etc. We worked on the school house making trusses and framing the roof etc.

Sep 8 – Fair and cool. Worked on the trusses and framing the roof. Went to town to get iron work made etc. Called to see if the gutters have come.

Sep 9 – Fair and good working weather. We are getting the trusses in the building and getting ready to build the partitions. Grammy had the doctor to cure her of deafness and he did it by removing the ear wax.

Sep 10 – Fair and warm. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. There was much travel today being the last of the season.

Sep 11 – Fair and warm. Worked on the school house at putting up the main partition and framing the roof. They are piling up the bricks.

Sep 12 – Fair and warm with cool nights. Worked on the school house. Finished the partition and got the trusses together. Went to town and got iron work for the trusses and got one together. We hauled the flag staff this morning.

Sep 13 – Fair and warm. Worked on the school house. Went to town in the morning and got iron for the trusses and we got them both ready to hoist. Chauncey Woodman hauled shingles and derrick. Mrs. Raynes was down for the day.

Sep 14 – Fair. Worked on the school house and finished the trusses and hoisted and put in half of the upper floorings and made a good start on the roof.

Sep 15 – Dull and some rain but we worked on the school house. We got staging round the top and 2nd floorings all on and plates on and fastened and ready for purlins and rafters. Thomas

Green was buried today, aged 82. (Thomas was the son of Samuel and Dorcas Green. Thomas was a mason.)

Sep 16 – Dull with rain after 3 o'clock. Worked on the school house till then and went to town and got door frames. At night went again and got my pay from Joe Marden. Got the flooring on the passage and privy.

Sep 17 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. The new minister at the Baptist preached. At 4 John Ichabod and wife Adna called as they went home. (John Ichabod Trefethen is Supply's brother.)

Sep 18 – Fair and cool. Working on the school house, 4 hours all told. Got the rafters most all on including the long high rafters and shall soon be ready for shingling. The masons have got the chimney up to the rafters.

Sep 19 – Dull but no rain. Worked on the school house at putting on the roof etc. Went to town and got furs for rafters and 200 nails etc. The masons are topping out the chimney.

Sep 20 – Fair with a northwest wind and cool. Working on the school house boarding the roof and putting on the gutters. Hewed out the topmast of the flag staff, painted the gutters etc.

Sep 21 – Fair with a cool northwest wind. Worked on the school house boarding and shingling the back side and getting the dormer window into shape etc..

Sep 22 – Dull till 3 then rain came on and we came home. Worked on the school house 2 at shingling and 2 at boarding and framing the extension over the door.

Sep 23 – Fair all day. Two were shingling and Charles E. and myself at the door extension and putting on the gutters. They are now all on and ready to start all the shingling.

Sep 24 – Fair and warm. Wife and Edith went to church and Miss Green went with them. William Jackson came down at 3 and stayed till 5 and I carried him up.

Sep 25 – Dull and rainy after nine o'clock. Worked on the school house, ¼ at shingling and on the dormer window and ¾ at furring the school room. Got it more than ½ done. Augustus Rand was getting ready to hoist the flag staff.

Sep 26 – Fair. Worked on the school house, 2 at shingling and 2 at dormer window and cupola. Got along very well. Received \$200.00 of the committee. Emery Jenness called to see it.

Sep 27 – Dull but no rain. Working on the school house on the tower and shingling. They put up the flag staff. Guss Rand and all the center district had a celebration. Went to town at 3 to get moldings and nails.

Sep 28 – Cloudy and cool. Worked on the tower of the school house and the shingling. R. Locke had a day of inspection and got 3 sides about all shingled.

Sep 29 – Dull all day and rain came on at noon. Worked on the school house shingling and furring. Went to town and got copper for the flashing.

Sep 30 – Cold with a chilly north wind. Worked on the school house at the dormer window and tower and shingling. Want to get the outside done in 3 days more. Went to town at 4 and got copper and nails etc.

Oct 1 – Dull with some rain and no going to church. So we had a day of rest and to read the news. We have had no frost yet but it has been too cool for the grapes and peaches of which we have lots but they do not ripen good.

Oct 2 – Fair and mild and good for working on the school house. We have been at the shingling most of the day. At the meeting Saturday, Emmons Philbrick talked of boarding up the windows.

Oct 3 – Fair and mild. Shingling on the school house and got the front well along and hope to get most of the shingling done soon.

Oct 4 – Fair and mild. Working on the school house and finishing and shingling the dormer window, Horace is on the hips. Charles J. Brown is very sick with Bright's disease.

Oct 5 – Fair and warm. Working in the school house finishing the tower and the roof shingles. Ervin Rand began the lathing today and put on 19 bundles. John O. Berry was cleaning the ditch.

Oct 6 – Fair, mild and pleasant. Worked on the school house on the tower and hips. John Berry has been making mortar for plastering. Ervin Rand is lathing the school room.

Oct 7 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon so we work on the school house except the lathing and John Berry worked ½ day making mortar. Charles J. Brown was buried today, aged 64. Went to town at 3 and ordered the door and frames. (Charles Jonathan was the son of Joseph W. and Emily (Parsons) Brown.)

Oct 8 – Fair and warm as summer. Wife and Edith went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach. He is to be away the next 2 Sundays. Joseph Langdon's horse died the other day in the woods.

Oct 9 – Fair and warm with high northwest wind in the afternoon. Worked on the school house getting out finish for tower etc. John O. Berry worked in the ditch and at night hauled a load of wood. Gathered 4 ½ bushels of sweet Baldwins.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool Worked on the school house and finished the outside except the molding under the gutter and the lathing was finished today. Charles H. Rand is building a wall around the lot.

Oct 11 – Fair and dry. Went to town in the morning and carried Lizzie Green to go to Hampton Falls. Paid John Broughton and others some money. Engaged the masons to plaster on Friday and ordered moldings etc.

Oct 12 – Fair and dry. Worked at the school house at painting and other jobs. Getting ready for the plastering. John O. Berry was cleaning out the ditch.

Oct 13 – Fair. Went to the school house in the morning, then to town and in the afternoon was picking apples for winter, got about 5 barrels. They are very scarce this year in New England.

Oct 14 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. We were plastering the school. Got the room on and overhead in another room. Herman O. and George H. Dame are the masons.

Oct 15 – Fair with a northwest wind and strong, good for drying plaster. No one went to church. The Sheldon pears have fallen off badly today.

Oct 16 – Cloudy and cool. Worked on the school house privy. Got the roof frame on and partly boarded. The plasterers got the first coat of mortar on at 4 and went home. They think in a week it will do to skim. John Berry tended the masons.

Oct 17 – Fair and dry and cool. Worked on the privy and passage. Got well started with the shingling. John O. Berry made the mortar for skimming.

Oct 18 – Fair. Working on the school house and privy. Got the shingling done and boarded up the sides and began getting in the slat work etc.

Oct 19 – Fair. Worked on the privy and passage, shingling outside and getting in the blinds. Went to town to get nails etc. William A. Ashe, the architect, was down to see the building while I was away.

Oct 20 – Fair and not cold. Working at the school house on the privy and passage finishing the inside and got the slats all in and most of the privy sheathed. At night picked apples for cider and some for winter.

Oct 21 – Fair and dry as ever. Worked on the privy and passage. Got them well along and cannot do much more until the skim coat is on. John Campbell paid the rent to date. (John is renting the Lincoln Ave. house of Supply's.)

Oct 22 – Fair and warm as summer. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear the Baptist man. Horace's cow got in the thirds and had to drive her out.

Oct 23 – Dull and rainy most of the day and all night. Worked at the school house and about finished the privy and passage and am ready for the 2nd coat of mortar.

Oct 24 – Rainy all day till 2. Wife had a bad spell last night and went and got the doctor for her. She is some better tonight. (I believe she had a stroke and this coming from his later entries.)

Oct 25 – Fair and warm. Wife is a little better than yesterday. Went to town to get things for her.

Oct 26 – Fair and cooler. Wife is gaining and we hope she will soon be able to sit up. Went to town to see about stock for the school house. Went up and put in the goose necks.

Oct 27 – Fair. Went to town and got lead pipe for the goose necks and put them in so they are all in and ready for conductors. Wife is better today and can talk better than yesterday.

Oct 28 – Rainy in the morning but cleared off at 9. Went to the school house and jointed in the cellar windows. After dinner went to town to market. The masons are to come Monday and put on the skim coat.

Oct 29 – Fair and cooler. Wife has had a day of rest and is, we hope, still gaining in strength as well as her ability to talk. Her tongue troubles her about speaking many words.

Oct 30 – Herbert S. Canney moved to John C. Webster's today. Fair and cool in the morning. After so long a time we began the second coat of plastering in the school house and got the main room done overhead and 3 sides and hope to finish all tomorrow

Oct 31 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked at skimming and got well along. Hope to get done at noon tomorrow. Got ready now for the sheathing and windows. Wife is still gaining and is able to sit up a short time.

Nov 1 – Fair and not so cold. Went to town and got the windows for the school house, forenoon and afternoon. Chauncey Woodman hauled a load of finish. The masons got done at noon.

Nov 2 – Fair and warm. Working on the school house. Began the inside finish and got half of the windows in and sheathed over the doorway and privy passage and built a platform for the well.

Nov 3 – Dull in the morning. Working in the school house and got the windows all in and getting out inside finish. Laid the privy floors and painted the gutters etc. Wife seems to remain about the same.

Nov 4 – Dull and rain came on at noon. Worked in the school house at laying the floor in the privy and getting ready to lock it up. Went to town at 2.

Nov 5 – Fair all day and not cold. Wife was a little better and we think she had several callers at night.

Nov 6 – Fair and cool. Worked on the school house at putting up sheathing and finishing windows. Went to Greenland and got finial and to town to get nails etc.

Nov 7 – Fair and very mild and pleasant. Working in the school house on the sheathing and windows. The committee were grading the grounds around the school house. Wife was better today.

Nov 8 – Cloudy but no rain. Working in the school house and finished the sheathing and windows round the room and put on part of the chalk molding. John O. Drake hauled steps. We put the copper finial on.

Nov 9 – Fair and chill. Worked in the school house finishing the main room and putting up the window molds and chalk rail etc. Charles W. Spear is to do the painting.

Nov 10 – Fair and pleasant. Worked on the school house finishing around the windows and putting up the black board etc.

Nov 11 – Fair and mild. Worked in the school house part of the day. Went to town to get stock and got all chalk boards up and most of the door frames. Wife is improving.

Nov 12 – Cloudy with southerly wind. No going to church. We all had a day of rest including the wife. We think she has gained much in the last week.

Nov 13 – Dull part of the day. Worked at finishing the school house and got the windows well along.

Nov 14 – Warm as summer. Went to town and got the floor boards, Chauncey Woodman hauled them. Finishing the inside and laying floor in the privy and got bands for the windows.

Nov 15 – Cloudy and cool. Worked in the school house and finished privy and began laying the floors and got 9 feet of the main room laid. Wife is slowly gaining in strength. She does not always get the right words when talking.

Nov 16 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Laying the floor in the new school house and got over the main room except 9 feet of the east end. John O. Drake called. Jake Moulton is to set the steps.

Nov 17 – Fair and cool. Working in the school house laying floors and hanging windows. The floor is all laid in the large room and 5 of the windows hung. Guss Rand is to build the horse house.

Nov 18 – Fair and cool. Worked in the school house at hanging the windows and putting on bands etc. At 3 I went to town to market and carried a barrel of apples at \$3.50 and they call for more.

Nov 19 – Cloudy and cold. No going to church. Wife is still gaining. At 1 went to attend the funeral of Charles W. Rand's daughter Helen, aged 14 ½. She died on Thursday.

Nov 20 – Fair and cool. Worked at the school house a while, then went to town a got doors and began to joint them in. Got the windows all hung and bands on. The painters are inside at work.

Nov 21 – Fair and cool. Worked in the school house laying floor and hanging doors etc. The painters are at work in the school room. They have finished grading and cleaning up round the lot.

Nov 22 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon then cleared off. Worked in the school house till 2 then went to town to get hardwood etc. Got done with Horace and we were hanging doors etc.

Nov 23 – Fair and mild. Went to town in the morning and got floor boards and the conductors. In the afternoon was laying floor and settled with John E. Odiorne.

Nov 24 – Fair and cool. Worked in the school house laying floor and hanging doors etc. Spear is painting and Gilman is setting the steps.

Nov 25 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked in the school house putting locks and knobs on the doors etc. Put up the conductors. They finished the steps etc.

Nov 26 – Very cold but good wheeling. Lizzie and Edith went to church. There was a union service at the Baptist church. Lemual Bunker was buried today at 1:30, aged 70. (Lemual was the son of James and Nancy (Hobbs) Bunker.)

Nov 27 – Fair and cold. Worked at the school house putting on fork lifts and sash fasts, door knobs and many other jobs and put the ventilation on the privy and saddle boards and got done with Charles E. Trefethen. Got a new parlor stove at night.

Nov 28 – Rainy in the morning and cleared off at noon. Went to the school house and got a load of boards and odd pieces and cleaned up around the building.

Nov 29 – Fair, mild and muddy the day before Thanksgiving. Went to town with Edith to get ready for tomorrow. Went to the school house at 3 to do odd jobs.

Nov 30 – Fair and mild and muddy. Thanksgiving Day appointed by the President and Governor. We had 2 chickens for dinner. John Webster called at 10 and went to Abbie's to dinner. Lizzie and Edith went and I kept house. They had company in the evening. At 2 there was a flag raising at the new school house.

The following is taken from the Rye Annual Report of 1894.

(Members of the Grand Army of Rye, thinking that an American flag would be an addition to the new Wedgewood school building, circulated a paper for subscriptions for that object. This call was liberally responded to by the citizens of that part of the town, and through the loyalty and energy of members of the G. A. R. a fine large flag and a lofty flag-staff were obtained. On thanksgiving afternoon an interested company gathered in the new school room to listen to exercises in connection with the flag raising, at the close of which all gathered around the new flag-staff. Two little girls, members of the school, had the pleasure of raising the flag, and amid hearty cheers, the glorious banner was unfurled to the breeze, and all joined in singing, "The Star Spangled Banner.")

Dec 1 – Dull and rainy most of the day with snow in the evening. Stayed at home and had a day of rest. Wife is much better and is round with us. The doctor called at 2 and left medical orders.

Dec 2 – Fair with chilly north wind. Went to town and got locks and bolts for the front doors of the school house and also urinal and copper ornaments and after dinner went up a put in the lock and urinal.

Dec 3 – Dull and snowy all day with some rain and at night a crust on top so if it is cold enough the sleigh will be going tomorrow. The fog horn is sounding tonight dolefully.

Dec 4 – Dull and cold and very slippery and good sleighing. Went to the school house and worked on the front door and got it done at night. It was a day for the blacksmith. They had all the horse shoeing they could do.

Dec 5 – Dull in the morning and at noon a regular northeast snow storm came on and ran all day. Went to the school house and did up all the jobs and finished as I understand it. Charles E. went up and hung the curtains for the committee.

Dec 6 – Fair and cold with a plenty of snow. I put the sled together and broke out round the buildings etc. At 3 went to town to get the news. There has been a bad storm south of us and many ship wrecks.

Dec 7 – Fair and cold. Cutting wood in the shed and getting ready to haul out wood. Went to town at 3 with Edith to get the news etc.

Dec 8 – Fair and cool. Jobbing round and began to repair the Pung, cut wood etc. Have not settled with the committee for building the school house.

Dec 9 – Fair and mild. Jobbing round and finished repairing the privy. Wife went to ride to see her mother at 10, the first since her sickness. At 3 went to town to market and got plucks for the hens. Rain came on at 5.

Dec 10 –Fair and thawing and at night the ice had all gone off the trees and fences. The sleighing is good and many were out to try it.

Dec 11 – Fair and cold. Cutting wood etc. Cleaned out the hen's house and shall try to make them lay as eggs are worth 38 cents per dozen.

Dec 12 – Dull and snowy in the forenoon. So I had to care for the animals etc. Made a table top for Lizzie and after dinner it cleaned off and went to town to get the news. There are great complaints of dull times.

Dec 13 – Fair and very cold, 2 below zero with the best of sleighing. Jobbing round in the forenoon. After dinner hauled wood from the pasture in back of Varrell's. Many were hauling coal and Charles M. Rand was hauling logs to the mill.

Dec 14 – Went to John O. Drakes and got pay for the school house and went to town and paid part of the debts.

Dec 15 – Went to town and paid some of the school house bills and coal bill to Charles E. Walker and Co. of \$15.75 for 3 tons. Tis said that business is flat all over the country on account of the Democratic times.

Dec 16 – Dull and rainy most of the day and freezing out came. Went to Jim Rands and got "Dexter" shod and paid him for the year. Also paid John Berry and Chauncey Woodman and Albert B. Trefethen. (Jim Rand was a local blacksmith on Brackett road.)

Dec 17 – Dull and everything is covered with ice. No going to church nor anywhere else. I have a very bad cold. At 3 William Ira Holmes and wife Sarah called.

Dec 18 – Fair and cool with good sleighing and everybody is out trying it. Lizzie and Edith had a large wash. I am on the sick list with a bad cold or the grippe.

Dec 19 – Dull and snowing in the morning, then cleared off. Bought some meat of Burt Drake. Lizzie and Abbie went to town at 1:30 to get the news. At 3 Martha Adeline called. (Martha is Herman O. Trefethen's mother-in-law from his first wife Louisa (Odiorne). She is living with her husband Joseph William Odiorne on Sagamore Road next to Supply.)

Dec 20 – Cold and blustery all day so I had to keep housed and continue doctoring my cold. There was much riding to town it being near Christmas.

Dec 21 – Fair and more mild. Went to town and settled some bills. Paid Horace and Billings and the water bill in town and paid for papers and gave Edith and Lizzie for Christmas.

Dec 22 – Fair and mild. Jobbing round the buildings. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get Christmas things etc. The sleighing is good and weather mild.

Dec 23 – Mild and thawy. Working on the sleigh seat putting on a new back to it. Did not go the town but sent Lizzie and Edith to get things for Sunday.

Dec 24 – Cloudy and mild and thawing all day. We all had a day of rest and we think the wife is much better. Charles F. Trefethen was in at 3:30.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and very mild and thawing all day. We had a quiet day with chicken for dinner. Mr. Ames called at 3 for a few minutes.

Dec 26 – Fair and colder so the sleighing is saved. Working on the Pung and painted it after going to town to get paint.

Dec 27 – Fair and cold with the best of sleighing. Working on the Pung and varnished it, Edith helping. Emery Jenness came along today. Eggs 36 cents. Went to town at 3:30 and got plucks for the hens.

Dec 28 – Dull with signs of rain. Working in the shop doing odd jobs. Went to town and got a new axe and 2 day hog plucks for the hens and the news. Jake Christenson came down to see me.

Dec 29 – Dull and rainy all day. Boiled plucks and oiled harnesses and other jobs. The sleighing is of the best.

Dec 30 – Cloudy all day. Cutting wood for summer and other jobs. At 2 went to town to the market with Lizzie. There was not many in town. Times are dull they say and not much money going.

Dec 31 – Dull and snowy all day but not much fell. It is not cold for the last day of the year. The end of 1893 finds in good health and good weather and traveling.

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Nov 27, 1894 – Irving W. Rand and wife Edith Mable (Trefethen) Rand had a daughter, Elizabeth “Bessie”. This is Supply’s first grandchild.

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Jan 1 – Fair and cold in the morning but grew warmer. Began cutting wood today and John Odiorne helped me saw it up for the sled. Horace helped Sam Odiorne kill a pig, Jenness came. Grain \$1.15 and eggs 34 cents.

Jan 2 – Fair. Hauling wood all day with “Dexter”, more than 20 loads. Emmons Clark is to have a new sled for 2 horses also a new harness. Made Jack Hodgdon an offer to repair the old house, \$295.00.

Jan 3 – Fair and cold in the morning. Hauled 2 loads of wood, all I had cut. At 1:30 went to town with Abbie. The sleighing is bad. The Foye block was sold at auction today for \$23,200.00. John Rider’s time at town hall tonight.

Jan 4 – Last night was the great time at town hall by John Rider. Dull in the forenoon but cleared off at noon. Jobbing around and blasted some logs. At 2 went to the Sands and got a bushel of sand for blasting etc. Called to see Edith and Bessie. Clear and colder at night.

Jan 5 – The coldest morning of the season, 2 below and solid sleighing. Went to town at 10:30. Paid Evans for Knights of Honor and collected house rent of \$22.00. (Knights of Honor - This society was organized on June 30, 1873, in Louisville, Kentucky, by men from the Ancient Order of United Workmen and also from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Upon being founded, the KOH had as one of its objectives to provide fraternal unity and benevolent assistance for men of sound moral character and good physical health.)

Jan 6 – Dull and snowy all day so we kept housed. At night shoveled out. The hens have hard work to lay enough for grain.

Jan 7 – Dull. Went to town in the forenoon, John Odiorne went with me. Got medicine for the wife. Got 23 lbs. of sugar for \$1.00. They are getting out ice at the Grover place.

Jan 8 – Dull all day and thawing some. Began making a new one horse sled, got out the runners. Went over to see Gilman’s. Edith and Bessie were over in the afternoon. Major March was here for me to go to Odd Fellows meeting tomorrow night and get a letter from John E. Leavitt. (John was the postmaster in Portsmouth.)

Jan 9 – Dull and some snow. Worked in the shop at getting out stock for the sled.

Jan 10 – Snowy all day so I had a good chance to work on the sled, have got it well started. John Odiorne killed his pig and also Charles E. There is sleet at night to keep the snow from flying.

Jan 11 – Cloudy and soft traveling. Worked in the shop on the sled till 2 and got ready for the iron work and went to town and got iron and steel at 2 ½ cents per lb. Sold Charles Yeaton 200 lbs. of hay.

Jan 12 –Dull and thawing all day. Worked in the shop and began the ironing of the sled, Charles Yeaton helping. We got the shoes out and the forward runners covered. At 3 went to town, bad going.

Jan 13 – Dull and thawy until 2 when it broke away. It is slumpy traveling. Dr. Jenkins was down to see Dolly. She is better today. (Dolly is Charles F. Trefethen's wife. They are living next door to Supply at what is now the 390 Sagamore road house.)

Jan 14 – Fair and colder. Working in the shop on the shed getting the iron on, Charles Yeaton helping. I still broke one piece of iron. My sled will be full heavy enough. Mary Ann Salter is sick at Seabrook.

Jan 15 – Fair and cool and good solid sleighing. Worked in the shop on the sled. Emery Jenness came and took eggs at 28 cents and left grain. Our hens laid 24 today and 27 yesterday. Edith and Bessie were over and spent the day.

Jan 16 – Cloudy with some snow. Working on the sled and got the iron work well near done, Charley Yeaton helping. I can now finish it myself. Everybody is sledding.

Jan 17 – Herman Rand was married this night. Fair and cold. Worked on the sled and finished it except painting. Went to town at 1:30 to get paint etc. Abbie went with me. They are hauling large quantities of ice from the Grover pond to town. (Herman O. Rand married Lizzie A. Rand. Herman is living on Wallis Road with his father J. Jenness Rand.)

Jan 18 – Fair and cold. Painting the new sled. Lizzie brought Clara Raynes down to spend the day. After dinner she went over to see Edith and the baby. I carried her up at night.

Jan 19 – Mary Ann Salter is dead. Fair and cold with the best of sleighing. Put my new sled together this morning and rigged it for use. Went to town at 2. Wife went to see Ann Trefethen. Edith and baby Bessie were over. (Mary Ann Salter was the aunt of Harrison W. Salter. Harrison was the step-father of Edith's husband Irving W. Rand.)

Jan 20 – Fair and cold. No one went to church so we had a day of rest. At 3 Lizzie went over to Edith's and also called on the new bride and groom, Herman Rand and wife Lizzie in the Hall house.

Jan 21 – Cloudy but not cold. Used the new sled for the first time. Hauled 2 loads of logs to town to mill and found it worked to perfection. Oliver Winslow was also logging. At night Lizzie went to the theatre with Edith.

Jan 22 – Mrs. George Raynes died Sunday, age 86. Mild and thawy all day. Cut logs in the forenoon and went to town with one load. George Webber's son came near being killed in the

engine room. (Eleanor (Kennard) Raynes was the daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth (Walker) Kennard.)

Jan 23 – Fair and cooler with a northwest wind. In the morning went down and sold Thomas Rand wood. Went to town with two loads of logs and got them sawed. Edith and Irving were over. Wife and Lizzie went to town.

Jan 24 – Fair and cold. Hauling wood from the lower pasture, Erving helping and hauled 4 loads. Wife went in to school at 2. Mrs. Merrill keeps the school.

Jan 25 – Fair and cold. Hauling wood from the lower pasture in the forenoon and finished the pine. Shall need some more hardwood. Cut a spruce tree to put up in the barn, Irving helping. Went clamming.

Jan 26 – A furious snow storm all the forenoon then rain came in. Worked in the barn and got ready for flooring over a section At 2:30 went to town to market and got some malt etc. Saw George Webber and his son is some better.

Jan 27 – Fair with a high west wind and freezing, not good sleighing. We had a day of rest and to read up the news. A few went to church.

Jan 28 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop and made picture frame and other odd jobs.

Jan 29 – Fair and cold. Jobbing round and at 2 went to town and paid out \$10.00 for the water bill, Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor. Made a case of shelves for the dining room.

Jan 30 – Fair. Worked in the shop and repaired the Pung shaft. Put up shelves in the dining room and put picture frame etc. Edith and Irving and baby Bessie were over in the afternoon.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold. Cut a red oak tree and hauled it to the mill and had it sawed for stock on hand. In town the Democrats are groaning because the legislature has passed the police commission bill.

Feb 1 – Fair and cold in the morning but fine at noon. Cut an elm tree and had it sawed, John Odiorne helped. He had the top. They are still hauling ice from John Grover's pond in Rye. Now is the best of sledding.

Feb 2 – Dull and cloudy all day with snow at noon time. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed in the morning. Afternoon went to town to get the news. This was Candlemas Day, ½ your meat and ½ your hay.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. There was some sleighing but we had a forenoon by the fire. At 2 went over and got Edith. At night called with the wife to see Mr. Charles L. Ames.

(Charles worked in the Shoe Factory as a vamer. A vamer was one who assembled the shoes.)

Feb 4 – A regular northeast snow storm all day but did not gain much. Drew off my cider 2 barrels and washed them out and put the cider back and binged it up tight for summer.

Feb 5 – Cold, zero weather with a northwest wind and we all kept housed and let it blow. The snow flew furiously. Joseph William Seavey broke out the road to Foye's. There was not much riding.

Feb 6 – The coldest morning, 10 below with wind and flying snow. Kept housed till 1 and then went to town. We killed 3 hens and carried them to town at 13 cents per lb. The cold wave came from the Rocky Mountains.

Feb 7 – Fair and cold, 4 below this morning. Jobbing round and made a corner shelf. Jenness came and got the eggs at 22 cents and grain at \$1.15 per bag. Edith came over at 2 and the snow came on at night. The schools have an exhibition, Lizzie went.

Feb 8 – Heavy snow storm all last night and all the forenoon then came off cold and blustery, 6 below. There was not a team went by. Working in the shop making a wash bench.

Feb 9 – Fair and cold, 6 below. Joseph William with 4 men shoveled out the path and at night broke out with horses. Went to town at 2 to market and to get the news. There has been a bad storm all over the country.

Feb 10 – Fair and cold with a very good path but no travel. We had a day to sit by the fire and read the news. Wife went to see her mother and Lizzie went over to see Edith.

Feb 11 – Fair and cold. Jobbing round. At 1 the road agents of New Castle called for me to examine the Wentworth Bridge soon. At night there was a school exhibition.

Feb 12 – Fair and cold. At 8 went and examined the New Castle Bridge and found it needed 25 new piles and braces and at 2 went to New Castle to see agents and offered to repair it for \$235.00.

Feb 13 – Fair and cold. Killed 4 hens and carried to town at 13 cents per lb. Eggs in town are 24 cents. It is not the best of sleighing. Guss Rand and wife Amanda called at 2 also Mr. Aldrich and wife. Lizzie went and got horse shod.

Feb 14 - Fair and not cold. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed. At 2 worked in the shop. Saw Chauncey Woodman and gave him a bill due from town.

Feb 15 – Fair and bright. Hauled seaweed, 2 loads and repaired the sled. At 3 went to town with Lizzie to market.

Feb 16 – Fair and cool. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and went to town. Con Philbrick and Emmons Clark cleared the Wentworth Bridge this afternoon.

Feb 17 – Fair and pleasant and good sleighing. Carried wife to her mothers. Lizzie went to ride to see Edith and she came over. Mr. Charles Ames and wife came up at 6.

Feb 18 – Fair and cool. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and got some mussels to eat. We had clam chowder for dinner.

Feb 19 – Fair and good sledding. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put on the low ground grass. Wife and Lizzie rode over to see Edith. Jenness came and took eggs at 22 cents and grain at \$1.12 per bag.

Feb 20 – Fair and pleasant and good sleighing. Killed 4 hens and carried to town and sold for 13 cents per lb. to John O. Downs. Got a haircut. Saw George Webber. Cut summer wood. Bought 24 lbs. of sugar for \$1.00. (John O. Downs was a provisions dealer in Portsmouth.)

Feb 21 – Fair and cold. Cutting wood for summer. They are having a sleighing carnival at Concord to last 3 days while the legislature is in session and many went from Portsmouth.

Feb 22 – Fair and cold. Cutting summer wood. This was a holiday but I had to work to get my wood cut. They have got a police commission appointed for Portsmouth and Democrats are mad.

Feb 23 – Cold and fair with a northwest wind. Working at repairing the wagon etc. At 2 went to town to market.

Feb 24 – Fair and no cold. Good sleighing but there was not much travel. Had a day of rest and read the news.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and cut wood.

Feb 26 – Fair. Working on the wagon. Jenness came with grain and took the eggs at 24 cents, we had 21 dozen. Cut spruce logs for bars etc.

Feb 27 – Fair and very good sledding. Went to town with a load of logs to mill for spruce bars etc. After dinner hauled wood etc.

Feb 28 – Fair. Repairing the wagon and have now got it ready for use when sleighing is done.

Mar 1 – Fair. Went to town in the forenoon with an oak log and hauled home my boards. After dinner hauled a load of wood from the pasture and finished mauling out wood.

Mar 2 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon, then snow came on till night. Joseph William Seavey called for me to help shovel snow out of the road. At 3 went to town to market and got the news.

Mar 3 – Fair and not cold with one inch of snow. We had a day of rest to read the news. At 4 Ed Drake called to borrow my large chisel. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Mar 4 – Fair in the morning then came up dull and snow came on at 2. Sawing wood for winter. At 1:30 Joseph and Woodbury Berry called, they had been clamming. Jennie was here. A large steamer ran ashore in Boston Harbor.

Mar 5 – Jenness came, eggs 24 cents. Fair and cold with high northwest wind. So we had to keep in the shop and house. At 1 went to town to get the news. Saw Charles Wendell, he is to have his house built. The new police have been appointed in Portsmouth.

Mar 6 – Fair and cool. Sawing wood till noon then went clamming with John Odiorne down on Seavey Creek. We got nearly ½ bushel. We called to see Sam Odiorne, he had been clamming.

Mar 7 – Fair and mild. Sawing wood in the forenoon. At 2 went with wife to see Henry S. Rand and wife Mary and also called to see his daughter Lizzie, wife of Herman O. Rand. We also called to see Eliza and Aunt Jane. (Lucena “Jane” Trefethen was married to Levi Wallis Hall. She was the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and was previously living on Wallis Road but moved to Malden, Massachusetts. All are living on Wallis road at this time.)

Mar 8 – Dull and rainy until 3 when it cleared off warm. Jobbing round in the shop till 3:30 then sawed wood. The sleighing has been damaged by rain and is slumpy. Frank has bought mother a new horse.

Mar 9 – Dull in the forenoon. Working in the shop and jobbing round. At 2 went to town to market, saw Evans. Paid a month’s dues on the Knights of Honor. He wants me to repair his barn.

Mar 10 – Fair and mild and sleighing not of the best. Edith and her husband Irving were over at 5 and took oyster stew. Called to see Charles Ames at 7 o clock.

Mar 11 – Fair and cool. Began sawing wood for winter, John Berry helping. We made good progress but at night my shoulders were lame by the use of the crosscut saw.

Mar 12 – Fair. Sawing wood in the forenoon, John Berry helping. At 1 went to town meeting. Chauncey Woodman was chosen one of the selectman and Emmons Clark one of the road agents. The town is to raise \$6000.00.

Mar 13 – Cloudy but no rain. Sawing wood and splitting, John Berry helping. Mrs. W. Foss called to see about the Remick place. She is to hire of Mrs. Emily Trafton.

Mar 14 – Rainy through the night and until 10. Splitting wood, John Berry came at 1 and we made good progress. Mrs. Foss called yesterday to see about the Remick house. She is teaching school and is to teach the East School through the year.

Mar 15 – Dull and cloudy with a little snow. Finished splitting wood, John Berry helping. Wheels are going but there is plenty of snow and a good prospect of its remaining.

Mar 16 – Dull with snow and cold. Sleighs and sleds are going and winter is abroad in the land. Sowed lettuce in a box and took up potatoes to sprout. There was a school meeting and they voted to build a new school house at the east end.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold and bad traveling. So there were but few went to church. Charles E. is circulating a petition for a new Post Office in this section of the town.

Mar 18 – Snow squalls after which we had cold and high northwest wind. There were some sleighs going today. Hewing timber for Abbie to build a “chicken house” $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. There are many peddlers on the road.

Mar 19 – Fair and cold with a high wind. Jobbing round. At 2 went to town with Lizzie to get the news. Agreed to haul hay tomorrow. Miss Tuckerman is to sell out her store stock.

Mar 20 – Fair and more mild. Went to town with a load of hay to Washington Freeman at \$15.00 per ton. And at 2 went again with a load to Sowsbury the Baker at the same price and at night was tired.

Mar 21 – Fair and pleasant. Went to see Charles Wendell about making on offer to build his house. The school board were down looking at a lot for a new school house in Woodman’s field. Piled up boards etc.

Mar 22 – Cloudy and cool with snow squalls. Hewing and cleaning up generally. Lizzie went over and got Edith and baby Bessie to spend the day. Abbie called and said that many were sick with the grippe.

Mar 23 – Fair and cold. Jobbing round till the after dinner. Went to town to get the news. Saw George Hayes and he paid me one month’s rent ending March 20th. Got sharps of Sam Dixon.
(John Cambell has moved from the Lincoln house and George Hayes is now renting it.)

Mar 24 – Fair with plenty of mud and there was not much traveling. Had a day of rest. At 3 wife went to see her mother. At 5 Edith and Irving were over to make a call and take oyster stew. Mr. Ames is sick.

Mar 25 – Dull and cold with some rain. Went to town at 1 with hay to Russell and a barrel of flour and also one for Abbie at \$4.00. Thaddeus Trefethen is very sick.

Mar 26 – Fair and cool. Charles Ames is on the sick list but much better. Thaddeus died at 3:30 of consumption, aged 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ years. Went to town to engage hay to Wendell. Went to the house in town and repaired the cellar drain.

Mar 27 – Fair and chilly with bad traveling. Went to town at 9:30 with hay to Wendell and engaged a load to John L. Randell for tomorrow. At 3 hauled a load of 1000 lbs. of hay to Mr. Ames, Austin helping.

Mar 28 – A snow storm all last night and about 3 inches fell and rain and snow came down about all day. Horace was getting ready for Thaddeus funeral. Went over to see Henry Rand about the new school house proposed.

Mar 29 – Fair with a high northwest wind and cold and some sleighs were seen. Went to town to see about hauling hay to Randall. At 2 went to Thaddeus funeral. The wife and Lizzie also went. (Thaddeus was the son of Simon Goss Trefethen and the brother of Horace Levi. He was non-compos mentis but was able to do small jobs around the farms in the neighborhood.)

Mar 30 – Fair and muddy. Went to town with hay to John Randall and finished hauling. Went to the school meeting. They voted to buy a lot of Emery Woodman and to build a new school house, 45 x 34 feet. (John Randall enlisted on 8/21/1862, was mustered as a Corporal in Company K of the 13th Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers (Infantry) and was discharged on 7/26/1865. He died in Portsmouth on 3/14/1914.)

Mar 31 – Fair and muddy. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach against dancing and other sins as he views them. We had a day of rest.

Apr 1 – Dull and cloudy with some rain at 3. Changed cart and got ready to haul manure. At 2 went to see Charles Wendell in regard to his proposed new house. It is doubtful if it is built this year.

Apr 2 – Fair. Cleaning up round the wood pile and elsewhere. Started to get ready to build a chicken house for Abbie. Haywood's man from New Castle came for me to go to see Haywood tomorrow morning.

Apr 3 – Snowing all the forenoon and cleared off at 2. Went to Newcastle and saw Haywood. He wants me to move a building to begin Friday morning.

Apr 4 – Fair and bad traveling. Jobbing round and got ready to go to New Castle tomorrow but got orders not to go. So worked for Abbie ½ day on the chicken house. Portsmouth is in trouble with 2 sets of police officers.

Apr 5 – Fair and much more pleasant. Worked for Abbie all day on the chicken house and got it up and mostly boarded. Abbie and Lizzie went to town. The selectmen were round to take the inventory.

Apr 6 – Fair and mild. Worked for Haywood at New Castle getting his building ready to move. We got the rolls under. Went to town at 5 to get the news etc.

Apr 7 – Fair and muddy and hard wheeling. Mr. Charles Ames was up in the morning and paid me \$7.50 for hay. He is not very well. His wife is also ill with Rheumatism. Few went to church.

Apr 8 – Dull and rain came on at noon. Worked for Haywood ½ day and got his building moved and ready for him to build on an addition to the “Cerro Cardo”. Called to see Justin Yeaton’s new horse.

Apr 9 – A furious southeast rain storm until 10 o clock then broke away. At 1 went with Emmons Clark to make an estimate of stock for repairing bridges.

Apr 10 – Fair and cold. Worked for Abbie on the chicken house. Got it shingled and began the front finish. Elijah Clough and son George are moving on the Gilman Berry farm.

Apr 11 – Fair and a little more spring like. Worked for Abbie ¾ of a day then went to town to get wire fencing for the hen yard and shorts etc. William F. Fernald, ship builder died at 5 tonight of heart disease.

Apr 12 – Fair and cold. Worked for Abbie and finished the chicken house. Mr. Ames’s son came from Haverhill to work in the shoe shop as a cutter. Sold them some boards at night.

Apr 13 – Cloudy with some showers. Hauled out 11 loads of manure for the potatoes in the further field. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. Beef is 2 cents higher. Business is dull in town.

Apr 14 – A regular southeast rain storm all day so we kept near the fire. Herbert Kenna carries milk to town and George Clough began Friday from the Gilman Berry farm to run a milk wagon to town.

Apr 15 – Dull and stormy most of the day. Hauled out 8 loads of manure in the forenoon. Jobbing round after dinner. It is very backward and no plowing has been done. Set out cabbage stumps and cleaned up round.

Apr 16 – Dull and cloudy with some snow. Painted tubs etc. Worked for Abbie and cleaned out her hen house and privy and other jobs. Chauncey Woodman is hauling lumber for John O. Berry's new barn.

Apr 17 – Fair. Jobbing round in the forenoon. At 1 went to Abbie's and put hooks on the gates and she paid me. Then went to town and paid Wendell and Co. \$5.00 on account. Haywood sent for me to go to New Castle tomorrow.

Apr 18 – Fair and warm. Worked for Haywood at New Castle moving the building with 2 men and got it done and got my pay.

Apr 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for John O. Berry on his new barn shingling and making doors. He has sold his interest in his father Gilman's farm to Mrs. Florence L. Salter and Elijah Clough has hired (rented) it. (Florence L. Salter is the sister of John O. Berry.)

Apr 20 – Fair and mild. Worked for John O. Berry and got done and went to town to market. Received a potato from Rural New Yorker "Carman No1" for seed.

Apr 21 – Fair and warm. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich preach a Fast Day sermon. At 2 went with the wife to see Mrs. Foss at the Remick place. They have lived there for 2 weeks.

Apr 22 – Fair in the forenoon and Chauncey Woodman had my plowing done, Charley Yeaton helping me. At 2 rain came on so I painted the horse sled. Edith and Bessie were here. Mrs. Salter came from Marblehead. 10 chickens today.

Apr 23 – Fair. Hauled manure on the potato patch and got it ready to plant. At 2 went to town and got seed and phosphate and saw Dan Littlefield about a cow. Captain Horatio Trefethen was married tonight at 5 to Sarah Ann (Johnson) Seaward. (They are living in Kittery, Maine.)

Apr 24 – Fair and cold in the morning but soon grew warmer. Planted my potatoes in the further field. Edith and Bessie were over. They were repairing the highway; Emmons Clark is the agent in this part of the town.

Apr 25 – Fair and warmer so that I am glad we planted potatoes. Hauled 2 loads of manure and sowed peas, 3 kinds, and onions and other kinds of seeds. In the afternoon painted the wagon with the one coat the kind of paint from Detroit. They were working on the highway.

Apr 26 – Fair. Sowed some garden seed. Wife and Lizzie went to the Post Office to get the papers. After dinner went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and put around the apple trees.

Apr 27 – Dull and wet all day. Jobbing round the shop in the forenoon. After dinner went to town to market. Saw Littlefield about the pile driver for the bridge. We cannot have it next week. Jacob Chandler was buried today, age 54.

Apr 28 – Fair and warm, but no going to church. At 3 Ed Drake called to leave my chisel, he barrowed some time ago. Irving and Edith were over to oyster stew.

Apr 29 – Fair. Hauled a load of seaweed and cleaned up bushes that were cut last fall. Went to the cemetery with wife to get the plot ready for flowers.

Apr 30 – Fair part of the time then showery till noon. Hauled off rocks after dinner and set bars posts and repaired fence. There was a squall and shower at 5:30 and many got wet.

May 1 – Fair. Repaired bars, burnt bushes, cleaned up by the walls and planted a few potatoes John E. Odiorne gave me. Went to town and got wire netting (fine) for Abbie.

May 2 – Fair with heavy frost in the morning. Cleaning up round the back door and put up wire netting for Abbie. At 1 went with the wife to Mrs. Trafton's. She was in Boston, Oliver was keeping house. We rode past the Frank Jones farm and then to see George Webber at his place.

May 3 – Fair and warm. Repairing bars and fences, burning bushes etc. Set some pear grafts and trimmed trees. There seems to be peach blight in plenty and Baldwin blossoms will be scarce.

May 4 – Fair and very hot until 4 when a cold east wind came in and it was quite cold. Arbor Day and we set out 15 trees and vines of maple, spruce and pines. Went to town at 3.

May 5- Dull most of the day with and east wind but no rain. John C. Webster called at 4 with Herbert Canney.

May 6 – Fair and warm. Worked for the town on the Wentworth Bridge putting in new stringers etc. There is a large gang at work on the Wentworth House putting in new bath tubs and painting and other work.

May 7 – Fair and much warmer. Worked of the bridge at putting in new stringers. Farmers have to hustle to get their planting done. Received 100 strawberry plants from New York and set out part of them. Yesterday we had the last coal fire.

May 8 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the morning to see about having the pile driver at the bridge. We are to have it tomorrow. Worked on the bridge at putting in new stringers. Bessie is not very well.

May 9 – Fair and hot. We had a light snow and I finished setting out my strawberry plants. Charles W. Norton died yesterday in town, age 65. Worked at the bridge putting in stringers and the scow came and we took up part of the pier. (Charles Norton was a contractor and builder from Portsmouth.)

May 10 – Fair and hot. Worked on the bridge taking up the pier we put in 2 years ago and got most of it clear. They are putting in electric lights at the Wentworth House, 1400 they say.

May 11 – Fair and warm. Working on the bridge. We got the pier cleaned up and drove 2 piles under the bridge. Went to town at 4:30 and got the news. The new city government is will organize next Tuesday.

May 12 – Dull and rainy most of the day and it was most welcome to the drying vegetation. Trees are leaving out very fast and we are in the drive of summer growth.

May 13 – Dull and rainy in the morning. Cleaned out the hen house and other odd jobs. At 9:30 went to the bridge for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day driving piles for braces etc. The bridge is in a bad condition, piles and stringers are badly rotten.

May 14 – Cloudy and cool and frosty in the morning. Worked on the bridge driving piles. Horace stayed at home to plant and Frank Jones sailed for Europe. The new city government organized today and the Republicans have the majority. Got some clams.

May 15 – Fair and cold for the season. Worked on the bridge at driving piles.

May 16 – Dull and cold. Worked on the bridge driving piles etc.

May 17 – Fair and cold. Lizzie went to the post office. Mr. Aldrich is away for 2 Sundays. Edith was over with Bessie and Irving is at York. Worked on the bridge.

May 18 – Dull and rainy all day. We worked on the bridge $\frac{1}{2}$ day and got done with the pile driver. Went to town at noon to get the news

May 19 – Fair and cold. Lizzie went to church and heard Rev. H. J. Rhodes. Mr. Aldrich has gone away for 2 Sundays. Edith came over at 5.

May 20 – Dull and cool. Worked on the bridge putting in new stringers. Samuel Odiorne's boy, Otis, ran away at 10 and was lost till 2 when he was found in the woods and there was great rejoicing. (Otis is 2 years old.)

May 21 – Worked on the bridge at putting in new stringers etc. There is a large gang at the Wentworth.

May 22 – Fair and warm. Went to the court house to a hearing in regard to getting help from the county to repair the Wentworth Bridge. Judge Smith was the referee and they ask for \$3,000.00.

May 23 – Fair and warm. Worked on the bridge at putting in stringers and top planking. There are to have new electric in front of the Wentworth and on the bridge and beside the road.

May 24 – Warm and dry. Worked on the Wentworth Bridge and finished and brought tools home.

May 25 – Fair and warm. Sowed peppers and carrots and planted cucumbers and beans. Set out one grape vine and hoed onions etc. At 2 went to town to market and got \$30.00 house rent in town and saw William A. Ashe about plans of the house for Littlefield.

May 26 – Dull and rainy, slightly good for growing crops. No going to church and we had a day of rest. Charles came in at 3. Apple trees are in full bloom but the Baldwins are not blooming much this year.

May 27 – Cloudy and some rain. Worked for William “Fat Man” Quinn at the J.B. house righting up the shed and hanging windows, Charles E. helping.

May 28 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round planting peas and beans and weeding in the garden etc. Went to town at night to get wheel stock etc. Cultivated potatoes.

May 29 – Fair and hot. Carried the wagon to the blacksmith’s shop and helped get it ready to set the tires.

May 30 – Fair and warm. “Memorial Day” and they had a celebration in Portsmouth. Lizzie went at 1:30. Hoed my potatoes and other jobs.

May 31 – Fair and very hot. Getting wood in the shed and at 9 went to town to see about the price of stock and about making Littlefield an offer to build his house at New Castle.

Jun 1 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and planting and jobbing round. At 2:30 went to town to get the news and see the town. Went to Evans house and paid one month’s dues of the Knights of Honor, \$3.30.

Jun 2 – Fair and very hot and drying, 90 in the shade. So we had to keep shady. Edith and Irving came over at 5. Went to see Grammy and saw Mr. Ames.

Jun 3 – Dull and we had a good shower. Worked for Charles A. Drake at finishing off a room, the one his mother used last. He has bought a new engine $\frac{3}{4}$ horse power and boiler.

Jun 4 – Dull and cool. Worked for Drake and got the windows in and got done until after plastering. Got a bushel of potatoes as mine were so scabby we could not eat them.

Jun 5 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and planting etc. At 9 went to town to get the news and see about work. Saw plans of the proposed new school house.

Jun 6 – Dull with some rain in the forenoon. Painted the horse rake and hanging chair and seat etc. Hung screen door for Abbie. Emmons Clark called to say they would begin work on the bridge Monday.

Jun 7 – Fair and warm. Worked for Herbert Canney at hanging doors outside of the barn and it was warm and very dry. Canney has 11 cows and sells milk in Portsmouth.

Jun 8 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Canney and got done on the doors. At 2:30 went to town to get the news etc.

Jun 9 – Fair and hot and drying so that we need another shower to keep the grass along. This was children's Sunday and sermons were preached and a concert was held at night for their benefit.

Jun 10 – Fair and hot. Worked on the Pine Tree Bridge, so called, and putting on new planking. The old one was very rotten. (Pine Tree Bridge: The bridge that crosses Seavey's Creek at Little Harbor on Pioneer Road in Rye.)

Jun 11 – Fair and hot. Worked on the bridge and got it about $\frac{1}{2}$ laid. Dug some clams and had some cooked at night and they were extra mild. John H. Foss dug 2 bushels of clams today.

Jun 12 – Fair and hot and very drying. The top of the ground is so dry that the grass is feeling it badly. Worked on the bridge at re-planking and got $\frac{2}{3}$ done.

Jun 13 – Dull but not much rain. Worked on the bridge at Little Harbor.

Jun 14 – Fair and hot with dust. Worked on the bridge and got the planking done and began repairing the rail.

Jun 15 – Dull and showery in the forenoon. Went down to the bridge and finished at noon. Bought a plank of the town and also got some old plank for a walk. At 3:30 went to town to get the news etc.

Jun 16 – Fair and warm. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Foss in exchange with Mr. Aldrich. George Hayes came down and we went to Odiorne's Point. At 3:30 George Webber and Aggy called and we went over to the place.

Jun 17 – Fair and warm and also dry. Weeding and hoeing. Went to town to get prices of stock to make an estimate for the new school house to be built at the east end.

Jun 18 – Fair and hot. Hoeing potatoes and put Paris Green on them to kill bugs that are plenty. Went to town to get estimates. Saw Quinn and agreed to begin his job tomorrow.

Jun 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for William Quinn in town at making repairs to his house, Irving helping. Charles E. could not afford to work for \$2.00 per day.

Jun 20 – Fair and hot and very dry. Worked for Quinn and got the outside door in. My taxes in Rye were paid today, \$24.30.

Jun 21 – Fair and warm. Worked for Quinn at shingling the front side of the house. It was not decided until we got ready to put on the new gutter.

Jun 22 – Dull and wet in the morning. Changed cart to get ready for haying, Irving helped. We went to town and finished Quinn's shingling and settled up, paid Irving \$7.00.

June 23 – Foggy most of the day. Warm and still dry.

Jun 24 – Dull with fog. There was a school meeting at town hall and Professor James Parsons brought plans for the new school house and they adopted them and he is to build the house for \$4100.00. The style is 8 square and to be built of stone.

Jun 25 – Dull. We had a nice shower in the night which was very welcome and revived the vegetation much. I intended to begin haying but it was too damp so I was hoeing and other jobs.

Jun 26 – Dull and not hay weather this morning so I could not begin haying as I intended. Hoed my potatoes and corn. Went to town to get the news and talked with Professor Parsons about the school house. He wants me to estimate the costs.

Jun 27 – Rainy all day with showers. So hay is delayed and I was doing other jobs. The beach people are getting ready for business. They are hoping for a good season and to make some money.

Jun 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day and now there seems to be a plenty of wet for some time. Setting out plants and doing odd jobs. Sent to the office and got the news. We have now 2 feet of water in the cistern.

Jun 29 – Dull and foggy and I was hoeing and setting out plants. Put Paris Green on the potatoes. Went to town at 2 to get the news etc. There is much hay that has been cut a week and still in the fields.

Jun 30 – Dull and foggy all day with some rain. At 3 went to the sea to see Salter's house. He has it about done and ready for letting. Called to see Edith and baby also to see Will Foss.
(Harrison Salter's other house was on Ocean Blvd. just south of Wallis Road.)

Jul 1 – Dull and not hay weather. Jobbing round and went to town at 3 to get the news.

Jul 2 – Fair and very good hay weather. Chauncey Woodman cut 2 fields for me and has begun the regular haying. At 2 went to Clara (Trefethen) Lang's funeral. Saw Richard and Wesley Lang. She was 56 years and 11 months old. (Her husband was Charles Wesley Lang and she was the daughter of Charles F. and Dorothy "Dolly" (Marden) Trefethen. Clara was Supply's cousin.)

Jul 3 – Good hay weather and we cut the further field and some in front of Charles E's and got in 6 loads, 3 from the back of Abbie's and 3 in the corner field and raked up the others. Went to town at 5 with Lizzie.

Jul 4 – The glorious 4th but not good hay weather though we got in 4 loads and mowed by hand in front of Charles F. Trefethen's.

Jul 5 – Dull in the morning but cleared off and we cut under the trees in front of the house and got in one load back of the house, John Berry and Irving helping.

Jul 6 – Dull most of the day with slight showers, hoeing etc. At 2:30 went to town to get the news and see about work. The new East school house is to be bid out next Saturday.

Jul 7 – Foggy in the morning then cleared off and got hot and quite dry. Edith came over at 5.

Jul 8 – Fair and hot, 90. Worked at haying with Chauncey Woodman helping and we cut all on the north side of the road and we got in 4 loads and raked all up, Irving and John Berry helping.

Jul 9 – Dull and rainy all day so had a day of rest and no haying. The rain came down with a rush and all vegetation had a good drink. Potatoes are making rapid growth. Am estimating a new school house.

Jul 10 – Fair with a northwest wind and good for haying. Chauncey Woodman came up and cut all above the barn and we were turning hay when I got a postal calling me to the navy yard and went and worked ½ day. John got in one load.

Jul 11 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Uncle Sam at getting out the guard for "Leyden". John O. Berry got in 7 loads of hay for me and his boy was helping and Elmer. (John O.'s son is John H. Berry and is 14 years old. Elmer is the son of Charles Erwin Trefethen and is 10).

Jul 12 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for Uncle Sam. John Berry was haying for me and finished cutting and got all in but the willow field.

Jul 13 – Dull and not hay weather but John Berry finished my haying this forenoon. Worked for U.S. on the “Leyden” getting out the guards. At night we had rain in plenty.

Jul 14 – Dull and showery and we had to stop at home at times it poured in torrents. A man from Amesbury called in to the barn to get out of the shower, he was acquainted with Daniel Jr.

Jul 15 – Fair and not very hot and yet the best of hay weather. Worked for U.S. on the “Leyden” getting out the guard. 8 carpenters in all made an offer to Professor Parsons to do the carpenter work on the East School House for \$2375.00.

Jul 16 – Dull and foggy most of the day. So that no haying was done. Worked for the U.S. and there is a small gang and the work goes off slow. They are putting a new iron bridge over the South Mill Pond in Portsmouth.

Jul 17 – Dull all day and hay makers are of a sad countenance. Worked for the U.S. on the guard and it was good weather for that business. At night called round to the house to see about steps.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot. Worked for U.S.

Jul 19 – Fair and good haying weather. Worked for U.S.

Jul 20 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off and made very good hay day. Worked for U.S. on “Leyden” making the guard. Got paid for the 1st half of the month, \$13.62. Heard the W.A. Hodgdon had a contract for the school house wood work.

Jul 21 – Fair and very hot, 85 in the shade. Joseph Jackson of Kittery called and got cider and water. At 3 went to call to see Mrs. William Trefethen. She has carbuncle on her back. (Her name is Hannah (Garland) Trefethen.)

Jul 22 – Dull and foggy most of the day and no haying. Worked for U.S. There are now getting to put the carpenters to work on the house sills and to lay the lower deck.

Jul 23 – Dull in the morning then cleared off and made a good hay day. Worked for U.S. on the sills for the “Leyden” the tug boat we are repairing.

Jul 24 – Fair with a northwest wind and good hay weather. Worked for the U.S. on getting out house sills etc. Harrison Salter rides with me and he is working on the Congress block.

Jul 25 – Fair with a west wind. The Mystic veterans had their picnic at the grove at Fort McClary today and a good time was voted. Worked for the U.S. on the steamer “Leyden”.

Jul 26 – Fair with a northwest wind and good hay weather and the farmers have improved it by getting in much good hay. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 27 – Fair in the morning then came up cloudy and rain came on at 5:30 and came down all night. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” on the house sills.

Jul 28 – Fair and a northwest wind and comfortable. There was much riding. Harry Rand brought plans of the West School.

Jul 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the house sills for the “Leyden”. Salter rode with me at night. Made an offer for the job on the West School House.

Jul 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. and heard that my offer was accepted for the job on the West School House, \$187.00 for building a porch and bell tower. Set out celery.

Jul 31 – Fair and warm in the forenoon. Afternoon we had a heavy shower. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”.

Aug 1 – Dull and some fog.

Aug 2 – Fair and comfortable and the best of growing weather. Worked for the U.S.

Aug 3 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for the U.S. on the house sills and other jobs. At noon got paid for the last half of August, \$42.56.

Aug 4 – Fair and hot with some clouds. Mr. Morrell preached at the Christian church. At 2 went to the West School House with Charles Rand to see about the new addition.

Aug 5 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. At night made a schedule of stock needed in my job on the West School House. Charles Rand began the foundation and Chauncey Woodman hauled lime and the rock.

Aug 6 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” at planing deck plank. Chauncey Woodman hauled brick. Sold a barrel of Red Astrachan apples for 75 cents.

Aug 7 – Fair in the morning then came dull and rain at 11 and there was no muster in the afternoon and I came home. I went with Horace to the West School House to see about beginning work on it.

Aug 8 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”. Horace and John Odiorne began my job of building a porch and bell tower to the West School House.

Aug 9- Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden" getting the deck plank through the mill. Oliver Winslow went on the yard yesterday. There was an accident at Lang's.

Aug 10 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. there were 3 carpenters called on the yard today to come tomorrow.

Aug 11 – Fair and dry. There was much driving today. Edith and Irving and baby were over at 5. Bessie has one tooth.

Aug 12 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard and came home at 11 and was jobbing round picking 2 bushels of Red apples for "Hi" Locke. Hoed strawberries etc. ("Hi" may be Hiram Locke who was a fruit dealer in Portsmouth.)

Aug 13 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden". There was a celebration in Portsmouth of the Order of United American Mechanics. They had a long procession and a large crowd.

Aug 14 – Fair and hot, August weather. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck. Carried 2 bushel of apples to town at 75 cents. They do not sell very readily. Horace and John Odiorne are going along with the school house job.

Aug 15 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck on the "Leyden". Potatoes are rotting badly they say. Guss Rand is on the yard and quite lame. I am selling Red Astrachan apples at 75 cents.

Aug 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden". Salter rides with me. Carried 1 bushel of apples for 50 cents and sold 1 to Canney. Heard that Holmes and Henry Rand are going to do the stove work on the new school house.

Aug 17 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. at getting out rail. The work is going along slowly as the iron work always must. They are putting the house in frame.

Aug 18 – Dull and rainy until 2 when it cleared off and was muddy to ride out. Edith and Irving and baby Bessie came at 4. There was no going to church.

Aug 19 – Fair with a northwest wind and not very hot. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden" getting out rail. Sold one bushel of apples and engaged 2 bushels for tomorrow, Red Astrachans at 75 cents.

Aug 20 – Fair and cool Worked for the U.S. on "Leyden" getting out the rail. Carried apples to Hi Locke and Atwell Salter rides with me. Horace and John Odiorne are getting the porch well along at the school house.

Aug 21 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” getting out the rail. It was pay day and I got \$35.00. Sold one bushel of apples to Moses Brothers. We have Bessie’s picture today.

Aug 22 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. at putting on the rail. They are also repairing the ferry boat 132. Sold the last of the Red Astrachan apples today. They have sold well this year.

Aug 23 – Cloudy and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden”. Jerome C. Butler died this morning of kidney trouble. The boarding season is drawing to a close and has been a good one for the landlords.

Aug 24 – Fair and very hot and we sweat more than any day this year. Worked for the U.S. and we were glad it was Saturday night. Jerome Butler will be buried tomorrow.

Aug 25 – Fair and hot but not so bad as yesterday. Daniel Jr. and wife Mary and daughter Irene came from Hampton where they live now having bought a farm there. Edith and Bessie came at 5.

Aug 26 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”. There is much talk about the Masonic celebration in Boston tomorrow with a great parade.

Aug 27 – Fair and hot and drying and there was much sweating. There is hope of making a full week and also a full half month. Carried apples to town.

Aug 28 – Fair and the hottest day of the season they say. It was all we could bare. The sweat running all day. Worked for the U.S.

Aug 29 – Showery in the morning and cooler. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden”. There is much pleasure to get the cool breeze and bracing north wind.

Aug 30 – Fair. Worked for the U.S.

Aug 31 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. making 14 days in the last half of August.

Sep 1 – Fair after a good rain. “Fat Man” William Quinn called to get some water and Charles Ridge and others called to get cider. At 3 went with the wife to Mrs. William Trefethen.

Sep 2 – Fair. This was Labor Day and no work at the yard and I worked on my contract on the school house at West Rye.

Sep 3 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Freeman H. Marden of Portsmouth fell from a load of hay yesterday and died this morning at 2 with a broken spine. (Freeman was the son of John and Elizabeth A. (Haley) Marden and was 39 years old.)

Sep 4 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” on the rail. Freeman H. Marden was buried today at Rye in the Central Cemetery.

Sep 5 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” getting out and putting on the rail.

Sep 6 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. making 20 days without rain in the working hours.

Sep 7 – Signs of rain in the morning then cleared off hot. Worked for the U.S. The first race for the America’s Cup between Defender and the English boat Valkyrie was sailed at New York.

Sep 8 – Fair and hot. There is much dust and there was much riding. A 3 the school board called to see about the West School House. Edith and Irving called at 4.

Sep 9 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”. At night went to the West School House with the committee to inspect the work.

Sep 10 – Fair in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. At night we had showers.

Sep 11 – Fair in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. a half day. Rain came on at noon. Got a horse of Beacham on trial. Made an offer to build a relief house at Odiorne’s Point.

Sep 12 – Cooler. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 13 – Cool and dull with a shower at night. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 14 – Dull with signs of rain but none came. Worked for the U.S. This ends the first half of the month and we lost ½ day.

Sep 15 – Fair and cool. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. At 2 went with the wife to the Plains and to Greenland to see the country.

Sep 16 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”.

Sep 17 – Fair and warmer. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden”. The job is shortening up.

Sep 18 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden”.

Sep 19 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden”.

Sep 20 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 21 – Fair and hot as any time in June. Worked for the U.S. and made out the day a full week. At night paid Beacham \$80.00 towards the new horse.

Sep 22 – Fair and very hot. The hottest of the season, about 100 in the shade and we were troubled to keep cool but managed to get through the day.

Sep 23 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the rail with J. Chesterson. They are now trying to get ready to take the ship out of the dock.

Sep 24 – Fair and hot as ever and very dry and rain is much needed. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 25 – Fair and cooler. So we were able to work with more comfort. Worked for the U.S. At night received of George Hayes one month's rent ending the 20th. (George Hayes is renting Supply's Lincoln Ave. home.)

Sep 26 – Dull and showery. We had a good shower at 4 this morning. Worked for the U.S. This is the great Rochester Fair and many went from Rye.

Sep 27 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. laying floor in the coal bunker. We would like more rain. "Dexter" was buried today at 27 years by Charles Yeaton.

Sep 28 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. at laying flooring in the coal bunker. It is still very dry and many are short of water. Our wells are very low.

Sep 29 – Fair and cool. Howard Frisbee called in the morning and got new cider and peaches. Lizzie went to church. At 2 Daniel's wife Mary called and they were visiting at Herman's.

Sep 30 - Dull and rainy in the morning but broke away before 8 and worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden" laying floors in the coal bunkers.

Oct 1 – Cold and windy. Worked for the U.S. The ship "Fern" came to the yard today and tis said to be repaired.

Oct 2 – Fair and warmer, frost this morning. Worked for the U.S. Charles W. Lang and Clara I. Trefethen were married today. (Clara I. is Supply's niece and the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen. Charles W. Lang is Supply's nephew and the son of his sister Florenza. They will be living on Lang's Corner.)

Oct 3 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden" laying the floors in the coal bunker.

Oct 4 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. It was pay day and I got \$39.52 for 13 days.

Oct 5 – Fair and warm and very dry and the drought extends all over the country. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 6 – Fair and warm. Went with the wife to Hampton to see Daniel Trefethen Jr. on his new farm he bought in June. He is preparing to keep boarders in the summer.

Oct 7 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. at laying the floor in the coal bunker.

Oct 8 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. People are picking their apples. They are ripe much earlier than usual.

Oct 9 – Showery but we worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”.

Oct 10 - Worked for the U.S. fair and very dry. Got my apples all picked but have a light crop they sell for \$1.25 a barrel and they are very plenty in other places.

Oct 11 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. and we are getting along fast enough for our benefit, for it is dull outside. Irving Rand rides with me.

Oct 12 – Dull and showers. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”. There is a prospect of rain which is much needed.

Oct 13 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and all last night. So we now have a plenty of water for some time. Not much travel today.

Oct 14 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. John O. Berry finished picking the Russet apples.

Oct 15 – Dull and wet but not very rainy. Worked for the U.S. The court began today in Portsmouth and tis said there is to be a divorce suit from Rye.

Oct 16 – Fair and cool. Apples are being picked generally. There is a light crop in this section but plenty other ways. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 17 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Tis said that Otis S. Jenness’s wife Anna is trying to get divorced from him on charge of cruelty. (Her maiden name is Anna Parsons Marston.)

Oct 18 – Fair and warm with some signs of rain in the near future. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 19 – Fair and cold, mitten weather. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 20 – Fair and cool. I had a cold and stayed at home the most of the day. At 3 went to see John T. Marden who has been sick and he is much better.

Oct 21 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 22 – Dull and cloudy but no rain. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 23 – Fair and cold. The coldest morning, 24. Worked for the U.S. Tis said the “Fern” will be here for repairs the first of November.

Oct 24 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. The court is still in session in Portsmouth with many cases.

Oct 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the rail of the “Leyden” trimming the inside. Wife went to Eliza’s to dinner.

Oct 26 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. The political pot is beginning to boil in some of the states; Massachusetts, Ohio and Kentucky are to choose Governors.

Oct 27 – Fair and warm. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich he had a vacation of 2 weeks.

Oct 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden”. There is some hope that the steamer “Fern” will arrive for repairs soon. Drove the cow last night.

Oct 29 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 30 – Fair and colder. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 31 – Fair most of the day and rain came down at night. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 1 – Fair and cold with indications of snow. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 2 – Dull in the forenoon and snow and rain came on at 2 and ran through the night. Worked for the U.S. on the stern chocks.

Nov 3 – Fair and mild after a stormy night. There was some snow on the ground this morning but the most of it was gone at night. Edith and Irving and baby Bessie were over a while.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild and muddy. Worked for the U.S. on the “Leyden” stern chocks. The snow is all gone. Expect to have my cider made soon. Lizzie and Abbie went to town.

Nov 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. This is Election Day in 12 states.

Nov 6 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The elections yesterday were mostly carried by the Republicans and Cleveland’s party.

Nov 7 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Old Kentucky has elected a full republican state ticket. The first ever chosen in the state by that party.

Nov 8 – Fair and very warm. Worked for the U.S. and they are in a great hurry to get the ship in the dock.

Nov 9 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for the U.S. on the stern chocks and got them all fayed on the rail and mostly trimmed. The ship is to come out of the dock next Thursday.

Nov 10 – It rained all last night and part of this forenoon then cleared off. Got my celery in this forenoon and put the cow in the thirds. At night went down to Grammy's and called at Mr. Charles Ames.

Nov 11 – Fair and cold and a frosty morning. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden".

Nov 12 – Fair and frosty in the morning. Worked for the U.S. They are looking for the transport "Fern" for repairs but if she fails to appear there will be a discharge in our gang soon.

Nov 13 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. putting on the stern chocks and got them all on and ready for launching tomorrow.

Nov 14 – Dull with some rain and mist. Worked for the U.S. They hauled the dock out and sunk it and took the ship out and got the dock pumped up at 4:15. So all got clear at bell time.

Nov 15 – A regular northeast rain storm all day with some thunder in the morning. Did not go to the yard today but stayed at home to doctor a cold in the head which has troubled me for some time.

Nov 16 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. There was half of our gang discharged tonight.

Nov 17 – Dull and rainy all day so we had a day of rest. Edith and Irving were over at 5 a while.

Nov 18 – Fair and cool. The ship "Fern" came Saturday night and there was 8 carpenters taken on today to repair her. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 19 – Cloudy and some rain. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 20 – High northwest wind and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden".

Nov 21 – Cold in the morning but soon came pleasant. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 22 – Dull with signs of snow and it came on at 5. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 23 – Dull and foggy all day. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 24 – Dull with some rain and had a day of rest and read the news. Edith came at 5.

Nov 25 – Dull and some rain. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden".

Nov 26 – Fair and bad traveling. Worked for the U.S. Rain came on at night. Got my turkey of John O. Downs at 18 cents per pound. Poultry is plenty and some of a cheap quantity.

Nov 27 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. All are getting ready for Thanksgiving. Daniel's daughter Irene came from Hampton to spend Thanksgiving.

Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day and mild and muddy. We had turkey for dinner. Edith and Irving and Bessie were over, so with John C. Webster and Daniel's girl Irene we made a goodly number at dinner with plenty to eat.

Nov 29 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. All seems to go well over their Thanksgiving and matters resume their usual routine.

Nov 30 – Fair and mild with mud. Worked for the U.S. Tom Entwistle was appointed City Marshall for Portsmouth to begin Monday. John B. Hoover constructor went away from this yard today.

Dec 1 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull. Lizzie and Edith went to Hampton to carry Irene Jewel, Daniel's girl, and got back at 5.

Dec 2 – Dull and rainy. Went to the yard and no muster, came home and repaired the wagon wheels.

Dec 3 – Cloudy. Worked for the U.S. on cables around the towing bits.

Dec 4 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 5 – Snowy all day and we got 2 or 3 inches of light snow but not enough for sleighing. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 6 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Elmer got one horse sharp shod today as the snow makes it slippery. (Elmer is the son of Charles Erwin Trefethen and is 10 ½ years old.)

Dec 7 – Dull all day with signs of a storm but none came. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden". Had the other horse shod today.

Dec 8 – Fair and cold. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. At 3 went with the wife to see Mrs. William Foss, she begins school next Monday. Edith was over.

Dec 9 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. Tis said that orders came to take the "Fern" in the dry dock sometime this winter.

Dec 10 – Cold with high wind. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 11 – Fair and cold with high wind. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden" at making chain compressors. Jo Berry and Guss Rand were discharged.

Dec 12 – Dull and very cold with high northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock getting ready to take the "Fern" in.

Dec 13 – Dull and cold as ever nearly zero and high northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock getting ready for the ship.

Dec 14 – Fair and not so cold. Worked for the U.S. half day in dry dock and got it ready to take ship in Monday.

Dec 15 – Fair and more mild. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. Mr. Ames and wife called. At 2 went with Lizzie to see Oliver Winslow in town at Mrs. Trafton's. He is quite sick.

Dec 16 – Fair and cool and solid wheeling. Worked for the U.S. on the "Leyden". The ship "Fern" was taken in the dry dock at noon for slight repairs.

Dec 17 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for the U.S. and was discharged at night with 5 others leaving 5 carpenters. Money is scarce they say and there will be very little work this winter.

Dec 18 – Fair and mild. Went to the yard and re-registered and got tools and pay and bid good bye for an indefinite time.

Dec 19 – Fair and mild. Went to Jim Rand's and got a tire set on a wheel and paid him \$10.00. At 2 went to town to get the news.

Dec 20 – Fair and mild. Worked for Herbert Canney mending shingles on his barn.

Dec 21 – Fair, mild and muddy. Worked for Canney at patching shingles. It looks now as if the frost would all melt again in a day or two.

Dec 22 – Rainy in the morning then cleared off. All the snow is gone again. Edith was over and the Rand girls called.

Dec 23 – Fair and mild. On the sick list all day with no appetite and had to lie in bed all day.

Dec 24 – Fair and mild. Better today and worked ½ day for Canney.

Dec 25 – Cloudy and mild. Christmas Day but Irving and myself worked all day shingling the Webster house for Canney. The frost is all out and some are plowing. Edith was over to dinner.

Dec 26 – Cloudy and muddy and farmers are plowing. Worked for Canney and got done.

Dec 27 – Fair and not cold. Cleaning up the wood pile and got ready for winter. At 2 went to town to see the town and got house rent, \$30.00. (This is the house on #24 Gates street.)

Dec 28 – Fair and mild. Jobbing round. At 2 went to town to get the news.

Dec 29 – Mild and fair. Lizzie wet to church and heard Mr. Aldrich. William Jackson called at 3.

Dec 30 – Mild and muddy. Hauling out manure all day in the further field. Lizzie and Abbie went to town.

Dec 31 – Fair with high wind after an all-night rain. Hauling out manure got the further field dressed and some in the thirds. Mr. Maloon came from New Castle for me to go down tomorrow and move a building the wind had displaced. Judge Page called to inquire where Oliver Winslow lived. Jenness came and left grain and paid 30 cent for eggs.

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Jan 1 – Fair and cool. Went to New Castle to replace a barn on its foundation that was blown off by a squall on Dec. 30, 1895, Irving helping. We got it raised $\frac{1}{2}$ the required height. We had plenty of volunteers help of Maloon's neighbors.

Jan 2 – Fair and not cold. Worked on Maloon's barn and got it raised to the right height, 7 foot and ready to swing round to its place. There is no snow on the ground and only 2 inches frost and solid wheeling.

Jan 3 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Maloon and swung his barn to its foundation and he is much pleased to see it right again. There was much talk about it in New Castle. They are working on the addition to the Wentworth, 150 feet long.

Jan 4 – Fair and very cold and windy. Worked for Maloon and got the parts under his barn and braced them well and securely, I think. Lizzie went to town to market for me.

Jan 5 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and solid wheeling. None went to church. Lizzie went over to see Jennie and Edith. Ervin J. Seavey died this morning at 1 am, age 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ after a short sickness. (Ervin Joseph was the son of Joseph and Sarah (Lang) Seavey living on Brackett by Pioneer Road.)

Jan 6 – Fair and windy and very cold, 10 below zero and so had to keep near a coal fire and tend the animals and also the hens. They laid 28 eggs and I had to look out to keep them from freezing.

Jan 7 – Fair and cold, 14 below this morning but more moderate before night. Jenness came and got the eggs at 30 cents and left grain. Corn at 90 cents a bag and meal 85 cents. Lower than ever known before. Oats are 32 cents and bushel. Went to town at 2.

Jan 8 – Fair and cold, zero. Irvin Seavey was buried today and the funeral was at 1. The Odd Fellows took part in the service. He was buried in the Central Cemetery. His brother Charles was

buried one week ago. (Charles E. Seavey died on Dec. 28, 1895 and was buried in the North Hampton Center Cemetery.)

Jan 9 – Dull and snow all day but not much fell. The roads being so dry it will take 5 or 6 inches to make sleighing. Worked in the shop making window frames for the hen house.

Jan 10 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop at odd jobs and taking care of the hens and cow. We have about 120 hens and one cow and get 30 eggs a day and sell 6 quarts of milk.

Jan 11 – Fair and cool. Jobbing round till 2 then went to town to market in the sleigh but it is bad sleighing. Not enough snow so they go in wagons and sleighs.

Jan 12 – Cold in the morning, zero. Fair till 4 when snow came down. Went with wife to call on Mrs. Foss, the school teacher. Richard Varrell also called. Edith and Bessie and Irving were over at 5.

Jan 13 – Fair and cold. Went to town this morning to get an axe that Moses Hall “upset” for me. John E. Odiorne went with me to see the town. Ground up the axes and got ready for “wooding”.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold. Began cutting wood for winter by John Varrell’s. Cut a large pine and got John Odiorne to help me saw.

Jan 15 – Fair and cold. Hauling wood all day, John Odiorne helping. Got out about 1/2 enough. Snow on the side of the road but none in the middle, good wheeling and poor sleighing.

Jan 16 – Fair and cold. Good wheeling and poor sledding. Hauling an apple tree for John Odiorne and other odd jobs.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold. Cutting and hauling wood all day. Irving helping and have got out about enough for the year.

Jan 18 – Fair and warmer and thawing. Jobbing round in the forenoon. Went to town after dinner to get the news and to market.

Jan 19 – Dull and cold with a northeast wind. Signs of snow but none came. Charles Ames and wife called at 2. William Holmes and Elizabeth called at 3 then came the Rand girls. Then Edith and Irving. (Charles W. Rands daughters were Susie and Helen and living on Wallis Road near Brackett Road.)

Jan 20 – Cold northeast wind. Signs of snow but none came. Jobbing round in the willow field. The ground being frozen I could cut them off with an adze clean.

Jan 21 – Cold and good wheeling. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens and got mussels to eat. Jenness came and took eggs and left grain. After dinner cut the hassocks above the barn.

Jan 22 – Fair and not so cold. Cutting hassocks in the thirds and got the most of them cut and hope it will be smoother mowing next July. Edith and Bessie were over and spent the day. Irving and Harrison Salter cut the tree I gave him. (Hassock - a firm clump of grass or matted vegetation in marshy or boggy ground.)

Jan 23 – Cloudy in the morning then cleared off. Blasting logs etc. and in the afternoon hauled the hassocks in the yard and pond, 5 loads and got 3 fields cleared. There is 2 or 3 inches of snow in the fields but none in the road and solid wheeling.

Jan 24 – Dull with signs of a storm with a northeast wind. Went to town to Harry Freeman's and got meat scraps for the hens at ½ cent per lb. A furious snow and rain storm came on at 2 and ran into the night.

Jan 25 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and snow came on at one. Oiled harnesses and drewed off cider and washed out the barrel. At 2 went to town to market and got the news. Good wheeling but not snow enough for sleighing.

Jan 26 – Dull all day and none went to church. Went to see Charles F. who seems to be losing his mind and cannot talk but little and the doctor called to see him. At 4 Edith and Irving came and stayed till 7. Mild and thawing.

Jan 27 – Fair and cold. Cutting hassocks in the front of Charles F. He is very sick and seems to have lost his mind and is sometimes very much "out".

Jan 28 – Very cold and so had a day to sit by the fire. Jenness came and left grain at 80 cents a bag and took eggs at 20 cents.

Jan 29 – Cold and some wind. Finished cutting hassocks in the front of Charles F. and also cut some wood.

Jan 30 – Fair and cold. Hauled off the hassocks and had 6 loads and hope the mowing will be more smooth next time.

Jan 31 – Dull and black. Working in the shop at odd jobs and trying to make the hens lay. We now get 48 eggs a day with 125 hens. Eggs are low for the season.

Feb 1 – Dull and stormy all day of wind and snow and rain. Went to town at 2 and it rained fast.

Feb 2 – Fair and quite good sleighing. Charles Ames called, thinks he shall move down in March. Charles F. is no better but rather worse. Candlemas Day, fair and clear.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold. Killed 4 hens and carried them to market at 14 cents per lb. and got \$2.00. Got boxes for the wagon wheels also a barrel of flour for \$4.00 and paid the water bill.

Feb 4 – Dull and black. Working in the shop on wheels and got two nearly done. Jenness came with grain and took eggs at 18 cents.

Feb 5 – Cold and snowy all day. We have now snow enough for good sleighing. Worked in the shop at new rimming wagon wheels. Edith and Irving called at 4.

Feb 6 – Some snow in the morning then came on a furious rain storm and the snow is fast going off. Worked in the shop on wheels and got them ready for the blacksmith.

Feb 7 – Fair and muddy and the snow is all gone and the fields are flooded. Killed 4 hens and carried them to town at 14 cents per lb. got \$2.00. Lizzie went with me and cried out about the mud.

Feb 8 – Fair and mild with 2 inches of mud and the snow is all gone. Cutting wood and at 2 went to town to market and got the news.

Feb 9 – A northeast snow storm all day but did not gain much. We hope for enough for sleighing. We had a day of rest and read the news and sermons. No going to church. Herbert Canney carries milk to town.

Feb 10 – Fair and bad sleighing. Worked in the shop and got wheels ready to go to the blacksmith.

Feb 11 – Fair and windy. Carried wheels to James Rand for new tires. Edith and Bessie were over for the day. Jenness came and got eggs at 18 cents and left grain. (James Rand's blacksmith shop is on the corner of Wallis Road and Brackett Road.)

Feb 12 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop on the wagon. Charlotte "Lottie" (Odiorne) Foss and baby Ray were over and spent the day. Joe Ham called at 10 to spend an hour. They are settling the John Varrell estate.

Feb 13 – Dull and snowy all day. Worked in the shop on the wagon to get it ready for spring travel. Called to see Charles F. and found him very low and breathing hard. Canney called and left malt at 6.

Feb 14 – Cold and windy with snow enough for sleighing. Charles F. Trefethen died this morning at 3:30 and they came for me to help lay him out. (Charles F. Trefethen was the cousin of Supply and the son of Nathaniel Tucker Trefethen. He lived next door in what is now the 390 Sagamore road house.)

Feb 15 – Fair and not cold. Worked on the wagon in the forenoon and got it about done. At 2 went to town to market and got the news. Saw Henry Rand and many others, Lizzie and Edith went also.

Feb 16 – Dull in the morning then cleared off, cold with good sleighing. Charles F. Trefethen was buried today, age 79 ½. All of his children were there. Flora brought word that Daniel Jr. Trefethen of Hampton died yesterday at 8 am. (Daniel Jewel Trefethen Jr. was Nathaniel Tucker Trefethen's grandson. Daniel Jr's father, Daniel died in 1841.)

Feb 17 – The coldest morning, 14 below with a cold north wind so had to keep near the fire. Daniel Trefethen Jr. was buried at Hampton but it was too cold for me to go but Herman O. and Oliver Winslow went. Daniel was 55 years old.

Feb 18 – Cold, 5 below in the morning and was cold all day. Jenness came and got eggs at 18 cents and grain higher, 90 cents a bag. Working in the shop grinding axes and other tools. Frank Gardner called to get the butter worker (churner).

Feb 19 – Fair, cold and windy. Working in the shop.

Feb 20 – Cold and windy. Worked in the shop at doing up odd jobs. Began making a round table for Mrs. Drake. It is good sleighing but too cold to ride.

Feb 21 – Cold and windy. Went over and got Edith and baby Bessie to spend the day. Lizzie and Edith went in to the Center School. (The Center School was the Wedgewood School). It was classing day for all the schools.

Feb 22 - Fair and cold. This was a holiday and there was not much going on. Went to town at 2 to market and to get the news. The dry goods and hardware stores were closed but grocers were open.

Feb 23 – Fair and not very cold so Lizzie and I went to Newington to John Ichabod who has been sick for some time. He is better and hopes soon to be out. Hope and Grace were there. (Hope and Grace are two of his six daughters. John Ichabod Trefethen is 79, Hope is 43 and Grace is 47).

Feb 24 – Fair and mild and thawing. Went to the blacksmith's and got the wheels. Then went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens. Emmons B. Philbrick called and paid me for the time on the Newcastle Bridge. The sleighing is about used up today.

Feb 25 – Fair and colder. Working in the shop painting wheels and making a table for Mrs. Drake. Jenness came and left grain and took eggs at 16 cents per dozen.

Feb 26 – Fair and cool and bad sleighing. Went to town and carried 4 hens to John O. Downs at 14 cents and got oysters and some smelts for tomorrow. The Baptists began their festival tonight and Lizzie went.

Feb 27 – Fair and cool. Cut wood till 10 then went over and got Edith and Bessie to spend the day and baby had a good time. The festival finishes tonight.

Feb 28 – Fair and not cold. Cut wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to the sea and got a load of seaweed. Charles Rand and Emmons Clark were picking up rocks to be used in the new school house.

Feb 29 – A regular southeast rain storm all day. Worked in the shop till 2 then went to town to market. Wallace S. Goss's wife was buried at 2, age 33 ½. (Wallace's wife was Sarah E. (Caswell) Goss.)

Mar 1 – Raining steadily all day. The wind went from south to northeast and the snow and ice are about all gone and the fields are covered with water. We had a day of rest and at night went down to Grammy's.

Mar 2 – Raining all day with a northeast wind. Worked in the shop at making a table for wife. There was no traveling except the milkman.

Mar 3 – The storm changed to snow last night and it snowed furiously all day. We got papers tonight giving accounts of great floods all over New England. In Maine hundreds of bridges are carried away.

Mar 4 – Snowing all day, wind north and northwest and we have enough for good sleighing and it is freezing cold. Worked in the shop.

Mar 5 – Fair and cold and good sleighing again. Went and brought Edith and Bessie over for the day. Went to town to market and got the news. Governor Greenhelge of Massachusetts died this morning.

Mar 6 – Sawing wood for the winter. Cold and windy for March. Painted wheels for the wagon.

Mar 7 – Rainy all day and jobbing round. At 2 went to town in the sleigh to market and to get the news. All are getting ready for the town meeting.

Mar 8 – Fair and cold. The sleighing was very good in the morning but soon thawed and made it bad. Edith and Irving were over at 5. Went down to see Grammy at 6.

Mar 9 – Fair and cold with a high wind. Went to town at 2 to get some things for Abbie and called the doctor for Grammy. She has a sore ankle.

Mar 10 – Fair. Sawing wood in the forenoon. Went to election at 1 and there was a full meeting. They voted to raise \$6500.00 for town expenses. Con Philbrick was elected Road Agent.

Mar 11 – Cloudy in the morning with signs of a storm. Sawing wood, Charles Yeaton helping until 3 when the furious northeast snow storm drove us and got near the coal fire.

Mar 12 – Snowing most of the day with a north wind. So had a day to sit by the fire.

Mar 13 – Cold and windy and kept housed to try and get over my cold. There is not much teaming although a very good chance. We were shocked to hear that Harry Rand's wife Lizzie died this morning. (Lizzie W. was the daughter of James M. and Rosetta (Green) Rand. She was 27 years old.)

Mar 14 – Fair and cold. Set at home and both sleighs and wagons go by. I have been on the sick list for two days, am better today. Went to town in sleigh with Lizzie to market and to get the news.

Mar 15 – Cloudy and cold. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Aldrich about Sundays being made for man.

Mar 16 – A regular northeast snow storm all day. Harry Rand's wife Lizzie was buried at 2 and it was very stormy. Went to the funeral and helped what I could. She was put in a tomb at the Central Cemetery.

Mar 17 – Fair and mild and thawing. There is 10 inches of snow on the ground. Harnessed up the horse and broke out round the buildings and went down to Abbie's. Jenness came and took eggs at 18 cents and left grain.

Mar 18 – Fair and colder and very good sleighing so the teams are doing up their odd jobs. Lizzie and Edith went to town and Bessie stayed with us. I slept downstairs and hurt my back.

Mar 19 – Cold and good sleighing and teaming and have to keep housed on account of lameness.

Mar 20 – Warmer. The sleighing is gone again. Working in the shop on odd jobs.

Mar 21 – Cool, windy and muddy traveling. Worked in the shop in the forenoon. At 2 went to town to market and got the news. Called at the house in town and got \$45.00 for 3 months' rent.

Mar 22 – Fair and mild, snow going off rapidly. Had a day of rest and Elmer came in. Edith and Irving were over for tea.

Mar 23 – Fair and cold, 15 above zero. Sawing and splitting wood and it was hard work for me with my lame side. There is much talk about the orders for all those who sell milk to the Lynn Co. to have their cows examined by doctors.

Mar 24 – Fair. Sawing and splitting wood, Charles Yeaton helping in the afternoon. Jenness came and got the eggs at 14 cents and left grain.

Mar 25 – Fair and cold. Splitting wood with Charles Yeaton helping and we finished the wood for the year. William Jackson called for me to haul him some hay on Friday. Mrs. Merrill Foss called. Edith and Lizzie went to town hall at night.

Mar 26 – Fair and cold. Cleaning up after the wood. Changed my cart for hauling hay to town.

Mar 27 – Cold with a high northwest wind. Intended to haul hay to William Jackson but the wind was too high so had to keep housed. Wife and Lizzie went to town to see Dr. Ham.

Mar 28 – Fair. Hauled 2 loads of hay to town at \$17.00 per ton and got news and something to eat. The Universalist Church was burned at noon today and many other houses caught on fire but were saved. (The second Universalist church was built on the location of the first at the corner of Pleasant Street and Junkins Avenue. The first church was built of wood in 1808 and burned in 1896. The second church was brick, finished in 1897.)

Mar 29 – Stormy all day and we kept housed.

Mar 30 – Fair and cold. Went to town to sell hay but did not make a sale. So concluded to paint my house in town.

Mar 31 – Fair and cold. Making preparations for painting the house in town.

Apr 1 – Fair. Began to the job of painting the house, Irving helping. We got the blinds off and in the stable and painted one side of the addition and made repairs of the shingles.

Apr 2 – Rainy all day and we went to town and painted blinds all day, Irving and Willard helping. We got them nearly done. (Willard is Gilman D. Trefethen's son and is living with his parents on Wallis Road near Lang's Corner. Willard is 20 years old.)

Apr 3 – Cold and freezing all day and worked in the shop making a "chair" for painting windows. Whitewashed Lizzie's room and kitchen. There were any number of peddlers called and one to write biographically.

Apr 4 – Cold with high wind and too bad to paint so we did not go up. Went to town at 2 to market and got the news.

Apr 5 – Fair and we had a day of rest. At 4 Edith and Irving came over and the Rand girls called and Joe Fernald's son. Went down to Grammy's. She is able to sit up.

Apr 6 – Fair and cold with a northeast wind. Worked on the house in town painting, Irving and Willard helping. Got well started with the first coat.

Apr 7 – Fair and cold. Painting the house.

Apr 8 – Fair and a little more mild but not warm. Painting.

Apr 9 – Fair and more mild. Painting on the house.

Apr 10 – Painting on the house. The frost is coming out and the traveling is much improved.

Apr 11 – Fair and mild and good weather for the painting and we have got well along with the 2nd coat, 3 sides done.

Apr 12 – Fair and pleasant. Lizzie went to church and heard a Mr. Mills from Brooklyn preach as a candidate. Guss Rand called. Edith and Irving were over. Went down to see Grammy and called to see Charles Ames.

Apr 13 – Fair and warm. Painting the house and finished it today and got done with Willard. It has been good drying weather all the time.

Apr 14 – Fair as usual. Painting the stable in town and finished it, Irving helping and we had a hard day's work.

Apr 15 – Hauled hay to town, one load to Hutchinsonson and one load to Wendell at \$17.00 per ton. There is quite a demand for hay. Thomas Rand of New Castle was badly burned while burning bushes.

Apr 16 – Fair and warm. Hauled hay, the last load to Wendell in the forenoon. Then changed cart for manure. Sold Charles Yeaton 900 in all. Thomas Rand is dead at New Castle.

Apr 17 – Fair. Hauling out manure for planting. The buds are swelling and the grass started.

Apr 18 – Fair and warm. Went to town in the forenoon to get the news and to market. In the afternoon was jobbing round and sowed lettuce. Wife got her new teeth of Dr. Ham.

Apr 19 – Cloudy and not cold. Lizzie went to church and heard a man from Eliot preach about the troubles of the nations.

Apr 20 – Fair and cool. Hauling out manure for planting and it is rather cold but we must get ready.

Apr 21 – Hauling out manure and getting ready for plowing etc. Jenness came and got eggs at 14 cents per dozen.

Apr 22 – Dull and rainy most of the day but not much water fell. Went to town at 2 to get seeds and phosphate for planting. Got corrosive sublimate to soak potatoes in the prevent scab.

Apr 23 – Fair. Went to see the New Castle Bridge with Charles Remick and made an estimate of stock for repairs. Hauled out manure.

Apr 24 – Fair and cool. Herbert Canney's team helped me plow this forenoon and got done. After dinner planted peas and sowed beets and lettuce etc.

Apr 25 – Fair and there was a heavy frost this morning. Planted my potatoes today, ½ acre. Went to town at 2 to market and to get the news.

Apr 26 – Fair and cool. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills again about the inconsistencies of the Bible. Went with wife to call on Mrs. Will Foss. Edith and Irving were over.

Apr 27 – Fair and cold for the season. Began repairing the Newcastle Bridge. It is to have slight repairs to pass this year. There is much talk about the "testing" of cows for the Lynn Milk Co.

Apr 28 – Fair with a cold southeast wind all day. Worked on the bridge taking out old plank and putting in new, 5 in the gang all told. Irving Garland being the Road Agent.

Apr 29 – Fair and cold for the season. Worked on the bridge. At night sowed my onion seeds and planted cucumber seeds but it is too cold for anything to grow.

Apr 30 – Cold in the morning down to freezing. Worked on the bridge. After today all who sell milk to the Lynn Milk Co. must have their cows "tested". Some refuse to comply and are dropped from the list of sellers.

May 1 – Cold in the morning with ice in the watering troth. Worked on the bridge and have got more than half done. Dana Jenness was planting potatoes, a new kind, he gave me 4 to plant and I put them in tonight.

May 2 – Fair and more mild. Worked on the bridge, Irving Garland was with us. At 4 went to town to get the news and to market.

May 3 – Fair and more like spring and grass is looking green and growing. Howard Frisbee called at 10. Edith and Irving were over at 6.

May 4 – Fair and cool. Worked on the New Castle Bridge at top planking. Irving Garland was with us.

May 5 – Dull and cold with a northeast wind and some rain in the morning. Worked on the bridge, Horace and John Odiorne helping. We could hardly keep warm.

May 6 – Dull and cloudy all day with a cold northeast wind. Worked on the bridge and think to get done in one more day. Charles Remick was there at 2. They are pushing the work at the Wentworth.

May 7 – Fair with a chilly southeast wind. Worked on the bridge at the Wentworth and finished the top planking, Charles Remick was there.

May 8 – Fair and pleasant. Worked on the bridge and finished. We put in 6 new stringers in the section next to the draw and they consider it safe for this year.

May 9 – Cleaning up and getting the garden sowed. Went to town at 2 to get the news and to market.

May 10 – Fair and warm. Few went to church. Lizzie went and heard a stranger about Satan and his works.

May 11 – Fair and warm. Sowing the garden and washed and painted the wagon with paint that needs no varnish. Ready to go to town to work.

May 12 – Fair and warm and dry. Worked at getting ready to move a building for Henry Wendell, Irving helping. Albert Shedd was plowing for Wendell.

May 13 – Worked for Wendell getting ready to move the building.

May 14 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked for Wendell at raising the building to get ready to move.

May 15 – Fair and warm. Worked for Wendell.

May 16 – Fair and dry. Worked for Wendell. There was a fire in Newington woods and also burned some buildings. Went to market at 5.

May 17 – Fair and very dry and very dusty so we did not care to ride. There were many bicycles out and a few teams. Edith came over at 5.

May 18 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for Wendell. There are many forest fires. One in Elwyn's woods and another on the Banfield road. Charles Otis cut his wife's throat tis said.

May 19 – Fair and dry. Worked for Wendell and moved the building.

May 20 – Worked for Wendell and got the building in place at last.

May 21 – Fair. Worked for Wendell and finished.

May 22 – Fair and warm. Hoeing etc.

May 23 – Fair and dry. Hoeing and planting. At 3 went to town to get the news and see the town. Called at the house ([Lincoln Ave](#)) and got two month's rent from George Hayes.

May 24 – Fair, warm and dry. At 3 went to ride and called at William Ira Holmes and to see Guss Rand. Then down round Concord Point and to see Bessie who has been sick with measles.

May 25 – Fair. Went to New Castle to do a job for Mr. Malone, Irving helping. They are working on the Wentworth.

May 26 – Dull and rainy and we stayed at home. It was nice for the vegetation.

May 27 – Worked for O Donnell putting a roof on the hen house.

May 28 – Fair. Worked for Wendell at hanging blinds on the stable. Irving went but was sick and came home.

May 29 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Went to town and finished hanging blinds. All are getting ready for Memorial Day tomorrow.

May 30 – Fair and warm. Hoeing in the garden. Went to town at 9 to get the news and see the town. Saw John Ichabod and he is much better. Went down to put up bars to the lower pasture with wife.

May 31 – Dull and rainy all day so had a day of rest.

Jun 1 – Fair and fine growing weather. Cultivating and hoeing potatoes. They are growing fast.

Jun 2 – Fair. Hoeing and planting. At 2 went to Frank Gardner's to see about work. He is to have an addition built after haying. Took measurements for the screen door.

Jun 3 – Fair and cool. Making a screen door for Frank Gardner.

Jun 4 – Fair. Finished screen door and at 2 carried it to the Gardner place and hung it. Today Mr. Charles Ames and wife have been married 50 years and they have a celebration.

Jun 5 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and planting cucumbers. At noon went to Canney's and to John O. Foss to see the silo. At 3 went to town and set out grape vines and made a trellis. Ames's are to have a time tonight. ([John O. Foss's farm in on the corner of Washington road and Long John road.](#))

Jun 6 – Fair with a northeast wind but no rain we fear. Last night we went to Mr. and Mrs. Ames Golden Wedding and we had a good time. Supper and plenty to drink and eat.

Jun 7 – Dull and rainy all day and so we had a day of rest and no callers.

Jun 8 – Rainy all day. Worked for Canney at building a silo in John C. Webster's barn. We got most of the upper frame up. He has planned to sow 5 or 6 acres of corn for it.

Jun 9 – Dull with some rain. Worked for Herbert Canney on the silo and got it ready to board. Received an invitation to go to John Ichabod's birthday the 11th in Newington. He will be 80 then.

Jun 10 – Dull and rainy till 3 o'clock then cleared off with a northwest wind. Now we have a plenty of wet and all vegetation can grow. Edith came over at 4 to get milk.

Jun 11 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for Canney ½ day. At 2 went to Newington to see John Ichabod Trefethen. This was his 80th birthday and he is rather feeble.

Jun 12 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for Canney. He was growing corn for the silo for 18 cows.

Jun 13 – Fair and cool. Worked for Canney and got the flooring all in and the side studding up and plate on ready for boarding. Lizzie went to town and got the news.

Jun 14 – Dull and rainy most of the day. No going to the meeting and we had a day of rest. Took off 2 hens with 22 chicks.

Jun 15 – Dull and wet in the forenoon. Worked for Canney for ½ day.

Jun 16 – Fair. Worked for Canney at boarding the addition. The Republican National Convention met today at St. Louis to nominate a candidate for President. It looks like McKinley.

Jun 17 – Fair and fine growing time. Worked for Canney and began the shingling, got ¼ of them on.

Jun 18 – Fair. Worked for Canney and finished the shingling.

Jun 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for Canney on the inside at laying floor etc.

Jun 20 – Fair and very hot. Worked for Canney at the underpinning and laying floor and tie up. At 4 went to town to get news etc. Got the carriage at Beacham's with a new coat of paint.

Jun 21 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. At 3 went to see Mrs. William Foss and Mrs. Seavey and to see Edith and baby. Then hurried home to get out of a shower. Brownie Gerrish and Aunt were here.

Jun 22 – Fair and warm. Worked for Canney on the barn.

Jun 23 – Fair. Worked for Canney. Fine growing weather and potatoes are coming along rapidly. The grass needs a shower to keep it growing. My strawberries are ripening. The “Parker Earl” is the name.

Jun 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for Canney making a “tie up” for 10 cows. He has now 18 and carries milk to town at 5 cents per quart.

Jun 25 – Fair and warm. Worked for Canney on the barn making horse stalls. Word came that Horace Jenness of Portsmouth was choked to death with beef steak last evening.

Jun 26 – Fair and hot. Worked for Canney getting ready to make doors and put in windows. His men are plowing for fodder corn. Hoeing is pressing. (Corn fodder - the entire Indian-corn plant cut and used either fresh or dry-cured for forage; also: the leaves and tops dry-cured for use as a stock feed.)

Jun 27 – Fair and warm. Worked for Canney on the barn. Did not go to town but sent Lizzie to get the news and had John O. Berry hoe my potatoes and corn.

Jun 28 – Fair and not very hot but quite dry. We had a day of rest and to read the news. Some went to church. Edith was over at 6. Went to see Grammy and called to see Mr. Ames.

Jun 29 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Canney hanging doors to the barn. George Leroy Trefethen was mowing a little back of the house. Joseph W. Seavey finished cutting Joseph W. Odiorne’s grass today.

Jun 30 – Fair and drying. Worked for Canney and finished for the present. Boarded the silo up on the inside so he can put his hay in.

Jul 1 – Fair with a northwest wind and drying. Begun the haying today. Canney cut the field in back of Ames and the one on the corner and we raked it all up, John O. Berry helping.

Jul 2 – Fair and very drying. Canney cut the further field and the thirds and we got in 6 loads from the 2 lots out yesterday.

Jul 3 – Fair but not very drying. We got in 7 loads and had the lot cut in front of Charles and we raked up what we could, ready for a rain. Went to town to get the news and something to eat.

Jul 4 – The glorious 4th and it being dull and cloudy, had a chance to do up odd jobs. Edith and family came at 11 and to dinner. There was quite a time in Portsmouth at the Bicycle Park.

Jul 5 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and broke away after dinner. Lizzie went to see Jennie. Howard Frisbee called.

Jul 6 – Dull and wet and not hay weather. Hoeing and setting cabbage plants etc.

Jul 7 – Dull and rainy all day. Jobbing round and getting ready for haying. Now the ground is well wet down. The Democratic National Convention is in session at Chicago.

Jul 8 – Fair and we worked on the hay we had in hay-cocks and got the water out ready to make it was badly wet and is damaged hay.

Jul 9 – Fair and warm but not the best of hay weather. We cut in front of Charles F's and now all is cut north of the road. We got in 5 loads.

(On this day: Herbert Canney purchased about half of the property and buildings from John C. Webster. They are living side by side on Wallis road.)

Jul 10 – Fair and one of the best of hay days and we finished cutting. Canney was here with 2 teams and they cut above the barn and the willow lot. In 5 ½ hours we got in 4 loads making 22 so far.

Jul 11 – Fair in the morning and we spread all the hay and began to get it in and when we had got in 3 loads a shower came on and stopped us.

Jul 12 – Fair and very hot. Lizzie went to church. Daniel Jr's widow Mary and daughter Irene came over from Hampton to tell Charles folks that Ida Jenness's daughter was dead. (Ida is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and the wife of Frank Towle Jenness. Their daughter was Alice May and she died from appendicitis. She was 21 years old.)

Jul 13 – Fair and we made a finish of the haying and got in 4 loads, making 31 loads in all. John Berry says there is more hay than last year.

Jul 14 – Fair and warm. Went to town and got a pump to pump out the well in back of the house and then John Berry came and helped me clean the well out. We had a shower.

Jul 15 – Dull all day with some rain. Jobbing round and mowing beside the road etc. Fannie Drake's son-in-law died yesterday, George Henry Foster. (Laura Frances "Fannie" Drake is Simon Goss Trefethen's daughter.)

Jul 16 – Fair and very good hay weather. Went to town and got medicine for the horse and ice cream freezer.

Jul 17 – Fair with some showers, fine growing weather. We are having a time trying to reduce a shoe gall on the new horse. ("Galls" are open sores caused by friction between tack and skin. "Tack" is short for "tackle." Tack includes the saddle and bridle, but also includes all the accoutrements entailed in riding/driving/working around a horse.)

Jul 18 – Dull. Went to town in the morning to get the news.

Jul 19 – Fair and hot and all is quiet. At 3 George P. Webber and Brother called to get some cider.

Jul 20 – Fair. Jobbing round pulling weeds etc. Potatoes are doing well and are very fine to eat and we hope they won't rot. Carried the pump to town.

Jul 21 – Fair and warm. Cut weeds and peas and got ready for celery. Plowed and harrowed and hauled out manure and put in the trench.

Jul 22 – Fair. Set some celery plants and hoeing in the garden. Cucumber vines are growing fast but have had no cucumbers yet.

Jul 23 – Showery. Finished setting out celery plants and sowed some turnips for winter.

Jul 24 – Fair. Worked for Canney at fixing the passage to the feed room. He got in 7 loads of hay from the Elvin Rand farm.

Jul 25 – Rainy all the forenoon with a northeast wind and it was welcome rain to all vegetation. Set out some strawberry plants. At 3 went to town to get the news.

Jul 26 – Fair and warm. There was much riding carriages and bicycles and teams of all kinds. Edith and Irving called at 5. Went to see Grammy and also called to see Mr. Ames.

Jul 27 – Fair and warm. Went to Canney's and got my tools and sharpened them to go to work for Lou Green. Went to town and paid the Odd Fellows dues and also the Knights of Honor dues - \$7.36. and got overalls etc.

Jul 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for Alonzo K.W. Green on his stable near Charles M. Remick's, clapboarding etc. He is to make it a summer home, it being the place where he was born. (They are living on Brackett road in Rye.)

Jul 29 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green. Dog days are upon us and we have some fog.

Jul 30 – Dull with some rain. Worked for Lou Green inside of the stable. There is some haying to be done yet but it is slow work.

Jul 31 – Cool with a high northwest wind and very drying. Worked for Lou Green.

Aug 1 – Fair and drying with a west wind. Worked for Lou Green on the privy attached to the stable. It has been a good hay day and Charles Remick finished English haying today and cut some salt hay.

Aug 2 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon and broke away at 2 and we have had a very nice rain for vegetation, my celery will laugh. Irene Jewel could not go to Hampton in account of rain.

Aug 3 – Fair and good weather for growing crops. Worked for Green on the stable.

Aug 4 – Fair and hot. Worked for Lou Green on the stable.

Aug 5 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green.

Aug 6 – Dull and wet all day and cool. Worked for Lou Green taking off clapboards and getting ready to put in new sills. Coronel William H. Side died today at age 69.

Aug 7 – Dull and foggy most of the day. Worked for Green and finished the stable and cleaned out the 2nd story of the house to make it lighter.

Aug 8 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green. We took out the old front sill and put in the new one and made good progress.

Aug 9 – Fair and very hot. There was much riding and many bicycles. We had ice cream etc. Edith was over at 5 with the baby.

Aug 10 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green at putting in new under flooring timbers. Got half of one side sill and one cross sill and floorings.

Aug 11 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green. The Democrats are to have a great meeting in New York to ratify the nomination of Bryan and Sewell.

Aug 12 – Fair and very hot. There are many deaths from the heat in large cities. Worked for Green at putting in the first flooring. Got the 2nd cross sill in and floor joist.

Aug 13 – Fair and very hot, 92. Got a staging round the Green house and cleared the roof ready to raise it to put in a 2nd story.

Aug 14 – Dull and some wet. Worked on Green's house and raised the roof with jacks and got it well high up and braced it for the night.

Aug 15 – Dull and cool. Worked for Lou Green on his house and got the roof raised and the studding in ready for boarding. He was down and much pleased with the work. Lizzie went to town.

Aug 16 – Dull in the morning then cleared off cool. We had a day to rest. Went after Huckleberries and I never remember seeing them so thick as this year.

Aug 17 – Fair and hot. Worked for Green on the house.

Aug 18 – Fair. Worked for Lou Green. Horace Levi was killed by a fall at the Center from the staging on the Parsonage building there for the church. (Horace Levi Trefethen is the father of Frank Jones Trefethen.)

Aug 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green. We are greatly shocked at Horace's sudden death by accident. Tis thought he must have had a dizziness causing him to fall.

Aug 20 – Fair and warm. Went to town in the morning and got grass seed etc. At 2 went to Horace's funeral at the church. He was buried in the Central Cemetery, aged 60 ½.

Aug 21 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green at shingling and got the south side done and began the north side.

Aug 22 – Fair. Worked for Lou Green. Joseph Caswell was buried today at 2. The Irishman Burchill comes in passion of the house and land. (The house was next door to John O. Berry's on Brackett road. John Burchill was married to Margaret Agnes "Maggie" Connelly at this time and had 2 daughters, Sarah and Alice.)

Aug 23 – Dull and rainy and no going to church. Edith and Irving came over at 5.

Aug 24 – Dull and rainy in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for Green on the house. Got Canney to harrow the patch he plowed in the corner field.

Aug 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for Lou Green on the house shingling. Dennis and son finished the chimney yesterday. (Dennis Trefethen was the son of John Adams Trefethen and was Supply's cousin. Dennis's son Austin was with him. Both were brick and stone masons.)

Aug 26 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for Green and finished the shingling. Lou was down to see how the work progressed. The beach folks are leaving for home.

Aug 27 – Dull all day with some rain. Worked for Green putting on the finish etc. Roscoe Berry is lame and not able to work.

Aug 28 – Fair. Worked for Green on the house. The beach people are leaving Concord Point for home. The “season” has not been so very successful.

Aug 29 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for Lou Green at shingling one gable end with fancy shingles. At night went to town and got rent money and paid the taxes in town.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm and dusty. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach about Saul of Tarsus. Edith and Irving were over at 5.

Aug 31 – Fair and warm. Worked for Lou Green. S. Hung Shang, the envoy from China, arrived in New York and all the city turned out to see him.

Sep 1 – Dull and showery. Worked for Green. The gold standard and the free coinage of silver are the topics of discussion in all the papers with pictures of every description. (By the free coinage of silver, is meant that the right of individuals to bring their silver to the Mints and receive in return the coining value of the same in full legal tender coins. At the ratio of 16 to 1, means that one ounce of gold in coinage shall be equal to 16 ounces of silver.)

Sep 2 – Fair with high wind part of the day. Worked for Lou Green alone clapboarding the 2nd story. Lou and son have gone to a picnic at Stratham, church time.

Sep 3 – Fair and cool. Worked for Canney at finishing the silo, Gilman D. helping. We put 2 layers of paper on the first boarding then put on the 2nd boarding and think it will be tight.

Sep 4 – Fair. Worked for Green cutting out and putting in the new window frames. The gold democrats nominated Palmer and Buckner for president and vice president at Indianapolis yesterday.

Sep 5 – Fair. Worked for Lou Green clapboarding and put in 2nd story windows. The political pot is boiling and McKinley and Hobart are hoping to beat Bryan and Sewell. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 3.

Sep 6 – Dull and rainy all day after 3 in the morning and there has been more rain fell that we have had all summer before. It came down copiously and the ground is well soaked.

Sep 7 – Fair and very dump. Worked for Lou Green.

Sep 8 – Fair and warm. Jenness came and got eggs at 22 cents and left grain. Worked for Green the weather is bad for drying the second crop. It is molding in bunches.

Sep 9 – Dull and rainy. Worked for Green. There have been complaints of hen stealing in this vicinity.

Sep 10 – Dull and stormy all day. Worked for Green at furring and setting partitions etc. The beach people are mostly gone. Joseph Foss was at work for Charles Remick.

Sep 11 – Fair and very hot. Worked for Green at clapboarding alone. He came down and brought a door frame and zinc. Joseph Berry and son Roscoe were at work for Langdon B. Parsons. (Joseph Berry is living on Washington Road near Brackett Road. He is a carpenter by trade.)

Sep 12 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull. Worked for Green alone. John I. Rand called to see me. Went to town at 5 to get the news etc.

Sep 13 – Dull and rainy all day so we had a day of rest. Lizzie went over to see Jennie who is much better.

Sep 14 – Fair and wet and good weather for my grass seed sown last week. Worked for Lou Green. Apples are so plenty that they are not worth picking.

Sep 15 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green alone. Joe Berry has been to work for Langdon B. Parsons and “Lou” is anxious to have his house plastered before freezing time.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green on the house at furring the chambers. Herb Canney finished my plowing in the thirds today and it was wet and they did well. Jennie was over.

Sep 17 – Dull with some showers. Worked for Green. Charles Remick has been digging potatoes and thinks he will get 300 bushels. Lizzie has a bad cold.

Sep 18 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green at doing odd jobs. Lou was down to see the progress made.

Sep 19 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Green at furring. At night went to town to get the news etc.

Sep 20 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Edith came over at 5.

Sep 21 – Fair and cool. Worked for Lou Green putting up the piazza floor frame. Lou came down at 2:30 to see the progress. The great Rochester Fair begins tomorrow.

Sep 22 – Dull and rainy all day and cold. Worked for Green at tearing out in the dining room. Joe Foss called to see us. I gave him some Gravenstine apples.

Sep 23 – Fair with a northwest wind and cold. Many went to the fair at Rochester. Worked for Green.

Sep 24 – Cloudy and cold all day. Worked for Green at laying piazza floor. Roscoe Berry went to the fair. Herb Canney went with a pair of horses and a load, Lizzie went with him.

Sep 25 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for Green.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green. Charles Remick was cutting the 2nd crop all the afternoon. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get the news etc.

Sep 27 – Fair and warm. At 2 went with wife to see Oliver living with his daughter in Portsmouth. He is very sick with heart trouble and thinks he cannot hold out long. Edith came at 5. (Oliver C. Trefethen is Supply's older brother and is living with his daughter Grace Mabel (Trefethen) Yeaton. Her husband is John Henry Yeaton.)

Sep 28 – Fair after a cloudy morning. Worked for Lou Green at putting the piazza to the house and got the frame up and partly covered. They are getting ready to make the mortar for plastering.

Sep 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for Green covering the roof and painting it. Jenness Rand was down last night to see about the Republican canvas of voters. The political pot is boiling.

Sep 30 – Dull and rainy. Worked for Green. There is the largest crop of apples in the country ever known and they are worth little or nothing.

Oct 1 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for Green at furring.

Oct 2 – Fair. Worked for Lou Green. It is poor weather to make a second crop. Charles Remick has had some cats 10 days and still in the bunch.

Oct 3 – Dull and cloudy most of the day. Worked for Green at putting up the piazza posts etc. Frank Libby was lathing. Lizzie and Edith went to town.

Oct 4 – Dull, cloudy and wet all day with plenty of mud. All kept quiet and rested. Edith and Irving went over at 5. Went down to see Grammy.

Oct 5 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for Lou Green a ½ day. Then came home and washed cider barrels etc. to get ready for making cider.

Oct 6 – Dull and rainy all day. Went and got my tools and worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Canney at putting windows in the barn.

Oct 7 – Dull with some rain. Worked for Canney and put in windows. George Leroy was hauling salt hay home which has been cut about a month with no chance to dry it. Oliver is very low today.

Oct 8 – Dull and rainy. Worked for Canney.

Oct 9 – Worked for Canney on the barn.

Oct 10 – Fair. Worked for Canney $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Went to town at 1 and found that Oliver had died at 11 o'clock today having failed gradually since I saw him. He was 70 years old last March. (Oliver Trefethen was Supply's older brother.)

Oct 11 – Dull and rainy most of the day.

Oct 12 – Cloudy with a northeast gale of wind blowing all day and all last night. Went to town and saw Henry Varrell who said there was the heaviest sea for 25 years. (Henry Varrell was living by Rye Harbor near the end of Harbor Road.)

Oct 13 – Dull and rainy all day. Went with wife to Oliver's funeral held in the Middle Street vestry in Portsmouth at 2. The rain prevented many from going.

Oct 14 – Dull and wet most of the day. Wife and Lizzie went to town at 2. Jenness came and got eggs at 24 cents and left grain.

Oct 15 – Dull and wet. Went to town and got lime and a whitewash brush and went over the sitting room ceiling. Lizzie and mother are putting on new paper. There is much talk in politics and we believe McKinley will be elected.

Oct 16 – Dull part of the day. Picked apples and getting ready for winter.

Oct 17 – Fair. Picking apples, Elmer helping. At night carried 2 barrels to town to Mike Long's for \$1.25. They are so very plenty that they are not worth much. (Elmer is Charles E. Trefethen's son and is 11 years old.)

Oct 18 – Dull all day. William Jackson called to talk about the navy yard. Fannie Ayres called at 4. She came to Oliver's funeral and will go home to Boston on Monday. Edith and Irving came at night.

Oct 19 – Fair with high northwest wind. Went to Green's house and got mortar and pointed round the underpinning to keep out the winter winds

Oct 20 – Cloudy. Picking apples. Shook the Baldwins and picked up those not bruised. At night went to town with 2 barrels to Mike Long and got a barrel of flour for Abbie at \$5.00 which is one dollar higher than 1 month ago.

Oct 21 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Jobbing round whitewashing and making cellar window, thrashed beans etc. Tis said many Democrats in Rye will vote for McKinley.

Oct 22 – Cloudy and cool. Worked for Canney at finishing the barn addition.

Oct 23 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for Canney on the barn.

Oct 24 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Worked in the cellar doing odd jobs. At 2 went to town to see Jake Christenson and got rent money and paid for coal. There is much excitement about politics.

Oct 25 – Fair and cool and we had a day of rest. At 2 called with wife to see Elizabeth and William Holmes and Ella's babies. Called to see Mr. Ames. Edith and Irving came at 5. (Ella is the daughter of Elizabeth and William Ira Holmes and is married to Jonathan E. Odiorne. The children are Edith H. and Harry E. Odiorne.)

Oct 26 – Fair and cool. Worked for Canney clapboarding the barn. He has now 24 cows and carries the milk to town at 5 cents per quart. We sell him 5 or 6 quarts a day at 3 cents. He sells in all about 200 quarts a day.

Oct 27 – Cloudy. Worked for Canney. Apples are more plenty than ever before. They are everywhere in abundance and sell for little or nothing if time for picking is counted.

Oct 28 – Fair and mild. Worked for Canney clapboarding. At night went to the Center as a member of the Republican Committee to look over the prospect of our carrying the town and found it good.

Oct 29 – Worked for Canney a clapboarding etc. and finished for the present. The weather is dull most of the time with much rain.

Oct 30 – Fair and very warm of the season, 70 in the shade. Got my celery in and picked apples and about 400 other jobs. Went to town at 3 and carried apples at 25 cents per barrel. The political pot is red hot.

Oct 31 – Very hot for October about 80 at noon. Getting tools ready to work for Jake Criss Monday. Went to town at 3. There is to be a great Republican torch light procession tonight

Nov 1 – Dull, wet, warm and foggy.

Nov 2 – Fair and mild for the season. Went to town and worked for Jake Christenson on his new house framing and putting on sills. There is great excitement about the presidential election tomorrow. It is generally believed McKinley will be elected.

Nov 3 – Fair and mild. Worked ½ day for Christenson. Then came home and went to the election. There was a battle of ballots and the Republicans carried the town for the first time. We had for McKinley 134 and 81 for Bryan and 11 gold Democrats.

Nov 4 – Fair with some clouds. Worked for “Criss”. The news from the election is that McKinley has carried the country and got 311 electoral votes and Bryan 105 so far. We have elected Charles Drake representative by 20 majorities and there is great rejoicing.

Nov 5 – Dull and rainy all day. Jobbing round husking popcorn and picking over apples etc. did not hear any news from the election. Wind is south and very mild.

Nov 6 – Fair and mild with a south wind. Worked for Jake Criss and began to raise the house. Three of us got up most of the posts and studding.

Nov 7 – Fair and mild. Worked for “Criss” putting up the frame and got it ready to board. Went up in town at night to get news etc. Went to the Center to see about the Republican celebration.

Nov 8 – Dull and wet and no going to church so we rested. Edith came at 5. Mr. Ames has moved to town to be nearer the shoe factory. Charles Seavey is to move into the corner house. (This is the old James Thomas house.)

Nov 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Christenson at boarding. The election shows that McKinley has got 272 electoral votes and Bryan 172, so the poor silverite is beat by 100.

Nov 10 – Fair and mild. Worked for Criss at boarding and plates and flooring. Joe Foster was laying floors.

Nov 11 – Dull and cloudy and rain came on at 1:30. Worked for Christenson 6 hours and came home.

Nov 12 – Fair and not cold. Worked for “Criss” at putting on the rafters after finishing side boarding. Tonight there is a great torch light procession in Portsmouth to celebrate the election victory.

Nov 13 – Cool and cloudy till 3 when rain and snow came down. Worked for Criss and we finished boarding the roof. The first snow of the season today.

Nov 14 – Snow on the ground and cold. Went to town in the morning and got the news. Then got in my cabbages and turnips and the last of the celery. Put apples in the cellar and cleaned up to be ready for winter. My cider is not made yet.

Nov 15 – Fair with a southerly wind and some warmer and thawing the ground. The cow has been sick. She is much better today.

Nov 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for J. Criss at shingling.

Nov 17 – Fair and warm. Worked for “Criss” at shingling. They were hauling apples to town by cart with loads to ship away. Thanksgiving is coming next week.

Nov 18 – Dull and some rain. Worked for “Criss” and finished shingling and got ready to get out carving finish.

Nov 19 – Fair and cool. Worked for “Criss” at getting out the finish for carving. Edith and Irving were over this evening. Lizzie went to the music hall with Herbert Canney and wife Annie.

Nov 20 – Fair and cold. Worked for Jake “Criss” at Getting out the finish in the house and got it ready to go on. The great Republican celebration tonight, torch lights, speeches and grand turkey supper in honor of carrying the town.

Nov 21 – Cold and dull in the morning. Then came on snow at 1 and rain at 3. Jobbing round till John O. Berry came over and cut bedding and we got in 2 loads for winter. At 3 went to town to get the news. (Hay and straw were normally used for bedding the animals.)

Nov 22 – Cold and everything covered with sleet and icicles and at noon it began to thaw so at night the ground was nearly bare again. Edith came over at 5.

Nov 23 – Cold in the morning, 18. Jobbing round, shod the old horse etc. At 11:45 went to town and worked for Criss getting the finish on the west side of the house.

Nov 24 – Dull and wet in the forenoon and went to town and got a turkey for Thanksgiving at 18 cents. There was any quantity of poultry in the market.

Nov 25 – Fair and mild. Worked for Jake at putting the finish on the house.

Nov 26 – Dull and rainy most of the day. This was Thanksgiving and we had turkey and fixings for dinner. Edith and her family were over and John Webster came down to dine with us.

Nov 27 – Fair and warm and muddy. Worked for Jake “Criss” at finishing the gable next to the street. Got it done except the bed mold. Canney is hauling rocks for the foundation at the Button Shop.

Nov 28 – Fair and cold. Worked at putting on the finish for “Criss”.

Nov 29 – Dull and very muddy and quiet. Edith came at 5.

Nov 30 – Snow came down last night and it was a wet and muddy day. Jobbing round. Went to town with Lizzie at 9 to see the town and the people there of.

Dec 1 – Fair and cold. Worked for “Criss” putting on the finish.

Dec 2 – Cold, 14 above and rough traveling. Worked for Jake “Criss” and finished.

Dec 3 – Very cold in the morning, 10 above. It took some time to get started and all the animals fed. Went to town at 2 and settled with Christenson and brought home tools. (The Jacob Christenson home was built on Broad Street in Portsmouth.)

Dec 4 – More mild. Jobbing round and getting ready for winter. Went to Canney’s to see about doing a job for him.

Dec 5 – Fair and milder. Jobbing round till noon then went to town and to the Plains to see about moving a building for George Webber and agreed to do it.

Dec 6 – Fair and muddy.

Dec 7 – Fair and mild. Began my job of moving a building for George Webber at the Plains, Irving helping. We got it raised up and ready for putting under the rolls and truck.

Dec 8 – Fair and mild and muddy. Worked at moving Webber’s building and got it ½ way down to his house, Irving and a son of Solomon Shireman helping.

Dec 9 – Dull and rainy all day so we had a day of rest. Canney came and got 15 bushels of apples to grind.

Dec 10 – Fair and mild. Worked for George Webber and moved his building to its foundation and now he wants it with new shingles.

Dec 11 – Fair and mild and muddy. On the sick list and stayed at home to rest. Irving went to Webber’s and carried the “Fall” to the Button Shop. Lizzie and Abbie went to town at 1:30.

Dec 12 – Fair and mild and muddy. On the sick list and stayed at home. Sent to town by Edith to get papers and smelts etc.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach. Edith came over at 5.

Dec 14 – Fair but not cold with a west wind. On the sick list and sent Irving to Webber’s to continue the work and he shingled most of the one side of the building.

Dec 15 – Fair and not warm. Went to Webber's with Irving and shingled the other side of the building and took down the staging.

Dec 16 – A furious snow storm most of the day. So we kept near the coal fire and took care of the animals.

Dec 17 – Very cold and too cold to work for Webber.

Dec 18 – Fair and not very cold. Worked for Webber $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day and finished and at night came through town and left jacks at Wendell's.

Dec 19 – Fair and cold. Jobbing round then went to town at 2 to get the news etc.

Dec 20 – Fair and cold. Charles Seavey came for me to work at the Button Shop. Edith came over at 5.

Dec 21 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney at finishing the chamber.

Dec 22 – Fair and cold as Christmas. Worked for Canney in the chamber. Got a bag of cracked corn of him.

Dec 23 – Cold and stormy with a northeast wind and not much snow fell. Worked for Canney at finishing the chamber then came home for dinner.

Dec 24 – Fair and cold. Went up to Canney's in the forenoon. At 2 went to town with Lizzie to get ready for Christmas and when coming home we were both thrown out by the horse shoving out and running into Small's field. Was shaken up bad. (This was William Small's field that was originally the town farm he purchased from John Grover.)

Dec 25 – Christmas day and we had quite a good time with a roast beef dinner. Edith, Irving and baby were over for the day. My pains and aches are bad but had to make the best of them.

Dec 26 – Fair and cold and we had to keep near the fire. After dinner Lizzie, Edith and Irving went to town to get the news and other things. "Minard's Liniment" for my bruises among the rest and am a little better today. (Over 160 years ago in the 1860s, Dr. Levi Minard of Hants County, Nova Scotia, treated his patients with his own special liniment for easing stiff and sore muscles, arthritic pain, and back aches. Dr. Minard's formula quickly became popular throughout Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, where fishermen used it to ease aches from the ocean's damp and bone-chilling cold. It quickly spread to the west, ultimately gaining Dr. Minard the nickname "King of Pain Relief".)

Dec 27 – Fair and cold as Christmas. Got through the day as well as we could. Quite a number called, among the rest was Joe Berry and wife Mary and Albert Brackett and wife Mary Abby.

Dec 28 – Cold as ever but good traveling. Mrs. Trafton called with Grace Yeaton to see me and say that Mrs. Critchey said I must use boiled turnips and tincture of lobelia for by bruised shoulder, which I am now doing. (Lobelia is a plant used in herbal and homeopathic medicine. Said to expel mucus from the respiratory tract, it is used to treat respiratory problems.)

Dec 29 – Fair with the best of wheeling. Lewis Foss came for Emery Jenness to get eggs and leave grain. Emery is pretty well but getting lazy. Lizzie went to town with Lewis to get the news. People are storing their ice for next season.

Dec 30 – Fair and not so cold. My shoulder is my greatest trouble but is gaining a little. Irving has been hauling ice from Orin L. Foye's pond for their summer use.

Dec 31 – Fair and not so cold. My shoulder is gaining but still is not well enough to work. Irving has hauled a load of sea gravel and 1 load the seaweed for the hens.

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Jan 1 – Fair and not cold with very little snow on the ground and good solid wheeling. Bicycles are going and many have gotten their ice started and are now ready for sledding. I have been on the sick list since Christmas with a lame shoulder. Was thrown out of a wagon.

Jan 2 – Fair and not cold. Have not done much today with my lame shoulder. Lizzie, Edith and Irving went to town to get the news and to market.

Jan 3 – Fair and mild and thawing so that it is quite muddy. There was much riding D.M. Foss called. Edith and Irving came a 4.

Jan 4 – Dull and foggy part of the day and also muddy. Went to town and to the Navy Yard to renew my register and do other jobs of the kind in town.

Jan 5 – Rainy all day with a southwest wind and plenty of mud. So kept housed and doctored my arm.

Jan 6 – Fair and mild with mud in plenty. Con Philbrick came for Emery Jenness and took eggs at 24 cents and left grain. (Emery Jenness had a farm and store on the corner of Central and Cable roads.)

Jan 7 – Fair and freezing cold and bad wheeling. George Raynes and wife Clara called to see us at noon. They were out for a ride with Dr. F. S. Towle's team. At 3 Charles Rand's wife and daughter called and in the evening. Joseph William Seavey and wife Mary came.

Jan 8 – Fair and cold and rough wheeling and there was not much riding. Canney called for me to draw a plan for an ice house and I got it ready for him.

Jan 9 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9 to market and to get the news. John J. Staples of Eliot was buried yesterday.

Jan 10 – Fair and not very cold but good time to sit by the fire. Edith and Irving came at 5. Went down to see Grandmother.

Jan 11 – Fair and cold. Killed 4 hens and carried to town to John O. Downs at 13 cents per lb. and got scrap from Sam Dixon.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold and good wheeling but no snow. Went to town and got a horse of Beacham in exchange for the one that upset me and hurt my shoulder.

Jan 13 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and grew warmer by night. Jobbing round with my lame shoulder. Setting glass and painting sash etc. Lizzie went to Edith's to see Jennie.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold. Painting sashes etc. It is the best of weather for painting if anyone could attend to it. The ground is dry and it is good drying weather.

Jan 15 – Fair and not cold. Killed 4 hens and carried to town at 13 cents per lb. Painted windows and other odd jobs.

Jan 16 – Fair and good wheeling. Painted windows and got most of the lower story done. Lizzie went to town at 2 to market and to get the news.

Jan 17 – Fair and not cold. The best wheeling but not many riding. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. They are holding revival meetings in the churches. Edith came at 5.

Jan 18 – Rainy all last night and this morning it was warm and muddy. The wind was from the southwest but in the afternoon came off northwest and cold. Went up to Canney's and hung a door etc. Edith and Bessie came over.

Jan 19 – Very cold with a high northwest wind and we were glad to keep near the fire. Took care of the beasts and fowls and tried to keep them busy. It is solid wheeling and no signs of snow.

Jan 20 – Cold in the morning, 3 below but soon began to rise and at noon it was 20 above. Cutting some wood and trying to make the hens lay, got 37 eggs today. Lizzie went to the Post Office to get the news. Hung a storm door for Abbie. Elizabeth called at 4. (Sarah "Elizabeth" is Supply's youngest sister and is married to William Ira Holmes.)

Jan 21 – Snow and rain all day. In the morning there was snow enough for sleighing but the rain carried it about all off. Canney brought malt for the cow etc. but there was not much traveling. Con came and took 20 eggs and left grain.

Jan 22 – Fair and cold. Killed hens and carried to town at 13 cent per lb.

Jan 23 – Cold as usual. Painting blinds and windows. Lizzie went to town to get the news and papers. Got the horse shod before she went. Mrs. Florence Salter has a bad cold. (Florence (Berry) is the wife of Harrison W. Salter, Harrison is her 2nd marriage. Her 1st marriage was to Martin H. Rand, Irving's father. They were divorced in October of 1880. Irving, Edith and baby Bessie are living with the Salter's on Wallis Road.)

Jan 24 – Fair and cold. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 5 Edith and Irving were over.

Jan 25 – Cold and windy. Painting windows and blinds.

Jan 26 – Fair and cold, 3 above and kept the hens in all day. Painting blinds and windows, Lizzie helping.

Jan 27 – Dull with signs of a storm. Went to town in the forenoon and carried hens at 13 cents and got the news. At 2 went to New Castle to see Albee's barn. He wants it moved. Called to see Sam Odiorne. Edith came over.

Jan 28 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and we kept housed and painted blinds etc. The hens were lazy and only laid 32 eggs.

Jan 29 – Pleasant and windy and sleighs and sleds are going in good style. Got the sleigh ready.

Jan 30 – Fair and cold. Went to town to market.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold but not going to church. At 2 went to see William Foss and his wife, he is quite sick with "shingles".

Feb 1 – Fair. Painting and hanging blinds.

Feb 2 – Fair and expected to go wooding but Irving has a sore throat and could not help. So I painted windows in the carriage house and barn.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold and we killed hens and carried them to town to John O. Downs.

Feb 4 – Fair and cold and great weather for the ice harvest which is about done.

Feb 5 – Fair and cold. Sleighs and sleds are going. Hurt my knee today and am lame. George Raynes and wife Clara called at 3 to get an apple and drink cider. Jennie called. (Jennie is the daughter of Samuel A. and Eliza Ann (Marden) Trefethen and is living on Wallis road.)

Feb 6 – Fair and warmer and very good sleighing from here to town where I went at 9:30 to get the news and to market and talked with Beacham about changing horses.

Feb 7 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind and it has spoiled the sleighing so they go on wheels. There is but a little snow in the fields. My shoulder and knee are better tonight.

Feb 8 – Fair and thawing some. Jobbing round till noon than began getting wood for winter. Hauled a few loads, John O. Berry and Irving helping.

Feb 9 – Fair and thawy and bad sledding. Began hauling wood yesterday noon and continued until noon today and gave it up because it had thawed so much, John Berry and Irving helping.

Feb 10 – Fair and soft going. Jobbing round a little but my shoulder is too lame to do much and I want to get it well as soon as I can. We got 62 eggs today and sold 21 dozen at 16 cents to Sam Dixon. (Samuel Dixon and Daniel McIntire had a flour, grain and feed store at 101 to 105 Market Street in Portsmouth.)

Feb 11 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 10 and changed a horse with Beacham and got one that lacks beastly.

Feb 12 – A furious snow storm came at noon. At 3 went to the Post Office to get the mail. The ground is rough and ragged.

Feb 13 – Fair after the snow storm and the sleighing is hard. Everett Odiorne broke out the road then there was much sleighing. Went to town with the horse I got of Beacham. (Everett Odiorne is the husband of Ella (Holmes) Odiorne. Ella is the daughter of William Ira and Sarah “Elizabeth” (Trefethen) Holmes.)

Feb 14 – Fair and very good sleighing and some were trying it. We had a day of rest. The Rand girls called at 3. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Feb 15 – Fair and very good sledding and we were cutting and hauling wood all day. Irving helped in the afternoon and John O. Berry all day and we finished and have got enough for a year. There was much teaming today.

Feb 16 – Cloudy and some snow. Jobbing round. Sold eggs to John Hobbs today, 38 dozen at 18 cent per dozen. They are a little higher in Boston. We get 62 a day with 120 hens. Went to town at 2 with Lizzie.

Feb 17 – Fair and good sleighing. Edith and Bessie came over for the day. Went to town to get paint for the barn. Lead at 5 ½ cents per lb. and oil at 35 cents per gallon. Irving went smelting.

Feb 18 – Fair. Began painting the hen house and barn, Irving helping. We got the hen house and the west end of the barn over today. George Raynes and wife Clara called at 3. The sleighing is done.

Feb 19 – Fair and cool and windy. Painted the east end of the barn and carriage house and windows over the doors. Edith and Salter went to town.

Feb 20 – Fair and not so cold so we painted the side of the barn next to the road, Irving helping. We got done at 3 and went to town to get the news and got paint for the 2nd coat and want to begin it Monday.

Feb 21 – Fair and warm. It snowed 2 or 3 inches last night and today and it is fast melting it away. Sleighs went in the morning but soon they got wheels going again. Herman began painting his house yesterday.

Feb 22 – Dull with signs of a storm. Painted the hen house and upper barn doors. Irving did not come over. Herman O. is painting.

Feb 23 – Fair and not cold. There was 3 inches of snow fell last night and sleighs are going again. Hobbs man came and got the eggs at 18 cents, 32 dozen. The Rye buyers only pay 16 cents. Worked for Canney ½ day on the ice house.

Feb 24 – Fair but not very cold. The best of sleighing. Worked for Canney on the ice house and got it ready for the ice, Irving helping.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney on the ice house. They have been hauling ice all day with 4 teams and got in 4 tiers, 320 cakes that are 16 inches thick. (Herbert Canney bought the old John Hobbs Webster farm near Lang's Corner.)

Feb 26 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney on the ice house boarding the roof. Tonight they are to have a dance and presentation there. They are to give him a cow etc. They finished filling the house with ice making about 100 tons, 8 tiers.

Feb 27 – Fair and cold, 8 above in the morning. Worked ½ day for Canney on the ice house. At 1 went to town to get the news and to market and got some grain.

Feb 28 – Cold, 10 above in the morning and held cold all day. Few went to church. We read the news and rested. At 4 Edith and Irving came. Mr. John Burchill is very sick with consumption.

Mar 1 – Very cold, 2 below in the morning and we had to keep near the coal fire. Repaired Abbie's gate. Took good care of the hens and got 59 eggs. It is good sleighing beside the road.

Mar 2 – Fair in the forenoon and we painted the west end of the barn and got ready for the east end. After dinner we painted it over but clouds came up and at 7 snow came on. Sold eggs at 18 cents to Hobbs, 31 dozen. Lizzie went to town.

Mar 3 – Dull and rainy after some snow. Had 2 bags of wheat of Canney.

Mar 4 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Canney. This was inauguration day of William McKinley, President and Garrett Hobart, Vice President. There was the largest crowd ever in the capitol.

Mar 5 – Dull and signs of a storm. Began to shingle wood house and got about $\frac{1}{4}$ done when snow came on furiously but soon turned to rain and went into the night. It is President McKinley now and all are happy.

Mar 6 – Fair and cool after a rain. Shingling the wood house until 2 then went to town with Lizzie to market and to get the news. Bad wheeling and plenty of mud. Election next Tuesday and they were talking about it.

Mar 7 – Fair and cold and bad traveling and but very few going anywhere. I was reading the account of the change of Presidents and it is hoped that the industries of the country will improve.

Mar 8 – Cold with a high wind. Finished shingling the wood house and privy. Edith and Irving went to town at 2 to get the news.

Mar 9 – Fair and cool. This was Election Day and there was a full meeting. The Democrats elected their candidates by 8 or 10. Hobbs came and got the eggs at 14 cents and we had 34 dozen.

Mar 10 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon then cleared off. At 2 went to town with Lizzie to get the news and to market. The Democrats elected John Walter Emery, Mayor by a 8 majority.

Mar 11 – Fair with a west wind. John O. Berry sawing wood. Painting the barn next to the road, Irving helping. We got over the end of the carriage house and barn next to the road. William Ira Holmes is very sick with the Gripp.

Mar 12 – Dull all day and rain came on at 2:30. Sawing wood, Irving and John O. Berry helping $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day. Lizzie went to the Post Office. William Holmes is no better.

Mar 13 – Fair with a high wind. John Berry was sawing wood and I helped him some. At 9 went up to see William I. Holmes. He is no better and the doctors have no hopes of him being any better. Went to town at 2.

Mar 14 – Dull in the morning and then came on a regular snow storm and ran all day and into the night. Went up to see William Ira Holmes, he died this morning at 7:30 without recovering consciousness. One sleigh went by tonight. (William was the son of William and Mary (Rand) Holmes and was Supply's brother-in-law, married to his youngest sister, Sarah Elizabeth.)

Mar 15 – Cold and windy. Sawing wood for next winter with John Berry helping.

Mar 16 – Fair and cold, 8 above in the morning. Sawing and splitting wood, John Berry and Irving helping and got it nearly done and John is to help Charles Rand. Hobbs came and got the eggs at 14 cents, 32 dozen.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 10 to get grain and the news, meal and cracked corn at 66 cents and oats at 60 cents a bag of 2 bushels. The Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons fight came off in Nevada. At 4 went to William Ira Holmes to see about the funeral. (Boxing history was made on this day way back in 1897, as Bob Fitzsimmons unleashed his famous “solar plexus punch” to take out Jim Corbett and take the world heavyweight title. The fight also holds the distinction as being the first prizefight ever captured on film.)

Mar 18 – Fair in the forenoon but after dinner came up cloudy and chilly. William Ira Holmes was buried today or put in a tomb, age 65. Mr. Mills tended to the funeral and Fannie Ayres came.

Mar 19 – Dull and cold. Cleaning up the wood pile and cutting up summer wood.

Mar 20 – Stormy all day. Jobbing round the plantation till 2. Went to town to get the news and see the town. The store keepers were blue because of no customers.

Mar 21 – Dull in the forenoon then cleared off and all the snow was melted and the mud was deeper than ever. Edith and Irving came at 5. Called to see grandmother and Charles Seavey.

Mar 22 – Fair and not cold. Cleaning up round to get ready for spring. At 2 went to town with Lizzie and got a barrel of flour, \$5.75. There is complaints of dull times.

Mar 23 – Fair and mild and spring like. Trimming apple trees in front of the house in the forenoon. Lizzie went to town with Abbie to get the news etc. Painted some on the trimmings of the barn. Edith and Mrs. Florence Salter and Bessie were over.

Mar 24 – A regular northeast snow and rain storm all day and into the night and there was not traveling. I found a little calf in the barn this morning. Cut through the partition in the kitchen and let 2 closets into it.

Mar 25 – Fair. Painted some on the barn. Loaded hay to go to town, Elmer B. Trefethen helping.

Mar 26 – Fair and cool and very muddy. Went to town with hay to William Jackson on New Castle Avenue at \$16.00 per ton. At 2 hauled a load to Wendell and got home at 6.

Mar 27 – Fair. Painting and it seems a long time before I can get done.

Mar 28 – Fair and cold and bad traveling. William Jackson called and paid me for the hay.

Mar 29 – Fair and cold in the morning. Jobbing round the plantation and cut wood etc.

Mar 30 – Fair and cool. Painting on the house. Hobbs took the eggs at 12 cents, the lowest since last year.

Mar 31 – Fair and the mud is drying up. Painting and doing up odd jobs to get ready for other work. Loaded hay to go to town, Elmer helping.

Apr 1 – Fair and better wheeling. Went to town with a load of hay and sold to a Jew at Christian Shore. The market is dull now but I want to get rid of mine now.

Apr 2 – Fair and cool. Painted the back side of the house slant after going to town with the horse to see Beacham about changing but he had none that suited me so I shall have to go again.

Apr 3 – Fair and cool. Hauling the apple tree limbs to the dump in the lane ready for the annual fire. Went to town at 2 to get the news and see the town. It was full of country wagons. Loaded hay for Russell.

Apr 4 – Fair and cool in the morning. We had the first chicking came off to tag 12 in number. Very well for the first lot. Bicycles are going again in great numbers.

Apr 5 – Rainy all the forenoon and at noon broke away. Went to town with hay to Russell and it was bad wheeling.

Apr 6 – Fair. Hauled a load of hay to Wendell. Elmer went with me and we loaded one for John Woods and it was the last of the season.

Apr 7 – Fair. Went to town with hay to Woods. Then changed the cart to haul out manure and done up other jobs. At 3 went to town to get grain.

Apr 8 – Dull. Jobbing round and hauling out 5 loads of manure for the potatoes. The ground is very wet and cannot plow.

Apr 9 – Rainy all the forenoon and most of the afternoon. Put new bedding in the horse stall and took down the partition in the porch etc.

Apr 10 – Dull. Cutting wood and about 400 other jobs. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. Mud, Mud, Mud.

Apr 11 – The northeast storm continues through the day but not very severe. Took off 11 chickens on the 3rd lot. There is much mud and any amount of water. Mrs. Celia Marden died on Friday night, age 75 ½. Edith and Irving came at 4. (She was Celia Ann (Foye) Marden and was married to Samuel Marden. Her parents were Nathaniel and Martha Foye.)

Apr 12 – Fair with a northwest wind. Jobbing in the forenoon. Went down to Abbie's and they decided on colors to paint the house. Went to town and got paint for Abbie and got ready for tomorrow.

Apr 13 – Fair. Began painting Abbie's buildings and got over 2 sides of the house and gable on the north end, Willard helping. (Willard is Gilman D. Trefethen's son and is just shy of 21 years old.) Hobbs teams were round today and paid 11 cents for eggs and we sold 35 dozen.

Apr 14 – Fair. Painting the house for Abbie and got the end of the house and side of the addition over and blinds painted, Willard helping. They were working on the highway by John Odiorne's house and had 2 slight showers.

Apr 15 – Dull and rainy with a northeast wind. Charles D. Garland went along and paid 10 cents for eggs.

Apr 16 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Abbie at painting.

Apr 17 – Dull with some rain. Worked ¾ day for Abbie painting blinds etc. At 3:30 went to town to get the news etc. Willard went with me and he wants a chance to learn a trade.

Apr 18 – Fair with a west wind. Grandmother is sick and I went for the doctor, he came at 3. Went to the Plains to see George Webber. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Apr 19 – Fair with a southwest wind. Worked for Abbie at painting doors, window and begun on the roof, Willard helping. It is more like spring today and they are hauling out manure for plowing.

Apr 20 – Very cold this morning, 19 above zero and the ground was frozen one inch. Painting, Willard helping and it was too cold to work on the roof.

Apr 21 – Cold in the morning. Went to town and carried 6 bushels of potatoes at 50 cents and got paint and grain etc. Saw Beacham about a horse but got no satisfaction.

Apr 22 – Fair and not so cold. Painting for Abbie and finished the roof and got the front all done.

Apr 23 – Fair and warmer. Painting for Abbie and got over the house and began on the fence. They were working on the road by John Odiorne's. Henry Wilson died last night in Warren Keen's house. (Henry Wilson was living with the Keen's on Brackett Road next to the East School House.)

Apr 24 – Fair and cool. Worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day for Abbie at painting and about finished the house. Went to town at 3:30 to get the news etc.

Apr 25 – Fair and mild. Bicycles were out by the hundreds and many carriages. Howard Frisbee called at 3. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Apr 26 – Fair. Hauled out manure and plowed a small piece, Grant helping. Then Willard and I began painting the front of the house.

Apr 27 – Worked for George Webber at hanging barn doors and did not get done. Willard was painting for me $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. John J. Burchill was buried today, age 31. Hobbs took eggs at 12 cents. This was the great Grant celebration dedicating his monument in New York. (John and wife Margaret Burchill were living on Brackett Road.)

Apr 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for George Webber and finished his barn doors. Saw Captain Hontvert's chickens, 275 of all sizes, buff and Plymouth buck with 40 hens sitting and bought some eggs of him. Willard was painting for me.

Apr 29 – Fair and cool. Sowed peas, 4 rows. Painted the front door and round it, Willard helping all day. Went to town at 3 to get grain. Got some potatoes and onions at 7 cents per lb. They are very high. Grain is higher, whole corn is 80 cents and meal at 70 cent a bag.

Apr 30 – Fair and not cold. Hauling out manure and harrowing and planted potatoes in the front and sowed the garden. Let out 30 strawberry plants. "Glen Mary" and "Bouncer" sowed spinach etc. Willard began painting for John Odiorne.

May 1 – Fair and cool. Sowed lettuce etc. Jobbing round expecting Canney to plow and he came at 2:30 and we plowed a piece for potatoes in the further field. Went to town at 4 and got the news etc. There is talk of their going to work on the ship "Constitution".

May 2 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and all travel was stopped. We had stopped a coal fire but made up one today to ward off cold chills. The chickens were crying for the sun.

May 3 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town and got grain and paid the Knights of Honor assessment of \$7.35 for one month. Sent my certificate to be reduced to \$1.00. Worked for Canney ½ day making doors to the ice house.

May 4 – Dull in the morning but cleared off at 9 warm. Worked for Canney ½ day. Harrowed and hauled out manure for potatoes and have got ready to plant them. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 2:30.

May 5 – Fair and more mild. Planted my potatoes about 1 bushel, 4 or 5 kinds. Had one potato from New York called “Sir Walter Raleigh”, 3 hills.

May 6 – Fair. Putting up a fence and 400 other jobs and sowed garden seeds and planted cucumbers.

May 7 – Fair. Mending the platform on the back of the house. After dinner cleaned and painted the wagon with paint that needs no varnish. It will do for an old wagon but is not fit for a good one.

May 8 – Fair. Got Elmer to help paint the roof of the shop and got done at 12. After dinner we burned the brush in the field in front of Charles house. Went to town at 3 to get the news etc.

May 9 – Fair and cool in the morning. Charles Ridge called at night. Edith and Irving came at 4.

May 10 – Fair in the forenoon. Worked for Abbie shingling the barn, got one side well started. Shower at 5. Wife and Lizzie went to the south end to get pansies of Wallmark.

May 11 – Fair. Shingling barn for Abbie. Got one side done and ready to go on with the other. Wife and Lizzie went to cemetery and set out pansies. Professor Parsons has come to Rye.

May 12 – Rainy all day.

May 13 – Rainy all day.

May 14 – Dull. Worked for Abbie at shingling.

May 15 – Fair. Worked ½ day for Abbie and finished shingling and got ready for painting. Went to town to get the news and to market.

May 16 – Cloudy in the forenoon but no rain. At 2 went with wife to ride to see John Lear’s new house building near Frank Boyce and called at Guss Rand’s and to Sarah Elizabeth Holmes.

(Lear’s home was built on Pioneer road.)

May 17 – Dull in the morning. Went to town to get paint and to see the town. Afternoon worked for Abbie and painted the roof in front. Albert B. Trefethen came down for me to see the house at Fort to be moved.

May 18 – Fair. Went to Fort Constitution to see a house that is to be moved then went to town. Afternoon worked for Abbie at painting the back side of the barn. Willard painted the roof of the back side. (Fort William and Mary was a colonial fortification in Britain's worldwide system of defenses, manned by soldiers of the Province of New Hampshire who reported directly to the royal governor. The fort, originally known as "The Castle," was situated on the island of New Castle, New Hampshire, at the mouth of the Piscataqua River estuary. It was renamed Fort William and Mary circa 1692, after the accession of the monarchs William 3rd and Mary 2nd to the British throne. It was captured by Patriot forces, recaptured, and later abandoned by the British in the Revolutionary War. The fort was renamed Fort Constitution in 1808.)

May 19 – Fair. Went to town and made an offer to move a house in Fort Constitution for \$425.00. Afternoon worked for Abbie at painting the barn, Willard worked all day.

May 20 – Fair. Worked for Abbie at painting. Willard was helping and got well near done.

May 21 – Fair. Painting for Abbie for ½ day and finished. She and Lizzie went to town. Willard helped me put up a wall in the afternoon and paid him \$1.30 and settled.

May 22 – Fair. Planting beans and cucumbers and other small seeds. My strawberry plants took well and are blossoming full. Peach trees are in full bloom and apple blossoms are not so plenty as last year. Went to town at 3 to get the news.

May 23 – Fair with a stiff southerly wind and chilly. So we did not want to ride. Edith and Irving came at 4.

May 24 – Fair. Hauled my tools from Abbie's including ladders. Hauled out manure and harrowed for beans and killed weeds generally after noon. Elmer helped me cultivate my potatoes etc.

May 25 – Cloudy. Making screen doors etc. after dinner. Went to town and got grain at 75 cents for meal and cracked corn and 64 cents a bag for oats. All complain of dull times and it is the bitter end of the Democratic times.

May 26 – Hoeing in the garden etc. Went over and got Edith and Bessie to spend the day. Called to see Fredrick Seavey who is sick with spinal trouble. After dinner went to the Wentworth to see about building bath houses.

May 27 – Dull and rainy all day. Cleaned out the hen house, made a watering troth for the horses and made some repairs in the barn. It is very wet for the season and the low land is over flowed and all is full of water.

May 28 – Dull and rainy all day. Making a screen door and other jobs. Frederick Seavey died today of spinal disease. (Fredrick was living with his brother Joseph W. and wife Mary A. on Sagamore Road across the street from Herman O. Trefethen.)

May 29 – Fair. Hoeing and sowing the garden and other jobs. Went to town at 3 to get news and paid Evans \$7.70 for Knights of Honor on \$2000.00. Hereafter am to pay for \$1000.00 insurance.

May 30 – Fair and mild. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach about “Judge not that ye be not Judged”. Edith and Irving came at 4. Went to see Grammy.

May 31 – Dull and rainy all day. Went up to Joseph W. Seavey’s and helped get ready for Frederick’s funeral and at 1:30 went to attend the funeral. He was 71 years old and was buried in the Rye Cemetery.

Jun 1 – Fair and not cold. Worked for Harry Freeman at Wallis Sands repairing the “Toboggan” for summer visitors. John H. Hutchingson has moved to Concord Point and he is sick. Sold eggs to John W. Hobbs. (Harvey (Harry) J. Freeman, 1848-1927. Harry was a Soap & Tallow manufacturer.)

Jun 2 – Fair with a high northwest wind. Worked for Harry J. Freeman and we got the building moved and ready to begin to finish. Wife and Lizzie wet to ride around the west end.

Jun 3 - Fair and cool. Worked for Freeman. This is the wettest season I ever remember so far. The low land is flooded most of the time and the high ground is soaking wet all the time. Tis said many acres of potatoes rotted in the ground.

Jun 4 – Dull and cloudy and rain came on at 3. Worked for Freeman at the Sands clapboarding and building the addition to the shed, Joe Berry helping. Joseph Jenness Drake died this morning, age 87. Mr. John H. Hutchingson is very sick at Concord Point. (Joseph was the son of Abraham and Mary (Jenness) Drake.)

Jun 5 – Rainy all the forenoon and was jobbing round and caring for hens and chickens, we have a hundred or more. Went to town at 2 to get the news etc. Saw Herbert Hall in town. There is some work going on at the navy yard.

Jun 6 – Cloudy and dull all day. Joseph J. Drake is to be buried tomorrow in the Central Cemetery. The G.A.R. folks of Portsmouth were invited to hear Mr. Mills preach a memorial sermon at Rye today and came down in large numbers. (The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), Union Navy (U.S. Navy), and the Marines who served in the American Civil War.)

Jun 7 – Cloudy and dull all day. Worked for Freeman. John H. Hutchingson died at 7:30 this morning at Concord Point of Bright's disease. The undertaker came down and took the body to town.

Jun 8 – Fair but not very warm. The farmers have a bad time to hoe. Worked for Freeman on the "Toboggan" and got about done but not quite.

Jun 9 – Dull and rain came on at 2 and stormed furiously all day. Worked for Harry J. Freeman on the barn at the Sands.

Jun 10 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and all last night so that there is more water in this vicinity than ever we know before. Our low ground is covered a foot deep and there is 18 inches on the bridge at the White Rock.

Jun 11 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Freeman. The waters are running off and we hope we soon will be able to do some hoeing. Lizzie and Edith went to town. The water runs over the road near Foye's.

Jun 12 – Dull and some rain fell. Worked for Freeman ½ day and finished and settled for \$19.00. Went to town at 2 and carried cider to Hayes and paid for insuring the house, \$17.00, paid Broughton and Wendell. Got some grain etc. There is some talk of work on the yard.

Jun 13 – Dull and cloudy in the forenoon. Rain came on at 2 and we had a day of rest. We have about 100 chickens and they have to be cared for. Turned the cow out for the first time this season.

Jun 14 – Clouds and sunshine and rain. Worked for Canney putting windows in the house and got 5 in. John Webster is not so lame as last year.

Jun 15 – Fair in the forenoon then showery in the afternoon. Worked for Canney on the windows and cut a door through the milk house to take in ice. Old potatoes and have gone up to 60 cents and will go higher.

Jun 16 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Miss Spaulding at Concord Point with John Berry at taking down the old buildings.

Jun 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for Spaulding at Concord Point painting. They are painting the Ocean Wave House and getting ready for summer boarders.

Jun 18 – Fair but cool. Worked for Miss Spaulding with Joe Berry. Warren Caswell was “pulled in” again for selling short lobsters at Stratham and had to pay \$10.00.

Jun 19 – Fair. Worked for Spaulding and have got ready to put up the new building. Harry Yeaton has moved into his new house at the Sands. Scott Smith came down today for the season. (Harry Yeaton’s home can be seen at Wallis Sands on the 1900 map done by Louise Tallman.)

Jun 20 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon but cleared a way at 3 and is cool. The Rand girls called. Edith and Irving came at 5. Went to see grandmother and called at Charles Seavey’s.

Jun 21 – Fair with a southwest wind. Worked for Spaulding. Joe Berry was away all day. Charles W. Rand cut some of his grass today, it was badly lodged.

Jun 22 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Spaulding and got the building ½ shingled. Joseph Berry went to town with hay. At night went with wife to the cemetery and mowed the lot. Edith came at 5.

Jun 23 – Fair and good for haying and some are improving it. Worked for Spaulding. They are gathering at the beach and cottages are filling up and the hotels also.

Jun 24 – Fair but cool for the last of June. Worked for Miss Spaulding at the beach. Scott Smith came down today for the season.

Jun 25 – Fair and cool but good haying weather and some are at it. Worked for Miss Spaulding. The Secretary of the Navy was at the yard today and will send work there.

Jun 26 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for Spaulding and finished and took my tools home. Got a postal from the Navy Yard to go to work there Monday. Lizzie went to town.

Jun 27 – Fair and cool in the morning. Turned the cow down by John Odiorne’s. Lizzie went to church. Went with the wife to ride to Breakfast Hill. Charles Shannon called. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Jun 28 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the yard on the ship “Newport”. There are now 14 carpenters on the yard. The “Newport” was built at Bath with the “Vicksburg” which is also at the yard. (USS Newport was a United States Navy gunboat. She was laid down by Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine in March 1896. Newport sailed for duty in the Caribbean on 15 October 1897. During the Spanish–American War, she received credit for assisting in the capture of nine Spanish vessels.)

(USS Vicksburg was a United States Navy gunboat, laid down in March 1896 at Bath, Maine, launched on 5 December 1896, and commissioned on 23 October 1897.)

Jun 29 – Fair. Worked for Uncle Sam. They took the ship in the dry dock to be caulked and coppered. She is an iron ship but one of the first to be planked with hard pine.

Jun 30 – Rainy all forenoon furiously and stayed at home and worked on a “milk box” for Canney to put his cans in ice water. Set out tomato plants and mowed the lawn. Bessie came at 2.

Jul 1 – Fair and a very good hay day and they began the regular haying. Cut the lower lot. Canney did the mowing and John O. Berry is in charge. I worked for the U.S. on the “Newport” coppering.

Jul 2 – Fair and good hay weather. Worked for the U.S. Herbert Canney cut the corner field and they got in 4 loads from the lower field and cleaned that up. But the weather does not look good for haying. Tonight the wind is out and dampness is coming.

Jul 3 – Foggy and dull most of the day and no haying done. Worked for the U.S. They paid me off for the 2 days in June, \$6.08. All are getting ready for the 4th. We shall have a holiday Monday and I hope for fair haying.

Jul 4 – Fair with an east wind and drying. The new Creamery Company started to buy milk the 1st and are taking all they can get and Canney is short for his customers and everybody wants milk he says. Lizzie went to see Jennie. Wife went to see her mother.

Jul 5 – Fair and good hay weather and we improved it by cutting the further field and getting in the corner lot, 3 loads, John Berry and Elmer helping. Canney did the cutting. Edith and Bessie were over for the day. Had chicken and ice cream etc.

Jul 6 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. John Berry got in 3 loads from the further field. Canney cut the thirds at 5 in the morning. The low ground is very wet and needs much tending.

Jul 7 - Worked for the U.S. Foggy in the morning and cleared off at 8 and the hay makers continued and Herbert Canney cut all in front of Charles. They got in 4 loads, one from the further field and 3 from the thirds.

Jul 8 – Fair and hot. John O. Berry continuing the haying finished in the thirds and got 5 loads, sold one to Charles Seavey. They raked up in front of Charles E's and had 140 hay-cocks. Worked for the U.S. coppering the “Newport”.

Jul 9 – Very hot with a west wind and they got in 6 loads of hay in front of Charles's. At night Canney cut above the barn after 6 o'clock. Worked for Uncle Sam coppering the “Newport”.

Jul 10 – Dull all day with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport” coppering. John Berry worked ½ day finishing in front of Charles’s and back of the house and raked up above the barn.

Jul 11 – Dull all forenoon then broke away and was warm. Lizzie went to ride. Edith and Irving came at 5. We have strolling quite plenty today.

Jul 12 – Fair in the forenoon then rain came on. Worked for the U.S. John O. Berry worked at haying and got in wood, Elmer helping. Dr. Wentworth died at Kittery today.

Jul 13 – Rainy all day with a south wind. Worked for the U.S. The “Newport” was taken out of the dock today at 10 and we had hard work to haul her down to the wharf.

Jul 14 – Rainy with a southwest wind blowing a gale. Worked for the U.S. Dr. Mark F. Wentworth was buried today at Kittery, age 77 ¼. (Mark Fernald Wentworth was a distinguished physician and decorated veteran of the American Civil War.)

Jul 15 – Fair and good hay day. John Berry tended and raked up my hay and if we have a good day tomorrow we hope to get it in. Worked for the U.S. at wedging the main mast of the “Newport”.

Jul 16 – Fair and good hay weather. Worked for the U.S. John Berry and Elmer Trefethen got in the last of the hay today in a damaged state. We have got more than last year.

Jul 17 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. in dry dock getting ready to take in the “Constitution”. It was pay day, \$39.52.

Jul 18 – Fair and warm with a southeast wind and plenty of dust. John Grant of Kittery called and got cider at 12. George Webber and daughter Agnes and Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called.

Jul 19 – Fair and calm south wind. Worked for the U.S. The “Constitution” was taken into the dry dock at 3:30 and we had to stay till 9:30 and I got home at 10:30 at night. She was very heavy and was a load for the dock.

Jul 20 – Foggy in the morning but cleared off at 9. Worked for the U.S. putting up staging round the “Constitution” for examination. There are many visitors to see her and much interest felt in her.

Jul 21 – Fair but cloudy and not good hay weather. Worked for the U.S. on the “Constitution” in dock. 5 boat builders were discharged, William Jackson and George Parks among them. 6 caulkers came on today.

Jul 22 – Dull and foggy in the morning and rain came on at 11 and we worked ½ day for the U.S. Got home at 3 and unloaded hay and put rakes away etc. There seems plenty of wet.

Jul 23 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. on the old ship. They are working on the bridge to Badger's Island and on the landing for the ferry boat to run to Portsmouth for the electric rail road. The boat has arrived and they hope to run in September.

Jul 24 – Cloudy and damp. Worked for the U.S. At 3 we had a heavy shower so that hay makers cannot get in this week. At night Mrs. Clara Raynes came down with me to stay over. Sunday "Bez" (Bezaleel) Mathes wife was buried today. (Carrie Theresa (Seavey) Mathes was the daughter of John Langdon and Sydney Sargent (Seavey) Seavey.)

Jul 25 – Dull all forenoon and cleared off at 11. Mrs. Raynes was here and we had a day of talking of genealogy and other subjects. Guss Rand called. Lizzie and Mrs. Raynes went to Concord Point.

Jul 26 – Cloudy with a northeast wind and not hay weather. Worked for the U.S. They are talking of taking the ship out on Thursday. There is great excitement about gold digging in Alaska.

Jul 27 – Northeast wind and bad hay weather. Worked for the U.S. At night set out some cabbage plants that came from Eliot. My cucumbers are not large enough yet onions grow well.

Jul 28 – Dull but no rain. Worked for the U.S. on the "Constitution". The tide is too low to take her out of dock. Gunner Thomas Wilson was buried today at Kittery from Portsmouth.

Jul 29 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to the yard but no muster and came home and worked on Canney's milk box and got it about done. My cabbage plants got a good soaking.

Jul 30 – Fair and a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the old ship "Constitution" coppering and putting in graving pieces to make her tight to be towed to Boston for her centennial celebration on October 21st. (Graving piece is a small piece of wood, often diamond-shaped, or an oblong with pointed ends, laid into the damaged area, once the damaged timber has been removed. A graving piece, often nicknamed 'gravy bit', is also known as a Dutchman repair or just Dutchman.)

Jul 31 – Fair and a west wind and favorable for taking the old ship "Constitution" out of the dry dock and she came out at noon in good order and we had a busy day.

Aug 1 – Fair and warm with a north wind. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills. Made ice cream and read the news and rested.

Aug 2 – Fair most of the day but it was showery in the afternoon. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport” wedging the main mast. My cucumbers are just coming along and the beets are nice and potatoes will be light.

Aug 3 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport”. They are getting ready to take the “Vicksburg” into the dry dock. The boarding season is in full blast and Rye has a large number of boarders, all they can take care of.

Aug 4 – Fair and not. Worked for the U.S. The ship “Vicksburg” was taken into the dry dock today at 1:30. She is to be coppered. My job was to “plumb the ship” as it has been on all the others taken in this summer.

Aug 5 – Rainy in the morning but cleared off at 10 and was hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport”. There is much work ordered to the Boston yard by Secretary John D. Lang who belongs there. It is hoped there will be more sent to this yard.

Aug 6 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport”. They are nearly ready to run the Kittery electric cars from the Point to the foreshore. The North Atlantic Squadron is to be in part on August 11 or 12. (The North Atlantic Squadron was a section of the United States Navy operating in the North Atlantic. It was renamed as the North Atlantic Fleet in 1902.)

Aug 7 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Newport” wedging the bowsprit with Jake Christenson. There is a gang on the “Constitution” and “Vicksburg”. The dredging scow from Little Harbor came there to repair.

Aug 8 – Fair and hot. Made ice cream at 11:30 without cooking. There is much riding in carriages and bicycles. Picked one bushel of Red Astrachans for Ben Atwell. The Rand girls called. Edith and Irving called at 5:30.

Aug 9 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. Carried my first bushel of Red Astrachan apples to town to Ben Atwell for 75 cents. Apples are very scarce this year of all kinds.

Aug 10 – Fair but signs of dullness. Worked for the U.S. Getting ready to set out celery. At night went up to Canney’s to rig the milk troth.

Aug 11 – Dull all day with some rain. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Newport”. Portsmouth is getting ready to celebrate the arrival of the North Atlantic Squadron tomorrow. Set out my celery tonight, Elmer helping. I was late in getting it. The electric cars ran in Kittery for the first time today.

Aug 12 – Fair with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport”. The great Four Paw Circus was in Portsmouth today and had an enormous crowd. They are having a great time and they are getting ready for the “Carnival” as they call it.

Aug 13 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. many stayed away. The squadron arrived last night and today about 500 jack-tars and mariners marched in the streets with fire companies and there was a great time in town tonight. (Jack Tar or Tar is a common English term originally used to refer to seamen of the Merchant or Royal Navy, particularly during the period of the British Empire.)

Aug 14 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. This was the third day of celebration in Portsmouth. They had a coaching and industrial parade and a boat race in the afternoon. They found Joseph Stoddard at Nantucket, Mass., dead. (Joseph Stoddard was the neighbor of Rev. Alfred Elwyn and had a farm on Rye/Elwyn road.)

Aug 15 – Foggy in the morning but soon cleared away. At 9 went with wife to see the squadron at anchor off Newcastle. At 5 Edith and Irving came. Mr. Charles Ames and wife have returned to Rye and live in Orin Foye’s house. At night went to see grandmother.

Aug 16 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Constitution” getting to take. Joseph Stoddard was buried today. He went away 2 weeks ago and was found dead on Nantucket beach.

Aug 17 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Newport”. Potatoes are scarce and will be high. Apples are also scarce and will bring a fair price, from \$1.00 to 40 cents a bunch. Red Astrachans in great demand.

Aug 18 – Fair and warm. Worked on the ship “Constitution” at the yard repairing parts. There are many visitors to see her before she goes to Boston. Grass grows very fast.

Aug 19 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. The Kittery electric road has bought the steamer “Mystic” today and will run her tomorrow. Edith was over tonight.

Aug 20 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Constitution” repairing port shutters. They are painting the ship intending to give 2 coats. They have had a great time in Portland with the squadron and also held the New England fair there.

Aug 21 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. We were expecting a discharge but none came. The caulkers were laid off for a day or two. Walter Ball was appointed master painter and Charles Coleman master caulker today.

Aug 22 – Cloudy and rain came down at 3. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills on “growing in grace”.

Aug 23 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Constitution” and the old ship is about done. Tis said there will be another ship sent to the yard for repairs. The Kittery electric cars are running nearly to York beach they say.

Aug 24 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard but “no muster” and came home and dug some potatoes and sowed turnip seeds, Elmer helping. Canney brought malt for the cow. We sell from 8 to 10 quarts of milk each day at 30 cents per gallon. Sold 22 dozen eggs at 22 cents to Hobbs.

Aug 25 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Constitution” and finished on her. There are many visitors to look at her and get a piece of her wood work as a memento. The electric cars run to York for the first time.

Aug 26 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” getting ready to copper. The gold fever is raging in Alaska. The “Klondike” region is the place all want to reach. Tis said winter begins in September.

Aug 27 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” in the dock. There is some hope that another ship will come to the yard for repairs. The apple crop is very short and all kinds are scarce and high.

Aug 28 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. Ben Keen got hurt today when a plank fell on his leg and the doctor thinks it is fractured. He was carried home at noon.

Aug 29 – Fair and hot and now quite dry on the top of the ground. There was much riding both of teams and bicycles. Joe Jackson and wife called at 4. Edith and Irving called at 5.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. at coppering the ship “Vicksburg”. The caulkers at the same time. There is a great hurry for the “Newport” to be done by September 20.

Aug 31 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. William Noyes is acting constructor and foreman shipwright. There does not seem to be anything in sight to continue the job.

Sep 1 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on coppering the bridge keel, Jake Criss helping. The farm crops are light except the hay crop which grew in abundance but bad weather to cure it. Potatoes are scarce and also apples.

Sep 2 – Rainy. Went to the yard but no “muster” and came home by the electric road through Kittery. Went up to Canney’s and finished the milk box. Dug some potatoes. John O. Berry called.

Sep 3 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. at coppering the “Vicksburg”. The electric car is very popular at this time of year.

Sep 4 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. It was pay day and received \$39.52 for the last of August. Notice was given out that there will be no work on Monday” Labor Day” and we receive pay.

Sep 5 – Fair and hot and dusty. Irene Jewel Trefethen came from Hampton at 11. There has been much riding. (She is the daughter of Daniel Trefethen Jr. who died last year. She is now 13 years old.)

Sep 6 – Fair and very hot. Work was suspended at the yard as it was “Labor Day” and we received pay and stayed at home. I had many jobs to do but the heat is great and we had to keep cool.

Sep 7 – Dull and cloudy all day with signs of rain. Worked for the U.S. and had a good day of it in the dock.

Sep 8 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. and it was all we could bear. There is not much to show for work ahead on the yard. It was hoped another ship would be sent here for repairs but none is in sight.

Sep 9 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. It was the hottest day of the season. Worked at the yard on the “Vicksburg”.

Sep 10 – Fair and very hot, 95. Worked for the U.S. The coppering is well along and tis said the ship will be taken out of dock on Monday next. The A.P.A. had a celebration in town.

Sep 11 – Hot in the morning. At noon had a light shower. Worked for the U.S. in the dock coppering “Vicksburg” and she is about done and will come out of dock on Monday. All caulkers but 2 were discharged and 13 carpenters being half of the gang.

Sep 12 – Fair and cooler. Lizzie and Edith went to Hampton with Irene Jewel, she having ended her weeks visit.

Sep 13 – Dull with a strong southwest wind and they could not take the “Vicksburg” out of the dock as was intended. Worked for the U.S. taking down staging and cleaning up.

Sep 14 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. The “Vicksburg” was taken out of the dock at noon and moored under shears to receive her masts. Orders came to put the shores aboard the “Newport” and ready to send her to Boston.

Sep 15 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. getting stores aboard the “Newport” and they are going in with a rush all day until 6 o clock.

Sep 16 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. loading the “Newport” and hoisting her boats. At 4 the tug “Leyden” came for her.

Sep 17 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. The “Newport” was gone when we got to the yard.

Sep 18 – Fair and cooler. Worked for the U.S. putting the masts in the “Vicksburg” and then began to wedge the mizzen mast. The old “Constitution” was made ready to go to Boston.

Sep 19 – Fair and cool. Went with wife to Newington to see John Ichabod. He is quite smart in his eighty second year. Sarah Elizabeth Holmes was there with her daughter Ella. Called at George Webber’s and to see Mr. Ames.

Sep 20 – Dull and rain came at 4. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg”. The “Constitution” was towed from the yard for Boston today at 1:30 by the tug “Leyden”. We are wedging the masts. Potatoes are very scarce and high at \$1.25 per bushel.

Sep 21 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. wedging mass on the “Vicksburg”. Last night was a stormy one and the ship “Constitution” had a bad time to Boston but arrived at 8:30 this morning.

Sep 22 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. The Rochester Fair began yesterday and many went from Rye and there was said to be a large crowd of 20,000 on the ground and much horse racing.

Sep 23 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. This morning we had the first frost of the season to do damage to vines. We have lots of peaches and they are plenty through New England and very nice.

Sep 24 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for the U.S. They are in a great hurry to get the ship ready for sea. Tis said she is to be fitted for 3 years cruise to China.

Sep 25 – Fair with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. at wedging the bowsprit. The ship was moved down near the mast house so she will be handy for the riggers.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm and one of our best fall days. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills.

Sep 27 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 28 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg”. There is much talk about their moving the “Newport” to Boston and a great deal of fault finding about it but it is done and all must put up with it.

Sep 29 – Rainy. Worked for the U.S. and the new officer in charge of construction is in a great hurry to get the ship done.

Sep 30 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. No1 Baldwin apples are worth \$4.00 per barrel.

Oct 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” and finishing the bowsprit.

Oct 2 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” letting in the castings for Jacobs’s ladder to fasten to the deck. (The term Jacob's ladder, used on a ship, applies to rope ladders. It consists of vertical ropes or chains supporting horizontal, historically round and wooden, rungs.

Oct 3 – Fair and cool, 30. This was the coldest morning so far, below freezing and all vines are withered. At 2 went with wife to Greenland and North Hampton. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Oct 4 – Cool in the morning with frost then it came off warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” letting castings in the deck. They are not in so much of a hurry as last week. The department does not expect to have her until December 1st.

Oct 5 – Fair and warm with south wind. Worked for the U.S. Tis said a constructor is ordered to the yard. Farmers say there is not much to harvest this fall. No apples and 1/3 of a crop of potatoes and very few squashes etc.

Oct 6 – Fair and cool in the morning, then a warm south wind. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 7 – Fair and cool with frost. Worked for the U.S. and the job looks short.

Oct 8 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Noyes came today from Boston and assumed charge of construction again. The “Newport” has gone in commission in Boston.

Oct 9 – Fair and cold in the morning. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” securing the galley. Riggers and others were discharged tonight. Irving picked apples for me.

Oct 10 – Cold this morning. The watering troth was frozen over and it was cold and shivery. Irving was over and picked apples for me yesterday. William Jackson called at 3.

Oct 11 – Fair and warmer with a southerly wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg”. Irving picked apples for me and we shall get 5 or 6 barrels of all kinds. They are very scarce and Baldwins are \$4.00 a barrel.

Oct 12 – Dull and foggy and rain after dinner. Worked for the U.S. on the boat rests. Some are at work on floating stages. Lizzie went to town and to the office. We had a good shower at 4:30.

Oct 13 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg”. We can see that cool fall is approaching by shortening days and frosty nights and falling leaves with not much of a harvest in store.

Oct 14 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. The officers are in a great hurry to get the ship done.

Oct 15 – Fair and very hot, 85 in the shade and it was nice to get out of the sunshine. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” putting the boat cradle into position.

Oct 16 – Very hot for the season and everybody is sweating with thick flannels on. Worked for the U.S. There were 4 jointers called on. Guss Rand among the number.

Oct 17 – Cool with a high north wind rattling the leaves and dust and tearing up things generally.

Oct 18 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” on the boat hangings.

Oct 19 - Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. planing the deck. There is a great rush to get her ready by Saturday to go to the commission. Hobbs came and got eggs today.

Oct 20 – Dull but no rain came. Worked for the U.S. Tomorrow is the centennial celebration of launching will be held in Boston tomorrow and they are going to have a great time.

Oct 21- Cloudy with a dry Northwester. Worked for the U.S. The time was changed today we begin now at 7:30 and leave at 4:30. Some painters were discharged today.

Oct 22 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” doing odd jobs. Lizzie had a bargain with Webster Philbrick to make the cider for me. Chauncey Woodman is to haul the apples over.

Oct 23 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S. The “Vicksburg” went into commission at noon and all hands must be out of her except the crew.

Oct 24 – Dull most of the day but no rain. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Guss Preble called at 3 then Edith came.

Oct 25 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on skows etc. Sent my apples to Webster Philbrick for cider by Chauncey Woodman, 25 bushels, which will make enough for me.

Oct 26 – Fair and warm for the season. They are getting the “Vicksburg” ready for sea on a trial trip.

Oct 27 – Fair and warm and dusty. Worked for the U.S. The wells are getting low and water is scarce for some but we have plenty. Chauncey Woodman hauled my cider home today, 85 gallons.

Oct 28 – Dull and foggy all day. Worked for the U.S. building ways to haul steam launches up in the Franklin ship house for winter. Lizzie has gone to the music hall with Herb Canney and wife Lydia.

Oct 29 – Fair and cool in the morning. Worked for the U.S. on ways in the ship house. There is talk of replacing the powder boat.

Oct 30 – Fair with a frosty morning. Worked for the U.S. making 26 days this month and no discharge tonight. There is a complaint of the scarcity of water. Tis said that Wallis Rand is discharged from the Life Saving Station at Wallis Sands.

Oct 31 – Fair and cold this morning. Freezing and my celery is not in yet. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills. The Rand girls called at 3. Edith came at 4:30 with Irving. Went down to see Grammy and Abbie.

Nov 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on ways. At night rain came on and ran through the night.

Nov 2 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to the yard but there was no muster and came home and did up odd jobs. Hobbs came at 11 and took apples.

Nov 3 – Cloudy in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” putting up head boards to the gangway. Lizzie went to Boston on an excursion and rode on the “Subway”.

Nov 4 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Vicksburg” and she went to sea at 3 o clock for a trial trip of 48 hours to test the machinery.

Nov 5 – Fair after a very foggy morning. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house making ways for hauling up boats.

Nov 6 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house. The “Vicksburg” came back to the yard today and is to have some alterations.

Nov 7 – Fair and cool but not cold enough for a coal fire. Had a day of rest. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Nov 8 – Fair and cool but not freezing as has been. Worked for the U.S. There are to be some alterations made on the “Vicksburg” which will prolong the job.

Nov 9 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to the yard and “no muster” and had a chance to do up jobs at home.

Nov 10 – Fair and muddy. Worked for the U.S. Joseph Berry rode with me to town. There is great scarcity of apples and potatoes and the demand increases.

Nov 11 – Cloudy and signs of a storm. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house launching the steam launch “Orphan”. Today 3 joiners were called and Guss Rand is one.

Nov 12 – A regular northeast rain and snow storm till 2. Did not go to the yard today. Jobbing round and taking care of fowls and animals. Began burning coal today. Got 22 eggs.

Nov 13 – Fair and cold in the morning. Worked for the U.S.

Nov 14 – Cloudy and cold so I kept housed and had a day of rest. Edith came at 5. Called to see Seavey.

Nov 15 – Fair in the morning then came up cloudy and black. Worked for the U.S. and was discharged at 3:30 with 5 others being ½ the gang. Work was scarce.

Nov 16 – Fair. Went to the yard and got my tools and pay and re-registered for another job. After dinner went to town and got 6 M (1000) shingles of John Broughton. John Ichabod’s wife Adna died this afternoon, age 72. (She was Ariadna (Nutter) Trefethen. Her parents were James Nutter Jr. and Hannah (Langley) Nutter.)

Nov 17 – Fair. Jobbing round in the forenoon. After dinner went to town and got 3 M (1000) shingles making 9 thousand in all to shingle the back side of the barn. Which has needed it for some time. Herman is sick with rheumatism.

Nov 18 – Fair and cold. Went to town with boards and got them planed for doors and finish. At 2 went to Canney’s and fixed a door and invited John to come down to dinner on Thanksgiving. John’s wife Adna is to be buried tomorrow.

Nov 19 – Dull and chilly. Jobbing round in the forenoon. At 12 went to Newington to attend John’s wife’s funeral. She was 72 years old. Fannie Ayers came from Everett.

Nov 20 – Dull and cold with some snow. At 2 went to town to get the news and to market.

Nov 21 – Dull and cloudy. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 2 called to see Hope Trefethen. Henry Rand has a lame knee. Edith came at 5. (Hope is living with her father, John Ichabod in Newington at this time.)

Nov 22 – Fair and cool. Cutting and getting in bedding for the animals, Raymond helping.

Nov 23 – Fair after a snowy night. There is 1 inch of snow and it is cold. At 2 went to town and got grain and a turkey for Thanksgiving. Got stock at Broughton’s for a storm house.

Nov 24 – Cold in the morning. Went and got the horse sharp shod the first time so far. Went to town at 2 to get the news.

Nov 25 – Some clouds. This was Thanksgiving Day and we had a turkey dinner with fixings Edith and Bessie and Irving were over and John C. Webster was down. Getting out stock for the storm house.

Nov 26 – Fair in the morning. Went to town to build storm house over back door of my Lincoln Avenue house. Got it done except hanging door. It was very warm with a southerly wind.

Nov 27 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and at noon cleared off with a north wind. Jobbing round. Went to town at 2 to get the news etc.

Nov 28- No entry.

Nov 29 – Fair and cool Went to town and finished the storm house and began varnishing wood work in the parlor to get ready for papering etc. Frank Seavey is very sick with typhoid fever and pneumonia.

Nov 30 – Fair and cold. Went to town and finished varnishing the 3 rooms: parlor, sitting room and dining hall and got ready for papering. Got the paper of Joe Gardner.

Dec 1 – Fair and cold with some snow on the ground. Went to town and got a man to paper for me, he began after dinner. At took all the afternoon to white wash and get ready.

Dec 2 – Fair. Went to town and made some repairs on the house and stable. Raised up one corner of the stable and underpinned the front. The man was papering and got the sitting room done and began parlor.

Dec 3 – Fair and pleasant. Worked on the house and repaired a leak over the bay window and varnished the front door etc. Got papering done in the parlor and began the dining room. Joseph Gardner is quite sick.

Dec 4 – Fair. Went to town to get the news and had the papering finished and paid the man \$6.00 and took my tools home. Got the news and also got some cold.

Dec 5 – Rainy all last night and until 9 then cleared off mild. There is not much frost in the ground. Stopped in the house to cure my cold. The snow is all gone and this is the 4th time it has come and gone this fall.

Dec 6 – Cold and dull. Jobbing round. Mother washed with a new washer, the “Pan American”. Congress assembled today. William McKinley, President and T.B. Reed, speaker of the house and Hobart, Vice President.

Dec 7 – Dull with signs of snow. Working in the shop matching boards for the barn door and making blanket for horses. Joseph B. Freeman died of typhoid fever last night, age 39. (Joseph was the husband of Emma B.(Trefethen) and the son-in-law of George Leroy Trefethen.)

Dec 8 – Dull and snowy with some rain. About 2 inches snow fell last night. The weather is mild and thawing. Jobbing round and trying to make the hens lay, got 27 eggs today. Edith and Bessie came this afternoon.

Dec 9 – Mild and cloudy. Snow all going again for the 5th time so they predict a green Christmas and also mild winter and no sleighing but when spring comes people can tell better. Joseph Freeman was buried today and will be much missed by his family.

Dec 10 – Fair and warm for the season. Making doors in the shop till 9:30 then went to town to get nails and wheels and trade for doors and grain of Sam Dixon. Afternoon nailed the doors together.

Dec. 11 – Fair and warm as September and very muddy. Put a new door to the horse house to make it warmer and got ready to clapboard the side of the barn. At 2 Edith and Lizzie went to town to get the news. At 2:30 went to town to see the town.

Dec 12 – At sunrise it was fair but soon clouds came up rapidly and at 9:30 rain came down very freely like April showers and it is as muddy as it well can be. We had smelts for breakfast and steamed clams at dinner.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild east wind. Worked for Canney building the hen house, Amos Crawford helping. Got the sills on. Leroy and wife came in the pouring rain from Portsmouth. (Amos Crawford is a 30 year old hired farm hand.)

Dec 14 – Dull all day and rain came on at noon. Worked for Canney on the house in the forenoon. After dinner make 3 doors for the front side of the barn in place of the old ones. Canney has 21 cows and sells about 200 quarts of milk per day.

Dec 15 – Rainy all day with a south wind and warm and very muddy. Repaired dasher on the wagon and got out finishing boards for the barn doors and feed the fowls and animals. Got 34 eggs and we sell 7 or 8 quarts of milk per day. There has been very little traveling.

Dec 16 – Fair and mild and muddy. Worked for Canney hanging new doors on the front of the barn. Got one done and another well along. The farmers are hauling seaweed but it is hard wheeling. Herman is quite ill with rheumatism in his back and leg.

Dec 17 – Fair and not freezing. Worked for Canney on the doors to the barn. There is much talk about a new dry dock at the navy yard but whether there will be one built or not remains to be seen after Congress passes or not.

Dec 18 – Fair and colder. Worked for Canney in the forenoon and got doors on the side of the barn done. Went to town at 2:30 to get the news and grub for tomorrow. There was many in town and the stores are full of “trash” for the holidays.

Dec 19 – Fair and cold and freezing with a northwest wind, 10 above. The traveling is rough and shaky.

Dec 20 – Very cold and windy so we kept near the coal fire most of the time. Took care of the animals and fowls of the air. Got 28 eggs.

Dec 21 – Dull and cold and snowy. Finished the door behind the cow and got ready for the other two. John Hobbs came and took eggs, 15 dozen at 32 cents per dozen. There is about 2 inches of snow but not enough for sleighing.

Dec 22 – Fair and cold with some wind. Worked for Canney at making window frames for the new hen house, George Leroy was helping. Sawed out stock and Amos was boarding out the roof.

Dec 23 – Cold with some snow. Worked for Canney making window frames. His uncle from Hampton was there.

Dec 24 – Very cold with high northwest wind. Went to town at 9:30 to get a piece of roast beef and fixings for Christmas and the news. Saw lots of folks and had to hurry back or freeze.

Dec 25 – Cold as Christmas, 10 above and we had to keep near the fire. We had a roast beef and Edith, Irving and Bessie came for the day. Bessie is three years old and has had a high day of it with her pug dog and mother got her books.

Dec 26 – Fair and not so cold but till we were reminded of the Christmas cold.

Dec 27 – Fair and more mild. Worked for Canney putting windows in the hen house and door. Albert Brackett was down and bought a pig of him. Got malt of him today for a cow. We sell him from 6 to 8 quart of milk a day at 3 cent a gallon.

Dec 28 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney and finished and brought my tools home and made doors to hen house and finished barn door etc. Hobbs came and left groceries and took eggs, 14 dozen at 30 cents. Two cents lower than last week.

Dec 29 – Cold, zero in the morning but pleasant. Put a window in the barn behind the cow then made a frame for another window. At 2:30 went to town to get the news, Lizzie went also to see the town.

Dec 30 – Jobbing round and put a window in the barn and hung a door etc. Edith came at 2 and stayed the afternoon and she and Lizzie went to the post office to get the mail.

Dec 31 – Fair in the morning then clouds came and at 2:30 rain and snow came down freely and continued into the night. Went clamming in the morning and got enough to have steamed clams for dinner. Hung a barn door at the hen's room on rollers so it should not "slam". This is the last of the year and so far it has not been very cold. We have had no sleighing yet. I read that they have 2 ½ feet in Nebraska. They have had some good sleighing in Boston. There has been and is now much talk about the "Klondike" gold diggings. They are getting ready in all parts of the world to go there next spring. Many vessels have started from the Atlantic cities to go round Cape Horn and up the Pacific Coast to Alaska. One schooner went from Portsmouth, the "Concord". There is talk of an electric (Trolley) being built through Rye next spring and tis thought it will go past our house but it has not yet decided. They have decided to go through Portsmouth and New Castle. A company from Maine have bought the charter of Portsmouth folks. Boston is building her subway under the streets.

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Jan 1 – Cold and freezing and we now have snow enough for the best of sleighing. Got the sleigh ready and went to town to get the news and grub and to see about the New Year. There is nothing alarming going on.

Jan 2 – Cold and windy. Too cold for sleigh riding so we kept near the coal fire and read the news from 50 papers. Edith and Irving came at 4 and we passed the day very well. We had smelt for breakfast.

Jan 3 – Cold but the best of sleighing. Went to town and to the yard to re-register for future work and found many others there for the same purpose. The ship "Vicksburg" is there but is soon to go to Newport. The "Alliance" is expected every day.

Jan 4 – Very cold, 4 below in the morning. The coldest this winter so far so had to keep near the coal fire and take care of the animals and fowls and tried to make them lay. Hobbs came and took eggs at 28 cents, 15 dozen.

Jan 5 – Cold, it snowed about all night and now we have 7 to 8 inches and good sledding. Began cutting mill logs and wood, Irving helping in the lower lot. We cut 2 trees and got 7 logs and hauled home 2 loads of wood.

Jan 6 – Fair and the best of sledding. With Irving helping we cut mill logs and Canney hauled 2 loads to the mill at North Hampton and one load of boards back. Rain came on at 6:30 and we fear it will spoil the doing.

Jan 7 – Dull and rainy all forenoon. Made a new whiffletree for Herb Canney and window frame for the hen house. Got ready to stick boards and other jobs. The good sledding is spoiled and we must wait before hauling more logs.

Jan 8 – Fair. Hauling wood from the lower lot, 6 loads with the pung, Irving helping. Bad sledding but better than none. People are sleighing and wheeling and got along very well.

Jan 9 – Fair and cool but sleighing is bad. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 2 went with wife to see Sarah Elizabeth who has been sick with a cold. She is better now.

Jan 10 – Fair and very mild and pleasant with poor sleighing. Piling boards and stacking them and cleaning up the land ready for the other boards. After dinner cut summer wood. Wife and Lizzie went to town. Herbert Canney is getting in ice.

Jan 11 – Fair and cool. Cutting up a maple tree blown over in the swamp and hauled it home all but the large pieces. Hobbs came and took eggs at 26 cents and left groceries. (I believe this to be John W. Hobbs who was a grocer in North Hampton.)

Jan 12 – Dull, cutting and hauling maple wood etc. John Odiorne helped and gave him an apple tree and hauled it to him. Rain came on at 2 and John went to town with me to get fine feed. Herbert Canney is hauling ice.

Jan 13 – Cloudy. Worked in the shop on the wagon and got out a new bed piece for the axel. Our hens do not lay as well as they ought.

Jan 14 – Dull all day with a little snow at 3. Worked on the wagon and got it about done. Lizzie went to town and Florence Salter and Edith went. Bessie stayed with us while they were gone. She wanted some popped corn and doll baby.

Jan 15 – Dull all day and snow came at 10 and continued till night. Lizzie went to town at 9 to get the news and something to eat. It was good wheeling but we hope we shall have some more sleighing.

Jan 16 – Fair with about 1 inch of snow and some go on wheels and some in sleighs. The prospect is that it will all go off. Abram Perking had his 80th birthday party Friday night. My face and head is covered with “rash” something like chicken pox but is not troublesome.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold in the morning. Cleaning up in the shop and barn, finished wagon etc. Doctoring my face.

Jan 18 – Fair and cold, 4 above. Worked in the shop. At 3 George W. Canney came for me to help him haul out logs in the pasture ready to load for the mill. My face is badly poisoned and have to doctor it with any cure I can hear of. Hobbs took eggs at 24 cents. (George W. is living with Herbert Canney on the section of the old John H. Webster farm he purchased on Wallis Road by Lang’s Corner.)

Jan 19 – Fair and cold in the forenoon but soon grew warmer. My poisoned face is not much better so had to keep housed. Sent down to Ellen’s to get a remedy that Austin used and thought it helped me. Sent Lizzie to town and got some more of the remedy of “Boardman and Norton.” (Ellen is Martha Ellen (Balch) and is Charles E. Trefethen’s wife. Austin is their son.)

Jan 20 – Snow and rain all day, in the morning much more moderate. My poisoning is not much better and have been doctoring with Boardman and Norton remedy and believe it helped it. We had snow enough for sleighing but the rain has carried much of it off. (Boardman and Norton Apothecaries at 17 Pleasant St. in Portsmouth. George W. Boardman and W. M. Norton were manufacturing pharmacists for physicians established in 1895.)

Jan 21 – Fair and mild for winter. Jobbing round the shop and barn etc. Not doing much but tending my siege of poison. At 2 Lizzie went to the post office to get the mail. Carried Edith and Bessie to have the ride and Bessie was in high spirits. Much talk is about the gold fever of the Klondike.

Jan 22 – Dull all day and not very cold. Light snow came on at night. My poison is not well yet so Lizzie went to town at 9 to get news and food and “poison killer” and rum to go through Sunday. People are going in sleighs and wagons and both were very good. Alfred Trafton is said to be quite sick. (Alfred is the husband of Emily Amanda who is Supply’s sister.)

Jan 23 – A regular east and northeast storm of rain and snow all day. The snow came and went so that by night it was about even. If it freezes now we shall have sleighing and good going. But if rain predominates then wheels will go. Eben S. Odiorne died today of heart disease, age 70. (Ebenezer S. was the son on Benjamin and Olive (Seavey) Odiorne.)

Jan 24 – Fair and cool. Hauling wood from the lower pasture and helping Canney load logs. They hauled one load to the mill and a load of boards back and got 2 loads of logs ready to go in the morning.

Jan 25 – Fair and the best of sleighing and sledding. Hauled home a stock to make gutter. At 2 went to town to get the news and engaged fowls to Downs, Abbie went with me. Canney hauled the boards back from the mill and finished that job.

Jan 26 – Fair after one all night snow storm. We have one foot of damp snow. It took about all forenoon to break out. Killed 4 hens and at 2 carried them to John O. Downs at 12 cents per lb. The 4 weighed 16 lbs. (John O. Downs is living on Daniel Street in Portsmouth.)

Jan 27 – Fair and cold. Piling boards in the forenoon. After dinner went to Eben S. Odiorne's funeral with John E. Odiorne. He was 70 ½ years and buried in Portsmouth and died of a heart disease and leaves a large farm and nobody to work it. (His farm was on Rye/Elwyn road in Portsmouth.)

Jan 28 – Cold, 5 below at 7. Jobbing round and keeping near the coal fire. Piled up some boards etc. At 2:30 went to town with Lizzie to see the town and get the news. There is much talk about the gold digging and many are going to the Klondike from Oregon.

Jan 29 – Very cold, 5 or 6 below and had to take good care of the animals and hens. Get 32 eggs today. At 10 went to town to get the news and food. The sleighing is good with one foot of snow. Edith and baby were over at 5 to get news.

Jan 30 – Cold in the morning, 4 below and clear with sharp and crisp air. Some were sleigh riding but it was rather cold. The Rand girls came but Edith did not appear. Went down to see Grammy.

Jan 31 – Great snow storm, cold and snowy all day and had to take care of the animals and fowls. It was washing day and had plenty to do. At night the storm became furious and at 6 it was a raging northeast snow storm and snow gained very fast. So we went to bed with the wind howling and an avalanche of snow.

Feb 1 – Dull and stormy all the forenoon with snow drifted worse than for 15 years. Shoveled all the forenoon. Could not get out the kitchen door and had to go over the piazza. There was no attempt to break the roads till 1 o'clock. Canney went with milk at 1 with 4 horses then had hard work to get along.

Feb 2 – The railroads are blocked. Killed 4 hens at 12. Fair and cold, 4 below in the morning and clearing away the snow. There is a good two feet on a level and very stiff. Went to town at 2 to

get grains and the news. It is bad going and the horse had to walk. There is a great amount of snow in town. Daniel Street seemed to be about full.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold, 10 below in the morning. Shoveling snow and completing the paths. Joseph William Odiorne and Canney have been breaking out with 6 horses and now made a good path. Went to Canney's to get the size of wheelbarrow. They were shoveling out above Lang's Corner. (Joseph W. and his wife Martha live next door to Supply.)

Feb 4 – Cold in the morning, 2 below but soon came up to 15. Killed 4 hens and carried to John O. Downs at 12 cents and bought grain. They have got the streets cleared of snow so they can get round very well.

Feb 5 – Mild and thawy all day. Worked in the shop making a wheelbarrow for Canney. Gave scaled fish head to hens. At 3 went to town to get the news and feed. The sleighing was good.

Feb 6 – Fair and mild and thawing all day and the snow has settled much. There was not much sleighing because the horses slumped badly. Edith and Irving came at 4 and Lizzie and Edith went to the post office.

Feb 7 – Mild and thawing. Worked in the shop on the wheelbarrow for Canney. Broke out the snow in the lane. Lizzie went to ride. Jenness Rand hauled logs to the mill. Martha Ellen's children have sore throats. (Martha Ellen is Charles E. Trefethen's wife. They have 9 children at this time and too many to list.)

Feb 8 – Fair and mild thawing some. Working on a wheelbarrow. Killed 4 hens and at 2 carried them to town at 12 cents, the 4 weighed 14 ½ lbs. They are talking about the electric railroad in town. The aldermen have not decided the location yet.

Feb 9 – Dull and foggy most of the day and thawing some. There is still plenty of snow. Worked in the shop on the wheelbarrow for Canney and got it well done. Trying to make the hens lay and got 43 eggs yesterday and 40 today, 125 hens.

Feb 10 – Fair and mild and thawing all day. Worked on Canney's wheelbarrow and finished and carried it up to him. He fell out of his sleigh and sprained his wrist. Fannie Varrell's child was buried today. At night Lizzie went to the festival with Edith. (The baby's name was Lewellyn and was only 2 months old.)

Feb 11 – Dull with some fog and the snow is going. Still there is so much in the woods that I can't get in to get wood as I want to. After dinner went to town with John Odiorne to see the town and we rode up past the shoe factory and brewery to see improvements.

Feb 12 – Dull and foggy in the morning. Then rain came down at 10:30. Went to town at 9 to get the news and food and to see what was going on. They are complaining of dull times and it is always so at this season. The prospect is there will be work enough this summer.

Feb 13 – Fair and warm and the snow is fast going and now appears that it will soon be bare ground and green grass. Not much riding today, the sleighing is too bad. Jennie came at 1.

Feb 14 – Fair and mild and thawing. Cutting summer wood in the forenoon. After dinner went down and broke out snow in the pasture by John Varrell's and got ready to haul wood. Wagons and sleighs are going, the wheels go hard. Joe Berry works at the navy yard. They are fighting about the electric road in town.

Feb 15 – Dull all day and snow came down at 3. Cut and hauled wood from Varrell's lot in the forenoon, John Odiorne helping. 4 loads with "Pluggy". Killed 6 hens in the morning and at 2 carried them to town at 12 cents per lb. Got grain and new rubber boots. Hobbs came and got eggs at 18 cents, 24 dozen.

Feb 16 – Dull with some rain this morning and soon the wind came north and snowed furiously and blew very cold and blustery all day and went into the night with a high wind and wild surroundings. There was no traveling today and kept housed and cared for fowls and animals. Yesterday we got 57 eggs and today 46.

Feb 17 – Fair and cold in the morning, 8 above with much wind but soon it began to moderate and by night it was calm and not cold. Oiled a harness etc. in the forenoon. After dinner hauled wood from the Varrell lot, John Odiorne helping. Now I think we have about enough out. Got 56 eggs. The U.S. cruiser "Maine" is blown up in Cuba. Dr. Wakefield (the tramp) from Old Orchard is selling medicine on the other road and called here, \$1.00 per.

Feb 18 – Dull but no storm. Hauled wood for John Odiorne. Killed 4 hens and carried to town at 12 cents per lb. John Odiorne went with me and news came from Cuba that the U.S. battle ship "Maine" was blown up at Havana the 15th last. 160 men lost but it is not known what caused the explosion.

Feb 19 – Fair and not cold. Cutting summer wood in the forenoon. Lizzie went to town for fun in the wagon. At 2 went to town to get news and grub. John Odiorne went for company. Went in the sleigh with "Pluggy" and came round the Elwyn road. There is not much news from Cuba and they have buried the dead sailors there.

Feb 20 – Dull all day and had come down furiously at 2 and it is cold. The prospect is good for more sleighing. Canney has the milk, 6 or 7 quart per day which helps to run the machine. The hens are now coming to the rescue by laying between 50 and 60 eggs per day.

Feb 21 – A regular northeast hail and rain storm all day and into the night and there was not traveling except Canney with milk. He also sent a team and got a load of malt and left me a box full. It was not cold but a furious storm. Took care of the animals and fowls, got 53 eggs and sold 6 quarts of milk.

Feb 22 – The storm has continued all day and into the night again with rain and hail coming in plenty. The sleighing is good. Hobbs failed to come. At 4 Edith and Mrs. Salter came from the post office and they said there was a very heavy sea on the beaches.

Feb 23 – Dull and stormy all day. Worked in the shop in the forenoon. Hobbs came and got eggs at 18 cents, 34 dozen. At 2 went to town to get the news, Lizzie also went and it stormed all the time. Edith and Mrs. Salter went at the same time. Very good sleighing.

Feb 24 – Fair, mild and thawing. It was nice to see the sun again after 4 days of clouds and rain. Cutting up summer wood. Went over and got Edith and Bessie to come and spend the day and carried them back at 5. They went to the post office. Emmons Clark went to the saw mill with the sled.

Feb 25 – Fair and not cold and the snow is slowly going. Went to town to the mill with 2 loads of logs and got them sawed and hauled home again. The sledding was good most of the way and wagons are going. John Odiorne helped me cut a tree at noon. There is much talk of war with Spain.

Feb 26 – Fair and mild. Went to town with 2 logs to Dan Mason's mill and left them. Got home at 11 and went again at 2 to get news etc. Called at the house and fixed the door and got \$16.00 a month's rent. There was a hearing about the electric road and the aldermen voted in favor of Gerald's building the road.

Feb 27 – Fair and mild and thawing. Gus Rand called at 11 to talk about the navy yard and the Spanish War question. He went to the yard to re-register the other day. He has been to Havana and knows the lay of the land.

Feb 28 – Fair and cool. Washing day, cutting wood and taking care of the animals and fowls. We got 55 eggs a day and want to set some hens but they are not bravely but will be soon. Ben Welch was put in the tomb at Portsmouth.

Mar 1 – Fair and mild. Cutting summer wood in the forenoon. Hobbs came and took the eggs, 24 dozen at 16 cents and left groceries. At 2 went to the Plains to see George Webber and talked about everything we could think of. He is at work for the city on the waterworks. We went to see Captain Hontvert's 200 Biff and 200 Plymouth hens.

Mar 2 – Fair and thawing. Cutting wood and began making a gutter for the barn and got it hewed out and ready to “dig” out. It is for the barn and will be 47 feet long and 4 x 6 inches. Lizzie and Abbie went to town at 2 to get the news etc. There is not a decision as to how the “Maine” was sunk at Havana.

Mar 3 – Fair, mild and thawing. Making gutter for the barn and got it most done. All dug out and 2 sides planed. The wheeling is bad and there is not much traveling. Lizzie went over to see Edith this afternoon and tonight. They went to the festival. Jenner Rand killed a hog for Charles E.

Mar 4 – Dull with signs of snow. Finished my gutters and hewed out one flooring piece. At 2 went down to the sea and got a basket of mussels for tomorrow, bad wheeling. Lizzie and Edith went to town. The court of inquiry about the sinking of the “Maine” are still in session at Havana.

Mar 5 – Fair after an all-night snow, about 5 inches fell. Went to town with the sled and hauled 2 logs and got what boards I had there. Very good sledding in the morning. At 2 went to town in the wagon to get news and groceries. John Odiorne went to see the town, election next Tuesday.

Mar 6 – Mild, fair and thawing but still there is much snow on the ground and I guess we will have to get a warm rain to bring bare ground. The snow that came Friday night is about gone.

Mar 7 – Fair and mild and thawing. Hauled some wood for John Odiorne in the morning, then cut wood. Lizzie and Abbie went to town with the wagon. There is much talk of war with Spain but many think it will be settled in peace. There is a large in favor of fighting.

Mar 8 – Fair and mild. Election Day and there was quite a contest for officers. The Democrats got the selectmen and the Republicans about all the other officers. They voted to raise \$6000.00 for town expenses, \$1850.00 for schools and \$2000.00 for roads.

Mar 9 – Fair, mild and thawing. Cutting summer wood all the forenoon. The south end people were going to town and also from all other parts of town. Went to town at 3 to get the news. The Republicans got 497 majority for Mayor and 6 of the 9 aldermen.

Mar 10 – Fair and mild, no wind. Hewing and sawing wood to get cleaned up. Went to Jenness Rand’s and got some potatoes to start early for planting the “Early Winslow”. Rand’s son, is in the poultry business and I saw 12 hens setting and many more will follow.

Mar 11 – Fair and not cold. Sawing wood in the forenoon. After dinner went with Willard to George Webber’s to see about painting his house. It was agreed that Willard should paint it and

begin on Monday. Came down through town. There is much talk of the danger of war with Spain. (Willard is Gilman D. Trefethen's son.)

Mar 12 – Dull and rainy most of the day and made a new rocker and repaired a chair and other jobs. The hens did their best today laying 63 eggs. Went to town at 2 to get the news. There was a wild rumor that another ship had been blown up at Havana but it was not true.

Mar 13 – Fair and muddy. The snow is fast going so that the roads are free and are settling so we will soon have solid wheeling. William Marshall has just gone by to exercise his horse. Hens do a good deal of cackling and more laying now days.

Mar 14 – Fair and cool. Sawing up wood for next winter, John Berry helping and we got well underway. Charles Yeaton was up and agreed to come tomorrow and help. Willard hauled his ladders and painting tools to George Webber's to begin tomorrow. There has been no other ship sunk in Havana as reported.

Mar 15 – Fair and mild. Sawing wood, John O. Berry and Charles Yeaton helping. We have got it mostly sawed. Hobbs came and took eggs at 12 cents a dozen, 30 dozen. They were not lower than that last year.

Mar 16 – Sawing and splitting wood, John Berry and Charles Yeaton helping and we got it done and I think there will be enough for the ensuing year. Garland was around today.

Mar 17 – Fair and cool. Hewing timber I had left to have on hand for use. Gilman was here and brought the inventory papers. At 2 went to town to get news and grain. The sinking of the "Maine" in Cuba is all the talk.

Mar 18 – Hewing and cleaning up round the wood pile. At 1 went to New Castle to see about moving an old barn for Professor Bartlett. Mrs. Edward Garland died today, age 69 ½ years. (She was Elvira Amanda (Dalton) Garland daughter of Daniel Dalton and Patty (Brown) Dalton.)

Mar 19 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Jobbing round the barn and put the sleigh away for the summer. At 1:30 went to town to get the news and see the town, very muddy traveling. Emmons Clark was there. They are having a hearing at Concord about the electric road.

Mar 20 – Fair and cool with a west wind which dried up the mud nicely. Today the frost seems to be about all out of the ground and snow is gone from the fields but there are piles of it in the woods. Edith came at 5.

Mar 21 – Dull and wet with some rain. Jobbing round after it cleared up and piled up timber in the lane.

Mar 22 – Fair. Cleaned up around the yard etc. at 2 went to New Castle to make an offer to move a building for Bartlett. Then went to town to get the news. There is much talk about the trouble with Spain.

Mar 23 – Fair and cool. Got ready to shingle the back side of the barn, Austin helping. Got up staging, put on new gutters and laid 4 or 5 courses. At 9 went down to see the Wentworth Bridge with the road agents. They will make some repairs.

Mar 24 – Fair and cool. Shingling on the barn and have got 2 on, Austin and Willie helping. Albert Rand called to say they would be ready to begin the bridge on Monday. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get the news. (Austin and Willie are Charles E. Trefethen's sons. Austin is 17 years old and Willie is 12.)

Mar 25 – Fair and mild. Shingling the south side of the barn, Austin and Charles Yeaton helping. We got it well along.

Mar 26 – Fair and mild. Shingling the barn and finished at 2:30 and went to see the town. The court of inquiry into the sinking of the "Maine" have made their report and it is sent to Congress.

Mar 27 – Fair and cool. It is now solid wheeling and there is much riding. At 3 went to see Edith and Bessie and went down to see Captain Well at the Life Saving Station at Wallis Sands.

Mar 28 – Fair and cool. We began repairing the Wentworth Bridge. Albert Rand is the road agent. John E. Odiorne, Charles Yeaton and Harrison Salter are helping. We got about ¼ of the proposed new work done.

Mar 29 – Fair with a south wind and chilly. We worked on the bridge at planking new beyond the draw. They are driving work at Fort Constitution to get ready to keep Spain off in case of war.

Mar 30 – Dull in the forenoon and cool. Worked on the bridge at new planking.

Mar 31 – A regular northeast snow storm most of the day and kept under cover till 3 then went to town to get the news. It is said there will be an answer from Spain very soon. The charter for the electric road has been bought by the Boston and Maine.

Apr 1 – Fair with a high northwest wind and freezing cold. Worked on the bridge for town and we got the new work about done and have got to patch up the old top planking. The first hen hatched today with 6 chickens and one hen died on her nest and a total loss.

Apr 2 – Fair and cold and freezing most of the day. Worked on the bridge and have got well near done. Sent Lizzie to town to get the news. There is much talk of war but still there may be none. Tis said next Monday is to settle it.

Apr 3 – Fair and cold and wind and freezing. So sat by the fire and find a coal fire is the thing for this weather. There is no riding. The ground is rough and frozen. The prospect for planting is not brilliant. Dana Jenness was sowing onion seeds yesterday.

Apr 4 – Fair and very cold in the morning, 16 above zero but at night it is quite mild. Worked on the bridge and finished and brought tools home. Went to town at 10 to get the news and see about work.

Apr 5 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and at night there is 2 inches of snow on the ground and melting. Hauled out 1 load of manure then worked in the shop. Hobbs came and took the eggs at 10 cents a dozen, 32 dozen. No prospect of plowing.

Apr 6 – Snowing in the morning and there was 6 inches of snow at 7 o'clock at 8 cleared off mild and the snow went rapidly. Hauled out 6 loads of manure in the lower field for potatoes. War rumors are flying but nothing is decided yet. Spain refused to give up Cuba.

Apr 7 – Fair and cool. The snow is going. Hauled out manure in the lower field and in the thirds. Went to town at 2 and got a barrel of flour for Abbie at \$6.25. The war news is put off till next Monday. Then the President will send a message to Congress for War.

Apr 8 – Fair and cool.

Apr 9 – Fair and cool. Repaired trellis on the back of the house and sowed lettuce etc. Went to town at 3 to get the news etc. Lizzie and Abbie went to select a stove for Abbie's kitchen. Henry Dickerson's wife was killed by being thrown out of the wagon. (Henry's wife was Mary J. A. (Norton) Dickerson and the daughter of William B. and Maria J. Norton.)

Apr 10 – Fair and more like spring. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills; it was Easter Sunday and large congregation with an Easter concert tonight.

Apr 11 – Fair and mild and spring like. George Canney came and plowed two patches in the thirds and I planted onion sets and peas and sowed some grass seed in the further field etc., Elmer helping. Had 9 chicks.

Apr 12 – Fair and warm. Canney came to did my "breaking up" and so am done plowing. At 2 went to town and got phosphate for the potatoes and kerosene sublimate for potatoes to be soaked in.

Apr 13 – Fair and not cold. Jobbing round the place in the forenoon. After dinner hauled manure for my potatoes to harrow in on the furrow. Oliver Alhorne died in Eliot today at 69.

Apr 14 – Dull and some rain but not enough to hinder their working on the road. Planted my first potatoes, 3 rows in the thirds. Abbie had a new stove today bought of Sweeter's for the kitchen and we had to go down to help about it.

Apr 15 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. Worked in the shop on a screen door for the back door. Canney got a load of malt and I had a wheelbarrow load for the cow. She has been giving milk 13 months and we get now 8 or 9 quarts a day, we sell 6.

Apr 16 – Somewhat showery but more mild. Cleaned up in the garden and put up grape vines and wheeled out hens manure etc. Went to town at 2 to get news and something to eat. The resolution declaring war has passed the house and is before the Senate.

Apr 17 – Fair and warm and spring like. The trees have made a start and grass looks green and strong indications of the coming summer. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach. Edith and Irving came at 5.

Apr 18 – Fair and cool. Planted my potatoes in the lower field in back of Charles Seavey's, 3 bushels with Elmer Trefethen helping. There is not much plowing done yet. Farmers are hanging back although there is a good chance to do plowing. Planted cucumbers and sowed beets, turnips and spinach.

Apr 19 – Fair and cool. Putting walls and bars etc. Went to town and got wire netting, 2 feet wide, to put over the yard gate and garden seeds. It is expected Congress will today pass the resolution for war with Spain.

Apr 20 – Dull. Hauling out manure and put wire on the gate etc. Congress has declared war with Spain and ordered her to leave Cuba with her army and navy and ordered the President to use the army and navy to drive Spain out of Cuba.

Apr 21 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Made a screen door for the back side. After dinner went down and cleaned out the hen house for Abbie. Got some eggs of Mrs. Seavey to set. Con Philbrick called for me to sign a petition for Marcus M. Collis to be High Sheriff.

Apr 22 – Fair and mild. In the forenoon went to town carried manure to the cemetery lot for pansies. In town there is much war talk but the President has not called for volunteers yet but expects to tomorrow. Congress has not passed the army bill yet.

Apr 23 – Dull in the forenoon with an east wind and muddy. Worked in the shop. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. Called to the house and got a month's rent, \$16.00. All are complaining of dull times.

Apr 24 – Dull and rainy most of the day and so we sat by the coal fire and had a day of rest and took care of fowls and animals. Edith did not come because it was so wet.

Apr 25 – Dull and wet and can do nothing outdoors.

Apr 26 – Dull with some rain. Jobbing around in the forenoon. At 2 went to town to get grain. Abbie went to pay for the new stove. War was declared by Congress to exist with Spain since April 21st.

Apr 27 – Fair with a cold north wind, 28 above zero in the morning with ice in the troth. Charles W. Rand's daughter, Susie P. was married to Benjamin Jackson Chesley at noon in the Episcopal Church in Portsmouth making much talk. Lizzie and Edith went to see the show.

Apr 28 – Dull all day with high northeast wind and cold, 40 most of the day. At 3 rain came on with some hail and there is much mud. Fixed the horse stall for "Pluggy" to see if he can't behave. We have only 32 chickens yet 10 hens are sitting.

Apr 29 – Dull and rainy with a northeast wind and drizzle. Worked in the shop repairing the cart and getting stock for making bars to the lower field by Seavey's. Charles Yeaton called and got a drink of cider. Lizzie went to see Jennie.

Apr 30 – Dull and wet in the forenoon. Jobbing round and make a gate and put it up at the lower field by Seavey's and put up a wall. Also went to see my potatoes that were planted some time ago and find they are coming along. Went to town at 2 to get the news etc. Joseph Boss died yesterday.

May 1 – Fair and more mild and like spring so that we hope the garden will come along. Went with wife to see Alfred Trafton. He is quite sick and Emily says he is failing and she has doubts of his recovery. He has heart trouble and kidney trouble.

May 2 – Fair and quite warm. Hoed my peas and sowed more lettuce. Went by town. There was news from Admiral Dewey's fleet that they had destroyed the Spanish fleet at Manilla in the East India Islands. Hauled a load of hay to Charles Seavey.

May 3 – Dull all day with some rain. Hauled a load of hay to Seavey making one ton. Jobbing round. Hobbs came and took eggs at 19 cents, 27 dozen. The news of Admiral Dewey's battle is confirmed. The Spanish fleet is destroyed at the Philippine Islands but Dewey's report has not been received yet.

May 4 – Dull and wet. Jobbing round and did some harrowing etc. Norton from Portsmouth called and engaged 1 ½ tons of hay. Edward Seavey married Maud E. Wiggin on April 30th.

May 5 – Fair and mild. Went to town and to see George Webber at the Plains. His carriage house was burned yesterday morning. They saved the other buildings by hard work. Got a barrel of flour and the news. (There is an article in the May 4th, 1898 Portsmouth Herald about the fire.)

May 6 – Fair and warm and good planting weather. Planted beans and hoed peas and strawberries. Put up the pasture fence and painted the gate by Seavey's etc. Wife and Lizzie went to the post office and down the beach road.

May 7 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round and graded at door and made hen coop for Abbie. At 2 went to town to get news and food. There is great rejoicing over Commander Dewey's victory at the Philippine Islands. Hoed peas.

May 8 – Fair and cool with a north wind so we kept near the coal fire. There was many bicycles going.

May 9 – Fair and not cold. Went to town with a load of hay to Deverson and sold it for \$10.00 per ton which was lower than for 30 years. Hoed strawberries and potatoes.

May 10 – Dull in the morning but no rain. Went to town with hay and got back at home.

May 11 – Fair and mild. Went town with hay and have hard work to sell it but much out after a while. Went up to Jenness Rand's and got a bushel of potatoes to eat.

May 12 – Fair and mild. Went to town with a load of hay at \$10.00 per ton. I hear of barns filled with hay now and no market. Hoeing and planting in the garden.

May 13 – Fair and warm. Hauled a load of hay to Cochran the last for the season and now there is more demand. Finished the screen door and hung it and planted cucumbers etc. Got out boards at Dan Mason's and he has sold out the mill and has given up those.

May 14 – Fair and warm. My potatoes are up and will soon do to hoe. Washed the wagon to get it ready to paint and did up about 100 other jobs. My peach trees came today, 12 to be set out Monday. Went to town at 2, Lizzie and Edith went.

May 15 – Fair and mild. Went to New Castle in the morning to see Professor Bartlett but he was not there. Called and saw Donna Jenness.

May 16 – Dull and wet all day. Set out 10 peach trees of an early variety, “Alexander Foster Early”. Crawford and Wheatland let grandmother have 2 to set them. Got out a piazza rail for the house in town. The new school house was dedicated today at 2, Lizzie went.

May 17 – Fair and warmer. Finished the rail and planted the garden etc. Hobbs failed to come for the eggs.

May 18 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round. Hobbs came and took eggs at 12 cents. His whole family were sick with grippe. Went to town.

May 19 – Fair and warm. Hoed my peas again and planted cauliflower and cucumbers. Bought early cabbages of Charles Varrell and set them out.

May 20 – Fair. Went to the house in town and put up the piazza rail and painted it. Went up town to get the news. There is no war news. Admiral Sampras is hoping to have a battle with the Spanish fleet at Cuba.

May 21 – Fair and warm. Cultivated my potatoes in the forenoon, Elmer helping. They are coming along well. Hoeing in the garden and moved the hen yard fence. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. John Odiorne went and got a new steel rake.

May 22 – Fair with a southerly wind. Had a day of rest. George Webber and daughter called at 4 for an hour. Edith and Irving came at 4:30 and the Rand girls. There was much riding on wheels and carriages. (George S. Webber's daughter is Agnes and is now married to Marcus Hoyt. George is living with them in Newington.)

May 23 – Fair most of the day but some clouds. Went to the navy yard to see if there was any prospect of work there but found none. The joiners have some and boat builders but none for shipwrights.

May 24 – Dull and wet all day. Painted my wagon in the forenoon. After dinner oiled harness and other jobs. Charles Yeaton came up to engage hay. I have now about 3 tons.

May 25 – Rainy all day with a southeast wind and the willow field is over flowed and there is a great amount of water. Put the wagon together and make some repairs. There is no war news today. Sampson is getting ready to fight the Spanish at Cuba.

May 26 – Dull but no rain. Went to the sea and got some mussels and a load of seaweed for the hens. Afternoon put in a window in Abbie's chicken house. Hoed my early potatoes and one hill is 8 inches high.

May 27 – Rainy all day so we had a day to keep in. The chickens had to be kept under cover. We have now about 100. Jobbing round the barn.

May 28 – Dull and wet most of the day. Dug in the garden. Charles Yeaton came and got 400 lbs. hay at 40 cents a cart but did not pay. Went to town at 3 to get the news etc. There is no war news.

May 29 – Dull most of the day. The sun came out at 4 but we had some fog. At 7 the moon was out clear so we hope for sunshine tomorrow. Seavey went to the break water and caught gunners at 2. Edith and Irving came. (Gunner fish are known as Red Drums.)

May 30 – Memorial Day and they had a celebration in Portsmouth. Cultivated my potatoes again and hoed 1/3 piece and cultivated peas and hoed them etc.

May 31 – Fair in the forenoon. Hoed potatoes. Went to town at 10 to get the news etc. There is no war news. Our navy is hovering around Cuba.

Jun 1 – Dull and rainy all day. Went up and saw Scruton and agreed to work at the Wentworth tomorrow. Finished hoeing my potatoes and got ready to go away. (Leon E. Scruton was a civil engineer at 95 State Street in Portsmouth.)

Jun 2 – Dull and wet all day. Went to the Wentworth and worked on the Dam around the bathing pond. There are rumors of a naval battle off Cuba but no particulars.

Jun 3 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked at the Wentworth in the stable repairing stalls. They are painting the inside of the stables. Jones is having the Portsmouth water taken to the Wentworth through the old Wentworth road.

Jun 4 – Rainy all day till 4 then broke away and we had to have fair. Worked at the Wentworth in the stable repairing stalls. They are cleaning the hotel and getting the piping in condition. Went to town at 5.

Jun 5 – Fair and warm with a northeast wind. It was nice to see the sun again and have the mud dried up a little. The Grand Army from Portsmouth were invited to hear Mr. Beebe this morning and there were a number of teams came loaded.

Jun 6 – Fair and warmer. Worked at the Wentworth on the dam with Willard Jenness. There is no war news. The navies are watching each other at Santiago. (Willard Merrill Jenness, 1871 – 1943. Willard was a carpenter and is buried in the Rye Central Cemetery.)

Jun 7 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked at the Wentworth. At night hoed my peas and some beans. It is good growing weather. My early potatoes are a foot high and some are budded.

Jun 8 – Fair and warm after an all-night rain which makes it plenty wet for the crops. The hay crop will be heavy and the trees are full of small apples. Worked at the Wentworth.

Jun 9 – Fair and hot. Worked at the Wentworth. They are driving all gangs to get ready for the opening next month. There are about 100 men at work there doing work of different kinds.

Jun 10 – Fair and warm. Worked at the Wentworth. At night hoed cucumbers etc. and mowed on the roadside.

Jun 11 – Fair and warm. Worked for Frank Jones at the Wentworth on the rail to the dam. All gangs are rushing to get ready by June 30th. Sent Lizzie to town so I did not have to go.

Jun 12 – Fair and hot and we had to keep shady. Daniel Trefethen's widow Mary and her daughter Irene Jewel came from Hampton and spent the day. She is soon to have a house full of boarders to stay all summer.

Jun 13 – Fair and cooler and good weather for working at the Wentworth. Farmers are obliged to rush their hoeing. Dana Jenness has 5 men helping him at Newcastle.

Jun 14 – Rainy last night but none today. Worked at the Wentworth. At night Willie helped me cultivate my potatoes for another hoeing. They are growing fast. (Willie and Austin are Charles Erwin Trefethen's sons. Willie is 11 and Austin is 17.)

Jun 15 – Fair with a cool northwest wind. Worked for Frank Jones. Austin hoed my potatoes.

Jun 16 – Fair and warm. Worked at the Wentworth at putting netting round the swimming pool to keep out pests and dirt. It is 320 feet long and 100 feet wide with cement floor and spring board and other conveniences for expert swimmers.

Jun 17 – Fair and cool in the morning. Worked at the Wentworth. Tonight saw that there had been a slight frost last night and struck some of my potato tops but not serious.

Jun 18 – Fair with strong south wind. Worked at the Wentworth. Sent Lizzie to town to get the news and something to eat and drink, so did not go myself. The Italians are working hard to get the water through to the Wentworth.

Jun 19 – Rainy all day with a south wind in the morning. Went to the Wentworth to work in the pool but rain prevented it so I had a day of rest and let it rain. The ground is very wet and hoeing is difficult.

Jun 20 – Fair and cool. Worked at the Wentworth in the swimming pool and on the dam. They will have a new steamer to run between Portsmouth and the hotel and to carry parties to the shoals.

Jun 21 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Worked at the Wentworth. They are putting in a water pipe across from the old “Charley Cushion” place to the Wentworth house and they cross Campbell’s Island.

Jun 22 – Fair and not very hot. Worked for Jones at the Wentworth on the swimming pool and making a dam. They are haying at the Wood’s farm and Mr. Orin L. Foye is at it. Most farmers are hoeing and the crops are looking well.

Jun 23 – Fair. Worked at the Wentworth. Joe Berry and Gus Rand are on the yard and there is quite a gang of jointers there and also boat builders and machinists but few shipwrights.

Jun 24 – Fair and good hay weather. Worked at the Wentworth. Jones has gone to England and is expected home next Monday. John O. Berry has decided not to help me in haying this year.

Jun 25 – Fair with a strong west wind. Worked at the Wentworth and got about done. They are haying at the Wood’s farm and get a big crop, more than last year. It was very, very drying today and much was hauled in. The house opens Wednesday the 29th. Had a good shower at 6.

Jun 26 – Hot and very drying with a strong west wind. There is some riding today but too much wind for comfort. Austin agrees to help me in haying and also Elmer. (Elmer is also a son of Charles Erwin Trefethen and is 13 years old.)

Jun 27 – Fair and a fair hay day. Worked for Jones on the dam capping and got about done. Austin trimmed out around the lower field after Canney cut it with the machine.

Jun 28 – Dull and wet all day and no haying. Went down to the Wentworth to see about the gates to the swimming pool. They are tearing down the shanty they used at the Sagamore and moving it to the trotting park.

Jun 29 – Fair after 8. Worked for the town on White Rock Bridge putting in 2 new stringers and some top plank. Austin and Elmer got in 3 loads of hay from the lower field and cut the back of the house. At 5 Canney cut the corner field.

Jun 30 – Fair haying. Got in 1 load from the lower field and put up hay in the corner lot and back of the house. Lizzie went to town and got Paris Green for the potatoes and we put it on.

Jul 1 – Fair with a west wind and very drying and got in 4 loads from the corner lot and cut the further field and thirds and raked them up. There is more hay than last year.

Jul 2 – Fair and hot and drying. George Canney cut in front of Charles Erwin’s and we got in all that was cut before, 9 loads today. So we are filling up the barn and got the market now full and filling up the lofts. Went to town at 5 to get the news and fireworks.

Jul 3 – Very hot, 90 in the shade with a high southwest wind and very drying. The hay cut yesterday is dry enough to go in where it is put up. This was the great Battle at Santiago de Cuba. All the Spanish fleet is destroyed.

Jul 4 – The glorious 4th and fair and hot. We were haying, got in 5 loads, Irving, Austin and Elmer helping. George Canney cut in front of Dolly's and above the barn some. Edith and Bessie were over had a slight shower. (Dolly is Charles F. Trefethen's wife, Dorothy.)

Jul 5 – Fair and hot. Worked at haying. George Canney came and finished cutting my grass and we got in 9 loads. They had a great tornado at Hampton yesterday and 8 or 10 people lost their lives. Some were drowned and some killed by the falling building. (On the Fourth of July in the year 1898, a freak storm struck Hampton Beach causing nine deaths, many more injuries, and property damage in the thousands of dollars.)

Jul 6 – Fair and cool, a good drying day. Got in 8 loads and only one more to come, Austin and Elmer helping. At night Irving came for the rake on Friday. Lizzie and Abbie went to town to get the news and dinner. We have plenty of strawberries and new potatoes.

Jul 7 – Fair and hot. Went to Newcastle to see about Bartlett's job but it is done. Got in my last load of hay today making, I think, 20 tons and all in good order. The farmers are not pushing their haying.

Jul 8 – Fair and hot. Went to the navy yard to see if there was any prospect for work but it is meager. They are building barracks on the island for the Spanish Prisoners.

Jul 9 – Fair and dry. Worked for Canney raising scaffold over the horses. Went to town at 3:30 to get the news etc. There is much talk about the American Victory at Santiago de Cuba.

Jul 10 – Fair and dry and a great amount of dust and vegetation is in need of rain. The price of potatoes have gone up \$1.00 a barrel in Boston. There was much riding today. The Spanish prisoners have arrived in the harbor today and will go ashore on the yard tomorrow.

Jul 11 – Fair and warm. Worked for Canney ½ day then hoeing and weeding. They have landed 691 of the Spanish prisoners at the navy yard and put them under guard of the mariners. They are bombarding Santiago de Cuba tis said. (During the brief Spanish-American War, a prison encampment known as Fort Long, named for the Secretary of the Navy, John Long, occupied the area of Seavey Island where the Naval Prison stands today.)

Jul 12 – Fair with a northeast wind and cool. Weeding and hoeing in the garden in the forenoon. At 2 went to see Alfred Trafton and he died while I was there at 3:15, age 68. He has been sick a long time with many diseases. (Alfred Streeter Trafton was Supply's sister Emily's second husband. Her first husband, Charles William Hall passed in 1873.)

Jul 13 – A regular northeast rain all day and we hope the drought is broke. It was a good soaker and all vegetation starts anew. There is much haying yet to be done.

Jul 14 – Fair with a northwest wind and good hay weather. The rain was very nice for the crops and hope soon to have some cucumbers. Making a new axel for the wagon. The old one had sprung. Tis said the war is coming to an end, then Cuba can have peace and the citizens go to work and produce sugar and other produce.

Jul 15 – Fair and warm with a high wind. Hoeing in the forenoon and at 1 went to Alfred S. Trafton's funeral. He was buried in the South Cemetery at Portsmouth. Fannie Ayres came from Boston. He was born in 1830.

Jul 16 – Fair and hot, a good hay weather. Frank James Trefethen finished haying today. Hoeing among my strawberries to get ready for next year. At 3 went to town to get news. There is much talk about the surrender of Santiago de Cuba with all its army which took place yesterday.

Jul 17 – Fair and warm with a south wind. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called and got some cider on their way to the beach. They had been to New Castle to see the Spanish prisoners. There is much riding and bicycles.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot. Hoeing potatoes, Elmer helping. Got over them before dinner. The ground is very dry and the tops wilt at noon and the crop will be light. Ella Rand was over to get Lizzie to go to see Susie tomorrow. Plowed for celery.

Jul 19 – Fair and hot and we have hard work to keep cool. Weeding strawberries in the forenoon. At 2 Lizzie went to town with Ella Rand. The news from Cuba is that all is quiet at Santiago de Cuba.

Jul 20 – Fair and hot and dry. Weeding strawberries and hoeing cucumbers. Hauled out manure for the celery and now want water very much. The trenches are ready to set it out in.

Jul 21 – Fair in the forenoon. Washed my wagon and went to town to get the news etc. Got the house rent from Hayes and got home at 11:30. There was much driving in town by the summer visitors. At 2 we had a good shower which was much needed and wet my celery patch so I can set it out. The lightning set a fire in Hampton.

Jul 22 – Fair again after our good rain. Set out my celery in 2 rows, 200 plants and had to soak the trenches well before putting it out. Gave Herman O. some plants and also Hannah to set out. They are very nice plants, raised by myself. Edward H. Balch called. (Edward is Mary's cousin from Exeter.) (Hannah is Charles F. Trefethen's daughter and is married to Eben M. Lang on Lang's Corner.)

Jul 23 – Fair. Hoeing in the garden in the morning and now have plenty of cucumbers, onions, potatoes and beets. At 2 went to town to get the news etc. They are to let out the building of a power house and car barn for the electric railroad.

Jul 24 – Very warm and we kept shady. There was much riding on wheels and in carriages.

Jul 25 – Foggy and hot and they say dog days have come. Went to town and saw Jed Rand who said Leon Scruton (the civil engineer) would want me soon. Got home at 11:30 and had fried chicken with the best of potatoes.

Jul 26 – Foggy and hot and plenty of sweat. The hay makers have bad weather for making it. This year's crop is the largest in 30 years and most of it got in good. Jed Rand notified me to go to the Wentworth tomorrow.

Jul 27 – Dull and foggy. Worked for Frank Jones on the Wentworth's dam and gates. There is a leak in the dam and gates. There are many that go in bathing and the man who learns them to swim has a hard job.

Jul 28 – Some foggy and rain. Worked for Jones at the Wentworth on the gates. They are expecting a house full in August. The Spanish government is now suing for peace tis said.

Jul 29 – Hot with some fog. Worked for Frank Jones on the exchange building's addition for the Cornicle printing press. After noon went to the Wentworth to repair the gate to the swimming pool and open them.

Jul 30 – Very hot, 95 in the shade. Worked for Jones on the exchange block getting window frames ready to set. The masons are laying up the wall. Had to go around town and get stock to work with.

Jul 31 – Fair and cooler so we could keep comfortable. Lizzie went to town to church with Ella Rand. John O. Foss came with milk from the creamery at 3 cents a can.

Aug 1 – Hot and dry. Worked for Jones getting window frames together and setting them. Scruton went to Suncook at noon.

Aug 2 – Hot and dry. Worked for Jones. There was a heavy crop of hay and it sells for 18 dollars a ton in Portsmouth. Apples will not be very plenty.

Aug 3 – Fair and hot. Worked for Jones on the addition to the exchange. They say the Wentworth is full of company. There is some prospect of peace with Spain. They have asked for terms of the President.

Aug 4 – We had a shower at 3 o'clock in the morning and rained till 7 but did not go to work. Hoed in the garden and picked the rough cucumbers for the hens. We have plenty of cucumbers now. Went to town to see about a plan and shall go to work tomorrow. Engaged 1 bushel of apples to Ben Atwell.

Aug 5 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Went to town but no work. Herman O. lost a valuable horse this afternoon of indigestion. He was sick only 24 hours. That is the 2nd horse he has lost in that way.

Aug 6 – Fair with a northwest wind and warm. We have had quite a good rain and crops can grow except potatoes. They are about all dead and we fear they will rot. There will be a fair crop of apples but no berries.

Aug 7 – Fair and hot with good air. The road has been full of carriages and bicycles all day.

Aug 8 – Fair. Went to town in the morning to see Scruton about work. Carried a bushel of apples to Atwell. Then came home and picked 2 bushels for Hi Locke and carried up. Tis said that the peace is sure to come with Spain as they have accepted McKinley's terms.

Aug 9 – Showery. Hoeing in the garden and pulling out wild carrots from the fields, Elmer helping. In the afternoon carried a bushel of apples to town to Carrol. The demand is not very urgent for apples as the beach business is not so good as usual.

Aug 10 – Dull and showery most of the day. Went to town at 9 and carried 2 bushels of apples, one to Moses Brothers and one to Atwell and engaged some to Locke and 2 bushels of potatoes for Friday to Carrol.

Aug 11 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and so had to keep out of it. It is nice for my celery and it is now getting a good start. Went to the post office at night. The farmers are going in to salt haying. The boarding business is now at its height.

Aug 12 – Fair. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes and carried them to town to Carrol Brothers at 50 cents. In the afternoon carried 2 bushels of apples, one to Chesley and one to Carrol. The demand is not great for tomorrow. Peace with Spain is coming. (William E. Chesley had a grocery business at 44 Market Street.)

Aug 13 – Fair and cool. Jobbing round in the forenoon. At 3 went to town to get the news. The peace protocol was signed in Washington by the Secretary of State and the French Minister for Spain at 4:30 yesterday and peace is proclaimed by the President.

Aug 14 – Fair and comfortable and we had a day of rest. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach from Job. The Spanish admiral is at the Wentworth over Sunday.

Aug 15 – Fair after a light shower. Went to town twice with apples. Sold to Carrol and High Locke and Moses Brothers. Hoed some in the garden. Peace being declared tis hoped business will start some time.

Aug 16 – Fair and hot. Went to New Castle to see Professor Bartlett about moving his house but nothing is to be done at the present. Saw Dana Jenness and he gave me some sweet corn. Picked 2 bushels of apples to go to town.

Aug 17 – Fair and hot and hoed celery. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and sold them to Chesley on the road and delivered them at his store in town. Saw John Ichabod in town and he was 82 last June and is quite smart and came down to town alone.

Aug 18 – Fair and warm with a southwest wind. Went to town in the forenoon and carried 2 bushels of apples and sold them to Chesley. Got some mackerel for dinner. Edith and Bessie were over for the day and had a good time. Norris of Lynn called.

Aug 19 – Dull and rainy all day and warm. Jobbing round the buildings.

Aug 20 – Fair with a west wind. Went to town in the forenoon with apples, 2 bushels at 50 cents. There is much talk about the recent war with Spain and how it shall be settled. In the afternoon picked 2 bushels of apples.

Aug 21 – Fair and very hot and muggy. After dinner went to Breakfast Hill with Mary to see Charles A. Drake and stopped an hour. Then came down through Rye Center.

Aug 22 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the morning. Carried 2 bushels of apples at noon. In the afternoon picked 3 bushels of apples.

Aug 23 – Fair and very hot. Went to town with apples, 3 bushels at 50 cents per bushel. Saw John L. Randall who wanted a load of hay and engaged to haul it tomorrow. After dinner Elmer helping and we changed carts and loaded it. Heavy thunder and shower at 5.

Aug 24 – Fair and hot. Went to town with hay to Randall at \$10.00 per ton. Got home at noon and picked 3 bushels of apples. Edith and Bessie and Jennie were here. At 5 again we had a very heavy thunder shower. Ed Balch wanted a horse blanket.

Aug 25 – Dull and showery most of the day. We thought to go to York but too much rain. So I was jobbing around.

Aug 26 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples to Atwell and Woods and a pew. In the afternoon was hoeing and weeding and picked 1 bushel of apples.

Aug 27 – Fair and cool. Went to town in the morning with apples to Chesley. In the afternoon loaded hay, Elmer helping. Wife and Lizzie went to town at 3 to get the news.

Aug 28 – Fair and cooler with a northwest wind. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 3 went with wife to call on Mrs. Foss then over to the beach road to John's Avenue. Called at Seavey's at 6. Edith and Irving were here.

Aug 29 – Fair. Went to town with apples and hay to Cochran's. Digging potatoes in the afternoon, Elmer helping. Got 8 bushels and they are not much rotten.

Aug 30 – Fair and hot. Picking apples and after dinner dug more potatoes, Elmer helping.

Aug 31 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the morning with apples and brought Clara Raynes down for the day and Lizzie took her to ride and to home at night.

Sep 1 – Fair and warm. Getting in onions and weeding strawberries. Had company, Lottie Odiorne Foss. Picked apples, one bushel of Gravenstine and one of Porters. Republican caucus at night and chose the delegates to the conventions.

Sep 2 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples to Chesley and Woods. Saw George S. Webber. Agnes B. Webber was married yesterday to Marcus M. Hoyt of Newington. Finished digging potatoes today and got 25 bushels. (Agnes (Aggy) is George Webber's daughter.)

Sep 3 – Fair and very hot. Went to town with apples to Chesley and engaged some for next week. Hoeing celery and strawberries.

Sep 4 – Fair and hot and had a day of rest. Called to see Seavey and Edith came at 4:30.

Sep 5 – Fair and very hot. Hoofed tubs for Abbie and painted them.

Sep 6 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples to Ben Atwell. They are now coming more plenty and the demand is less. Went to New Castle to see Mr. Barrett as he wants a barn moved.

Sep 7 – Fair and hot. Made an estimate to move Mr. Bartlett's house in New Castle and sent it to Cambridge.

Sep 8 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples and to get Halibut. Also Miss Green came with John to dinner.

Sep 9 – Fair and hot at noon. Went to New Castle in the morning and made a bargain to move Mr. Barrett's barn. Carried apples to Hi Locke. Went to see Irving to help me. Lizzie went to the yard with Herbert Canney.

Sep 10 – Fair and cool in the morning. Cut stock for rolls and carried 6 to town to be turned, Irving helping. He got out and planed up 8 and carried some to New Castle to move the barn. Herbert Canney hauled 2 loads of timber.

Sep 11 – Cooler with a northwest wind. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills.

Sep 12 – Fair and cool. Began the job of moving the barn for Barrett of New Castle with 6 men. Got it on rolls and moved it 6 feet to the south. Went to town to get rolls and blocks, nails and anchors etc. the Spanish prisoners at the navy yard went today to Spain.

Sep 13 – Fair. Worked on the barn moving but made very little progress.

Sep 14 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked at New Castle until noon then gave up the barn moving job and settled with Barrett as the barn was much heavier than thought. I settled with the men. (Irving Rand and Emily had a son born today. His name is Russell Harrison Rand.)

Sep 15 – Fair and dry. Went to New Castle and carried tools to town and brought home a load. Picked apples to go to market.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm and dry. Irving went to New Castle for me and carried rolls to town. They had a celebration in town today and Jack-tars and Mariners are about the town.

Sep 17 – Fair and dry. Went to town and carried one bushel of pears at 75 cents. Hoeing celery etc.

Sep 18 – Fair and warm. At 10 went with Con Philbrick to see the Wentworth Bridge, it needs repairs. Dana Jenness called to get some peaches and grapes.

Sep 19 – Fair and cool. Mowing bedding by John Odiorne. In the afternoon went to town with apples and to get grain.

Sep 20 – Fair with some frost in the morning. Mowing bedding until 9 then got ready and went to York Beach with wife and Mrs. Raynes on the electric road. Got home at 5:30.

Sep 21 – Fair and cooler. Went to town in the morning with apples. They are at work on the electric street road by the South Cemetery coming towards Rye. In the afternoon went to Mrs. Joseph Foss's funeral, she was 74 ½ years. (Lucy Ann (Clark) Foss was the daughter of Thomas Remick and Almira Maria (Greenough) Clark.)

Sep 22 – Fair and cool with frost in the morning. Hauled in my bedding in the forenoon, Elmer helping and had two loads. Weeding strawberries and picking apples etc. Wife and Lizzie went to the cemetery.

Sep 23 – Fair and hot. Got in bedding, 2 loads with Elmer helping and was in good order.

Sep 24 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind. Cared for the animals and fowls. At 3 went to town to get the news.

Sep 25 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off warm.

Sep 26 – Picking apples, Hubbardston and Baldwins etc. Went to town to see Mike Long about apples, he wants 3 barrels.

Sep 27 – Fair and hot. Picking apples all day. Tis said they will be worth \$2.25 per barrel as they are scarce in the west.

Sep 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day so we kept quiet most of the time till 3 then went to town.

Sep 29 – Fair. Picking apples for winter. They are going ahead with building the electric road. They are now laying rails opposite the South Cemetery in Portsmouth.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm. Picking apples for winter with Elmer helping. At 3 went to town with apples. Edith and Bessie were over for the day and had a good time.

Oct 1 – Fair and hot. Worked on the New Castle Bridge at top planking. John Odiorne and Albert Rand helping.

Oct 2 – Fair and warm. Some went to church. Had a day of rest.

Oct 3 – Fair and hot with a west wind. Worked on the New Castle Bridge top planking with John Odiorne and Albert Rand helping and got half done. Wife and Lizzie went to town.

Oct 4 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade in Portsmouth. We worked on the Wentworth Bridge and sweat all day in our shirt sleeves.

Oct 5 – Dull and rainy all day and very rainy in the afternoon. Kept in under cover.

Oct 6 – Fair and cooler. Worked on the bridge and finished and brought my tools home.

Oct 7 – Fair and cooler. Went to town to carry apples to Mike Long at \$3.00 per barrel. Tis said apples will be higher but they are more plenty than was anticipated.

Oct 8 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind. Went to town to get the news etc. They are progressing with the electric road and the track is laid to the Sagamore Bridge.

Oct 9 – Fair and cool. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Went to New Castle to see Professor Bartlett. Edith and Irving came over at 5 and Bessie.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool. It was down to freezing in the morning but soon was warm with a southerly wind. Went to town with apples to Entwistle and Jefferson.

Oct 11 – Fair. Picking apples and other odd jobs. Carried apples to Ben Atwell and Chesley at a fair price.

Oct 12 – Rain part of the day. Picking over apples for market. Afternoon went to town to and engaged apples to Carrol Brothers.

Oct 13 – Fair and mild and muddy. Jobbing round and getting in vegetables for winter. I have 200 plants of celery growing and of large size, am banking it for blanching.

Oct 14 – Fair. Shaking and picking cider apples etc. Went to town at 3 to engage apples to Chesley. There is some talk of work at the yard. The electric track is laid nearly over the Sagamore Bridge.

Oct 15 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Went to town with apples to Chesley and got the news. Saw the town and there was no excitement. Saw George Webber. After dinner picked apples etc.

Oct 16 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind and signs of fall. The leaves are dropping and the frosts are killing all vines and plants. The apple crop is harvested and there is a fair crop at \$2.25 per barrel.

Oct 17 – Fair. Picking my russet apples and got 2 barrels and put them in the cellar. They are not salable now so got to keep them till winter.

Oct 18 – Fair. Went to town with apples and pears to Chesley and Carrol. There is not a very good market for apples now.

Oct 19 – Fair and warm. Picking cider apples and finished, got 32 bushels.

Oct 20 – Fair. Picked cider apples in the forenoon. After dinner went to town and got a load of coal of Walker at \$5.00 per ton, “stove coal”.

Oct 21 – Dull and “misty” all day. Hauled 3 loads of coal from Charles E. Walker’s and it took me about all day. The wheeling is soft and the horse could haul only 1400 lbs. easy.

Oct 22 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Cleaning up in the shop and barn. Went to town at 2:30 to get the news etc. Settled with Wendell etc. and received house rent of George Hayes.

(George Hayes is renting Supply's Lincoln Ave. house.)

Oct 23 – Fair and cool and we had a day of rest. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 5 went to the Corner to see Seavey and others. (Charles Seavey is living in the Old James Thomas house on Trefethen's Corner.)

Oct 24 – Fair and mild. Hauled a load of coal and finished making nearly 3 tons. After dinner got into the cellar and got about half of my celery and set it out there.

Oct 25 – Fair and mild. Went to town with apples to Carrol and got a new cider barrel. After dinner went to town with 2 barrels of apples to Frank Batten.

Oct 26 – Fair and mild. Worked for Charles Wendell at raising the roof of the house on the Sagamore Hill. (Sagamore Hill is on the Portsmouth side of the Sagamore Bridge.)

Oct 27 – Dull and wet. Worked for Wendell at the Sagamore Hill. George Canney hauled my cider apples over to Webster Philbrick for him to make cider.

Oct 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for Charles Wendell on the house and got the roof raised up 4 feet. At night George Canney brought my cider, 122 gallons, from Webster Philbricks.

Oct 29 – Dull and wet most of the day. Worked for Wendell and got the roof raised 7 feet and put the posts and studding in. Lizzie went to Boston to the Fair with Mamie Foss.

Oct 30 – Dull most of the day with some rain. At 2:30 went to see Mrs. William Foss and also saw Chesley's new house near the Remick house. (The house would have been near the corner of Wallis and Brackett roads.)

Oct 31 – Fair and cool. Worked for Wendell at putting in the studding and boarding.

Nov 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for Wendell. My cider has begun to work and I fill up the casks every night to allow the waste to work out. The American and Spanish commissioners are still in Paris settling the war business.

Nov 2 – Fair but some signs of rain. Worked for Wendell and finished boarding the building. The electric road folks are blasting and grading "Barbary Hill". The political pot is boiling. We have hopes of electing J. Jenness Rand.

Nov 3 – Fair and very mild and pleasant. Worked for Wendell, clapboarded the front end of the house. Wife and Lizzie went to Bill Evans and paid the Knights of Honor \$5.25.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild. Worked for Wendell. They are going ahead with cutting down “Barbary Hill” so there won’t be much hill there. Soon rails will be laid to the Rye line.

Nov 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for Wendell and finished clapboarding 3 sides and put the windows in. Went to town at 4:30 to get the news and food. The electric road folks have torn up Market Square to lay rails.

Nov 6 – Dull and wet all day. So kept in the house away from rain. My celery is not all in yet but has not been hurt by frost.

Nov 7 – Fair and mild with a cool night. Worked for Wendell.

Nov 8 – Fair and mild. This was Election Day. Got in celery and cabbages and turnips. I have more celery than ever before. Went to the election at 1 and we were successful in electing Jenness Rand as the representative by 57 majority.

Nov 9 – Fair and mild. Worked for Wendell. The news from the election is favorable to Republicans. They got about all they expected.

Nov 10 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and cold. Worked for Wendell at getting partitions. The Republicans have a majority in the house and Senate of Congress and all the principle states.

Nov 11 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off cool. Worked for Wendell. The election returns are satisfactory to the Republican Party. They have both branches of Congress and all the states that they controlled before.

Nov 12 – Fair and cool. Worked for Wendell at furring and lathing and expect soon to get ready for plaster. The electric road people are to suspend work on it soon for fear of frost.

Nov 13 – Cold in the morning but soon became warm and pleasant. Lizzie went to a meeting and heard Mr. Mills. Got some apples in the cellar for the hens.

Nov 14 – Fair and mild. Worked for Wendell at lathing the house to get ready for plastering. Charles Grover began building the chimney.

Nov 15 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for Wendell. They are laying the track for the electric road too near the middle of the road in the low ground beyond Foye’s but suppose we can’t help it.

Nov 16 – Fair and warm. Worked for Wendell lathing and furring. Charles Grover finished building the chimney. The Republicans of Rye are to celebrate their victory next Tuesday night at the town hall.

Nov 17 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for Wendell and got ready to plaster and they agree to put the mortar on tomorrow. The committee were collecting many for the celebration next Tuesday night.

Nov 18 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for Wendell getting out stair stock and casings for doors and windows. The masons have plastered 2 rooms upstairs. Wendell came at 11 and helped me.

Nov 19 – The northeast storm continued and it rained hard all day. Worked for Wendell at getting out finish for the house. Went to town to get grain etc. There was water everywhere and mud.

Nov 20 – It cleared off this morning and we had a strong west wind that it dried up some of the mud and wet. Edith came at 3 with Irving.

Nov 21 – Fair and very mild and pleasant. Worked for Wendell at getting out stock and hanging windows. Grover about finished the plastering today. The case against the street commissioner at Portsmouth is quashed.

Nov 22 – Cloudy all day. Worked for Wendell. At night went to town and got a turkey of John O. Downs at 22 cents. Went up to the Republican celebration at the town hall. There were 300 and more and they had a good supper and speaking.

Nov 23 – Dull and cloudy most of the day but not cold. Worked for Wendell at clapboarding etc. The back gable of the house Grover finished smoothing and plastering and it is drying slowly.

Nov 24 – Dull and rainy all day. This was Thanksgiving Day and we had a turkey dinner with fixings. Edith, Irving, Bessie and baby Russell came at 11 for dinner. John Webster was here. This is the first time Russell has come to dine. (Russell is Supply's grandson that was born on Sept. 14th. He is the son of Irving and Edith Mabel (Trefethen) Rand and is their 2nd child.)

Nov 25 – Fair and not very cold. Worked for Wendell and finished clapboarding and began the inside finishing. They are done work on the electric for the season.

Nov 26 – Dull and black with signs of a storm. Worked for Wendell at finishing and getting outdoor frames. At night went to town to get the news and grain and got a bag of oats for Wendell. Charles Yeaton rode home with me. He says he will have to kill his horse.

Nov 27 – A regular northeast snow storm all day with a furious gale and the snow is drifting badly and very stiff. Canney went with milk at 7:30 and was gone till 3:30. He had wheels and it was hard dragging. The hens and the pullets were afraid of the snow. This is the first of the season.

Nov 28 – Fair and cold. They were shoveling and making a path all forenoon and made out to get through. Canney went with 4 horses to haul his milk and at night came with malt. Went to town but it was hard sleighing.

Nov 29 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for Wendell making door frames and setting them. Wendell came to help at 10:30. Frank Caswell was painting. There was much sleigh riding. There is about 18 inches of snow. There were many ship wrecks and loss of life, steamer “Portland” is lost with all on board, 163 on board.

Nov 30 – Fair and cold and bad sleighing. Worked for Wendell. The steamer “Portland” left Boston Saturday night for Portland and the storm drove her to Cape Cod and she was sunk off shore and all were lost. 101 passengers and 62 crew.

Dec 1 – Fair with signs of storm. Worked for Wendell. They are hauling much sand from Wallis Sands to town for mortar.

Dec 2 – Fair, mild and pleasant and the best of sleighing. Worked for Wendell. The peace commission at Paris are nearly ready to come home. The Spanish agree to sign the treaty then it will be ended.

Dec 3 – Fair and good sleighing. Worked for Wendell at finishing the rooms. Frank Caswell is painting. Dennis Shay is setting poles for the electric road and trolley wire near the bridge. Lizzie and Edith went to town.

Dec 4 – Dull with some snow and signs of rain but not cold.

Dec 5 – Dull and rainy all day and the snow has gone to water in the roads and fields. Worked for Wendell.

Dec 6 – Fair and thawing and the mud has come again in the road but the pastures are full on snow. Wheels are going again. Worked for Wendell.

Dec 7 – Fair and cooler. Worked for Wendell and began hanging doors. Frank Caswell is painting the house for Wendell. Lizzie went to town to get the news.

Dec 8 – Fair and cold with a high west wind. Worked for Wendell. Billy Dunn is moving some of his things over there from the Adam’s place by the Sagamore Bridge. Lizzie is painting the privy.

Dec 9 – Fair and cold, the coldest so far, 14. Worked for Wendell hanging doors and putting in locks. It is now solid wheeling and big loads are hauled of rocks and sand to town.

Dec 10 – Cold and black most of the day. Worked for Wendell hanging doors etc. Went to town at night. There was a great rush through the stores to see the holiday stuff, got home at 6.

Dec 11 – Dull all day. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills.

Dec 12 – Cold and stormy all day. Worked for Wendell and finished and brought my tools home. Frank Caswell is painting and Billy Dunn is to move in about Christmas.

Dec 13 – Fair and cold and not good sleighing because the snow is too dry. Went to town to see the town and get the news.

Dec 14 – Very cold in the morning, 6 below and everything is froze up. At noon got ready and went to work for Canney at laying birch floor in the porch. Last night William “Paul” Marden and Mr. Noon went down river gunning and have not been heard from in Portsmouth.

Dec 15 – Cold in the morning. Worked for Canney laying floors. The sleighing is bad in the road but there is snow enough beside the walls.

Dec 16 – Fair and more mild. Worked for Canney and finished laying the floor and put in the thresholds. Canney bought a pair of horses at Manchester for teaming.

Dec 17 – Fair and not good sleighing. Worked for Canney in the forenoon. Then went to town and put a square of glass in the house broken out by the storm. Received my rent of \$16.00. There is talk of some work on the yard.

Dec 18 – Fair and mild and we have got back to wheeling again. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Marden and Noon have not been heard from.

Dec 19 – Fair and not very cold. Worked for Canney at putting up iron link.

Dec 20 – Dull and snowing all day. Worked for Canney and finished the sink room. Sleighing has come again. Frank Boyes is to move to “West Rye”. He gave Canney a goose for a gander in exchange. Herman’s wife is very sick.

Dec 21 – Dull and rain and sleet was falling all day. Put a new back on a Pung seat. Went to town at 2 and settled with John H. Broughton. Paid him \$20.00 in full of all demands. The best of sleighing and got a bushel of onions at 65 cents.

Dec 22 – Fair and thawy all day and the snow is going into water. Jobbing round.

Dec 23 – Fair and warm and the sleighing is gone and wheels now come again. Went to town and got a turkey at 17 cents per lb. There were any quantity in town.

Dec 24 – Fair and not cold. Making window frames for Canney in the forenoon. Went to town at 2 and carried apples, cider, celery and milk to Colly Raynes. Saw the town and got the news the peace commissioners have arrived from Paris today.

Dec 25 – Fair and mild and good wheeling. Lizzie went to church and also to the evening concert. Christmas Day and all were smiling.

Dec 26 – Dull and cold and we make a Christmas Day of it. Had a turkey for dinner. Edith and Irving and the two babies were over, Bessie is 4 years and Russell is 3 months old. Bessie had a high time with her Christmas presents.

Dec 27 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop making window frames for Canney. The peace commissioners delivered the treaty of peace with Spain to the President and it will soon go to Congress, the Senate for approval.

Dec 28 – Dull and snowy but not cold. Working in the shop.

Dec 29 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop in the forenoon. Went to town at two and ordered papers for next year of Moses Brothers.

Dec 30 – Cloudy and mild and thawing away the snow. Taking care of the hens and animals. Got 2 dozen eggs today and making window frames for Canney and getting out stock to make doors for the wood house. Lizzie went to town.

Dec 31 – Dull and rainy all forenoon then snow came down till night. Cold and driving. Made a door for use in going from the house into the wood house and privy. At 2 went to town to get the news etc., Elmer went with me. We went in the wagon and it was hard wheeling in the driving snow.

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Jan 1 – The snow storm continued through the night and till noon and we have about 6 inches for good sleighing and some have been trying it. Canney went home at 3 this afternoon with the milk sleigh.

Jan 2 – Fair and very good sleighing. Not being very well, I have been jobbing round in the shop etc. The talk is about the treaty of peace with Spain.

Jan 3 – Fair. The egg man came and took the eggs, 16 dozen at 30 cents. It is hard to make hens lay now. Ours are fed well and we get only 25 to 30 with 140 hens and pullets. The old hens are lazy.

Jan 4 – Dull in the morning and cleared off at 7. Went to town and to the navy yard to re-register and found others there for the same purpose. There is no sign of work there, but thought best to keep registered. Saw George Webber. Lizzie and Edith went at 2.

Jan 5 – Fair and mild so the sleighing is spoiled again and wheels are going again. Cut the door through to the wood house and got it hung and fastened. We have talked about it for some years.

Jan 6 – A regular northeast snow storm all day. Went up to Canney's but too much snow to put in the windows to the cider house or make doors. So I came home and finished the door to the wood house so we can go to the wood house and privy without going out doors.

Jan 7 – Fair and cold with good sleighing. Went to town to get the news etc. Paid Knights of Honor \$5.25 to Evan's. Saw John Ichabod and he is as well as usual at 82.

Jan 8 – Fair and not very cold but good sleighing. No going to church. At 2 went to town to get the doctor for Grandmother. She has trouble about breathing and the doctor thinks he can help her.

Jan 9 – Cold and the best of sleighing. Began wood cutting and logs to go to the mill. Charles Yeaton helping cut a large and tree and got 4 logs and hauled home 4 loads of limbs. Icy sledding and crust to keep snow from blowing.

Jan 10 – Cold, zero weather with a northwest wind and good going. Hauled 3 loads of wood. Grant hauled 2 loads of logs to Hampton with Canney's team. Yeaton is on the ice pond for Ramsdell. Grammy is a little better.

Jan 11 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of wood and got ready for more logs to go to the mill. Cleaned up the fragments. Grant is hauling sand to the Wentworth house. Chauncey Woodman was hauling wood for Abbie.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold. Cutting and hauling wood, Charles Yeaton helping. Hauled home 2 loads and cut up some trees that were blown over to make wood and logs. The horse "Pluggy" is doing the heavy work.

Jan 13 – Fair and mild. Cut 2 large trees next to Elvin Rand's field for mill logs, Yeaton helping. He cut them down and helped saw them up and hauled home 2 loads of wood. Flynn who bought the Elvin Rand place is cutting many logs for the mill. (Bartholomew and Ellen F. Flynn are now living on Brackett Road between Clark and Pioneer Roads.)

Jan 14 – Dull and rainy all day. Went down to saw off some logs with Yeaton but rain came on and came home quick. At 2 went to town with Elmer to get the news. He held the umbrella and I drove “Pluggy”.

Jan 15 – Dull and wet and the sleighing is about gone again and we shall have to let the sled stand.

Jan 16 – Mild and thawing. Went to the woods and hauled 3 loads of wood. The sledding was bad but wanted to have home all I could. Charles Yeaton cut the big hemlock for fire wood.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney making a door to the milk room. He went to York after more cows.

Jan 18 – Cold and windy. Stopped at home to rest round the coal fire.

Jan 19 – Fair and cold. Worked for Canney and finished the door to the milk room. He has been up to Warner, New Hampshire hauling wood. There is much in Congress about ratifying the treaty with Spain. Tis said there are doubts of its passing the Senate.

Jan 20 – Fair and mild as March. Worked for Canney ½ day. Hung a door back of the cider house etc. After dinner jobbing round and repaired the large doors to the barn.

Jan 21 – Fair and mild. Doing odd jobs in the forenoon. After dinner went to town and carried potatoes to Hayes and got the rent, \$16.00. Paid the water bill, \$6.00.

Jan 22 – Fair and good wheeling. Lizzie carried Margaret Burchill home and then went to the meeting to hear Mr. Mills. Mr. Beebe read his resignation to take effect in April. Edith and Irving came over at 5.

Jan 23 – Fair and not cold and most bare ground. Jobbing round and at 9 went down in the woods with Warren Caswell and sold him some wood standing for Abbie. At 2 went to the sea and got some gravel and seaweed and a few mussels, all for the hens except the mussels.

Jan 24 – Dull all day and rain came on at 2 and continued into the night. Working in the shop in the forenoon and at 1 killed 4 hens and carried them to town and sold them at 13 cents per lb. to John O. Downs. Saw Guss Caswell and he wants 10 tomorrow night at 60 cents live weight.

Jan 25 – Snowy in the morning then cleared off and we have about 2 inches of snow. Not enough for sleighing. I was rather on the sick list and kept quiet. Sold Guss Caswell 10 hens for \$2.75. There was a shocking murder in Kittery on Monday. Mrs. Trafton, 88, was butchered by Frank Parks for money. He was arrested and sent to Alfred jail.

Jan 26 – Cold. Went in the woods and got 2 loads of wood, bad sledding. Hewing after dinner. In Congress they are trying to pass the Spanish Peace Treaty. Many are going to Cuba and Puerto Rico. Many have the Gripp.

Jan 27 – Fair and cold and about bare ground. Hewing some and jobbing round. Edith and Bessie came at 3.

Jan 28 – Dull with signs of snow but none came, cold. Worked in the shop in the forenoon making a sled for Bessie and gluing a picture frame. At 1:30 went to town to get the news. John Odiorne went to see the town and we went to the planing mill. They are putting on a new boiler and engine for a large circular saw.

Jan 29 – Fair and cold and solid wheeling. Canney goes with milk daily. We sell 5 or 6 quarts. Our hens are doing a little better and got 44 eggs yesterday. It is time for them to do something. The Rand girls came at 3 and mother gave them some popcorn. (Susie and Helen were the daughters of Charles Rand.)

Jan 30 – Fair and cold. Cut summer wood till 2 then went to town with Lizzie. Got cracked corn at 95 cents a bag.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold and good wheeling. This was the day appointed for the electric road hearing and at 10 all who wished went. Judge Page, Engineer Thompson and the selectmen were there and much talking was done. The company wants to put the tracks 9 feet from the wall but there was much opposition and no decision today.

Feb 1 – Fair and cold. Worked in the shop. Edith and her babies were over for the day. Russell is making good growth. The selectmen went over the proposed route of the electric road measuring the width of the roads etc. There is to be a hearing at town hall on the 20th to look over the situation.

Feb 2 – Cold and fair. Worked in the shop making saw horses etc.

Feb 3 – Dull all day and snow came on at 1 o'clock so we hope to have a little more sleighing. Went to town at 9 with some boards and got them planed at the mill where Dan Maron used to do business. There was talk about the proposed electric road through Rye. John O. Ayers died yesterday. (John was living on Pleasant Street in Portsmouth and was 58 years old.)

Feb 4 – Fair with 2 or 3 inches of snow and sleighs and wagons are going. Worked in the shop in the forenoon making window frames. Went to see Canney and he stuck a nail in his foot and is in the house with pork on the sore. Went to town to get the news etc. Elmer went with me in the sleigh with "Pluggy".

Feb 5 – Dull all day and cold enough to freeze and I hope it won't thaw any as I want to haul wood tomorrow. It is getting late for wooding. We have no hope of any amount of sledding this spring Grandmother is not so well.

Feb 6 – Fair and cold all day. Hauling wood from the lower lot, 5 loads and think I have about enough pine wood. Shall have to get some maple and other hardwood. The sledding was bad but had to make it go. Ed Seavey was hauling wood to Daniel M. Foss. Charles Yeaton cutting for Abbie.

Feb 7 – Snowing lightly in the forenoon Worked in the shop till 10 then went to town to get the doctor for Grammy and also to send for Clara Flanders to help Abbie. The treaty with Spain was ratified by the Senate yesterday. So they can sleep well in Washington tonight. The Philipinos have been fighting our army there and got beat.

Feb 8 –Cold, zero weather with 10 or 12 inches of snow and Joseph William Odiorne and Charles Wesley Lang have been breaking out the roads with 3 horses. It is too cold for much travel and a bad path. Worked in the shop. In the evening went with Lizzie to see Grandmother, she is better.

Feb 9 – Harrison Salter and Edith went to town and found it cold and rough. Cold, zero weather with a strong north wind. Working in the shop all day besides looking after the beasts and fowls. It is hard to make the hens lay but ours are gaining and we get about 50 a day now. They have to stay in and scratch over the old hay. Herb Canney has 5 or 6 quarts of milk a day of us. The old cow hangs back.

Feb 10 – Cold, 4 below in the morning and it was well down all day with a strong northwest wind. Herb Canney has gone to Boston and George Canney went with the milk sleigh and he and Perley Styles got malt and left me a box full. They talked of hauling logs for me but it is too cold. Worked in the shop all day making window and door frames. Elmer and Willie went to the post office.

Feb 11 – Cold, 6 below in the morning with a strong northwest wind. Worked in the shop and took care of the animals and fowls. The hens are going a little and we got 59 eggs today. They bring 20 cents and are higher in Boston. At 1:30 went to town to get the news and grain and something to eat. Saw John and Ed, Elmer went with me.

Feb 12 – Cold, zero weather and snow came on at 10 and continued through the day. Lizzie went down to see grandmother. She holds as well as yesterday and I called in to see Seavey sitting by the coal fire. Mrs. Seavey said she burned 8 hods of coal in one day last week. (A hod or coal scuttle is a bucket-like container for holding a small, intermediate supply of coal convenient to an indoor coal-fired stove or heater.)

Feb 13 – Working in the shop and got 56 eggs. A regular northeast snow storm all day and ran into the night. It has been the roughest day that I can remember. Zero in the morning and only raised to 10 above at noon with furious wind that is full of snow that drove in everywhere. Canney went with milk in the morning and has not gone home at 8 pm. The storm is still howling. P.S. He went home at 8:30.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind. I began breaking out roads with a gang of shovelers and we worked up to Lang's Corner from home. The snow was very hard and stiff. Canney started at 1 with 4 horses on the milk sleigh and 2 men. Jenness Rand started to go to Concord but gave it up and went back. No news from town.

Feb 15 – Fair and a little more mild after the morning when it was, 2 below. They were shoveling out the road all the forenoon. Canney had 4 horses on the milk sleigh. Went to town and brought Clara Flanders down to Abbie's to help her. Not very bad sleighing. Seavey did not go today. The egg man has not come this week and we have over 30 dozen on hand. They are higher in Boston, 30 cents.

Feb 16 – Fair and mild. This was the McKinley day in Boston at a dinner by the Home Market Club and Bostonians were having a great time. The President spoke at the dinner about the Philippine Islands and our duty there, as that is what all are talking about.

Feb 17 – Mild and thawing. Worked in the shop in the forenoon. After dinner hauled wood for Charles Yeaton. Next Monday there is to be a hearing at the town hall in regard to electric road.

Feb 18 – Fair most of the day. Sent one load of logs to the mill by George Canney. The sledding was bad. Went to town at 9:30 to get the news and see the town. It was full of sleighs and sleds with plenty of snow and much thawing. Saw Webber and many others.

Feb 19 – Fair and mild and thawing and the snow is fast going off. The horses slump through the deep snow. Edith and Irving came at 4. Went down to the Corner to see Seavey and grandmother. Got 5 dozen eggs today.

Feb 20 – Fair and mild all day. Cutting wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to town hall to the hearing about widening and straightening highways for the electric railroad but nothing was done but much talking.

Feb 21 – Fair and thawing. Went over and helped Irving move a building and turn it half round and got it done at night. They have 3 boarders who are building a house for the Priest of Dover.

Feb 22 – Cloudy and some rain. Worked in the shop in the forenoon. After dinner cut summer wood and fixed a cooking "chair". The Hampton folks came and took eggs at 20 cents and got about 5 dozen today.

Feb 23 – Fair and thawing and bad wheeling. Cutting summer wood most of the day. Hewed two pieces and varnished the cooking chair and other jobs. Lizzie went over to the other road. The selectmen are chawing about the electric road.

Feb 24 – Fair and cold. Worked in the shop part of the day. Then finished cutting the summer wood and hewed one stick. The wind was high and was glad to get out of it. The hens are doing better and average about 5 dozen per day. We are not paid enough for ours by the Hampton man.

Feb 25 – Fair with a cold northwest wind. Went to town at 9 to get the news etc. Went to the house and got the rent and left cider. Got mixed feed etc. Rye folks are talking about the electric road. Eggs are 25 and 28 cents a dozen in Portsmouth. After dinner hauled out some trees to hew. Lewis Odiorne called at 3. (Lewis Odiorne is living on Wallis Road leading to the beach from Lang's Corner.)

Feb 26 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull with signs of snow, not cold. Bad wheeling but some are going. Charles S. Seavey and wife Ida went to Greenland. The Rand girls came at 2:30.

Feb 27 – Fair. Cutting and hewing trees in the home pasture to make a frame for a small stable. The Hampton eggs man came and took eggs at 25 cents, 24 dozen. They are higher on account of a scarcity and we hope they will hold up there. We are getting 5 dozen per day.

Feb 28 – Fair and mild. Hewing most of the day. Wife and Lizzie went to Mrs. William Trefethen's funeral at 2. The selectmen began widening the road from Rye line to Rye Center and got as far as John Odiorne's. (Hannah Lane (Garland) Trefethen was the wife of William Trefethen (1810-1890) and lived on Central Road.)

Mar 1 – Fair and thawing. The selectmen have been widening the road from Frank J. Trefethen's to Lang's Corner. They took a slice of my fields, 12 feet wide, to the Joseph Langdon pasture. They decided to go inside the shade trees in front of the house.

Mar 2 – Dull with some snow on to the 5 or 6 inches that fell last night. So we now have sleighing again but it is melting away. The selectmen widened the road from Joseph William Odiorne's to Lang's Corner and down by Charles W. Rand's to the corner. Hewing and sawing wood. Eggs are 30 cents in Boston.

Mar 3 – Lizzie and Edith went to town on the new snow. Fair and thawing. Jobbing round till 1 o'clock then went to town to see the fashions, called John Odiorne to go. We went over to Lincoln Hill and round to see Ward's new house on Lafayette Road and up to the Button Shop and to see the new electric car barn and other sights.

Mar 4 – Dull with snow and rain all day. Worked in the shop in the forenoon and took care of the animals and fowls. At 2 went to town to get the news etc., Elmer went also. It was bad sleighing and many were on wheels. Canney was hauling ice.

Mar 5 – Dull and rainy all day and eating up the snow. At night there was some fog. Lizzie went over to see Jennie. A hack went by driving rapidly. These are the melancholy days of spring and the saddest of the year. Congress adjourned yesterday at noon. The 55th Congress, McKinley President. (The Hack or Passenger Wagon was the coach builder's smaller, less-embellished version of the late nineteenth-century public transportation vehicles used for short distance travel in rural areas. The vehicle is characterized by a square body and seating for six to nine passengers.)

Mar 6 – Fair, mild and pleasant. Went to the navy yard and registered as a boat builder, changed from a shipwright because they have orders to build 25 more boats. Sawing wood and must now get my winter wood cut up. Joseph Langdon is cutting his trees to widen the road.

Mar 7 – A regular northeast snow and rain storm all day so I had to work in the shop. Made a drag to move the wall to widen the road. Canney and Grant came with a load of malt and left a box. It cleared off at 6 pm. and mild. (Charles Grant is living on the Canney farm and is a farm laborer.)

Mar 8 – Dull and cold. Went to town in the sleigh to get things for Abbie and grandmother. She is very sick and distressed and cannot get relief. The doctor came down and relived her a little. The selectmen are laying out for the electric railroad.

Mar 9 – Fair and cool with squalls of snow. Sawing wood, Austin helping. At night went to the Republican caucus. After that came back to grandmothers, she was so very sick that we all stayed with her till 4 in the morning. She is much worse and failing.

Mar 10 – Fair and mild. This morning grandmother was very low and at 9:30 she died after great suffering at age 89 $\frac{3}{4}$ years. She had been sick since last Thanksgiving. Went to town a got the undertaker and he came at 11 and made arrangements. Mrs. Clark, her sister is also quite sick. (Adeline (Tucker) Clark is Supply's wife's mother who would be known as Grandmother to their children.) (Mrs. Clark is Susan (Tucker) Clark who is Adeline's sister. She married Adeline's step-son Moses. The two sisters were 19 years apart.)

Mar 11 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 9 to get news and make arrangements for the funeral Monday. Austin was sawing wood and the boys cut down 2 apple trees in the way of the electric railroad.

Mar 12 – Mild and cloudy with some rain. At 2 he undertaker came with a casket and put grandmother in and the minister came to talk with Abbie about the funeral tomorrow. At 5 Edith and Bessie came. Mr. Ames called.

Mar 13 – Fair and thawing and the snow is going. Grandmother was buried at 2 and we were all pained to part with her. She lived to a good old age but still all wanted to have her longer.

Mar 14 – Election Day. Cloudy all day. Sawed wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to town meeting and the Republicans got all the officers but one. Selectman – Albert H. Drake (Democrat), Horace Sawyer and John T. Marden (Republicans). The engineers were here surveying for the electric road by our house to suit the road widening.

Mar 15 – Dull and cloudy and snow came on at 5 furiously. Sawing and splitting wood in the forenoon, Austin helping. Lizzie went to town. Went to the town meeting at one to see the finish. They got through Clancy Walker collector. They raised \$7,000.00.

Mar 16 – Dull and cloudy. Sawing and splitting wood, Austin helping. Got the sawing about done and a good pile split. Calvin Page was elected Mayor of Portsmouth. They say work on the electric road will begin April 1st.

Mar 17 – Splitting wood in the forenoon. Charles Yeaton and Austin helping. Got done at 2 and then cut apples trees where the electric tracks are to be laid in front of Dolly's and gave her a part of them. American Soldiers are fighting in the Philippine Islands. (Dolly is living in the 390 Sagamore road home next door to Supply.)

Mar 18 – Sawing and splitting apple tree wood. Austin had to go to town at 8 with George to get the doctor to stop his tooth from bleeding. It snowed fast after 10. At 1 Yeaton and I went to town to get news etc. There is 2 inches of snow. Rider is to occupy Cris Smart's store. (Austin is 18 and his brother George is 17.)

Mar 19 – Dull and rainy all day and freezing and trees are iced up badly and we may call it the ice storm. Sleighs are going and it would be good sledding. Dr. Heffenger and his dogs went by.

Mar 20 – Fair and the best of sledding. Canney hauled 4 loads of logs to town for me, "Clad" helping. Got off all I had ready. Everyone with any sledding to do have been at it to clear up odd jobs. The trees are heavily iced up and many are broke down.

Mar 21 – Fair and cool and the best of sleighing this morning. Cutting and hauling timber all day, Elmer helping 3 loads. Charles W. Yeaton and Edward Seavey where hauling the old birch, they got done. Edith and Irving went to town to get the news. Bessie got a cold. 11 chickens today.

Mar 22 – Dull and snowy about all day. Went town in the pasture and hauled out logs till 9:30 then quit on account of snow, Yeaton and Austin helping hauled out 4 logs. It snowed past till night and gained past. We took off 11 chickens yesterday. Irving went to town.

Mar 23 – Dull and stormy all snow in the forenoon and rain all the afternoon which has taken the ice off the trees. Went to town at 9 to have a sleigh ride and get the news. Went up to the saw mill. They are sawing my logs and I will have them soon. They have more power now.

Mar 24 – Fair and more mild and thawing. Hauling out logs and finished, Charles Yeaton helping and they are ready to go to the mill. At 2 went with wife to see Edith and her children. Bessie is not well but Russell is coming along well. Called to see Eliza Trefethen and daughter Jennie. Spoke with Joseph Langdon and he is opposed to the electric road.

Mar 25 – Fair and cold, 16 above and it was the best of sleighing and all that had teaming to do were at it. Canney's man hauled 2 loads of logs and 2 loads of boards home. Went to town and carried 3 bushels of apples for Yeaton. Went to the house and got rent, \$16.00.

Mar 26 – Dull and snowy and cold, 18 above and the sleighing is very good. At 2 went with wife to see Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ames. They are to go to Haverhill tomorrow morning. Also called to see Mrs. Mary J. Foss and William, he is very thin and weak and has a new doctor, Benedict. At 5 called to see Seavey.

Mar 27 – Dull and cloudy all day and at night rain came. Hewing timber most of the day. Saw George Webber and he is talking of letting his house out. Herb Canney's men hauled 2 loads of boards for me. Hewing in the afternoon. Lizzie went to town. (Canney's men were George Canney and Charles Grant. Both were listed as servants on the 1900 census.)

Mar 28 – Dull and cloudy. Hewing till 9 then went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples for Abbie at \$1.00. They are fighting in the Philippine Islands. Sleighs and wagons are going. John E. Odiorne hauled a load of hay at \$10.00 a ton. They are planking the Sagamore Bridge.

Mar 29 – Dull and stormy all the forenoon. Snow in the forenoon and rain. Went to the lower pasture and got a stick of lumber and hewed it. Rider has opened a provision store where Cris Smart was. Meat of all kinds, fish of all kinds and canned goods of all descriptions. Ketchup, French mustard and other bottled stuff.

Mar 30 – Cold and windy all day. Cut and hauled a sill piece from next to Lewis Odiorne's and hewed it partly. Am getting the frame work for the first floor of a house ready to frame.

Mar 31 – Snowy in the forenoon and cleared off at noon. Made a chicken cage for the hen and chickens then hewed a sill piece. Charles Yeaton came to get the saw to work up his wood. He is to help me build a wall. There is talk about the state highway by the seashore to begin this year.

Apr 1 – Fair and cold, 26 above and it was bad traveling and plenty of mud and ice. Hewing and clearing up around the wood piles. There is much railroad talk now going on and they will begin soon. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of apples for Abbie. Carried 1 bushel of potatoes to Hayes and got the rent. (George Hayes was renting the Lincoln Ave. house for \$16.00 per month)

Apr 2 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. The selectmen came to take the inventory yesterday, Horace Sawyer and John T. Marden. They also said they wanted to make the road 4 feet wider to suit the railroad company.

Apr 3 – Fair with a cold morning. Cut and hauled 2 trees from the pasture and hewed them for sills. At 9 went to town to see the Judge Page about the administration of the estate of grandmother.

Apr 4 – Fair and more mild but still plenty of snow on the ground. Went to town and got papers of Judge Page for administration and got them filled out for return. Saw engineer Thompson of the electric road. He says they will be down soon and begin.

Apr 5 – Fair. Working on the cellar for a new house at the corner. Got it “laid out” and began to dig, Yeaton all day. Went to town and carried the paper to Judge Page for the administration. (The new house is the 362 Sagamore road house directly on Trefethen’s Corner.)

Apr 6 – Fair and cool in the morning. Digging the new cellar, Charles Yeaton and Austin helping. Got it more than half dug out and find plenty of rocks.

Apr 7 – Fair and more like spring. Digging the new cellar and we got most of the dirt out and will soon be ready for stoning. The bottom is mostly ledge and solid so the wall will not settle. Emily Trafton went by and made favorable comments. William Foss died this morning. (William J. was the son of John O. Foss and Mary J. Green.)

Apr 8 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Put away the sleigh and sled and cleaned up. Put a handle on the garden rake. Went to town at 12:30 to get the news and grub. Saw Yeaton and we got a new pipe to drain the new cellar. Austin dug the drain and Monday we will put it in.

Apr 9 – Fair and bright with a southwest wind, muddy in the morning. At 2 went to William Foss’s funeral. He was buried in his father’s lot near his house, his age was 41 years. At night went down to see Abbie and called to see Charles Seavey. (John O. Foss is living on Washington road.)

Apr 10 – Fair and cold in the morning. Began stoning the cellar, Charles Rand and Emmons Clark helping and got well started. All of one side and part on the other sides built. “Pluggy” hauled the rocks. Hobbs came and got eggs at 12 cent per dozen.

Apr 11 – Fair and a little warmer. Stoning the cellar and finished that part, Charles Rand and Emmons Clark helping. Irving got the first floor of the house framed and ready. Austin hauled rocks and Yeaton helped about the other work. Lizzie went to town.

Apr 12 – Dull and rain and snow came on at 4. Irving Rand and Austin Trefethen were framing the 1st floor of the barn and then began on the house joist. Canney's team hauled 2 loads of frame from Broughton's. Charles Yeaton was getting ready to make mortar hauling sand and lime.

Apr 13 – Fair and pleasant. Framing the house, Irving and Austin helping. Yeaton was hauling sand and slacked lime and made mortar. Then we hauled the sills and floor timbers for the house and barn.

Apr 14 – Dull in the morning. Irving and Austin were getting out the finish. Yeaton went to town and got boards planed. Canney hauled 1 load of bricks and we began to lay them. Gilman ½ day and Frank Jones and Herman Trefethen a few hours began the west wall. Got well started.

Apr 15 – Fair and spring like. Working on the house and cellar and got 3 sides of the cellar walls on and can get the sills on. Winn and Gill laying bricks and Irving framing. Lizzie and Abbie went to town in the forenoon and Irving and Yeaton at night. Canney hauled 2 loads of bricks.

Apr 16 - Dull and rainy most of the day with wind out of the northeast and there was not much going on. Few went to the meeting, Mr. Beebe preached his farewell sermon and will leave next week for Ohio. Lizzie went over to see Jennie and Eliza.

Apr 17 – Fair with a west wind and drying. Finished the brick work and got the first floor on and laid and got ready to raise tomorrow. Went to town and got window frames and had them put together.

Apr 18 – Fair and mild and calm. Raised the house and got it more than ½ boarded and also got the rafters up, one gable covered and roof ¼ covered. John Odiorne and Herbert Canney helping besides the other gang.

Apr 19 – Mild and pleasant. Working on the house and got it boarded, gutters on and started the shingling and got 7 courses on. John Odiorne has been filling up the gaps. Tonight Austin is called to town tomorrow to work.

Apr 20 – Fair and chilly. Working on the house and got one side shingled and the finish on the other side and part of the returns on. John Odiorne has set the partitions on the first floor. Went to town at 3 to get molds.

Apr 21 – Fair and warm. Working on the house. The shingles are on one side and the other 2/3 up, George Leroy Trefethen and Charles Yeaton shingling. Irving got the coving well along. John Odiorne and I have been furring and putting in windows and door frames.

Apr 22 – Fair and warm. Working on the house and we have got it shingled and most of the finish is on the first and 2nd floors laid. Door frames in and part of the window frames are set and front stair stringers in place so we go upstairs without ladders.

Apr 23 – Fair and warm and drying and the trees begin to start, also the strawberry vines are coming up. Charles A. Sinclair died yesterday in Boston, aged 50 years. (Charles Sinclair was the son-in-law of Frank Jones of Portsmouth. He was the builder of the Button Factory.)

Apr 24 – William Foster Noyes died today. Fair and warm. Hauled out manure till 9, Charles Yeaton helping. Then went to town and got the administrative paper for Abbie and got rent at the house. At 1 Yeaton went to town with boards to plane. Irving worked on the house all day. (William was a master shipwright and was 67 years old.)

Apr 25 – Fair and warm. Canney did my plowing this forenoon and Yeaton hauled out manure. After noon we planted potatoes and peas, the first we have put in and they got well warmed up. Irving worked on the house all day and got the rakes done and well along on the bay window.

Apr 26 – Fair and warm. We had a nice shower last night. Working on the house most of the day. Went to town at 9 to get stock and got money for Abbie. Irving and Yeaton working on the house getting the bay window well started and also partitions on the 2nd floor. Paid for bricks to Brackett, \$33.00.

Apr 27 – Fair and warm so straw hats have come. Worked on the house bay window, shingled and partitions mostly set in the 2nd story. Dropped the staging and put up the corner boards on 2 corners getting ready to clapboarding. Elmer painted some.

Apr 28 – Fair and warm and we worked on the house. Jed Rand and Herman built the chimney and we all had to hustle. Had to go to town and get cement and zinc etc. Irving was putting on outside finish. Yeaton was tending the masons. Paid the masons \$7.50.

Apr 29 – Fair, warm and dry. Finished planting potatoes and sowed beets and peas and cucumbers. Set out 3 maple trees in front of the new house then went to furring etc. Irving was putting on finish. Salter began the lathing and got well started below. Canney hauled clapboards.

Apr 30 – Fair and very hot and the coal fire was too much and had to stop it and open the windows. There was much riding in carriages and bicycles. Called to see Charles Seavey and Abbie Clark.

May 1 – Fair and very hot. Working on the house at furring on the 2nd story, Irving helping. Salter has been lathing in the first story and got it nearly done below and we got ready for the clapboarding.

May 2 – Dull with some rain. Worked on the house and clapboarded the east side and painted it, Irving and Yeaton helping. Harrison Salter was lathing and finished below and overhead above. Lizzie went to town and got lath nails. Tom Rand was working on the road.

May 3 – Fair with a cold northeast wind. Went to town in the forenoon. Afternoon cleaned the roof off and got ready to clapboard the west side. Yeaton hauled sand for the plastering then loaded hay to go to Milling Co. Portsmouth.

May 4 – Fair with a heavy white frost in the morning, then quite warm. Clapboarding the west side of the house and got it well along, Irving helping. Yeaton went to town with hay to Sugdon's at the mill then helped clapboarding. Wife and Lizzie went to town.

May 5 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house and finished clapboarding the west side and began on the front end. Salter finished lathing and got his pay. Yeaton made the plastering mortar, 10 casks of lime and George Leroy hauled the water and done some painting.

May 6 – Fair and warm. Moses Clark planting potatoes by John Odiorne's. Worked on the house clapboarding the front end and shingled the gable and got down to the lower windows, Yeaton and Irving helping. Lizzie went to town and got a large cucumber for 7 cents.

May 7 – Fair and hot and quite dry on top of the ground. Potatoes are coming up also peas and other stuff. Went to Bill Evan's and paid the Knights of Honor, \$3.75. Then went down to see the new Wentworth house and other cottages. Frank Odiorne has a new house.

May 8 – Fair and cooler. Worked on the house clapboarding the south end and got down to the first windows, Irving and Yeaton helping. At night Herman called to say he will plaster the house tomorrow. The selectmen said President Tuttle would look over the electric road tomorrow.

May 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. The masons came and plastered the house, 3 masons and tender and it is ready for smoothing tomorrow. We had a hustling day of it. Irving did up odd jobs. Went to town to get poster bead.

May 10 – Fair and warm. The masons finished the plastering today, smoothing it all and took their tools. Charles Yeaton cleaned out the well and helped plant and set out trees. Went to town and got the blinds and Irving hung those in the 2nd story and built cellar stairs.

May 11 – Fair and warm. Finished hanging blinds and painted those in the 2nd story. Sawed out part of the finish and got the attic stairs well along. Yeaton went to mill with a load of boards and finish. Sold load of hay to go tomorrow.

May 12 – Fair and very drying. Yeaton went to town with load of hay to Drinkwater. Worked on the house painting blinds etc. Irving finished the attic stairs and got out casings for the 2nd story. Braced up the trees.

May 13 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house and finished clapboarding and began inside finish. Went to town and got the door frames and ordered windows and doors, made frames and put in upstairs. Got pay for a load of hay. Paid for flour.

May 14 – Fair and drying. We had a light shower last night that helped a little but it did not wet down. There was much riding in carriages and bicycles of all kinds. Mort Raynes and Everett Trefethen called and got cider and apples and went to the beach. (Everett Trefethen is the oldest son of Albert Brackett Trefethen, Supply's brother.)

May 15 – Fair and dry. Cool in the morning. Went to town and got windows for the house and painted them on the outside. Irving was finishing the chambers and Charles Yeaton was painting the cellar wall.

May 16 – Fair and cooler and drying. Worked on the house painting the windows and getting out baseboards and casings. Irving putting on the finish. Yeaton hoed the potatoes. Sawed out the finishing boards and cleaned up round.

May 17 – Fair and drying and no signs of rain. Working on the house and got the finish all on the 2nd story and started below. Went to town and got the outside doors and painted the front one and shall soon have it in. Yeaton plowed his garden.

May 18 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked on the house getting out casings. They are now all out and can go ahead. Irving was putting on the finish in the 1st floor. All door casings are on. Yeaton and 3 others worked on the road from here to the center school house.

May 19 - Dull and cloudy all day with a little rain. Yeaton and others were working on the road. Worked on the house and got the 2 outside doors hung and the finish on the sitting room and other jobs. Went to town and got the doors and hangings.

May 20 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked on the house putting on finish and hanging doors and windows. All the finish is on below and a number of the windows hung. Went to town at 5 to get the news etc. They are hauling ties for electric near Foye's.

May 21 – Dull and rainy all day and had a day of rest. It came in a good time for the grass and other crops. Potatoes are looking well and will have to be hoed again soon. There is not much apple bloth and no peach blossoms.

May 22 – Fair and cool. Worked on the house painting windows. Irving was building the stairs. Yeaton went to town with boards for the floors to get planed. Then cut trees to make sill and plate for the piazza.

May 23 – Fair and warm. Worked on the house. Hewed out the sill and plate for the piazza and got out bands for the windows and painted windows. Irving finished the stairs then put windows in the 2nd story. Jack Horn called to see the hens. Dolly was in and looked it over.

May 24 – Fair and drying. Worked on the house painting windows. Yeaton was digging cesspool, Irving hanging windows. Went to town and got stair posts and windows for the attic and drain tile for the cesspool.

May 25 – Fair and drying. Went up to Herbert Canney's and turned the hen house round for Annie and then hung windows and other jobs. Yeaton finished the cesspool. Irving was laying the floors and working on the stairs. (Annie is Lydia Ann Canney who is Herbert's wife.)

May 26 – Fair and drying. Cultivated potatoes and Yeaton hoed them. Went to town and got sash locks etc. Irving finished the stairs and finished hanging windows and put on the sash locks below and put in the attic windows. The selectmen were looking over the electric road.

May 27 – Fair and drying. Yeaton was getting in wood all day. Went to town and got money. Paid the milling company \$13.00 and Fred D. Grace \$25.00 and other bills. Irving was laying floors etc. Got inside door locks and hinges.

May 28 – Dull in the morning and cleared off without rain so there was many bicycles and teams going. It is very dry and we are hoping for rain. There is much talk about the electric road.

May 29 – Fair in the morning then clouds came up and at 3 we had a nice shower that continued into the night. Worked on the house hanging doors and laying floors. Got the parlor floor done and all doors being upstairs. Yeaton cleaned off in front and got in wood in the afternoon.

May 30 – Dull in the morning with some rain. Then cleared off with a northwest wind. Transplanted 3 apple trees in front of Charles Erwin, Yeaton helping. Sawyer came along. Yeaton ½ day. Worked on the house laying floors and hanging doors etc.

May 31 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the morning and got Birch flooring and some finishing boards. After dinner began laying the kitchen floor and got ½ done. Irving was hanging doors etc. Yeaton was off.

Jun 1 – Fair, hot and drying. Worked on the house and finished the kitchen floor and Irving got the locks all on the doors and began the rail round the stairway. Yeaton was taking down the wall in front of Charles E. and ready to rebuild.

Jun 2 – Fair and hot and drying and all vegetation is suffering. Went to town and got sink and other things. Worked in the house. Irving laid the floors and put the railing round the stairway. Yeaton built the wall.

Jun 3 – Fair and drying. Put Paris Green on my potatoes to kill old bugs. Helped Yeaton build the wall and worked in the house. Irving finished all the floors and doors and began putting up the sink. Went to town at 5. Bill Varney called at 2.

Jun 4 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. Charles Shannon and wife Adaliza called and had come cider. There was much riding of all classes and kind.

Jun 5 – Fair and hot. Working on the wall, Yeaton and Irving helping. The engineers of the electric road were here this afternoon and decided to lay out the road inside of my shade trees.

Jun 6 – Fair and very hot and drying. Worked on the wall part of the time. The engineers were here surveying most of the day and have laid out the road to go inside of my shade trees but will take 2 apple trees.

Jun 7 – Dull all day with nice and cool with a northeast wind but no rain and we have the drought still. Worked on the wall, Yeaton and Irving helping and we got along to the front field and took down the cross wall.

Jun 8 – Fair and hot. Working on the wall in front of the house in back of the shade trees and it looks as if the car tracks could be laid out of the way. Yeaton was topping out the wall and Irving and myself laid the bottom and 2nd rocks.

Jun 9 – Fair and drying. Building the wall and got up part of the front gate with the bottom rocks and Yeaton got most to the “topping” up. The surveyors are at the corner making their “curve”.

Jun 10 – Hot and drying and all vegetation is suffering for water. Building the wall and got up to within 30 feet of Joseph Langdon's pasture, Yeaton and Irving helping.

Jun 11 – Fair and hot as ever and the dust flies in clouds and bicycles are out in large numbers. Mother and Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills.

Jun 12 – Fair and dry. Worked on the wall and finished the string to Joseph Langdon's pasture and Charles Yeaton got done with me and we settled. Set the gate in front, in back of the new wall and cleaned up round.

Jun 13 – Hot and dry with a northwest wind. Went to the yard and changed my register to the shipwright's gang. Irving worked in the house on the closet. Put the cellar windows in to close up the house. Yeaton began building a wall for Joseph Langdon, Fred helping. The engineers were around here all day. (Fred E. Trefethen is the son of George Leroy Trefethen.)

Jun 14 – Fair and very hot until 3 when we had a furious shower and high wind that blew down 3 trees for Dolly and did damage other ways. Tis said it unroofed Stoddard's barn. Worked on the house. Mrs. Clara Raynes and Kate Johnson called during the shower.

Jun 15 – Dull all day and rain came on at night. They are pushing the electric road. They have been digging up near Mr. Odiorne's house and blasting the ledge at the corner. Worked on the piazza and got the floor laid. Lizzie went to town.

Jun 16 – Dull in the morning then cleared off. Went to town to get nails, molding etc. Irving was putting the roof on the piazza and got it boarded and gutters on. The electric road folks are out of bolts to connect the rails so that part is stopped.

Jun 17 – Fair but cool. Worked on the piazza and got it shingled and staging down. They are pushing on with the electric road and are digging near Lang's corner. Thompson and Clark engineers called to see about gravel.

Jun 18 – Fair and warm and now potatoes and other stuff can grow. Grass in the low ground is doing better. There is a continual to see the railroad. They end down my mountain orb and walnut trees yesterday. ?????

Jun 19 – Fair and cool. Working on the piazza and other odd jobs. Cultivated potatoes and Elmer hoed them. Put Paris Green on the potatoes etc. In the afternoon we had a light shower that helped the crops.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm. Went to town and got the ceiling of the piazza and boards for the attic floor. Working on the piazza. Got the ceiling done and top finished. The electric folks are still waiting for bolts. Great shower in the afternoon.

Jun 21 – Fair with a cool northwest wind. Working on the piazza and set posts and got out the rails and balusters etc. Grant cut the grass in the corner lot and at night cut back of Charles Seavey's. Elmer was mowing round the wall and raked up the hay.

Jun 22 – Fair and very good hay weather. Got in 2 loads from the corner lot and raked up back of Seavey's, Elmer helping. Mrs. William C. Walker brought postal calling me to the navy yard. Went to town to get articles for the start. Irving putting up the piazza rail and finished back chamber on the wood. (William's wife was Ellen A. Walker. William was the post master.)

Jun 23 – Fair and warm. Went to the navy yard and worked for Uncle Sam in the dock getting it ready to take in the ship "Resolute". Irving was building the front steps and odd jobs. He and Elmer got in hay back of Seavey's. (The second USS Resolute was an auxiliary cruiser and transport that served in the United States Navy in 1898-1899. She served during the Spanish-American War.)

Jun 24 – Fair and warm. Worked for Uncle Sam on the yard and rode on the electric cars in Kittery. Irving and Elmer cut back of the house and under the trees in front and raked that up. The electric road folks have gotten their bolts and Monday will be a rushing day.

Jun 25 – Dull and very light showers but they are good for the potatoes and strawberries. Picked 4 quarts of strawberries this morning and they were good and unexpected.

Jun 26 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. in the dock getting ready to take in the "Resolute" for repairs. Irving and Elmer were haying and cleaned up back of the house and in the thirds under the trees. The further field is cut.

Jun 27 – Fair and hot with high west winds and good for hay making, they got in 2 loads. Worked for the U.S. on the "Resolute". The electric road is going along more rapidly and they will soon have rails laid past the house.

Jun 28 – Dull all day and rain came on at noon and continued into the night and it helped the potatoes much. Worked for the U.S. in the mast house on the brow. The ship is to be taken in July 5th. Canney has but all the grass on this side of the road. No haying today.

Jun 29 – Fair with a west wind and good hay weather and they raked up all that was cut also got in from the further field. Worked for the U.S. on the new brow in the mast house. The electric road folks connected the rails as far as our house today.

Jun 30 – Fair and good haying weather and they got in all on the south side of the road except scatterings. Grant cut the thirds. Worked for the U.S. and this ends June and the fiscal year at the yard. Worked 7 days this ½ month.

Jul 1 – Fair and very drying. Irving and Elmer got in the scatterings and also got in all in the thirds. Grant finished the cutting so if good weather we will finish on Monday. Worked for the U.S. on the yard in the mast house on the brow and got that done. The electric cars began running regular “today in Portsmouth”.

Jul 2 – Fair and drying with a southwest breeze and many bicycles are going by. At 3 went to ride to see the electric road and called to see Guss Rand and Seavey and others.

Jul 3 – Fair, hot and drying. Worked for U.S. getting ready to put the ship into dry dock. Irving and Elmer finished my haying and getting in 5 loads in front of Dolly’s. The crop is very light. The electric cars are running in Portsmouth.

Jul 4 – The Glorious 4th and it was very hot and drying and we had to keep shady. Irving and Edith and the babies were over to dinner and the day. We had chickens and peas and strawberries. Moved the old stove down in the lane and the coal stove into the kitchen.

Jul 5 – Fair and hot and dry as ever. Worked for the U.S. and took in the ship “Resolute” and it was a success. Irving was at home and Elmer put Paris Green on the potatoes.

(Frank James Trefethen married Margaret “Maggie” Burchill on this day.)

Jul 6 – Fair and hot and drying. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. There is now quite a gang on the yard and likely to be more. Irving went to town to get boards planed for work house.

Jul 7 – Fair and hot and very drying. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute” making templates for the bilge blocks. The electric road folks are pushing the work of setting poles. Irving had been building the storm house and got ready to shingle.

Jul 8 – Dull and rain came on at 10 and we had a good rain that will help the vegetation greatly. Worked for the U.S. and we got wet some in the dock. The electric cars run regular to the Portsmouth line.

Jul 9 – Dull and foggy in the morning and cleared off at 10. Went down to see the Wentworth Bridge with Irving and he is to begin repairing it tomorrow. We saw the great Wentworth House and it is running with 300 guests and is expecting as many more.

Jul 10 – Fair and drying. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. Irving and Yeaton began on the Wentworth Bridge and made a beginning with the top planking.

Jul 11 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. The electric road goes along slow.

Jul 12 – Fair and dry and need rain. Worked for the U.S. on the dock plank. They took the ship “Resolute” out of dry dock at noon after painting the bottom. Irving and Yeaton are working on the Wentworth Bridge.

Jul 13 – Worked for the U.S. mending the deck of the “Resolute”. It is very dry all round but potatoes are getting along very well. Dug some and found them better than expected.

Jul 14 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. Irving worked on the Wentworth Bridge and finished and began on the White Rock Bridge.

Jul 15 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the yard making 13 days this 1st half. Irving and Yeaton were hewing out stringers for the White Rock Bridge. Got spikes from Rider and Cotton.

Jul 16 – Dull and rain came on at noon and ran through the day and helped the crops much. At 4 Sawyer came to see about the bridge and turnout etc.

Jul 17 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on molding the loft making molds for the bilge blocks. Irving and Yeaton were working on the White Rock Bridge. Electric road goes on slowly.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. making molds for the blocks. Irving was sick and Yeaton and John Odiorne were planking the White Rock Bridge.

Jul 19 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. getting ready to take the “Raleigh” into the dry dock. Irving was sick and Yeaton was on the bridge. (USS Raleigh was a United States Navy protected cruiser of the Cincinnati class, commissioned in 1894 and in periodic service until 1919. On 26 April, the US Congress declared war against Spain and Raleigh is credited with firing the first shot of the Battle of Manila Bay.)

Jul 20 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on board of the “Raleigh” planking for as she was taken into dry dock at 11 o clock for repairs.

Jul 21 – Fair and hot with a high southwest wind and signs of showers. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute” putting up bulkheads. Yeaton and Irving worked ½ day on the bridge.

Jul 22 – Fair and not very hot. We had a light shower in the night that cooled off. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. Irving was working on the house on the piazza lattice. Yeaton dug out the well and graded round the house.

Jul 23 – Cloudy and cool but no rain. Went down to see the White Rock Bridge. John Ichabod called at 5, he is 82 last June. Edith and Irving came at 6 o clock. Called to see Seavey and Abbie.

Jul 24 – Fair and very dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. The ship “Eagle” arrived at the yard today for repairs. Irving was putting the lattice work under the piazza. (The USS Eagle

served in the United States Navy from 1898–1919, and saw action in the Spanish–American War. On 29 June, she shelled the Spanish battery at Rio Honda and on 12 July captured the Spanish merchantman Santo Domingo.)

Jul 25 – Dull all day and rain came on at 5 and ran through the night. Worked for the U.S. Irving finished the lattice work. Yeaton worked on the well.

Jul 26 – Dull and rainy until 2. Worked for the U.S. Irving and Yeaton not here. Got orders to repair the Concord Point Bridge on Friday.

Jul 27 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. in the dock at packing up under the “Raleigh” for the iron plates. The state senators of New Hampshire were visiting the yard. They are putting in the curve at the Corner and setting in the poles.

Jul 28 – Fair. Working for the U.S. Irving and Charles Yeaton began the top planking on the Concord Point Bridge. At night Fred Parsons came down and gave me checks for work on the bridges, \$204.25. There was 9 shipwrights discharged tonight.

Jul 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Resolute”. Received the money for the bridges and paid it out, Broughton \$126.24, Wendell C. Rider and Cotton \$4.89, C. Yeaton \$24.00 and Irving \$21.00 and others.

Jul 30 – Showery in the morning then cleared off with a northwest wind. We have plenty of cucumbers now. Red Astrachan apples are coming along.

Jul 31 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Yeaton and Irving have been digging out the well and got down to a ledge in 18 inches of water. So I told them to stone it up as water is generally very low and there will be plenty.

Aug 1 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute” Yeaton and Irving dug out and stoned the well up to within 3 feet of the top and will have about 2 feet of water.

Aug 2 – Fair and drying. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute”. Irving went to Hampton. Yeaton finished the well stoning and grading and we have 2 feet of water.

Aug 3 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. Irving to York and Yeaton cutting bushes.

Aug 4 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Sandoval”. Yeaton cutting bushes beside the road in the “Dark Entry”. (USS Sandoval (1895) was an Alvarado-class gunboat acquired by the United States Navy from the Spanish as a prize-of-war.)

Aug 5 – Fair, hot and drying. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat “Sandoval”. Irving is not here. Charles Yeaton was working on the highway cutting bushes to the Rye and Portsmouth line. Jewel went home to Hampton at 2.

Aug 6 – Fair and very hot and dry and there is much riding that stirs up dust. Tis said the electric road put on an open car today. They only run to the Rye line, no trolley wire in Rye yet.

Aug 7 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. Irving is not here. Yeaton is on the road trimming bushes near the Rye line.

Aug 8 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Sandoval”. Irving all day on the house and Yeaton set out celery plants and cabbages. The railroad folks have begun stretching wires in Rye.

Aug 9 – Fair and dry and cool in the morning. Worked for the U.S. on the “Alvarado” making mast combings. Yeaton went up to town and Irving on the Seavey Bridge. The railroad have hung wires to the White Rock house. (The White Rock House being owned by William Small who bought it from John Grover. It was originally the town farm property.)

Aug 10 – Fair in the morning and at 10 rains came in and ran through the day. Worked for the U.S. all day. Irving was painting blinds and Yeaton was working in town. The electric road was hanging the trolley wire and got on as far as the Jim Blaine house.

Aug 11 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to the yard but no muster and came home and worked in the new house casing windows and sand papering wood work etc. Irving was painting blinds and got them nearly done. The railroad folks are running wires.

Aug 12 – Dull but no rain. Worked for the U.S. on the mast combing on the “Alvarado”. Warm and dog day weather and this makes the cucumbers grow.

Aug 13 – Fair and hot but the dust is gone for a little while. Saw Mr. Odiorne go past for a day's pleasure.

Aug 14 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. Irving built the well curb and picked the early apples etc. There is talk of the “Resolute” going to Puerto Rico to carry food to the destitute from the hurricane last week.

Aug 15 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Sandoval”, the Spanish boat. Irving went after black berries with Erving Rand. Canney hauled a load of lumber for the barn at the corner.

Aug 16 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. Irving put the sills, of the barn at the corner, together and laid the first floor and Canney hauled the balance of the stock.

Aug 17 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. Irving raised most of the building frame today and got ready for the windows etc.

Aug 18 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop making the hatch way. Irving has been on the building and began to board. The railroad folks stretched the trolley wire past the house today and set the guide poles.

Aug 19 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop making the hatch. Irving working on the new barn at the corner, the body is up and boarded. The electric road folks are putting in the “Turnout” near the White Rock Bridge and stringing wires.

Aug 20 – Dull and cloudy most of the day and the wind was northeast. So we had a nice cool day for Sunday. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called in the morning and got apples and picked up about 2 bushels of William’s Favorites for market.

Aug 21 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. Irving worked on the new barn and got rafters up and some boarding.

Aug 22 – Dull and rainy. Worked for the U.S. Irving worked on the new barn and got the roof on.

Aug 23 – Dull but no rain. Worked for the U.S. Irving went to town and got lumber for the Birch Hill railing and worked for town. The railroad finished the “turnout” at White Rock Bridge today.

Aug 24 – Dull but no rain. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. Irving was building railing at Birch Hill for the town. The electric road ran the first car past the house today at 4 o clock to Lang’s corner and back to see that all was right.

Aug 25 – Dull in the morning after a night of rain then cleared off. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. Irving finished the railing and worked some for me. The Locke reunion today at the town hall. One electric car went to Lang’s corner today.

Aug 26 – Fair but cooler. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. Irving worked on the barn and got one side well-nigh shingled. The electric road folks have been getting ready to run cars to Lang’s corner and will run hourly tomorrow.

Aug 27 – Fair as usual with a northeast wind. The electric cars run regularly every hour after 9 o clock. Mr. Hayes came down at 10:30 and we went to Concord Point and up round the center and back and he took a car at Lang’s corner for home.

Aug 28 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. Irving was shingling on the new barn.

Aug 29 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop and got well along with the hatch. Irving finished the new barn shingling today. Lizzie was looking for Miss Tuckerman but she did not come.

Aug 30 – Foggy in the morning then cleared off drying. Worked for the U.S. Irving worked on the barn getting the windows in. The electric cars begin running at 9 in the morning.

Aug 31 – Foggy and cool with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. Irving was working on the barn getting in windows and trimming. This afternoon the first electric car went to Rye Center with the engineers and workmen.

Sep 1 – Dull most of the day and at night rain came down freely. Worked for the U.S. At noon notice was given that there will be no work Monday next as it is “Labor Day”, a holiday and shall receive pay.

Sep 2 – Raining after an all-night of rain and it has been just what we suffered for and all vegetation got a good wetting. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. The cars are to run to the Center every hour tomorrow.

Sep 3 – Dull in the forenoon the cleared off warm. The cars began running at 9 o clock.

Sep 4 – Fair and warm. This was “Labor Day” and we had a day off and had a day of rest. At 11 went to the Center on the cars to a hearing about continuing the road to North Hampton. Edith and the babies were over in the afternoon. Levi Hall called in the morning from Boston.

Sep 5 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop. Irving was home digging potatoes. Yeaton is working in Portsmouth.

Sep 6 – Fair and cool with night northwest winds. Worked for the U.S. Irving is not here. Warren Keen has bought another horse. (Warren is living on Brackett road, north of Clark road, by the East School.)

Sep 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. and went on the electric car for the first time. They began running a morning car today. We must pay 10 cents each way. There were not many passengers this morning as it was not expected. The cars were crowded all day.

Sep 8 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop and got about done there. Irving was clapboarding the new barn.

Sep 9 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Raleigh” taking up deck planks to take the boiler and engine out. Irving was working on the barn. The electric cars are doing regular business.

Sep 10 – Fair and cooler with a north wind. The electric cars are doing a big business to Rye Center.

Sep 11 – Fair and cool in the morning. Worked for the U.S. Irving was digging potatoes part of the day then clapboarding on the barn.

Sep 12 – Dull and wet. Some rain but not heavy. Worked for the U.S. Irving worked on the barn. The electrics are running regularly every hour after 6 in the morning.

Sep 13 – Fair and good weather for working for the U.S. on the ship “Raleigh”. Irving was digging potatoes and working on the barn. The railroad folks are filling in the road above Joseph William Seavey’s as high as the rails.

Sep 14 – Fair and cold in the morning. Worked for the U.S. Irving finished digging my potatoes today and shall get 25 bushels. Lizzie went to the Rochester fair with Mamie Foss and others.

Sep 15 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Irving was at work for Charles Martin at shingling. Went on electrics and Horace Sawyer went up with me in the morning.

Sep 16 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. in the dock getting ready to take in the “Eagle”. The “Raleigh” was taken out of the dock yesterday. Irving has got my potatoes in except a few in front of the house, 25 bushels. Getting ready to build a cistern.

Sep 17 - Fair and cool. Stickney was down to see some land in front of John Odiorne’s. Wife and Lizzie went to church on the cars. Albert Brackett’s wife Mary Abby was on the car and went to church with them.

Sep 18 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The ship “Eagle” and “ferry boat 132” were taken into dry dock today at noon. Irving worked on the barn. Wife and Lizzie and Abbie went to town.

Sep 19 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute” and many were in the dock. Irving was clapboarding the barn. The next ship to be taken into the dock is the “Yankton”. (USS Yankton was a steel-hulled schooner built in 1893 at Leith, Scotland. She was converted to a gunboat by the US Navy and partook in the Spanish–American War serving as a gunboat.)

Sep 20 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Resolute” laying the deck, a quick job. Irving was not here. Went to town on the electric car and there were quite a full company including John Locke, Joe Berry, Bruce Caswell and others.

Sep 21 – Fair in the forenoon but at 1:30 had a heavy shower. Worked for the U.S. At 9 went aboard the ship “Yankton”. 975 tons to plank her and at 2 she went into the dry dock for

painting. The ship "Eagle" was taken out of the dock. Sold John H. Stickney ¼ acre of land in front of John E. Odiorne's.

Sep 22 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for the U.S. on the ship "Raleigh" taking up the deck for the iron platers. She is to have all new decks. Irving finished clapboarding the new barn. The workmen greatly enjoy riding on the electric cars to town. We go at 6:40 and arrive at the North Church at 10 minutes before 7 am.

Sep 23 – Fair and cool with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. in the forenoon on the "Raleigh" and in the afternoon on the "Eagle" cutting out deck. Warren Keen has been home a week. We were paid at noon \$39.52 for half month. Received rent from Hayes of \$16.00. Irving was finishing carpenter work on the house.

Sep 24 – Dull with signs of rain but cleared off at noon. Went with wife to see Mrs. Holmes on the 2:30 car.

Sep 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Irving was at work on the new barn finishing the doors, privy, stairs etc. The early electric car is well patronized now by the workmen. Seavey and Charles E. go on them now.

Sep 26 – Fair and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. Irving was away ½ day. Nearly everyone who desires work can get it now under the McKinley boom now that we are rid of the Cleveland blight.

Sep 27 – Fair and cool with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. on the ship "Eagle". Irving is working on the house and barn at the corner. There will be 3 or 4 new buildings put at the yard soon.

Sep 28 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. on the ship "Eagle" mending the deck house. Admiral Dewey arrived in New York yesterday from Manila and is "the hero of the hour" and is to have a great celebration tomorrow.

Sep 29 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the ship "Eagle". Irving was picking apples. The great Dewey time in New York where there was the greatest crowd ever together in the United States.

Sep 30 – Fair and cold and freezing in the morning. Worked for the U.S. We rode on the electric car that was heated and propelled by electricity. Irving was picking apples.

Oct 1 – Cool and fair. At 3 went to Rye Center then called on Joseph William Seavey and wife Mary.

Oct 2 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Eagle”. Irving picked apples etc. Great Dewey time in Washington. The President gave Dewey a sword presented by Congress.

Oct 3 – Cold and fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Eagle”. Irving finished picking apples and got 12 barrels and 30 bushels of cider apples. The great boat race between “Columbia” and the English boat “Shamrock” is to be in New York.

Oct 4 – Fair and cold in the morning but soon became warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Irving cut bedding and other jobs. Got my pay for the gravel of the Boston and Maine Railroad, \$24.25. Got pay from the town for the bridge work etc.

Oct 5 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. Irving has finished picking the apples and we have 12 barrels in the cellar and 31 bushels for cider which I want to have made soon.

Oct 6 – Dull and the rain came down at 2:30 pm. Worked for the U.S. at building a slip to haul timber into the “Santee” ship house. There is much talk about the expected boat race off New York but no wind and no race yet.

Oct 7 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. and there is hustling to get the ships ready to sail. The last end of the Old ship house was pulled down today and lies in a heap to be torn up and carted off. Charles H. Rand’s youngest daughter is to be married tomorrow. (His daughter is **Nellie T. Rand and is to be married to William C. Philbrick.**)

Oct 8 – Fair and mild with a south wind. The first electric car went to the Center at 8:30 since which they have been well filled. Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth came down at 2 on a car to talk and eat pears. They seemed to enjoy it and walked down to the turnout to take cars back.

Oct 9 – Dull with much fog. Worked for the U.S. Made arrangements to have the new house and barn painted a 2nd coat and Irving is to do it. Am hoping soon to have the cistern built so it will be drying.

Oct 10 – Fair and mild with no wind. Worked for the U.S. Irving began painting the new house.

Oct 11 – Fair after the heavy morning fog. Worked for the U.S. Irving is painting the barn. There is much talk about the boat race to come off at New York as there seems to be the feeling that the English boat will win.

Oct 12 – Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Raleigh”. Irving is painting the new house. Sent my apples off to make cider, Webster Philbrick with 30 bushels.

Oct 13 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. Irving is painting the new house and barn.

Oct 14 – Fair and very warm for the season. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” taking out bolts and castings. Irving painting the new house. They have a great Dewey celebration in Boston today and everything is said and done about Dewey the hero of Manila.

Oct 15 – Fair and warm as July and everything is green again except the tree leaves. Wife and Lizzie went to church on the car at 10:25.

Oct 16 – Fair and cool but good October weather. Worked for the U.S. and go and come on the electric car. We are getting up a petition to the road to give us reduced fare. There is much talk about the yacht race to come off at New York soon.

Oct 17 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Irving is painting the new house. We are expecting soon to have the cistern built and get ready for water. Daniel Perry, the dock master at the navy yard, fell on a pile of timber and was very badly hurt.

Oct 18 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Piscataqua”. (USS Piscataqua was an armed tug in commission from 1898 to 1922. She saw service in the Spanish–American War, and she operated in the Philippines during and after the Philippine–American War.)

Oct 19 – Fair and fall like and cool with falling leaves. Worked for the U.S. The ships “Eagle” and “Yankton” went to sea today to go to Cuba. The great boat race came off at New York and the English boat “Shamrock” was beaten by the “Columbia” of New York.

Oct 20 – A high northeast rain storm most of the day. Worked for the U.S. at squaring the deck. There was but a few carpenters there. Daniel Perry, dock master is dead and to be buried next Sunday. (Daniel died in Kittery and was the son of William Perry and Elizabeth Billings.)

Oct 21 – Fair and quite cold with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. on the tug boat “Piscataqua”. Irving was helping the masons in the building of a cistern at the new house. At night Lizzie went to town with a horse for me to drive home. Received house rent of \$16.00.

Oct 22 – Fair and cool with some ice in the morning. The electric road did quite a business today. They have lately been leveling up the track and putting in crossing plank and rod ties.

Oct 23 – Dull with some rain. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Potomac”. Herman finished my cistern today and when it is dry enough can let the water in. The English are at war with the Boers of South Africa. (USS Potomac a tug built in 1897. Was purchased by the United States Navy from the Ocean Towing and Wrecking Company on 14 April 1898 for service in the Spanish–American War.)

Oct 24 – Clouds but generally fair. Worked for the U.S. on the “Potomac”. Irving has been painting the front end of the new house. Lizzie Green was down to Abbie’s to tea and went up to John’s on the electric car. Adams Drake is to have “Pluggy” for \$4.00 worth of grain.

Oct 25 – Fair and hot as summer. Worked for the U.S. on the “Potomac”. Irving is painting the front end of the new house. This evening there was a harvest supper at the town hall and many from Portsmouth came down to the entertainment.

Oct 26 – Fair and hot with a south wind. Worked for the U.S. at getting the dock ready to take in the tug “Potomac”. Irving was helping Canney at making doors on the west end of the barn. Wife and Abbie went to town to sign deeds of pasture.

Oct 27 – Fair and warm as June. Worked for the U.S. in the dry dock getting ready to take in the “Potomac” and the “Emerald”. Irving is making doors to the barn for Herbert Canney. Joe Berry is tending court.

Oct 28 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. The tug boat “Potomac” and ferry boat “Emerald” were taken into dry dock at noon for painting. News came that work would be stopped on some ships and the gangs will be greatly reduced. Carl Carty the mason wants to hire the new house. (Carl Carty and wife Catherine are to rent the corner house at Trefethen’s Corner.)

Oct 29 – Dull and some rain. Mild with green grass. The electric cars began running at 8 but not full.

Oct 30 – Dull and muggy. Worked for the U.S. in the dry dock getting ready to take the 2 Spanish gunboats in tomorrow.

Oct 31 – Dull and wet and we had a very hard day’s work in the dock taking out the “Potomac” and “Emerald” and taking in the “Alvarado” and “Sandoval” for painting.

Nov 1 – Dull. Worked for the U.S. on skid beams for boat rests. All say there is to be a big discharge soon.

Nov 2 – Fair and chilly. Worked for the U.S. at odd jobs. My cold is awful bad.

Nov 3 – Fair and chilly. Worked for the U.S. on the “Piscataqua” getting ready for the boat rests. My cold is as bad as ever.

Nov 4 – Rainy and dull all day and stopped at home to try and get my cold better. It is very bad with a head plugged up and sore throat.

Nov 5 – Dull and kept housed all day to try to get better.

Nov 6 – Fair and very mild for the season and am too sick to go to the yard so have been trying to get better. Sent Lizzie to see Dr. John and get some remedies and got potash tablets and nose powder and other stuff.

Nov 7 – Fair and mild with a southerly wind but bad for my cold. Irving went to town to get stock to make a horse stall and finish the privy and cistern top etc. Baby Russell was over to see me.

Nov 8 – Fair and mild. My cold is bad yet and must stay in. Irving is finishing the outside painting. Russell and Edith were over again.

Nov 9 – Fair and mild. Am still laid up with a cold and sore throat. Walter Rand came down and went with him to see about his painting inside of the new house. Going to finish it on the wood.

Nov 10 – Fair and mild. Stopped in the house most of the time. Walter Rand and Irving began the inside painting of the new house.

Nov 11 – Dull with signs of rain. I had thought to go to the yard to get my pay but it was too dull.

Nov 12 – Dull and snowy all day and cold so the snow was blowing about. Kept in the house all day all I possibly could. My nose is as tight as ever and have to breathe through my mouth.

Nov 13 – Fair and cold with 2 inches of snow. Kept in the house. Walter Rand and Irving were wood finishing in the new house.

Nov 14 – Fair and cold in the morning, 14 above. Irving and Walter Rand were putting on wood finish in the new house. Ed Stickney was down to buy land at the spring lot.

Nov 15 – Dull and wet most of the day. Kept housed except going down to the new house a few minutes. Irving was building a horse stall in the new barn. Lizzie was going to town but the rain scarred her. Irving went down to see Warren Keen and he said I was not discharged from the yard.

Nov 16 – Fair and mild and pleasant. Went to the yard at 11 and got ½ months' pay and carried Drs. Certificate to get re-mustered but the constructor was away and could do nothing. Walter Rand and Irving were putting on oil finish.

Nov 17 – Fair and mild. Still on the sick list. Walter and Irving Rand got the oil finish and painting done in the new house and am well pleased with it.

Nov 18 – Fair and mild. Cleaning up round the new house and cellar. Irvin built a coal pen, put up conductor and covered the cistern. Arthur got the bricks out of the cellar etc. Went to town

at 3 to carry milk, apples and cider. Gave 1 gallon of cider to George Hayes in the Lincoln Ave. house in town.

Nov 19 – Mild, dull and cloudy all day with signs of rain. The cars have been running every hour since 8 this morning.

Nov 20 – Fair and mild. Went to town and got a barrel of flour at \$5.00 per barrel named “Rob Roy”. The electric cars run every hour. Worked at the new house, cleared the cellar, covered the cistern and put in the sink trap and pipe etc. Got cough drops for mother.

Nov 21 – Fair and mild. Went to the navy yard to try to get re-mustered but have put it over to next week. They have money but no work. There is much talk about the war in “Manila”. Tis said the insurgents are about to give up.

Nov 22 – Dull with some rain most of the day. Jobbing round and cleaned out the privy and hens and chickens houses and put in coal ashes. Cleared out the cellar and other odd jobs.

Nov 23 – Fair. News came that Garrett A. Hobart; the Vice President died this morning at Patterson, New Jersey.

Nov 24 – Fair and mild and had a day of rest. Went down to see the “4 acres” for mother. At 2 went to town hall to try to get my pay for the land and trees taken by the electric railroad but the selectmen had not received it.

Nov 25 – Fair and pleasant. Went to town at 9 to market and saw all the navy yard men off on vacation. The funeral of the Vice President, Hobart of New Jersey, who died last Thursday, was held at 2. The President and cabinet and many Senators and Representatives were there.

Nov 26 – Fair and cooler, freezing in the morning. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Lambert the Baptist give a union Thanksgiving sermon at the Congregational Church with Mr. Mills. Edith and Irving came over at 4.

Nov 27 – Fair. Went to town and to the yard to see about going to work again. They said I should go to work tomorrow. Came home at noon and put new leathers to the sink and barn pump and got ready to go to the yard.

Nov 28 – Dull and cloudy all day. Went to the yard again and worked for the U.S. at getting ready to build ways to haul up new torpedo boats. There were some surprised to see me back again. Went and came on the cars. Irving is working for Everett Seavey. (Supply is 66 years old at this time.)

Nov 29 – Cloudy and mild but no frost in the morning. Worked for the U.S. The dock contractors are digging out and hauling away the top soil and getting ready to blast the ledge. In some places it will be 40 feet. Got my Thanksgiving turkey at 22 cents, 9 ¾ lbs.

Nov 30 – Cloudy and mild. This was Thanksgiving Day appointed by the President and no work on the yard. Edith and her family came to dinner of turkey and fixings. Russell had a gay time. Irving helped me to fix the sink outlet and to let water in to the cisterns and banked up the cellar case.

Dec 1 – Cloudy and mild. Worked for the U.S. on the yard taking down the old running ways to make ways in the Franklin ship house to haul up the torpedo boats. The dry dock contractor is working a large gang digging out top gravel.

Dec 2 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the ways. They are talking of building a new brass foundry for construction and another for steam engineering. The dock folks are to rush work during the mild weather.

Dec 3 – Fair and mild as September. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Abbie went to hear Mr. Lambert. Mr. Hayes came down on the car to call a few minutes. He is not very well. Went at 4 to see Warren Keen.

Dec 4 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 5 – Cloudy and some snow. Worked for the U.S.

Dec 6 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. Irving was on the house.

Dec 7 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Irving was working on the new house and Sweetser came down to solder the sink trap. Carl Carty and wife Catherine were down to see the house and wanted some papering done.

Dec 8 – Cloudy and cool. Worked for the U.S. The “Sandoval” and “Alvarado” were taken out the dock and the tug “Piscataqua” was taken in for repairs. Lizzie and Irving went to town to get paper for 2 rooms in the new house and Walter Rand began to put it on.

Dec 9 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. getting ready to take the tug “Piscataqua” out of the dock and she came out at 11 o clock. Had a job of concreting around bolts near the boat shop. Got pay for 3 days in November last ½ month. Saw George Webber at night.

Dec 10 – Dull and cloudy all day and looked like snow but none came. The cars run every hour.

Dec 11 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop etc.

Dec 12 – Dull all day and we had a good shower at 3 and cleared off at 5. Worked for the U.S. in the boat shop.

Dec 13 – Fair and mild as August. Stayed at home to go to town to settle up Grandmother's estate and got through very well. Thomas N. Hart is elected Mayor of Boston.

Dec 14 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish gunboats mending rails. They have a large gang at work on the new dry dock.

Dec 15 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Went to the yard and “no muster” then came home at 9. It cleared off at noon and at 2 went to town and settled with the lawyer Bartlett for him to make returns to Judge of Probate. Sawyer was on the car and had a talk with him about what the town owes me.

Dec 16 – Fair with a northwest wind and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish gunboats. Congress is in session and a currency bill is up to establish the gold standard. The next Republican National Convention will be in Philadelphia.

Dec 17 – Dull all day. Lizzie and Edith went to church to hear Mr. Mills. Edith and Irving came at 4.

Dec 18 – Fair and mild and muddy. Worked for the U.S. England has a war in South Africa. Warren Keen worked at the yard and rides in the wagon. Herman is plastering in town. Foggy at night.

Dec 19 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boats. All are thinking of Christmas and getting ready. The stores in town are filled with trash. Wife and Lizzie went to town on cars today.

Dec 20 – Fair and bright and not cold. Worked for the U.S. General Lawton was killed in the Philippines yesterday.

Dec 21 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boats. Lizzie goes to town nearly every day on cars to see if Christmas is anywhere in sight. I see that turkeys are very plenty at 15 to 20 cents per lb., Geese also.

Dec 22 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. and the weather is mild as October with no frost in the ground and rarely have it mornings. December is going and no snow to be seen. They say we will have a “green” Christmas and much sickness. Dwight L Moody died today at noon in Northfield, Massachusetts.

Dec 23 – Dull most of the day. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish and they are nearly done. They are to build ways and haul up the torpedo boats. Christmas is near and tonight all were getting bundles in town and the car was well represented with them.

Dec 24 – Dull all day with a southwest wind with signs of rain this evening. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mill preach Christmas. The cars are not heavy loaded today on account of dull weather.

Dec 25 – Cool and cloudy but not cold. Christmas Day and went to town at 9 to see the town and bought a bushel of onions for 60 cents, papers etc. had a turkey for dinner. Edith and babies were over. Bessie is 5 and Russell is 1 ¼ years. They had a good time.

Dec 26 – Fair and cooler. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. The dock builders are going on with the new dock, with a large gang digging and blasting and other work necessary for its construction. They are to build 2 large cofferdams.

Dec 27 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. putting up a pendulum in “Dahlgren” to ascertain her stability of the ship, with 10 men changing from side to side. (Assigned to the Atlantic Torpedo Fleet, Dahlgren operated out of Portsmouth, N.H., and Newport, R.I., developing tactics for her new type of ship and training crews.)

Dec 28 – Fair and cold, the coldest morning this winter. Worked for the U.S. building ways to haul the “Dahlgren” up in the ship house. There is ice and the boys can skate as much as they please.

Dec 29 – Fair and cold. Solid wheeling and ice making for the icemen. Worked for the U.S. building ways to haul out on. The wars are going on in the Philippines and South Africa. Tis said the insurgents are about disbanded in the Philippines.

Dec 30 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house. Charles Shannon and Jake Cris are in the gang of 10. In all the departments of the yard there are now 700 men. They say about 50 boat builders and a large gang of ship “fitters”.

Dec 31 – Very cold, 5 above. This is the coldest so far with no snow in sight and there is not much travel. Be it known of all men that in the year of 1899 the electric railroad from Portsmouth to Rye Center was established and put in operation and now running hourly cars for 10 cents fare from Portsmouth to the Center.

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Jan 1 – New Year’s Day and it is the most stormy of any this winter. Snow began to come down at 7 am. and increased to a gale and gained fast. So at night we have nearly one foot of dry snow and still coming rapidly. Had a busy day of it getting ready for the change. Split wood and fixed up for the hens, horse and cow. Got the sleigh down for use. Went up and agreed with Albert Rand to have the road broke out from Lang’s corner to the Center school house. The electric cars stopped running at noon. The snow plow went over the road up and down. Those who went on cars to town this morning will have hard work to get home tonight. Not much riding. Charles Grant hauled coal for John Locke. Perley Styles hauled malt and left a bushel for me. Chauncey Woodman went by with a rock cart. The baker went past this morning.

Jan 2 – Cold and had to shovel snow until 10 then went to town and to the yard and worked ½ day. The cars run now regularly. There is one foot of snow and Joseph W. Seavey broke out to the Portsmouth line.

Jan 3 – Fair and cold, 2 above in the morning. Worked for the U.S. on the yard at building way to haul up the “Dahlgren”. Heard that Albert Brackett was sick.

Jan 4 – Fair and cold with bad sleighing. Worked for the U.S. Is said there will be a steam mill put into John L. Seavey’s wood lot near the Goss farm. Also that Mrs. Irvin Seavey wants to sell the farm.

Jan 5 – Fair and cold, 4 above. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. Water is very scarce and icemen are mourning as they can get no ice.

Jan 6 – Fair and more mild but good winter weather. Worked for the U.S. on the yard making 5 days this week with Monday as a holiday.

Jan 7 – Fair, mild and thawy with good sleighing. The cars are well filled at 3 and 4. Edith and Irving came at 4.

Jan 8 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on ways in the Franklin ship house. The sleighing is good and go to town on the car at 6:30 am. and return at 5:50 pm.

Jan 9 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Worked for the U.S. at building ways in the Franklyn ship house. The English and Boers are having hard fighting in South Africa. (Boer: a South African of Dutch, German, or Huguenot descent.)

Jan 10 – Dull in the morning then cleared off more mild. Worked for the U.S. Tis said Mrs. Irvin Seavey wants to sell her farm. Lizzie went to the festival with Chauncey Woodman and wife Carrie.

Jan 11 – Cloudy and cold. We had a stormy night and the track was so icy that the car was 2 hours late and I lost ½ day at the yard. Went up at 9 and worked ½ day. In town the cars got off the tracks.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. The traveling is getting good again and everything seems to be gliding along as usual.

Jan 13 – Cloudy but not rain. Worked for the U.S. on ways in the ship house getting ready to haul up. It is the best of sledding and those who improve it now will do the right thing. The cars are running regularly with the help of the snow plow.

Jan 14 – Cloudy and mild and the best of sleighing. Lizzie went to church to hear Mills. At 2 went to town to see Albert Brackett. He has been on the sick list for 5 or 6 weeks. He is some better now he thinks. Dysentery is one trouble.

Jan 15 – Fair and not cold but the best of sleighing and sledding. Worked for the U.S. on the yard.

Jan 16 – Dull and rainy until noon then cleared off mild and thawy. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house. Yeaton cut logs for me and Canney hauled a load to the mill in town.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold, freezing all day. Worked for the U.S. Tonight is Rider Clark's dance at the Rye town hall and 2 car loads have gone with Lizzie. Edith and Irving on board and crowded. Etta Rand came home tonight.

Jan 18 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S.

Jan 19 – Mild and thawy all day. Worked for the U.S. Congress is working on a bill to give the navy department more money. Tis thought the war in the Philippines is nearly over and the U.S. government will have full possession.

Jan 20 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house on a cradle and we had a comfortable day of it. The cradle and ways are well-nigh done and as soon as the tide serves right. Irving brought 2 barrels of gravel for the hens.

Jan 21 – Fair and colder, freezing. The snow has settled to 5 or 6 inches with icy paths and roads. It seems as if there might be plenty of water now in all directions. At 3 went to see Guss Rand with Irving and he is no better. We then went down to see 2 trees for Irving.

Jan 22 – Fair and thawing. Worked for the U.S. getting ready to haul up the ship.

Jan 23 – Fair and mild and thawing so that sleighing is bad. Worked for the U.S. Charles Yeaton put my sled together and ready for use. He is on the sick list with a cold. Webster Philbrick's son

cut his foot badly. The rails for railroad extension are hauled from the Center to North Hampton.

Jan 24 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. hauled the new cradle down and up over the ways to test it. At night we have signs of snow. Heard this evening that Albert Brackett was not well yesterday. Dolly was up to dine today, she is 83.

Jan 25 – Dull and rainy all day and icy. Worked for the U.S. in the plant. Got one wet foot and some cold in addition. Got paid for the 1st half of the month, \$36.48. There is some talk of making another cradle and hauling up the torpedo boat “Craven”. Albert Brackett is very sick. (The USS Craven was launched 25 September 1899. Sailing from Portsmouth Navy Yard 19 June 1900, Craven reported to the Naval Torpedo Station at Newport.)

Jan 26 – Fair and cold and freezing all day with a high northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. in the steel plant putting up racks for the angle irons and rods. Albert Brackett was no better this evening and the doctors give no hope.

Jan 27 – Fair and very cold and windy and so did not go to the yard but stayed near the fire to try and cure my cold. Lewis Odiorne called at 11. Canney left some malt. At 2:30 Lizzie went to town for me to get medicine etc.

Jan 28 – Fair and cold, 10 above. The traveling is very slippery. Went to town in the Pung at 10 to see Albert Brackett. The doctor says he is better today and his symptoms are more favorable and he does not have pain. Lizzie went to see Jennie. Edith and Irving came at 4.

Jan 29 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house getting ready to haul up the ship. All seems to be ready now. Heard that Brackett was full as well.

Jan 30 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S. The torpedo boat “Dahlgren” was hauled up in the Franklin ship house today without any trouble.

Jan 31 – Dull and cloudy. Worked for the U.S. “Shoring up” for safety the ship “Dahlgren”. They are hoping to have the other torpedo boat to haul up later. Worked is short in our gang. This morning the snow plow stove a cart belonging to William Small that was across the track at 5 am.

Feb 1 – Fair and cold with high winds. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house finishing blocking the ship. It was a very cold day. Heard from Brackett at night and he was not quite so well as yesterday.

Feb 2 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Good wheeling. Worked for the U.S. in the steel plant making a rack for iron. The said Brackett was quite easy and it was hoped he was better.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold. Some snow on the ground but no sleighing. Worked for the U.S. in the steel plant. Coming and going in cars. Start at 6:30 and get home at 5:40. There is much talk about the English and Boer war in South Africa. So far the English are not very successful.

Feb 4 – Dull and cloudy with some snow and signs of rain. The cars are running on time but not very full. Heard that Brackett was a little better yesterday.

Feb 5 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. in the steel plant making racks for the angle iron.

Feb 6 – Cloudy and dark. Worked for the U.S. in the steel plant and finished there. I find the cars a great convenience but they cost me something of \$1.20 a week.

Feb 7 – Fair and nice winter day. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Raleigh” taking off the stern chocks. Hear that Albert Brackett is failing in strength and we fear he cannot hold out many more days.

Feb 8 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”.

Feb 9 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. A wet and drizzly day. At night went down to see Albert Brackett and found that he was fast going and could hold out but a short time at the most.

Feb 10 – Dull and cloudy but not cold. Albert Brackett Trefethen died last night at 10:30 as I had feared, age 64 years and 8 months. He had been looking bad for a long time but would not admit it. Worked for the U.S. and received pay the ½ month, \$39.52. (Albert Brackett was the youngest of the Trefethen brothers and was 2 years younger than Supply.)

Feb 11 – Cloudy and cold. Edith and Irving came at 2. She and Lizzie went up to see Etta Rand.

Feb 12 – Dull and storming all day and very wet. Worked for the U.S. on the ship taking off nuts and getting ready to take up the deck planks. All the decks are to be made new. There seems to be plenty of water now and there will be no more complaints on that score for some time.

Feb 13 – A regular southeast rain storm all day. Did not go to the yard. At 1 went to Brackett’s funeral held at 2 at the house. It was so rainy that he was not taken to the tomb but will be tomorrow. There were many of his friends at the house.

Feb 14 – The rain was so heavy that there are floods everywhere. The road was covered at the White Rock Bridge and at Foye’s so we had to go and clear the ice to let out water. Joseph

William Seavey and others helping. Got through at 10 and went to the yard and worked a ½ day.

Feb 15 – Fair and cool. The floods have subsided and snow all gone and wheels are going again. Worked for the U.S. Molineux of New York is sentenced to the chair in March for sending poison by mail that killed a Mrs. Adams.

Feb 16 – Fair most of the day but cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” at putting on the rail and began at the center of the stern. The rail is of teak wood with hard pine deck.

Feb 17 – Dull and cold all day and we were not sorry when the 5 o clock bell rang so we could get out of it. Snow came on at 8 pm.

Feb 18 – A regular northeast snow storm. Canney went late with milk, bad wheeling. The snow plow went through at 7:30 and the car followed and at 11:30, 2 cars went by together. It was cold and blustery.

Feb 19 – Very cold and windy. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There was much shivering.

Feb 20 – Fair and cold in the morning but soon became mild and we had a good day for working on the “Raleigh”.

Feb 21 – Fair and mild and we had a good day at putting on the new rail to the “Raleigh”. The torpedo boat “Craven” arrived from Bath at noon. A coal vessel came at 10. No work tomorrow was said at muster. No snow in the ground.

Feb 22 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. This was a holiday and we had a day at home. Cleaned up round and repaired the horse stall floor etc. Garland came too. We were looking for Edith and the babies to take dinner but it was too rainy. Got 64 eggs.

Feb 23 – Fair and mild in the forenoon but after dinner it was cold and windy. Worked for the U.S. The railroad company is getting ready to go on from Rye Center as soon as possible in March.

Feb 24 – Fair and cloudy and south wind and very chilly. At night saw Herman’s wife Annie in town. She says she is much better. He is plastering a house at Gerrish’s Island. Worked for the U.S. Irving finished hauling out my wood cut in the Varrell lot. Dolly’s cellar has much water. Pay day at the yard.

Feb 25 – Cloudy and cold with snow squalls after an all-night rain. So that we now have water, water, everywhere. I hear much of the cellars are half full of water.

Feb 26 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. In the morning paid A.P. Wendell \$13.00 and settled. (A.P. Wendell and Co. was a department store on Market Square in Portsmouth.)

Feb 27 – Very cold, 6 below in the morning with a high northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. and had a bad day of it and were glad to see the evening when we could draw near the fire.

Feb 28 – Cold with a high wind. Worked for the U.S. but it was disagreeable and we were glad to get home by the fire.

Mar 1 - A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. We worked at the yard but had a soaking day of it and at night it was very slippery and there were many faults.

Mar 2 – Dull in the morning than cleared off cold with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Raleigh” making molds for the border streak on the bow of the main deck. Paid Knights of Honor \$4.00 and think of stopping further expense on that business.

Mar 3 – Fair and cold with a high west wind. Worked for the U.S. and it was cold and chilly day. The prospect is that before many weeks the gangs will be increased some.

Mar 4 – Fair and cold, March weather and the prospect is we will have more of it. The ground is bare and now there is more frost in it than any time before. Kept in the house near the coal fire. Got 50 eggs.

Mar 5 – Cold and windy. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are talking now about the war between the English and Boer and about the U.S. in the Philippines, Cuba, Havana and Puerto Rico and the Presidential election to come this year.

Mar 6 – Cloudy and dull and cold. Worked for the U.S.

Mar 7 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and we have enough for good sleighing. Worked for the U.S. on the bell shed making “meat blocks” and we kept clear of the storm.

Mar 8 – Cloudy and fair. Worked for the U.S. Now that having sledding to do we can go on with it with a clear conscience and free will. The electric road does away with much sleighing.

Mar 9 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. The sleighing is very good today.

Mar 10 – Fair and cold and chilly wind. Worked for the U.S. at putting on a new rail around the stern. The constructor is away at Washington. There is much sickness in this vicinity. Got a new phonograph. Got paid \$33.44.

Mar 11 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills. Ella Rand called on her way to the “turnout” going to town to church. Charles is yet ill with a sore neck. The electrics are running hourly.

Mar 12 – Fair and cold, 5 above in the morning. Worked for the U.S. putting the rail round the stern. Election tomorrow and there is much talk of Calvin Page, Democrat, is the candidate for mayor of Portsmouth and Ed Macintyre is the Republican candidate.

Mar 13 – Fair and cool. This was Election Day and Horace Sawyer was beaten by Richard Locke by 3 votes and all the selectmen are Democrats. There was great excitement on account of the electric road.

Mar 14 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. the election in Portsmouth was carried by Republicans. Edward Macintyre was elected by 282 majority and 8 of the 10 aldermen are Republicans. Charles Yeaton has been cutting wood for me and is getting well along.

Mar 15 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” making molds for the border streak on the gun deck. There seems to be a plenty of ice now and there is a chance to get it in but there is a cry that “ice is scarce”.

Mar 16 – A regular east rain storm until 3 then broke away. Worked for the U.S. in the bell shed making “meat block”. The rain passed down. All hands mustered and made out very well.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold, 5 above in the morning. Worked for the U.S. making 5 days this week with Election Day out.

Mar 18 – Fair and cold. Some snow round by the walls and cold enough to keep it. Canney goes on the milk team. The cars go regular and have some passengers. Irving came at 3.

Mar 19 – Fair and cold as usual. Worked for the U.S.

Mar 20 – Dull with some rain. Worked for the U.S. There was a change of Admirals at the yard. At 10, Admiral Cromwell takes command in place of Remey who is to go to the Philippines. John Sides, watchman died today.

Mar 21 – Fair and cold as usual. Worked for the U.S.

Mar 22 – Fair with cold northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the yard. The Republicans of Kittery hold a caucus tonight and are expecting a hot time.

Mar 23 – Fair and cold and chilling to the bone. Worked for the U.S. Have a bad cold and wanted to be near the fire. Wife and Lizzie went to call on Albert Brackett’s widow Mary Abby.

Mar 24 – Fair with a cold west wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. It was pay day and we got our half monthly payment. The dock contractors paid their men at night. They have now 100 or more at work. The cofferdams are well near done.

Mar 25 – Fair and cold and chilly wind all day and kept in out of it. At 2 Israel and Ruth Miller came for an hour and talked of politics etc. and heard the phonograph.

Mar 26 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. The Kittery folks were off in the forenoon to the town election. They had quite a battle but the Stevenson side won. Henry Rand went up to work this morning. Joseph Odiorne is sick with Gripp.

Mar 27 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. they are going on with the new dry dock the cofferdams are done except ballasting and 20 teams are doing that. The steam drills are at work and much blasting is being done. As soon as they can pump out the work will begin in earnest.

Mar 28 – Cloudy and cold. Worked for the U.S. making molds for the boarder streaks. They are now getting ready to lay the decks. There was an attempt at robbery on the yard last night. The Marines were out and fired several shots but nobody was killed.

Mar 29 – Cloudy but no storm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” boarder streaks of “teak” wood to be unpainted. Captain Amos Rand has been sick 1 month and is to come to work on Monday.

Mar 30 – Fair and the old cold wind is still with us. Worked for the U.S. Tis said that there are more cases of Gripp in Boston than ever before. There are now quite a number of masons and others going on the cars in the morning.

Mar 31 – Dull and cold with signs of snow but none came. Worked for the U.S. making 6 days this week and 14 days this half month. Saw Charles Yeaton and he is to go to work for Emmons Clark on Monday. Irving hauled a load of hay to John Woods. (John E. Woods (1827-1908), owned a grocery store on Pleasant Street, Portsmouth, NH. He settled in Rye, NH, on property across Sagamore Creek from the Wentworth-by-the-Sea. He died in Portsmouth in 1908.)

Apr 1 – Fair and dry with cold north wind.

Apr 2 – Fair and cold with a high wind. Worked for the U.S. The Gripp is on the increase.

Apr 3 – Fair with the same cold wind coming from off the snow banks 4 or 5 feet deep in Laconia and we suffer.

Apr 4 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for the U.S. on the ship making molds. The apprentice boy Brandt Wilson helping. Warren Keen went over but did not work, was too sick.

Apr 5 – Fair and more mild and something like gentle spring. Worked for the U.S. They are not working on the electric road extension yet on account of frost but next Monday are to strike in force.

Apr 6 – Fair but still it is too cold to reduce clothing and so we have to carry as much as winter. Worked for the U.S. Herman's wife Anna Louise is very sick again.

Apr 7 – Fair and spring like. Worked for the U.S. at making molds for boarder around. The gun mounts. Orders were given out to build ways and haul up the "Craven" a torpedo boat in Franklin ship house and a beginning was made.

Apr 8 – Fair with a cold wind from the northwest. Howard Frisbee and wife Mary called at 9 when going to see his mother. George Hayes and two of his Button Shop workmen at 11 to repair a bicycle and got cider.

Apr 9 – Fair and cold for the season. Worked for the U.S.

Apr 10 – Fair and cold, 26 in the morning. Worked for the U.S. Henry S. Rand is at work.

Apr 11 – Fair but still cold. Worked for the U.S. Irving is building a hen house for Carl Carty by the new house.

Apr 12 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for the U.S. Tis said the new boilers for the "Raleigh" will not come for 8 months and so work will go along slowly. They are going on slowly with work on the electric road from Rye Center.

Apr 13 – Dull and wet with a cold rain. Worked for the U.S. Most of the gang are in the ship house building ways to hall up the "Craven". Dewey has stuck himself up as a candidate for President.

Apr 14 – Fair and warmer and we hope soon to have spring weather. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh" taking up the deck for iron workers. Guss Stevenson went to Washington last night.

Apr 15 – Fair with a brisk west wind. Mother and Lizzie have gone to town to meeting on the cars.

Apr 16 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". The railroad folks began in earnest to extend the road from Rye Center. The storage house is under way at the center to store the power to run to North Hampton.

Apr 17 – Dull and rainy. Worked for the U.S. and they are pushing along the ways and cradle to haul up the "Craven". Guss Stevenson has gone to Washington to try to get more work here.

Apr 18 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is talk of Frank W. Hacket for assistant secretary of the navy. The dock folks are getting ready to close up the cofferdam and ready to pump it out.

Apr 19 – This was Fast Day appointed by Governor Rollins. Rainy in the morning then cleared off and warmer. Sowed lettuce and cleaned up round the place. Edith and her babies were over for the day. Irving came at 1 and built a new well.

Apr 20 – Fair and mild and much warmer. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” sawing out the deck on the poop.

Apr 21 – Fair with clouds flying about, warm and the grass jumps and the trees are pushing out their buds and it seems there will be plenty of blossoms. Worked for the U.S. getting ready to lay poop deck. Frank W. Hacket is confirmed assistant secretary of the navy.

Apr 22 – Cloudy with signs of rain and some sprinkling. Had the phonograph going at 9 with 2 new records. “By the Dreamy Susquehanna”.

Apr 23 – Fair and warmer and the grass and trees are pushing ahead and there is signs of a great quantity of blossoms. Worked for the U.S.

Apr 24 – Dull and wet. Worked for the U.S. Irving is to put in the sink drain and cesspool, iron sink.

Apr 25 – Fair and warm, more like summer. Irving is putting in the sink drain and cesspool and is getting the digging will nigh-done. He hauled out manure for planting. Worked for the U.S.

Apr 26 – Fair with a brisk northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are pushing the railroad from Rye Center with a large gang.

Apr 27 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Tis said that 2 or 3 ships are ordered to this yard for repairs. Louis Green of Portsmouth was buried today. Albert Goodwin is to move to Rye soon.

Apr 28 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. at putting down the deck boarder around the gun mount under the poop deck. There is a large amount of coal being brought to Portsmouth to go to Manchester and other places.

Apr 29 – Fair and more mild. Mortimer Raynes came and went with me to North Hampton to see what has been done on the electric road. The rails are laid past Aaron Rands. Sarah Elizabeth called at 2:30 to hear the phonograph. (Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes is Supply's sister.)(Aaron Rand is living across from the Central Cemetery.)

Apr 30 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Irving has been setting out trees and willow stakes for the trees and fixed the platform.

May 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. The torpedo boat “Craven” was hauled up in the Franklin ship house by electricity in 2 ½ hours. They are pushing the building of the electric road from the Center.

May 2 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Heard that John Ichabod was not well and he had a bad spell yesterday and is some better at night. Herman Trefethen’s wife Anna Louisa is very sick.

May 3 – A northeast rain storm most of the day. Went to the yard and no muster. Came home and was jobbing round. Got the potatoes ready to plant and soaked them in corrosive sublimate. Sowed lettuce, planted cucumbers, oiled harness and played the phonograph.

May 4 – Dull and wet in the morning but soon cleared off. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The contractors closed up the gates in their cofferdam for the new dry dock and began to pump out the water with 4 large 6 inch pumps and it was settling slowly as there is a large amount of water.

May 5 – Fair with a cold northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. They are pumping out the dock basin and have lowered it about 1 foot and find that the dam holds all right. Tis said the “Detroit” ought to arrive on Monday.

May 6 – Fair and chilly with a southeast wind. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills. Went with the wife to the cemetery on the car. Saw many new stones and monuments and saw that Albert Brackett Trefethen was buried and taken from the tomb last week.

May 7 – Fair and warm and spring like. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The sailing ship “Monongahela” came up to the yard today for repairs and is to go in dock. She is used for apprentices etc.

May 8 – Dull and showery most of the day. Worked for the U.S. They say there is 1 ½ miles of track laid beyond Rye Center and they are pushing the work with 200 men and will soon run cars to Garland’s Corner.

May 9 – Dull with showers. The steamer “Detroit” came up for repairs Tis said she will be overhauled and much work will be done on her. Worked for the U.S. Herman’s wife is very sick and not expected to live long. (Herman’s wife is Anna Louise (Odiorne) Trefethen and is the daughter of Joseph William Odiorne and Martha A. (Varrell) Odiorne.)

May 10 – Fair and very cold, 30 in the morning and ice $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Herman O. Trefethen's wife Anna Louise died last night at 6 of consumption of the bowels. The navy yard now looks more like a naval station there being 6 vessels at the wharfs. (Anna Louise was 33 years old and had 2 small children. Norris was 3 and Hilda was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.)

May 11 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. Cold in the morning. The electric road gang are pushing the work and the track is laid to the South School House.

May 12 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh" at making molds for the boarder streak main deck. They are getting the water out of the new dock basin and ready for blasting.

May 13 – Fair and much warmer. The cars have been running $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly and 2 together and they were well filled. Went to Newington with wife to see John Ichabod Trefethen and others. He has been quite sick but is much better. Called to see Joseph "Bent" Hoyt and wife Martha. Saw Agnes Hoyt and baby Willis. (Agnes is married to Marcus M. Hoyt.)

May 14 – Fair and cold for the season. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh" and began laying poop deck and made some progress. Tis said there will soon be an increase of our gang and also caulkers and laborers.

May 15 – Fair and very hot, 92 in the shade. Worked for the U.S. at laying deck. Irving is working on the house in town painting the kitchen walls and wood work. At night went to Rye Center to get money of the Treasurer to pay men for the highway work.

May 16 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. laying deck. Irving hauled 2 loads of hay, one to Wendell and one to Woods. Bought 4 baskets of pansies for one dollar of Ben Atwell. The electric road folks have spiked the rails as far as the Sea View.

May 17 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. There is now a large gang of men on the yard and all of the departments are doing something. The new dry dock is going along well.

May 18 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked for the U.S. and had a day of it. Irving hauled hay to Wendell and there is more to go. One load to Frank J. Trefethen.

May 19 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh" and mast house. They are in a hurry to get the "Monongahela" ready to sail to Paris to the Paris exposition of 1900 for the world. The U.S. is much interested.

May 20 – Cloudy and cold with a north wind. Henry M. Paul came at 1:30 and heard the phonograph. Then we went to ride down by Warren Keen's and to the south end and to Albert Batchelder's to see the electric road. The track is laid to Philbrick's.

May 21 – Fair and more spring like. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh".

May 22 – Fair and still cool as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are pushing the electric road and soon expect to run cars to the South School House. The storage house at Jack Hodgdon’s is nearly done and they will soon run cars over to the south end.

May 23 – Cloudy all day with signs of a storm. Worked for the U.S.

May 24 – Fair and still cool for the season. Worked for the U.S. There is much work going on at the yard now in the different departments.

May 25 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. at shoring in the hold of the “Raleigh”. They are getting ready to take the “Monongahela” into the dock. It was pay day and received \$36.48. Frank paid for hay, \$8.78 and Woods, \$11.00. Irving was painting the side of the barn.

May 26 – Fair and warmer and more like summer. Worked for the U.S. in the dock. They are in a great hurry to take the ship “Monongahela” in. There is much talk about the South African war.

May 27 – Fair and warm and the trees are in and every tree is full. George Raynes came at 1:30 and talked of Judge Isreal Byer’s daughter Lillie’s marriage to John H. Bartlett’s soon. George Hayes came at 3 and we all heard the phonograph and they were much pleased.

May 28 – Dull and cloudy most of the day. Worked for the U.S. in the dock. This was the day of the eclipse of the sun. It began at 8:15 and lasted until 11. There were so many clouds that we could see it only 2 or 3 times between the clouds. It was said to be a grand affair, not quite total.

May 29 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. in the dock getting ready to take the ship “Monongahela” in and there seems to be a rush. The eclipse was total in Washington and they had a clear sky and were all very happy.

May 30 – Memorial Day and warm and had a day at home. Set out tomatoes, 24 plants. Hoed peas and planted cucumbers etc. Burnt up the trash in the lane and find the willows are starting. The cars are running ½ hourly and well filled.

May 31 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. in the dock fitting blocking. At 10 went to Franklin ship house to put a water line on the “Craven” and “Dahlgren”. They took the ship “Monongahela” into the dock at 2.

Jun 1 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. in the ship house and got through. They are going along with the new dry dock putting up tramways to run the rocks and gravel out and are digging a well from which to pump the dock when completed.

Jun 2 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the ship “Monongahela” in the dock on new boat rests.

Jun 3 – Cloudy in the morning but cleared off at 10. Looked for George Hayes and wife Ann but they came not. Had a day of rest until 2 when Arthur Trefethen came and said John Odiorne's house was on fire. So we grabbed 2 buckets and ran but it was not bad. The fire was soon out.
(Arthur is another son of Charles Erwin Trefethen and is 17 years old.)

Jun 4 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. in the dock on the boat rests. There is quite a lot of work on the yard in buildings etc. The dry dock is going along all right. They are drilling and blasting for the main dock.

Jun 5 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The "Monongahela" was taken out of the dry dock at 5 and the "Craven" a torpedo boat was launched from the ship house at 4. She is to go in commission soon.

Jun 6 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the "Monongahela" getting her ready to sail for Paris. This evening had the phonograph going for one hour.

Jun 7 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the "Monongahela" and finished on her and got orders to go on the "Raleigh" tomorrow. They have a graphophone on the ship presented by New York folks. (The Graphophone was the name and trademark of an improved version of the phonograph.)

Jun 8 – Fair in the forenoon. After 3 we had a good shower that will push vegetation. Worked for the U.S. and made out the day and rested while the shower was on.

Jun 9 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck on the "Raleigh". They are rushing the "Monongahela" to be ready by Monday or Tuesday. A Bark arrives with hard pine lumber. The new dock folks are digging a big well to drain the dock when completed.

Jun 10 – Fair and warm and fine growing weather. Edith and Bessie went to church. George Hayes and his wife Ann, who is blind, came down at 9:30 to hear the phonograph. She was very much pleased to hear it. They went home at 12 well pleased.

Jun 11 – Fir and warm and also very drying. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh".

Jun 12 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh" laying the poop deck with yard men.

Jun 13 – Cloudy and some signs of rain but none came. Worked for the U.S. They are unloading the Bark "Tillie Baker" of lumber, a promised lot of hardwood bought by the department and sent here.

Jun 14 – Dull and at 9 rain came done freely. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh".

Jun 15 – Fair and warm with a good northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. The “Dahlgren” was floated off at midnight and will be put in commission at once.

Jun 16 – Fair and warm with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck of the “Raleigh” with 12 men. The “Monongahela” sailed at 9:15 for Newport in tow of a tug. She fired a salute to Admiral Cromwell and it was returned.

Jun 17 – Fair and warm and also quite dry. Warren Keen called and left a bottle of ale as he was going to see the new electric road.

Jun 18 – Fair and hot for the season and very dry. Worked for the U.S. There is much talk about the Republican Convention tomorrow.

Jun 19 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The Republican National Convention met in Philadelphia today for the purpose of nominating President and Vice President.

Jun 20 – Fair and hot and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The convention is getting warmed up for business but nothing has been done to report.

Jun 21 – Fair and hot and drying. Worked for the U.S. The convention at Philadelphia is getting ready to nominate President and Vice.

Jun 22 – Hot in the morning then dull and we had a good shower at 3. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The Republicans at Philadelphia nominated McKinley and Roosevelt yesterday for President and Vice President.

Jun 23 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. The rain continued most of the night and it is a great blessing to all. The talk about the nomination is going on in all directions and the democrats say they will have Bryan and win the battle.

Jun 24 – Fair and warm and drying with a west wind. They are working on the electric road at North Hampton to get it ready to run cars to Hampton tomorrow to carry the masons there to their jubilee.

Jun 25 – Fair and warm and very drying. Worked for the U.S. The electric road sent cars to Hampton for the first time with passengers, the Masons of Portsmouth. Irving and Elmer began the haying today.

Jun 26 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. They are going on with the haying but the crop is very light. Cars are running hourly to Hampton.

Jun 27 – Fair and very warm. Worked for the U.S. The Republican National Convention met in Philadelphia the 19th and was organized with Henry Cabot Lodge as chairman. Irving and Elmer are into the haying.

Jun 28 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. The Republican National Convention made a good work by nominating McKinley and Roosevelt for President and Vice President. Haying and about all there is to do is to cut it and haul it.

Jun 29 – Fair and cooler than yesterday so we got along very well in laying deck in the cabin of the “Raleigh”. The democratic delegates are starting from different states going to Kansas City for their National Convention.

Jun 30 – Fair with a high northwest wind and cold. Worked for the U.S. laying deck in the cabin. This is the last of June and the end of the Governments fiscal year. Irving and Elmer finished the haying and we got about 1/3 of a crop.

Jul 1 – Fair and very dry with a strong northwest wind and plenty of dust. Playing on the phonograph and many callers.

Jul 2 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. News came that the “Oregon” was ashore in the China Sea and that all nations are at war with China.

Jul 3 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. The Democratic National Convention are to meet in Kansas City tomorrow to nominate a candidate for President and Vice.

Jul 4 – Fair and hot. The Glorious 4th and we had a day of rest. Edith and babies were over for the day. We had roast beef and fixings. Mrs. Raynes called at 2 and George Webber and daughter Agnes and baby Willis came at 3 and we heard the phonograph.

Jul 5 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the cabin deck. There was a fire in the woods at the Wentworth. There are many accidents reported, one in Dover. The Democrats nominated Adlai Stevenson for Vice President.

Jul 6 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying cabin deck. The dry dock is going along slowly. They are making their tramways etc. intending soon to show us how to take out ledge and gravel. Bryan and Stevenson is the Democratic ticket.

Jul 7 – Fair and hot and it is very dry for vegetation. Worked for the U.S. laying deck in the cabin and began on the forecastle. Mark Fernald went to Portland to see his son. At 5 we had a shower with wind that blew down trees and branches. It will help cucumbers etc.

Jul 8 – Fair and hot with light south wind. The cars began running with loads at 9:30, 3 cars in a string. Edith and Irving came at 4:30.

Jul 9 – Fair and comfortable. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying deck. The electric cars are running ½ hourly after 9 o clock. The 5 cent limit is extended to Lang’s corner today. So we go to town for 5 cents and stop at the North Church.

Jul 10 – Two men began to dig my new cellar. Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The “Yankton” arrived from Cuba today for repairs. There is much talk about the war in China where all the nations of Europe engaged in the dispute. Tis said they are killing the foreign ministers.

Jul 11 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying forecastle and poop deck. There were visitors at the yard, Senator Chandler, J. A. Walker and others from the Wentworth. It is expected President McKinley will come to Portsmouth in September.

Jul 12 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. The assistant Secretary of the Navy, Frank W. Hackett visited the yard today. He came in the “Dolphin” and is to visit all yards. Haying is about done generally. The new cellar is about ½ dug.

Jul 13 – Fair and cooler and we are very thankful for the rain. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is much going about now for rest. The shoals boat goes regular and is well filled. Gill Varrell and Co. have got the cellar ¾ dug.

Jul 14 – Fair and cooler. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying deck. There are many visitors at the yard. One man on the new deck was hurt today. The electric cars are filled with passengers at all times. Pay day to the cellar diggers.

Jul 15 – Fair and hot and we want to keep shady and allow all who wish to go to Hampton. The cars have run all day loaded, some having one hundred. Irving and Edith came at 5.

Jul 16 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. and there was a sweating time of it. We ride up and down on the cars and find they make ????. (Fell to sleep?)

Jul 17 – Fair and very hot. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 18 – Fair and very hot, about 100 in the shade. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 19 – Fair and very hot. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 20 – Fair and dry with a west wind. Worked for the U.S. laying deck on the “Raleigh”. There are many visitors at the yard in these days.

Jul 21 – Dull most of the day. We had a good rain in the early morning then more at 10 and all together. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 22 – Fair and hot and had a day of rest. At 10 George Hayes came to hear the phonograph. Got some cider and paid me a month's rent, \$16.00. At 5 went with Irving to see Reuel Shapley. (Reuel is living on Washington road near Breakfast Hill.)

Jul 23 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 24 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". It is about as dry as ever.

Jul 25 – Fair and hot in the forenoon then came up dull and we had the best shower of the season. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck. A man fell overboard and another went over and saved him. Assistant Secretary Frank W. Hackett was a witness.

Jul 26 – Dull and rainy. Went to the yard and no muster so came home and rested. Irving is getting out the stair rail. We have now had a good rain and all things are growing.

Jul 27 – Not so hot but still there is heat enough for comfort. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck on the "Raleigh". They are getting ready to take the "Eagle" into dry dock soon. The new Ferry boat "Kittery" is coming from Kennebunk today they say.

Jul 28 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. The boarding business is now in full force and there are crowds in all directions. The electric cars are loaded. They go ½ hourly and are convenient and not expensive. Five cents takes one to Portsmouth but we pay 10 cents to Rye Center.

Jul 29 – Fair and warm and the vegetables are drinking up the water and hoping for more. Edith and Irving came at 5. At 8 Thaddeus Hutchens, Henry Hammond and Charles Seavey called to get cider and hear the phonograph.

Jul 30 – Fair, hot and dry. Worked for the U.S.

Jul 31 – Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck. Irving and Yeaton are getting along well with the new house. The boarding is well started.

Aug 1 – Fair and dry as usual. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck. The ship "Eagle" was taken into dry dock today.

Aug 2 – Fair and sun shining. Worked for the U.S. The new house is all boarded and ready for shingling etc.

Aug 3 – Fair as ever and also drying. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck. The poop deck is laid and the forecastle is half laid.

Aug 4 – Fair and dry with the prospect of more of the same sort. Worked for the U.S. The “Eagle” was taken out of the dock today. One side of the new house roof is shingled and the other began. Elmer has helped for 2 days. (Elmer Trefethen is 15 years old at this time.)

Aug 5 – Fair, clear and very hot and dryer than ever.

Aug 6 – Fair and hot and also dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”.

Aug 7 – Fair and very dry. Worked for the U.S. Irving is getting along with the new house and began outside finish, Yeaton and Elmer are helping.

Aug 8 – Fair, hot and dry. We had a slight shower last night but did not wet down. Worked for the U.S. Bryan was notified of his nomination for President by the Democrats today at Indianapolis and he made a speech.

Aug 9 – Rainy in the forenoon at 11. Worked for the U.S. They say that it is dull times outside of the navy yard in most trades. Irving is getting along well with the new house. Got the side coving on today.

Aug 10 – Very hot and dry. We had a slight shower at 3. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. We got pay, \$39.52 for the 1st half. There is great trouble in China. Irving is getting along well with the new house.

Aug 11 – Fair and as hot as Old Nick. Worked for the U.S. The ship “Detroit” was taken into dry dock at 1 and we got done shoring at 5 and came off. (“Old Nick” is an old-fashioned name for the devil in Christianity.)

Aug 12 – Dull in the morning with signs of rain but we only got a slight sprinkling but we got cooled off. The calf is about 2 weeks old. The baggage car of electric road went off the rails in front of the house yesterday.

Aug 13 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. The allied army is marching on Peking, China to relieve the foreign ministers held there by the Chinese army without cause.

Aug 14 – Fair and dry and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the deck. There is to be a great time in Portsmouth the 18th and 19th of September. The naval ships will come with the Secretary of the Navy and the President and others.

Aug 15 – Dull all day with rain in the afternoon. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck. There is getting ready to put new decks in the “Detroit” when she comes out of the dock. Herbert Hall was in to hear the music. (Herbert is the grandson of Charles F. and Dorothy “Dolly” Trefethen.)

Aug 16 – Dull and rainy until 2. Went to the yard and no muster and came home and set out celery and other jobs. Went down to the new house to see how they are getting along. The 2nd story is ready to lath. Stairs up, roof shingled and one gable done. John Odiorne came up to hear the phonograph.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm enough. Worked for the U.S. My celery is getting along well with a sprinkling at night. There will be apples enough for use and they will be larger than usual because they are on the trees. Potatoes will be plenty in the market.

Aug 18 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck on the “Raleigh”. They now have plenty of work and would like to have more men but it is hard to get good men.

Aug 19 – Fair after a fine shower last night. The calf is most 3 weeks old. At 2 Henry M. Paul, with his son and sons’ family called to hear the banjo and gave them 10 or 12 tunes and cider. They were going to Hampton.

Aug 20 – Fair and warm and all seems to be going well. Worked for the U.S. and come and go on the cars for 5 cents each way, which is all right for me. The cars are crowded nearly every time and they go half hourly.

Aug 21 – Fair and warm and my celery are getting started in the trench. Worked for the U.S. The political pot is boiling in Maine. They had a large meeting in Kittery last night.

Aug 22 – Fair as usual and good working weather. Worked for the U.S. The allied armies have rescued the foreign councils in Peking having taken the sacred inner city.

Aug 23 – Fair and warm after a good shower in the night. Worked for the U.S. Vegetables are now growing well and we got plenty of cucumbers. There will be apples enough for all.

Aug 24 – Cloudy most of the day and not so very hot. Worked for the U.S. laying forecastle deck and it is well along. There is work enough for the present on 4 ships. A great many visitors came on the yard daily. We hope to get pay tomorrow.

Aug 25 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the deck. There were 8 caulkers discharged. The ship “Detroit” was taken out of dry dock at noon. There was a suicide at the Rockingham House of a man from St Louis in the bathtub.

Aug 26 – Fair and about the hottest day of the season, 92 in the shade here. Most people kept as quiet as possible. There were many on the electrics at 3.

Aug 27 – Fair with no prospect of rain which we need much. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”.

Aug 28 – Fair as usual. Worked for the U.S. The old Spanish cruiser “Reina Mercedes” is on her way to this port. (USS Reina Mercedes was an unprotected cruiser of the Spanish Navy which was captured in Cuba in 1898 by the U.S. Navy during the Spanish–American War.)

Aug 29 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. In the afternoon the Old Spanish ship arrived being towed by 2 tugs. She is a rough looking vessel. She was sunk by the Spanish in the hope of preventing our ships going into Santiago.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. laying deck. It is slow work at best but they are fire proof plank and have been nearly spoiled in the process of preserving. So we have to take out a great many after they are laid.

Aug 31 – Lizzie sold chickens and hens. Fair and dry. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There have been more men taken on and there has been a gang set to work on the “Detroit” getting ready for taking up her old decks for the new.

Sep 1 – Fair but not so very hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The “Yankton” was taken out of the dock at 10. The old Spanish ship “Reina Mercedes” is being prepared for people to go aboard. “No work Monday” was the order it being Labor Day.

Sep 2 – Foggy and dull in the morning then cleared off hot and drying. We want rain badly. I have to water my celery to keep it alive. My calf has not gone yet and he is most 5 weeks old.

Sep 3 – Fair and hot. This was Labor Day and no work at the yard so had a day off. Yeaton and Irving were making mortar for plastering the new house. They got it all made. Edith and babies were over for the day.

Sep 4 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. We had a day of it in laying the deck and many other jobs. Vermont state election today.

Sep 5 – Fair and hot. Worked for the U.S. and we had plenty of heat. They are getting ready in Portsmouth for the great celebration on the 19th and 20th for the presentation of tablets to the ships “Kearsarge” and “Alabama”. Vermont gave 32000 Republican majority.

Sep 6 – Fair and very hot. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Lizzie and Irene Jewel went to town and to ride. Bert Drake took the calf today at \$9.00.

Sep 7 – Fair and dry with plenty of heat. Worked for the U.S. The small Spanish boats were taken into dock at 9. Hannah and daughter were over to the yard. Go and come on cars at 5 cents each way.

Sep 8 – Fair and more coal. Worked for the U.S. laying the deck under the forecastle. There is much talk about the election in Maine on Monday. They expect about 20,000 republican

majority. It was pay day and got \$39.52. Jewel Trefethen went home. (Irene Jewel is Daniel J. Trefethen Jr's. daughter from Hampton and is 16 years old.)

Sep 9 – Fair, hot and dry and no signs of rain. I keep my celery alive by watering. Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth and Clara Raynes called at 3 to hear the phonograph. Elizabeth and her family came at 3:30 to hear.

Sep 10 – Fair and dry as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. It was Election Day in Maine and half the gang were off. There is much talk about the election in November. McKinley is the most popular.

Sep 11 – Rainy in the morning and we were glad to have it. The Maine election went, 33,000 Republicans. They are decorating the stores in Portsmouth for the celebration next week. They are putting up arches and ornaments.

Sep 12 – Fair with high northwest winds running into a gale which offed half the apples from the trees so the ground was half covered. We picked a bushel of peaches shaken off. The dust was flying high. Worked for the U.S.

Sep 13 – Fair and warm. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the deck. They are blasting out the new dry dock and now have 2 traveling cranes to take out the rocks and carry them off. They are hauled away on cars and dumped to make land for yard use.

Sep 14 – Fair and dry as usual. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The war ships below to take part in the celebrations next week, 5 battle ships and 3 others. They are anchored in the harbor and the steamers are carrying crowds to see them.

Sep 15 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the main deck. The celebration is next week and they are making great preparations at the yard and in Portsmouth. There is a great display in decorations and arches.

Sep 16 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and a good quantity of rain fell to help out wells and cisterns and soak the gardens. The cars are running nearly empty. Irving was over in the morning to see about catching water at the new house.

Sep 17 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. laying the main deck of the “Raleigh”. There was much going up and down the river from the ships below. All Portsmouth are getting ready for the great time coming. They have the most display of bunting ever seen there and no doubt will have the largest crowd from all directions.

Sep 18 – John S. Marden was buried today; he was 75 ½ years old. Dull and rainy in the morning from 3 till 9 then cleared off and they had a good day to begin to celebrate. Worked for the U.S.

The presentations today of tablets to the ships "Kearsarge" and the "Alabama" by the state of New Hampshire was made by Governor Rollins and received by Secretary Long and General Johnston of Alabama.

Sep 19 – Fair and cool and they had a good day for their celebration and procession in Portsmouth. There was a long procession of sailors and Marines from the ships. The New Hampshire state militia soldiers from the fort, grand army and Kearsarge veterans with 12 bands making a line 2 miles long and the city was full of people.

Sep 20 – Fair and cool. Went to the yard and worked 2 hours then they sent us home. The firemen's celebration came off at 10:30 so we got over in time to see it. Came home at 11:30 and Brandt Wilson came with me and took a picture of the home and of the new houses. Then we went to the sea to ride.

Sep 21 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh".

Sep 22 – Fair. Worked for the U.S. They took the Spanish gunboat out of the dock at night. She is ordered to Newport. They are "tearing out" the ship "Detroit" for repairs.

Sep 23 – Fair and not cold. We have a plenty of peaches and many are rotting. Wife and Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Robie. Mrs. Hutchinson and Miss Carrie Hayes called to hear the banjo and eat peaches. The Mr. George Hayes came and did likewise and paid me rent of \$16.00. Edith came at 4.

Sep 24 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. There is now much work going on for masons. The brick saw mill is begun and several other buildings are to be built including shaving blowers for jointer shop and boat house shop.

Sep 25 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Yeaton was sowing grass seed for me in the low ground grass land as it was badly killed out. Thomas "Ben" Hoyt's daughter Fay was married today at high noon to William A. Lefavor.

Sep 26 – Fair as usual and good weather for toiling. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". The two Spanish boats are to sail tonight for Newport. (Alvarado and Sandoval). The new house is progressing and Irving has got the piazza about done.

Sep 27 – Dull and rainy. Worked for the U.S. There now seems to be plenty of apples although there were great quantities blown off a while ago. They will be much larger and of better color.

Sep 28 – Fair and the best of weather for working for the U.S. They are laying out for more new buildings on the yard. The new dock is progressing but it seems to me they must have more men to get it done in their time, 18 months from now.

Sep 29 – Dull and foggy in the morning but soon cleared off warm. Worked for the U.S. The political campaign is progressing and both sides claim that they will win.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm after a rainy night. My celery is growing well now and hope to get some for winter. The cars are running but not many passengers.

Oct 1 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The political contest is on and both parties claim the result. The Republicans say they will win and have 246 of the electoral vote of 444. Bryan folks say they will get a majority of the vote.

Oct 2 – Fair and warm, good October weather. Worked for the U.S. Irving was finishing the 2nd story in the new house. Yeaton was grading. Brandt Wilson came down in the evening to bring pictures taken the 19th of September of the new houses and also homestead.

Oct 3 – Dull all day with some rain in the morning. Worked for the U.S. laying the main deck on the “Raleigh”.

Oct 4 – Fair and very warm for the season, well up to 90 in the shade. Worked for the U.S. and we sweat all day. The electric railroad had petitioned to the court to extend their lines to Wallis Sands and Foss beach. New Castle and out to Portsmouth Plains.

Oct 5 – Dull with signs of rain and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is much being done on the yard in the new buildings. Sewers and water extensions. Shaving blowers and many others.

Oct 6 – Dull all day with very little rain. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the main deck. Politics are much talked of. It is believed McKinley will be reelected but Bryan’s followers shout for him and say he will win.

Oct 7 – Dull and wet all day and to find my celery is going ahead at double quick rates. Charles S. Seavey came for a quart of milk for the baby Merle.

Oct 8 – Dull all day and at night rain came down. Worked for the U.S. at laying the deck on the “Raleigh”.

Oct 9 – Mr. Thomas Rand was buried today, age 58. Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard but no muster and came home at 10. Hired \$75.00 of John H. Broughton and paid a number of bills. Irving is hanging doors and finishing the 2nd story of the new house.

Oct 10 – Dull with some rain. Worked for the U.S. It was pay day and received \$31.16 for ½ month. Tomorrow they are to change time on the railroad taking off 5:30 car on which we carry home. The Republican caucus was last night.

Oct 11 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to the yard and came back, no work. Wind northwest but rain came down all day. Edith and Bessie came over for the day.

Oct 12 – Fair and mild and good weather for my celery. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Charles Yeaton was hauling out manure for me.

Oct 13 – Fair with some clouds and at night signs of rain. Worked for the U.S. I have to wait till 6 at night for the car. The 5:30 car is taken off and we are sorry.

Oct 14 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and not much travel on the cars. Edith did not come over.

Oct 15 – Fair and damp after rain. Worked for the U.S. Yeaton finished hauling out manure today and cleaned out the hen houses to put on the grass ground.

Oct 16 – Dull with a shower at night. Worked for the U.S. Charles Yeaton began picking winter apples. The political battle is going on furiously all over the country and both sides claim they will win.

Oct 17 – Fair and cold, ice in the troth in the morning. Worked for the U.S. Yeaton was picking the winter apples. He says they are large and fair. I have sold 5 barrels to be delivered in town next week. Joseph William Odiorne and wife Martha came in at night. (Joseph William and Martha Odiorne were living between Supply and Herman O. Trefethen on Sagamore Road.)

Oct 18 – Fair and cold with ice in the morning. Worked for the U.S. They are pushing the new dry dock along with 2 “traveling cranes” and 180 men taking out 200 to 300 tons of rock daily.

Oct 19 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. Yeaton was picking the apples and got about done with the winter varieties. Tis said Herb Canney is to sell out his milk route. The cow has been sick from eating too many sour apples.

Oct 20 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” repairing gun mounts. Yeaton went to town and got 5 barrels of Varney and finished picking my apples and got the cider apples picked, 50 bushels. Irving Rand was finishing the new house.

Oct 21 – Fair as usual and it is good October weather. Mr. George Hayes and a friend came down to see the town and get apples. He paid me \$16.00 for rent due yesterday. Edith and Irving came at 4. The cow was not very well.

Oct 22 – Fair and warm for the season and my celery is growing very fast and must be tender and crisp. Worked for the U.S. and there is much work going at the yard in buildings and among other things is a big chimney, 150 feet high.

Oct 23 – Fair and hot, 85. Worked for the U.S. Irving and Yeaton are working for Warren Keen this week building a small barn. Herb Canney is out of the milk business altogether. (Herbert Canney has purchased the John C. Webster farm on Wallis Road in 1898.)

Oct 24 – Cloudy and warm. Worked for the U.S. and we only need summer clothes but have on thick flannels and have to sweat. Apples are now bringing \$1.15 per barrel and are very plenty.

Oct 25 – Very warm for the season and the fields look as green as ever. Worked for the U.S. They are making progress on the new dry dock blasting and hoisting out the rocks and hauling them off to make land.

Oct 26 – Cloudy and dull all day. Worked for the U.S. There is now much talk about the coming election and both sides claim it but the Republicans give figures and say McKinley will get 281 electoral votes and it requires 224 only to elect.

Oct 27 – Gilman went to work on the yard. Dull all day but no rain. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” laying the deck and other jobs. The tug “Piscataqua” is ordered to China and is to be docked. Bought 1 bushel of onions for 60 cents. James Perkins called about politics.

Oct 28 – Dull and wet all day and so had a day of rest and reading. At 4 Edith and Irving came to stop 2 hours.

Oct 29 – Dull all day with signs of rain but none came. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 30 – Dull and warm for the season. Worked for the U.S.

Oct 31 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for the U.S. Irving is laying floors and finishing the new house. Charles Yeaton is putting in the drain. Charles Seavey has called for him to go to the shoe shop to work. Frank J. Trefethen, Oliver Winslow and Gilman D. Trefethen is on the yard at work.

Nov 1 – Cloudy all day and warm and good growing weather for celery. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The tug boat “Piscataqua” was taken in dry dock to clean for a voyage to China. Charles Yeaton is putting a drain in for Carty’s house. (Carty is renting the corner twin house on Trefethen’s Corner owned by Supply.)

Nov 2 – Fair and warm as summer. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The election is much talked of. Both sides claim it but next Tuesday must settle it. The Republicans National Committee says that McKinley will have a good majority.

Nov 3 – Cloudy but no rain. Worked for the U.S. The election is coming. Yeaton finished the drain to the corner house and cut bedding yesterday and today goes to the Button Shop. Irving carried apples to town to Entwistle and got a barrel of cider.

Nov 4 – Fair and not cold. Frosty in the morning but soon was mild and pleasant. At noon one open car went by full of passengers.

Nov 5 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. This was the day before the election and much talk is going on. The Republicans believe McKinley will win and Democrats say Bryan will get it.

Nov 6 – Fair, mild and a good day for an election. Stayed at home till 12:30 then went to town meeting. McKinley got 143 and Bryan 137. James H. Perkins got 36 majority as a representative republican. Went to see Webster Philbrick about making cider. Got my celery in today, 100 plants, Irving helping.

Nov 7 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. The election returns show McKinley's election by a large majority they are claiming. Nebraska for McKinley, Bryan comes from there. All republican officers in town elected.

Nov 8 – Dull with a heavy thunder shower in the forenoon. Worked for the U.S. The returns show McKinley to have 281 and Bryan 162 and 27 doubtful of the electoral vote. Put my cider in tonight, 3 barrels – 145 gallons.

Nov 9 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. Philip Hishburn, chief of the bureau of construction and repair made a visit of inspection to the yard. There was a very high tide that broke the cofferdam and flooded the new dock so it will take some time to pump it out.

Nov 10 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". This was pay day and received \$42.56 for the last ½ of October, 14 days. The election is over and it is settled that McKinley will have 308 electoral votes and Bryan 155. So we hope prosperity will continue.

Nov 11 – Fair and cool in the morning. Then came off cloudy and dull so had a quiet day for rest. Paid my taxes in Portsmouth last night, \$37.44.

Nov 12 – Cloudy with some rain. Worked for the U.S. The Republicans of Rye are to celebrate the re-election of the President next week at the town hall to please the young folks. The Democrats of North Hampton celebrate the defeat of Bryan tonight.

Nov 13 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. The tug "Piscataqua" goes in commission today and she is to go to China. The war in Manila is to be pushed now since McKinley's re-election which gives general satisfaction. Prosperity they say will continue.

Nov 14 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked for the U.S. at odd jobs. The constructor is to have 4 weeks off. The new dry dock is progressing again after the break.

Nov 15 – Fair and very cold and windy. Worked for the U.S. Bryan is sick because he is beat. There are 14 at work on the yard for a few days from Rye.

Nov 16 – Fair and cold, 18 in the morning. Worked for the U.S. The constructor is gone away for 4 weeks. Henry Paul is sick at home with brain trouble. The Republicans of Rye are to celebrate the election next Wednesday evening.

Nov 17 – Fair and warmer. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” putting down the windlass etc. (The windlass is an apparatus for moving heavy weights.)

Nov 18 – Fair and warm after a light rain this morning. At noon Mr. Hayes came down to get some cider and apples and paid me his monthly rent, \$16.00. Edith and Irving came at 4:30. Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth and Clara Raynes called at 2 to get the news.

Nov 19 – Dull and wet most of the day. Worked for the U.S. The President is ordering a forward movement of the army in the Philippines. The Islands are to be cleared of rebels at once. The China trouble is not over yet.

Nov 20 – Dull and foggy. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are making great preparations for a Republican celebration tomorrow night at the town hall and a big time is expected, many are invited.

Nov 21 – Cloudy and some showers. Worked for the U.S. Tonight was the great Republican celebration of Rye with many invited guests. C.A. Sulloway, General H.M. Baker and other speakers with bands and turkey supper and dancing and a royal good time till 2 am.

Nov 22 – Fair with a west wind and not cold. Worked for the U.S. Honorable C.A. Sulloway visited the yard today to see the improvements. A new chimney is being built by the old saw mill, 150 feet high.

Nov 23 – Fair and cool. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. We are to have Thanksgiving Day next week.

Nov 24 – Fair and mild for the season. Worked for the U.S. The new dock is going along well and they are working 2 gangs night and day with two large “traveling cranes” and take out a large amount of ledge every 24 hours. They have been a year at work on the job and have 18 months more.

Nov 25 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and cold. So kept in by the fire to read the news etc. and hear the phonograph. There is much pleasure through the country at the defeat of Bryan and Bryanism.

Nov 26 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are getting ready to take her into the dry dock. The new chimney is well up in the air.

Nov 27 – Dull and wet all day and we worked for the U.S. as usual. There is no frost in the ground but we read of snow in all directions and many ship wrecks. A schooner is ashore at Foss Beach and none of the crew is heard from as yet.

Nov 28 – Fair with a west wind and a good day to work for the U.S. All were talking of the day off tomorrow. There is much more account made of Thanksgiving Day than ever and many turkeys are used. Tis said that 20 tons were brought to Portsmouth.

Nov 29 – Some snow and rain. Thanksgiving Day appointed by President McKinley and we had a nice turkey dinner. Edith and family were over and John C. Webster came down to help eat the turkey. Bessie and Russell had a day of it with much fun.

Nov 30 – Dull and wet. Worked for the U.S. There is a schooner ashore on Foss Beach with a cargo intended for Boston market from St. Johns, New Brunswick. Nothing is known of the fate of the crew and all are thought to be lost somewhere.

Dec 1 – Pleasant in the morning but soon came up dull. Worked for the U.S. The “Raleigh” is soon to put on the dock. Congress will meet next Monday and during the session will count the votes for President and Vice President and it is hoped well make liberal appropriations for the navy.

Dec 2 – Fair and mild and muddy. At 9 Brandt Wilson came to bring bags I gave him apples in. We went to see the wreck at Foss Beach. He took some pictures for me. At noon Hayes and Summerside came and we went to see the wreck again.

Dec 3 – Cloudy and wet all day. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is much to do to her yet but we are kept back by the iron workers. Irving is finishing the new house “on the wood”, white pine.

Dec 4 – Dull all day with some rain. Worked for the U.S. and had a good day of it. I made good progress in the work. There is a large gang on the yard now and more than for many years at one time. A number of masons from Rye are there to help.

Dec 5 – A furious rain and a snow storm all day and at night there was 1 ½ inches on the ground. Worked for the U.S. I go and come on the car without any exposure, 5 cents each way and find it convenient.

Dec 6 – Fair with clouds but not cold. Worked for the U.S. There is some snow and ice and thawing. The tug “Piscataqua” sailed at 1 for Manila by the way of the Suez Canal. There were

many ship wrecks this week, 9 were sunk. Martha Adeline called today. Full moon today.
(Martha Adeline is the wife of Joseph W. Odiorne who lives next door to Supply.)

Dec 7 – Fair and more mild and there was a rush today at the yard to get outdoor work done. The dock constructor is working night and day on the excavating of the ledge and stone cutters are dressing the granite for the lining.

Dec 8 – Fair and not cold. Worked for the U.S. The “Craven”, a torpedo boat, was hauled up in the Franklin Ship House today. She had been damaged in a collision with the “Dahlgren” at Newport. Congress is in session and are working on the appropriation bills.

Dec 9 – Fair with a southerly wind and thawing. Clarence Goss called and I paid him \$35.00 for boards. Edith and Irving came at 4 to hear the news.

Dec 10 – Fair and very cold, near zero. The coldest yet with no snow on the ground. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” lower deck. There were many absent. The river steamed high and we were glad to get out of the wind.

Dec 11 – Fair and cold but not so bad as yesterday. Worked for the U.S. The caulkers worked with cold hands and shivering. The constructor arrived to duty. Joe Fletcher is ordered to ship to New York and to go tomorrow.

Dec 12 – Fair and cold as usual. Worked for the U.S. making 3 days this week. Mother and Lizzie went to town to get a new stove for Lizzie. We find it is nice to go to town in the warm cars in about 12 minutes from home. They drive faster than last year.

Dec 13 – Cloudy and cold and we shiver more or less but manage to make a day for Uncle Sam. The stores in Portsmouth are filled with trash for the holiday sale and many dollars will go that way.

Dec 14 – Cold as all the week. Far distant rumors of ship wrecks and loss of life. Worked for the U.S. and it is supposed all have done a faithful days work. They have fine weather for work on the new dry dock.

Dec 15 – Fair and cold in the morning, 1 above zero. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There are rumors that there will be extensive repairs done to the “Reina Mercedes” some time. It is frozen badly but they are still digging the trench to put pipe underground.

Dec 16 – Fair and cold and dry. The wheeling is dry and solid. Abbie went to church in the forenoon and at 2 came for some milk. Edith and Irving came at 4. Mr. and Mrs. Raynes and Dick Miller and wife came at 2 and also George Hayes. He paid me \$16.00 for rent.

Dec 17 – Fair and cold clear weather. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is no snow and the ground is dry and smooth making good traveling so that all goes well.

Dec 18 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. and made good weather on the ship. There is hopes of more work at the yard but not certain. Extra good weather for work on the new dry dock. They are getting well along with the blasting and have begun stone cutting.

Dec 19 – Fair and southerly wind and mild. Worked for the U.S. When we got to town heard that the car was off the track at Foye’s Corner. So we had to wait ½ hour for the wrecking car to get it on and come to town for us. We got home at 6.

Dec 20 – Fair and mild. Worked for the U.S. and we hear much about Christmas. The stores are full of stuff and it is good weather for the people to go to buy and spend their money. Charles W. Rand was on the yard today.

Dec 21 – Fair and cold, good weather for hard work for Uncle Sam. They are pushing the work of putting the pipes and wires underground for carrying electricity, water and steam and compressed air.

Dec 22 – Fair and cool with solid wheeling. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The electric road is running 2 cars at a time to carry the Christmas crowd. There was a discharge of 13 shipwrights today at the yard. It was pay day and I got \$39.52.

Dec 23 – Fair and cool and the ground is dry and no signs of snow. Christmas is coming they say and all are getting ready. Edith did not come as usual.

Dec 24 – Damp and foggy in the forenoon then came off warm, 60 above. Worked for the U.S. and it was rather warm for heavy clothing. They are filling up the trenches. The dry dock folks are pushing the work and the greater part of the ledge is out and they are cutting stones.

Dec 25 – Christmas Holiday. Fair, mild and muddy but there is still some frost in the ground. Edith and family were over for the day. Russell had a gay time and we picked plums etc. There is not so much riding as before the cars came. We had roast beef and fixings and so Christmas passed.

Dec 26 – Fair and colder but still not bad. Worked for the U.S. They are talking of the electric car roads in 3 different places. One to go from Portsmouth to Exeter and then Newmarket. One to Newington and Dover and one from Kittery to South Berwick.

Dec 27 – Dull, cold and chilly and at 11 the snow came down so we have 2 inches. Worked for the U.S. There are still quite large gangs in all departments and they have hopes of retaining them during the winter. Ice men are moaning for ice.

Dec 28 – Fair and thawing. Worked for the U.S. Some of the foremen have their pay raised \$1.00 per day. Tom Conners and John Hayes among the number and they have cut down some of the laborers and others. The new dock is going along night and day.

Dec 29 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” at odd jobs. There are but a few go on the car in the morning. The masons have dropped out and the shoe shop gangs are less and the painters have got done for the winter.

Dec 30 – Fair and cool and not much travel. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills who said, among other things, that everyone ought to be at church today as it was the last Sunday of the year and also the last Sunday of the 19th century. At 4 Edith and Irving came.

Dec 31 – Fair and mild and thawing. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” fitting the “gun mounts”. There seems to be quite an amount of work in our department at present that will last some time to come. They are soon to being work on the “Reina Mercedes”, the captured Spanish ship.

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Jan 1 – Fair and not cold with no snow on the ground but good solid wheeling. Went to town in the wagon at 9 and carried a bushel of apples to Mike Long and cider and apples to Clara Raynes and got newspapers etc. There was much talk about the new century beginning today. Watch meetings were held all over the country to welcome in the New Year and century.

Jan 2 – Fair and cool with dry and clear traveling. Worked for the U.S. and most of the gang were there to continue the work. There was a fire at the south end that burned the house of Job Jenness used to live in and where he died. It was owned by Turner of Boston.

Jan 3 – Fair and very cold, zero weather. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There are still many odd jobs to be done to her. The electric cars have so far had no trouble with snow this winter but they are preparing for it and we hope it won’t come.

Jan 4 – Fair and some warmer than yesterday, 4 above in the morning. Worked for the U.S. and there is a good gang and much money paid out so that Portsmouth is greatly benefited by it. There is a contest going on at Concord for the election of a U.S. Senator. We are hoping William E. Chandler will be reelected.

Jan 5 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked for Uncle Sam and it was chilly and dry walking on the frozen ground. The New Year is going along this the 5th in the new century and things are going about as usual so we cannot complain of anything in particular but keep on.

Jan 6 – Fair and cold. We find today there is no sign of snow and the water is low in the ponds so the icemen are worrying about the prospect of ice. It is only 9 inches thick now. At 3 Irving came and we went in the woods and selected 2 trees for him to cut. Edith had company and could not come.

Jan 7 – Dull and at 10 snow came down slowly. Worked for the U.S. Daniel Littlefield was buried on Saturday, age 80. The Gripp is in force in many places and the President has it in light form. The Russians have it in great force.

Jan 8 – Fair with 1 inch of snow and not cold. Worked for the U.S. and there was a great hurry to get ready for a snow storm. There is much talk about the election of U.S. Senator at Concord on Thursday. There is much doubt as to who it will be, Chandler is very hopeful.

Jan 9 – Charles Mendum died today, age 80. Fair and mild and thawing and all the snow melted away so we have bare ground again. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are tearing the wood work out of the old Spanish ship and find a very dirty mess. Many places where rats were drowned when she sank at Santiago Cuba.

Jan 10 – Dull and snow came down at noon and ran into the night, 3 or 4 inches fell. Worked for the U.S. and we had a stormy day. It was pay day and we had to be on hand at 10 minutes past 12 and received \$39.52 for ½ month.

Jan 11 – Dull all day and sleet falling in the afternoon. Worked for the U.S. We heard that Jacob Moulton died at the supper table last night of heart disease; he had been to North Hampton. Tonight they are using sleighs and sleds and the farmers can haul out their wood. (Jacob A. Moulton was a brick mason living on Cable road down by Jenness Beach.)

Jan 12 – Dull and snowy all day. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”.

Jan 13 – Fair and very pleasant with snow enough for the best of sleighing. Daniel Jr’s widow Mary Augusta came from Hampton at noon with her daughter Irene Jewel and stayed two hours. At 2:30 George Hayes and Charles Shannon came from town to hear the banjo and get cider and apples. Hayes paid the rent, \$16.00.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” putting down gun mounts. Charles Shannon failed to appear today and we suppose he is sick. Henry Paul is at Portland in the hospital after attempting to kill himself by cutting his throat.

Jan 15 – Fair and thawing and the sleighing is badly damaged and wheeling is on again. Worked for the U.S. At the yard word was received that they would have \$450,000.00 for repairs on the “Reina Mercedes”.

Jan 16 – Dull and some snow and rain fell. Worked for the U.S.

Jan 17 – Dull but no storm. Worked for the U.S. The order has come for them to proceed with work on the Spanish boat and to have \$450,000.00. This will make work for all departments.

Jan 18 – Fair and cold and very disagreeable. Worked for the U.S. putting down the part 2nd aft gun mount for the 5 inch gun.

Jan 19 – Cold, zero weather all day. We worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” main deck putting up wood work under the gun on the forecastle, Jake Christenson and Lutts helping. Charles Shannon has not appeared this week but we hear he is better.

Jan 20 – Very cold, the coldest so far and 8 below at 6 and all the pumps were frozen and had to work to thaw them out. Seavey had 2 quarts of milk. The cars went fast over the solid road and Raymond came with papers at noon. (Raymond is Charles E’s son and is 12 years old.)

Jan 21 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” putting up the gun mount filling.

Jan 22 – Dull in the morning. At noon we went to work on the Spanish cruiser “Reina Mercedes” taking out the wood work which is to be largely replaced by iron. They have a large appropriation for the work of rebuilding.

Jan 23 – Cloudy and some rain and ice. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat. Queen Victoria of England died today and Albert Edward was proclaimed King of England and Ireland. She was nearly 81 year old and was crowned in 1837.

Jan 24 – Dull and wet all day. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat. The members of New Hampshire’s House of Representatives are to visit the yard tomorrow to see about removing Henderson’s Point at the narrows. John O. Drake is very sick with heart trouble.

Jan 25 – Cloudy and mild all day. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat taking out the hatch combings. They are pushing all the work of tearing out the wood and iron work. She is a very strongly built boat and will make a good cruiser for our navy.

Jan 26 – Cloudy and cold. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat taking up the hatch combings. The car folks make us go 10 minutes earlier at 6:20. The farmers have but little snow to haul out wood and timber on.

Jan 27 – Fair and cool and solid wheeling. There was much carriage riding today. At 2 George and Clara Raynes came from town and stayed an hour.

Jan 28 – Cloudy and cold. Worked for the U.S.

Jan 29 – Cloudy and cold and we are hoping for warmer times. Worked for the U.S.

Jan 30 – Cloudy, cold and snowy and we had rather and unpleasant day on the old Spanish boat. There is much sickness among the navy yard workmen. Sleds are running.

Jan 31 - Worked for the U.S. on the old Spaniard and it is the worst weather we have had so far. Cold from morning till evening. This finishes January and we got in full time, 14 days in the last ½ month. Paid first half, \$39.52 and second half, \$42.56 = \$82.08.

Feb 1 – Cloudy and cold with a very chilly wind, chilled to the marrow. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat taking up the hatch combings. Mark Fernald has been off sick with arthritic rheumatism in bad form.

Feb 2 – Fair and cold and very chilly and we were cold all day. Worked for the U.S. on the Spaniard and we were not sorry when Saturday night came as we were all wore out and wanted to lay down to rest.

Feb 3 – Fair and clear but still cold, 10 above. At 10:20 George Hayes and Summerville came to take pictures and went through the farm. Lizzie went to church to hear Mills. John O. Drake died last night of heart failure, he was 49 years old. Edith and Irving came at 4. (John was the son of Joseph J. and Clarissa (Knowles) Drake.)

Feb 4 – Dull in the morning and at 11 snow came down furiously and ran into the night. Had a sick day with a cold and cough so stayed at home. At 2 Ed Drake came to get 50 cents to get flowers for John O. Drake's funeral tomorrow after noon at 2. The cars are running but the snow is 12 inches and in their way.

Feb 5 – Dull with wind and blustery and did not go to the yard till 11 o'clock on account of a bad cold. Made a half day to keep muster. John O. Drake was buried this afternoon and it was a cold rough day but many went to the church, Lizzie went.

Feb 6 – Cloudy and very cold with high winds. Did not go till noon for ½ day. Worked on the Spanish boat. There were many off sick with the Gripp. There is plenty of snow for sledding and some are improving it. It would be a good time to have a sleigh ride if it was not so cold.

Feb 7 – Fair and not quite so bad as yesterday. Did not go in the morning but waited for ½ day. The old blunderbuss was breaking out the railroad all the forenoon. There were 14 of our gang off with colds. Part of the stone shed at the new dock was blown down.

Feb 8 – Fair and cold as Greenland. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat taking out woodwork. Everybody has a cold and all they can do to keep along and from freezing. The river is full of floating ice and small boats have trouble.

Feb 9 – Fair and cold as ever. Worked for the U.S. and we had a cold day of it. We were on the berth deck digging out the deck plank. It was pay day and Saturday and so we managed to keep up the courage till 4:15 pm. the time we leave work. My cold is as bad as ever.

Feb 10 – Fair and continued cold and kept in the house as much as possible and out of the cutting wind. Charles Yeaton called at 10 to see about getting out firewood. Mrs. Woodman is much sicker at the hospital. (Carrie Woodman is the wife of Chauncey Woodman, son of Emery. John H. Berry, son of John O. Berry, is living with the Woodman's at this time.)

Feb 11 – Fair and cold and the high northwest wind continues. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat and it was furious weather. Everybody are chilled all the time.

Feb 12 – Fair and cold as D. D. (Dog Day). Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish ship taking up plank. More work is coming to the yard than ever. One item is 7 new 50 foot steam launches to go right on with them. (Steam-launch - a large passenger boat propelled by steam power, and used largely on rivers.)

Feb 13 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind of great force. If it is not a blizzard I would like to know the reason. Worked for the U.S. on the Spanish boat.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold as ever with a killing wind. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". They have orders to build a ferry boat to be used at Newport and also rebuild the Spanish cruiser.

Feb 15 – Fair and the force of the wind is diminishing but still it is cold. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh".

Feb 16 – Fair and warmer so that we could work without mittens. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". The noted Knight trial is going on at Saco, Maine. We have been trying to have a car leave Rye Center for Portsmouth at 7 am.

Feb 17 – Fair and much more mild and the snow is melting away. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Albert Clark went past walking. Knight was acquitted at Saco yesterday. Edith came at 4.

Feb 18 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". Time on the yard changed today from 8 to 5 pm. They are still tearing out the Spanish boat. The contractor has begun putting up the iron roof frame for the new foundry for construction. The new big chimney is in use.

Feb 19 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Worked for the U.S. They are going ahead with the blasting out of the new dry dock and have 100 men cutting the granite blocks for the walls and bottom.

Feb 20 – Fair with a cold north wind. Worked for the U.S. Charles Yeaton is sawing wood for winter and think there will be plenty. Charles Seavey is on the sick list with a cold.

Feb 21 – Fair and pleasant but cold as zero in the morning. We have a holiday tomorrow and the pay master paid off after 5 o clock but did not take long. Worked on the “Raleigh”.

Feb 22 – Fair and pleasant as usual but cold in the morning, zero. This was a national holiday and we have a day off. There is some snow on the ground. Yeaton is sawing wood and got the pine sawed and now for the splitting. Lizzie, Edith and Bessie went to the music hall.

Feb 23 – Fair and not so cold. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There is a complaint of dry cisterns in Kittery. We have had no rain for a long time and water is low.

Feb 24 – Snowy in the forenoon then broke away and we have enough for good sleighing. I have not had a sleigh ride this winter but have gone on the cars. They are running with full seats.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold and solid weather. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. They are still tearing out the woodwork on the “Reina Mercedes”. Sometime rebuilding will begin and it will be a long process.

Feb 26 – Fair and cold with that chilly northwest wind that cuts. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. The builders of the new dock are pushing all parts along. Drilling and blasting out the space and preparing the granite lining with large forces.

Feb 27 – Fair and cold. Worked for the U.S. There is complaints of dry cisterns and they say that water is generally low. We have no rain this winter but tis thought rain will soon come.

Feb 28 – Fair with a high west wind. Worked for the U.S. and we had a chilly time of it. Still we do not have to wallow in snow and manage to bear the cold while we get fair wages.

Mar 1 – Fair but cold with a strong west wind. Worked for the U.S. Benton Hoyt and wife Josephine came to Portsmouth at 10 and he was stricken with a shock of paralysis and was taken home and died at 6 pm.

Mar 2 – Dull all day with some snow and rain and not very enjoyable. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” finishing bolting the gun mounts. Part of the gang putting in castings for the coal shoots. They are unloading boilers for the “Raleigh”. Boss Stevenson goes to Washington to the inauguration on Monday.

Mar 3 – Fair and more pleasant and it seems to look as if spring may come again sometime. Edith came at 3 and went to town with Lizzie and got medicine for Irving's cold.

Mar 4 – Fair and mild and good weather for President McKinley's 2nd inauguration. Many thousands have gone to Washington from all parts of the country and quite a party came from Puerto Rico. Worked for the U.S. Benton Hoyt was buried today.

Mar 5 – This morning we found 2 inches of snow on the ground. Very damp and by night was about gone. Worked for the U.S. There are great accounts of the inauguration at Washington.

Mar 6 – Fair and cold about zero in the morning and we had cold fingers. Worked for the U.S. The Republicans had a caucus last night and Horace Sawyer was nominated for selectman next Tuesday.

Mar 7 – Fair and cold in the morning. Worked for the U.S. Mrs. Elvin Rand was buried this week. (Elvin Rand's wife was Martha A. (Willey) Rand. She was the daughter of Samuel and Polly (Seavey) Willey. She died on March 1 at the age of 82.)

Mar 8 – Dull and somewhat wet but we managed to work on the "Raleigh's" deck letting down coal shoot castings. There is still quite a gang on the Spanish vessel taking out the old wood and iron work.

Mar 9 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared and we had a fair day. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". It was pay day and the 900 were paid in about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour, \$30,000.00. Each man's amount is put in an envelope and handed to him as he passes a window.

Mar 10 – Fair again and pleasant but not very warm. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach on temperance. Edith and Jennie came at 3 with Bessie. Irving has gone to Marblehead.

Mar 11 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to the yard but no work and came home at 9 on the car and it poured so kept near the fire. Irving came at 11 badly wet. The fields are flooded for the first time this winter. There has been a lack of water all through.

Mar 12 – This was Election Day and the Republicans elected all but one selectman. Horace Sawyer and Charles M. Rand were the two Republicans and Charles M. Remick was the Democrat. There was a full meeting and a lively voting.

Mar 13 – Fair and not so cold. Worked for the U.S. on the "Raleigh". They are short of money and 10 carpenters were laid off for 2 days. Charles Shannon has got back to work having lost about 30 days.

Mar 14 – An eastern snow storm all forenoon and no muster at the yard and came home at 9. Put some potatoes under the stove to sprout for early. They are scarce and hard to find.

Mar 15 – Fair with some clouds. Worked for the U.S. They say they are short of money and are laying off the gang 1/3 at a time for 2 days. I suppose my turn will come next Tuesday.

Mar 16 – Fair and more pleasant. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh”. There are rumors that the constructor has asked permission to build the new ferry boat of steel.

Mar 17 – Fair and bright and sunlight. Went up to see Joseph William Odiorne and he says he is better. The doctor has been to see him 3 times and says his trouble is Gripp. George Hayes came down at 2 to get cider and apples and he paid me \$16.00 rent money. Lizzie went to church.

Mar 18 – Cloudy and cold. Worked for the U.S. Heard last night that John Ichabod Trefethen was very sick taken suddenly Saturday night. He was down to Portsmouth last Friday and they thought he was as well as usual.

Mar 19 – Fair. Went to town at 9 and heard that John Ichabod was dead. He died at two o'clock this morning. At noon I went to Newington and found that John had gone. He had a shock Saturday night and did not recover. He was 84 $\frac{3}{4}$ years old. (John Ichabod Trefethen was Supply's older brother.)

Mar 20 – Cloudy and chilly. Worked for the U.S. So as not to lose my muster, as must to go John's funeral tomorrow. The weather is unhealthy and many are sick everywhere. The frost is coming out and the mud and wet and fog are making sickness.

Mar 21 – Dull and wet with an east wind and very rainy in the afternoon. Went to John Ichabod's funeral and it poured all the time. John was buried at the Center of Newington near the church. Came back through town and had to get a pair of mittens to keep warm.

Mar 22 – Fair and pleasant. Worked for the U.S. on the yard and it was nice to have a warm pleasant day after so much rough weather. The frost is coming out and may soon be settled weather.

Mar 23 – Fair and cooler. Worked for the U.S. on the “Raleigh” and got through and was discharged at night. It was pay day and got pay for 10 days in the first 1/2 of the month. One third of the gang were discharged on account of lack of money.

Mar 24 – Dull and cloudy all day. Irving came over at 10. At 1 went down to the sea to look over the lot on which Tom Noyes is to have a cottage built, Irving and Harrison Salter went also. Lizzie went to see Eliza and Jennie Trefethen.

Mar 25 – Fair. Went to the yard and got my tools and also re-registered for another job and made a bargain with Tom D. Noyes to build a cottage at Foss Beach. Got home at 12 and helped Irving shingle on the new out building on the corner.

Mar 26 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and worked with Irving at the new house getting ready to let it. Laid the floor in the barn and made doors etc. There seems to be a great plenty of water this year. The frost is fast coming out.

Mar 27 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off warm and pleasant. Worked on the new barn at the corner, finished shingling and got ready to let water into the cistern. Charles Seavey says he is going to have the new house.

Mar 28 – Fair and cool. Worked on the new barn till 8 then went to town and to the yard and got my pay and hurried back at 12. Worked on the barn in the afternoon and got one side clapboarded.

Mar 29 – Fair and cold for the season. Worked at making privy in the new barn and got it well-nigh done. The barn is nearly done except the clapboarding. Charles E. is at home to rusticate.

Mar 30 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Worked on the new barn until 2 then went to town to get the news and carried cider to George Sides. Got room paper for the new house. Edith and Lizzie went to town to get news.

Mar 31 – Fair and cold and found the best place near the coal fire. Had some steamed clams got of Yeaton last night.

Apr 1 – Fair. Worked with Irving on the new barn building the privy and other odd jobs. The selectmen are taking the inventory and counting the dogs. Muddy and bad traveling.

Apr 2 - Cloudy. Working on the new barn and got it about done except the clapboarding on the east side. Lizzie went to town and got papers etc. Charles Seavey had 2 of his fingers nearly sawed off at the Button Shop.

Apr 3 – A regular rain storm all day. We began papering the chambers today and got the back corner one most done. Went to town to see Noyes for him to come down tomorrow to locate the new house at Foss Beach.

Apr 4 – Dull and wet all day. Noyes came down and we went to the sea shore and located his new house. Goss hauled a load of lumber for the frame. Irving helped me at papering and we got another chamber done. Seavey came in with his lame hand.

Apr 5 – Fair and warmer and more spring like. Papering in the new house and got 2 rooms and the hall well done. Irving has been drawn as a juror to go to Exeter next Tuesday. So I must push my work.

Apr 6 – Dull and cloudy and rain came on at 4. Papering the parlor chamber and finished it and got well done with the hall. Went to town at 9:30 to get paper and paste. Saw George Webber and he is nearly 74.

Apr 7 – A regular northeast rain all day so that all low ground is flooded and runs off slowly. All cellars in the vicinity are covered with water.

Apr 8 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked in the new house papering the parlor and finished it and began the sitting room, Irving helping.

Apr 9 – Dull and wet all day. Papering the sitting room and finished it. Then we put in the new pump and sink pipe and put them in working order so the house is done except the mantle.

Apr 10 – Dull and wet. Went down and painted the privy seats at the new house. Went to town and got paper for the hall in Carty house. We have made arrangements to begin the job tomorrow at the sea. Smith is building 2 houses at the Sands.

Apr 11 – Cloudy. Irving and myself began our contract of building a new cottage for Thomas D. Noyes at Foss Beach, Charles Yeaton helping and got the sills on. There are 4 houses being built on the Sands near the Life Station.

Apr 12 – Fair. Worked on the cottage at the beach. Got the 1st floor on and laid and put up most of the studding and also put in the foundation for the chimney and fire place and hearth. Harrison Salter was down this afternoon, also Orin Drake.

Apr 13 – Fair and spring like. Worked on the job at the beach and made good progress and got the foundations all mapped out. Got the piazza posts and sills in place and all the frame except rafters up. Lizzie went to town for me.

Apr 14 – Fair and very pleasant. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach an Easter sermon. At 2 George Hayes came for an hour. Charles W. Shannon came in the next car and we had a talk and music.

Apr 15 – Cloudy but no rain so we worked on the new cottage and got the frame up and boarded the body etc. Noyes was down yesterday and approved what was done.

Apr 16 – Rainy all day and had time to do odd jobs at the new house. Went to town and got 2 mantles and ordered windows for the cottage. Irving went to court to Exeter as a juror and came home at night.

Apr 17 – Fair again and we worked on the cottage and got all boarded but upper roof. Irving went to Exeter to court and got excused till Friday so he helped this afternoon. Salter went to town and got moldings etc.

Apr 18 – Cloudy and black and cold. We worked all day on the cottage and it is all boarded and one side $\frac{1}{2}$ shingled, Irving helping. Tom Noyes was down to see progress and all was approved. Fast Day in New Hampshire.

Apr 19 – Cloudy and cold. Worked on the cottage at Foss Beach. Salter hauled stock from town, 2 loads. Irving went to Exeter as juror. Got the roof shingling well along.

Apr 20 – Dull and wet all day and raining part at night. Irving was with us and we finished shingling on the roof and put window frames together and most of them in and cut rafters for the piazza. Received \$200.00 from Noyes.

Apr 21 – Dull and wet all day with a northeast wind and has been for a long time. We keep near the coal fire. The cars go by regularly. Mrs. Raynes and Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth came at 3 and stayed till 4.

Apr 22 – Dull and wet all day after a rainy night. Worked on the cottage putting up the piazza and window frames etc. Orin Drake was not here. Irving went to court and came at 3. Charles Yeaton was all the help I had. Chauncey Woodman hauled 1200 bricks.

Apr 23 – Dull and wet all day. Worked on the cottage setting partitions and also on the piazza roof. Orin Drake came at noon and Irving went to court. Lizzie went to town. The day passed with a cold northeast wind.

Apr 24 – The long northeast storm continues and rain came down all day. We worked on the cottage finished boarding the piazza then went to furring. It was a drizzly day. Irving went to court.

Apr 25 – The rain storm continued through last night and all day, 30 hours. Worked on the cottage furring and building stairs etc. and made good progress. Lewis Odiorne called.

Chauncey Woodman hauled furring stock and a barrel of coal. Plenty of water and all the low ground is flooded.

Apr 26 – Fair with a cold northeast wind. Worked on the cottage shingling the piazza and putting on the end finish. Irving came at 3 from court. Chauncey Woodman hauled spruce floor boards and lime. Saw Mrs. Florence Noyes going down to see it at night.

Apr 27 – Fair and mild. Arbor Day and set out trees in front of the new house. Charles Yeaton helping Irving and Herman Rand on the cottage. Received of Tom D. Noyes \$100.00 on the cottage.

Apr 28 – Fair with cool wind. Lizzie went to church. Mr. Noyes came at 2 and we went to the sea. At 3:30 Mr. Shannon came for an hour. Then Mrs. Hutchinson and others called and at 5:30 Edith and Irving came.

Apr 29 – Fair and warm and more like spring. Worked on the cottage on the piazza shingling etc. Herman Rand did not appear. Orin Drake was sick and Irving went to court. Arthur Rand has agreed to work on the fireplace tomorrow.

Apr 30 – Dull all day and rain came at noon. Worked at the sea. Arthur Rand and Wallis Trefethen building the fireplace and chimney. We were shingling the ends. (Wallis Trefethen is Albert Brackett's son and the nephew of Supply. Arthur Rand is the grandson of Supply's brother, Joseph P. Trefethen.)

May 1 – Fair and warm. Worked at the sea shingling wall of the cottage. Arthur and Wallis worked on the chimney and hearth and got well along, Charles Yeaton is tending them. Mother and Lizzie called to see Miss Foye. Grace Yeaton's baby has broken its arm.

May 2 – Dull and rain came on at 2. Worked on the cottage shingling etc. The masons finished the chimney. Irving got clear of the court at noon and come to work. Orin Drake hauled hay for John I. Rand.

May 3 – Dull and cool. Worked on the cottage at shingling and furring and got well started with furring and Salter has been lathing the 1st story.

May 4 – Fair and cool. Worked on the cottage part time and went to town to get stock and money and paid some bills. The 2nd floor is all laid and the partitions are set and lathing well along there. Florence and daughter Constance were down to see the house.

May 5 – Fair and cool and rather quiet for a Sunday. The railroad was not crowded but running regularly. Had no company and had a day of rest.

May 6 – Fair and warmer. Worked on the new hen house at the corner. Charles Yeaton helping get it up and boarded except the roof. Went to the sea in the morning with Seavey to get lumber for the new hen house.

May 7 – Fair and good spring weather. Worked on the new hen house at the corner and got it done except clapboarding, Yeaton helping. We had to hustle to get it ready for the hens.

May 8 – Fair and warm. Worked round the new house cleaning up and got ready for Seavey to move in the 15th. Went to town at 4 and ordered sheet iron gutters for the cottage, 4 inch wide. Yeaton went to the sea to work.

May 9 – Fair and warm and we Worked on the cottage and made the mortar for plastering, 7 ½ casks, Yeaton, Irving and myself.

May 10 – Dull and rainy all day. Worked on the cottage getting ready for plastering. Made the door frames and put on some clapboards and shingles. Yeaton was not there. Irving and myself doing the heavy work.

May 11 – Dull in the morning then cleared off warm. Went to the sea then to town to get stock. Chauncey Woodman hauled a load of 1400 floor boards and 250 feet of plank and gutters. Called and paid Sugden and received of Noyes \$100.00 and paid out. George Raynes is very sick.

May 12 – Fair but cool. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. The open cars were running but it was rather cool.

May 13 – Dull and wet in the forenoon so we worked at Irving's on the tank and got the body of it together and the bottom ready. Yeaton was working for Seavey helping him get ready to move into the new house. Moses Clark's wife Susan had an operation performed at the Cottage Hospital.

May 14 – Fair and warm. Planted in the forenoon, Elmer helping with peas and potatoes, beets, onions and cucumbers. Afternoon went to the sea to work. Mr. Seavey moved into our new house at the corner today and Elmer helped him after 10.

May 15 – Fair and warm. Worked on the cottage till 2 then went to town to get nails and 400 other things. Bought a new coat, vest and changed pants. Irving and Yeaton were clapboarding etc.

May 16 – Fair and warm. Worked on the cottage and got the clapboarding and shingling and most of the piazza floor done and are now ready for the plastering tomorrow, Salter helping.

May 17 – Fair and mild. Worked on the cottage. Got the tank lined with zinc and the plasterers put on mortar in the chambers and lower front rooms and hope to get it all on tomorrow. The sheriff served “Trustee” papers on me stopping Charles Yeaton’s pay in my hands.

May 18 – Dull all day and rain came on at 2 and ran through the night. Worked on the cottage. The plasterers got the mortar on at 9:30 and went to do other jobs. Went to town at 9 and got money and paid bills. Got the tank in place and let the water in.

May 19 – A regular northeast rain all day and kept in the house near the fire. Reading Robinson Crusoe and other news. At 3 went to the Post Office to get the mail. Went to see the storage battery of the electric road. Samuel Walker was buried today, age 67 and 8 months.

May 20 – The storm continued all day and had a day of jobbing round, cleaned up the shop and barn. Went to the sea to see if the tank was tight and found it full of water. The masons were smoothing the plastering and got done. Oiled harnesses etc.

May 21 – Fair and warm and a good day for working on the cottage. Had it all open to let the plastering dry and it got well started. Put rods in the tank and finished the lattice work on the back side and made a door to go under the house.

May 22 – Fair with an east wind and not very drying. Worked of the cottage alone on the lattice work etc. The mortar is drying out very well. Kept all of the windows open. Rain came on at night with a shower.

May 23 – Fair and hot and drying. Worked on the cottage and finished the lattice work. Charles Yeaton was painting and clapboarding. Irving is at work for David Jenness. Good weather for trees and there will be a good amount of blith.

May 24 – Fair in the forenoon. Worked on the cottage putting up rails and Yeaton was painting all day. Went to town to get the windows but cannot have them until Monday. Paid Sweeter \$20.00 etc.

May 25 – Dull in the morning then cleared off. Worked on the cottage and put the finish round the front door and border round the hearth and baseboards in the living room, Yeaton was painting. Went to town and got paper and sink etc. Paid Grace \$20.00 on my own account.

May 26 – Fair with a cool air and signs of rain in the distance. They were running open cars 2 at a time and well loaded. Few went to church. Edith and Irving came at 4. Lizzie went up to see Etta Rand. There is much riding in the carriages.

May 27 - Dull all day and rain came at noon. Worked at the cottage until noon with Yeaton. Laying floor in the living room and putting up finish. At 1:30 went to town to get windows and door frames and weights etc. Irving was over to David Jenness's.

May 28 – Dull and rain most of the day. Hauled down windows etc. and Irving hung and jointed in 13 windows. Yeaton was laying floors, putting on finish and door frames etc. Jack Hodgdon is working on his house next to us.

May 29 – Dull and wet and working in the cottage. Irving is over to David Jenness's. Went to town to get nails and received \$100.00 on the job. Noyes is in a hurry to be rustivating by the sea. Hodgdon is putting up the piazza etc.

May 30 – Memorial Day and dull and wet. Working on the cottage at odd jobs. Put the finish on the kitchen and finished the crib under the stairs and put up brackets and painted. Yeaton is smoothing the finish. Irving finishing the windows.

May 31 – Dull in the morning and cleared off at 10 fair and warm. Worked on the cottage finishing the windows and chambers. Went to town and got doors and hangings and changed the sink. Worked on the stairs etc. May ends today and has been the wettest month ever known.

Jun 1 – Dull all day and some rain. Working in the cottage and now getting well along. Went to town and got stock and hope enough to finish. Irving is putting on the window bands etc. Got the stairs well along and locked the house up for the first time.

Jun 2 – Dull all the forenoon then cleared off, then the fog came at 4. Charles Shannon called at 3 and stopped till 5:30. Jennie, Edith and Irving came at 5. Apple trees are nearly in full bloom.

Jun 3 – Dull in the morning then cleared off. Warm with a northwest wind. Worked in the cottage and laid the kitchen floor and put on the stair treads. Irving was up hanging windows in the chambers and putting on casings. Yeaton was not there.

Jun 4 – Fair with a northwest wind and drying. Worked on the cottage at the sea and finishing the 2nd story and stairs. We are now getting well along. Next Monday it must be done by the contract and I think it will be. Yeaton failed to appear.

Jun 5 – Fair and nice weather. Worked on the cottage making steps and inside finish. Went to town and got the front door and stock for the steps and stair rails etc.

Jun 6 – Fair and hot. Worked on the cottage and got it well-nigh done. Went to town at 9 and got the sink pipe and pump and put them in. The front door is in, steps done and there are not many more jobs to do.

Jun 7 – Cloudy and cooler. Worked on the cottage finishing up and painting. Got the steps all done and well along with the painting. Mrs. Noyes was down to look it over and make suggestions. All was well and satisfactory.

Jun 8 – Fair and cooler. Worked on the cottage painting and putting shelves in the closets. Went to town and received \$100.00 of Noyes.

Jun 9 – Fair and cool with a northwest wind. Mr. Hayes came at 10 and stayed till 12:30 and paid me \$16.00 house rent and I gave him cider and apples. Lizzie went over to see Jennie and Edith. Etta Rand called at 6. Cool at night.

Jun 10 – Fair with a cold northwest wind. Worked on the cottage and finished except repainting the 2 floors with Indian Red. Painted all the upstairs and kitchen and finished outside and expect to complete it and settle tomorrow.

Jun 11 – Fair and warm. Worked on the barn at Seavey's at the corner, clapboarding and painting. Went to town and got clapboarding for the barn. Paid Broughton \$30.00 on account.

Jun 12 – Fair and drying. Working on the hen house at the corner. Charles Yeaton was digging for the drain to the cellar. Orin Drake was clapboarding the hen house. Went to town to get the drain pipe and settled with Mrs. Littlefield.

Jun 13 – Fair and drying. Orin Drake was here and hauled 2 loads of hay to town for me to Woods Brothers. We had 3260 lbs. at 90 cents per hundred = \$29.00. Yeaton was digging the Seavey cellar.

Jun 14 – Fair and hot. Finished the drain at Seavey's at noon. Yeaton came up and mowed by the road and we went clamming at Sammy Odiorne's and had steamed clams at 5. Lizzie and mother went to ride.

Jun 15 – Fair and cool. Hoeing and killing weeds, planted cucumbers and planted beans and onions. Went to town at 9:30 to get the news etc. and got pay for my hay that was sold for \$29.00. At night Noyes paid me for extra work on the house.

Jun 16 – Fair and cool with a north wind. The cars ran 3 at a time and were well filled but too cold for comfort. George Hayes and daughter Carrie called at 1 and at 3 Charles Shannon called for an hour. Then at 5 Edith and Irving came so we had a big day.

Jun 17 – Fair and warm. Worked for Charles A. Drake framing a building for a "cart shed", he and "Eddie" were helping. Framed sill and posts. (Eddie is his son Edwin H. Drake.)

Jun 18 – Fair and dry and we would like a little shower. Worked for Drake. Irving went with me and we got the building framed and partly raised and he hounded us to come again on Friday.

Jun 19 – Fair and warm. Got ready to concrete the cellar at Seavey's at the corner and we got about 1/5 of it down, Elmer was helping me all day. It took some time to make preparations.

Jun 20 – Worked at concreting the cellar and finished it at 5. Charles Yeaton and Elmer helped me. So it took 5 days' time and we used 6 barrels of cement, the house is 21 x 28 ½.

Jun 21 – Fair most of the day and a little shower at noon. Worked for Charles Drake and put his building in frame and boarded the body. Charles Yeaton went with me and we got it along so they can finish it this summer.

Jun 22 – Dull. Went clamming with Charles Yeaton at 8 and got home at 9:30 when rain came down freely and all vegetation is jumping. Went to town at 2 on the car to get the news and see the folks. Had steamed clams at noon.

Jun 23 – Dull and showery most of the day. So had a chance to rest. The cars were running ½ hourly and were very well filled for a dull day. Seavey came for milk and said he was going to work at the Button Shop. Edith and Irving came at 4.

Jun 24 – Fair with plenty of wet. Worked in the cellar cleaning up and got 5 barrels of coal ashes out and laid a number of new boards and cleared out trash etc.

Jun 25 – Fair and hot. Got ready for making a coal pen for Seavey and hoeing potatoes etc. Planted beans and cucumbers and others.

Jun 26 – Fair and very hot. Hoeing and getting ready for haying etc. Went to town to get news and something to eat. Saw Charles Shannon and George Green.

Jun 27 – Fair and hot, a Dog Day. Built a coal pen for Seavey and various other jobs. Charles Yeaton is haying with Clarence A. Goss for Storer Widden and it is the best of hay weather. Went down to the sea at night to cool off but it was about as hot there.

Jun 28 – Fair and hot. Getting in wood all day. Elmer helping in the afternoon so we got in a good pile.

Jun 29 – Fair and hot as ever. Went to town at 9 and got a rake etc. for haying. At 2 went clamming below Sam Odiorne's and had steamed clams at 6. The Wentworth opened today and there was a great drive there and they look for 150 guests.

Jun 30 – Fair and hot and very drying with a west wind. There was a great drive on the railroad, 3 cars together every ½ hour. At 2 Herb Seward and John Billings came from Kittery for an hour.

Jul 1 – Fair and hot and began the regular haying, Elmer helping and Chauncey Woodman does the cutting. Cut the field back of Abbie's and the corner field and got in one load. There is much more than last year. Seavey paid his months' rent, \$10.00.

Jul 2 – Fair and hot. Worked at haying and cut the further field and the high ground in front. Got in 4 loads and raked others up.

Jul 3 – Fair and hot. Woodman's machine broke down so we had none cut except by hand. He is to have a new mower tomorrow. Got it 4 loads.

Jul 4 – The Glorious 4th and we improved it by cutting most of the two lots in front of Charles E. Trefethen's and got in what we had in the thirds. Chauncey Woodman has a new mower. The "Osborne", \$40.00.

Jul 5 – Dull part of the day so we had none to get in and finished cutting in the thirds and cut some in front of Hannah's and had some time to rest. (Hannah is the daughter of Charles F. and Dorothy "Dolly" Trefethen and is living next to Supply with her mother.)

Jul 6 – Dull all day and we did no haying as I had too much down now. Went to town at 3 to get the news and see the "Town". There were many visitors from the beaches.

Jul 7 – Dull most of the day with fog. So had a day of rest. There was much travel on the road. At 5 Mr. Hayes came down for an hour and went at 8:30.

Jul 8 – Fair with a northwest wind and a good hay day and we pushed the work. Finished cutting on the north side of the road and got in 4 loads and raked up most of it.

Jul 9 – Dull till 3. We worked ¼ day at haying and got in a small load then cleaned up round. Then went clamming and got enough for 2 meals. Sowed a row of peas and some lettuce etc. Mother and Lizzie went to get the horse shod.

Jul 10 – Dull most of the day and got in a small load from the thirds and finished there. Hoeing and planting etc.

Jul 11 – Fair in the forenoon and turned what we had in hand and got it in at 12:30 and before we got it loaded rain came down but got it finished on the north side of the road.

Jul 12 – Fair after the morning and I shook the water out of the hay we had cut and at 3 turned it and at 5 raked it in windrows. Wife and Lizzie went to town to get the news etc.

Jul 13 – Fair and very good to dry the hay but it was rather green to get in but we hauled in 3 loads and cut back of the house. Went to town at 4:30 to get the news and see the town.

Jul 14 – Fair and hot and drying so we kept housed. At 10 Mr. Hayes came and stopped till 1:30 and paid me \$16.00 for rent and looked at my garden.

Jul 15 – Fair and hot and good hay weather. Chauncey Woodman finished cutting for me and we trimmed it round and at 3 raked it up and it was well dried. At 3:30 went to town to get the news and see the inhabitants thereof.

Jul 16 – Very hot, 100 in the shade. We got in 3 loads in the forenoon and then it was so hot we put it off till 4 and then we got in the last 2 loads and made a finish and got in all 27 loads without a horse. Paid Elmer \$10.00 making \$15 in all.

Jul 17 – Dull and showery most of the day and so had a chance to rest after a hard siege at haying. Cleaned up round the barn and put poison on the potatoes. The Gypsies went by for camp.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot until 4 pm. Went down to the sea and got some mussels and had a pan full steamed at dinner and they were very nice. Hoeing potatoes and beans and cucumbers. We have plenty of blossoms but had no cucumbers.

Jul 19 – Fair and warm and muggy. Went to town to see about concreting the cellar on the Lincoln Avenue house and to get the news, which is not great.

Jul 20 – Cloudy and not so hot. Went to the sea and got some mussels and had a dish for dinner. Bought a fish of Edward Downs for Sunday morning. Did not go to town. (Edward was a clerk at John O. Downs fish market on Market Street in Portsmouth.)

Jul 21 – Fair and hot. At 9 Miss Carrie Hayes came and at 11 then George Hayes and wife Ann came from Hampton. They all stopped until 12. At 2 George Raynes and wife Clara came for an hour. Rather hot all day.

Jul 22 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and went to the sea and got some mussels. There are many summer visitors at the beaches.

Jul 23 – Showery. Hoeing and getting ready to concrete the cellar of the house in town. Got tools ready and got Chauncey Woodman to haul a load of gravel. All want their coal hauled.

Jul 24 – Fair and made a beginning at concreting the cellar of the house on Lincoln Avenue No.6, Portsmouth. We used up all our gravel before 10 and had to give up because Chauncey Woodman failed to get the 2nd load there in time.

Jul 25 – Cloudy. Went to town and continued the concreting. Had Morrissey and Orin Drake and we got well along 3/4 and more done and it is called a good job.

Jul 26 – Fair after a shower. Went to town and finished concreting the cellar on Lincoln Avenue at 2. Cleaned up and brought the tools home. Had 2 loads of coal, 3 tons, put in today.

Jul 27 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round, hoeing and pulling weeds. At 2 went with the wife and got some mussels and had some steamed at night. We now have good new potatoes, cucumbers and string beans and other vegetables.

Jul 28 – Dull all day with rain and it was nice for the vines. We expect now to have a plenty of cucumbers etc. The drive on the railroad was not so great as last Sunday when they took \$600.00. Saw George Parks go by.

Jul 29 – Fair. Worked at the corner house putting in the cellar floor for Mrs. Catherine Carty to wash on. It is fine growing weather and potatoes are getting along well and are good for cooking.

Jul 30 – We had a shower last night that keeps everything growing. Went down and painted the front door at the Carty house. Then was hoeing and at night set out some cabbage plants given by Hannah Charlotte. (Hannah Charlotte is Simon Goss's daughter and Supply's niece. She is married to Oliver W. Clark.)

Jul 31 – Fair and hot after a shower last night which sent the plants growing. This was Farmer's Day at Hampton and Governor Chester B. Jordan and others were to speak. There was a large crowd. Lizzie and Edith went at 1:30.

Aug 1 – Dull and showery most of the day. Working in the shop and hoeing etc. Cucumbers are now plenty and potatoes are good for eating.

Aug 2 – Hot. Painted the front door at the corner and other jobs. At 4 went with wife to the sea and got a bucket of mussels and at night had a dish steamed. Many people are at the sea shore for pleasure.

Aug 3 – Dull with some rain. Painted the kitchen wall in the corner house in the morning. Cleaned up round and went to town at 3 to get the news. There was a crowd of beach people in town. Potatoes are down to 40 cents a bushel.

Aug 4 – Dull and wet all day and at night foggy. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. There was not a large crowd at church today.

Aug 5 – Fair and warm. Worked in the corner house papering the southwest chamber, Elmer helping and we finished it and began the small bedroom. It took me some time to get started in the business.

Aug 6 – Dull and showery all day. Worked at papering in the Carty house and got the small chamber done and all ready to go on with the parlor even before noon. At 5:20 had the front room done and ready for the upper hall.

Aug 7 – Dull and showery. Papering the upper and lower hall in the corner house and got them finished at night and now all the rooms are papered.

Aug 8 – Dull and showery. Jobbing round then went to town to see the town and get the news and tried to get rested. Had hoeing to do.

Aug 9 – Fair and warm. Carried the first bushel of Red Astrachan to town and sold to Ben Atwell for 75 cents. There is a great demand for early apples but they are very scarce and of poor quality. Got paint for Mrs. Carty's kitchen.

Aug 10 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round but not doing much. There are many summer visitors in Rye now and also at all the summer resorts. Went to town on the car at 4:30 and stopped in town 7 minutes and got papers and Sunday dinner.

Aug 11 – Fair and hot and the cars were running double and ½ hourly and loaded. George Hayes came down at 3 to get some cider and early apples. He also paid me the house rent of \$16.00. Will Ayers called at 5 in his round. He goes to Boston tomorrow.

Aug 12 – Fair after a shower last night. Painted Mrs. Carty's kitchen walls at the corner "Tara Cota" and it was very satisfactory. Put up the shelves etc.

Aug 13 – Fair. Picked one bushel of apples and carried to Ben Atwell for 75 cents. Also 40 cucumbers to John Downs for 50 cents. Bought new slippers for 75 cents. At 3 went with wife to the lower pasture to view the ground.

Aug 14 – Foggy in the morning then cleared up. Picked a bushel of apples to go tomorrow. At 2 went to the lower pasture to look over the bounds etc. The wood seems to grow quite fast. Woodman is mowing beside the road and is all to be cleared "between the walls". Paid Chauncey Woodman \$10.00.

Aug 15 – Fair. Went to town with apples 1 ½ bushels to Ben Atwell for \$1.25. The boarding season is at its full height. At 2 went to the lower pasture with wife to look over the bounds.

Aug 16 – Fair and hot. Picked apples and carried to market and sold to Globe Grocery Co. for \$1.50, two bushels. There are many automobiles on the road and they drive fast. Went down in the woods with the wife and then clamming at the Wentworth.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and carried 3 bushels to the market and got \$2.50. There is a demand for early kinds. Mowing in the low ground so as to harrow and sow the grass. One piece I sowed has come up nicely.

Aug 18 – Fair and warm but now the top of the ground is dry and if we could have a little rain it would be nice for the garden. Edgar Rand came and got \$1.00 for the celebration on Wednesday next.

Aug 19 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and carried to town for \$1.75. The “Tombiles” are plenty and drive fast. (Supply’s name for automobiles.)

Aug 20 – Cloudy in the morning then cleared up. Picked apples and went to town at 2 and got \$1.75. Getting ready for Old Home Day tomorrow. Got new pants and shoes. Cleaned up a square above the barn to sow grass seed.

Aug 21 – Cloudy in the morning but soon cleared off. Carried wheels to Jim Rand to set tires. At 10 went to Jenness Beach to Old Home Day. There was a large crowd and a clam bake and ball game with speaking at 5. They had a mock auction at Howard Rand’s corner of land.

Aug 22 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and carried to town for \$1.60, pie apples are more plenty and lower price. Lizzie carried Mary Odiorne to ride and make calls. Thomas Campbell called to spend an hour.

Aug 23 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town and sold them for \$1.75 and sold 50 cucumbers for one cent each. Went to Jim M. Rand’s shop and got wheels and touched them up for painting. The beach folks are going and tis said that boarding house keepers have done well.

Aug 24 – Fair and warm and dry. Painted the wagon and wheels for general use. It had been out of repair for some time. Went with wife and got mussels and had a dish for dinner. We think they are nearly as good as clams.

Aug 25 – Cloudy in the morning but soon cleared off warm after a good night of rain, which was very much needed. We had a quiet day.

Aug 26 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town with 2 bushels for \$1.50. At 2 Edith came and went to town on the car with Lizzie, Bessie went also. The 2nd crop is very stout and must cut soon.

Aug 27 – Cloudy in the morning then cleared up. Picked apples and went to town at 2 and got \$1.75. Getting ready for sowing seed tomorrow. Got new closets done for Seavey etc. Cleaning up a square above the barn to sow the grass seed.

Aug 28 – Cloudy in the morning but soon cleared off.

Aug 29 – Fair and warm. Paid the Rye taxes today, \$41.76. Picked apples and pears, 2 bushels and harrowed. Sowing grass seed. Lizzie and wife went to ride. Henry Hammond called and spent an hour.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Went to town with pears and apples and \$1.50. Harrowed for sowing grass seed and finished the closet for Mrs. Seavey to put into the cellar. Picked apples. Mrs. Raynes called for an hour of gossip.

Aug 31 – Fair and warm. Hauled the closet down to the house Seavey occupies and put it in the cellar and ready for use. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples, \$1.25. Got one dollar worth of sugar. At 3:30 went with wife and got mussels. Lizzie and Edith went to town.

Sep 1 – Fair and warm enough for comfort with some clouds and signs of rain. Mr. Hayes came from town at 2 and stayed 2 hours. There was to be a great time at Hampton but fog prevented it.

Sep 2 – Labor Day and warm. The Osgood Lodge of Odd Fellows had a picnic at Jenness Beach and had a crowd. Had a day of rest and a good time.

Sep 3 – Fair and hot. Mowed the 2nd crop in front of Dolly's, Elmer helped. At 9:30 went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples for \$1.25. (Dorothy "Dolly" was Charles F's wife and is living next door to Supply with her daughter Hannah. Charles F. died in 1896 and was Supply's cousin.)

Sep 4 – Fair and hot. Hoeing and weeding and repaired ladders for painting inside of the gutters on the house Charles Seavey lives in. Cut the 2nd crop in the further field with mowing machine.

Sep 5 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. Tended hay and picked apples etc. This was Portsmouth Day at Hampton Beach and it was said there were 15,000 people there to celebrate it. Cars were doubled at ½ hourly. Wife and Lizzie went at 4.

Sep 6 – Fair and hot and drying. Turned hay then went to town with 2 bushels of apples for \$1.00. Hauled in a load of 2nd crop in front of Dolly's. Edith and babies came over.

Sep 7 – Fair and hot. News came this morning that President McKinley had been shot in Buffalo in the Fair Grounds. The assassin fired 2 shots at him. One struck the breast bone and glanced off. The other went in the abdomen cavity and tis hoped it will not prove fatal.

Sep 8 – Fair and cooler and comfortable. We had a very quiet day and have heard nothing about the President. Lizzie went over to the other road. News from the President was not unfavorable. They have an army of doctors.

Sep 9 – Fair and cool in the morning then came up warm. Jobbing round and repaired the ladder, painted the gutter on the new house. Picked apples and dug some potatoes etc. Lizzie went to town. News from the President is favorable and tis hoped to prevent blood poisoning, which has been feared.

Sep 10 – Fair and drying. Jobbing round and there is much 2nd crop being cut but potatoes are rotting. Went to town at 9 with apples at 75 cents. The President holds better they say and great hopes for his recovery are held by all. There is strong sentiment against anarchists that they should be banished from the land.

Sep 11 – Showery in the forenoon and Mr. Odiorne and Co. did not go to the Rochester Fair as they intended. Cut bushes round the thirds and at 3 went down to Lang Point and got a bucket of mussels. The President is getting better.

Sep 12- Fair in the forenoon and cut bushes in front of Charles E's. house. Got rain in that part of the lot. Rain came on at 2 or 3 and had to work in the shop. Mr. Odiorne went to the fair. Did not hear from the President today.

Sep 13 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Went to town with apples at \$.75. The papers say the President is worse. His food does not digest in good form. He has a very weak pulse and quicker, 120 and much distress. Got a barrel of flour at \$15.00. Sold Porter apples for \$.75.

Sep 14 – Fair and warm. Went to town with pears and apples at \$1.25. News was received that the President died at 2:15 this morning, blood poisoning set in. All flags are at half-mast and great sorrow all over the country. Went clamming at 3:30.

Sep15 – Dull and showery most of the day. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours to get some cider and fruit. He said Roosevelt was sworn in as President in Buffalo yesterday.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm. Picked pears and apples and went to town. All were talking about the murder of the President. The body is on the way to Washington on the funeral train. The nation is in mourning. The assassin is indicted at Buffalo today.

Sep 17 – Dull. Mowing in the low ground in the thirds and picked apples etc. Then we had 2 showers and at 4 Lizzie went over to Wallis Odiorne's and got 12 pullets for \$5.00. The funeral of President McKinley is held in Washington today in the rotunda of the capital.

Sep 18 – Dull all day with some showers. Went to town with apples, 2 bushels. Have sold all my Porters at 75 cents. Lizzie went and bought 12 more pullets for \$4.00. The funeral train goes from Washington to Canton Ohio today.

Sep 19 – Fair and warm. There was a holiday of mourning and the burial day of the President McKinley at Canton Ohio and services were held all over the country. We held a service at the church and had a number of speakers.

Sep 20 – Dull and showery. Picked apples and carried to town, \$1.00. There seems to be quite a lot of pie apples carried in. The commission are to let out a section of the Boulevard to build on the 26th.

Sep 21 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round till 10 then went with wife clamming and got a bucket full and had a dinner of them. Raked hay etc. Went to town on the car at 4 to get the news and see the town.

Sep 22 – Fair and cool but no frost yet this fall but it came very near it once or twice. At 3 Charles Shannon called and stayed an hour. Lizzie went to church and heard Mills preach about the want of spiritual strength and work.

Sep 23 – Fair. Picked apples and carried them to town at \$1.00. All are digging potatoes and find 1/3 of them rotten. But in Maine and Nova Scotia they have a full crop and are shipping them to Boston by the thousands of bushels.

Sep 24 – Fair and very hot. Cut the 2nd crop in the thirds with the machine and got in a load from the low ground. Dug a bushel of potatoes. I think I shall get about 8 bushels.

Sep 25 – Fair and warm. Picked 2 bushels of apples and went to town and got \$1.00 per bushel. Fireman's muster tomorrow. Digging potatoes and raked hay etc. Went to the sea and got mussels. Wife went to Warren Keen's. Edith and Lizzie went to town.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. Dug potatoes and picked up 2 bushels. The minister, Mr. Mills called at 4 and talked about church matters and said David Jenness was very sick with heart trouble. Got in a load of 2nd crop.

Sep 27 – Fair. Picked apples and carried 2 bushels to town at 50 cents per bushel for making sauce, pies etc. They are scarce and I can sell most anything. They have let out a section of the Boulevard to build to a Massachusetts man for \$19,440.00 for 2 miles.

Sep 28 – Fair and warm. Picked 1 bushel of apples and went to town at 50 cents. Engaged 2 tons of hay to haul to town next week. Mowed some with the machine above the barn. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 3 and Bessie stayed with us.

Sep 29 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon but cleared off. Mr. Hayes came down at 2 and got some cider and fruit. Charles Seavey came up and paid me one months' rent for \$10.00, date ending tomorrow night. He heard the phonograph for ½ an hour.

Sep 30 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 2 bushels of Sheldon pears at 75 cents. Paid my tax in Portsmouth, \$40.50 and also \$5.00 to Kelly which I owed Charles Yeaton and was trusted in my hands.

Oct 1 – Fair and warm. Dug 1 ½ bushels of potatoes and went to town with 2 bushels of apples at \$1.00 and changed for sugar. David Jenness is said to be much sicker than last week with heart trouble and dropsy. He requires a man to care for him now.

Oct 2 – Dull in the morning and soon cleared off. Elmer helped me and hauled 2 loads of hay to town to Wood Brothers at \$15.00 per ton. The railroad is having the poles painted “Nile Green” and they look much better.

Oct 3 – Dull in the morning but soon broke away and we went to town with the 3rd load of hay making 2 tons to Wood Brothers at \$15.00, some get more.

Oct 4 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 1 ½ bushels of pears at 75 cents per. There is a call for apples and they are very scarce. Mr. Foye is picking his winter apples. Dug some potatoes and shall get about 8 bushels.

Oct 5 – Fair. Went to town with apples, 1 bushel at \$1.00 and 2 at 50 cents each. Saw Woods but did not get my pay for the hay. Got in some 2nd crop and got ½ bushel of Berry Base pears.

Oct 6 – Dull and wet most of the day. So we had a quiet time. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach to Sunday school children. They are running classed cars on the electric road.

Oct 7 – Fair. Picked apples and went to town with 2 bushels at 50 cents. Finished getting in my potatoes and had only 8 bushels but they are nice. Received my pay for hay sold and paid it to Andrew P. Wendell and Co. and settled with them and start square, \$30.00.

Oct 8 – Fair and cool. Wheeling in hardwood to the barn. At 10 went clamming with the wife near the Wentworth and got a bucket about full and had a nice mess for dinner. There are many teams hauling coal from town at \$6.00 per ton on the wharf.

Oct 9 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of apples at \$1.00 and one at 50 cents. Wheeling hardwood in the barn for cool weather.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool in the morning. Picking apples and 1 barrel greenings and one barrel of King of Tompkins and one of Hubbardston None Such and also 2 bushels to go to town. The apple crop is very small. Wife and Lizzie went to town at 3.

Oct 11 – Picked apples and went to town with two bushels to Rider and 1 of pears to Josh Vaughan for \$1.50. Eliza and Jennie Trefethen were over to dinner and for the day. Eliza Ann is 77 years old.

Oct 12 – Dull and cloudy. Picked apples and carried 2 bushels to market, one to Bob King and one to Carroll and Co. at \$1.50. They pay 50 cents for most any kind of good size. Am to go again on Tuesday.

Oct 13 – Dull and wet all day. I had a day of rest trying to cure my cold which is in the head. We had a quiet day, ran the phonograph for music and read the new etc.

Oct 14 – A regular rainy day and much water fell. Worked in the shop doing odd jobs. There is much in the papers bout Miss Stone's capture and is being held by Bulgarian outlaws for ransom money. She is held in the mountains of Bulgaria, Turkey.

Oct 15 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town and sold \$2.00 worth. Catherine Carty came up and paid me a month's rent, \$10.00 ending the 11th. The court "Sets" today and all the lawyers in the country were in Portsmouth.

Oct 16 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of pie apples at 50 cent and sold to Carroll and Co. The Superior Court is in session and they have much business in hand. Cyrus Jones is on the jury and Fred D. Parson was on the grand jury.

Oct 17 – Fair in the forenoon and picked apples and finished the Hubbertson and Ben Davis and began on the Baldwins. A man named Gould with his family stopped at noon to lunch. Bound from Alfred, Maine to Danvers, Mass. to live. Baldwins in Boston are \$3.50 per bushel.

Oct 18 – Fair and cool. Picking apples and went to town with 2 bushels to Rider for \$1.00. They say that apples are \$3.50 in Boston.

Oct 19 – Fair. Picking apples and jobbing round. It is slow work the apples are so scattering on the trees but bring a good price so it helps out on pay. At 3:40 went to town on the car and stopped in town 7 minutes. Got papers, oysters etc. and got home at 4:20.

Oct 20 – Fair and cool and quiet in the forenoon. At 12:30 Shannon called and stayed an hour then went to Hampton after resting. At 2:30 George Hayes came and stayed till 4:30 and paid me a month's rent, \$16.00 ending this day.

Oct 21 – Fair and cool. Picking Russets and got about 2 barrels then began on cider apples and got 8 bushels. It takes a long time to get a bushel as they are so small and in among the grass.

Oct 22 – Fair. Picking cider apples. Went to town with a barrel to Bob Jellerson for \$2.50 and sold one more to him for \$1.50 and engaged more to go to the grocers. Have got 20 bushels picked for cider. Orin Foye hauled his cider home today, 85 gallons.

Oct 23 – Fair. Picking apples and finished. Went to town and carried apples that I sold yesterday and 2 bushels to grocers at 75 cents. John B. Holland is to have a new front put in his store to be in fashion, Frank Jones owns the building.

Oct 24 – Cloudy and cool. Cutting bedding in the forenoon and after dinner went and dug a bucket of clams and has some steamed for tea. Cleaned out the hen's quarters. Mother and Lizzie went to town.

Oct 25 – Fair and dry. Went to town and carried apples. Then finished cutting bedding and got about done picking apples. The railroad folks are repairing the road by John Odiorne's and cars have to come and go on each side to the break.

Oct 26 – Fair and cool. Hauled in 2 loads of bedding, Raymond is helping. Then picked 4 or 5 bushels of apples by the wall in the lower Varrell field. Went to town on the car at 4 to get news and see the town. Got home at 5:25.

Oct 27 – Cloudy and cool in the forenoon. Lizzie went to church. At 10:30 Sarah Caswell Robertson called to see about building a bank wall around the cemetery where her father is buried. Chauncey Woodman called to see about hauling my apples to the mill.

Oct 28 – Fair and cool in the morning. Got my cider barrels ready and the apples in bags and barrels ready to go. Burnt bushes in the field in front of Charles and the thirds. At 4 Chauncey Woodman came and took apples and barrels to the mill for me. David Jenness died yesterday morning at 4. (David was the son of David W. and Mary (Drake) Jenness of Rye.)

Oct 29 – Fair and cold in the morning, 28. Cut wood then went to town to engage apples. At 2 went to David Jenness's funeral at the church. It was largely attended, he was 64 years old and buried in the Central Cemetery.

Oct 30 – Fair and cool. Went to town with apples at \$1.50. Saw Charles Drake in town and he thinks the Odd Fellows ought to attend a funeral when a member dies. Cutting bushes in the further field and burning bushes.

Oct 31 – Fair. Chauncey Woodman brought my cider last night, 137 gallons and it is nice. Went clamming in the morning for 1 ½ hours. Cut wood and burned bushes. The railroad folks are leveling the track near the corner. Elmer and George went to Boston on an excursion to see the "Food Fair". (Elmer is 16 and George is 19 and they are Charles Erwin Trefethen's sons.)

Nov 1 – Fair in the forenoon and rain after dinner. Cutting alders and bushes above the barn after going to town with apples at \$1.60. There is much demand for winter fruit. Paid Chauncey Woodman \$10.00. At 2 Canney's wife Lydia and John C. Webster called and heard the phonograph then went to Abbie's, rain drove them home. (Herbert Canney now owns the Old

John Hobbs Webster home. John C. Webster is now living with the Canney family there on Wallis Road.)

Nov 2 – Cloudy and warm. Cutting alders and bushes in the field above the barn by the old wall and it was tiresome work. Edith and Bessie came over at 2 and Edith and Lizzie went to town and Bessie stayed with mother to sew and eat crackers and milk etc.

Nov 3- Fair and cool with a north wind. At 1 Mr. Hayes sister and daughter came from town and drank new cider and heard the phonograph. At 2 went with wife to see Augustus “Guss” Rand and he is no better. Came home at 4:20 and Mr. Seavey called and drank new cider etc.

Nov 4 – Fair and cold and frosty in the morning. Worked in the shop a while on odd jobs. Then cut wood and other jobs round.

Nov 5 – Fair and cool. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples at \$1.50 and the last I have to sell. After dinner went down and fixed the front door to the house that Seavey lives in, Russell was with me.

Nov 6 – Fair. Went to town and repaired the underpinning of the house on Lincoln Avenue and also put in a new sink in place of the old one that leaked. Saw Mrs. Batchelder looking over the fence and mourning over her father.

Nov 7 –Fair and cool. Got my celery in the cellar set in trenches and the roots were rather dry. Shall have to water it. At 2 went to the sea and got a load of gravel and seaweed and also a bucket of mussels.

Nov 8 – Cloudy and cool. Cutting wood for the kitchen and cleaning up in the lane and burned the trash on the dump and got ready for another pile. Edith came at 2 and went to town with Lizzie to get the news etc.

Nov 9 – Cloudy and cool with some rain afternoon. Cutting firewood and other jobs in the forenoon and after dinner continued my job of sinking the old wall above the barn. At 2 Edith and babies came and she went to town with Lizzie in the wagon. Bessie and Russell helped me. (Bessie is 7 and Russell is 3.)

Nov 10 – Cold with a high northwest wind. The first really cold day of the season and gives us an idea of what may come. We have had a very pleasant fall and a good chance for all kinds of work.

Nov 11 – Fair and cold. Clapboarding the hen house for Seavey and got nearly done. Began burning coal today in the dining room. The hens are not laying many eggs, 4 or 5 a day.

Nov 12 – Rainy most of the day. Worked in the shop and cleaned up round. Went to town at 2:30 on the car to get papers etc. Frank Trefethen had a daughter born yesterday. Emmons Clark hauled his cider home. (Frank James Trefethen's daughter is Elouise.)

Nov 13 – Dull and snowy in the forenoon. Went clamming and got enough for chowder. Got in cabbages and turnips. After dinner went down and finished the hen house for Mrs. Ida Seavey. Mrs. Catherine Carty paid me \$10.00 rent. Lizzie went to town and got the news.

Nov 14 – Fair and cold. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of apples at 75 cents. Changed for onions at \$1.00 per bushel. Went and got pine brush and banked the cellar case and went with Oliver Winslow and got ½ dozen cabbages. (Oliver Winslow is the son of Samuel A. and Eliza Trefethen and living on Wallis road.)

Nov 15 – Cool. Making the hen house tight with battens etc. Went down and put weather strips around the front door to the house Seavey lives in. Called to see Abbie a minute. Cleaning up round and cut wood etc. There is much snow in Maine, 8 inches in Bangor.

Nov 16 – Fair and cool. Jobbing round getting ready for winter, banked up, cleaned out the privy and finished in the barn battening the doors and behind the horse and cow. Went to town on the car at 3:40 and got home at 4:25, in town 7 minutes.

Nov 17 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Mr. Hayes came down at 9 to take the air and get some cider. He paid me rent of \$16.00 and went at 10:40. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills.

Nov 18 – Fair and cool and cutting wood. Went clamming at 9:30 and got a bucket full. After dinner went down and painted the hen house at Seavey's. Mother and Lizzie went to town at 2 and got newspapers etc. They began the State Boulevard today at Wallis Sands.

Nov 19 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon and at 2 snow came down furiously and at night we had 2 or 3 inches, working under cover. At 3:40 went to town on the car to get the news and oil cloth canvas for the stove etc. It looks like winter.

Nov 20 – Fair and cool in the morning but soon snow began to go and was half gone by night. Working in the shop repairing tools and grinding axes. Lizzie went to town at 2 with Jennie. Emmons called in the evening. Set up the sitting room stove.

Nov 21 – Fair and cool. Cutting wood etc. Cut the old peach trees in the garden in the forenoon. After dinner cutting willow stuff in front of Dolly's.

Nov 22 – Fair and cold. Finished cutting willow wood in front of Dolly's. At 2 went to Sands to see about a bridge to be built there but found out nothing. Lizzie and Jennie went with me to the school house. Went to town to get the news.

Nov 23 – Fair and cold. Trimming up the grapevines and cut out the old ones. Went to the Sands to see the road contract or about the bridge at Concord Point. Sinking the old wall above the barn. Went to town at 3:40.

Nov 24 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and it was cold so we kept by the coal fire and let it rain. The cars were not full and passengers had plenty of room. The snow is all gone and we shall wait for more.

Nov 25 – Dull and rainy most of the day and the tide was the highest for many years at the Sands so the Boulevard folks could not work.

Nov 26 – Fair with a high northwest wind and furious. Went to town in the wagon and carried apples to Clara Raynes and a jug of cider to Dick Miller and got turkey and fixings for Thursday. There are no peddlers with wagons as there used to be.

Nov 27 – Fair, cold and windy. Jobbing in the shop and making the barn doors tight and also getting ready for Thanksgiving etc. At 3:40 went to town on the car and stayed 7 minutes and got papers and 2 panes of glass and pickles etc. got home at 4:25.

Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day. Fair and cold with high northwest winds, 14 above in the morning. There is no snow and the ground is quite solid. Edith, Irving, Bessie and Russell came to dinner in the afternoon. We had turkey and fixings and played the phonograph to please the children and others.

Nov 29 – Fair and cold. Cleaning up and cutting wood and hauled up 2 butt pieces with the horse. After dinner cleaned up the pasture at the end of the further field, cut bushes and burned them.

Nov 30 – Fair and cold. Went clamming at 8 and got a bucket full and had a clam chowder for dinner. Then went cleaning up the pasture and burned the bushes. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get the news etc. Russell went to the barbers for a haircut.

Dec 1 – Fair and pleasant and warmer and there was much moving about. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Charley Grant is married. At 2 Seavey and baby came in and he paid me \$10.00 rent money. He said Frank Jones is very sick. (This is the Frank Jones from Portsmouth and the owner of the brewery there.)

Dec 2 – More mild with a south wind. Cutting and burning bushes. Frank J. Trefethen's infant, died last night and was buried today at 2:30. Austin is home sick with a cold. Elmer went to school today for the winter term. (Frank James Trefethen's daughter was Elouise and was 3 weeks old.)

Dec 3 – Dull and stormy all day and most of the night with furious snow storm. Went to town at 9:40 on the cars to get papers and news etc. It was said that Frank Jones was very sick and they think near death. Congress met yesterday.

Dec 4 – Fair and cold with 18 inches of snow on the ground and it took me all forenoon to clear away and get my Bobsled together. After dinner hauled home 6 loads with the horse. They were small loads because of the heavy wallowing. The road breakers were out at 4.

Dec 5 – Fair and cold, 6 above in the morning. Finished hauling out the summer wood cut and got the Pung ready for use and smoothing the paths with the horse. Lizzie went to town and got news and wrapper for mother.

Dec 6 – Cloudy and cold. Worked in the shop a while. Then went to town to get the news and also got 3 jugs to hold 13 gallons of vinegar. Saw Emmons Clark and he is to go to Exeter tomorrow as a witness about the Boulevard folks hauling sand from the beach to make the new highway.

Dec 7 – Fair and cold with plenty of snow. Carried 13 gallons of vinegar to town at 20 cents per gallon and bought 2 bags of cracked corn at \$1.54 per bag. The sleighing is bad. Frank Jones is still living and they have hope. Edith and Bessie were over in the afternoon.

Dec 8 – Fair and warmer so that the snow treads down better. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach about being born again. Except ye be born again you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Mr. Hayes came at 5 and paid me rent of \$16.00.

Dec 9 – Fair and mild and thawy. Working in the shop on odd jobs. The hens are very slowly increasing egg production and got 8 today. It was a hard job to get them to start. Grain is \$1.54 per bag and eggs bring 36 cents per dozen and fresh eggs bring 48 and 50 cents in Boston.

Dec 10 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon and snow has settled very much. Went to town at 9:40 and stayed an hour. There was a hearing about taking sand from Wallis Sands to build the boulevard but the decision is not yet. There is much talk about it but I am out of it.

Dec 11 – Fair and mild and thawing. Wheels are going again and sleighing has gone but there is much snow. Enlarged the cows stall and other jobs about the barn. Jenness's association has a show tonight at town hall and cars are loaded with Portsmouth folks.

Dec 12 – Dull and warm. Trimming apple trees in the back of the house most of the day and gave the limbs to Hannah Lang and put them over in her lot to be cut up. Abbie called at 2 to see mother. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie and got news etc. there was much Christmas shopping. (Hannah Lang is Dorothy “Dolly” Trefethen’s daughter and is living with her next door to Supply.)

Dec 13 – Dull and foggy and the snow is going and some rain is helping. Went to town to get news and got 20 lbs. of sugar for \$1.20. Fresh halibut is 20 cents a pound. They were having another hearing about taking sand at Wallis Sands to build the highway. The cottages are trying to prevent the taking.

Dec 14 – Dull and thawy. Cutting wood for summer and have got quite a pile. Went to Chesley’s and got a plan of a proposed new bridge at Concord Point to estimate on. Trying to make the hens lay and got 8 eggs today from 100 hens.

Dec 15 – A regular southeast rain storm all day and the snow is about all gone and the frost is out of the ground and mud is deep and sticky. Mr. Mills exchanged with the Reverend Mr. Thayer of Portsmouth but neither had a congregation.

Dec 16 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind and we were glad to keep out of it so we kept near the coal fire. The cottages are all fired up about the boulevard builders taking sand from Wallis Sands to make the road, no deaths yet.

Dec 17 – Fair in the morning but soon came up dull and snow came through afternoon. Cleaning up and cutting bushes and burning. At 2:40 went to town to get the news etc. John O. Berry’s boy was buried today. He died in Brentwood and was buried by Mrs. Salter’s kindness. (John’s son was Frank and he was 18 years old. He died of Bright’s and heart disease. Mrs. Salter is John’s sister, Florence L. (Berry) Salter.)

Dec 18 – Fair and cold. Cutting wood in the pasture and hauled home 4 loads. We had ¼ inch on snow but made out well. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie who gave me a pair of mittens for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. George Raynes came at 3:20 and stayed 20 minutes.

Dec 19 – Fair and cold. Cutting summer wood and bushes to burn. This is good winter weather and healthy. They have 200 or 300 cases of small pox in Boston but not many in New Hampshire as yet.

Dec 20 – Cutting wood and bushes. Joseph Odiorne is cutting wood with Frank Foss helping. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie to see the stores and ride in the cars.

Dec 21 – Fair and cold, 10 above. Went to town at 9:15 to get the news etc. Christmas is coming and the town was full of shoppers. Got home at noon and carried a jug of cider to Raynes. Mrs. Florence Salter and Bessie and Russell went at 2. Cut and burned bushes.

Dec 22 – Dull but the coldest so far. This morning found a calf beside the cow and it was shivering this being the coldest morning so far. At 2 Mr. Hayes came from Portsmouth and stayed 2 hours. Jennie went to a concert with Lizzie.

Dec 23 – Fair and cold. Hauled wood and gave Hannah a book in memory of Christmas. After dinner went to the sea and got some mussels and a load of seaweed. Lizzie went to town on the cars. Got 13 eggs today.

Dec 24 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Worked in the shop etc. It cleared off at noon, mild. Fixing the nest boxes for the hens and put in slats on the bottom so the dirt will fall through. Lizzie and Edith went to town and got a lot of bundles; Bessie went and got a sugar cat.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and we had a rather quiet day. Had chicken for dinner. Edith and her family came to help out the day. Bessie and Russell had a lively time sliding down the hill. I am trying to make the hens lay. We get about a dozen eggs per day.

Dec 26 – Fair and mild. Cutting wood etc. After dinner went down to the Sands to see what progress was made on the boulevard. They are now getting ready to crush stone for the road bed or surface of the new road. Got 14 eggs today.

Dec 27 – Dull and snowy most of the day. So had to work in the shop on odd jobs and taking care of the hens and cow and calf. It broke away at 3. Lizzie went to town and got the news. President Roosevelt is in the White House and just appointed Governor Shaw of Iowa Secretary of the Treasury.

Dec 28 – Fair and cool with just enough snow for sleighing. Went to town to have a sleigh ride and get the news. They say they are going to have some new cars soon. Saw John H. Broughton. They are to build a large power house at the navy landing.

Dec 29 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind and mild. The snow is about all gone again.

Dec 30 – Rainy all day and carried the snow off again. So had a day in the shop mending chairs, harness and so on. Taking good care of the hens and they now lay 15 to 20 eggs daily.

Dec 31 – Fair and mild and found it a good day to cut summer wood. At 2 Edith came and went to town with Lizzie to market and see the town. There is nothing very exciting going on. They say the railroad company have got 2 new improved cars to put on the Rye line. Suitable to carry 40 each with cross seats and we shall have them soon.

Memoranda

This is the end of the old year of 1901 but it seems to have been a short year to me but still it had 365 days and they are gone. Now we must look to 1902 with hope and confidence. The old year saw many events the saddest of all to the nation was the murder of President McKinley as he was the most popular President we have in many years. Even the opposite party respected him very much. The Vice President Theodore Roosevelt was made President and has made a good record so far. The new Ocean Boulevard is being built from Wallis Sands to Rye Harbor.

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Jan 1 – Fair and cold and well down towards zero most of the day. So we had to keep in the shop and house and had to take care of the hens and the calf. Got 20 eggs and they are worth now 3 cents each and if they would hold there it would pay to keep the hens.

Jan 2 – Fair and cold. Cut the old cherry tree in the further field and white birches etc. At 2:40 went to town on the car to get the news and carried milk to Cally Raynes. John T. Marden dropped dead this forenoon in his pasture. (John was the son of Reuben and Charlotte (Towle) Marden.)

Jan 3 – Fair and cold and hauled home hardwood cut in the further field and cut up some. Lizzie sold 8 dozen eggs that we got in 1 week to W. Jenness at 36 cents per dozen. The hens are gaining slowly but it is hard work to wake them up. Potatoes are \$1.00 per bushel.

Jan 4 – Fair and cold and was obliged to keep out of the wind. Taking care of the hens and animals. John Towle Marden was buried at 2 from the church, age 65. Lizzie and Edith went to town in a new car and they are very nice with cross seats.

Jan 5 – Cloudy and cold all day so we had to keep near the coal fire. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach a new year's sermon about being careful of our days. Mr. Hayes came at 1:30 and stayed till 3:40 and drank cider and we talked of general matters.

Jan 6 – Fair and cold. Cut maple wood in the willow field for hardwood. Went clamming at 3 and got a pail full and they were very nice when steamed.

Jan 7 – Cloudy and black. Hauled up wood from the willow lot as we have signs of snow. After dinner went to town to get the news. It was said the liquor law would be enforce next Thursday. They are talking in Congress about the Canal on the Isthmus.

Jan 8 – Cloudy and cold all day. Cut wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to Chesley's to see the foreman of the boulevard about making an offer to build the bridge at Concord Point. He also wants an offer to drive 100 piles for abutments.

Jan 9 – Fair and cold all day. Cutting summer wood and now have a good pile that is nearly enough. There is about 2 inches of snow on the ground, wheels go best. Edith and Russell were over for the afternoon. Got 23 eggs today.

Jan 10 – Cloudy and dull and some snow. Cutting summer wood. Went to town at 9:40 and came back on the 11 car. Saw John Turner Foss. Went down Daniel Street and saw where they are putting in the foundation for the electric plant of large proportions.

Jan 11 – Dull all day. Cutting and hauling wood from next to Lewis Odiorne's for winter. Lizzie went to town with Bessie and Mrs. Salter in an elegant new car in which 40 can be seated. We have a cheap ride to town for 5 cents.

Jan 12 – Snowy all night and forenoon then cleared off pleasant with 1 foot of snow level and no track. The snow plow went through and cleared the way and cars followed at 2:30. George Hayes and Charles Shannon came for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for rent.

Jan 13 – Fair and cold. Broke out snow and made paths. At 2:40 went to town and paid water bill and Odd Fellows dues and a bill to Joe Gardiner. Received of Carl Carty of \$10.00 rent.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold. Worked in the shop. At 3 went down and paid Chauncey Woodman \$3.75 owed him. They are working on the boulevard hauling sand on the road. They began to enforce the prohibitory liquor law today in Portsmouth.

Jan 15 – Fair and cold and very good sleighing. Worked in the shop on the cultivator. At 2 went to the Sands and made an offer to build the new bridge at Concord Point. Lizzie and Edith went to the music hall. Got 29 eggs today.

Jan 16 – Fair and cold. Worked in the shop making over an old cultivator. George Webber's son George dropped dead in Portsmouth this morning of apoplexy. Lizzie went to town to get the news. Got 24 eggs today.

Jan 17 – Fair and cold and so worked in the shop most of the day. Wesley Jenness came and got 6 dozen eggs at 34 cent and 4 quarts of milk at 3 ½ cents per quart. The calf is now most 4 weeks old and will do to sell soon and hope to get enough to get a barrel of flour.

Jan 18 – Fair and the best of sleighing. At 12 went to George Webber's funeral at Middle Street Chapel, Portsmouth. He was 37 years old. The masons held their service after the minister. "Fear, God and Keep" his commandments of man is the whole duty.

Jan 19 – Fair and cold and kept near the fire. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. There is a car that runs to town for meeting goers and arrives there at 10:30 and some went on it today.

Jan 20 – Fair and cold, 4 below. Began cutting pine in back of Varrell's. Cut 2 trees and trimmed them and ready to saw up and haul home. Clarence Goss is hauling logs to mill at North Hampton. It is the best of sledding. Charles Shannon called at 3.

Jan 21 – Cloudy all day and no storm. Sawed up my trees and hauled them home, 4 loads. I sawed them alone with a cross cut saw and it was not so bad a job. The saw would spring some but giving it a good slant it went well.

Jan 22 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind and about all the snow went into water. Worked in the shop getting up a large cultivator for the horse to use on the new ground. The new cars are very nice and very popular.

Jan 23 – Fair and mild with the snow all gone again. Went to town and got a barrel of flour at \$5.30 from "Rob Roy". They are enforcing the liquor law in Portsmouth and they complain of "the drought." The saloons are all closed up and some "To let".

Jan 24 – Cold and windy. Hauling seaweed and got 2 loads for a patch in the willow lot to plant cabbages and other vegetables. Wesley Jenness came and took eggs at 30 cents per dozen. Got 30 eggs today.

Jan 25 – Fair and pleasant and good wheeling. So hauling 2 loads of seaweed and put on the willow lot. I want to plow for cabbages. There is plenty of seaweed at the shore and few after it. Not much old times when everybody was hauling. Went to town at 3:40.

Jan 26 – Dull all day and snow came at 4 but we think it will soon be rain. Mother is quite sick today. Edith and Irving came at 3 and said Bessie was bitter. Got 31 eggs and the hens are hanging back and do not want to do their duty. (Mother is Supply's wife Mary.)

Jan 27 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to town at 9:40 on the car to get some things for mother as she is not much better. Got some wine of the Ward Brothers for her.

Jan 28 – Fair and very cold with high northwest winds and had to keep in near the coal fire. Wesley Jenness is peddling kerosene oil at 12 cents a gallon. Eggs are hard to get from the hens. We now get 30 per day from 80 hens. Sold the calf for \$8.00.

Jan 29 – Fair and cold, 3 above in the morning. Went to town at 9:40 to get the doctor to come down but he was gone to Exeter to attend court. Got some oysters for a stew for the sick. Went at 2 to get the clothes of the washerwoman. Edith came at 3 and Hannah Charlotte. (Hannah Charlotte is the daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen.)

Jan 30 – Very cold and....

Jan 31 – Cold and windy.

Feb 1 – Fair and cold and shivery. Taking care of mother as well as I can. At 2:40 went to town to get news and got some medicine. The saloons are open again.

Feb 2 – A regular northeast rain all day with strong wind and we had to keep in the house out of it. Mother had a sick day and at night was not much better. Had no callers.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold with high winds and it was best to keep out of it. At 2:40 Lizzie went to town on the car to call the doctor to come tomorrow to give mother something for an appetite.

Feb 4 – The doctor came at 1:30. Dull and cloudy most of the day. Mother holds about the same. At 3 went to town and got the news, oysters etc. The “Times” building was burned out last night and the paper was issued from the “Chronicle” press.

Feb 5 – Fair and bright with about 1 ½ inches of snow came last night. Charles Yeaton called to get milk. Abbie came to see mother who we hope is a little better. At 2 Charlotte (Lottie) Odiorne, her sister and Jennie came and went to town on the car.

Feb 6 – Cold and windy and at 3:40 went to town to get news on the car. Cut some wood and tried to care for mother. It is cold and bad traveling.

Feb 7 – Dull with some snow and we hoped to get enough for a little sledding but was disappointed. At 2 went clamming and got a bucket almost full. Yeaton failed to go.

Feb 8 – Very cold and windy. Went to town in the wagon and carried milk, celery and apples to Mrs. Clara Raynes and got the news. Saw Charles Drake and others. Got 35 eggs today.

Feb 9 – Fair and cold and we were glad to keep in the house. At 2 Mr. Hayes came and stayed 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent money for one month.

Feb 10 – Cold and windy. Went to town on the car and bought 2 new milk cans for \$1.00 to sell milk to Wesley Jenness. He took eggs today at 28 cents.

Feb 11 – Fair and pleasant and cold. The new cars are running. At night got 47 eggs.

Feb 12 – Fair and pleasant and the best of winter weather and wheeling.

Feb 13 – Fair and pleasant. Hauled one load of seaweed.

Feb 14 – Fair and pleasant and the best of wheeling. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed in the willow lot.

Feb 15 – Fair and pleasant. Hauled one load of seaweed. At 2 Edith and Bessie came. Lizzie and Edith went to town to get the news etc.

Feb 16 – Fair but cold. Not many went to church. At 2 Charles Shannon and George Raynes and wife Clara called for an hour. Lizzie was gone to the other road.

Feb 17 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night. More than a foot of snow fell and it was damp and sticks to everything. Had to keep out of the storm and care for mother.

Feb 18 – Fair and cold with high wind and 16 inches of snow and had to break out round the house and Canney and others broke out the highway. Went to town at 2:40 to get the news and medicine etc.

Feb 19 – Fair and cold with a strong northwest wind. Worked in the shop part of the day. Wesley Jenness came and got a can of milk and went on the cars. The road drifted badly. Mother is about the same.

Feb 20 – Fair and cold. Worked about the place making the hens lay as many as possible. We got now 4 dozen a day at 28 cents.

Feb 21 – Dull and snow most of the day. Jenness took eggs at 28 cents. Lizzie went to town to get the news and other things.

Feb 22 – Fair and cold with a strong west wind. Wesley Jenness came and took 1 ½ cans of milk. Eggs are 28 cents in town but in Boston they are selling as high as 50 cent a dozen. Went to town at 3:40 and stayed 5 minutes in town. (Wesley Jenness is living on Cable Road at this time.)

Feb 23 – Mild and pleasant and thawing. The cars are well filled. Lizzie went to town on the car at 3:40.

Feb 24 – Fair and not cold. Hauled a load of wood in the forenoon and went to town after dinner to get news and other things. Prince Henry of Prussia is in New York and there is a great time there.

Feb 25 – Fair and milder. Hauled a load of wood from the lower lot. After dinner went clamming and got ½ bucket full and had some steamed at tea. Mother was able to eat some. Lizzie and Edith went to the music hall to “Away Down East”.

Feb 26 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and it ran into the night. Worked in the shop most of the day. Mother is much better and we hope her appetite has improved and pains have gone.

Feb 27 – Fair and warm and the snow is going fast and wheels are going and mud has come. Went to the washerwoman's and got clothes. Augustus Y. Rand died today. Maggie Varrell is very sick. Got 50 eggs today. (Augustus "Guss" was a carpenter by trade and was living on Washington Road.)

Feb 28 – Dull and cloudy all day and some rain. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news and some articles. Mother is taking medicine called "Blood Wine" which we hope will help her. The papers say rain tomorrow.

Mar 1 – Fair and very mild and pleasant. Carried milk to Seavey's this morning for the first time. At 2 went to Guss Rand's funeral at the church. He was 63 ½ years old. At 4 went to town to get the news and food. Paid 25 cents for a small lobster.

Mar 2 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind. So we had a day to keep in by the fire and read the news and the sermons. The electrics are not loaded. The frost is fast coming out of the ground and mud is deep with bad wheeling. Hayes came at 3.

Mar 3 – Fair and cool, spring weather. Trimming the apple trees in front of the house. The German Prince is going over the country and he is in Chicago today and is to go to St. Louis and Niagara Falls and to Boston.

Mar 4 – Fair and cooler. Finished trimming the trees in front and getting ready to saw wood up for next winter, Yeaton is to help me. They are teaming coal and it is awful wheeling.

Mar 5 – Dull in the forenoon. Went to town at 10 and carried milk to Mrs. Raynes and got news, John Pender is nominated for Mayor. At 1 a furious snow storm came on and continued into the night. Trimmed the grapevines for Noyes. Alveda and Edith came at 2. (Alveda is Oliver Winslow's wife and is living on Wallis Road across from Gilman Trefethen.)(John Pender, Mayor of Portsmouth, N.H., 1902.)

Mar 6 – Fair with 10 inches of snow and it took me ½ day to break out with a horse. Sleds go very well. Got no newspapers today. The German Prince is having a great time traveling through the country at the public expense.

Mar 7 – Fair, warm and thawing. Yeaton helped me cut a tree and hauled it home on a sled then began sawing up winter wood and got well started. He saws with a one man crosscut saw. At night Lizzie went to the school exhibition at the hall.

Mar 8 – Cloudy all day. Yeaton was helping me saw up wood for next winter and got about half done. Wesley Jenness took 12 quarts of milk. At 4:40 went to town on the car and got news and fish and a car got off the track at 10 by the potato hole.

Mar 9 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and we have a day of rest and reading. The cars are not loaded. Carried milk to Seavey in the morning.

Mar 10 – Cloudy all day. Sawing wood with Yeaton helping and got well started. Drake gave 23 cents for eggs today but they will soon be much lower.

Mar 11 – Fair and mild. Worked at sawing wood in the forenoon and Yeaton helping. At 1:30 went to town meeting on the car. The Democrats elected all the officers except the clerk by 3 to 10 majority.

Mar 12 – Fair and mild for the season and the frost is coming out and it seems like spring. Sawing and splitting wood for next winter, Yeaton is helping. At 5:40 went to town on the car and stayed in town 8 minutes and got news and oysters.

Mar 13 – Fair and warm. Finished splitting wood at noon, Yeaton helping and paid him \$6.25 in all for 5 days work. Snow is all gone except beside the walls and frogs were singing tonight. Robins are quite plenty.

Mar 14 – Fair and cool. Went clamming at 8 and got a bucket full and at noon had a mess of steamed clams and that is the best way to cook them. Piled up wood and cut some brush that was left. They are building the boulevard at Wallis Sands.

Mar 15 – Fair and mild and bad traveling. Went to town in the forenoon in the wagon and carried milk, apples and celery to Mrs. Raynes. Got some ale for mother. Cut wood and cleaned up the wood pile etc. Mother called to see Hannah Charlotte. (Hannah Charlotte “Lottie” is the daughter of Simon Goss Trefethen and is married to Oliver W. Clark living on Maverick Street in Portsmouth.)

Mar 16 – Fair and cool and bad traveling. So most people go on the cars which are well filled today. George Hayes came at 2:30 and stayed 2 hours and paid me a months’ rent of \$16.00. He said there were 60 on the car. Lizzie went to church.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold. Finished up cutting wood and cleaned up and so shall not have to cut more till fall. I am planning to haul 8 or 10 loads of seaweed or rockweed for my apple trees that bore so well last year.

Mar 18 – Dull with a northeast wind and chilly. At 9 Charles W. Shannon came and helped me put away my sled over head in the barn. At 11 went to town to get the news and some oysters. (Charles Shannon is a ship carpenter and is living on Deer Street in Portsmouth.)

Mar 19 – Rainy all day and had to work in the shop all day. The hens are laying 50 eggs per day average and they are worth 16 cents per dozen.

Mar 20 – Dull all day. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the apple trees and was going again but rain came on and stayed at home. Lizzie and Edith went to town at 2:40 and got the news and Bessie stayed with us.

Mar 21 – Dull and wet with hard wheeling. Hauled one load of seaweed for the trees. Izette and John E. came for the afternoon and evening and we had a good time. Went to town at 4:40 and stayed 5 minutes and got the news etc. (Izette and her brother John Edwin are the children of John Adams Trefethen.)

Mar 22 – Fair and mild with bad going. Set out cabbage sumps, sowed some lettuce under glass and in open ground, cleaned out privy and other jobs. Afternoon went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the trees. Lizzie went to town.

Mar 23 – Dull and wet all day and we had a chance to keep quiet.

Mar 24 – Fair and frosty in the morning. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and put it around the apple trees hoping to make them bear better. There seems to be buds enough for blossoms.

Mar 25 – Fair and frosty and hauled a load of seaweed for the trees. It is very scarce now. Went up to the house in town to see about repairing the shingling.

Mar 26 – Fair and cool with plenty of wet. Cleaned up over in the field and burnt bushes and some grass ground for an experiment. Want to get grass seed and sow it in the low ground to fill in the gaps. Edith and babies were over.

Mar 27 – Fair and chilly. Cleaned up in the lane and fixed up the bars. Afternoon had callers, Charles Rand and wife Martha and daughter Susie. George Webber came for me to work for him next week and Charles Shannon and Charles Bearse called.

Mar 28 – Dull all day. Clearing in the garden, set posts for the rail for the grape vines to run on. The peach trees are full of bloth buds but we may get no grapes.

Mar 29 – Dull. Beef is higher than for many years and eggs are in greater demand.

Mar 30 – Fair and mild after an all-night rain. The grass is starting and the trees are waking up and birds are quite plenty. Yeaton called a few minutes and said Frank J. went after lamps and fleece.

Mar 31 – Fair, cold and frosty in the morning. Worked for George Webber at the Plains putting in new doors and mending the platform. They are soon to build a new electric railroad from Portsmouth Plains to Exeter through Greenland and Stratham.

Apr 1 – Fair and cold. Worked for Webber and finished at noon then went with him to Newington to dinner. People are getting ready to plow.

Apr 2 – Fair and frosty. Hauled out manure for plowing but it is too cold for anything to grow. Went to town to get news and also a new pair of pants for \$2.00.

Apr 3 – Fair and cold and signs of rain. Hauled a load of seaweed for the trees. They are showing their buds for blossoms and we hope to get some fruit. Set out onions and sowed lettuce etc. The lettuce in the hot bed is up.

Apr 4 – Fair and frosty in the morning. Went to town and got a box of coal etc. Hauled a load of seaweed for the trees.

Apr 5 Dull with signs of a northeast rain storm. Hauled out manure, repaired cart and got some potatoes of Albert Rand to plant. Went to town at 4:40 to get the news.

Apr 6 – Fair and cold and freezing in the morning but pleasant after. Charles Seavey says he is going to work.

Apr 7 – Dull. Went to the navy yard to register and had to get out new papers and got home at noon. Went to sea and got a load of seaweed.

Apr 8 – Dull, cloudy and cold all day. Repairing the hen yard fence. Went to the navy yard and finished registering and after dinner went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and rain came at 5:30. Cold and chilly. Got 2 bundles of lath of Broughton.

Apr 9 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and so had to work in the shop. Charles Shannon came and stayed 20 minutes for the car. He brought the Boston Post.

Apr 10 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Worked in the shop repairing and at 2:40 went to town to get the news etc. My potatoes are sprouting under the stove. Some have planted but it seems they must rot.

Apr 11 – Cloudy and showery most of the day. Repairing hens yard fence and after dinner got a load of seaweed for the potatoes. I had given the patch a good coat of manure and now am putting on a dose of seaweed.

Apr 12 – Fair and warmer. Hauled a load of seaweed and finished the hen yard fence ready to shut them in. Elmer drove the cow to Albert Rand's. At 3:40 went to town to get coal in a box. Carty paid me \$10.00 rent.

Apr 13 – Fair and cool in the morning. Shut the hens in the yard for the first time this spring.

Apr 14 – Fair and cold. Cleaning up and getting ready for the garden. Hauled a load of seaweed and other jobs.

Apr 15 – Dull and wet. Got my tools ready to mend shingles on the house in town, Elmer is to help me.

Apr 16 – Fair and mild. Went to town and repaired the shingles on the house on Lincoln Avenue, Elmer helping. The trouble was in the valleys and inside the gable. Mr. Knox died last week of Pneumonia suddenly and was buried near Candia, N.H. (Henry Knox was a hotel proprietor and was 72 years old.)

Apr 17 – Fair and warm. Went to town and papered the dining room new with red ground paper. There is much building going on in Portsmouth. Mr. Cary is to build a church on the old Bowles place.

Apr 18 – Fair but chilly. Repaired the bridge in the lane, set out grape vines and cleaned up round the hen's yard. After dinner got a load of seaweed and some clams and mussels.

Apr 19 – Fair with a chilly south wind. Setting grafts in the garden and in the further field. Woodman came at 11 and plowed the patch by the gate. At 3:40 went to town to get the news etc.

Apr 20 – Fair with a cool south wind and a good time to keep in. Charles W. Shannon came at 2:30 and stayed 1 ½ hours.

Apr 21 – Fair and cool. Sowed onions, spinach and beets. I want to raise enough onions for winter. Put on a double coat of manure. There seems to be a prospect of plenty of apple blight.

Apr 22 – Dull most of the day. Went to town and got peas. Phosphate and grafting wax and got home at noon. Sowed the peas, 3 rows. The set a dozen grafts beside the lane and burnt bushes and cut firewood.

Apr 23 – Dull and foggy and got ready and painted the kitchen one coat and it is to be new papered. Blake Rand brought 12 trees from Chase and Co., 4 Baldwins, 4 peach, 2 Elberta peach and 2 others. Mother walked to the corner. Edith came at 3.

Apr 24 – Fair and mild. Set out 4 peach trees in the garden and expect to have 12 more come from John Laughton. Chauncey Woodman plowed my potato patch. Went to town at 5.

Apr 25 – Fair. Painted the kitchen a 2nd coat and getting it ready to paper. After dinner set some grafts in the further field in trees long neglected, Red Astrachan and "Williams". Set out 2 Baldwin trees in front of the house.

Apr 26 – Dull and rainy all day. Finished painting the kitchen and at 9 went to town to get food etc. Got lime and whitewashed the kitchen ceiling. Mother is having a bad time with pain in the knee. Arbor Day but too wet to plant trees.

Apr 27 – Cloudy and cool but good for the trees and they are pushing out their leaves. Mother is a little better we hope. At 3 Charles Shannon came and stayed an hour.

Apr 28 – Fair and mild. Papering the kitchen and it took all day and not quite done. Mother is quite sick and has trouble with the left leg swelling and pain.

Apr 29 – Fair and warm. Harrowing and planted about 400 hills of potatoes. Soaked them in poison to prevent scab, used a spoonful of phosphate. At 2 Edith and Russell came. She went to town with Lizzie and the doctor came with them to see mother and give advice.

Apr 30 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind. Finished the papering in the kitchen and fixed the pump etc. At 2:40 went to town to get the news etc. Got oysters and a big mackerel. Mother is a little better.

May 1 – Dull in the morning but soon came off. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens. After, set out 1 quart of onion sets and also set grafts. It is too wet to plant potatoes. Grass is looking well and we hope will grow well. They are building an electric road from Portsmouth Plains to Exeter.

May 2 – Fair and mild. Went to town in the wagon at 9:30 and carried apples to Mrs. Raynes. Got sugar and other articles and news etc. and engaged strawberry plants, saw George Webber. Set out an apple tree and also set pear and apple grafts.

May 3 – Dull and wet until 2 pm. Worked in the shop. Set some grafts. Went to town at 3:40 on the car to get the news, oysters and a new shirt etc. The White Mountain Paper Co. are working at Freemans' Point.

May 4 – Very pleasant and warm and good for the grass and trees. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and we rode down and over the new boulevard and found it very nice if it will hold good. Mr. Hayes paid me \$16.00 for rent. Mother is not so well.

May 5 – Fair and cool. Setting grafts and trimming trees etc. There has not been much planting done as yet but it seems about time. Finished setting out the trees I had on hand.

May 6 – Fair. Finished grafting in the forenoon. After dinner planted potatoes and some corn. Showers came on at night and we have a great amount of wet, bad for the low ground.

May 7 – Cloudy most of the day with signs of rain but none came. Went to town at 9 in the wagon to get peach trees but they had not come from Boston. Saw George Webber. Planted

cucumbers and sowed some White Plum celery and sweet corn. Went clamming at 3:30 and got 2/3 of a bucket.

May 8 – Fair and cool. Hoed peas, sowed spinach etc. Dug up a patch in front of the house for pansies and Lizzie set out 3 dozen. Got a postal that my trees had come to town.

May 9 – Fair with high northwest winds and cold. Went to town and got 12 peach trees and set them out in the garden and one at the corner for Seavey. Also set out grapevines for Carty.

May 10 – Fair and very cold for the season, 28 and ice is quite thick and was found with a cold west wind. Jobbing round. The peach trees are in bloom and we are afraid the cold will kill them. Went to town at 3:40 to get the news.

May 11 – Fair and cold. There was ice in the troth this morning but the wind has gone down. Edith came at 3 to see mother who is very sick.

May 12 – Fair and cool with frost in the morning. Cleaned up the wood pile etc. Mother is sicker than last week having great inward distress.

May 13 – Fair and drying. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens and they worked in it all day. There is much more to be planted in this vicinity.

May 14 – Fair and dry. Went to town to repair the paper in the sitting room where the paste failed to hold it on. Mr. Hayes is getting his garden planted Mother is no better today.

May 15 – Fair. Hoeing peas and onions and also got the bean poles set up and ready to plant the beans. Planted some more sweet corn. My onions sets are growing fast.

May 16 – Fair and dry. Hoeing onions and weeding etc. The trees seem all to be full on bloth buds. Peach trees are “bloomed out” and apples are fast coming along. Mother is very ill today.

May 17 – Fair and dry. Went to town and engaged a burial lot of Griffin at \$75.00. 16 x 16 in the cemetery at Wendell’s’ Corner. Mother insisted on my going.

May 18 – Fair and very drying. We fear mother is the sickest of any day yet.

May 19 – Dull and cloudy in the forenoon. Went to town to get some things for mother and the news. Saw Marcus Hoyt of Newington about strawberry plants and after dinner went to his place and got 75 and it rained all the afternoon.

May 20 – Fair and mild. Set out my strawberry plants and it was just wet enough. My potatoes are just coming up. Charles W. Rand is very sick with measles.

May 21 – Fair with frost in the morning. Many called to see mother. She is very sick. At 3 Edith came over and told us that Charles Wallis Rand died at 2 this afternoon. She and Lizzie went to town. (Charles was the brother of Mary Abby, Albert Brackett Trefethen's wife.)

May 22 – Fair and much warmer. Hoeing and weeding in the garden. Mother takes more nourishment today. Many called to see her. Reverend Mr. Mills, among others and Emily Trafton and Elizabeth Holmes. Charles Yeaton called at night.

May 23 – Fair and colder and more comfortable for mother as the heat was bad for her.

May 24 – Fair. Went to town at 9 to get groceries etc.

May 25 – Fair and cool in the morning then a fine day followed and there was much riding on the cars. At 2 George Raynes came and stayed an hour. Edith came at 4.

May 26 – Cold with some frost in the morning. Weeding and hoeing peas.

May 27 – Dull and rainy most of the day and had a chance to do jobs in the shop and barn.

May 28 – Fair and cool. Weeding onions and beets and hoeing peas. There has not been much hoeing yet but people are planting corn.

May 29 – Fair and cold but no frost today. Went to town to get seeds etc. got some geraniums for the front of the house and at night Lizzie set them out. Elmer helped me cultivate potatoes. Mother is no better.

May 30 – Memorial Day and rainy in the morning then cleared off. They ran ½ hourly cars for the day. They were well filled. Yeaton went with me to get some mussels at 10.

May 31 – Fair and cold this morning with a slight frost. Hoeing potatoes and went to town at 9 to get shells etc. Lizzie went at 3:40 on the car. Mother is slightly better today.

Jun 1 – Fair and cool and the cars are running ½ hourly and full. Mr. Hayes came at 11 and carried him to Wallis Sands to dine with Mrs. Hutchingson. George Webber came at 3:30 with his daughter Agnes and her husband Marcus Hoyt. Edith came at 4.

Jun 2 – Fair and warm and was hoeing and weeding in the forenoon. After dinner went to George Webbers' and repaired the door lock and the steps. Wife holds as about the same.

Jun 3 – Fair and hot and it is also very dry and we hope for rain. Planted squashes and cucumbers etc. Hoed my potatoes, peas are in bloom and lettuce is plenty but potatoes are gone.

Jun 4 – Fair and hot. Hoeing etc. Went to town at 3 and got a barrel of flour at \$5.00 of “Rob Roy” brand. We had a slight shower at 2 and at night rain came on in good style.

Jun 5 – Fair and much cooler after an all-night rain. Hoeing and weeding and caring for the wife. She has many callers.

Jun 6 and 7 – No entries.

Jun 8 – Fair and warm. Charles Shannon called an hour. Many called to see the sick.

Jun 9 – No entry.

Jun 10 – Fair and cool. Mother is very sick.

Jun 11 and 12 – No entries.

Jun 13 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and weeding and also caring for the wife.

Jun 14 – Dull. Went to town to get things for the sickness. Wife is very sick and could only sit up a short time. There is no hope of her getting better.

Jun 15 – Dull and rainy. Mother has been sicker than ever before with a great distress “all over me” she said.

Jun 16 – Dull and rainy. Wife died this morning at 6:20 after a long suffering and wasting sickness. She suffered to the very end we could not be sorry at her release but it kills us to have her go.

Jun 17 – Fair and cool. Went to town to make arrangements for the sad duties of burying mother in the cemetery on Sagamore Avenue.

Jun 18 – Fair and a northwest wind. This has been the saddest day of our lives. We had to bury our dearly beloved wife and mother and it was the hardest parting we ever had or expect to have. We were blessed with fair weather.

Jun 19 – Dull and showery. I have been sick today but had to go to town to get some things. We are sad and sorrowing.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and weeding and anything to pass away time. We cannot get reconciled to mothers’ loss. There is a void we cannot fill.

Jun 21 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to town at 9 to get the news and groceries and it rained fast, then came home. Set out 3 rows of small onions and I find the maggots are at work on them. Edith came at 2 and went to town on the car.

Jun 22 – Fair with a west wind. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Lambert and gave him \$5.00 for tending mothers' funeral. Edith came at 4. Went down to see the boulevard with Seavey. The new bridge is about done.

Jun 23 – Fair with a cool west wind. Hoeing and other work.

Jun 24 – Fair and cool for the season. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens to scratch while haying. The hay crop will not be an average one.

Jun 25 – Fair with a west wind. Hoeing and weeding and getting ready for haying. I miss mother just as bad as ever and cannot get reconciled to her loss.

Jun 26 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Changed the cart and put on a load of hay, Elmer helping. At 1 it cleared off so Elmer hauled it to town to Wendell 1400 lbs. I went on a car.

Jun 27 – Fair with a west wind. Went to town on the car to see about hay that Elmer hauled to Wendell making 2320 lbs. in 2 loads and received \$16.00. Orin Foye has begun haying.

Jun 28 – Fair with a northwest wind and drying. Went to town at 9 to get things for haying, new scythe and sheath etc. Edith and Lizzie went at 3 on the car to get articles.

Jun 29 – Fair and warmer and more like hay weather.

Jun 30 – Fair. Began the regular haying, Elmer helping. Chauncey Woodman cut the lower field and the corner lot. At 3 we raked it up and put in a bunch and cut some back of the house.

Jul 1 – Dull all day with some rain. Went to town at 9 to get things to eat etc.

Jul 2 – Fair and a good hay day and we improved it by opening and stirring and got in 5 loads. Chauncey Woodman cut the further field and we raked it up.

Jul 3 – Dull and rain came down at 10. Mowed in the orchard and put the hay in the further field in large bunches for rain, unloaded the hay etc.

Jul 4 – The 4th of July and we improved it by haying. Woodman cut in the thirds and we tended that in the further field and got it in 3 loads and raked up in the thirds. There are not many at the haying business yet. There is a medium crop.

Jul 5 – Dull most of the day. Finished moving in the thirds and cut beside the road. At 9 went to town to get grub and news. Elmer worked $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day. After dinner opened the hay in back of the house and got it in

Jul 6 – Fair with a northeast wind and cool. Charles Shannon came at 2 and we went down to see the boulevard and bridge.

Jul 7 – Fair. Woodman cut all on the north side of the road and we got in all in the thirds.

Jul 8 – Fair and very hot. Chauncey cut above the barn and we opened and got in 2 loads in front of Charles E.s' and raked up all. Went to town at 3:30 to get bolts.

Jul 9 – Fair and hot, 86. Worked at haying, Elmer helping. We got in 8 loads, 4 in front of Charles and 4 above the barn. Willie and Raymond made the loads, none cut today. (Willie and Raymond are Charles Erwin's sons.)

Jul 10 – Dull and rainy most of the day so we could do no haying Set out some cabbage plants and rested and at 3 went to town to get news and something to eat. There were many summer visitors in Portsmouth.

Jul 11 – Fair with a northwest wind. We finished cutting and we got in 3 loads and have one more to get in tomorrow. We are reminded of mother at every turn and cannot be reconciled to her loss.

Jul 12 – Warm and pleasant with a west wind. Got in 2 loads of hay and finished the haying and put up the rake and changed the cart so we can haul seaweed, Elmer helping. Finished at noon and he is to help Emmons Clark. Went to town.

Jul 13 – Fair and hot and drying. Mr. Hayes came in the forenoon to see the garden and prospect of huckleberries and wanted 2 dozen eggs. I gave him a mess of potatoes and he went at 11:40. Charles Shannon came at 2 and went to Hampton at 3:55. Lizzie went to Hampton.

Jul 14 – Fair. Went to town to get the news etc. Got new slippers. Hoeing and weeding and cleaning up after haying. Potatoes gave promise of a heavy crop.

Jul 15 – Fair and warm. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens to dig in and they were busy. Dug some potatoes and set out cabbage plants and killed weeds.

Jul 16 – Fair and hot and had to keep shady. We have the best green peas we ever raised. They are large and tender with large pods and on the whole they are a sensible pea.

Jul 17 – Fair and warm. Getting in my winter wood and find it the right time to do it and got in more than half of the pile and then had a rest.

Jul 18 – Fair but not the best of hay weather for those not yet done. Finished getting in my pine wood and cleaned it up. It was well dried and we shall have plenty for next winter. Hoeing in the garden. Edith and babies came at 2:30.

Jul 19 – Dull with some sprinkling all and at night rain came on. Went to town at 9 to get mixed feed etc. and got halibut and lobster. Carried Mrs. Raynes some milk and early apples. Set out cabbage plants.

Jul 20 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind and soaking rain. So we had a gloomy day and there was no traveling on the electric road and we had no company.

Jul 21 – Dull and rainy all day but rain is not so heavy as yesterday. We had to keep in to be dry. Went to town on the car at 9:40 and got a new pair of rubber boots, \$2.50 to keep dry feet.

Jul 22 – Dull all day and no hay making. We were in luck getting ours all in before this “dull spell” and now the 2nd crop can grow rapidly. All kinds of vegetation are growing with a rush.

Jul 23 – Dull and foggy. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens and some mussels for dinner. Jobbing in the shop mending blinds and other odd jobs. Set out cabbages etc. Potatoes are doing well, 20 hills to a bushel.

Jul 24 – Dull most of the day. The sun came out a few times and drove the fog off. The hay makers could do nothing. They have not hauled in any since last Thursday and what is out now is badly bleached. Sold hens for \$4.48 to Edgar Rand at 10 cents per lb.

Jul 25 – Dull and foggy in the morning and cleared off at 2 so that hay makers got a little sun on their hay. Went to town to get the news. Got a petition to have the free mail delivery in town and went round and got about 50 names.

Jul 26 – Dull and some rain in the morning. Went to town and carried the petition to the postmaster Bartlett for use. William C. Walker is put out about the free delivery because it will hurt him as the postmaster. Lizzie went to town at 3:10.

Jul 27 – Dull all day with some showers. At 9 Mr. Hayes came down and we went to the sea and over the boulevard to Foss Beach. Lizzie went to church and heard a man from away.

Jul 28 – Dull with some rain all day. Hoeing and setting cabbage plants.

Jul 29 - Dull and cloudy all day. At 2 Jacob Christenson came down and we went over the beaches as far as Straw's Point to see the sea shore and cottages. The beach business is dull yet. (He sometimes referred to him as Jake Cris or Criss.)

Jul 30 – Dull in the forenoon with a slight shower. Went to town at 3 to settle for mother's funeral expenses at H.W. Nickerson. Got the news etc. (H. Wallace Nickerson was an undertaker located on 5 Daniel Street in Portsmouth.)

Jul 31 – Fair and hot. Went to town at 9 to do the probate business and settled all round. Hoeing in the garden. Edith came at 3 and went to town with Lizzie, the babies stayed with me.

Aug 1 – Fair and good hay weather.

Aug 2 – Fair and warm. Jobbing round. Went to town at 9 to get the news and engage apples.

Aug 3 – Fair and very hot. George Hayes and daughter Carrie came at 11 to pick berries in the pasture, about 3 quarts. He paid me \$16.00 house rent. At 2 George Raynes and wife Clara came for an hour and Edith and Irving came at 3.

Aug 4 – Fair. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples at \$1.25. Got oil to paint the water table around the house and painted 2 sides. At 4 we had a smart shower. Willie Lang has come to visit Hannah his mother. Paid taxes in Portsmouth, \$38.00. (Willie is Willis O. Lang and is living in Boston.)

Aug 5 – Fair and warm. Dug some potatoes and cleaned up the pea patch to sow turnips and set celery. Picked blueberries, 1 ½ quarts for sauce.

Aug 6 – Dull and rainy. Picked some apples. Went to town at 9 on the car to engage apples to go tomorrow, 2 bushels. Set out celery in front of the house of the “White Plum” variety.

Aug 7 – Fair and warm and my celery wilted. Went to town with apples and also sold some for tomorrow. Apples do not grow as large as in a dryer year. They fall off much.

Aug 8 – We had a heavy shower in the morning then cleared off. Went to town with apples at \$1.25 and got home at 11:30 and at 1:30 we had another shower and after that righted my celery and picked apples.

Aug 9 – Fair with a west wind. Picked apples and went to town and sold them for \$1.25. Red Astrachan best went for 75 cents and seconds for 50 cents. Engaged some for Monday. Picked 2 ½ quarts of blueberries and 1 bushel of sweet boughs. Mr. Hayes and daughter Carrie called at 4:30.

Aug 10 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes and daughter Carrie and Mr. Horton and wife and 2 daughters came in the morning and went after berries and they got quite a load.

Aug 11 – Heavy rain most of the day so I had to keep in out of the way. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news and engage apples.

Aug 12 – Fair with a west wind. Heard that Sarah Elizabeth had a bad spell yesterday and went up to see her. The doctor called it apoplexy and it is a bad attack. Went to town with apples. (Apoplexy is an unconsciousness or incapacity resulting from a cerebral hemorrhage or stroke.)

Aug 13 – Fair with a northwest wind. Picked apples and went to town. Went to see Sarah Elizabeth who seems to be about the same.

Aug 14 – Fair with a west wind. Picked apples and went to town. It was Firemen's Day of the old school. They had 14 hand tubs and played for prizes of \$500.00.

Aug 15 – Fair and drying and the farmers are cutting a 2nd crop. Picked apples and carried to town and got \$1.25. At 4 went up to see Sarah Elizabeth and she was a little easier but not much of any better.

Aug 16 – Fair and cool. Picked apples and went to town and sold them but apples are so plenty that the demand is not great. At 5 went up to see Sarah Elizabeth and she holds about the same as yesterday.

Aug 17 – Fair with a cool northwest wind. Mr. Hayes and daughter Carrie and Mr. Dolf and wife came and went after blueberries. Then came Charles Shannon and went with me to see the boulevard and Foss Beach. Hayes and Co. went back at noon.

Aug 18 – Fair. Went up to see Sarah Elizabeth and she remains about the same, very weak and only takes liquid food. At 9 went to town with apples at \$2.00. Picked more for tomorrow.

Aug 19 – Showery. Went to town with apples and picked more for tomorrow, \$1.75. Picked pickles etc.

Aug 20 – Fair. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of potatoes and 2 of apples and also picked more. They are more plenty than last year and do not sell as well. There is a demand for William's Favorites at 75 cents per bushel.

Aug 21 – Fair and cool as has been the case all the season. Corn is backward. Picked apples and carried to town to West on Market Street.

Aug 22 – Dull and showery. Chauncey Woodman cut the 2nd crop for me. Picked apples and carried to town.

Aug 23 – Showery in the forenoon. Went to town with apples to Josh Vaughn. Picked more for Ben Atwell. Sarah Elizabeth holds about the same.

Aug 24 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes came at 9 and stayed 2 hours and returned.

Aug 25 – Fair and warmer. Picked apples and carried them to town and sold to the Moses Brothers and also the Langs.

Aug 26 – Fair and very warm. Went to town with apples, Red Astrachans are 75 cents and William's Favorites are 75 cents, Talman Sweets are 50 cents also Gravenstine 50 cents.

Aug 27 – Fair and hot. Picked apples and carried to town and got ready to rake up the 2nd crop.

Aug 28 – Fair and hot. At 7 went up to see Sarah Elizabeth. She was very low and unconscious and died at 8 in the evening after a long suffering and much pain, age 65 and 4 months.

Aug 29 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and carried them to town for \$1.25. Got in 2 loads of 2nd crop and finished and picked more apples.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples etc. At 4 went up to see about my sister's burial. It is to be on Monday at 2 o'clock. There are but 2 left now of the once 12 children. Emily Amanda (Trefethen) Trafton and myself.

Aug 31 – Fair and very hot with a south wind.

Sep 1 – Labor Day. Fair and hot. My sister Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes was buried today at 2:30, age 65 and 4 months. She was sick nearly 3 weeks of paralysis and suffered much pain. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Everett Odiorne and 2 grandchildren. (Her daughter was Ella Gertrude (Holmes) Odiorne and her 2 grandchildren were Edith H. and Harry Everett Odiorne. They were all living together on Wallis Road.)

Sep 2 – Fair and hot. The hottest day of the season. Picked apples and went to town and sold them for \$1.75. Apples are so plenty that the sale is not so great as last year. All my William's Favorites are gone. They were the best sellers. The President was near being killed in Lenox, Mass.

Sep 3 – Fair and hot. Picked apples and went to market and sold to Ben Atwell. Langee and others. Apples fall off too early and they don't get ripe. My peaches are coming along slowly.

Sep 4 – Dull and showery. Went to town on the car to engage apples to West and Kellen. Sold 1 bushel of pears to Langee for 75 cents and also a bushel of apples for 50 cents.

Sep 5 – Fair. Picked apples and went to town and sold for \$1.10. Dug potatoes after noon. Got 7 bushels of large ones and put them in the cellar. Found some rotten ones but not bad. The President has gone on a tour to Tennessee after his narrow escape in Mass.

Sep 6 – Fair. Dug some potatoes and picked apples and went to town to market. Carried cucumbers and apples to Mrs. Clara Raynes.

Sep 7 – Fair and cool. Charles Shannon called at 1 and stayed an hour then went on to Hampton. At 2 George Hayes came and stayed till 4:30. Edith came at 4.

Sep 8 – Fair and hot. Dug some potatoes and got in some onions. I shall have about 2 bushels of onions, more than I have raised in many years.

Sep 9 – Fair and cool. My peaches are ripening well now and there will be about 5 bushels. Now I regret that I did not set out more peach trees years ago.

Sep 10 – Fair and cool. Picked Gravenstine apples, Willie helping. We got 2 barrels of Gravenstine and 2 of Porter.

Sep 11 – Fair. Picked ½ bushel of peaches and sold them to Ben Atwell for 75 cents and a bushel of apples to West for 50 cents.

Sep 12 – Fair and cool. Mowing in the garden and cleaning up. Squash vines are running beyond all precedent. Edith and the babies came at 2:30. She and Lizzie went to town.

Sep 13 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to Jim Rand's and got the wagon and at 3:10 went to town and got the news and oysters and other things for Sunday. (Jim M. Rand is the local blacksmith.)

Sep 14 – Fair with a west wind and cool. Many cars are running. Lizzie went to church. George and Clara Raynes called at 4 and Mr. Jackson from New York came with them to get the history of the Tucker family etc. Edith and Irving came.

Sep 15 – Fair and good working weather. Went to town and carried peaches and apples. Peaches bring \$1.50 per bushel and apples are plenty and low and short sales. Dug some potatoes and hope to finish tomorrow.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm and finished digging potatoes and picked them all up and hauled into the barn. Also picked 1 bushel of peaches and one of pears, "D'Anjou".

Sep 17 – Fair and cool. Picked apples and went to town carried 1 bushels of peaches at \$1.50 and one of Porter apples at 50 cents. Picked more peaches and apples and put potatoes in the cellar and got 8 bushels ready to sell and have got 12 bushels in the cellar.

Sep 18 – Dull all day. Went to town with one of apples and two of potatoes to Mr. Hayes and sold 4 bushels to Mrs. Boyd and one to Mr. McIntire. (Andrew Jackson McIntire was living at 389 Lincoln Ave. near Supply's rental house in Portsmouth.)

Sep 19 – Dull all day but no rain. Went to town with 4 bushels of potatoes to Boyd and 1 to McIntire all at 50 cents. Apples are hard to sell and they are so plenty. Pears are not so plenty and peaches bring \$1.50 per bushel. Potatoes are bringing less than they will later on.

Sep 20 – Dull all day. Went to town with one of peaches and one of potatoes to Ben Atwell at \$1.75 and agreed to get 6 bushels of potatoes for Mike Long. Got in hardwood. Lizzie went to town at 2:40. Chauncey Woodman came with ice.

Sep 21 – Dull all day and we had rest. Mr. Hayes came at 2:25 and stayed 2 hours and brought the Sunday Herald and got peaches and eggs and cider etc.

Sep 22 – Dull all day but no rain. Picked the last of my peaches, 2 bushels ready for town. Jim Perkins called to buy apples and agreed to sell him 10 barrels, 2 of Gravenstine, 2 of King, 1 of Seek no further and 5 of Pearmain.

Sep 23 – Fair. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of peaches, one for Ben Atwell and one to Cater and Benfield at \$1.00. Then picked 3 barrels of Pearmain. Edith and Russell came for 2 hours. (William Cater and Amon Benfield.)

Sep 24 – Fair and warm. Picked 2 bushels of Gravenstine apples and carried to town at 50 cents. Then picked apples for Perkins and got 8 barrels.

Sep 25 – Fair and cool. Finished picking apples for Jim Perkins and headed them up making in all 10 barrels ready to go to Greenland depot. They are buying all kinds of fall apples for shipments to Europe.

Sep 26 - Dull all day but no rain. Went to Greenland depot and delivered 10 barrels of apples for James H. Perkins. Got the horse shod at Frank Rand's and also got 6 bushels of potatoes of Albert Rand for Mike Long.

Sep 27 – Dull and rain came at 10. Carried 6 bushels of potatoes up to Mike Long's in town. Then rain came on and hurried home. Chauncey Woodman brought ice for the last time this season.

Sep 28 – Dull and cloudy all day. Mr. Hayes came at 1 from Stratham where he had been after wood of Morse and at 2:35 Charles Shannon came and stayed 2 hours to eat pears and peaches and drink cider.

Sep 29 – Dull and rainy all day and was jobbing round. At 2:40 went to town on the cars to get news and see the town. A beer team was tipped over on Market Street and one barrel was leaking when reloaded freely.

Sep 30 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town at 9 with 2 bushels of apples for \$1.25 and engaged 3 for tomorrow. Picked more pears and apples and let them dry in the carriage house. Frank Jones is very low if alive. (This is Frank Jones of Portsmouth.)

Oct 1 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town at 9 and carried 3 bushels of apples at \$1.65 and got a bag of cracked corn for \$1.39. Mr. Jones was still alive. It was said John E. Rider was dead in Chelsea, Mass. Charles Yeaton came up at 2 and sharpened picks for him and me. (John Rider was a grocer in Portsmouth for years.)

Oct 2 – Dull and wet and worked in the shop on odd jobs and picked some Sheldon pears and some Hubbardston apples and got ready for the Baldwins.

Oct 3 – Fair and finished picking Hubbertson apples and got 3 ½ barrels and they are in good condition. Have sold 1 barrel to Joe Fernald to go the 10th.

Oct 4 – Fair with a west wind. Jim Perkins paid me \$12.00 for apples. Picking apples, Baldwins, Willie helping. We picked 10 barrels in front of the house. Went to town and carried pears for \$1.50. John E. Rider is buried this afternoon and Frank Jones will be on Monday. (Frank Jones died on October 2nd. He was a very prominent citizen of Portsmouth and was one time Mayor of the city.)

Oct 5 – Dull and wet in the forenoon. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and stayed 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent money. Edith came at 3 with Bessie. At 5 rain came on freely and had to harness and carry them home.

Oct 6 – Dull and rainy in the morning but cleared off before noon and I picked apples. In the afternoon Frank Jones was buried and there was a very large attendance and many from out of town. Hauled a load of seaweed. (Hon. Frank Jones, King of the Ale makers, a wealthy businessman and politician in Portsmouth, NH.)

Oct 7 – Fair and warm. Picked some apples. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples at 90 cents per. Picking Baldwins in the afternoon and shall get 20 barrels and they are \$1.50 a barrel they say.

Oct 8 – Fair and cooler. Picked apples at 9:30 and a man from Dover came to make a bargain to put up a monument in our burial lot in Portsmouth and he wants \$155.00. Picked more Baldwins and there is more to pick.

Oct 9 – Fair and cool. This was the coldest morning so far, 33. So there was ice in the troth. Picking apples, Baldwins and Greenings. Lizzie went up on the car.

Oct 10 – Fair and cool. Carried 2 barrels of apples to Joe Fernald at \$1.30 in the forenoon. The great coal strike is still on and we don't know when it will end. They are selling coal at \$15.00 a ton in Portsmouth.

Oct 11 – Dull and cloudy all day and at night rain came on. Carried 3 barrels of Baldwins to Mike E. Long at \$1.50. Then went to George Webber's to see about mending shingling on his barn. We are about done picking apples. (Mike Long was the boiler maker foreman at the navy yard.)

Oct 12 – Dull with signs of rain but none came and we had a day of rest with no visitors.

Oct 13 – Fair and cool. Picked apples and pears etc. They say the price of apples had dropped in New York and Boston.

Oct 14 – Fair and warm for the season. Carried 2 barrels of apples to Bob Peterson on Union Street. They say now that the coal strike is over. Edith and Russell came at 2:30.

Oct 15 – Fair. Went up and patched shingling on George Webber's barn. Saw Carl Carty's new house on Ham Place. Got home at 3 and picked over apples. Lizzie went to town at town at 3:20. Talked of going to Boston to see the Fair.

Oct 16 – Fair and cool. Carried 2 barrels of apples to James McCaffery and engaged 5 barrels more to Mrs. Fernald. Jacob Christenson came down and I went with him to see Main and Winchester's Farms. They have many barrels of apples.

Oct 17 – Fair and cool. Carried 3 barrels of apples to Hurly in town. Got ready for 2 barrels to go tomorrow. The great coal strike is settled and they will be mining next Wednesday.

Oct 18 – Dull all day and prospect of rain. Carried 2 barrels to Mrs. Minnie Fernald in Humphries Court. Then went up and bought 2 barrels of apples of Joseph William for Tom Entwistle.

Oct 19 – Fair and mild. At 1 Shannon came and we went to the sea for a look over the boulevard and at 4 Mr. Hayes came and stayed 2 hours bringing the Sunday Herald for news. We have frosty mornings with ice, snow is mounting.

Oct 20 – Fair. Went to town with apples to Tom Entwistle and got a new register to put in the house where Seavey lives for the heating the chamber. Got ready to go to Boston. The coal strike is over and miners will go to work Thursday.

Oct 21 – Fair and pleasant. Went to Boston to see the Mechanics Fair and other things. Saw the subway and elevated railroad for the first time. The Fair was a good show and new things to be seen and heard. The educated horse was there.

Oct 22 – Fair and cold in the morning. Picked over apples and put them in the cellar and got others ready to go to market. They are plenty now and prices low, \$1.00 and \$1.25 without the barrel. Getting ready for winter as I read of snow in the mountains.

Oct 23 – Fair and cool. After a shower put a register in over the kitchen for Mrs. Ida Seavey to keep the baby Merle warm in the small chamber. At 2:30 went to town with 2 barrels of apples for Mrs. Minnie Fernald.

Oct 24 – Fair and cold in the morning, ice a ¼ inch thick. Got my celery in this afternoon, had 100 plants of the White Plume and very crisp. Philbrick went to the cider mill and got 3 barrels.

Oct 25 – Fair and cool. Went to town and carried apples and celery to Mrs. Raynes and got a bag of mixed feed. Got in some cabbages and turnips.

Oct 26 – Fair and cool and more like fall weather. There was not much riding on the cars.

Oct 27 – Dull and wet in the forenoon. Went to town at 10 with apples and squashes to Mrs. Fernald and got pay for all \$7.00 and got pay of Bob Jellerson and sold him 1 dozen cabbages.

Oct 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Drew off old cider and got casks ready for new cider. At 2:45 went to town on the car to get news etc. Saw Lottie Odiorne and she says her sister is much better. Brandt Wilson came at 7:30 for 2 hours.

Oct 29 - Dull and rainy most of the day. In the afternoon we had snow squalls, the first so far. Picked apples for cider and at 2:30 went over to see William Rand about making for me and he will next week, Russell went with me. (William J. Rand is living in West Rye on Washington Road.)

Oct 30 – Fair. Went to sea and got gravel for the hens and picked apples. Went to town at 2 and carried 1 barrel of apples to Grace Yeaton, my niece, and 1 dozen cabbages to Bob Jellerson. (Grace is the daughter of Oliver C. Trefethen, Supply's brother. She is married to John Henry Yeaton and is living on Richards Avenue in Portsmouth.)

Oct 31 – Fair. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and some mussels. Picked cider apples etc. Edith and Russell came at 2:15 and she went to town and got papers. Lizzie carried Mary Odiorne to ride over the boulevard and to make calls.

Nov 1 – Fair and cool. Went to town and a box of soft coal to burn for trial. They are still asking so much for hard coal, \$12.00 per ton. It has dropped to \$6.50 in New York. Cut some swamp hay for bedding, Elmer helping. Prairie grass they call it.

Nov 2 – Fair with a very heavy frost. Charles Seavey came up to see some Russet apples I gave him on the trees and will try to get somebody to pick them. He and his wife Ida went to Kittery at 11. Mr. Hayes came at 3 for 2 hours.

Nov 3 – Fair and warm. Raked up and got in bedding for the cow and horse, William Trefethen helping haul 2 loads. Philbrick is going to move from the Thomas house to John Berry's old place. (William is 16 and is Charles Erwin Trefethen's son.)

Nov 4 – Fair. Went to see William J. Rand about making cider. Then went to town to get the news. At 1:30 went to the town meeting or state election and shall not know the result until tomorrow. They said there was a full vote. (William Rand is living in West Rye off Washington road.)

Nov 5 – Fair and warm and foggy. George H. Brown was elected representative (Republican). Republican vote was 151 and the Democratic vote was 97. Tis said the Republicans have control of most of the Northern states. (George H. Brown is living across the street from William Rand.)

Nov 6 – Fair. Went to town and carried squashes to Mr. Hayes and got the election news. It shows all the Northern states to be Republican except Rhode Island. Working in the shop part of the day.

Nov 7 – Fair and cool. Worked in the shop and finished the cover to Seavey's cellar case and cleared out the ditch. At 2:30 Jake Christenson came and we went to Breakfast Hill to see the steam cider mill of James A. Rand.

Nov 8 – Fair and cold with severe frost this morning. Went to town at 9 and carried 50 lbs. of squash to Mrs. Boyd. Heard they had reduced the price of coal to \$9.00 from \$12.00 per ton. Cutting hardwood for the stove.

Nov 9 – Fair and cold in the morning. Carried milk to Seavey's. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 for 2 hours and brought the paper. He is at work on the navy yard. George S. Webber has a birthday celebration, his 75th today and sent for me.

Nov 10 – Fair and cold. Went to William Rand's and got my cider (90 gallons). At night Elmer helped put it in the cellar. Got in cabbages and turnips and cut wood. Worked in the shop.

Nov 11 – Fair. Went to town and got coal, 150 lbs. and chestnuts to try. They are asking \$9.00 per ton now for coal. Edith and Russell came at 2:30 and she went to town with Lizzie to get millinery. (Hats).

Nov 12 – Fair after a rainy morning. Worked in the cellar hanging a wire door to the dairy to get more light. Went clamming at the Sheaf farm and got a bucket full. At 4:45 went to town on the car and stayed 5 minutes and got paper etc. Had clams at 6.

Nov 13 – Dull and snowy all day and the traveling was bad. Worked in the shop and cellar on the windows. This was the first snow storm of the season. At 3:40 went to town on the car and got papers and stayed 4 minutes. The car was late getting there. Got 5 eggs.

Nov 14 – Fair and warm and the snow all went quick. Cut wood and am getting ready for winter. Cut the grass to cover the strawberries and got ready to raise the chicken house up to put in a new sill. Lizzie and Edith went to town. Got 4 eggs.

Nov 15 – Fair and very warm and clear. Went to town in the forenoon and carried a jug of cider to Mrs. Hayes and also to Mrs. Raynes and got the news, meal and mixed feed. Afternoon got ready to put in the new sill to the chicken house. Cut and hauled out a pine tree to hew out.

Nov 16 – Fair and mild. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. At 1:30 went to Breakfast Hill with Seavey also to see Main and Winchester's farms. At 3:30 Mr. Hayes came and stayed till 6:40. Edith and Jennie came. (Jennie is the daughter of Samuel A. and Eliza Ann Trefethen.)

Nov 17 – Dull and signs of a storm. Hewed out the sill for the chicken house and put it under. Put on a new board and underpinned the side. Oats are lower, 90 cents a bag and tis said corn will come down.

Nov 18 – Dull and signs of rain but none came. Went to town and got a box of coal, 200 lbs. for \$1.00. They ask \$10.00 a ton now. Raised the front of the chicken house and put in a stone underpinning. At 2:30 Jake Christenson came and we went to the sea and got a load of sand, Russell went with us.

Nov 19 – Dull most of the day with some rain. Worked in the shop etc. At 2:40 went to town on the car and stayed an hour. Called at Mrs. Raynes to leave milk and got the newspaper. There is still much talk about the coal strike settlement.

Nov 20 – Fair and warm for the season. Cleaned up round the chicken house and repaired the platform on the back of the house and cut wood. Henry Varrell moved up to the old house, his mother having gone to Malden, Mass. (Henry's mother is Margaret (Muchmore) Varrell and he is moving into the Old John Varrell house on Sagamore Road. Old John Varrell being his great-grandfather.)

Nov 21 – Fair and mild and good weather for work. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and found the old ocean in the old place as in former years. The tides are high now and go well over the beaches. They are building a new house below the school house.

Nov 22 – Fair and mild for the season. Went to town to get the news etc. Tis said there is some prospect of their settling the great coal strike soon. The miners are working and soon coal will come to Portsmouth.

Nov 23 – Fair and colder but not bad. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills preach a sermon on Thanksgiving at a union meeting at the Baptist church. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 and stayed till 4:40.

Nov 24 – Cloudy all day but no rain. Went to town and got a load of coal, 1650 lbs. at \$10.00 per ton. They say it will be down to \$7.00 when the new coal comes. Charles Remick was after me to work on the road tomorrow. Brandt Wilson came at 6:30 till 8:40.

Nov 25 – Cloudy all day. Went to town and got a turkey and fixings, paid 25 cents a pound. They sell them from 16 cents to 28 cents a pound and there was plenty on sale. Got a bag of wheat for the hens to see if they can be made to lay. They were working on the highway.

Nov 26 – Cloudy and snow came on at 9 and after 10 rain. Went to town to get the news etc. There were many in town to get holiday rations. Cars were well filled.

Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Day and we had a dinner of turkey and fixings. Edith, Irving and the babies were with us. We were all hearty but we missed mother who had been with us always at Thanksgiving dinner and it was in anguish we eat.

Nov 28 – Fair and sawed and split wood to keep the coal along. The miners are at work but still there is great scarcity now everywhere. They are selling stove coal at \$9.00 in town. Went to town at 2:40 with Edith to get news etc.

Nov 29 – Fair and cold in the morning but was warmer at 9. Banked round the well pump to prevent freezing and banked up the cellar case and got ready for the cold weather. Edith and the babies came at 10 and she went to town with Lizzie and got the news.

Nov 30 – Fair and cool and we kept near the fire. No visitors came and Lizzie and myself made out the day reading and resting.

Dec 1 – Fair and cool. Cut a maple tree by Joseph Odiorne's wall and hauled them up whole with a horse and trimmed them near the wood pile to save trouble.

Dec 2 – Fair and finished cleaning up the maple trees to get ready for the winters wood.

Dec 3 – Dull and rainy most of the day and worked in the shop. Besides caring for the hens I am trying to make them lay but it is hard work. We get only from 4 to 6 eggs a day with more than 100 hens. Eggs are 50 cents a dozen in Boston.

Dec 4 – Fair and cool and good going. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put on grass seed and cut some wood and got ready. Went to town hall to the Republican celebration of the victory in November 4th of 58 majority for George H. Brown, representative.

Dec 5 – Dull and snowy all day furiously and into the night. So we had to keep near the coal fire and care for the animals. There was not much going on the cars. Went to town at 2:40 and got the news.

Dec 6 – Fair and cold, 10 above in the morning with about 6 inches of snow and sleds run very well. Clarence Goss went by with a load of large drain pipe. Cleaning away the snow and fed the hens and other animals. Went to town at 2:40 on the car to get the news and oysters. (Clarence A. Goss is living off Washington road just south of Rye Center.)

Dec 7 – Dull and snowy all day, 8 above and about 3 inches of snow fell. So now have 8 to 9 inches and enough for sleighing and some are trying it. At 2:30 Charles Shannon came on the car and stayed for 1 ½ hours. News that Thomas B. Reed died last midnight, age 64. (Thomas Brackett Reed (October 18, 1839 – December 7, 1902), was an American politician from the state of Maine. A member of the Republican Party, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives 12 times, first in 1876, and served as Speaker of the House, from 1889 to 1891 and again from 1895 to 1899.)

Dec 8 – Very cold with high winds. Put the bobsled together and broke out and hauled a small load of wood from John Varrell's. Charles Yeaton came up. He got home from Lake Sunapee the other day with Warren Keen; he will help me get out wood.

Dec 9 – Very cold, 10 below in the morning with a northwest wind and very good sleighing. Took care of the hens and animals and kept near the fire. At 1:40 went to town on the car to get the news and bring home a new reefer. Very cold in Portsmouth. Got 3 eggs today. (Reefer or Navy Coat)

Dec 10 – Cold with some snow. Went down to Abbie's in the morning. Mrs. Catherine Carty was getting ready to move and they did go with 4 loads of goods and tonight the house at the corner is left alone. The Carty's have gone into their new house at the Plains.

Dec 11 – Very cold and very good sleighing but too cold for pleasure. So people stay in the house near the fire. The coal question is still on. Coal is now \$10.00 a ton and it looks as if they mean to keep it there this winter.

Dec 12 – Cold and snowy all day and there was not much going on. Edward Jenness had an auction at the town hall of household goods in great quantities and all were sold and several big loads went by to town.

Dec 13 – Dull and snow most of the day with a strong northeast wind and we had to keep in out of it. Went to town at 2:40 to see the town and get the news etc. The Constitutional Convention at Concord is in session to amend the Constitution of New Hampshire.

Dec 14 – Fair and cold with plenty of snow and it took 2 hours to break out. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 and stayed 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent money. I gave him new cider and apples. They broke out the road at 4 pm.

Dec 15 – Cold and snowy but good sleighing. Went to town to get the news. The Boston Journal came out today as a one cent paper and greatly improved. They can print 90,000 an hour and promise great things. Got 5 eggs.

Dec 16 – Dull and rainy all day and into the night. Took care of the animals and sat by the fire most of the time to read the news. England and Germany are fighting Venezuela for money owed them and Uncle Sam is cleaning up his guns. Got 5 eggs.

Dec 17 – Fair and mild. Began the regular wood cutting campaign today, Yeaton helping. He cut 3 large trees and after getting the horse sharpened I hauled out 5 loads. The snow is scant but hope it will be frozen in the morning.

Dec 18 – Fair and mild and we were cutting and hauling wood all day and got home about 12 loads. I had very good sledding and finished cutting. Mr. Seavey is sick with a lame back. Wheels are going and there happened to be snow in my route.

Dec 19 – Fair and mild and the sledding is damaged but I finished hauling out my wood, Yeaton helped for 2 hours. At 2:30 Jake Criss came on the car and helped me get 1 load. He was down to pass the time being at leisure. Got 6 eggs.

Dec 20 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 9 and carried a jug of cider and celery to Mrs. Raynes and got news and also got a barrel of flour for \$5.00 of William H. Kilburn. Sam Dixon had a lot of chickens at 50 cents per lb. Edith came at 2 and went to town with Lizzie to hear about Christmas.

Dec 21 – Dull. All day rain came on at 2 and we had a very quiet day and no visitors came. Had much to read about the coal strike commission and the New Hampshire Constitutional Convention in Congress, the price of coal, \$10.00 and many other matters. Got 8 eggs.

Dec 22 – Fair and mild with no frost in the ground or signs of it. Snow is all gone but narrow rims by the wall. Went and got some clams with Yeaton. He got a peck and I got a bucket 2/3 full. Saw Gilman and Wesley Lang there. Charles E. had a pig killed by Jenness Rand. Got 8 eggs.

Dec 23 – Fair and cold and bad wheeling. Went to town at 9 in the wagon. Got wheat and a few articles for Christmas. The town was full of shoppers. Coal is up to \$12.00 a ton again and they mean to keep it there. Got 9 eggs.

Dec 24 – Fair and not very cold for Christmas time. Cutting summer wood most of the day and got quite a pile. Edith went to town at 10:40 to get Christmas stock. She got a diary and gave it to me. There is to be a time at the hall in the evening. Lizzie went to town at 2:40 and gave me stockings and handkerchiefs.

Dec 25 – Dull all day and snow came on at 10 and it was cold. Went to town at 10 on the car and got papers, oysters etc. Saw Charles Shannon and others. The news in the papers is mostly of Christmas. Lizzie went over to see Eliza and Jennie and others. Got 11 eggs.

Dec 26 – Cold and snowy most of the day and had to break out the paths. There was but little travel on the road and a bad path made. Trying to get some eggs but hard work. Have got up so they will average about 1 dozen per day.

Dec 27 – Fair and cold with bad sleighing and had to clear out the paths so to get round easy. Went to town at 2:40 on the car and got the news and smelts and oysters etc. It was rather quiet about town. Mrs. Florence Salter was on the car.

Dec 28 – Fair and cold and some sleigh riding. At 2 Ella Odiorne, my niece, and 2 children called for an hour. (Ella is the daughter of Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Odiorne. Her children are Edith H. and Harry E. Odiorne.)

Dec 29 – Fair and cold. Went down to the corner house and got 2 windows and set a square of glass in each to keep out snow. John Odiorne is cutting wood in Ed Seavey's pasture. Brown, the milkman, went by with 4 cows. Got 13 eggs. (Edward Seavey's farm is on Brackett Road just south of Clark Road.)

Dec 30 – Fair and cool. Went to town and got room paper of Joe Gardiner for the house in Lincoln Avenue and carried it to the house and shall begin the work on the 1st day of January, 1903 and have engaged George C. Trefethen to help. (George Chester is the son of Charles Erwin Trefethen and he is 21 years old.) (Joseph Gardiner had a painting and wallpaper business on Daniel St.)

Dec 31 – Fair and not cold. Jobbing round and put chain on the draw bucket for Charles Seavey. Cut wood and got ready for papering the house on Lincoln Avenue in Portsmouth.

Memoranda

The events of this year are the hardest for me to record of any of my life. The loss of my wife is the most severe I ever met with. She was the life of the home and the one that all went to for council and sympathy. She was always interested in all that was going on and for the welfare of all of the family and took the deepest interest in all and her loss cannot be made up again. We

shall miss her every attention and think of her every day. She was always good and true and her advice always given for the best.

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Jan 1 – Fair and mild and good sleighing. Went to town to work papering the hall and chambers in the house on Lincoln Avenue, George C. Trefethen helping. We got the lower hall done and ready for the upper. Mr. Hayes was home sick.

Jan 2 – Fair and mild. Papering in the house in town and finished the halls and got well started in the front chamber. It was tiring work. George C. is taking well to the work. There is still much fault finding at the high price of coal of \$10.00 per ton.

Jan 3 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to town at papering and got the front chamber and the small one out of the hall done and there are 2 more yet at night. Went in and got the news and oysters. The snow is going. Got 14 eggs.

Jan 4 – Dull and cloudy all day and thawing. Mr. Shannon came at 1:30 and stopped till 4:40. At 2:30 Mr. Hayes came and went with Shannon. They both had bad colds and I have a very severe one on me. Lizzie went to church.

Jan 5 – Fair and cold and had to stay at home with a bad cold. Joseph H. Gardiner died last night suddenly of heart disease. He fell from his chair in the house. I hope to go tomorrow. There are many sick with colds. William Chesley is sick with typhoid.

Jan 6 – Cold in the morning. Snow came on at 7:30 and continued all day. Went to town and papered one large room and got started on another, George helping. Joseph Gardiner's death caused much surprise. Edith and babies were over in the afternoon.

Jan 7 – Dull all day and snow came at 2:30. Went to town and finished papering in the chambers and got home at 3, George helping. It was good sleighing and many out. Grant Canney hauled malt for Brown who has a large number of cows and milk brings 25 cents a can.

Jan 8 – Fair and cold with good sleighing. Went to town and got room paper for a room in the Carty house and got ready to put it on tomorrow. William E. Chesley died last night about 8, age about 28. (William was the son of Simon L. and Susan (Green) Chesley.)

Jan 9 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Papering in the Carty house in the sitting room, George helping. We got it done at 3:15. Mrs. Seavey lent us an oil stove and we were as warm as need be. (The Carty house is the 362 Sagamore road house to this day.)

Jan 10 – Fair and cold and the best of sleighing but too cold for riding. Cut wood etc. Trying to make hens lay and got 14 eggs. At 2:40 went to town on the car to get the news and oysters etc. William Chesley was buried at 1. Edith was on the car.

Jan 11 – Cold and dull all day and at 2:30 snow came on furiously and all kept in out of the weather. There was no sleigh riding and very few on the car. So we had a very quiet day to read news etc.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold and windy so we keep in what can. Went to town at 9:40 on the car to get the news and see the town. There was not much excitement it was so cold. Got 12 eggs.

Jan 13 – Fair and cold and I have to keep in to try to cure my cold but it is hard work.

Jan 14 – Fair and cold. Working in the shop making side boards on the box for the sled to haul coal. We have the best of sledding but there is not much teaming. Emmons Clark is hauling logs. All dry wood is sold and gone.

Jan 15 – Fair and not very cold. Finished my sled side and got ready and went to town and got 1300 lbs. of stove coal at \$12.00 per ton and will make that last me. Some cities they get \$15.00 a ton.

Jan 16 – Fair and not so cold. Cutting wood and tending my cold and trying to get it well. My nose is still plugged up with catarrh. (Catarrh causes the lining of your nose and throat to become swollen and produce mucus.) Mrs. Trafton and Grace Yeaton called at 4 and stopped an hour. Got 8 eggs. (Emily (Trefethen) Trafton is Supply's sister.)

Jan 17 – Fair and mild and the best of sleighing. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news and oysters and smelts. There were many in town for a Saturday. Lizzie went at 2:40 to see the shoppers etc. Frank James Trefethen killed a pig this afternoon. Got 14 eggs.

Jan 18 – Dull and cool and not much moving round. Charles Shannon came down at 2:30 for 2 hours and brought the Sunday Journal which gave much reading.

Jan 19 – Very cold, 10 below zero with a strong wind and held very cold all day and had to keep near the fire. Went to town on the car and got paper. It was one of the coldest days of winter and Portsmouth people were keeping warm.

Jan 20 – Fair and cold, 10 below in the morning but soon grew warmer. At 1:30 went with Irving to divide a wood lot in the lower pasture. At 1 Mr. Smalley of Dover came to say he had set the monument in our burial lot at Portsmouth. I agreed to meet him tomorrow.

Jan 21 – A regular southeast rain storm all day and had to try to keep dry. At 11 went to town and met Mr. Smalley and paid him \$100.00 on the monument bill. Shall settle it soon, \$155.00 in all.

Jan 22 – Fair and cool with a west wind. Cut and hauled a load of summer wood from the Varrell lot. Lizzie went to town at 2:40. The road is solid ice and they use wagons and sleighs. I hope the hens have got waked up again. Got 17 eggs today.

Jan 23 – Fair and cool and good sleighing. Went to the cemetery to see the monument and found it was as agreed upon and shall send money soon for the balance. Got a bag of wheat at \$1.55 and carried some apples to Mrs. Clara Raynes.

Jan 24 – Fair and much colder. Went to town on the cars and bought a check to pay for the monument and sent it to Smalley and White of Dover, New Hampshire. Paid Odd Fellows bill and got oysters etc. Got 19 eggs.

Jan 25 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and very cold and so we had to keep quiet and near the coal fire. I was after the hens to make them lay more and today they gave me 21 eggs. The most of any day this winter.

Jan 26 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Cutting off willow tops in the lane. They were cut off about 8 years ago. Some are 6 inches in diameter. Lizzie went to town and got a paper, stopped 5 minutes. Edith and Bessie came home with her. Bessie and had a new clock.

Jan 27 – Fair and warmer. Topping the willows and hauled it to the pile and got a cord of wood. Wesley Jenness got me a paper and said that Alfred Seavey's wife Clara died this morning at the Cottage Hospital. James M. Rand was married last September. Got 19 eggs. (Clara J. Seavey was the daughter of Joseph J. and Clarissa D (Knowles) Drake.)(James married Johannah M. Grogan on September 16th of last year. He was a blacksmith in Rye.)

Jan 28 – Cleaned up after the willow cutting and piled it up on the dump. Rain came on at 2. Jake Cris came at 3 for 2 hours and we went to town together to get the news etc. There are many accidents in the country on the railroads and shipping.

Jan 29 – Fair and mild with thick fog. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed, one for the hens and one on the grass. Alfred V. Seavey's wife Clara was buried at 1 today, age 41 years. Edith and the babies were over at 3 till night. Got 24 eggs.

Jan 30 – Rainy all day with a northeast wind. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get the news etc. Saw Morris Foye who is in the legislature and says we shall get a good sum toward building the balance of the boulevard at the beach. (Morris Cotton Foye is the son of Orin Foye of Foyes Corner. He is living on Middle Street in Portsmouth.)

Jan 31 – Fair and colder with a west wind. Went to town to get grain and groceries and got mixed feed etc. Saw Joseph William Odiorne there. It was said that the Exeter cars will run to market square tomorrow. (Joseph William is Supply's next door neighbor on Sagamore Road.)

Feb 1 – Fair and cool and quiet. At 2:30 Mr. Hayes came from town for 2 hours and he paid me a months' rent for the house on Lincoln Avenue of \$16.00 and took 2 dozen eggs at 30 cents. Edith came at 2. Lizzie had gone over to see Jennie.

Feb 2 – Cold and windy. Went in the woods and got a load of hardwood which I think will make wood enough for the ensuing year. They still keep coal up to \$9.00 per ton but it is accumulating so it must soon drop. Hauled a load of seaweed.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold but very good traveling for sleighing and wheels. Got my sledding about done and blasted 2 logs and found it much easier than pounding with a maul.

Feb 4 – Dull and rainy with some snow. Went to town on the car to get paints etc. Heard that John O. Foss was very sick. The general court is in session and are talking about a license law but done nothing yet.

Feb 5 – Fair and cold. Worked in the corner house painting the kitchen and woodwork No 45 "yellow stone". John O. Foss died last night of typhoid fever. My hens are doing better and we get 25 a day. Now enough to pay for feed. Got 34 eggs.

Feb 6 – Fair and cold with high northwest wind. Went to town on the car at 9:40 and got materials to fix up the Carty house and painted the walls in the kitchen. Had Mrs. Ida Seavey's oil stove. Got a letter from Sulloway favorable for free delivery.

Feb 7 – Fair and cold and sleighs and wheels are going. Went to town at 9:40 on the car and got news and paints etc. for the Carty house. Saw George Webber and Charles Shannon and others. John O. Foss was buried at 2, aged 73 years. Worked in the corner house painting. (John O. was the son of Richard and Eliza (Shapleigh) Foss.)

Feb 8 – Dull all day with snow and rain and it was a very quiet day. So we rested near the fire and were comfortable. There were few on the cars.

Feb 9 – Fair and cold and windy. Worked part of the day in the corner house doing odd jobs. Went to town and got news and paints and things wanted in repairs.

Feb 10 – Fair and cold with a west wind. Worked in the corner house whitewashing and painting. Lizzie sold eggs to Wesley Jenness at 28 cents a dozen. At 1:30 Charles Shannon came and later Levi Briard for 2 hours. Edith and babies came. (Levi Briard was a worker at the navy yard.)

Feb 11 – Dull all day and rain came on at 4 pm. Worked in the Carty house in the forenoon. Oiled the kitchen floor and went over the sitting room woodwork with Brackets. In the afternoon Lizzie and Edith went to town. Blasted logs for firewood.

Feb 12 – Fair and mild. Cutting summer wood and also blasted a number of logs for firewood. Lizzie went to town and also in to see Hannah. Dolly was afraid I would get blown up blasting logs.

Feb 13 – Fair and more mild and went down and got 2 loads of seaweed for the hens to scratch hoping to increase the eggs yield. They have come up so we now get about 3 dozen a day and ought to get 50 as we have 100 hens.

Feb 14 – Fair and very bad traveling. So went to town on the car and carried Mrs. Raynes some apples and got papers. It was a quiet day there.

Feb 15 – Dull with signs of snow and generally it was dull and quiet. At 2 Charles Yeaton called and had a drink of cider. He agreed to come and help me saw wood tomorrow. Edith did not come.

Feb 16 – Dull and snowy all forenoon. Worked in the house at the corner whitewashing and oiling the floor. Had Mrs. Seavey's oil stove. Went to town at 2:40 to get the news and 1 quart of oil. All were talking about the Great Fair they are to have tonight.

Feb 17 – A regular northeast snow storm most of the day and cold with strong wind. We have now nearly 18 inches. Last night was the first of the P.A.C. Fair in Portsmouth and they are saying 5000 went to see. The Governor was there to open it. (P.A.C. is the Portsmouth Athletic Club, originally the Captain John Salter house, Court Street)

Feb 18 – Fair and very cold so we had to keep near the fire. The sleighing is bad and very little traveling. Yeaton called an hour. Am driving the hens up to lay as much as possible but the price is falling fast.

Feb 19 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and cold all day. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get the news and oysters. Coal is \$8.00 a ton and now they are talking of putting flour up to 8 or 10 dollars a barrel. It is \$5.00 now. The P.A.C. Fair is running. Got 42 eggs.

Feb 20 – Fair and cold, 2 below in the morning but the wind has gone down and it is more comfortable. Mrs. Florence Salter called with Bessie and Russell for an hour. Lizzie went to town and got the news. She saw Jennie Trefethen who said her mother Eliza was very sick. Jenness came and took eggs at 20 cents per. (Florence Salter is the grandmother of Bessie and Russell Rand.)

Feb 21 – Fair and cold and good sleighing. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of Greening apples to Ben Atwell at 50 cents. Carried some to Mrs. Raynes and got the news. The Great Fair closed last night and Bert Sterling drew \$100.00.

Feb 22 – Fair and cool and we kept near the fire. At 3 Edith came for 2 ½ hours. She went to the Fair on Wednesday afternoon to see the show. The man who drew the \$500.00 prize belongs in Portland, Maine.

Feb 23 – Began the yearly job of sawing the stove wood, Charles Yeaton helping. We got well started and it made my arms ache. Got 44 eggs.

Feb 24 – Fair and mild and thawing. We continued the wood sawing and have now got quite a good pile. The Congregational Club dined at Rye Center going past in 2 cars well filled. Lizzie went to town at 2:40 to get the news. Got 40 eggs.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold. Worked at sawing wood for the ensuing year, Yeaton helping and we got along well but it is hard work whichever way we take hold of it. Got 46 eggs.

Feb 26 – Fair and not so cold. Yeaton stopped at home in the forenoon and I took time to go to town to rest and get the news. After dinner we went on with the sawing and splitting. Got 36 eggs.

Feb 27 – Cloudy and mild. We have been working up the wood and have got a good pile. Yeaton holds out well and we hope to make a success of it. Clarence A. Goss called to get a drink of cider as he was going home with coal at \$8.00 per ton.

Feb 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day with a south wind. Went to town at 9:40 to get news and oysters and tongues etc. Paid Yeaton \$5.00 towards sawing wood.

Mar 1 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. At 2:30 Charles Shannon came for 2 hours and brought the Sunday Journal and Miss Carrie Hayes came at 3:30 to get some eggs and apples. Her father has been sick. Jennie called.

Mar 2 – Dull and cold with signs of snow all day but none came. So we went on with the sawing and splitting of wood and made good progress. Yeaton holds out well as we are nearing the end. Wesley Jenness did not come after eggs. They are 18 cents and grain is \$1.50.

Mar 3 – Dull all day but no snow yet. Sawing and splitting wood and we can see the end by tomorrow night. Jenness came and took eggs for market and got me a Boston Globe for the news.

Mar 4 – Fair and warmer and we had a good day on the wood and got it done for the present and Yeaton is to saw and split Abbie's wood for the next year. Lizzie went to the cemetery.

Mar 5 – Fair and I had a let up from sawing. Worked ½ day in the corner house oiling the floor and varnishing in the sitting room. Went to town and got the chimney top etc. Edith and the little ones came for 3 hours.

Mar 6 – Fair and more mild. Worked all day at the corner house to get it ready for Simpson to move into on Monday next. The weather is like spring and there are signs of an early spring. Yeaton is sawing Abbie's wood. Got 40 eggs.

Mar 7 – Fair and mild and the frost is coming out and mud is here. Cleaned up round, opened the cellar case and got out ashes etc. Went to town at 1:30 in the wagon and carried apples to Clara Raynes and got the news etc. Edith came home with me.

Mar 8 – Dull and rainy all day and it was a "Dull Day". So we kept out of it. There was very little car riding.

Mar 9 – Dull and rainy all day and we had to keep in out of the mud. There was not much travel on the railroad and so we had a quiet day.

Mar 10 – Fair and not cold. This was town meeting day and the Democrats got 2 selectmen. Charles A. Drake was the Republican elected. Charles Shannon and Bearse came at 4 for a call.

Mar 11 – Fair and thawing. Hauled one load of seaweed at 2:30. Israel P. Miller came from town to inquire about the Sleeper gift years ago of a library fund which was stolen by the churches. I gave him all the facts I could and he is to write about it in "Sunday letter" to the Boston Globe. (Israel was a writer for the Boston Globe. His obituary and history can be found written in the Portsmouth Herald on Friday, June 8, 1906. He was the son-in-law of George and Clara Raynes.)

Mar 12 – Fair and mild. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put it on the grass land. Edith and Bessie and Russell came over for the afternoon and the babies had a fine time picking plums and cracking nuts. Yeaton is working Abbie's wood up for the stove. Miss Hayes came at 1:30 to get eggs.

Mar 13 – Fair and mild and the frost is fast coming out and mud drying up. Hauled one load of seaweed in the forenoon and put it on the grass. After dinner cut wood. Charles Yeaton came up and helped me put away the sled. He is splitting up Abbie's wood. Got 66 eggs today.

Mar 14 – Fair and mild. Went to town at 9:40 and got the news etc. There was not much going on but rather quiet. After dinner went down and got a load of seaweed for the potatoes.

Mar 15 – Dull but no rain. Mr. Hayes came at 12:30 and stayed 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent and got horse radish and eggs and I gave him some apples, At 3:30 Charles Shannon came for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour then Edith and Irving Rand came for a while.

Mar 16 – Dull and cool with a northeast wind. Went to town and got coal, 225 lbs. at \$8.00 per ton and engaged to haul 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of hay to Charles E. Walker at \$15.00 per ton. Sawed some hardwood. (Charles Edward Walker was a coal merchant in Portsmouth and owner of C.E. Walker and Sons.)

Mar 17 – Dull all day. Hauled one load of seaweed from the Sands and sawed wood etc.

Mar 18 – Dull all day but no rain. Yeaton hauled 2 loads of hay to Charles E. Walker for me, about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons at \$15.00 and received \$23.25. Paid Yeaton \$1.25. Engaged 2 loads to Wood Brothers on Friday. Lizzie is sick with rheumatic. (Burpee “Bert” Wood was a livery and boarding stable owner.)

Mar 19 – Dull most of the day and cleaned up round. Set out cabbage stumps and small onions and sowed lettuce. It was very hot for the season, 70 in the shade. Afternoon went to town with Edith and carried 1 bushel of potatoes to Hayes.

Mar 20 – Fair and very hot, 80. Yeaton hauled 2 loads of hay to Wood Brothers for me and I had to go 2 times to town to help unload etc. There is a call for hay and wish we had more to sell.

Mar 21 – Dull and damp but no rain. Yeaton hauled the last load of hay to Wood Brothers. I had to go to assist and got the news etc. After dinner we had to go and open the cesspool at the corner house and clear out the pipe, found clogged. Edith went to town at 2:40.

Mar 22 – Dull and rainy in the morning but cleared off at 10. At 3:30 Charles Shannon came and brought a Boston Sunday Journal. Went over to see Eliza who is very sick. Called to see Oliver Winslow, also sick.

Mar 23 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to town to get news and some smelts for dinner as Edith is here. We must live well if we don't lay up a cent.

Mar 24 – Dull and wet most of the day. Went to town in the wagon and carried $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of apples to Jim Haley at 40 cents, also some to Mrs. Raynes. Got a box of coal at the rate of \$6.50 a ton of Charles E. Walker. There is hope of fair weather. Orin Foye is better. Got 53 eggs.

Mar 25 – Fair again after 3 days of dull and wet weather. At 9 went over and brought Edith to help Lizzie. Irving is much better this morning. Went to town at 9:40 to get food and news and got pay for the hay of Wood Brothers. Got 49 eggs.

Mar 26 – Fair and cool but still the ground is settling for spring work. The hens are laying now when eggs are going down but last winter they refused to help out when we needed their help to buy sugar.

Mar 27 – Fair and mild and signs of spring and plowing could be done. Hauled 1 load of seaweed and covered my potato piece I intend to break up.

Mar 28 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town at 9:40 on the cars to get news and some articles. Jim Perkins was on the car. 4 dozen eggs today.

Mar 29 – Fair. Cold in the morning with 2 inches of snow on the ground and looked like winter but by night it was most all gone. At 2 Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours and got eggs and apples. Edith came. Eliza Ann is some better

Mar 30 – Fair and cold in the morning, 24. But soon became mild. Hauled out 16 loads of manure, Elmer helping and got ready to plow. At 3 we went down and pumped and cleaned out the cistern for Charles Seavey and got done at 6 and rain came.

Mar 31 – Dull and wet in the morning. After an all-night rain which partly filled the cistern for Seavey so they get water. Hauled a load of seaweed and got gravel for the filter. Brandt Wilson came at 7:30 pm. Got 47 eggs.

Apr 1 – Fair and warmer. Edith came. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed etc. Charles E. plowed a patch. We are to have the Free Rural Delivery of mail in May and the driver was here today with a sample of boxes. He wants \$2.10 per box. Got 48 eggs.

Apr 2 – Dull and rainy most of the day but managed to get 1 load of seaweed. There is much sickness in this part of the town. Eliza Ann is some better.

Apr 3 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for the trees and there is plenty at high beach. Charles E. and Emmons P. Clark are hauling. Jake Christenson came at 2:30 for a talk. The selectmen called at 4. Got 48 eggs.

Apr 4 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. Went to town on the cars at 9:40 to market. Got some fresh halibut and had it fried for dinner. Edith could not go to town at 2:10 so I had to go for her and get her some groceries and also the news. Got 44 eggs.

Apr 5 – Fair and cold, 22 with 1 ½ inches of snow in the morning and the ground was frozen in. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 for 2 hours and had cider and apples. He brought me a Sunday Journal. Edith came at 10 Charles Yeaton came at 7 pm. Got 39 eggs today.

Apr 6 – Fair and colder, 18 in the morning with a cold north wind and everything is frozen. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed with great coat and mittens on. Edith came at 9. The papers say the fruit buds are damaged in the west by the cold wave.

Apr 7 – Dull all day and rain came on at 11 and held all day. Hauled one load of seaweed from the High Beach where we found plenty and put it round the trees. Carried Edith home in the rain at 4. Lizzie is getting better.

Apr 8 – Dull all day and rain came at noon. Hauled a load of seaweed in the forenoon and intending to get another after dinner but too much rain. Cleaned out the hen house and put a shoe on the horse. Carried Edith home at 4. Kerosene is 15 cents per gallon. Got 43 eggs.

Apr 9 – Fair and chilly. Hauled seaweed etc. Swapped cows with Jack Hodgdon and have got to pay \$2.00 to boot if all goes well.

Apr 10 – Fair and cold, chilly. Hauled 1 load of seaweed and put it on the grass and want 2 or 3 more for the hens etc. The buds are swelling on the trees. I have engaged 5 or 6 trees to set out, 2 plums.

Apr 11 – Fair. Went to town in the forenoon. Carried apples to Mrs. Raynes in a basket on the cars. They have put up a cage in Wendell's store for an office. There were horses for sale on the square and were held very high they said.

Apr 12 – Fair and chilly and not a great amount of travel. Seavey came up at 10 and we went to ride to the sea with his baby. At 2:30 Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours. Soon Ella (Holmes) Odiorne and children and others. Edith came at 10.

Apr 13 – Fair and chilly. Went to town at 9 and got more coal as we need a good fire, \$6.00 per ton. There were many in town. Frank J. Trefethen has moved from the corner to Mrs. Seavey's on Remick Road. Set a few grafts today.

Apr 14 – Dull all day but no rain. Chauncey Woodman and Charles plowed my patch by the gates for early peas, onions and other garden truck. Hauled fine manure on and harrowed it and uncovered strawberries Edith went to town and got the news. Got 54 eggs.

(Truck Garden: a term used for the larger of two gardens used on a farm. The smaller one called a kitchen garden would be used for food for the farmhouse and was just outside the kitchen.

The truck garden was much larger and the farmer sold most of the produce in this garden if he had extra.)

Apr 15 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. So had to keep out of it. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get the news etc. There was a man killed on the railroad near the Button Shop named Yeaton in “Barbary Lane”.

Apr 16 – The storm continued all day with high winds. Edith comes every day to help Lizzie. Went to town to get the news etc. Got Edith a can of baked beans. The President is out in Yellowstone Park for a week of pleasure and he is to travel through 22 states in the round trip.

Apr 17 – The storm did not end till 10 today. Then went and got load of seaweed for grafts. The ocean is in a great rage and foaming while much seaweed is coming in. The lobster catchers have lost more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of their pots.

Apr 18 – Fair and more like what we want for weather. Went to town at 9 and got grain. Oats are 98 cents; meal is \$1.14 a bag. Got a new garden rake and the news. Generally eggs have gone up 2 cents so to help us a little we get 50 a day now.

Apr 19 – Fair and cool. Eliza is very sick and we fear cannot live very long. There is much sickness in Rye. At 3:30 Charles Shannon came for 2 hours and brought the Sunday Journal. Edith was over for the day.

Apr 20 – Fair and cool. Sowed my onion seed and beet and lettuce also 3 rows of peas and hauled a load of seaweed to help the potatoes. They are growing under the stove with sprouts $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long and strong farmers are plowing some but it is rather wet.

Apr 21 – Fair and more mild. Jobbing round in the forenoon. After noon went to Newington to “Mort” Hait and George Webber got there about 1:30 and they were setting strawberry plants on $\frac{3}{4}$ acre. They keep 30 cows.

Apr 22 – Fair and mild. Set out 7 peach trees and 3 plums and in the afternoon was grafting. Set Williams Favorites and some Red Astrachans and am going to set some Ben Davis and Bartlett pears. Woods will pay 17 cents per dozen for eggs today.

Apr 23 – Fast Day. Went to town to get coal but all closed up and got none. Afternoon George and Clara Raynes and Israel Miller came for 2 hours to talk about the Wallis’s and others.

Apr 24 – Fair and cool. Went to town and got coal and other things to keep life along. They ask \$6.00 per ton for coal now.

Apr 25 – Fair. Grafted some. Went to town and got the news and inquired about the Rural Free Delivery. The boxes have not come yet so it will be some days before they are set up for business.

Apr 26 – Fair and cool. William Varney called at 1 and got a drink of cider. Edith comes every day to help Lizzie. We got 50 eggs a day. (William Varney is a ship carpenter from Portsmouth.)

Apr 27 – Fair. Setting grafts in the further field. Some of Williams and Red Astrachans.

Apr 28 – Fair and warm. Finished grafting today for this year. The trees are pushing out their leaves very fast. The apple bloth will not be very plenty and none on the peach trees. My strawberry plants are looking well.

Apr 29 – Fair and very warm. Jobbing in the morning. After dinner went to the Navy Yard and re-registered and got home at 4. They are doing much work on the buildings on the yard and are cutting away Henderson's Point rapidly.

Apr 30 – Fair and warm. Went with Mr. Harrison Salter to the auction at the Thomas Seavey place on Lafayette Road. They sold all the farm tools and carriages, 4 horses and about 30 cows. Cows and bulls and year olds.

May 1 – Fair and cold with a north wind and freezing in the morning. Chauncey Woodman came and finished my plowing and after noon Billy helped me plant 5 rows of potatoes. Today we had the first Free Rural Delivery of mail after a long wait.

May 2 – Fair and cold, 26 in the morning and ice was $\frac{1}{4}$ thick. There are no peach blossoms in this latitude. Went to town at 9 and got the horse shod and got a few new kinds of potato to plant. Edith and Lizzie went to town at 3 and the babies came to stay.

May 3 – Fair and chilly. At 1:30 Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours and got eggs and apples. At 2:30 Charles Shannon came and stayed until Hayes went. Eliza Ann is very sick and grows worse.

May 4 – Fair and cold in the morning. Chester Drake brings us cracked corn at \$1.14 a bag. They are hauling much coal past here at \$6.00 per ton in Portsmouth. We look for the Boston paper at noon brought by the postal man daily. (Chester D. Drake is listed as a grocer and living on Washington Road in Rye with his parents and grandfather, Samuel Marden.)

May 5 – Dull with some rain. Planted potatoes etc. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens. They are laying 50 eggs a day on the average. There are nearly 100 hens. Farmers are planting potatoes.

May 6 – Dull. Hoed the peas and planted some beans and sowed turnips. After dinner hauled a load a rockweed and put around the apples trees. Grass is very short and backward caused by so much freezing weather.

May 7 – Fair and warmer and more like spring. Hoed in the garden then harrowed the patch in the further field for potatoes. At 2 went to town and got wire netting for Edith. Got some sweet corn and celery seed. The rural man (mailman) comes regularly.

May 8 – Cloudy and cool. Planted my potatoes in the further field with Elmer helping. We furrowed for them and put phosphate in the hills. Then we put up a wall until noon. Then the paper came and had to read the news. Got the weeds out of my Strawberries.

May 9 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried milk to Mrs. Raynes. Got 2 mackerel for dinner. Heard they are to build a wooden ship at the yard. Our mail boxes have not come to Portsmouth yet. Eliza Ann is very sick.

May 10 – Fair and warm at 10. Seavey said there was a frost this morning. Chauncey Woodman called to repair his bicycle on his way to church.

May 11– Fair and dry. Planted sweet corn and beans. The mailman said the boxes had come to Portsmouth and I must deliver them to the owners. Went and got 24 and delivered as far as John Lake's. They are well pleased with them.

May 12 – Fair and dry. Started in the morning and got 30 boxes and delivered as far as John O. Foss's. There are 65 in this lot and there are 15 more to go out.

May 13 – Fair and dry. Got the last lot of boxes and carried out on the Lafayette Road and finished the job. There are 25 more wanted. We find the service nice for us and we can get of the carrier all we can get at the Post Office.

May 14 – Eben Odiorne's house was burned at noon. Fair and dry. Went to town in the morning and settled with the postmaster for the boxes. New Hampshire voted on the new license law on Tuesday. All the cities and large towns went for the license, Rye 70 against.

May 15 – Fair and warm and drying. We had a light shower last night that helped vegetation much. Carried Greenough a mail box this morning. Sowed celery, spinach, and lettuce. Planted cucumbers and cabbage and squash.

May 16 – Fair and dry. Went to town to get grain and halibut etc. Planted 5 rows of cabbage seed. At 2 went and got a load of rockweed at the Sands. Russell went with me to see the ocean. The mailman comes regular.

May 17 – Fair and hot. It is about 90 at 1:00 and it is quite dry on the top of the ground. Seavey came at 9 with baby.

May 18 – Fair and hot and very drying so that we need rain badly. Hoeing and planting cucumbers. Eliza Ann is very sick and failing.

May 19 – Fair and dry. Eliza Ann died at 12:00 this morning of heart failure and many other complaints after long suffering and distress. (She was Eliza Ann (Marden) Trefethen and was married to Samuel A. Trefethen, Supply's brother.)

May 20 – Fair and hot with no signs of rain and vegetation is suffering and we cannot help it. Grass has come to a standstill. Trees are in full bloom and there is a fair amount of bloth for an odd year.

May 21 – Fair and dry. Went to town and got some pinks for bouquet for Eliza Ann's funeral which was held half past 12. She was buried in the Portsmouth cemetery beside her husband Samuel A. Trefethen who died in 1869.

May 22 – Fair and hot. Putting up the wall around the pasture, William helping. We found many gaps down. Have not turned the new cow out yet although there is some feed. The minister Mr. Mills called at 5. Got 50 eggs.

May 23 – Fair and some cooler without wind. Went to town at 9 in the wagon to see the town and get the news. The new license law is to go into effect on Monday with those who get their license. Today they call Portsmouth a dry city.

May 24 – Fair and cooler but still no signs of rain which we are hoping for. This morning was nearly cold enough for a frost. Mr. and Mrs. Raynes came at 3 and stayed an hour. They had been to see Moses Clark and wife Susan.

May 25 – Fair and cold in the morning, 27 above and potatoes and tomatoes are cut off and everything else is set back. Weeded out my onions and hoed among the strawberries etc. Ella Odiorne is very sick and dying.

May 26 – Fair and hot and also very hot and drying after yesterday's frost. Went to town at 3:40 to get dinner and the news. There is much talk about the license law. There are many selling under the new license.

May 27 – Fair and dry and all vegetation is suffering. Finished getting in the hardwood. Heard that Sarah Elizabeth's daughter, Ella Gertrude Odiorne, died this morning at 1 o'clock from the effect of the Gripp.

May 28 – Fair in the morning. Put Paris Green on the potatoes that are just up and covered with bugs. At 10 clouds came up and we had quite a shower that helped cool off the ground and wet the plants but we hoped for more.

May 29 – Fair with some clouds. Ella G. (Holmes) Odiorne was buried at 2:30. She was my niece and daughter of my sister Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes who died last year.

May 30 – Dull and we had a good little shower in the morning that was much help to the grass and trees. Went to town and it was Memorial Day and the streets were muddy for the marchers.

May 31 – Fair and dry as ever with no dew to cool off vegetation at night. George Hayes came at 9 to avoid the afternoon crowd. He paid me \$16.00 rent money. Charles Shannon called at 2 for an hour.

Jun 1 – Fair and warm. Hoeing the garden and other odd jobs. Went to town and got new pants and other clothing and a hat for summer.

Jun 2 – Fair and a high northwest wind. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens. Lizzie is getting better of the rheumatic.

Jun 3 – Fair and dry as usual. Washed the old wagon and painted part of it and done some hoeing. The mailman comes at noon and we get a Boston paper daily and other mail regular.

Jun 4 – Fair and dry with no signs of rain and no dew. Hoeing and weeding the garden and finished the old wagon painting with paint without varnish. The U.S. cow inspector was here to look at the cow.

Jun 5 – Fair and as dry as ever. Hoeing in the morning. Went to town at 9 to get food and news. Edith came and we had cabbage for dinner. Went to school and got Russell. (Russell is 4 ½ years old at this time.)

Jun 6 – Fair and dry with no prospects of rain and the grass on the high ground is drying up. The further field is now done growing. Went to town to get news and see the town. Hoeing my potatoes with a rake. Got 40 eggs.

Jun 7 – Fair and dry as ever with plenty of heat. Charles Shannon came at 3 for 2 hours and looked over the plantation.

Jun 8 – Rain has come. We had a good shower at 3 this morning that laid the dust and wet the vegetation and will help the grass and trees. Went to town to get mixed feed etc. Got in wood.

Jun 9 – Dull with signs of rain and some fog. Hoeing and weeding. Have got in 5 rows of cabbages in the further field and have been hoeing them today. Got 37 eggs.

Jun 10 – Dull and foggy and good for the grass. Hoeing the potatoes and onions and cucumbers. Chauncey Woodman was working for the railroad hauling gravel for ballast.

Jun 11 – Dull all day with some fog and sprinkling of rain. Went to town at 9:40 on the car and got medicine for my cold and cough. Saw Shannon and others. There is much talk about the navy yard and work there.

Jun 12 – Dull and rainy all day and in the afternoon it poured from the southeast and so it was well to keep in. In the forenoon hauled a load of rockweed from the Sands. Edith came and we had greens for dinner. Got 18 eggs.

Jun 13 – Rainy most of the day and at times fast. So we have now wet enough for a time. Went to town on the car at 9:40 and carried milk and lettuce to Mrs. Raynes. Got fish and loaf for dinner. The rivers in Maine are running wild and millions of logs are gone to sea.

Jun 14 – Dull and foggy until 2 then broke away. Charles Seavey and his baby Merle came at 9 with a newspaper. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 and brought the New York Journal and stayed 2 hours to see the garden and trees and got a glass of cider and eggs.

Jun 15 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and into the night. Went to town at 8:30 to get cracked corn at \$1.23 a bag. Hay is \$20.00 a ton. There is now plenty of water on high and low ground and we should like to have warm sunshine for the grass. The mailman had a wet time.

Jun 16 – Dull and wet and cold at the same time. We have to wear heavy clothing to keep warm and many have bad colds and much sickness is about. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens to work in.

Jun 17 – Dull all day with black clouds. Hoeing in the further field. Charles Shannon came at 10:30 for an hour and brought a paper. He is resting after working hard on the navy yard. Got 43 eggs.

Jun 18 – Dull and cloudy all day and we have no sunshine. Hoeing and weeding to try to make things grow. There is now plenty of wet but not heat enough for growing crops. So we are not entirely happy.

Jun 19 – Dull all day but no rain. There was a circus in town and went up to see the street show at 9:30. It was not a great display. Got some mixed feed for the hens and fish for dinner. Hoeing the potatoes to kill weeds. It is so cold corn and vines cannot grow.

Jun 20 – Dull as usual and clouds black and venomous. Went to town to get wheat and see the town and folks there in. Hoeing to keep ahead of the weeds if possible. Potatoes grow but corn and beans do not. Maggots are eating up the onions.

Jun 21 – A regular northeast rain storm all day. This is said to be the coldest June on record. The cars began running ½ hourly today and they went regularly in the heavy rain with no passengers and they were in a sorry plight. Water, Water everywhere.

Jun 22 – Rainy in the morning then cleared off after a continuous rain of 36 hours and all the fields and many cellars are flooded. The sun is out and we are happy. Hauled a load of rockweed and hoeing potatoes. We had greens for dinner Edith went to town to help Abbie get a new bonnet.

Jun 23 – Dull and damp but not so rainy. Got my wheel hay rake down and ready for business if it clears off in time to dry the wet grass. There will be a middling crop after the great drought we had of 5 or 6 weeks.

Jun 24 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town at 9:40 on the car to get some things and the news. The masons of Portsmouth and Laconia were celebrating St. Johns Day in the drizzling rain and mud. Very few were on the cars. Tis better to keep by the fire. Got 44 eggs.

(Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of saints who are both named John. The first Grand Lodge was formed on 24 June the feast day of John the Baptist in 1717. This may arise from a very old tradition, since the Baptist appears to have been regarded as the patron of stonemasons.)

Jun 25 – Dull and wet all day. Jobbing round the shop and barn. The wood chucks are eating my cabbages badly and I sprinkled them with Paris Green. Potatoes grow but corn is very sick and all vines have stopped and the grass is coming in slowly.

Jun 26 – Fair with a good northwest wind and all are happy and now is the time to kill weeds. Apples are growing well where there are any and they are not plenty this odd year. There is not a peach growing in the state. Tis said we hope to get some hay.

Jun 27 – Fair and warm and good growing weather and the grass and potatoes are going ahead but vines are not. Went to town to get grain etc. Saw George Webber and Henry Nelson and others. Old potatoes are in demand at \$1.00 per bushel and flour is \$4.75 and \$5.00 per barrel. Mixes feed is \$1.25 per 100 lbs.

Jun 28 – Fair with a good west wind. At 9:30 Mr. Hayes came to see the fields and went with him to the sea and over the boulevard and round Concord Point to see the cottages. There are some visitors at hotels. He went home at 1:10. The cars are well filled today.

Jun 29 – Fair and cool and good for human nature and the beasts of the fields and the fowls of the air. The hens are falling off in egg laying and I can't compel them to do their duty.

Jun 30 – Fair and cool but good to hoe and weed the onions. The maggots are destroying them as fast as they can. Potatoes grow well but corn is way behind for the season.

Jul 1 – Dull and wet and good for the growth of crops.

Jul 2 – Fair and drying. Hoeing to kill weeds and get ready for haying. Edith came at 2:30 with Bessie and Russell for the afternoon. We got a bowl of strawberries for them.

Jul 3 – Fair and drying. Hoeing in the morning then went to town to see the fashions etc. Green peas are very scarce and \$1.00 a peck. New potatoes are plenty from the south at 45 cents a pack. Carried Mrs. Raynes lettuce. (A peck of peas is 8 to 10 lbs.)

Jul 4 – Fair for the glorious fourth and the young folks celebrate it with more noise than ever before. The explosives are so much more powerful that the noise is something ear splitting. Getting ready for haying, changed the cart and ground the scythe. Went to town at 3:10 to get the paper.

Jul 5 – Fair and hot and good hay weather and also good growing time. Potatoes are coming along well and had a mess of new ones this morning. Mr. Seavey came at 9 o'clock with baby Merle.

Jul 6 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Went to town on the car. After dinner William came up and we cut the grass in the back of the house and under the trees in the thirds so as to make a beginning at haying. Got 20 eggs. (William is one of Charles E's. 6 sons.)

Jul 7 – Fair and a good hay day. Woodman cut the lower field and we trimmed round and at night raked it up and found it had dried well. Frank Foss has but most of Mr. Joseph W. Odiorne's field with Uncle Thomas helping. They say the crop is as good as usual but mine is much short.

Jul 8 – Showery until 10 then cleared off and Chauncey cut the corner lot. We finished cutting under the trees in front of the house and at noon we opened 2/3 of the lower field and got in 2 loads and raked up the corner lot and other odd jobs. Got 41 eggs.

Jul 9 – Fair and hot. Woodman cut the further field and we cleaned up the corner lot and mowed in the thirds by hand. The Simpson boy helped some and Charles E. is into it strongly. The grass is growing as fast as ever and will be a good crop.

Jul 10 – Fair and very hot and we improved it. Chauncey cut in the thirds and also in front of Charles E.'s and we got in 3 loads. Cleaned up the further field and got one load out of the thirds. Charles Shannon came at 1 to help got in and sweat freely and was happy.

Jul 11 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 8:30 to get sundries. Saw Henry Nelson in town. We had none cut today and so gave our time to getting in 5 loads and cleaned up. Shannon helped after noon with William.

Jul 12 – Fair and warm with a west wind. At 2 George Hayes came to see the growing crops and see what the prospect was for blueberries. John Sterling Goss, a son of Wallace S. Goss, was drowned yesterday at Rye Harbor while in swimming, age 22.

Jul 13 – Cloudy all day with a west wind. At 9 William came up and we mowed the low ground in front of Dolly's and got ready for Chauncey to cut the 2 lots. After noon we killed weeds in the potatoes and put on Paris Green.

Jul 14 – Fair with a west wind and good drying weather. We mowed till 10 in the low field then Woodman came and cut all on the north of the road. At 3 William began raking and got it all up at 4:40. Edith and babies came and went to town with Lizzie.

Jul 15 – Fair and a west wind making the best hay day of the season. We tended the hay well and at 1 Shannon came and we got in 5 loads and cleaned up in front of Charles's and cut some above the barn. Got 22 eggs.

Jul 16 – Fair and cool. Woodman cut above the barn over to the 3rd bed but we had a little shower that beat us about raking up. So we hoed potatoes and put on Paris Green.

Jul 17 – Fair and a good hay day and Chauncey finished cutting on the south side of the road and we got in 4 loads, Shannon helping and we raked the other all up. All are at their haying and there is a fair crop.

Jul 18 – Fair most of the day and William opened the hay while I went to town to get the news etc. Saw many in town. After dinner Shannon came and we hauled in 4 loads and finished except some in the front field. Hoyt took his horse tonight.

Jul 19 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and it wet down the growing crops. Potatoes are doing well and other crops are coming along. The cars are empty but they run as usual.

Jul 20 – Fair in the morning. Charles E's son William helped me mow the grass in the low ground in front of the house. Put Paris Green on the potatoes etc.

Jul 21 – Dull and rainy all day. Transplanted some cabbages and gave Charles E. a basket of plants to set out. Cabbages are growing very fast and promise well.

Jul 22 – Dull and showers. Jobbing round the place. The rural mailman comes regularly with our mail and we are pleased to have it. We get a Boston paper at 10:30 with news of the world.

Jul 23 – Dull and cloudy. Digging up the garden to set out rutabagas and other stuff. Received a card to go to work on the navy yard but can't go.

Jul 24 – Dull with showers. Hoeing corn and beans etc. At night raked up hay. I see that the Red Astrachans are growing.

Jul 25 – Fair and drying and turned hay in front of the house. Then went to town to get the news and groceries, John Odiorne went with me. After dinner got in a load of hay and Bessie and Russell made the load. Edith came and Lizzie carried her home.

Jul 26 – Dull in the morning then cleared off warm and drying. Mr. Hayes came at 10:30 to see the garden and picked blueberries. He got 2 quarts. At 2:30 Mr. and Mrs. Raynes came and stayed 2 hours to talk over gossip.

Jul 27 – Fair and drying and I got in the last load of hay and unloaded it in big mow. Potato tops are dying but hope they will not rot.

Jul 28 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Overhauled the under gear of the cart and sit up bolts and got ready to put on the cart for seaweed. Went to town to get bolts etc.

Jul 29 – Fair but showering and did odd jobs.

Jul 30 – Fair and very hot until 3 when we had a shower to keep things growing. Charles Yeaton is haying with Clarence Goss for Bert Drake and they have much more to get in.

Jul 31 – Fair and cool with a west wind. Hoeing cabbages and the garden cucumbers are in full bloom. Plowed where the peas grew and got it ready for celery, I have plants enough. Sowed some turnips.

Aug 1 – Fair and good hay weather and many are still at it. Went to town at 9 to see the town and the folks therein. The Savings Bank is to be rebuilt and is begun at 2:30. Edith and babies came and she went to town with Lizzie.

Aug 2 – Fair with a west wind. George Hayes and daughter Carrie came at 9:30 and went picking blueberries. They got about 5 quarts. Got 36 eggs.

Aug 3 – Fair. Picked up 1 bushel of Red Astrachans and $\frac{3}{4}$ bushel of Sweet Boughs and carried to Ben Atwell for \$1.25. They were small. Also carried 1 peck of potatoes to Hayes at \$10.30. Potatoes will be high this year and scarce. (A peck of potatoes is 15 lb.)

Aug 4 – Dull part of the day. Repaired the cart and at 2:30 went down to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens. Edith came and went to town and Bessie and Russell went with me. They have chosen a new Pope in Rome today, Pius the 10th.

Aug 5 – Dull and rainy all day. Set out my celery about 75 plants, 8 inches high and they got a good wetting. Set rutabaga plants and sowed turnips. Dug ½ bushels of potatoes for Lottie Foss at 50 cents. There was not much riding on the cars.

Aug 6 – Dull and rainy all day and is the best of weather for celery plants and they are standing up all right. Went to town at 9:40 to see the town engaged. Hauled a load of seaweed at night.

Aug 7 – Fair and cool. Dug some potatoes, ½ bushel etc. After dinner went after blueberries, got 3 quarts to preserve, they are quite plenty.

Aug 8 – Fair and cool, 45 in the morning. Picked one bushel of Red apples for Ben Atwell and carried to town at \$1.13 also ½ bushels of Sweet. Mr. Hayes came and picked blueberries and went on the 5:40 car. Edith came at 2:30.

Aug 9 – Fair and cool. Mr. Hayes came down after blueberries and got 2 or 3 quarts. Ed Drake called at 2 going after his wife Minnie. At 7 Charles Shannon and son came. He is going to California on Tuesday.

Aug 10 – Fair and cool. Carried 1 bushel of apples to Ben Atwell.

Aug 11 – Dull and wet. Hoeing cabbages etc.

Aug 12 – Fair. Went to town with apples to Frances F. Kellum, 1 bushel. Dug a bushel of potatoes and picked apples. Mrs. Raynes was down to visit Abbie at 10 to 6. George came at 1 to help out. (Frances Kellum was a provisions dealer in Portsmouth.)

Aug 13 – Fair and cool, no hot weather this year. Went to town with apples and potatoes and got 50 cents for apples and 90 cents for potatoes. Engaged a bushel for tomorrow and some beets. There was a cyclone at Jamaica that destroyed the island.

Aug 14 – Fair and good growing weather. Picked apples, William Favorites sold to Tilton. Hoeing cabbages etc. Miss Hayes and tribe were down picking berries and good hay weather. Canney is getting in Ann Marie's hay, 2 crops at once.

Aug 15 – Fair. Went to town at 9 with apples and to get the news. Sold a bushel to go to the Sea View House and picked more for Monday. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie. Mr. Hayes came and picked 2 quarts of berries.

Aug 16 – Fair and warm. Seavey came at 9 with baby Merle to talk about copper. A man in New Hampshire has found a mine near Strafford and has begun to mine it. Irving came at 10 for 2 hours. There has been more than 40 Tombiles (Automobiles) pass today.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm and good to ripen apples. Went to town with 3 boxes and got \$2.00, the best sold for 75 cents. Came home and picked more. There are not many people at the beaches so the demand is not as great as usual. Apples are small and rough.

Aug 18 – Fair. Picked apples and went to town and sold them for \$1.35. They are working on the highway blasting out rocks. Charles Yeaton is digging a well for his sister and he has struck a ledge. There is much travel on the electric cars. Arthur and Raymond got in wood for me. (Two more of Charles E.s sons. Arthur is 20 and Raymond is 14.)

Aug 19 – Fair and dry. Went to town with apples, 3 boxes. Sold out and picked more, some for Ben Atwell. Josh Vaughan had a bushel today. Edith came with her 2 babies for a call. The boulevard is to be continued starting from Joe Berry's.

Aug 20 – Dull and rainy till 9. Went to town with 3 boxes of apples for \$1.60 and engaged some to go tomorrow. There were plenty there today. Picked 1 bushel of Clapp's Favorite Pears for Ben Atwell. Paid my tax for Rye today to Garland's son. Edith and Russell came at 2.

Aug 21 – Fair. Picked a bushel of pears and carried to town to Ben Atwell for \$1.00 and apples to Josh Vaughan. Went clamming at 2:30 with Yeaton and got a bucket full. Bessie and Russell went with us.

Aug 22 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town with 2 bushels for \$1.15 per bushel. Sold on bushel to Horace Mitchell, of Kittery. Carried apples and cucumbers to Mrs. Raynes. The 2nd race for the cup was won by the "Reliance". (Reliance was the 1903 America's Cup defender.)

Aug 23 – Fair and very pleasant. Mr. Hayes came at 9 and we rode down and over the boulevard to Rye Harbor to see the place and the Club House. At 2 George Raynes called for an hour. There was much travel on the cars.

Aug 24 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town with 3 boxes and sold for \$2.00. Sir Thomas Lipton is in New York trying to beat the "Reliance" and get the "America's Cup" but has been beaten in the first race.

Aug 25 – Dull and rainy all day and had to keep out of it. It was a good rain for crops and wet them nicely. Charles Yeaton's mother is to have a house built below Abbie's. It is staked out and has a cellar and a well.

Aug 26 – Cloudy and damp but no rain. Went to town with apples and they sold well. The “Reliance” has won the 2nd race against Sir Thomas Lipton and tis thought one more will settle the matter in favor of the Americans.

Aug 27 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples and potatoes. Sold 1 bushel of apples to go to Newcastle at 75 cents. I find some rotten potatoes among mine as I dig them.

Aug 28 – Fair and cool. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes at 75 cents. There is a demand for nice Red Astrachans and Williams Favorite but they are about gone. Potatoes are in the market at 75 cents a bushel. Lizzie and Edith have gone to town.

Aug 29 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Went to town to get the news etc. It has been a bad beach season, so cold all summer. The visitors are going home to sit by the fire. Dug potatoes to go Monday at 75 cents but my early apples are about done. Lizzie went to town. There was no Yacht race today.

Aug 30 – Dull and cold with a northeast wind all day and so kept in out of it. At 2 Herbert Seawards came from Kittery for 2 hours to talk about the yard. There is much work there now but I can't go.

Aug 31 – Dull and wet in the morning but held up at 9. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes and one of apples to Ben Atwell.

Sep 1 – Fair and a west wind. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes. Went in the paid my taxes in Portsmouth, \$42.30 and so my tax is paid in Rye and Portsmouth. After dinner went to Trotting Park and got 10 pullets at 40 cents each.

Sep 2 – Dull. Went to town with apples and potatoes. Winter apples are scarce in Rye and as I read, all over the country except Virginia and Michigan peaches are a failure in all directions.

Sep 3 – Dull and foggy in the morning but soon cleared off. Went to town with 1 bushel of potatoes and 1 of apples and ½ bushel of William's to Ben Atwell. Chauncey Woodman came and cut my 2nd crop, 4 patches but no prospect of drying.

Sep 4 – Fair and warm. Dug potatoes, 3 bushels and put 2 bushels in the cellar and one to sell. There are some rotten about one in a hill. Picked apples to go to town. Potatoes are called for. The yacht race is ended. The “Reliance” won 3 straight.

Sep 5 – Fair and warm in the forenoon. Went to town with 2 boxes of apples and one of potatoes at \$1.75. After noon we had a heavy shower that wet my celery nicely. Wesley Jenness came in while the shower lasted and talked of old times.

Sep 6 – Fair and warm. George Hayes and daughter Carrie came. She went to the sea and he looked over the plantation and went home at noon. He has not been very well of late.

Sep 7 – Fair and clear. This is “Labor Day” and they are to have a fizzle in Portsmouth. I spent the day raking up my 2nd crop and have got it all together to haul in. There is a good crop of 2nd cut and most farmers are getting it.

Sep 8 – Fair and dry. Went to town in the morning with apples. At 10 began hauling in the latter crop, Willie and Raymond helping. We got in 5 loads, filling up 1 loft and some in the main. It was well dried and will keep good I think.

Sep 9 - Fair and warm. Went clamming in the morning and got 2/3 of a bucket and we had a chowder for dinner. Dug some potatoes and picked Porter apples. Lizzie went up to see Miss Tuckerman. Edith and the babies went to get ready for school next week.

Sep 10 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples, Porters at 70 cents. Engaged to carry cabbages Saturday. This was “Fireman’s Day” and they were out in force. Came home and dug 2 ½ bushels of potatoes and put them in the cellar. There are some rotten potatoes. Charles Rand is helping Yeaton on his sister’s cellar. Got 28 eggs.

Sep 11 – Fair and warm and muggy. Weeding out my small bed of strawberries. It was full of grass and all kinds of weeds and it is a serious job but must be done. We have some of the best sweet corn we ever had, Crosby’s Early.

Sep 12 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried cucumbers and lettuce to Mrs. Raynes. Two dozen cabbages and 1 bushel of apples to Carroll at \$2.00. Apples do not sell well this year because business is so dull. We get 20 eggs a day.

Sep 13 – Fair and hot. Mr. Hayes came at 10 and stayed for 2 hours and got apples and pears and paid me \$6.00 for rent money.

Sep 14 – Hot and dry and people are getting in the 2nd crop. Very hot for the season and apples are falling off.

Sep 15 – Hot as ever and I have to keep cool, 90 in the shade. There is 6 inches of snow in North Dakota, the papers say.

Sep 16 – Fair and very hot and dry. Went to town with 2 dozen cabbages and one bushel of apples. It was 90 in the shade and the hottest of the season. Got home and finished weeding strawberries and they look much better.

Sep 17 – Cloudy after a good rain in the night which helped all vegetation, celery with the rest. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes and put them in the cellar. There were some that were rotten. Charles Rand and Emmons Clark are helping Yeaton put in his sister's cellar.

Sep 18 – Fair and hot and all things grow. Squashes are on the run but cucumbers are dying, killed by the drought. Digging out wild carrots in front of Charles.

Sep 19 – Fair and cooler. Went to town at 8:30 and carried apples, potatoes and cabbages and sold low as everything does this year. The beach business has been dull this season and no money put out in Portsmouth so that fruit is a drug.

Sep 20 – Fair and cool. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours and got 1 dozen eggs at 28 cents per dozen.

Sep 21 – Fair and cool. Dug and put in the cellar 5 bushels of potatoes. So now we have 11 bushels in all. Eight in the cellar and want 3 more. Picked apples, Porters.

Sep 22 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 1 dozen cabbages and 1 bushel of apples and 1 of potatoes, all for \$1.50. After dinner went to the Trotting Park and bought 20 pullets at 30 cents a piece of Mrs. Gouch. So now we have bought 42 and that will be all. Edith came at 9 for the day.

Sep 23 – Fair and warm. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes and carried to town at 10. The Rochester Fair is to run till Friday with great crowds. Picked 2 bushels of Sheldon pears for Ben Atwell. Lotty Foss moved today over into the Chesley house.

Sep 24 – Fair. Went to town with pears and 9 apples. Sheldon's bring 75 cents and apples 50 cents. Picked Flemish Beauty pears, 3 bushels. They are free of cracking this year.

Sep 25 – Fair, warm and dry. Went clamming in the morning and at noon had chowder. Picked pears and some Partner apples and did up odd jobs round the hen house.

Sep 26 – Fair and Dry and dusty. Went to town with pears and apples, sold for \$2.00. There is more call for pears than apples. Potatoes are down to 60 cents.

Sep 27 – Dull most of the day then rain come in the evening. We had no visitors till Yeaton came at 6. He went to the Rochester Fair on Thursday.

Sep 28 – Fair after a good shower last night. Went to town at 9 with pears and apples. Came home and finished digging potatoes and have 3 bushels more to sell at 65 cents.

Sep 29 – Fair, cool in the morning but came warm at 3. Went to town with potatoes, 2 bushels and 1 of pears. Got \$1.00 worth of sugar, 18 lbs. of Carroll and Co. It is time to pick apples, they are falling so....

Sep 30 – Fair and warmer after a cold night, 50 this morning. Went to town with 2 bushels of pears and 1 of potatoes and 1 of apples at 50 cents. Picked more apples for grocers and pears. Lizzie went to town at 2.

Oct 1 – Fair. Went to town with 3 bushels of apples at 40 cents and got grain. I have new more than 100 hens and pullets and they want much to eat. We get about 12 eggs per day. I want to make the young ones grow in this warm weather.

Oct 2 – Fair and warm and had a light shower last night. Hoeing celery and picking apples “Hubbardston’s”. Shall not get much winter fruit. New York State has a great amount of winter fruit to ship to Europe, 75,000 barrels in a week.

Oct 3 – Fair and warm. Went to the house in town to stop a leak, Charles E. helping. Picked apples. The English from London in Boston are on a visit, “The Honorable” of London. Levi Hall’s daughter Alice was here last night.

Oct 4 – Fair and cool. John Leighton called at 2 to get me to buy bands at some future time. Lizzie went to Jennie’s.

Oct 5 – Fair and warm. Picked apples and went to town. Am trying to keep the hens laying. Some if possible got 11 today at 32 cents per dozen. Orion L. Foye died this morning at 6. (Orion was the son of Nathaniel and Martha (Down) Foye.)

Oct 6 – Fair with an east wind and chilly. Picking apples etc. Shall get very little winter fruit of poor quality very nearly and rough.

Oct 7 – Fair. Went to town with apples in the morning. At 2 went to Mr. Orion Foyes funeral which was largely attended. He was 79 years old and died of a bad liver complaint. He leaves 1 son Morris and a daughter Josie Oxford.

Oct 8 – Dull with signs of rain. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples to Carroll and Co. the contractors of the dry dock at the yard had the cofferdam give way on them and flooded the dock before the gate was in or the pumping gear ready.

Oct 9 – Dull and cloudy and black all day. Went to town at 9 with apples to Kellum and Ben Atwell. Came home and picked 2 bushels of Pearmain in the further field and got in my onions, ½ peck.

Oct 10 – Dull all day and some rain at 2. Mr. Hayes came to get some eggs and apples and to see the garden and trees. He is still at the Button Shop and they have much work. Lizzie went to see Abbie.

Oct 11 – The above was written for this day by mistake.

Oct 12 – Fair and warm for the season and good weather for harvesting. Picked apples and went to town with one bushel of King and brought 75 cents and pie apples are 50 cents.

Oct 13 – Fair and mild. I am on the sick list today and keep quiet.

Oct 14 – Fair and warm. Picked some apples. After dinner got Arthur Trefethen to help me get in bedding and also to change the cart ready for seaweed. The Odd Fellows are celebrating in Portsmouth.

Oct 15 – Dull part of the day. Eggs are 32 cents but we don't get many. They are getting along well with Mrs. Yeaton's new house, one side shingled.

Oct 16 – Fair and mild. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for the hens to work in. They are laying only 4 eggs a day but I am trying to make the pullets go to work but they are hanging back.

Oct 17 – Dull all day and rain came at 2. Went to town at 8:30 with pie apples. Saw George Webber and others. They are at work on the streets plowing and hauling off the surface. A New York contractor is to cover them with asphalt.

Oct 18 – Fair after the morning with a northwest wind that is drying the trees and grass. Lizzie went over to see Jennie.

Oct 19 – Fair and cold and icy in the morning. Picked Granny apples in the thirds and got 3 ½ barrels and some Pearmains and Stark apples and got done there. Edith came at 10 and took dinner with us and she and Lizzie went and Jennie went to town on the car.

Oct 20 – Fair and cool. Went to town with squashes (200 lbs.) and apples to Ben Atwell and also ½ bushel of beets to Carroll and Co. Picked apples in the thirds and finished there, hoping to soon get done all round. They are very low in the market.

Oct 21 – Fair and cool. Went to town in the forenoon with 2 bushels of apples to Kellum at 75 cents. Picked apples in the lane from the Baldwin tree and got ½ done. They are very small and rough.

Oct 22 – Picking apples and have got about done with winter fruit and get a small quantity and they are very low. They are digging up the streets of Portsmouth to lay asphalt and they are all in an uproar.

Oct 23 – Fair and muddy. Went to town with apples. Saw Mort Raynes, he was married on Tuesday and they are all moving to Richards Avenue. The Court is in session. (Mortimer L. Raynes, son of George and Clara (Tucker) Raynes was married to Florence B. Lord.)

Oct 24 – Fair and cool. Went to town and saw Mrs. Miller and they have all moved to Richards Avenue. (Israel and Ruth Miller and their son Kennard.)

Oct 25 – Fair and cold. At 2 Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours. At 3:30 George Raynes and wife Clara came and stayed a while to get some old cider. At 4:30 Edith and Irving came for 2 hours and so the day passed along.

Oct 26 – Fair and cold. Picking cider apples and have now got 25 bushels ready. Got in some turnips and cabbages. There is signs of a cold night tomorrow morning.

Oct 27 – Fair and cold. Picked cider apples in the forenoon and after dinner got my celery and put it in trenches and 10 buckets of water under the roots. Got my cider barrels ready.

Oct 28 – Fair and cold, freezing in the morning. Finished picking cider apples, Arthur helping. We have 27 bags full, 44 bushels. Then we got in a load of cabbages and picked out a dozen for Charles E. and a dozen for Seavey.

Oct 29 – Fair and warmer. Hauled a load of seaweed in the forenoon. Then got in a load of cabbages. Then went and got the horse shod and got a load of gravel for the hens. They are working on the road. Sold 1 dozen cabbages to Seavey for 50 cents. Edith came at 2. Got 3 eggs today.

Oct 30 – Fair and warm. Burnt the pile of trash on the dump and ready for another lot. Sold a barrel of greening apples to Milton Gardiner for \$1.00 and picked them over. Lizzie and Edith went to town.

Oct 31 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried apples to Gardner and 1 bushel to Carroll and Co. for 50 cents. Carried some to Mrs. Clara Raynes at their new home. Charles Erwin Trefethen hauled my cider apples to Webster Philbrick's to be ground. Got 3 eggs.

Nov 1 – Fair and mild. George Hayes came at 2 and stayed 2 hours.

Nov 2 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried apples and got grain. They are getting the new bank building along fast. At night Brandt Wilson came for 2 hours and talked about the navy yard.

Nov 3 – Far and very warm for the season and I have a bad cold and most sick and not able to do much and hear of many others the same way. Amos Brown has pneumonia bad they say.

Nov 4 – Fair and mild. Picking up apples to put in the cellar for the hens in winter. In the afternoon Jake Christenson came and he went down to see Charles Wendell's new cider mill. It was out of order but will do great work when going.

Nov 5 – Dull and rainy most of the day. It held up at 3 and Charles went over and got my cider (150 gallons) and we put it in the cellar and am glad it is done.

Nov 6 – Dull all day. Cleaning up round and cut wood and worked on the storm windows for Seavey's house. Put apples in the cellar and windows and trying to make the hens lay. We only got 2 or 3 eggs.

Nov 7 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to town in the morning and carried apples to Grace Yeaton and cider to Hayes and Raynes. Got cracked corn and oats and oysters etc. The streets are in bad order and they are taking up the railroad tracks.

Nov 8 – Dull and cool and had no company today.

Nov 9 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples at 50 cents a bushel. Got cracked corn and oats for the animals. Got the storm windows ready for the Seavey house.

Nov 10 – Fair and mild. Went to town to mend shingles, Charles E. went to help me. They are tearing up the streets of Portsmouth to lay asphalt.

Nov 11 – Fair as usual and it is the best of weather for all kinds of work and all seem to be improving it. William J. Rand died today, age 88. (He was the son of Billy Rand and Charlotte (Batchelder) Rand.)

Nov 12 – Fair. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and exchanged them for \$1.00 worth of sugar with Carroll and Co. Hauled a load of seaweed. The hens are doing a little better and got 6 eggs today and feel encouraged.

Nov 13 – Fair and mild. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for the grass and spread it on. Charles Erwin's folks are most all sick and the doctor is there daily. Edith came for the afternoon.

Nov 14 – Fair and mild. Went to town with one bushel of apples. They are putting the asphalt on Vaughan Street in Portsmouth and it is as smooth as slate and bad for the horses. Got in the last cabbages.

Nov 15 – Fair and cool. Mr. Hayes came at 10 for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 house rent. At 2 George Raynes came for an hour and some cider.

Nov 16 – Fair and cool. Went to town and carried apples for \$1.00.

Nov 17 – Dull and rainy all day and worked in the shop putting up another stove for cooking hog plucks etc.

Nov 18 – Fair and cold. Went to town in the forenoon and got grain for the hens and horse. The hens are doing a little better now. Hauled a load of seaweed.

Nov 19 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put on the grass. They have got the first coat of mortar on Mrs. Yeaton's house today. Sold 14 eggs for 49 cents at the door. Got 9 eggs today.

Nov 20 – Fair and cold. Went to town and got 12 hogs plucks for the hens and boiled them and chopped one fine for them tomorrow. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie to see Clara Raynes.

Nov 21 – Fair and cold, 13 above this morning and the ground is frozen quite solid. Went to town at 9 to get the news etc. got a bushel of onions at \$1.00. They say turkeys will be high and I think of having roast beef. Edith and babies came at 2:30.

Nov 22 – Dull and cold with some snow and an east wind. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Lambert preach a Thanksgiving sermon in the Congregational Church, a union service. Charles Seavey and baby Merle called at 11 on his way home from Henry Rand's.

Nov 23 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed from high beach and put it on the grass in the further field. Charles E. and Joseph Odiorne were also down after loads.

Nov 24 – Fair and cold. Went to town and bought a goose at 22 cents a pound. Turkeys were 27 to 35 cents so I thought I would have a goose. Home to see about the weather. They are covering the streets in town with asphalt. Eggs are 50 cents per dozen in the stores.

Nov 25 – Fair and cold with a high wind and I kept out of it. There was not great travel to town. Lizzie went at 1:40 to see the stores and people. William E. Rand died Monday afternoon, age 68 years. A brother to Henry S. Rand. (He was also the son of Samuel and Dorothy (Moses) Rand.)

Nov 26 – Fair and cold. Thanksgiving Day and we had a goose for dinner. Edith and her family were with us and we made a good meal but I don't think a goose is so good as turkey. I shall clean the goose bone to see about the weather this winter. (If the bone turned blue, black, or purple, a cold winter lay ahead. A blue color branching out toward the edge of the bone, meant open weather until New Year's Day. If the bone was a dark color, or blue all over, the prediction was for a really bad winter.)

Nov 27 – Fair and cold, 10 above in the morning. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for the grass. There is not a great quantity but managed to pick up a load. It is dry and solid wheeling. They are finishing the outside of Mrs. Yeaton's new house.

Nov 28 – Snowy in the morning and cold but soon cleared off. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get news, oysters etc. They were putting on the last coat of asphalt and it becomes as solid as a rock and slippery for horses when wet.

Nov 29 – Fair and cold in the morning then warmer. At 1:30 George Hayes came for 3 hours and at 2:30 George Raynes and wife Clara called for an hour to tell and hear the news. In the evening Etta Rand and beau called for an hour.

Nov 30 – Cold and windy. Put the 4 new outside windows on the house that Seavey lives in, William helping me and we had very good luck. After dinner hauled a load of seaweed from "Pig" Beach and put it on the willow field. Jake Cris came at 2.

Dec 1 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9 and carried apples to Raynes and to a bag of mixed feed for the hens. They are now laying 8 a day and they bring 40 cents a dozen. Hauled a load of seaweed for them to scratch in.

Dec 2 – Dull all day with signs of snow but none came. Went to town and got a load of coal, 1150 lbs. at \$6.25 per ton. The streets of Portsmouth are done so far as they are going now with the asphalt.

Dec 3 – A cold northeast snow storm most of the day. So we have now about 4 inches of snow and sleighs are going. Put my sled together and ready for business. Went to find Charles Yeaton but he was gone away. The mailman came at 12:30. Guss Caswell's barn was burned this evening at 7:30. Got 7 eggs.

Dec 4 – Fair and cold with 3 or 4 inches of snow. Began getting the winter's wood, William helping. We went down by Elvin Rand's and cut and hauled 2 loads but the sledding was rather bad.

Dec 5 – Cloudy all day. Went to town and got grain, oysters etc. and found the horse slipped so I had to get her sharpened this afternoon. Guss Caswell wants Irving to build a new barn.

Dec 6 – Fair and cold and solid wheeling but there was not much traveling. One "tombile" went by up and down. Jennie called at 2 for an hour.

Dec 7 – Fair and cold and William helped me cut the willow wood near the spring. Had 4 loads and got it cleared up in the field so the grass can grow. Danna Jenness was moving to Rye on the South Road.

Dec 8 – Fair. We continued cutting and hauling wood from the Varrell pasture beside John Odiorne's field to prevent shading his ground, hauled 4 loads. Edith came at 11 and dined with us and went to town with Lizzie at 1:40.

Dec 9 – Dull all day and rain came at night. Went to town at 9 to get four and scraps at Kilburn's. William was cutting all day. I got home at 11 and hauled 1 load of wood before dinner and 2 after and have now got a good sized pile of hardwood. Got 11 eggs today.

Dec 10 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. The snow is all gone and we have an inch of mud. Did not work hard today. Covered strawberries with corn stocks and tried to make the hens do something.

Dec 11 – Fair and cold. Jobbing round repaired the sled ready when we get more snow to haul out wood. Austin was up for me to help him make out papers to register on the yard.

Dec 12 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9 to get grain for hens and horse. Called at Jake Christenson's half an hour. Oats are \$1.00 a bag, mixed feed \$1.15 and corn \$1.15 per 100. The streets are solid and smooth and no cross walks.

Dec 13 – Rainy in the morning but cleared off at 1. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for rent money. At 3 Irving came to get my boring machine. He is to build a barn for Gus Caswell. (Hand cranked boring machine was used to bore holes in large wooden beams for wood pegs to make mortise and tenon.)

Dec 14 – Cold and windy. Cutting bushes beside the wall above the barn and burnt some in the pasture. Got a load of seaweed at Lang Point and put it on the grass. There is not much doing because it is so cold.

Dec 15 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind and chilly. Cut some wood and after dinner went and got a load of seaweed but it was cold riding home. There is plenty of seaweed on the beaches and nobody to haul it away. It is frozen solid except where the tide flows.

Dec 16 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Went to town to get cracked corn for the hens and they eat furiously but still hold back on egg laying. Went down to show Yeaton where to cut wood for me. Woodman is shingling his new ice house.

Dec 17 – Fair and very cold, 6 above in the morning and it is dry and solid wheeling and not rough. It is too cold for hauling seaweed so was cutting wood and tending the animals. Got 10

eggs today. Frank Seavey's wife was buried today at North Hampton, age 53. (Abbie Elizabeth (Leavitt) Seavey was the wife of Franklin H. Seavey.)

Dec 18 – Fair and cold. The coldest of the season and too cold to work outside so I kept in. Yeaton came up and got \$2.50 for cutting wood in the lower pasture. Herman O. and Frank Trefethen are getting ready to go smelting.

Dec 19 – Fair and cold, 8 above in the morning and soon became more mild. Went to town at 9 to get meal and other things. Saw George S. Webber. His son-in-law is sick. Saw Jake Cris. We find the streets when dry are very nice to get round on today. Got 14 eggs.

Dec 20 – Dull and rainy all day and it was quiet and we had to read to pass the time. No callers. Bare ground and signs of milder weather.

Dec 21 – Dull and wet in the morning but soon cleared off. I hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put it in the willow field to make the grass grow. There is plenty of seaweed on the beaches but few hauling it away. Woodman has got his ice house 2/3 shingled. I am looking for John D. Marston to collect insurance.

Dec 22 – Fair and not very cold. There is bare ground and some mud. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed from the "Stones" and put it above the barn field beside the lane. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie. Herbert Canney is hauling ice from Elwyn's. (Elwyn's is now the Urban Forestry Center.)

Dec 23 – Fair and cool and solid wheeling. Went to town at 9 to get grain and food for the house. There is a great fuss about Christmas in Portsmouth. All the shop keepers are trying to catch the pennies. Hauled one load of seaweed.

Dec 24 – Dull all day but no storm. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed for the grass. Hodgdon is building a house on the Sands for the Priest of Manchester, New Hampshire. They are hauling timber for the new boulevard bridge at Rye Harbor.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day and we had a large sized chicken for dinner and sent some to Abbie. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news and see the town. Saw the foundation of the new high school building that is now in the course of construction.

Dec 26 – A regular northeast storm of snow until 8 pm and bout 3 or 4 inches fell. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get rubber boots and other things. It was rather cold. The mailman was 2 hours late. Got 20 eggs.

Dec 27 – Very cold and snowy the most of the day, 5 below in the morning About 3 inches of snow. The old snow plow went over the road to clear the track and the cars went as usual but very few passengers. The windows were covered with frost and we have all signs of winter.

Dec 28 – Cold and fair. There was not snow enough for sledding so I thought I would wait for more before hauling home the firewood Yeaton cut last week. It is too cold to work outdoors so I look after the animals and hens.

Dec 29 – Cold, 5 below in the morning and at 2 snow came down. Worked in the shop making a new cant dog for loading small logs. I also stirred the hens up and they laid 25 eggs to help out a little. (A cant hook or cant dog is a traditional logging tool consisting of a wooden lever handle with a movable metal hook called a dog at one end, used for handling and turning logs.)

Dec 30 – Fair and cold, 5 below in the morning. Hauling wood all day from the lower lot, Yeaton helping. The sledding is not the best the snow being very dry. My hens are doing better, yesterday 25 and today 23 eggs. So I have some hopes they will do something.

Dec 31 – Fair and cold all day. Hauling wood from the lower lot, Yeaton helping. We hauled 6 loads and I think have got about enough for “winter wood” but must have more for summer. Emmons Clark was hauling all day. Wesley Jenness came and Lizzie sold him eggs at 36 cents a dozen but Garland paid only 34 cents. I see by papers that in Boston they bring 39 and 40 cents a dozen.

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Jan 1 – Fair and cold with 3 or 4 inches of snow and not the best of sleighing. Went to town at 9 to get grain and sundries. Went over and got Edith in the morning to help Lizzie as she is not well. We had a fresh cod fish baked for dinner.

Jan 2 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night. Went to town at 9:30 and carried apples and cider to Mrs. Raynes and got cheese and fish and medicine etc. and came home in a raging snow storm. Edith was here and had to go with her to see Mrs. Garland about coming here to help Lizzie.

Jan 3 – Cold, zero weather and stormy until 10 when it cleared off cold and windy and the snow flying in all directions. Not much travel, one sleigh went by at 11 o clock.

Jan 4 – Very cold, 10 below in the morning with a strong wind and all had trouble keeping warm. The buildings were very cold and the animals were shivering and I gave a plenty of bedding.

Jan 5 – Very cold, 12 below and it was stinging cold and all kept out of it that could and travelers were few. Went to town on the car and got a fresh fish for dinner. Mrs. Garland came to help Lizzie a few weeks.

Jan 6 – Cold and blue, 6 below and we are shivering and hope for warmer weather, 40 below up in New Hampshire. The hens are shrinking in egg production.

Jan 7 – Not so cold but still about all we could bear. Hauled 2 loads of wood from the lower lot to make up the summer pile and hope I have about enough. Emmons was hauling out a large hemlock tree, Yeaton helping him.

Jan 8 – Dull all day and cold. Went and got a load of wood in the forenoon in the lower lot. After dinner Jake Cris came to talk over the work situation and went home at 3:40. Snow came down at 4.

Jan 9 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and about 8 inches fell. Went to town on the car at 8:40 to get things to keep along in. There was few on the car and few moving about the town. The hens are down again to 20 eggs.

Jan 10 – Fair after the high snow storm. We have now about 8 inches of snow and enough for good sleighing and if not too cold will be used. Seavey came up at 4 with baby Merle on the sled for an airing. Mrs. Garland went to church. There was very little riding. Got 21 eggs.

Jan 11 – Fair and cool. Cleared away the snow and worked in the shop doing odd jobs. Everett Odiorne and others broke out the roads with 6 horses and did a good job. The railroad men are shoveling beside the track. The snow plow is going. (Jonathan Everett and his family are living on Wallis Road in the home of his mother-in-law, Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes who passed away in 1902.)

Jan 12 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9 to get sugar and other things, 1 bag of meal at \$1.15. Saw George Parks and he complained of pain in his head and back and shoulders.

Jan 13 – A northeast rain storm most of the day but not so bad. Yeaton and I went clamming at 2 and got each a bucket full. At night I had some steamed. My hens are hanging back about laying and got 21 eggs today. The rain ran into the night furiously.

Jan 14 – Fair and thawing and slumpy. Went to town to get grain. They have put up the price 5 cents a bag from \$1.15 to \$1.20. The sleighing is rough Wesley Jenness came and got eggs at 36 cents a dozen. I killed a rooster for tomorrow.

Jan 15 – Fair and cold. Cutting summer wood and made a little show.

Jan 16 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9 to get grain. They have put it up 5 cents a bag. Got fish for dinner. Saw my niece Josephine Hoyt from Newington. She was selling eggs to customers at 4 cents a dozen. (Josephine is the daughter of Supply's brother, John I. Trefethen.)

Jan 17 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind and snow flying. Mr. Hayes came at 10:30 for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for rent.

Jan 18 – Rough and windy and so kept in. Took care of the animals and fowls of the air etc.

Jan 19 – Fair and cold, 12 below in the morning but very good sleighing. Went to town to get grain and other things. It was very quiet and everyone keeps near the fire. It has been cold continually since December 1st and no thawing.

Jan 20 – Fair and cold as usual. Samuel Marden died yesterday and will be buried tomorrow, age 82. Cut some wood and tended the hens and kept near the fire. The mailman comes regularly and we are glad to receive paper and letters. (Samuel was the son of Samuel Marden and Sally (Philbrick) Marden.)

Jan 21 – Dull and snowy most of the day but not heavy. Cut wood in the forenoon. Afternoon went to Edith's and to the sea. Bessie and Russell went with me to the sea. Paid James Rand bill of \$4.00.

Jan 22 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night. So we had to keep out of it. Drew off my cider and washed out the casks and shoveled paths etc. They were running the snow plow all day to keep the track clear. Got 19 eggs.

Jan 23 – Stormy all day. Had some rain and some snow and a crust formed. Went to town at 9:40 on the car and got food and other things. There was not much travel being bad sleighing. Saw Mrs. Ruth Miller and she invited me to come and see Mortimer's twin daughters. 21 eggs. (His daughters were Frances S. and Ruth K. Raynes.)

Jan 24 – Fair and mild and thawing. Went for a sleigh ride with Charles Seavey to see the new boulevard bridge at Rye Harbor and also saw the old ocean. There are great floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Got 24 eggs.

Jan 25 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Took the old mowing machine to pieces to have more room in the barn and have the bolts for other jobs. The hens are not doing much and get about 20 a day and tend them well and threaten the much.

Jan 26 – Dull and snow came on at 3 furiously and ran into the night. Edith came at 1 and went at 3. It was good sledding. Chauncey Woodman is hauling logs for Joseph O. Seavey over to Austin Jenness's mill for a house sometime. (Joseph O. is living at the end of Clark Road by Brackett Road.)

Jan 27 – Fair and cold with 8 inches of new snow. So now we have 18 inches on the ground. The cars got stalled on the road last night and stayed at the corner all night. The snow plow came down and got it and then the snow plow broke down and we had no cars until 11. After that they ran only to the center.

Jan 28 – Fair and cold, 10 below in the morning. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to see the town and the folks there in. It is very quiet now in Portsmouth. All building is stopped until warmer weather and then it will not be driving.

Jan 29 – Dull all day and snow came on at night. Cut summer wood and have now got well along with that pile. Chauncey Woodman is hauling logs for Joseph O. Seavey. Jenness got eggs at 34 cents. I wrote to Mr. Shannon in California. Got 25 eggs today.

Jan 30 – Fair and cold and some snow fell last night. Went to town at 9 to get grain and groceries etc. There was not a great crowd in town but good sleighing. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed at Lang Point.

Jan 31 – Fair and not so cold. We had a southerly wind and thawing some. Good sleighing and many out to try it. At 3 Edith and Harry Odiorne called to see us then went to Jennie's to call.

(Edith is 16 and Harry is 12. They are the grand children of Sarah Elizabeth who was Supply's sister.)

Feb 1 – Fair and not so cold. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for my planting ground but it is bad getting there through the snow. Elwyn's teams were there hauling up. Main and Winchester's teams were hauling from the Sands.

Feb 2 – Fair and cold as usual. Hauled seaweed, 2 loads from "The Stones" and found good sledding but cold riding and glad to get by the fire.

Feb 3 – Dull and snowing and windy with snow flying so I kept in by the fire to read the news and worked at taking the mowing machine to pieces. The hens are doing something and got up to 29 eggs per day. The mailman is on hand every day with news.

Feb 4 – Fair and cold. Got the sled ready and at 2 went to town and got ½ ton of coal at \$6.25 a ton. The dealers are busy delivering to customers in town in small lots. They must have a fire or freeze. Jake Criss is called on the yard with Bill Cousins.

Feb 5 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and cold all day. Went and got a load of seaweed and it was cold. This winter has been the coldest for 33 years, so they say. We have now nearly 2 feet of snow and it is very solid and full of ice.

Feb 6 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and about 4 inches of snow fell and the wind is very cold and shivery. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get oysters and smelts. Lizzie went at 2:40. Shoveled out the paths and feed the animals and got 34 eggs.

Feb 7 – Dull and signs of a storm all day but none came but we had the continued cold all day. There was a terrible fire in Baltimore, Maryland that began at 11 o'clock today and burned up more than \$100,000,000.00 worth of property but no lives. It began in a dry goods store.

Feb 8 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning with high winds. The mailman said it was one of the worst of the winter. The Baltimore fire is the talk of the world and no man knows the loss.

Feb 9 – Fair and cold as ever, 14 below in the morning and it was rough all day. Went to town at 1:30 to get grain for the hens. Tis said that Japan and Russia have declared war and are getting ready to fight by land and sea and no one knows what for. Got 35 eggs.

Feb 10 – Fair and cold and plenty of wind. Cut wood a while. Went to town on the car at 2:40 to get cough medicine and bread. Saw Webber and others. Mr. Ichabod Cole is but just alive. Senator Hanna is very sick from typhoid fever.

Feb 11 – Fair and cold and found it more comfortable in the shop. Jenness came and got eggs at 34 cents and went on the car. Lizzie sold some to Garland for grain and scraps. The Japs have taken 7 Russian ships.

Feb 12 – Cloudy and cold with plenty of wind. Cut summer wood then went to the sea and got mussels and a load of seaweed. There is ice from high water to the low water mark and all rocks are covered and it is hard to get anything. The life savers are guarding the shore.

Feb 13 – Fair and cold and good sleighing. There is nearly 2 feet of snow and ice on the level. Went to town at 9:30 in the Pung and got a bag of mixed feed that I give the hens mixed with meal, meat and hot water morning and night with corn and wheat between.

Feb 14 – Dull all day with a northeast wind and cold and snow came on at 6 lightly. It was rather a quiet day. Lizzie went to see Abbie Clark. Simpson paid me \$10.00 due last December. Raymond was in a short time. Got 36 eggs.

Feb 15 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night and a foot of snow came so we now have 3 feet on a level. The cars were running all day with difficulty. The snow plow made 2 trips to Hampton. I had to hug the stove.

Feb 16 – Fair with a high west wind and snow flying furiously and filling the roads. The cars ran in the morning until 11 o'clock then stopped for the day and those in town had to stay there. The shovelers were working on the railroad all day. This is the worst night of the year, zero.

Feb 17 – Fair with a high northwest wind and snow blowing in the roads all day. No cars were running today and many had to stay in Portsmouth, Mr. Seavey among them. It was a rough time.

Feb 18 – Cold and windy and they are shoveling out the electric road from Rye Center. They worked all last night breaking out to Hampton depot and got through this morning.

Feb 19 – Dull all day and snow came on at 2 and 2 inches came down. They were breaking out the roads with 6 horses. There were 14 men shoveling on the electric road and they have got down as far as the corner.

Feb 20 – Fair and cold, freezing zero in the morning. Went to town at 9:30 and carried 10 dozen eggs and sold for grain and got 34 cents a dozen. Carried a jug of cider to Mr. Hayes and apples and saw Webber and others. Got fresh haddock to eat. Got 36 eggs today.

Feb 21 – Fair and not so cold after 10 but zero in the morning. The wind changed to the south and it thawed some after noon. The cars run most of the time. Lizzie went over to see Jennie and Alveda. Oliver Winslow got 80 eggs today. Raymond called to see me. (Alveda is Oliver Winslow Trefethen's wife.)

Feb 22 – Dull and raining lightly all day and settled the snow some but still there is a plenty left. We want to saw up wood but it is buried up in the snow. Henry Rand's son is getting up a circular saw for sawing wood for others.

Feb 23 – Fair and cold, solid sledding. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed from "Pig Beach" for potatoes and cabbages. The snow is thick and solid and must be a long time going off.

Feb 24 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and about 4 inches fell. Went to town at 10:40. Mr. Shannon came for an hour and went up with me on the car. He has just come from California after a visit of 4 or 5 months to his son there. He had a great time and will tell more later.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Then came up cloudy and snowing all day. So we had to keep in by the fire. It is solid sledding and is about 15 inches in the road. It seems it must take a long time to melt it away but they say July will give it a sweat.

Feb 26 – Fair and cold, zero weather in the morning. At noon it was more pleasant and went and got a load of seaweed at High Beach. The shore is ice bound 2 feet thick and filled with seaweed. They are hauling gravel to town for the new high school house.

Feb 27 – Fair, zero in the morning with an old north wind. Went to town at 9 and carried apples to Mrs. Raynes and got paper. Got grain and it is 10 percent higher than last week. They say flour is going up. Hauled a load of seaweed at 2. Gilman was down to Pig Beach.

Feb 28 – Dull all day and rain and hail came on at 2:30 from the southeast with a prospect of a heavy deluge as it comes on furiously, denoting plenty behind. There is not much news today and not many moving round. No callers.

Feb 29 – Fair and not so cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed from Pig Beach for cabbages in the further field. The tides are high and signs of a storm. Many are after seaweed now.

Mar 1 – A snow storm all day from the northeast. Went to town and got a pair of pants and a new under shirt of Benjamin F. Mugridge store. He is selling out his clothing store at cost intending to open a “cheap grocery” store.

Mar 2 – Fair and mild and thawing. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed. There was 100 lbs. at High Beach and 5 or 6 teams hauling up. I pitched off 3 loads and it was ½ rockweed. They are hauling sea gravel to town for the new school house with 3 teams.

Mar 3 – Dull and rainy all day so I kept out of it. Yeaton came up at 10 to say he will help saw wood as soon as fair weather comes. Trying to make the hens work and got 36 eggs. The mailman came in his covered sleigh at 12:30.

Mar 4 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Went to town at 9:40 to see the town and get a few things. They have put grain up to \$1.25 a bag for corn and meal. Saw Mrs. Ruth Miller and she says her twin nieces are getting along “finely”. Charles Shannon was in town.

Mar 5 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and so had to keep out of it. Did not go to town but after noon went and got a load of seaweed for the cabbages and potatoes. There is plenty on the beaches and some are hauling. Woodman is hauling logs to the mill.

Mar 6 – Dull all day with signs of snow and cold. Charles Seavey and baby Merle came at 1 and stayed till 12. Lizzie went over to see Jennie. We have now 2 feet of snow with a solid crust and ice mixed in and it is the best of sleighing.

Mar 7 – Dull and cloudy and rain came at 3 pm. Sawed wood until the rain drove us, Yeaton helping. We made a very good start. It was thawing all day.

Mar 8 – Election day so we sawed wood in the forenoon, Yeaton helping. Went to town meeting after dinner and the Republicans elected all town officers by a 10 majority and Carr Locke was left out of the selectmen’s board.

Mar 9 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Sawing wood for the annual fire, Yeaton helping. Got about ½ of the sawing done. Miss Carrie Hayes came down and got some eggs and apples yesterday. Got 47 eggs.

Mar 10 – Very cold with a north wind and we could not saw wood. Made a new saw horse and set a shoe on the horse and other odd jobs. It is the best of sleighing and sledding but not much done. George is hauling saw dust for Chauncey Woodman.

Mar 11 – Fair and cold but not so bad as yesterday. So we sawed wood all day, Yeaton helping. Most of the tug is over for this time and I am glad, for sawing wood with a buck saw is the hardest work. I have got 51 eggs. (A Buck saw is a hand-powered frame saw and generally used to cut logs or firewood to length (bucking)).

Mar 12 – Fair and cold. Sawing and splitting wood, Yeaton helping. Got most done sawing. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get groceries etc. It is very quiet in town and wheels and sleighs are going.

Mar 13 – Fair and cold with a north wind and about 1 foot of ice in the road and 18 inches of snow in the fields. I think the peach buds are not killed by the cold. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and stayed 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent money.

Mar 14 – Cold and windy. Went to town and got ½ ton of coal of Charles E. Walker at \$6.25 per ton. Got some under clothes of Ben F. Mugridge. After dinner got a load of seaweed at High Beach and there was plenty. Charles E. was down also.

Mar 15 – Snowing about all day. Got a load of seaweed in the forenoon. After that there was too much snow and kept out of it. By night we had 3 inches of new snow which will continue the winter.

Mar 16 – Fair and cold with a high wind and snow flying. Charles Yeaton came and we split wood all day and got it mostly done and shall have a good pile for next winter. My shoulders are aching tonight. Got 51 eggs today.

Mar 17 – Fair and not so cold so we sawed and split wood all day and finished except a few fragments, Yeaton helping. Cut the dead apple tree above the barn. Edith and babies came at 2 for the afternoon and went at 4.

Mar 18 – A regular southeast snow storm all day and had to keep out of it. It is now good sleighing with a good foot of snow and ice on the ground. Last year we sowed lettuce at this time and set out onions.

Mar 19 – Fair and cool in the morning. Went to town at 9 and carried apples and cider to Hayes and apples to Mrs. Raynes, it was good sleighing. Got a bag of mixed feed for the hens. Saw George Webber. There is to be an auction at the Frank Jones farm on the 23rd.

Mar 20 – Fair and warmer and quite thawing and the sledding is about done but still much snow in the fields. Mr. Seavey and baby came at 11:30 for an hour. Earthquake at midnight.

Mar 21 – Fair and thawing. Some hauling seaweed and cutting wood. Have dressed a patch of grass in back of Abbie's as an experiment to see what the increase will be. The frost is fast coming out under the snow.

Mar 22 – Fair and thawing. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed on wheels, the first of the season. We have had a long run of sledding, 100 days, and now some go on runners but the beach is bare.

Mar 23 – Dull and rainy in the morning but cleared up and at 9:40 went to the auction at Frank Jones farm. They sold tools, carts, wagons, horses, cows, pigs, corn and hens and all were sold at high prices.

Mar 24 – Fair and mild thawing the snow away slowly. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put around the tress in back of the house. Yeaton came up and got a drink of cider. He was sawing wood for Abbie. Lizzie went to town. Shannon came at 3:30 for 2 hours.

Mar 25 – Fair and thawing some. Hauled seaweed, 2 loads for the trees in back of the house. The snow is most gone in the fields and frost is coming out. The traveling is bad. The winter term of school is finished today.

Mar 26 – Fair and muddy. Went to town at 9 to get grain etc. The asphalt streets are clean and dry and solid to ride over. Potatoes are \$1.00 a bushel.

Mar 27 – Dull and cloudy all day with a southeast wind and chilly. So we kept near the fire. At 4 Charles Seavey and baby Merle came in. Lizzie went to see Abbie. (Merle is 3 years old.)

Mar 28 – Dull and some snow. Sawed and split wood most of the day. Cleaned up in the barn and ready for the annual inspection by the selectmen. The hay holds out well and shall sell 3 tons and I have potatoes enough for the season.

Mar 29 – Dull with some snow. Hauled a load of seaweed and put it around trees in the back of the house and after dinner got another load. It is hard wheeling for the horse but the weed is mostly rockweed and valuable. Yeaton is cutting Abbie's wood. (Growing in the rich intertidal zone (the area underwater at high tide and exposed at low tide), rockweed is high in nutrients and used for everything from food to fertilizer.)

Mar 30 – Fair and pleasant and more like spring. Hauled seaweed for the trees. Irving came at 10 and helped me put away the horse sled. He is not very busy and work has not started up much yet.

Mar 31 – Dull and cloudy all day. Spread seaweed in the forenoon and saw John Odiorne. Afternoon hauled a load of seaweed and put it around the trees in front of the house. They look as if the bloth buds are plenty but we can tell later.

Apr 1 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town at 9:30 to get grain and bread. It was muddy and wet. It is very dull in Portsmouth and nothing going on except building the new high school house. Saw Bill Hammond.

Apr 2 – Dull and cloudy. Went to town to get grain etc. Thought to see George Webber but he did not appear.

Apr 3 – Fair and cool with a high northwest wind. Lizzie went to church to the Easter service and to hear Mr. Mills. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours and got eggs at 21 cents and apples.

Apr 4 – Fair and cold. Hauled on load of seaweed and got some mussels and had a mess steamed for dinner. George Webber came on the car at 10:30 for me to help paper his house at the Plains.

Apr 5 – Fair and bad traveling. Worked for Webber at the Plains at papering the hallway and sewing room, Irving helping. Joe Ham's barn was burned at 11 by accident.

Apr 6 – Fair. Worked for George S. Webber papering the sitting room after he got the paper. Captain Hontvet was plowing with a horse for early peas and potatoes; he keeps a large number of hens. Joe Randell, the mail carrier, lives nearly opposite Webber.

Apr 7 – Dull all day and rained at 9 to 12. Worked for George Webber papering his large chamber and painting it and doing other jobs too numerous to mention and finished up for the present.

Apr 8 – Fair. Papered Lizzie's room. Irving was helping and we got done at 3. I repaired the watering troth. The mud is drying up and the frost is mostly out and they will soon begin agricultural work. Very pleasant.

Apr 9 – Dull all day and some rain. Went to town in the wagon to get things. Carried apples to Mrs. Rayne's and got papers. Carried cabbages to Ben Atwell to set out. Got a new cardigan jacket. Charles Shannon came at 2:30. Went clamming at 1 and got a bucket full.

Apr 10 – Dull in the morning after an all-night rain but soon cleared off warmer and is much more like spring. The grass is showing green. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills.

Apr 11 – Dull. Got the coal ashes out of the cellar and also cabbage stumps and set them out. Cleaned the hot bed and put manure in and sowed lettuce seed. Had a rose come from New York and set it out near the door.

Apr 12 – Dull and rainy in the forenoon. Cleaned out the hen house and covered them with coal ashes to make them clean. After noon it cleared off and William helped me haul out 10 loads of manure for the plow land.

Apr 13 – Fair and cold in the morning, freezing. Spread seaweed and split wood. After dinner set some grafts in the garden. At 3:40 went to town to engage hay to Wood Brothers to be hauled tomorrow if fair.

Apr 14 – Fair and cold. Hauled two loads of hay to town to Wood Brothers, Charles Yeaton went with it and it was rather bad wheeling. It seems that the frost is out but the ground is cold.

Apr 15 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Yeaton hauled 2 loads of hay for me to town and shall have one more to go. There is plenty of hay and it is hard to get more than 12 or 13 dollars. There are not so many horses kept as formerly.

Apr 16 – Snow storm most of the day and about 10 inches fell and sleds and sleighs went by. In Portsmouth there were many sleighs riding and icicles were hanging around the cars. Near Buffalo, New York it was winter with 14 inches of snow.

Apr 17 – Cold and good sleighing in the morning and it was cold most of the day and we kept near the coal fire. One sleigh went by.

Apr 18 – Freezing in the morning with a good deal of snow all round. Went to town with hay, Yeaton handing it and it was the last load making 3 ¾ tons in all at \$12.00. Did not get my money except from Wendell. Changed the cart back for seaweed.

Apr 19 – Fair and cold in the morning, freezing. Went to High Beach and got a load of seaweed for the trees and got a few clams and had chowder for dinner. Spread the seaweed and got ready to plow if it ever gets warm enough.

Apr 20 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull and snow came furiously and cold. Went to town at 9 to get grain. Cracked corn is at \$1.20 and mixed feed is \$1.30 per 100 lbs. Eggs are at 16 cents in town. Garland paid 18 cents in Rye. Jake Cris came at 2:25. Lizzie went to town at 2:40.

Apr 21 – Fair and cold. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed and a few clams. Yeaton went with me to get place but got none. Put seaweed round the trees. We hope for much blöth but too early to tell.

Apr 22 – Fair and cool for the last of April. Trimming and grafting trees all day. Setting sweet Baldwins and Red Astrachans. We have done no plowing yet.

Apr 23 – Fair and cold in the morning, freezing at 6:30. Went to town at 9 to carry wheels to the blacksmith and get groceries. After noon Yeaton came up and helped me blast a rock in the thirds. Bessie and Russell came for the afternoon.

Apr 24 – Fair and warmer and more like spring. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills. Seavey and baby came in at 9:30 for a call.

Apr 25 – Fair and cold. Went to town to get grain and bread etc. Got wheels of a small wagon to get ready to have it painted. Trying to get Chauncey to plow. Emily Trafton called at 3.

Apr 26 – Fair and cold. They are working on the road. Hauled out the rock we blasted Saturday in the forenoon. After dinner went and got a load of seaweed for the hens. Mrs. Martha Garland called. Yeaton is shoveling in the gravel pit.

Apr 27 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind and cold. Went to town and got a box of coal at \$6.00 per ton. We must have a coal fire to keep up the life. Cleaned up in the shop and barn and got some more potatoes up for planting, no plowing done yet. The potatoes are sprouting in the kitchen.

Apr 28 – Furious northeast rain storm all day and into the night and it was cold. All the low ground is flooded and prospect of much more to come. Kept quiet today. Yeaton came up to sharpen picks. Garland came not. Got 55 eggs today.

Apr 29 – The storm continued all day with heavy rain and we had a gloomy day. Went to town to get glass and grafting wax. The traders were mourning about no trade. Congress adjourned yesterday at 2. They have paid the French \$40,000,000.00 for the Panama Canal.

Apr 30 – Fair but bad traveling. Went to town to get grain and bought a bag of damaged corn for 90 cents. Cracked corn is \$1.25 a bag and they are trying to put it higher. (Cracked corn is

corn kernels that have been dried and cracked into pieces that are easier for birds to eat than unbroken kernels.)

May 1 – Fair and more mild after the frosty morning. At 9:30 Mr. Hayes came and we went over to the Sea View House to see about an engineering job then went up the South Road and round through Fern Avenue. At 2:30 Charles Shannon came by.

May 2 – Fair and mild. Chauncey Woodman plowed for me in the further field and the patch in front of Charles, Yeaton helping. Then Yeaton helped me haul out 11 loads of manure. Simpson moved out of the corner house. Irving called at 6:30.

May 3 – Fair and warmer. Yeaton helped me haul 6 loads of manure in the further field and 2 in front in the forenoon. After dinner went to town and got phosphate and poison to soak potatoes in and seeds for planting.

May 4 – Fair and warm in the morning. Went to Eastman's and got some clams, Charles Yeaton went with me. Had a nice dinner. In the afternoon we planted 2 bushels of potatoes in the further field. There is a prospect of good weather.

May 5 – Fair and hot, 80 in the shade. Set onion sets and sowed onion seeds and 3 rows of peas. At 2 went to town. A man came to look at the house at the corner and said it suited him.

May 6 – Fair and warm. Chauncey plowed my last piece this morning. Sowed beets and lettuce and planted 3 hills of cucumbers. After noon worked at the corner lot and hauled manure on and had a general clearing up, Cyrus Roberts helped me.

May 7 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 8:30 to get seeds and sundries. Saw Ben Keen and others. A man from Stratham sold 4000 cucumbers this week at 5 cents. Worked in the corner house in the afternoon patching paper etc. Julia worked the floors.

May 8 – Fair and hot, 80 in the shade. Went at 9 down and rode over the boulevard from the Dow place over past Rye Harbor for the first time over the new bridge and up by Wallace Goss's house and through Rye Center home. Charles Seavey went with me. John Locke died today. (He was John Franklin Locke and was living on Brackett Road next door to John O. Berry. He was 53 years old.)(The new bridge is at Concord Point and is known as "Stinky Bridge" next to Petey's restaurant.)

May 9 – Dull and rainy all day and into the night. Hauled out 2 loads of manure in the thirds, sowed beets, spinach and Swiss chard, planted 3 hills of cucumbers etc. At 2 Yeaton came and repaired his place spear and I made a new one for myself. The mailman came at 12.

May 10 – Rainy most of the day. Sowed a little in the garden in the morning. Hauled a load of seaweed for the hens to dig over. Irving is building a hen house for Everett Yeaton. Moses Clark has the doctor. (Everett Yeaton is living across from Abbie Clark on Clark road.)

May 11 – Dull in the morning then cleared off. Went to town at 9 to get grain. Seed potatoes are selling at \$1.75 a bushel and scarce at that. I shall not buy many. Grass is getting along well. There will be plenty of apple blight.

May 12 – Fair and warm but wet. Planted a few potatoes and some cucumbers. Set some grafts and cleared up limbs. Wesley Jenness brought me a peck of potatoes of unknown kind. It is generally wet for planting and people are not doing much. Got 61 eggs today.

May 13 – Fair. Repaired the screen doors and hung them. Planted some potatoes and 2 rows of corn and about 400 other jobs.

May 14 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town at 9 to get meal and other things. Saw many in town. Chauncey Woodman was moving a man into Irvin Seavey's house. Hauled a load of seaweed at 3.

May 15 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 to talk about the yard etc. Mr. Roberts came at 5 to get the keys of the corner house intending to move in tomorrow if fair. Got 64 eggs. Selectmen came for me to work on the road. (Mr. Cyrus F. Roberts is renting the corner house that was left by the Carty's.)

May 16 – Dull with showers during the day. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed and put it in the furrows. Too wet to plant. They were working on the highway with 6 or 7 teams. Cyrus Roberts moved into the house at the corner and he came from Portsmouth.

May 17 – Fair with a west wind and cooler. Went to town at 2:40 on the car. Edith went on the same car and also came at 11 when I did. Irving staked out the cellar for Mrs. Garland near Curt Philbrick's. Finished planting potatoes today.

May 18 – Dull in the morning. Sewed some onion seed and got ready to plant pole beans. Then at 9:30 a regular northeast rain storm came on and ran through the day. So had to work in the shop doing odd jobs. At night the storm was furious.

May 19 – The northeast storm continued all day. Early in the morning. We had heavy thunder and we hoped it would clear up but did not until night. Worked in the shop repairing the harness etc. Yeaton came at 3.

May 20 – Fair in the morning. Went clamming at Sampson's Point and got a bucket full. We had showers most of the day. They were trying to work the road with the road machine.

May 21 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 9 to get grain and seeds. There were many in town to trade, eggs selling at 18 cents and potatoes are at 40 cents a peck. Saw the wagon at Frank's newly painted and ready to come home. Hoed one row of potatoes in front of the house.

May 22 – Fair and clear. Dorothy "Dolly" (Marden) Trefethen, widow of Charles F. Trefethen, died last night at 10 o'clock after an illness of a few hours, age 86 years. She was a sister of Eliza who died last year. (Eliza Ann was Samuel A. Trefethen's wife on Wallis road.)

May 23 – Fair and warm. Went to town and got tomatoes and squash seed etc. Seavey was planting his garden at night. Set my tomatoes, sowed carrots and celery etc. Hoed one row of potatoes at the edge of the garden and they grow fast.

May 24 – Fair and very hot, 90 at times and the trees are coming out fast. Aunt "Dolly" was buried at 2, age 86. Most of her 8 children were at her funeral. She left 23 grandchildren. Levi Hall came. (Levi Wallis Hall was "Dolly's" son-in-law and was married to her daughter Lucena. They were living in Malden, Mass.)

May 25 – Fair and warm and good growing weather and the grass is coming along fast with a prospect of a full crop. There are some peach bloth and some plums and the greatest amount of apple bloth.

May 26 – Fair and warm. Planted squashes by the yard. Hoed peas and among onions and beets and my early row of potatoes.

May 27 – Fair and warm. Planted 3 rows of cabbages, one of Green Globe and 2 of the Danish Round Head and weeding strawberries etc.

May 28 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 9 to get seeds and other things. People are putting in their gardens. I had to replant sweet corn and put poison on the cucumbers and planted cabbages.

May 29 – Fair and warm. This will pass for White Sunday but the trees were in full bloom Thursday. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 and we went down over the boulevard.

May 30 – Memorial Day and most people had a rest. Lizzie went up to the cemetery to put flowers on mother's grave. Many were in the cemetery for decorating the last resting places of friends gone.

May 31 – Fair and cooler but good growing weather. Hoeing in the garden and everything is coming along well. Potatoes are rushing, few bugs. Planted my cabbage seed yesterday.

Jun 1 – Dull and rainy most of the day and thought it was good for my cabbage seed.

Jun 2 – Dull and wet all day. Went clamming at 8 and got a bucket. Let the horse to haul ½ ton of coal to Mr. Roberts. Planted corn and beans.

Jun 3 – Dull and wet. Yeaton came in the morning as it was too wet for him to work on Joseph Seavey's cellar near Bert Drake's. After noon it broke so I could kill weeds among my potatoes. (Joseph Seavey's would be near Washington road and Fern Ave.)

Jun 4 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 9 to see the town and folks therein. There were many farmers there for seed etc. Saw George Webber and others. Hoeing among potatoes and weeding onions. Edith came at 2:30.

Jun 5 – Fair and very warm, 90. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours to see the garden and paid me \$16.00 rent money. He is out of work except his gardening. There was much riding on the cars, 3 cars at each hour.

Jun 6 –Wet and dull all day with some rain and cold. Raked among the potatoes to turn the weeds over. Wanted to cultivate potatoes by too wet. Grass is getting along fast. Mowed grass for the cow.

Jun 7 – Fair and warmer. William helped me and we cultivated and hoed my potatoes and part of the cabbages.

Jun 8 – Dull and no rain.

Jun 9 – Fair. Weeding onions and beets. Went to town to get grain and food. The farmers make slow progress with farm work.

Jun 10 – Fair but cold for the season. Hoeing in the garden.

Jun 11 – Fair. Went to town at 8:30 and carried cider to Hayes. Saw George Webber who said Joseph Hoyt was very sick with heart trouble. There are many dying with that disease.

Jun 12 – Fair. Mr. Hayes came at 8:30 and we went as far as Little Boars Head to see the improvements. The beach houses are getting ready for business. We came back over the new boulevard to Wallis Sands. Shannon came at 2:30.

Jun 13 – Fair and cool. Finished hoeing cabbages for the first time and they are growing slowly but are looking well. We have it about as cold as last year. Corn cannot grow. Joseph Hoyt died yesterday at Newington, age 70.

Jun 14 – Fair and cool. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens and some mussels to eat. Built steps to the platform and other jobs. They are nearly done on the boulevard for this year.

Jun 15 – Fair and cold for the season with a southeast wind. Hoeing and weeding and sowed some mangolds. Potatoes grow slow and corn is short and yellow. Cabbages are coming along well.

Jun 16 – Fair and warmer. Hoeing cucumbers and peas and potatoes. Mowed some by the road. Haying is only 2 weeks away.

Jun 17 – Fair and warm and a good time to kill weeds and I was weeding and hoeing most of the day. Miss Lizzie was buried this afternoon, age 45. Daughter of Harrison Seavey who died himself years ago. Edith has gone to Amesbury. (Lizzie was the daughter of Martha (Webster) Seavey. Her father, Harrison Seavey died 17 days before she was born.)

Jun 18 – Fair and hot. Went to town at 8 to get grain etc. It was warm in town. Saw Dan Mason and others. There has been a steamer burned and sunk in New York and 600 lost, mostly women and children.

Jun 19 – Fair, warm and drying. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 to see the plantation and get a drink of cider. He brought a number of kinds of beans and squash seed and brags about his garden. George Raynes and wife Clara came at 3.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm and drying. Cultivated potatoes in the further field and hoed most of them in the forenoon, William helping. They are growing well and are budded for blossoms. Planted some squash seeds. Edith came at 2 and went to the cemetery with Lizzie.

Jun 21 – Fair and warm. We had a light shower at 3 in the morning and that revived everything. Went to town to get flowers etc. and hoed a little. We had a heavy shower at 2:30 and the water came down in torrents.

Jun 22 – Fair most of the day and warm. At 2 they had a circus in Portsmouth but it was not of much value to the boys. I am so lame I cannot do much.

Jun 23 – Fair and warm and I have to rest in the house with my lame back and see things grow. The State Boulevard is completed as far as the “Mill Road” beyond Rye Harbor. So we can go to Rye Beach without going through Rye Center.

Jun 24 – Fair and warm and good for the crops. Am still too lame to do much hoeing but scratch a little among the corn and potatoes. Cabbages grow fast and the woodchucks began to eat them and I began to put on Paris Green. Lizzie and Hannah rode out on the boulevard.

Jun 25 – Fair and very hot. Went to town to get grain and other things. Got a new pants and slippers and Paris Green. Saw Dick Miller and others. Native strawberries are on sale. Charles cultivated my cabbages. Shower at night. (Israel P. Miller was also known as “Dick” by his friends.)

Jun 26 – Fair and very hot and had to keep shady. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 from Hampton and Exeter and went at 4:40. It was really too hot for comfort in the shade.

Jun 27 – Fair and cooler. Arthur and Raymond were getting in wood in the forenoon for me. After dinner they went to the circus and there were many others went. My lameness is much better so I could do some hoeing.

Jun 28 – Fair and cooler. Arthur and Raymond came and finished getting the wood in and also helped me change the cart and get the rake down for haying. I was putting Paris Green on the potatoes etc.

Jun 29 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Hoed a little on the cabbages. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get dinner. There was a soaking time in town and store keepers were in the blues.

Jun 30 – Dull and rainy all day and could do nothing at hoeing the cabbages which are choking with weeds. Everything is wet and soggy and have to stay in the house to keep dry. Edith came at 2 and went to town with Lizzie.

Jul 1 – Dull most of the day with rain in the morning. Yeaton came up at 9 and helped me hoe cabbages and we finished them, they are growing well. Charles cut grass in front of the house.

Jul 2 – Fair and warm. Went to town to get grain and food and see the town and folks therein. Everyone seemed to be on the drive to get ready for the glorious fourth next Monday. I am now in hopes to begin haying then.

Jul 3 – Fair with a high northwest wind and cool. George Hayes came at 9 and looked over the field and garden and told stories. Then we went to Concord Point to see his daughter Carrie and Mrs. Hutchinson. (Mrs. Hutchinson's home can be seen on the 1892 Rye map at Concord Point with a Dr. Clark.)

Jul 4 – The Glorious 4th and all the boys were celebrating. We began the regular haying. Woodman cut the lower lot in back of Abbie's. There is more than last year in the field. Edith and babies came at 2 for the afternoon. We picked 3 quarts of strawberries.

Jul 5 – Fair and warm. Worked at haying. Woodman cut the corner field and we got in the 4 loads in back of Abbie's and raked up the corner lot. It is not the best hay weather.

Jul 6 – Cloudy in the morning but soon cleared off and we had a very good day. George and William helping and we cleaned up the corner lot and cut back of the house and raked up the further field. Went to town at 9. (George is 22 and William are sons of Charles Erwin Trefethen.)

Jul 7 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off and we had a very good hay day and got in 3 loads from the further field. Woodman cut in front of the house and also cut some for Charles E.

Jul 8 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared and we had a good day. Woodman came and cut he lot in front of Charles. We got in 2 loads from the front lot and 1 in back of the house and he shall have a lot of it to go in tomorrow. Edith came at 2.

Jul 9 – Fair and warm. Worked at haying. Woodman cut all on the north side of the road and ½ of the above the barn lot. We got in 4 loads in front of Charles Erwin's and raked up the other. Went to town at 9. Paid George and William.

Jul 10 – Dull all day. Shannon came at 1:30 and we went to tide over the boulevard and it was a fine ride. It is finished to Wallace Goss road. George Hayes came at 3 and went to 5. Good growing weather but not drying.

Jul 11 – Dull all forenoon. Woodman came and finished cutting the grass and we opened that in front of Hannah's and got it in 3 loads and raked up the other. It was not a drying day.

Jul 12 – Foggy in the morning but soon cleared off and we opened all and got in one load above the barn before dinner. In the afternoon we got in 2 loads when a light shower drove us and we gave up till tomorrow. Edith came and went to town with Lizzie.

Jul 13 – Dull all day with some rain. Went with Yeaton to get Cunners and Frost fish at McKim's wharf. At night went to the sea to get Cunners. No haying.

Jul 14 – Fair with a northwest wind and drying. So we finished up haying and got in 7 loads and cleaned all up, George and William helping. There is more hay than last year. At 4 George Webber called for a short stop.

Jul 15 – Fair most of the day but clouds came up afternoon. Went to town to get cough medicine and the news. It was hot in town and was glad to get out. The cars are well filled. They are getting in hay in all directions. Lizzie got the horse shod.

Jul 16 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried a jug of cider and some potatoes to Mr. Hayes and saw George Webber. There is a strike in Chicago among butchers and there will be no beef soon.

Jul 17 – Fair and hot and drying good for making hay. Mr. Hayes came at 8:30 to look over the plantation and paid me \$16.00 for one month's rent. Then we went to the sea to get the southeast breeze and it was nice to breath.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot and drying. Went down to the sea and got a few clams, Cyrus Roberts went with me and got 6 quarts. Hoeing corn and onions and killing weeds. I am on the sick list but have to do something.

Jul 19 – Fair and drying and the best of hay weather and all are at it. Charles and George are helping Emmons Clark. There is not much turning to be done. Edith and babies came at 2 and she went to town with Lizzie.

Jul 20 – Fair and very drying and the potatoes are beginning to die, yellow leaves at the bottom. There was a high northwest wind all day. Hoeing cucumbers and tomatoes etc. Had a mess of peas for dinner. Tonight the church has a lawn party at the center, Lizzie went.

Jul 21 – I am on the sick list with hard work to breath.

Jul 22 – No entry.

Jul 23 – Still on the sick list.

Jul 24 – Fair and hot. Shannon came at 2.

Jul 25 – Too sick to do anything or write.

Jul 26 – No entry.

Jul 27 – Too weak for anything.

Jul 28 – No entry.

Jul 29 – No entry.

Jul 30 – No entry.

Jul 31 – Fair and hot. Hayes came at 10.

Aug 1 – Hayes came at 1:30 to help hoe cabbages and it was 92 in the shade.

Aug 2 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes at 80 cents per bushel.

Aug 3 – No entry.

Aug 4 – Hot. Put salt on the cabbages to kill worms.

Aug 5 – Foggy in the forenoon then cleared off. I am on the sick list and still having no wind.

Aug 6 – Dull in the morning then cleared off hot. Went to town at 9 and carried apples to Hayes and also a jug of cider. Carried the first bushel of sweet apples to Ben Atwell at 75 cents. They are selling potatoes at 80 cents.

Aug 7 – Fair and hot with a southeast wind.

Aug 8 – Too sick to write.

Aug 9 – Apples are not salable this year as usual. Potatoes now bring 75 cents a bushel and there is a light crop.

Aug 10 – Dog Day weather. The boarding business is as flat as ever it was and we see no visitors driving about. There are none in Portsmouth to buy the red apples.

Aug 11 – Dull in the forenoon then cleared off. Moving round the hen's yard and garden. The hens are laying 3 dozen in a day at 26 cents.

Aug 12 – Fair and warm. Raymond helped me pick 2 bushels of apples and dig a bushel of potatoes.

Aug 13 – Fair. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes. Sold one bushel of apples to Ben Atwell at 50 cents.

Aug 14 – Dull in the morning.

Aug 15 – Fair.

Aug 16 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples and potatoes and picked up more for tomorrow. The market is full. I am too sick to do anything, Raymond helping me.

Aug 17 – Bad trouble with asthma.

Aug 18 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples and one of potatoes.

Aug 19 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes. It is hard to sell apples this year as there are no beach boarders to eat them. Sold one bushel of William's Favorite for 75 cents, potatoes 75 cents.

Aug 20 – A regular southeast rain storm all day and it came down good and liberally and all vegetation will be revived. Did not go to town for the first time for many Saturdays.

Aug 21 – Fair with a cool northwest wind and free from dust.

Aug 22 – Fair and we dug 1 bushel of potatoes and picked a number of apples.

Aug 23 – Fair and hot and dry. Went to town with one bushel of potatoes and 2 of apples and then Raymond helped me pick more apples.

Aug 24 – Fair and hot and dry. Went to town with apples and potatoes. Raymond helped me dig 2 bushels of potatoes for Tucker of Portsmouth.

Aug 25 – Fair and dry as usual. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes to Tucker and one of apples. Potatoes are 75 cents and apples 65 cent per bushel.

Aug 26 – Hot and dry and dusty. Went to town with 3 bushels of apples for \$1.16 and got 1 bushel of oats. Raymond helped me dig 2 bushels of potatoes and apples.

Aug 27 – Fair and dusty and a hot sun. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes and one of apples and got \$2.00 and spent it for mixed feed and ½ dollar for sugar. The earth is very dry. Raymond pulled weeds.

Aug 28 – Fair and hot and dry and the air is full of dust. The railroad is running double number cars full. George came at 10:30.

Aug 29 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples etc.

Aug 30 – Fair as usual and very dusty and so kept in out of it. Too sick to do much, trouble about breathing. I can sleep very well at night.

Aug 31 – Fair. Went to town with apples and potatoes. Got sugar and other things.

Sep 1 – We had a light shower at night. Went to town with potatoes and apples. Paid Odd Fellows dues and got some medicine etc.

Sep 2 – Fair and hot. Dug potatoes and picked apples, Raymond helped.

Sep 3 – Fair and hot. Went to town at 8:30 with potatoes and apples and got meat and crackers etc.

Sep 4 – Fair and cooler with a northwest wind. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 for 2 hours. Mr. Seavey came at 10 with baby.

Sep 5 – Fair and hot as usual.

Sep 6 – 9 – No entries.

Sep 10 – Fair and hot as ever. Went to town with pears and apples.

Sep 11 – Fair and warm. George Hayes came at 9 and we went over the boulevard to see the ocean.

Sep 12 – Fair and hot, 90 in the shade and we sweat freely. Went clamming in the morning.

Sep 13 – Fair and hot for the season. Woodman cut the 2nd crop for me. Too sick to help but could look on.

Sep 14 – Dull and rainy most of the day and so kept in out of it. It cleared up at 3 and went to town to see Dr. Heffenger and got medicine.

Sep 15 – Fair again after the rain of yesterday and the apples are growing well.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm. Picked some peaches and apples but too sick to do much.

Sep 17 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried one bushel of peaches at \$1.75 to Ben Atwell and got meat and fish. Roberts paid me \$10.00 rent money.

Sep 18 – Fair and warm. Hayes came at 9 and went at 11:40. Charles Shannon came at 2 for 2 hours. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills.

Sep 19 – Fair and cooler with a west wind. Pulled my onions and shall have a bushel or more. Picked 1 bushel of peaches but can't do much, too weak.

Sep 20 – Fair and good for harvesting. Got in some squashes for fear of a frost. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of peaches and sold them to Coleman of Newington.

Sep 21 – Cold in the morning, 35. We had the first heavy frost of the season and it struck heavy. Got in the balance of my squashes and got about 400 lbs.

Sep 22 – Cold in the morning, 30 and a solid frost. This will end the growth of all vines.

Sep 23 – Some rain and cool air. Got my onions in to dry, they are very green. Am too sick to do much. I am weak and have that tired feeling.

Sep 24 – Fair and comfortable. Went to town at 9 and carried some grapes and ½ bushel of peaches and got papers, meat and oysters. Irene Jewel Trefethen came yesterday and went home at 4.

Sep 25 – Fair and hot. Mr. Hayes came at 9 and stayed till 11:40. Charles Seavey came to get a cabbage. Yeaton came to see how they were growing. John Odiorne had a bad spell this morning. Lizzie went to church.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. John Odiorne is much better and out round again.

Sep 27 – Fair and warm. The fruit is ripening but the Baldwin apples are very small.

Sep 28 – Fair. Picked a few apples.

Sep 29 – Fair and warm. Roberts is operating a steam mill in Charles Odiorne's pasture and is getting the lot most done and has bought Woodman's lot.

Sep 30 – No entry.

Oct 1 – Fair. Went to town and carried apples and potatoes.

Oct 2 – Fair and warm. Hayes came at 9 for 2 hours. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Lambert as Mr. Mills is away.

Oct 3 – Fair. Picked some apples then went to town with apples and potatoes.

Oct 4 – Fair and warm. Picking a few apples but too sick to do much for want of mind.

Oct 5 – Fair and warm and drying. Arthur helping pick apples.

Oct 6 – Fair. Picked some apples, Arthur helping. Went to town and carried 4 bushels of potatoes to Magraw at 65 cents per bushel.

Oct 7 – Picking apples, Arthur helping. The Baldwins are very small and unsalable.

Oct 8 – Fair. Picked apples then went to town and carried 2 barrels of Baldwins to Frank Magraw and got papers etc.

Oct 9 – Fair and cool. Seavey came up at 9 to get grapes and at 2 Charles Shannon came from Portsmouth for 2 hours. Martha Garland called.

Oct 10 – Dull and wet in the forenoon then cleared off and was jobbing round. At night the Republicans had a caucus to nominate candidates for office and I was nominated for Representative to General Court.

Oct 11 – Dull and rainy all day with a northeast wind and not cold.

Oct 12 – Dull all day and some snow fell with a cold rain. I was too sick to do much but chores.

Oct 13 – Dull and rainy all day.

Oct 14 – Dull and wet all day so I could do nothing but keep in out of it. It was a cold northeast wind.

Oct 15 – Fair and warmer. Went to town and carried apples to Mr. Raynes and to Hayes. Got news and flour and scraps. Saw Morris Foye and others.

Oct 16 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes came at 10 and paid me \$16.00 rent and got apples etc. He is now working on the navy yard in steam engineering.

Oct 17 – Fair and mild. Picked some apples, Arthur helping.

Oct 18 – Dull and wet and had to keep out of it.

Oct 19 – Fair and mild. William helped me pick apples and we got well-nigh done with them.

Oct 20 – Fair but did not try to do much as I was not well enough. Garland came along and he and Lizzie lost ½ dollar in the grass making change.

Oct 21 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Irving is going to take the water into the house and struck a ledge in the trench and went to town to get blasting materials.

Oct 22 – Fair and not cold. Went to town to get grain and the news to find out what my prospect of election to the House of Representatives is. Guss Caswell says it is good. Lizzie and Edith went at 2:40

Oct 23 – Fair and not cold. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 for 2 hours.

Oct 24 – 29 – There were no entries.

Oct 30 – Fair and cool. George Hayes came at 10 to see the plantation and get some pears. His daughter Carrie and her aunt came later to get new cider but I had none.

Oct 31 – Fair and cold and fall like with heavy frost that withers the leaves.

Nov 1 – Cold in the morning and very frosty. So we must prepare for winter.

Nov 2 – Fair and cool. At night the Republican Committee had a meeting at town hall to look the situation over. I received a check for \$75.00 of the State Committee for the election.

Nov 3 – Cloudy and cool. Put my cider apples up in bags for grinding and got the casks ready to fill. Also hauled off some cabbages to Herman O. and Everett Yeaton and Edith for winter.

Nov 4 – Cloudy all day but no rain. The campaign is going on and will soon be over but I cannot now tell how it will end. Whether I shall be elected or not.

Nov 5 – No entry.

Nov 6 – Fair and cold so kept near the fire after going over to the south end to get 2 voters, Bill Hammond and Holmes.

Nov 7 – Cold and wet so I kept in the house.

Nov 8 – Election Day. Fair and bright and cold. There was a very full vote for Governor, Republican 166, Roosevelt 168 and Parker 111. My own vote was 165 and Charles Walker had 109, giving me the majority as Representative.

Nov 9 – Fair and cold. Went to town to get grain and election news. Roosevelt has carried everything except a few southern states with more than 350 of the electoral votes and Parker is not to be heard of. Massachusetts elected a Democrat Governor.

Nov 10 – Fair and cold with a north wind all day. Went to town to get heavy shirts for the cold weather and had to pay \$1.25 apiece. There is much talk of the great majority given Mr. Roosevelt, 325 electoral votes.

Nov 11 – Fair and cold. Did but little myself, my wind was wanting. Arthur got in some apples and Woodman did chores for me.

Nov 12 – Fair and cool. Went to town in the forenoon. Carried a jug of cider and apples to George Hayes and apples to Clara Raynes. Republicans of Rye are talking of celebrating the victory. Hauled 2 loads of cabbages and made a finish.

Nov 13 – Dull all day and snow came on at 5 and the ground was white and cold and hail came also. Mrs. Martha Garland called 2 or 3 hours.

Nov 14 – Fair and cold and at night the snow is about all gone. I suppose it will pass for the first snow storm. Tonight they are to meet to arrange for the Republican celebration.

Nov 15 – Fair and cold.

Nov 16 – Rather cold for the season. They had a great fire at the brewery of the Jones Company that destroyed a malt house valued at \$200,000.00.

Nov 17 – Fair and cold. Yeaton had the horse to haul eel grass to bank up with. Sold Fred Parsons 2 dozen cabbages.

Nov 18 – Fair and cold. We were all day getting ready to go to the celebration of the victory at the poles. We went at 7:30 and there was a full hall and all had a good time. We had speaking and supper and then young folks had dancing.

Nov 19 – Fair and cold. Went to town to get grain and windows for Seavey, Mr. Roberts went with me. Moved the sitting room stove out today. Mr. Roberts paid me a month's rent.

Nov 20 – Fair and more mild with a south wind. Mr. Hayes came and paid me a month's rent and got some new cider, apples and also took cucumber seeds. Lizzie went to church and heard Mr. Mills on how to prevent consumption.

Nov 21 – Cloudy and some rain. William helped me put on the double windows for Seavey to keep cold out. Abbie has a sore eye and Lizzie went to see the doctor about it and got remedies.

Nov 22 – Fair and mild and not frost. Went to town to get turkey and fixings. Had to pay 30 cents per lb. for my turkey, some were 33 cents. Sugar is higher and everything else.

Nov 23 – Fair and mild and the day before Thanksgiving. Lizzie is getting the turkey ready for baking tomorrow, she said it was fat. Garland went round. Corn is \$1.47 and oats are 97 cents per bag.

Nov 24 – Fair and cool. Thanksgiving Day and we had the turkey and Edith and Irving came with the children and helped us at dinner and it was the best we had in many years.

Nov 25 – No entry.

Nov 26 – Fair and cold. For dinner we had stray bits of the turkey.

Nov 27 – 30 – No entries.

Dec 1 – Fair and cold and puckery weather.

Dec 2 – Fair and cold with signs of snow. I am still on the sick list and keep warm as I can day and night. Charles E. has a bad cold.

Dec 3 – Fair and cold and dry. Tis said to be dry in most of the states of the union. Farmers have to go long distance to water their cattle.

Dec 4 – Cold, 6 above in the morning. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 for 2 hours. Then Charles Seavey and baby Merle came for a while.

Dec 5 – 9 – No entries.

Dec 10 – Fair and cold. Went to the cottage hospital today at 11:30 and got dinner. Dr. Heffenger took me over in his carriage.

Dec 11 – 21 – No entries.

Dec 22 – Fair and cold. Came away from Cottage Hospital at 10:30 to town and down on the electrics and got home safe and found Lizzie with dinner.

Dec 23 - Cold and cloudy and had to keep in to prevent getting cold. It is bad weather for me to go out. It is the best of wheeling but no sledding. Charles E. is hauling limbs from Woodman's for summer wood.

Dec 24 – Cold and cloudy all day. Lizzie went to town at 2:40 to get oysters and a piece of beef to roast Monday.

Dec 25 – Cold as Christmas, zero in the morning and dull all day and about 2 inches of snow and plenty of ice. Had beans for dinner also oysters.

Dec 26 – Fair and cold. Chauncey Woodman was hauling out wood for John Odiorne. He bought 8 cords of Chauncey for the year.

Dec 27 – Dull and some snow so that by night sleds would run very well. Charles E. was hauling out limbs for summer wood.

Dec 28 – Rainy most of the day among snow and ice. There had been a great cry for water. Lizzie went to town at 2:40 to get oysters and sundries.

Dec 29 – Dec 31 – No entries.

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Jan 1 – No entry.

Jan 2 – No entry.

Jan 3 – Fair and cold. Went to Concord to meet in the House of Representatives as a member.

Jan 4 – Dull and snowy in Concord. Went to Concord yesterday as a member of the House of Representatives and they met at 11 today. They organized and drew their seats and chose the speaker, Rufus N. Elwell of Exeter. Then the clerk and assistant clerk and Sargent of arms and door keeper.

Jan 5 – Fair in Concord today. The House met at 11 and fooled till 12 then the Governor, John McLane of Milford was inaugurated in the presence of the House and Senate. Then chose some minor officers and at 3 adjourned for the week and all went home. Got home at 7:30 on the electric car.

Jan 6 – Home and some snow fell.

Jan 7 – Jan 9 – No entries.

Jan 10 – Fair and cold. Went to Concord at noon and there was nothing done except putting bills on the calendar.

Jan 11 – No entry.

Jan 12 – Cold and snowy most of the day. The House spent most of the day introducing and reading bills and at 3:10 adjourned and all went home. Among other bills is one to enlarge the State House at an expense of \$400,000.00. Got home at 7:30.

Jan 13 – At home and it is cold and snowy.

Jan 14 – Dull and cold and snow all gone.

Jan 15 – Jan 18 – No entries.

Jan 19 – Fair and not so very cold. The day was spent in the House introducing bills and reading them of which there are a great many. One is in to divide the town of Rye and North Hampton and make a little “high toned” town called “Rye Beach”. At 3 the House adjourned and all came home.

Jan 20 – At home again.

Jan 21 – Fair and cold and chilly. Went to town on the car at 9:40 and got home at 11:30.

Jan 22 – Dull and snowy all day and at night we had 3 inches and enough for sledding.

Jan 23 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9:40 to get ready for Concord tomorrow.

Jan 24 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to Concord this morning and got there at 11 and the House was in session hearing bills and reading. They adjourned at 12:30 for dinner. It was 15 below zero.

Jan 25 – In Concord with a high snow storm and the House in session. They had short meetings and they are still introducing bills. More than 30 to regulate the speed of the automobile and 25 to amend the liquor law.

Jan 26 – Fair and cold with a north wind. The House is in session till 2, then adjourned and we came home at 3:30.

Jan 27 – Fair and cold with a west wind. Came home from Concord last night at 7:30. Went to town at 9:40 to see Page and Bartlett and also to get grub. Yeaton hauled 4 loads of cord wood from the lower lot and finished the lot, cut 4 cords.

Jan 28 – Dull and cloudy with some snow. Stayed round the house except going to town at 9:40. Yeaton hauled 2 loads of summer wood from the lower lot. Then went to town at 5.

Jan 29 – Fair and pleasant with bright sun and the best of sleighing. Just snow enough for that purpose.

Jan 30 – Fair and cold and had to keep warm as best we could. Yeaton was cutting wood for the summer and hauled 2 loads.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold, zero. Went to town and to Concord today. Got there at 11:10 and the House was in session with many absent sick. They were reading bills all day.

Feb 1 – Fair and cold, 5 below. They were up from Rye and North Hampton today. Charles Martin, Tom Rand and some from North Hampton to talk about dividing the town. Next Wednesday is set as the day to go before the committee.

Feb 2 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning in Concord. Came home from Concord tonight at 7:30. All members went home for Sunday.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold, zero. So I had to keep near the fire because it was too cold to go to town.

Feb 4 – Fair and cold, 5 below. Went to town at 9:40 to get grub. Yeaton cut and hauled 2 loads of summer wood and cut it up for use. Lizzie went to town to the music hall to see the show.

Feb 5 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. It was zero in the morning so we kept in. Seavey came up at 11 for a few minutes with baby. At 2 Mr. Hayes came and stayed till 5. He wanted some eggs, apples and cider. It is the best of sleighing but too cold.

Feb 6 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night. Cleared out the paths etc.

Feb 7 – Fair and cold. Went to Concord at 8:30 to the legislature. Got there at 11 and they were hearing bills on the 2nd reading and they were numerous.

Feb 8 – Fair and cold in Concord. Today we had a hearing before the committee on towns in regard to dividing our town of Rye and we did not get through until 10 pm. Then it was put over to Tuesday the 14th at 9:30.

Feb 9 – Came down from Concord tonight and got home at 7:30. It was snowing some but not very cold.

Feb 10 – Fair and more mild and the snow melts away some and there is now 15 inches of snow.

Feb 11 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9:40 to market and heard George Webber is very sick with pneumonia. There was hope he was a little better. He is in Newington with his daughter Agnes.

Feb 12 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. George Hayes's daughter Carrie came down and paid me on month's rent of \$16.00 and got 6 dozen eggs at 28 cents. They were selling at 30 other ways.

Feb 13 – Cold, zero in the morning. So we had to keep warm. Went to town at 9:40 to get a bill changed and got beef and oysters and also got ready to go to Concord.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold, zero. Intended to go to Concord at 8:20 but the trolley wire broke at the Jim Blaine house and could not go until 12:40. Got in Concord at 3:20 and the House adjourned at 3:30. The Rye and North Hampton forces had to meet before the committee on towns at 8 pm. and had the last hearing on the precinct and now it is in the committee's hands to report next week.

Feb 15 – Concord is cold, 10 below. The House met at 11 and they had a lively time over some of the bills that were not important.

Feb 16 – Fair and cold in Concord. The House had a session from 11 to 12:30 then adjourned to 3. But everybody went home from 3 to 3:30. We arrived in Portsmouth at 6:20 and I came home on the 7 car. Got some oysters and had warm oysters and tea. Lizzie had a good warm house and I slept well.

Feb 17 – Dull, cloudy and cold all day, zero in the morning. Good sleighing but a little used and too cold.

Feb 18 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9:40 to market. Getting ready to go to Concord next Tuesday.

Feb 19 – Fair and cold. Mr. Seavey called at 11 and he has been sick for 3 or 4 days. At 2 Harry Odiorne and sister Edith called for an hour. (Edith and Harry, ages 16 and 12, are the grand children of Supply's sister Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes.)

Feb 20 – Fair and cold so we kept in out of the wind. There is a good chance for teaming. Webster Philbrick has bought the Charles Odiorne pasture and Yeaton is cutting cord wood for him. There are steam mills going in 4 or 5 places new here.

Feb 21 – Fair and pleasant and thawing all day. Went to Concord at 8:40 and got into the House at 11 where they were reading bills.

Feb 22 – In Concord our side is working to prevent the division of the town. They are going along fast with the general legislation and expect to get through in 2 more weeks.

Feb 23 – Fair and cold in Concord. In the House the bills giving the towns of Rye and North Hampton “Village Districts” was passed at one o clock, so the war is ended and the towns will not be divided. Came home at 3:30 on the train and got home at 7:45. There is now the best of sleighing with 10 or 12 inches of solid snow and nice for teaming.

Feb 24 – Fair and cold and not much thawing.

Feb 25 – Fair. Went to town at 9:40 to market.

Feb 26 – Fair and cold and plenty of snow with good sleighing. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and went at 4:40. He paid rent up to March 20th of \$16.00 and bought eggs of Lizzie at 30 cents per dozen.

Feb 27 – Fair and cold with a north wind and a chilly feeling.

Feb 28 – Fair and cool. Went to Concord at 8:30 and in my seat at 11 o clock, seat no.46 in the 2nd division.

Mar 1 – In Concord and in the House hearing the discussion about compelling Portsmouth to exempt the Rockingham Light and Power Company from taxation.

Mar 2 – Stayed in Concord until 3 o clock then came home and met Lizzie at 7:30 and was glad to get home again.

Mar 3 – At home again and it is a cold day.

Mar 4 – Cloudy and not so cold. Went to town at 9:40 to market. This is inauguration day at Washington and Theodore Roosevelt is being sworn in as President for 4 years and they are having the greatest celebration ever known in this country. They will have 30,000 soldiers in line on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mar 5 – Fair and not so cold and we are glad to have it milder. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 till 5. He has been sick for 2 months with rheumatism and is much better.

Mar 6 – On the sick list again with pain in the side and have to keep in out of the weather. I shall not be able to go to Concord tomorrow as intended. They are to close the session this week and I had hoped to be there and see the end.

Mar 7 – Fair and cold and had to keep in by the fire to be warm. Sent for the doctor to relieve the pain. He came at 2 and gave me some pellets which helped me soon.

Mar 8 – Dull with some rain and the snow is melting. Yeaton was in to see me. People are going clamming and they get some good ones.

Mar 9 – On the sick list. Dr. Heffenger came to see me and gave me medicine which helped me of the pain in my side.

Mar 10 – Mild and cloudy with some rain. Jack Hodgden came and got eggs and Eldridge the kerosene man came. The sleighing has not gone yet but the snow has settled much. The sleds are going.

Mar 11 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to town to market and heard George Webber has moved back to the Plains. The legislature adjourned yesterday at noon and went home. I received my pay by Thomas Entwistle who brought my check from Concord, \$200.00.

Mar 12 – Fair and cold and the snow holds the fort. Mr. Hayes came at 9:40 and stayed until 2 to kill the time to dinner.

Mar 13 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to town at 9:40 to settle some accounts and debts. There is a general complaint of a “hard winter” and dull times and a backward spring. So that builders cannot go ahead with their work. Tis said much is to be done in building this summer.

Mar 14 – Fair and cold with a north wind. This was the town meeting day and the Republicans chose the officers. The old board of selectmen were chosen without opposition and all was peace. The selectmen are Charles M. Rand, Charles D. Locke and Wilber L. Marden. I saw Wesley Jenness in the hall.

Mar 15 – Fair and cold. Last night it froze up solid and it is still very good sleighing. The snow is solid in the fields and woods, 2 feet, and the prospect for bare ground is remote, so we must hope for the best. Election is over and we can go ahead and make plans for the future.

Mar 16 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 9:40 to see the town and get the news. They are selling machines to destroy the brown tailed moth in all directions. A man from Hampton had one on the car for use there. They are a new pest and we have got to fight them or lose our fruit.

Mar 17 – Warmer and thawing and the snow is going into water. There is much talk about the brown tailed moth and most people are destroying their nests. I have found some on the apple trees but they were not very plenty yet but I suppose by another year they will be legion.

Mar 18 – Fair and more mild and thawing. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to market. Saw Shannon and Jake Criss. There was not much excitement. They sold sleighs and carriages at very low prices. One good sleigh for \$10.00 and a good buggy for \$20.00. Sent a postal money order to Mrs. Otis at Concord.

Mar 19 – Dull all day with some rain in the forenoon. Moses Clark’s wife Susan was buried this afternoon at 2 and Lizzie went with me to the funeral. She was 75 years old and the last of that Tucker family. They were sons and daughters of Michael W. Tucker who died many years ago. (She was Susan A. (Tucker) Clark and died on March 15th.)

Mar 20 – A northeast snow storm came on in the night and was quite furious and damp. Yeaton came up at 10 to get the news. Everett Yeaton had gone to Boston for a week visiting. Edith came at 2 for 2 hours. She and family are well. Irving is at the saw mill at Curtis Philbricks measuring the boards.

Mar 21 – Dull all day and snow came on at 2 and was furious and went into the night. Yeaton was here and cut old pear trees and apple trees to get them out of sight. The snow drove him at 3 it was so damp.

Mar 22 – Fair and bright and the foot of snow is settling quite fast. Yeaton came up this morning but too much snow for him to haul apple tree limbs.

Mar 23 – Dull with a slight rain. Chauncey Woodman came and sawed part of my wood this afternoon then the machine stopped for want of power and he went home.

Mar 24 – Dull part of the day. Woodman went to town and got gasoline for his engine and then could not make it go and worked on it all day and into the night. It came to him that he must put in his new battery. So he brought that up and put it in at night ready for tomorrow.

(Supply's 3rd grandchild Florence Mabel was born today to Irving and Edith (Trefethen) Rand.)

Mar 25 – Fair and warmer. Woodman came and with Yeaton finished sawing my wood except the hardwood, Yeaton was splitting. Went to town at 10.

Mar 26 – Fair and cold. Mr. Hayes came down at 12 for 2 hours and we talked about gardening and other matters. Such as politics and religion. He then went home.

Mar 27 – Fair and finished sawing the wood and Yeaton went at the splitting.

Mar 28 – Dull part of the day. Yeaton finished butting wood for me today and will go next to help Emmons Clark cut his wood up.

Mar 29 – Fair and pleasant. Went to town on the car to get food and news. They say it is very dull at the navy yard and in fact everywhere. The season is so backward building in Portsmouth will not be great this year.

Mar 30 – Fair and pleasant. Jobbing round. At 2 Emily called with Oliver's daughter and her 3 children. Emily is quite well except some lameness. They went to see Jennie. (Oliver's daughter is Grace Mabel (Trefethen) Yeaton and their children are: Doris (5), John (3) and Ruth (2).)

Mar 31 – Fair and warmer with a south wind. Charles Shannon came at 2 and helped me and he cut off the brown tailed moths from the apple trees. I shall get 100 or more nests. They are a new pest and we must fight them.

Apr 1 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind. Went to town at 9:40 to market and got fish, meat, a cucumber etc. Also paint and harness oil. A 2:40 Lizzie went to Cottage Hospital to see Edith and her baby who are getting along well. She thinks they are coming home soon. Took the outside windows off from the Seavey house. Mrs. Seavey paid me \$10.00 house rent. (Lizzie is going to see Emily's new baby, Florence Mabel Rand who was born on March 24th.)

Apr 2 – Cold with a high northwest wind. There was not much traveling. The cars were not filled as on warm days. Lizzie went to see Jennie.

Apr 3 – Dull with signs of rain. Fixed the gate in front of Hannah's and other off jobs. Gave her some apple tree limbs.

Apr 4 – Fair and warmer. Raymond helped me to clean out the hen house. We got out a good pile for dressing the garden. It is fine and valuable.

Apr 5 – Dull and rainy most of the day and at night it came on solid and rained all night. A fishing schooner went ashore below High Beach and all hands saved but the vessel was stove to pieces. Muddy traveling and not much teaming.

Apr 6 – Rainy in the morning then cleared off and was more mild and like spring. Garland came and took eggs at 18 cents and left grain. Oiled the harness ready for use.

Apr 7 – Fair and cool. Made a machine to get the Brown tail moths off of the trees. After dinner Raymond came and helped me haul out 3 loads of manure for the garden.

Apr 8 – Fair and cool and frosty in the mornings. Roberts came and got the horse and got a load of sand to mix with manure. Went to town at 9:40 to market. There were many in town. After noon Raymond came up and helped me get coal ashes out of the cellar, 6 barrels. (Cyrus Roberts is renting the house on the Corner.)

Apr 9 – Fair and cool with frost in the morning. The snow is all gone and frost is coming out so that soon we shall be able to plow and plant. Yeaton came up and told about the wreck below High Beach. The vessel went to pieces and all was lost. Mr. Hayes came at 2 for 2:30 hours and paid me a month's rent.

Apr 10 – Fair and cool. Yeaton had the horse to haul a load of wood from the wreck for fire wood. The vessel went to pieces and is scattered along the beach. Roberts came up for me to loan him money but I declined. Making a new seat for the Dingle cart.

Apr 11 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Worked on the cart seat and on an outlet from the yard for the hens, without going round the yard.

Apr 12 – No entry.

Apr 13 – No entry.

Apr 14 – Fair and cool and no chance to do anything in the garden.

Apr 15 – Fair and cool with one inch of snow on the ground in the morning which soon went off. Went to town at 9:40 to market. Engaged to haul hay to town on Monday to Wood Brothers and to Wendell. They say the paper mill is to be built up at Freeman's Point as it was planned 2 years ago.

Apr 16 – Cloudy with signs of rain but not cold and no frost. Charles Shannon came at 2:30 for 2 hours.

Apr 17 – Cold with a night northwest wind. But we began to haul hay to the market. Austin hauled 2 loads for me to Wood Brothers at \$11.00 per ton.

Apr 18 – Cold with some wind. Hauled 2 loads of hay to town, one to Wood and one to Henry Wendell and shall haul one more.

Apr 19 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Austin hauled one load of hay today to Wood Brothers and ended with them. I hope to sell one more load to H.M. Dore. It is hard to sell hay these days. The demand is less than years ago because there are not so many horses kept or cows either. Old Yorkers spoil our market. They are always there with 3 or 3 loads for sale all day.

Apr 20 – Fair and warmer with a southwest wind. This is Fast Day appointed by Governor McLane and is claimed to be a holiday and the cars take notice of it and Portsmouth is closed up. The mailman came but no Globe was brought.

Apr 21 – Fair, cold in the morning, then showers came. Jennie came with her babies.

Apr 22 – Fair, cold in the morning. Went to town and got some phosphate and grass seed etc.

Apr 23 – Fair and cold with a north wind. I have a Sunday Globe regular left by the conductor. Charles Yeaton brought me ½ dozen place? and Seavey brought me 3 large white potatoes to plant, name unknown. Mine are growing under the stove.

Apr 24 – Cold and freezing in the morning. Cleaned out the privy and repaired bars etc. Chauncey Woodman came at 2 and did my plowing, Austin helping. It is one week earlier than last year. There is not a great amount of plowing done yet.

Apr 25 – Fair and drying. Got Austin and William to furrow for me to plant potatoes and after we planted 10 rows in the further field. Which is the most I shall plant. We set out ½ peck of the multiplier onion was got from Frank Foss.

Apr 26 – Fair and cool. Set out 4 peach trees and sowed 3 rows of peas, “Nott’s Excelsior”.

Apr 27 – Fair and cold in the morning then came warmer. Planted a row of early potatoes in front of the house, sowed onion seeds etc.

Apr 28 – Fair and cold in the morning. Arthur cut some wood for me.

Apr 29 – Fair. In the forenoon went to town to get mixed feed etc. The afternoon was dull and a light rain came on at night.

Apr 30 – Fair and warm and pleasant. Mr. Hayes came at 10:30 and we went to Rye Harbor over the boulevard to see the damage by the tide last winter. It was a beautiful day to ride. Emily Trafton and Grace Yeaton called at 3. Lizzie went over to the other road. Hayes paid me a month’s rent. (Grace Yeaton is the wife of Everett Yeaton and is living on Clark Road across from Abbie Clark.)

May 1 – Fair and cold. Went to town to get some samples of paper for a room in the corner house.

May 2 – Fair and cold. Went to town in the wagon and got stock for the repairs in the corner house. Set out onions etc.

May 3 – Fair and cool. Worked in the corner house. Went over the woodworking in the sitting room with “Crockets” and started painting in the kitchen. The woodwork is Dutch yellow.

May 4 – Fair and cool. Papered the sitting room in the corner house and also finished the painting, William helping. Roberts was home in the afternoon and he put on the yellow paint.

May 5 – Fair and cold for the season. Sowed spinach and beets and set out 64 strawberry plants that I took up in the old bed and went to get 50 more.

May 6 – Fair and very warm, 80 in the shade and it makes vegetation jump. My lettuce is growing ½ inch a day. Sowed celery and carrots and beets. Went to town in the forenoon to get meat etc. Horses are very high they say and scarce. Jim Perkins has no “cheap horses”.

May 7 – Fair and a high southwest wind and the trees are coming out fast with leaves. There will be much apple blott and some peach blossoms. We had a slight shower last night but the ground is very dry on top. We would like a day of rain.

May 8 – Fair and windy and cool. Charles Shannon called on his way to Chelsea to live with his son. He has moved up there for a time.

May 9 – Fair and warm. Trimmed up on apple tree in front of Hannah's and gave the limbs to her for firewood. Planted 7 rows of potatoes in front of the house, Arthur helping. I hope to get enough to eat. It is 80 and dry and nothing can grow.

May 10 – Fair. Sowed some garden seeds to fill up the gaps. The teams are hauling a large amount of lumber to the depot, 2 loads a day. Evans is now sawing the Everett Odiorne lot of lumber.

May 11 – Fair and cool. Planted 4 rows of sweet corn today, Arthur helping. Also cucumbers etc.

May 12 – Fair and dry and it is slow farming. Went to town at 9:40 and got my pay for the hay I sold in April at \$11.00. The prospect now is that there will be a short hay crop.

May 13 – Cloudy and cool all day. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get the news. There were many in town to get supplies for Sunday. There is much planting to be done yet many were getting seeds. The ground is very dry and seeds are a long time coming up and we hope for rain soon. Planted 6 week beans today and set out some strawberries.

May 14 – Dull all day and sprinkled slightly once. Today I saw and killed the first brown tailed moth. It was hatched on top of an apple tree. There were 100 in a bunch and very lively and in the future we shall have to fight for apples.

May 15 – Dull all day and showery and had to work in the shop on screen doors etc. Planted a few cucumbers and hoed peas and strawberries. Yeaton came up a while. I have to keep out of the rain to prevent cold. The rain is nice for the grass and trees and in fact everything starts anew.

May 16 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news etc. Business in town is very dull they say. No building and trade is at a standstill. The principle reason is on account of the trade unions that try to control all business. They try to dictate what men shall do and also what they shall not do. But most capitalists are going to do as they please.

May 17 – Dull and wet all day and also very cold with some blinks of snow. Painted screen doors making them ready for hot weather. Made a cage to put hens in to sell and also to put sitting hens in to break them up.

May 18 – Dull and wet and cold. This the cattle storm as it is near the 20th pasturing time. Caught 6 hens to sell to Jack Hodgdon at 10 cent a pound, alive. (The weather affected the cattle and it is happening during a 20 day cycle of grazing the farmers used as a feeding rotation with their cattle.)

May 19 – Fair and cold and wet. Working in the garden hoeing strawberries etc. I am afraid my corn will rot in the ground it has been such a cold week. Went to Concord Point to see the improvements at the house on the Point. The wrecked schooner is on the Sands for the summer people to look at.

May 20 – Fair and cold and windy. Went to town at 9:40 to get the news and see the people. Got a large cucumber for 6 cents to slice up for dinner. Also a small cod fish.

May 21 – Fair and cool with frost this morning and a northwest wind. The trees are blooming out and there will be a fair amount of apple blight and peach trees are full. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours to see the plantation and trees. Yeaton brought some flat fish.

May 22 – Fair and cool. Sent an order to Boston for a new Planet Jr. Wheel Hoe by Allen and Company. They are highly recommended by the makers as is natural.

May 23 – Fair and warmer. Hoeing peas and onions and other stuff. Potatoes are slow in coming but I suppose they are rooting down to stand the drought.

May 24 – Fair and dry. Went to town and found the new hoe had come to the express office.

May 25 – Fair as usual. Went to town and got the new wheel hoe and put it together for use. It took me some time to get it together right. It seems as though it might do well under the right conditions.

May 26 – Fair and dry. Worked in the garden with my new horse hoe and found it works well but my garden is not laid out right for it. The 2nd hoeing will be better. Planted more cucumbers, those I have planted are not coming well. Potatoes are doing well. Frank J. Trefethen is going to build a new house nearly opposite Charles E's house.

May 27 – Fair and dry as usual with no signs of rain. Went to town in the wagon at 8 and carried some apples and cider to Clara Raynes and got papers. Dick (Israel Miller) is at work in the Chronicle office for a week. Saw Frank Magraw and Joseph William Seavey and the Matron of the Cottage Hospital and one of the nurses.

May 28 – Fair and cool. Charles Seavey and his little girl called at 2:30 and stayed till 4 and paid me a month's rent to June 20th. The cars are well loaded, 3 cars at a time. So they will take some money today to make up for other bad days.

May 29 – Fair and warmer. Planted squashes by the yard wall for the hens to keep the bugs off. The potatoes are damaged by bugs and must soon put on the poison to clear them out. Grape vines are killed badly but peaches are forming in the blossoms.

May 30 – Fair after a very slight shower. This is Memorial Day and they are observing it in Portsmouth by decorating the graves of the veterans. Two have died in Rye in the last year and there were many in the country.

May 31 – Fair with cold mornings. Hoeing potatoes and in the garden peas are coming on after a struggle. Cucumbers are up but do not grow fast. My spinach is growing fast and hope to have some greens soon and the onions are doing well.

Jun 1 – Fair and cold for June with a light frost in the morning but not much damage. Finished hoeing my potatoes and now they grow well but the ground is dry. Still weeds get along without much trouble. My sweet corn is coming on well now but had a bad time coming up. Arthur helps me some.

Jun 2 – Fair and hot. Hoeing in the morning. At 6 went to town to see the chimneys in the house of Lincoln Avenue and find they must be topped out anew. The mortar seems to be about all out of them. Bought a pump of Jake Christenson for \$1.00.

Jun 3 – Fair and cool so I needed a cardigan under coat in going to town to get the news and some beef. Which by the way is very high, 30 cents a pound. Lobster are selling at 28 cent a pound and other things in proportion.

Jun 4 – Fair and dry and no signs of rain which we need very much. Charles Shannon came at 9:30 and stayed an hour on his way to Chelsea where he is staying with his son. They are running 3 cars each hour to accommodate those going to the beaches.

Jun 5 – Fair and dry. Working on the potato patch with the wheel hoe. Yeaton pushed it for me as my strength gives out too quick. But hope soon to be able to do a very good days work in the field. I think I have gained much in the last 3 weeks and hope to continue.

Jun 6 – Dull and rainy all day. So had to work in the shop on a pump bought of Jake Christenson. I am afraid my old pump will give out soon. The rain comes just right to make the garden grow. My spinach is now about large enough for greens. The onions are doing well.

Jun 7 – Dull but no rain. Hoeing and weeding in the garden. Cucumbers are hanging back on account of cold. There are apples “set on the trees”. Old potatoes are 25 cents a bushel.

Jun 8 – Dull and rainy most of the day. We are not suffering for water and vegetation is starting up in fine style. We hope it will help the grass crop but still it must be light. Potatoes are looking well and thrifty. Corn is behind as well as beans. Blue grass is a pest as usual and we have to fight it with determination. My wheel hoe does well.

Jun 9 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Yeaton came and went over my potatoes with the wheel hoe. At 1:30 went to George S. Webber’s to see him and family. They were hoeing and getting ready to paint wagons. Went past Frank Jones place and to see Emily Trafton, my sister. She thinks she has had a slight shock as she is troubled about talking. The right words do not come along. (Emily is Supply’s sister.)

Jun 10 – Fair and much warmer. Hoeing in the morning then went to town on the car. They are running open cars and there are many going. Got some butter beans to plant on the far string. There were many tomatoes for sale from the west and south. I could see that the summer boarder is coming. Joseph R. Holmes is sick. Arthur helped me some today. (Joseph R. Holmes is living next door to Frank P. Trefethen who is the son of Albert Brackett Trefethen. They are living on Sagamore Ave. in Portsmouth.)

Jun 11 – Fair and warm. At 2:30 Hayes came to see the plantation and get some eggs. Everett has been topping out the chimneys to the house where George Hayes lives. They were badly in need of it.

Jun 12 – Fair in the forenoon and after dinner we had a shower.

Jun 13 – Dull with some rain.

Jun 14 – Hoeing in the further lot for potatoes and they are growing rapidly. They are on the lot where I had cabbages last year and promise well. Went to town with eggs and sold them to the oyster house man at 20 cents a dozen. Wallis Trefethen and a Miss Lillian Erb were married at 5:30 today and started for New York. They were married in Portsmouth. (Wallis is the son of Albert Brackett Trefethen.)

Jun 15 – Fair and hot. Hoeing all day with Arthur helping. Finished potatoes in the further field and hoed peas and potatoes in front of the house. They are all growing well now.

Jun 16 – Fair and hot. Hoeing in the garden on onions and strawberries. Planted a row of corn and killed weeds. After dinner rode down to Concord Point to see the improvements where Irving is at work. They are making a great change there and are now getting ready for the owner from Nashua. Henry Rand is building a stone wall at the border.

Jun 17 – Fair in the forenoon. Went to town to get the news and food and see the people. There were many automobiles in the street and roads and much fast driving. After noon did some hoeing in the garden. Then we had a good shower that wet all vegetation. Yeaton came to talk about the house that Frank J. Trefethen is to build.

Jun 18 – Fair and very hot, 92 in the shade. Mr. Hayes came and we went to ride over past the Main and Winchester farms and to Charles A. Drake's and talked with him. Then on to the Albert Dow farm and down through Rye Center and John's Avenue and home in the blazing sun. There were 50 automobiles at the Farragut House with a large crowd.

Jun 19 – Dull and rainy all day and quite cold and we kept out of it. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get news and food. It was rather dull there and "Tombiles" were out in force. They are very plenty now and dangerous to the people. The grass crop is assured and there need be no more worry about it.

Jun 20 – Dull and fine rain all day and not chance to hoe in the garden. So the weeds are growing at full speed. Potatoes are coming along in good shape and hope to have a mess on the 4th. Planted squash seeds of the "Boston" marrow and my lettuce is very nice.

Jun 21 – Still dull and rainy and no sign of clearing.

Jun 22 – Dull most of the day but cleared off about 4 and all things are growing. Potatoes are very tall and not many bugs yet. The hay crop will be good if we have weather to make it.

Jun 23 – Fair after 4 days of rain and it is nice to see the sun again. Did some hoeing. The peas are coming along.

Jun 24 – Fair and warm. Hoeing the garden and it grows rapidly except the cucumbers. Went to town at 8 to get the news etc. They are getting ready to blow up at Henderson's Point with 40,000 lbs. of dynamite to clear the channel.

Jun 25 – Fair and warm with a northwest wind. George Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours to see the plantation. The cars began running ½ hourly today. Two cars at a time and were loaded. There were many Tombiles running. George Webber called at 5 on his way home from the sea. Yeaton came at 5, he had been fishing.

Jun 26 – Fair and warm. Frank J. Trefethen laid out his cellar today and put up some of the batter boards. Yeaton helping him with Dallas to wait on them. He is to build a house 24 feet wide by 30 feet long with an ell 16 feet by 12 feet. (Dallas Foss is a hired man living with Herbert Canney on Wallis road.)

Jun 27 – Showery and cool. Hoeing very little. Arthur and Raymond were getting in the pine wood for me. We got in more than ½ of it.

Jun 28 – Dull with some showers. Finished getting in the pine wood. Went to town to see the town and get some food etc.

Jun 29 – Fair and not very hot, hoeing and weeding. Frank is stoning his cellar, Yeaton helping. Tomorrow Charles Rand is to help. Frank and Dallas haul the rocks for them to lay. Went at 2 to get my horse shod.

Jun 30 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Hoeing and running my wheel hoe and find a good article. It says when the potatoes are well grown it is a much better than a cultivator as it does not break the potato roots. Cucumbers are hanging back but hope they will soon get running.

Jul 1 – Fair and warm. Went to town to get shorts and other things. Large strawberries are 15 cent and got some nails at 3 cents a pound. The beach season is on and many are coming to the beaches. After noon laid a walk for Charles Seavey to get out to the barn, Raymond helping.

Jul 2 – Dull all day with showers at times and mild and mellow. Good growing weather and it seems that all vegetation is taking advantage of it. Potatoes are ahead of other vegetables and will soon be large enough to eat. The cars are not loaded today.

Jul 3 – Cloudy most of the day. Went to town to see about the 4th. Many were there to get ready for the celebration tomorrow. There is much talk about blowing up Henderson's Point on the 22nd. They are to use 50 tons of dynamite in the blast.

Jul 4 – Fair and warm. The glorious 4th and there was a great amount of fireworks exploded to celebrate and keep up the patriotism.

Jul 5 – Fair with some clouds. Began the regular haying. Cut by hand in back of the house and in front. William helping cut all the back of the house and under the trees and in the low ground and turned and raked it. At night Woodman cut the lot by Abbie Clark's.

Jul 6 – Fair and cool and we raked up and got in 2 loads. One in the back of the house and one in front.

Jul 7 – Fair and warm and very good hay weather. Mowed some in front and raked up and got in 2 loads from the lower field and got good and ready for tomorrow. There is a light crop in general.

Jul 8 – Fair and warm. Chauncey Woodman cut the lot by Seavey's and the further field and at night in front of the house. We got in one load from the lower field and finished that and cleaned by Seavey's with one load and raked up the further field. We are now well underway. Went up to see Mrs. Trafton and found her some better.

Jul 9 – Fair and very hot. Mr. Hayes came and we went to the sea to cool off. The old Atlantic was calm and quiet and there are many visitors to the sea shore.

Jul 10 – Fair and very hot at haying. Got in 5 loads, 3 from the further field and 2 from in front of the house. Mowed the low ground in front of Hannah's and got ready to cut in front of Charles E's. I find it is coming in short of an average crop.

Jul 11 – Fair and hot. Chauncey Woodman cut all on the north of the road and we got in 3 loads that were cut out this morning. Went to town at 9 to get food etc. Received two books from the Secretary of State, the laws passed at the last session and the journal of the House and Senate. It is from the January session of which I was a member. Paid the water bill in town today.

Jul 12 – Fair and very hot and we finished getting in the front side and cut some above the barn, William and Austin helping.

Jul 13 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. At 3 we had a slight thunder shower. Woodman came and finished my cutting and got his shirt wet. Mrs. Frank Webster and daughter and Clara Raynes called to get out of the shower.

Jul 14 – Fair and most hot. Raked up all the hay that Woodman cut yesterday and it was dry and ready to go in tomorrow if weather is right.

Jul 15 – Fair and hot and Austin and William finished getting in the hay, 7 loads for above the barn and willow lot. At 9 went to town on the car to get food etc. Everybody is haying and got well along. There was much talk about the blast to be made at Henderson's Point next Saturday at 4 pm.

Jul 16 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and stayed 2 hours to see the plantation and smoke. Yeaton came at 4 to get some cider and talk about Frank's cellar etc. opposite Charles E's house.

Jul 17 – Fair and some cooler but still warm enough for anything. Hoeing in the garden where the weeds got ahead of me while haying. They seem to grow much faster than the crops. We had peas today and shall have string beans tomorrow and beets the next day.

Jul 18 – Very hot and drying. We had a slight shower last night that cooled the air off but soon dried up. We are hoping for more soon. Potatoes are peeling and withering and corn curls by day.

Jul 19 – Fair and very hot and drying with a west wind. Canney finished cutting Ann's grass. They have got the first floor on Frank's house and getting ready for the frame. They are talking about the great blast to be made next Saturday at 4 at Henderson's Point. Some think it will blow the town up and others think it won't be much.

Jul 20 – Fair and warm. Hoeing and weeding. At 9 Fannie Ayers called with her son Harry in their Tombile. She had not been here for 4 or 5 years. She is quite well and they are to stay in Rye until Sunday. She talked of old times and news in Boston.

Jul 21 – Fair, hot, dry and we are hoping for rain to help out the cucumbers. There is much talk about the blast of 44 tons of dynamite in the river at the navy yard tomorrow. They are getting along well with Frank's house and are boarding the first story.

Jul 22 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 8:30 to get the news etc. The visitors had begun to arrive to see the explosion at 4. They are expecting 10,000 today and should think they were there by the hour of 4.

Jul 23 – Dull all the forenoon but no rain came to cool off. Mr. Hayes came at 9 to get eggs and see the country. The blow up came off at 4:10 and there was a great upheaval of water 100 feet

in the air with rumbling noise and much debris flying in the air. Tis thought they have accomplished what they hoped to in the blast.

Jul 24 – Fair and very dry as usual. Hoeing in the garden to kill weeds and stir up the dust. Went down and got some mussels and clams for dinner and had them steamed.

Jul 25 – Fair and no signs of rain. At 1:30 went to town in the wagon to pay Dr. Heffenger, \$8.00 doctor bill. Went up to see my sister Emily Trafton. She seems to be about the same as when last I saw her. She is unable to talk much better otherwise she seems to be well.

Jul 26 – Fair and hot with plenty of dust. Went to town on the car to get bread and halibut fish are very plenty. They had sword fish which I do not like and mackerel that have been caught 3 weeks and full of creases.

Jul 27 – Fair and hot and also very dry and dusty. Set out some onions and hoed cucumbers. They are so dry as to wilt down as soon as the sun is up and can hardly get enough to eat. Everything has stopped growing and waiting for rain.

Jul 28 – Fair and dry as ever. Hoeing sweet corn and potatoes, Arthur helping. At 2 went clamming at Sampson's Point and got 2/3 of a bucket full of nice ones. Irene Jewel Trefethen came from Hampton and stayed 2 hours. Her mother Mary is keeping summer boarders. They are shingling on Frank's house.

Jul 29 – Fair and hot and dry as usual. Went to town on the car at 8:40 to get news. There is much talk about the peace envoys that are coming to Portsmouth next week to settle the war between Russia and Japan. Frank has the shingling well along on his new house.

Jul 30 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and all nature smiles to get the water. The cucumbers stand up and start to grow and now we hope to get enough to eat. The peas are smiling and filling out. Mr. Hayes came at 2 for 2 hours and smoked and tells stories.

Jul 31 – The storm continues and we shall have rain enough to last some time. All vegetables are putting on new life and energy.

Aug 1 - Cleared off cool and comfortable and all things are coming along.

Aug 2 – Fair and cool. Dug up ground for celery and got it ready to set plants. Had peas for dinner. Cucumbers grow now.

Aug 3 – Fair and warm. Set out my celery this morning. The plants are small but they will have 3 months to grow. Arthur helped me set them out.

Aug 4 – Fair as usual. Built a walk for Mrs. Roberts and Ida Seavey to go to the hen yards, Raymond helping. Washed the wagons and other jobs.

Aug 5 – Fair and hot as usual. Went to town to market. Saw Israel and Ruth Miller and the twins. George Raynes is very sick and does not go out nor see visitors. There is much interest in the coming peace commission at the Navy Yard. There are many visitors in this vicinity to see the show.

Aug 6 – Foggy in the morning then cleared off warm. Tomorrow is the day the Russian and Japanese peace commission is to come to Portsmouth and meet in the court house and be

introduced to Governor McLane and others and be escorted around the town by the state regiment. The chief Russians are Baron and Sergei Witte. The Japanese are Baron Komura Jutarō and Minister Takahira Kogorō.

Aug 7 – Dull and foggy with no rain. The Russian and Japanese Peace commissioners came in to Portsmouth harbor today to try to make peace and will meet at the Navy Yard on Monday to consult about it.

Aug 8 – Fair and warm and very good growing weather. The peace commissioners met at the yard today for the first time for business. The report is that they had a very pleasant time and shook hands cordially and sat down for business but very little was done more than to formally to get acquainted.

Aug 9 – Fair and very hot, 90 and so had to keep out of the sun. Pulling weeds and eating peas and cucumbers etc. Went to town at 9 and it was so hot in the wagon that I was glad to get home.

Aug 10 – Fair and very hot and dry. I have got a lame horse in the knee. Have been on the sick list today with a slight cold and pressed for wind and had to keep in and rest. Edith came for 2 or 3 hours.

Aug 11 – Fair and very hot and it was about the hottest day of the season. Japan made known her terms for peace at the meeting yesterday at the Navy Yard and the Russians sent them by cable to the Czar for a reply. They want \$500,000,000 indemnity and many other requests.

Aug 12 – Fair and hot as August. Went to town at 9:30 and carried one bushel of Red apples and sold for 50 cents a bushel. There are not many in the market of any kind this year. There is a light crop all over the country, ½ crop. Saw George Webber and he got 60 cents for a bushel.

Aug 13 – Fair and warm and there was much travel on the cars. There are 2 cars every half hour and loaded. At 2 George Hayes came for 2 hours leaving his blind wife Ann alone with his daughter Carrie having gone to Portland. He paid me one month's rent of \$16.00. I gave him a bag of apples for pie. Charles Yeaton came to get a drink of cider and tell about the progress on Frank's house he is helping to build.

Aug 14 – Fair and warm. Hoed the celery and set out some cabbage plants. After dinner we picked 3 bushels of apples, one Red Astrachans and 2 of Williams Favorites for market. The Astrachans are of a very poor quality and the others are nothing to brag of. We had some very good sweet corn for dinner. It has been hanging back about ripening.

Aug 15 – Dull all the forenoon then rain came on at 12 and we had a rainy afternoon. Went to town at 8:30 with 3 bushels of apples and sold 2 at 50 cents and got 75 cents for one. Got a nice fresh fish for dinner and also had peas and more than we could eat.

Aug 16 – A regular northeast rain all day and we have it wet enough for the present to keep things growing. I had some peaches ripen, 2 small trees and have picked part of them.

Aug 17 – Fair and warm. It was very wet this morning. After dinner picked 3 bushels of apples, 2 of Williams and one of Astrachans for the market. Set out some strawberries for next year.

Aug 18 – Fair and hot. Went to town and carried apples at 50 cents and 75 cents and engaged some for tomorrow.

Aug 19 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples of Williams Favorites at 75 cents. There are not many apples in the market. This year all kinds are few and there is a demand. The peace envoys have adjourned until next Tuesday to hear from their governments before doing more. Tis thought there will be terms reached. The Japs want too much of Russia.

Aug 20 – Fair and warm. George Hayes and daughter Carrie called for an hour. They had been after berries but could find none. Blackberries are more plenty than any other kinds.

Aug 21 – Fair and cool. Went to town with apples for the market and they sold readily at 75 cents. Moses Brothers are buying more than usual. Fred Moses is still sick with brain trouble and no hope of his getting better. Emily Trafton is about the same as 2 weeks ago. She is unable to talk very well. The words do not come along as she wants them to.

Aug 22 – Fair most of the day with a slight shower. Went to town with apples at 75 cents. Frank is getting on well with his new house. Salter has begun the lathing. Irving is building the cellar stairs and other jobs. He has a house to build for Herman Rand to begin next week in Jenness Rand's field. (Jenness Rand is living on Wallis road.)

Aug 23 – Fair and hot and all things are growing. Went to town with apples at 75 cents. Eggs are 28 cents per dozen and a great demand for them but the hens are taking a rest and we only get 2 dozen or less. I am trying to find some pullets but they are scarce and hard to find.

Aug 24 – Fair and hot at noon. Got in my onions and set out strawberries where the onions grew hoping to raise some in the future of the Glen Mary and other kinds. We have plenty of sweet corn and of nice quality. My celery is growing well with frequent hoeing. Tomatoes are not ripe yet but are coming along. Cucumbers are plenty and good.

Aug 25 – Fair and hot and dry. Went to town with apples and nice Williams bring 75 cents and pie apples 50 cents. Sold to Smart and the people's store. Potatoes are a light crop but everybody is digging up some and fills the market. There are many plums carried in of a small size.

Aug 26 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes and one of apple. Potatoes are 70 cents and apples 75 cents. There were many carried in today and no great demand. There was a call for Red Astrachans but I have none to sell. There was much talk about the peace envoys meeting. They have not made any peace terms yet.

Aug 27 – Dull all day with a northeast wind with some rain and cool but not bad.

Aug 28 – Fair and cool. Went to town with apples and found them hard to sell.

Aug 29 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. The peace envoys came to an agreement at 2:30 this afternoon. When it was known all the bells and steam whistles were sounded for one long hour to give vent to the feeling of the people which was for peace.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples and sold one bushel at the depot at 75 cents. The town is full of potatoes at 65 cents.

Aug 31 - Dull and rainy in the forenoon and then cleared off. Picked apples and hoed strawberries and cabbages. Frank is having a well dug near his new house and they find plenty of water at 8 feet deep.

Sep 1 – Dull all day but no rain. Went to town at 8 with apples at 75 cents. The peace envoys are making out their report of the details of their final agreement to the terms of peace between Russia and Japan. So the war is to stop and their armies to go home.

Sep 2 – Fair and warm. Went to town and up to see Emily Trafton. She is as well as when I saw her last. She is able to do her own work and care for herself but cannot talk much. Edith Odiorne is with her for company. There is much talk in town about the peace treaty between Russia and Japan. They are now at work on the details of the agreement and will soon have them written out. (Edith is 16 and is the daughter of Ella Holmes, who is the daughter of Sarah Elizabeth (Trefethen) Holmes, Supply's late sister. They are living on Wallis Road.)

Sep 3 – A regular southeast rain storm all day and it comes down freely. There is no traveling. The cars go but have no passengers.

Sep 4 – Labor Day and the rain storm continues all through the day. The masons had a feast in Canney's barn with a chowder and lobster and beer etc. The low ground is flooded and many cellars are badly filled with water and it is nearly up to the White Rock Bridge.

Sep 5 – Dull and wet all day. The masons began to plaster Frank's new house today and got the chambers covered.

Sep 6 – Fair and wet. Picked 2 bushels of apples and carried them to town for \$1.00. In the afternoon picked more and dug 2 bushels of potatoes to go tomorrow. The ground is wet and muddy and the mud sticks to the potatoes.

Sep 7 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples at 50 cents and potatoes at 60 cents and sold to Carroll. The town is full of potatoes and not much demand. Apples are scarce all over the country and of an inferior quality.

Sep 8 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Heard that Emily has had another shock and went up to see her and found her entirely helpless. Her right side is affected badly and she cannot move much. Edith Odiorne is with her and will stay till help comes.

Sep 9 – Fair and warm. Went to town and up to see Emily Trafton and engaged a woman to care for her. She is no better today and am fearful she will not be. She cannot talk.

Sep 10 – Fair and hot. This is the last day the ½ hourly cars are to run this fall and they have run 3 at a time to accommodate the travel. Mr. Hayes came at 2 and stayed one hour and paid me a months' rent took a dozen eggs at 30 cents a dozen. He is still working on the Navy Yard.

Sep 11 – Fair and cool. Went up to see Emily Tafton and found her the same as Saturday with not much prospect of gaining strength. Her right side is as lame as ever without much pain but unable to use her limbs and still unable to talk more than say yes or no.

Sep 12 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind. The low ground is very wet and potatoes are soaking in the water. Had to keep in to be dry and I am still unable to do much work.

Sep 13 – Fair and cool with plenty of wet. Set out lettuce for late eating. Picked a bushel of peaches for market and also some apples. Baldwins are very scarce and there are some Greenings and King apples but winter fruit is scarce all over the country.

Sep 14 – Fair and cool. It was nearly cold enough for frost but none yet. Went to town with on bushel of peaches and one of apples and one of potatoes. I got \$1.25 for the peaches and 60 cents for the potatoes.

Sep 15 – Fair and cool. Dug some potatoes and picked 2 bushels of Porter apples, Arthur helping. We put 2 or 3 bushels in the cellar.

Sep 16 – Dull all day with some rain. Went up to see Emily and found her the same as before. Dr. Junkins is tending her with no improvement to be seen.

Sep 17 – Dull all day but no rain. At 1:30 Lizzie and Jennie went up to see Mrs. Trafton and found her about the same as yesterday.

Sep 18 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind so I had to keep in out of it. I notice that my celery is growing very fast and have to hoe it often to bank it up to have it crisp and eatable. We have plenty of sweet corn this year of the nicest quality.

Sep 19 – Dull and wet all day and not much done. The masons are putting on the skim in Frank's house slowly.

Sep 20 – Dull most of the day. Went up to see Emily Trafton and found her about the same. I induced her to have Henry Rand given the Power of Attorney to act for her while she is sick and got lawyer Bartlett to do the business and she seemed to be pleased.

Sep 21 – Fair again and we were all pleased to see the sun again. Edith and baby Florance were over for the afternoon. She is 6 months old and is able to take notice of things.

Sep 22 – Fair and warmer. Went to town and carried 2 of potatoes and one of apples and sold them to Carroll. After dinner dug 2 of potatoes for tomorrow, Arthur helping. He said that William had a letter to go to Exeter to learn a machinist's trade. Saw Dr. Junkins who said Emily was some better today.

Sep 23 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes and 5 gallons of vinegar to Jacob Christenson. Saw Edith Odiorne who said Emily was not so well as yesterday. Her appetite was not so good and did not rest well. Saw George Webber and he is quite well and cheerful. Edith called at 5 with Russell on their way home from town. Lizzie went to the cemetery.

Sep 24 – Fair and cool with signs of fall and turning leaves. Lizzie went to church to hear Mr. Mills preach his farewell sermon. He is to give up preaching to attend to the care of his wife's real estate in Massachusetts.

Sep 25 – Dull and wet all day.

Sep 26 – Fair and cool. Went to town with apples and potatoes and exchanged them for cracked corn at \$1.32 a bag.

Sep 27 – Fair and warm. At noon got a letter from Mrs. Ruth Miller saying her father died last night at 9:30 after a long illness.

Sep 28 – Fair. We began to pump out the cistern at the corner house and got it down to 5 inches, Arthur helping. There was 3 feet in it when we began. The water was dirty and had a bad smell and so Mrs. Roberts turned up her nose.

Sep 29 – Fair weather. Got Arthur pumping again at 8. Went to town to George Raynes funeral at 11 o'clock. Lizzie and Edith went on the car. George was about 73 years old.

Sep 30 – Fair. Went to the sea to get gravel to put in the filter at the corner house and we got that ready for water again. Went to town at 1:30 and carried 2 bushels of potatoes to Carroll at 60 cents and got the news etc.

Oct 1 – Fair and cool and the open cars were too cold for comfort. Charles Seavey and baby came and he wanted some grapes for jelly but I thought he better wait a week for them to ripen.

Oct 2 – Dull in the morning but soon cleared off. Picked some apples. After dinner went to town and up to see Mrs. Trafton and found her about the same as when last I saw her. She is troubled with sores on the back and shoulders. Her appetite is good and she rests very well.

Oct 3 – Dull all day and no rain but plenty of fog.

Oct 4 – Fair and hot. Picking apples.

Oct 5 – Fair and very warm and farmers are getting a 2nd crop.

Oct 6 – Fair and hot. Picking apples for winter.

Oct 7 – Fair and hot. Went to town and carried apples to the grocers.

Oct 8 – Fair and warm and had the Sunday Globe and read the news. Lizzie went to church and heard a candidate from Maine preach a sermon. Mr. Mills was there. At 2:30 Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for rent. Charles Yeaton called.

Oct 9 – Fair and very warm. Went to town and carried on barrel of King Apples to Moses Brothers for \$2.50 and ½ bushel of peaches to Cater for 75 cents. Then 1 bushel of pie apples to grocers for 40 cents. In the afternoon picked 1 barrel of Baldwins, Arthur helping.

Oct 10 – Fair and warm. Went to town and carried 1 barrel of Baldwin Apples to Jake Criss at \$1.50 and 1 bushel to the grocer at 50 cents, bought sugar.

Oct 11 – Dull all day with signs of rain but none came. Went to town at 8:30 and carried 2 barrels of apples to Milton Gardiner, one of Greenings and one of Baldwins at \$1.50. Arthur was helping pick cider apples. Bought a new pair of rubber boots for \$3.00 of a Jew on Market Street.

Oct 12 – Fair as usual. Picking apples for the market so I can get them off before the cold comes. It is now good growing weather and can see that the bloth buds are forming for next year.

Oct 13 – Fair and cool so I had to wear an overcoat. Went to town and to see Emily and found her very sick with much pain and restless. The doctor calls every day to see her and also to assist in turning her to dress the sores and make her as comfortable as they can.

Oct 14 – Fair and cool. Went to town to market and saw friends to talk with. Jack Hodgdon brought me 7 pullets at 40 cents and at night got 23 from Mr. Roberts in the corner at 41 cents, of all breeds and colors.

Oct 15 – Fair and cool. Lizzie went to church and heard a candidate preach his best sermon hoping to give satisfaction. Heard from Emily that she was not so well as on Friday.

Oct 16 – Fair as usual. Went to town with grapes and apples to Sam Moses and Cater. Got whole wheat flour to improve the digestion.

Oct 17 – Fair and good weather for harvesting. Went to town with some apples to grocers. Picked apples to get ready for tomorrow.

Oct 18 – Fair and warm as summer. Went to town with one barrel of Hubbardston's at \$2.00 to Cater and one bushel to Ben Atwell. Then went up to see Emily and found her a little better for the day but not any improvement to last. She is very sick and we do not look for or expect her to be much better to last. We dug up the cesspool at the corner house.

Oct 19 – Fair and warm as August. Weeding strawberries and picking apples and finished, Arthur helping. Weeds and celery are growing as in September.

Oct 20 – Fair but cold. Picking apples and getting ready for winter. Charles Wendell is at making cider 2 days a week and there are many who want their apples ground and pressed.

Oct 21 – Fair with a north wind. Went to town to the market and to inquire about Emily. She is no better but we fear is worse but seems about the same. She has much pain and is restless.

Oct 22 – Fair and cold. At noon Josephine Hoyt called and told me that Emily Trafton died at 10 o'clock today after a sickness of paralysis and other troubles for 8 weeks.

Oct 23 – Fair and cool. Went up to the Trafton place to see about my sister's death and her funeral. It is to be held tomorrow.

Oct 24 – Fair and cool and a favorable day for Emily's funeral which was held at 2 today at the Trafton place. Most of her relatives were there. She was 73 years and 7 months old. (Emily Amanda was Supply's sister who was one year older.)

Oct 25 – Fair and cold. Went up to the Trafton place to see what was to be done. We have decided to have Henry S. Rand appointed the administrator if the judge will do it.

Oct 26 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to town and to the Trafton place and paid Mrs. Stickney for caring for Emily in her sickness, 7 weeks at \$4.00 per week. Fanny Ayers is there now and will stay till Saturday. Alfred Trafton's daughter was taking away her piano and a negro was picking apples. (It was Alfred Trafton's daughter from a previous marriage.)

Oct 27 – Fair and cool. Picking apples for cider and clearing up generally for the approach of winter.

Oct 28 – Fair and cold with plenty of frost and we have cold fingers without mittens.

Oct 29 – Fair and cold with a heavy frost in the morning and ice in the ditches.

Oct 30 – Fair and chilly. We were hoping for the Indian summer but fear it has gone by. We read about snow in a number of states also in the White Mountains but we do not want any till Christmas. Thanksgiving is to be the last day of November.

Oct 31 – Fair with a cold northwest wind and plenty of frost. Got my celery in the cellar and set in trenches for winter use.

Nov 1 – November comes in cold and shivery. The leaves are fast falling and are blown about by the wind.

Nov 2 – Fair and cold and chilly. Riding around to get the heirs of Emily to sign a petition to the probate judge to appoint an administrator.

Nov 3 – Fair and cold and danger of snow blinks coming while we sleep.

Nov 4 – Dull. Went to town on the car at 3 to see about probate business and get some grub. Got my apples and a barrel ready for making cider.

Nov 5 – Fair and chilly with a north wind.

Nov 6 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town to see about having Henry S. Rand appointed administrator of Emily's estate.

Nov 7 – Dull all day with a northeast wind and cold. The probate court meets today in Portsmouth and it is expected that Henry S. Rand will be appointed the administrator of Emily A. Trafton's estate.

Nov 8 – Fair and cold for the season. I have a severe cold and obliged to keep in and have a sore throat. Arthur has been getting my apples ready to grind. Shall have one barrel of cider made.

Nov 9 – Fair and frosty in the morning. I have been trying to get somebody to get my cider made for me but failed as all are so busy.

Nov 10 – Fair and mild.

Nov 11 – Cool and chilly and did not go to town but sent Lizzie to get the things. Frank Trefethen is preparing to move into his new house.

Nov 12 – Fair and mild and very pleasant for the season. We are hoping new for the Indian summer of mild weather. Mr. Hayes came at 9:30 and went to 10:40 and paid me a month's rent. Mr. Seavey came for ½ hour and he hears his wife Ida at Concord is getting better.

Nov 13 – Dull and cold and damp. Went to town to meet Henry Rand about his being appointed the administrator for Emily A. Trafton's estate. We have got all the heirs to sign the petition to the judge of probate.

Nov 14 – Fair and cold. I have been sick with what I call the Gripp and had to keep in by the fire.

Nov 15 – Fair and cold. I have to keep in the house for fear of getting more cold. I am gaining now and hope to get clear of this cough which I have had a week and more.

Nov 16 – Fair and cold but hope it will be warm enough to go to Boston tomorrow.

Nov 17 – Fair and cool. Went to Boston to get myself a new truss on 105 Boylston Street and room 112. Got back at 7:30 and saw Seavey in town.

Nov 18 – Fair and cold. Did not go to town today for fear of getting cold. Sent Lizzie to get oysters and beans.

Nov 19 – Fair and pleasant as we have had it for 10 days. Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours.

Nov 20 – Fair and pleasant and we took the time to put on the double windows on the house that Seavey lives in. We also put the draw bucket in the well for Seavey and Roberts, William helping. He came from Exeter yesterday.

Nov 21 – Fair and mild as usual and all are glad to have soft weather. At 2 went over to see Edith and baby Florence. She is getting along nicely. She is fat and can handle herself for her age, 8 months. Called at Henry Rand's and also went up to see Herman Rand's new house that Irving is building. (Herman is married to Lizzie A. Rand who is Joseph P. Trefethen's granddaughter.)

Nov 22 – Fair and mild after the frosty morning. Cleaning up around the plantation. Cleaned out the stove funnels and trimmed the grapevines etc.

Nov 23 – Fair and mild for the season. We have had 2 weeks of this weather and all the farmers are doing their fall work to get ready for spring. Covered up my strawberries for winter with the 2nd crop.

Nov 24 – Fair and mild for the season. Frosty mornings but not cold. Clearing up for winter. Henry Rand is getting in steam heating in his house. Edith has got "hot water" heating in hers. Herman Rand and Frank Trefethen have put in hot water heaters.

Nov 25 – Fair and mild. Went to town at 8 to get grain etc. Carried squash to Clara Raynes and one to Ann Hayes. Saw George Webber and others in town where I had not been for 10 days, saw many strangers. After dinner hauled a load of seaweed from High Beach, Raymond helping. They are getting on well with the extension of the Ocean Boulevard having the road bed built to Odiorne's Point.

Nov 26 – Fair and not cold. Jennie called to see Lizzie before she went to the hospital. At 3:30 I carried her up to the Cottage Hospital to have some inward trouble removed which has been troubling her for a long time.

Nov 27 – Fair with a high northwest wind. I am living alone today and Miss Lizzie at every turn have heard nothing from her today so far, 3 pm. Sent clothes over to Jennie to be washed.

Nov 28 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 10:40 to see the doctor to find out about Lizzie. He said she went through the operation at the hospital well and was bright and comfortable.

Nov 29 – Dull and rainy all day so I stayed near the fire. Didn't hear from Lizzie today. All are getting ready for Thanksgiving. Turkeys are not so high as last year. I could get a good one at 25 cents a pound, last year I paid 30 cents. I got some beef steak of George Perry.

Nov 30 – Thanksgiving Day. Edith and her boy Russell and Bessie were over and we got along as well as we could without Lizzie. We had beef steak for dinner and made out very well. After

dinner Edith went up to the hospital and saw Lizzie and found her getting along as well as could be expected and hopes all will be well. We had a high northwest wind all day.

Dec 1 – Coldest morning of the season, 8 above. It was freezing cold all day but the wind went down so we could bear it. We kept along as well as could alone. Arthur came up 2 or 3 times and Yeaton called and said he was going to help Herman kill a pig this afternoon.

Dec 2 – Dull and black all day with signs of rain or snow. Went to town at 2:40 to get bread and beans etc. Got a pint of oysters and some pickles. Saw the doctor and he said Lizzie was getting along well as could be expected. Saw Harrison W. Salter and sent word to Edith and Abbie.

Dec 3 – Warm and a southerly rain all day and the frost is all out and gone. The fields look green and bright. Yeaton came at 11 and he had been to look after his traps but found nothing in them. There are not many fur animals found this fall. He caught a skunk the other day in my field.

Dec 4 – Cold with a strong northwest wind and it is rough traveling so I keep near the house. Cleaning up and getting the chisels together for Arthur to saw into firewood.

Dec 5 – Fair and cold. Heard from Lizzie that she was getting along as well as could be expected. Charles Erwin Trefethen is hauling seaweed of which there is a plenty for him.

Dec 6 – Fair but cold but no snow yet. Cleaned up for a wood pile etc. My hens are not yet doing anything to speak of, 3 or 4 eggs a day but they must come on soon.

Dec 7 – Cold and windy. Went to town and got oats and cracked corn. One bag on each cost \$2.40 which I thought was higher than ever. Went over to see Henry Rand's new steam heating. They are much pleased with it now.

Dec 8 – Fair and very pleasant and mild for the season. So Edith and I thought we would go up to Cottage Hospital to see Lizzie and we found her getting along nicely. She says she is gaining well and today feels better than any day since the operation. She can eat very well and sleeps when she can.

Dec 9 – Fair and cold. Picked up wood for Arthur to saw. Sold 2 dozen eggs to Jack Hodgdon at 42 cents a dozen. Went to town at 2:40 and got oysters, beans and some onions.

Dec 10 – Snowing most of the day. It began in the night and there is now 8 or 10 inches of light snow on the ground. The first snow of the season. Charles Seavey came at 11:30 for an hour and at 3 Charles E. came in for 1 ½ hours to talk about the boulevard etc.

Dec 11 – Cold as winter and the teams and sleighs are going and the sledding is very good. The pine trees are loaded with snow so it is bad getting in the woods. Jenness Rand's son is getting ready to cut and saw out a lot of lumber this winter for sale. He has got his mill in good order and has a sawyer hired to do the mill part. Mr. Hayes came at 2 for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for house rent.

Dec 12 – Black and cold all day with signs of snow. I am looking for John D. Marston to collect the insurance on the homestead for the Rockingham Company. They collect once in 2 years. Frank Trefethen came home from Maine Saturday where he had been to help build a chimney, 250 feet high, for a machine company.

Dec 13 – Fair and cold but not severe. Went to town after dinner to get bread and other things. Paid Charles Walker \$18.00 for 3 tons of coal. I am living alone with Lizzie up to the hospital yet and I get along as well as I can. Jennie called.

Dec 14 – Fair and cold with the best of sleighing and sledding. Got my sled together and sleigh ready for an emergency, Austin and William helped me. They were cutting and hauling some apple trees I gave them. The sledding is good.

Dec 15 – Fair and cold, the coldest morning of the winter so far. Went to town at 2:40 to get food for the future, oysters, bread, meat and cheese.

Dec 16 – Fair and cold. Did not go to town today because I had enough eat and drink over Sunday.

Dec 17 – Fair and cold and it was a dull day in the house. Seavey and baby Merle came up a few minutes. He expects to go after his wife next Thursday at Concord. Charles E. came in a few minutes and Abbie came in the evening. Hannah brought me in some pie and bread.

Dec 18 – Fair and cold but good sledding. This afternoon began cutting and hauling wood from the lower lot, Austin helping. We got one load for a starter.

Dec 19 – Fair and not cold and good sledding. Hauled 3 loads of wood with the help of Raymond. Austin is over to Ramsdell's putting on double windows.

Dec 20 – Fair and mild most of the day. Cutting and hauling wood from the lower lot, 4 loads with Austin helping. The sledding is wearing out and I fear I cannot get all my wood home.

Dec 21 – A regular southeast rain storm all day and the sleighing is gone so we will have to wait for more snow.

Dec 22 – Fair and not cold for winter.

Dec 23 – Fair and cool and pleasant. Went to town on the car at 2:40 to get oysters and beans and other things.

Dec 24 – Fair with a cold northwest wind. Lizzie came home at 2:45 on the car and she is quite bright and cheerful and glad to get home again.

Dec 25 – Fair and cool. Lizzie was quite nicely and is in good spirits and feeling better from her sickness at the hospital.

Dec 26 – Fair and not cold. Lizzie is not so well today, not having rested well last night, but was feeling better at night.

Dec 27 – Fair and mild for the season as it has been for a week. Mr. Hayes came down and paid me \$16.00 rent money which came in a good time as I was hard up for money.

Dec 28 – Fair and warm as March. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get beef steak and bread, also got a bottle of horse radish etc. After dinner went over to see Henry Rand about settling up Emily's estate. Then went down to see Edith and baby Florence and they were all well.

Dec 29 – 31 – No entries.

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Jan 1 – Cold. Cutting summer wood in the back pasture, Arthur helping to trim out the white birches. We got enough to make one good load. New Year's Day and all are reminding us of it.

Jan 2 – Fair and cold with strong west winds. Cutting wood in the back pasture. After dinner we hauled home 2 loads on the sled on grass ground without snow and we made quite a large pile for summer wood.

Jan 3 – Too cold for working out. Blasted a few logs and hauled them from the lower lot. By putting in a good charge of powder we could split them the whole length to make them light to handle. Edith came today.

Jan 4 – Fair and cold and had to keep in.

Jan 5 – Cold as Friday but no storm.

Jan 6 – Fair and cold. Went to town at 2:40 and got some beans and bread and other things of Sunday.

Jan 7 – Fair and cool with a west wind.

Jan 8 – Dull and black but no storm. We are now wanting a little snow to haul out wood on.

Jan 9 – Fair and cold and very chilly so we cannot do much but try to make the hens lay.

Jan 10 - Fair with a cold north wind. Bare ground and no sledding or sleighing to haul winter wood. The ice cutters in Portsmouth began cutting today but it was not so thick as wanted.

Jan 11 – Fair and cold. Splitting and cutting wood for next season. So many have got heaters in their cellars that there will not be so much wood needed for heating houses.

Jan 12 – Fair and cold. Cutting and blasting logs for wood which shall get woodsman to saw later on with the machine. My hens are now doing something giving us 2 dozen a day and we get 32 cents per dozen.

Jan 13 – Cold with a north wind. Finished blasting my logs for wood. Arthur is cutting summer wood by the job. Went to town at 2:40 to get sundry articles for Sunday. The car coming home was crowded.

Jan 14 – Dull and cold with a high northeast wind. Woodman filled his ice houses Thursday and Friday with 10 inch ice. At noon snow came down quite fast.

Jan 15 – Fair and cold. Arthur was cutting wood for summer. I finished blasting the logs ready for sawing.

Jan 16 – Dull most of the day. After dinner we hauled 4 small loads of summer wood from the Varrell lot, William helped. Arthur was cutting the summer wood.

Jan 17 – A south rain storm all day and all the snow is gone again and we have 2 inches of mud. Charles Main is dead, age 98. He died at his home on Lafayette Road. (His obituary can be found in the Portsmouth Herald on January 15, 1906.)

Jan 18 – Fair and cool. Cutting wood and other jobs.

Jan 19 – Fair and cool with a west wind. Cut some wood in the forenoon. After dinner went to see Henry Rand and down to see baby Florence at Florence Salter's. (Florence Salter is baby Florence's grandmother.)

Jan 20 – Dull with rain and snow all day and so had to care for the fowls and horse. At 2:40 went to town to get grub for Sunday. Dr. Heffenger called to see Lizzie. Cyrus Roberts came home yesterday.

Jan 21 – Fair and warm as April and muddy. Grass looks green in the fields.

Jan 22 – Fair and hot as in July, 70 in the shade at noon and very muddy. Cutting wood in the Varrell lot, Austin and William helping. Arthur is cutting summer wood etc.

Jan 23 – Fair and mild and muddy. Austin has been hauling wood from the Varrell lot all day with hard wheeling.

Jan 24 – Fair and muddy as yesterday. Austin has been hauling wood all day, William helping and finished. Now I think I have wood enough out for a year.

Jan 25 – Fair and cool. Garland came and got eggs at 18 cents. Cracked corn is \$1.12 and oats 95 cents a bag. I get 30 eggs a day.

Jan 26 – Fair and mild and I was blasting logs with Arthur cutting summer wood. I want to get the logs ready for Woodman to saw. The steam mill is moving down to Charles Wendell's lot by White Rock.

Jan 27 – Fair and mild for winter. Splitting wood in the forenoon. After dinner went with Edith to the Cottage Hospital to see Lizzie and found her much better and she is talking of coming home Monday.

Jan 28 – Fair and not very cold and no signs of snow. Winter is wearing away and there seems too many birds in the trees.

Jan 29 – Fair and mild. Blasting and splitting wood, Arthur helping.

Jan 30 – Fair and mild all day. It is much like the last of March and we fear the trees will start to grow and have cold weather and kill the buds.

Jan 31 – Fair and very mild for winter. Blasting and splitting wood for Woodman to saw. Arthur is cutting summer wood. Lizzie went down to see Marcia Drake at her father's.

Feb 1 – Fair and mild as before. The frost is coming out very slowly. Went to town at 9:40 to get groceries etc. They all say it is very dull in town and they are looking at one another on the streets.

Feb 2 – Fair and much colder, 6 below in the morning. Worked on the cart putting on a new hind piece and trying to make the hens lay. Got 3 dozen eggs today.

Feb 3 – Fair and very cold, zero in the morning with a west wind. Went to town at 2:40 to get some hot beans for supper and oysters etc. The car was full and it was warm enough.

Feb 4 – Fair and cold with a high southwest wind. The ground is bare and no signs of snow. There are many of the brown tailed moths on the trees and shall have to get them off soon.

Feb 5 – Cold and fair so I have to keep in out of it. Edgar Rand is sawing at his new steam mill. He bought a wood lot and is cutting it off. Arthur is doing the chores. (Edgar is the son of Jonathan J. Rand and is living on Wallis road.)

Feb 6 – Fair and cold with bare ground and solid wheeling. Blasted some logs and split them ready for Woodman to saw. Repaired the crosscut saw and lost 14 inches that were broken off by an accident.

Feb 7 – Fair and cold and shivery. Finished repairing the cart and is ready for hauling manure etc.

Feb 8 – Cold and clear, 3 below in the morning and cold all day. Went to town at 9:40 to get groceries and carried some eggs and sold them for 22 cents. In the afternoon went to see Oliver Winslow's house he is making out of a shed. Called to see Henry Rand and to see baby Florence. (Oliver's house is being built on Wallis Road across from the old Joseph P. Trefethen house.)

Feb 9 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and at 2 we have about 5 inches and enough for the sled to run. The cars are not filled with passengers on account of the storm. The railroads have had no snow shoveling this winter so far.

Feb 10 – Fair and cold with 8 inches of snow on the ground, enough for good sledding. Went to town at 2:40 to get food and got some hot beans and an Indian loaf for Sunday. Edith was in town.

Feb 11 – Fair and cold in the morning. Had a mild day for Sunday and the snow settled and made good sleighing but not many were out.

Feb 12 – Fair and cold much like winter. Finished hauling home the summer wood with Arthur helping. We got 3 loads which will make enough for the season. Edgar Rand is running his saw mill on full time. (Jonathan Jenness Rand House is the site of the lumber company)

Feb 13 – Fair and cold. Blasted a few logs ready for sawing up into firewood.

Feb 14 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Went to town at 9 to get things to do with including, a bushel basket, a bag of flour and a frying pan etc. There was no news. Paid Odd Fellows dues of \$4.00.

Feb 15 – Snowing all but not very fast so it does not gain much. We now have about 6 inches on the ground and it makes good sleighing. The railroad have 2 new cars, No.101 and No.102.

Feb 16 – No entry.

Feb 17 – No entry.

Feb 18 – Fair and cool. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 for a months' rent on the house on Lincoln Avenue.

Feb 19 – Fair and cold.

Feb 20 – No entry.

Feb 21 – Cutting and sawing summer wood with Arthur helping. Tonight sent for Woodman to saw that for winter.

Feb 22 – Dull and cloudy but not so cold. Woodman came and sawed my wood for the ensuing year, 5 cords for \$2.50. We were all glad to see it cut up.

Feb 23 – Fair and more mild but we expect as March approaches we shall have it rough. I want soon to gather the brown tailed moths' nests and burn them.

Feb 24 – Fair and cold with signs of a storm. Went to town at 2:40 to get beans and oysters for Sunday. It is rough traveling on wheels and none go that way who can help it.

Feb 25 – Fair and cold with a north wind. Charles Shannon and his grandson Charles called at 2:30 on his way to Chelsey. It was too cold for many to ride in the cars. (Charles, the elder's, son was Gaspar.)

Feb 26 – Fair and cold. Splitting some wood. Yeaton came and helped me an hour and then Herman sent for him to go to town to work. Woodman is sawing wood for the estate of Charles Main.

Feb 27 – Fair and cold and freezing all day. Splitting wood all day and as much as I could. I get tired so quick that I cannot do a great deal but think I am gaining.

Feb 28 – Fair and cold well down towards zero and a high northwest wind. Rough traveling with no snow in sight. February goes out with a kick to let March come in like a lion. If so it must go out like a lamb.

Mar 1 – Very cold, 8 above in the morning with a high northwest wind and shivery all day. Very few were out in it. Garland came and took eggs at 16 cents. Grain is lower so it is not so hard to get.

Mar 2 – Cold and windy in the morning but moderate so I split wood in the afternoon and have got well started with it. Yeaton was going to help me but was too cold for him.

Mar 3 – Fair in the forenoon then it came on to snow and rain and it rained through the night. Split wood in the forenoon and went to town at 2:40 and it stormed fast. Got some beans for Sunday and other things.

Mar 4 – Fair after the morning when there was about an inch of snow and it most all melted away before night.

Mar 5 – Fair and not very cold. Splitting wood but could not do much, Arthur helping.

Mar 6 – Fair and mild and signs of spring. The brown tailed moths' nests are numerous and we must get them off soon.

Mar 7 – Fair and mild for March. Split some wood. Went to town at 9:40 to get food etc. Had pain in my right side.

Mar 8 – Dull and cloudy all day. Split wood but was too lame to do much. Arthur was sawing and piling, Yeaton did not appear. Got off some of the brown tailed moths nests.

Mar 9 – Cold with a northeast wind in the forenoon. Then came on a high snow storm and continued all day. Went to town at 9:40 to sign a deed for Henry Rand. Got \$100.00 for Lizzie.

Mar 10 – Fair and cold with a northwest wind. Went to town at 2:40 to get beans and brown bread etc.

Mar 11 – Fair and cold all day. George Hayes came at 2:30 and paid me \$16.00 house rent. He is working on the Navy Yard but loses 1 day each week. Mrs. Martha Garland called.

Mar 12 – Cold in the morning. Cleared off some of the brown tailed moths nests. They are more plenty than last year and more are on the pear trees than any other.

Mar 13 – Fair and cold in the morning, 10 above. This was Election Day and there was a full house. The selectmen chosen were: George H. Brown, Charles D. Locke and Gilman Goss. Voted to raise \$11,000.00. Edith came to dinner.

Mar 14 – Fair and cold with a north wind and we wanted great coats and mittens. Went to town at 2:40 and saw George Webber and others. They say it is dull times and very quiet.

Mar 15 – Dull in the morning and then came on a furious snow storm. It was the worst this winter and very cold so that all had to get in out of it.

Mar 16 – Fair and not so cold. There is about on foot of snow on the ground and sleds and sleighs are going. The storm stopped travel on the electric road last night at 6 o clock.

Mar 17 – Fair and cold and windy. Good sleighing and the sleds are going with logs and lumber. Went to town at 2:40 to get beans and brown bread etc. The sleighs were flying. Edith and Mrs. Salter went.

Mar 18 – Fair and cold, near zero in the morning. The conductor left me a Sunday Globe to read the news of the world. There are 2 murder trials going on, one in Maine and one in Boston.

Mar 19 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Good sledding and some are using it hauling boards and logs. It is solid winter weather and cold enough to keep it. So we have to bear it and wait to have it warm enough to catch the brown tailed moths.

Mar 20 – A furious snow storm most of the day with a southeast wind and we are blocked with snow. The cars could get through till afternoon. They broke the snow plow.

Mar 21 – Fair and cold as winter with a northwest wind blowing. The storm reached all over the country, so say the papers. There were many ship wrecks with loss of life and fishing vessels suffered much.

Mar 22 – Fair and cold with snow squalls and plenty of snow on the ground. Garland came and took eggs at 17 cents and took pay for grain meal and corn at \$1.08 and oats were 90 cents per bag.

Mar 23 – Fair and cold and will pass for a winter day. Good sleighing and sledding but too cold for me to work out. Yeaton came at 9 for an hour. Abbie came at 10:30 to see Lizzie. She is better today.

Mar 24 – Fair and cold and good sledding and they are using it to haul wood and lumber. Went to town at 2:40 to get beans and brown bread for Sunday and papers and other things.

Mar 25 – Dull and some rain and so we had no visitors today.

Mar 26 – Fair and cool, March weather. There is still much snow to be soon and it must be some time before we can sow lettuce or plant cucumbers.

Mar 27 – Dull with signs of rain but none came. Got some moth nests off the trees and burnt them up to make ashes. I see by the papers they are plenty in Massachusetts.

Mar 28 – Fair and cold. Moses Clark died last night at 11:30 of heart failure. (Moses was Mary (Clark) Trefethen, Clara (Clark) Magraw and Abbie Clark's half-brother.) Went to town at 9:40 to market and saw Dick Miller and wife Ruth at Wendell's.

Mar 29 – Fair and bright and thawy. Lizzie is on the sick list and have to help her. Garland came and took eggs and orders for grain. Sold him 18 dozen at 17 cents but ought to get 19. They are higher in the market.

Mar 30 – Dull all day and rain came at 2. Went to town in the wagon. Got a wash boiler and many other articles. I had to hurry on account of the rain and it was very muddy on the road. Israel P. Miller and wife Ruth came at 2:30 for 2 hours.

Mar 31 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon but cleared off at 11. Moses Clark was buried at 2 in Portsmouth cemetery, aged 76 ½ years. Edith and I went to the funeral.

Apr 1 – Fair and cold with a high northwest wind. The ground is frozen solid and very rough.

Apr 2 – Fair and freezing cold in the forenoon.

Apr 3 – Fair and cold and all frozen up in the morning.

Apr 4 – Fair and cold for the season. Repaired the cart to be ready to haul seaweed and manure etc. Got most of the brown tailed moths off and burnt them.

Apr 5 – Dull with some rain. Went down to the sea with Roberts and got a load of seaweed at Pig Beach. There are big rolls of seaweed and not many hauling. Got some mussels for eating. Mrs. Garland came today.

Apr 6 – Fair and not so cold. Roberts hauled 4 loads of seaweed, 3 for me and one for himself. There is still quite a little at Pig Beach.

Apr 7 – Fair and chilly. Went to town at 9:40 to get food and other things. Saw George Webber and many others who are walking about. Split up some wood and cleared up round the wood pile.

Apr 8 – Fair and cold for this time of the year. Had the Sunday Globe left for me today by another conductor as Nelson is off.

Apr 9 – Fair and chilly. Cleaned out the hen's house and got a good pile of manure for the garden, Arthur helping. Mrs. Salter had sold her farm and moved into Charles Rand's house.

Apr 10 – Fair and pleasant. Got some brown tailed moths nests off the trees and burnt them to prevent their hatching.

Apr 11 – Fair and cold and chilly. With Austin helping we changed the cart and we hauled a load of hay to town for wood. I went up on the car to see about it.

Apr 12 – Fair and cool. The frost is mostly out of the ground and dug parsnips for dinner. Mrs. Garland is here with Lizzie.

Apr 13 – Fair and warmer and more like spring. We hauled 2 loads of hay to Wood Brothers. Austin handled it and got along well with bad wheeling. Edith came at 2 with baby and we had a good time. Lizzie went to town.

Apr 14 – Fair and cool and we hauled one load of hay to Wood Brothers. In the afternoon Austin hauled a load for John E. Odiorne and engaged a load for Monday. There is quite a demand for hay.

Apr 15 – Dull and rainy all day with a south wind and not many riding.

Apr 16 – Fair and cool. Trimmed up peach trees and dug around them and shall dress them with hens manure etc.

Apr 17 – Fair and cool. Raked the covering off the strawberries and they are looking well and I hope to get some in time. The ground is wet.

Apr 18 – Fair. Got more brown tails off the trees. They are hatching now. Set out 2 peach trees that came up last season. There seems to be some peach blossoms alive and plums are live.

Apr 19 - Fair and Cool. Hauled 3 loads of seaweed for the potatoes, Raymond helping. Got it at Pig Beach. There was an earthquake in San Francisco that nearly destroyed the city and fire started all over the city and \$300,000,000.00 destroyed.

Apr 20 – Fair. Went to town in the forenoon. Some are plowing and planting pear and potatoes. Went to get the horse shod and called at Henry Rand's, he was sowing peas. Edith and baby came at 2 for the afternoon. Charles H. Rand's wife was buried at 2:30, age 68. (She was Jane A. (Clough) Rand and the daughter of Nathan and Abigail (Marden) Clough.)

Apr 21 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 9 to get things. Got 100 lbs. of Bowker's fertilizer for potatoes etc. In the afternoon hauled out 6 loads of manure where the plowing is to be done for the garden and potatoes.

Apr 22 – Fair and warmer and the trees are pushing out their buds.

Apr 23 – Fair and cool. Dug up my lettuce bed and sowed at after putting in the horse manure.

Apr 24 – Fair and cool for the season. The loss of life in San Francisco is very great, 330 killed and more than half of the city destroyed and there has been money sent to them from all the world.

Apr 25 – Trimming and dressing peach trees and finished the brown tailed moths. Hoeing among the strawberries etc.

Apr 26 – Fair and cool. Yeaton came up and we got ready and went to the sea and hauled 4 loads of seaweed, 2 for him and 2 for me. We got 3 at Pig Beach and one at High Beach.

Apr 27 – Yeaton came and we plowed the garden patch in front and harrowed it and furrowed it for 3 rows of peas. After dinner sowed the peas and set out the potatoes and onions.

Apr 28 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 9 to get things. Afternoon sowed beets and spinach and lettuce etc.

Apr 29 – Fair and warmer with bright sunshine.

Apr 30 – Dull and some sprinkling. Charles and Yeaton came and plowed my 2 lots for planting. So I shall be ready when it gets dry enough.

May 1 – Fair and some warmer. Went to town and got some early Rose and some New Queen potatoes to plant and also some corrosive sublimate to soak the potatoes in to prevent scab. Bought a new hoe at 45 cents.

May 2 – Fair. Sowing seeds in the garden and getting stones off so I can use the Planet Jr. garden hoe. Also weeding out the strawberries and dressed them with hen manure.

May 3 – Fair and cool. Went to the sea with Charles Yeaton and got a load of seaweed for him. Went over to see Oliver Winslow and he gave me some Red potatoes. They have 240 chickens.

May 4 – Fair and warm. Harrowed my ground for planting and cleared up. Austin came at 5:30 and furrowed it for planting. It was quite warm at night. My strawberries are coming on in good shape.

May 5 – Fair and warming. Planted potatoes in the further field with the help of Raymond and Arthur and 4 rows in front of the house. Went to town at 2 to get shells and other things.

May 6 – Fair and warmer which starts the grass and the trees growing. My peas are up and starting in good shape.

May 7 – Fair and cool. Mr. Roberts came for the horse to haul wood from Emery Woodman's. Got ready to plant the last of my potatoes and sowed some onions.

May 8 – Fair and warmer. Finished planting my potatoes and got the grass and weeds out of the strawberries and got manure in place for sweet corn.

May 9 – Fair and cool. Went to town in the wagon to get flour and other things to keep the machine going. Washed the buggy wagon.

May 10 – Fair and very cold in the morning. There was ice in the troth and shivery cold. Hauled out 3 loads of manure and spread it on the potatoes that are planted.

May 11 – Fair and cold in the morning, 33. Hoed peas and onions and got ready for planting sweet corn.

May 12 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 9 to get news and articles to sustain life. After dinner planted beans and some cucumbers, Arthur helping.

May 13 – Very warm, 80 in the shade. Had a Boston Sunday Globe, very little news. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours, Herman with his wife and baby after that. Yeaton came to talk.

(Herman's wife is Charlotte (Odiorne)Trefethen. Herman's first wife Anna Louise (Odiorne) died in 1900. The baby's name is Horace.)

May 14 – Fair and cooler. Planted sweet corn etc. in the forenoon. After dinner went down to get ready to concrete the cellar of the corner house and got ready for the cement.

May 15 – Fair. Went to town and got 3 barrels of cement and got well along with the concreting, Roberts and Arthur helping.

May 16 – Fair and cool. Finished the concreting in the cellar of the corner house and cleaned up round it and had one barrel of cement left.

May 17 – Fair. Planted beans and cucumbers etc. Hoed peas and onions.

May 18 – Fair and cool. Went to town. Charles raked the rocks out of the road and put them in the lane.

May 19 – Fair and very warm, 80 at noon and all were distressed with the heat. Went to town at 9 in the wagon to get groceries and other things. It was very warm.

May 20 – Fair, cool in the morning with frost at 36. Martha went to town to church. Yeaton came up at 11.

May 21 – Fair and cool with frost in the morning. Hoeing in the garden and other jobs. Brought home outside windows from Seavey's house.

May 22 – Fair and cold in the morning with frost. Have hoed my peas 2 times. Sweet corn is coming up and potatoes are also pushing out of the ground.

May 23 – Fair and warm and the trees are coming out. There will be a plenty of apple and pear bloth. Trees are all full and my strawberries are looking fine and will have blossoms in plenty.

May 24 – Fair and dry and warm. Weeding and hoeing in the garden and a good time to kill weeds. Jenness Rand is hauling logs to his son's mill at his home. (Jonathan Jenness Rand is the father of Edgar who recently built the mill on the family property on Wallis road.)

May 25 – Dull and showery all day. Worked in the shop at odd jobs. Arthur was up and we put ashes in the hen houses and kerosene on the roosts and other jobs. The rain was a great blessing to the crops.

May 26 – Dull and wet in the morning then cleared off warm. Went to town at 8:30 to get tomatoes etc. and saw everybody. Got 2 boxes of tomatoes and set them out and got \$1.00 worth of flowers for the front of the house and Lizzie set them out.

May 27 – Dull and rainy all day so I had to keep out of it. There was plenty of water to soak the ground well and all nature will drink its fill.

May 28 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and it was a steady rain and all the low land is covered with water. Went to town at 10 to get the news and meat. James R. Connell died yesterday of heart disease, age 57. The cars were not crowded. (James R. was a watchmaker and also did eyeglasses in Portsmouth.)

May 29 – The storm continued through the night and cleared off at 10 with everything soaking wet. We have water enough to keep everything going for some time.

May 30 – Memorial Day and they had a celebration in Portsmouth and decorated the graves. Hoeing the peas and one row of potatoes.

May 31 – Fair and warm and good growing weather. Hoeing in the garden and set out some cabbages for early. The sweet corn is up well and strawberries are well bloomed and looking well.

Jun 1 – Very warm and we sweat freely hoeing potatoes in the further field. They are not up very well yet so we went over the piece with a steel rake.

Jun 2 – Fair and warm, hot. Went to town at 8:30 to the market in the wagon. Saw George Webber and many others. The garden is doing well.

Jun 3 – Fair and warm with a west wind. At 9:30 George Hayes came and we went to ride over the boulevard from Odiorne's Point to Rye Harbor. It is nearly done. Saw George Ayers. Hayes paid me a months' rent.

Jun 4 – Fair and hot and we were hoeing and sweating, Arthur helping. The ground is filled with water and where it is low there is mud. Had a shower in the evening.

Jun 5 – Warm and fair. It is the best of grass growing weather and it seems there will be a big hay crop. Blue grass is a pest this year.

Jun 6 – Dull and wet in the morning then cleared off. We were hoeing in front of the house, potatoes, sweet corn and onions etc. At 2 Bert Drake came with my tax bill, \$46.00 and I paid it after discounting the amount was \$44.48.

Jun 7 – A regular northeast rain and cooler and too wet to hoe. We had a shower at night. Israel Putnam Miller died of this afternoon at 4. He was 70 years old and died of mouth cancer. (Israel was the son-in-law of George and Clara Raynes and was married to their daughter Ruth.)

Jun 8 – Dull and wet all day. Showery with thunder. Set out some tomato plants. It is the best of grass weather and it grows fast. Potatoes and corn are slow and there are plenty of potato bugs.

Jun 9 – Warm and fine growing weather. Went to town at 9:30 to market and got home at 10:30. Heard that Levi Hall died yesterday in Malden, Mass. Hoeing potatoes with Arthur in the further field. (Levi was the husband of Lucena J. (Trefethen) Hall. She was the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and Dorothy "Dolly" (Marden) Trefethen and Supply's cousin.)

Jun 10 – Fair and hot with a west wind. At 2 we went to town. Israel Putnam Miller was buried in Portsmouth and there were many at the funeral.

Jun 11 – Fair and cool with a west wind. Hoeing in the further field and went over the piece of potatoes, they do not grow much.

Jun 12 – Fair and cool in the morning with frost. Hoeing all day. Levi Hall was brought from Malden and buried in Portsmouth, age 67.

Jun 13 – Fair and cool in the morning. Hoeing in front of the house with Arthur helping. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get seeds etc. Planted squashes and cucumbers.

Jun 14 – Fair and cool for the season. Hoeing and weeding. My peas are looking well and fully blossomed. There are some peaches starting and grapes.

Jun 15 – Fair but not very warm. The vines cannot grow but corn does better than anything. Hoeing and weeding in the garden. Went over to see Harrison Salter and Henry Rand. Salter says there will be no Baldwin apples.

Jun 16 – Fair and quite warm. Went to town at 8:30 to market and there were many in town. There was a cheap circus there and in the street parade 3 elephants and some bears and lions.

Jun 17 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and a great amount of water fell. There is no riding on the cars or on wheels.

Jun 18 – The storm continued all night and all day. It was the most water of any storm of the season fell. In many places the brown tailed moths are cleaning the trees of leaves. There are none in this vicinity.

Jun 19 – Dull in the forenoon then cleared off warm. At 3 went with Charles Yeaton after clams and got ½ peck. They are very scarce and we fear they will go all together.

Jun 20 – Fair and warm and very wet. The low ground is flooded and vegetation grows slow. There will be a fair crop of grass but cannot tell what else will come.

Jun 21 – Fair and cool for the season. Went to town on the car at 9:40 to get the news etc. I found that I weigh as much as usual, 165 lbs. and am trying to keep down my weight as low as safe.

Jun 22 – Fair and warm and a good day for hoeing and we improved it by going over all we could. Potatoes are getting along very well but other things need warm weather.

Jun 23 – Dull all day and rain came at 2. Went to town at 8 to market. Not a great crowd in town, signs of rain kept them away.

Jun 24 – Dull in the forenoon after a night of showers. We now have it soaking wetter than ever and it is cold for the season and crops are backward.

Jun 25 – Fair and warm. We improved it by hoeing the potatoes in the further field to kill the weeds. I could do very well at hoeing and Arthur can do much better now.

Jun 26 – Fair and warm and we improved it by getting wood in the shed and got about ½ in and well piled. Raymond and Arthur helping.

Jun 27 – Fair and we finished getting in the wood and have the shed well filled for winter. Hoeing some in the garden.

Jun 28 – Charles Yeaton began cutting grass for me and cut back of the house and in front under the trees. I helped a very little but could not do much and get tired so quick.

Jun 29 – Fair. Yeaton cut most of the further field and we got the rake down and raked up the back of the house and in front. We had to repair the rake and we changed the cart.

Jun 30 – Dull all day and rain came on at 2 and ran through the day and we could do nothing at haying but cut. Yeaton finished the further field and cut in the garden. Went to town at 8 to market. Shannon called.

Jul 1 – Dull in the morning then cleared off and pleasant. It rained half the night so that the low ground is soaking wet.

Jul 2 – Dull and wet all day except 2 hours and got Yeaton 2 hours.

Jul 3 – Fair and we opened all we had and got in 3 loads of hay. Yeaton cut ½ of the lot in back of Abbie's. We had a shower at night.

Jul 4 – Dull and showery in the forenoon and at night it cleared off with a northwest wind. Yeaton finished cutting back of Abbie's, ¾ of a day. The glorious but very quiet day.

Jul 5 – Fair and a very good hay day. Yeaton finished cutting the lot by Seavey's and at night we raked up all back of Abbie's and part of Seavey's and got a load from the further field.

Jul 6 – Fair and a good hay day and we improved it. Yeaton cut in front of Charles, Arthur and Raymond helped me. We opened and turned all by Abbie's and by Charles Seavey's and stirred up all the other and we got in 4 loads and were happy.

Jul 7 – Fair and pleasant and a good hay day. Went to town at 8 to get feed. We got in 4 loads and finished up by Seavey's and got in 2 loads in front of Hannah's. So now there is only 5 bunches down.

Jul 8 – Dull and warm with some fog and signs of dullness.

Jul 9 – Dull with fog and sprinkling in the forenoon and cleared off at noon but not very drying.

Jul 10 – Fair most of the day but not very good hay weather. Got in a small load of hay in front of Charles.

Jul 11 – Fair and hot. We were hoeing and putting on Paris Green on potatoes in the further field and got them done for a while and they are growing well now.

Jul 12 – Warm and pleasant. Hoeing in the garden. Barnum and Bailey's Circus was in town today and was said to have a large crowd. Went to town to get groceries.

Jul 13 – Fair and warm and we were hoeing and weeding. Edith and her children were here in the afternoon and made out the day. Baby Florence is getting along well and can run about and talks some.

Jul 14 – Fair and warm and a good hay day. Much hay was got in but I have done no haying this week. Went to town at 8.

Jul 15 – Fair and warm. Lizzie went over to see Jennie and also Oliver Winslow's new house. Hayes came down and we went to ride over past Main and Winchester's farms. They have not done much haying.

Jul 16 – Fair and warm and good weather for haying. At night we had a heavy shower.

Jul 17 – Fair and cooler. The shower last night made the low ground wet as ever and we cannot do haying.

Jul 18 – Warm. Austin came and cut by hand above the barn and ground the rocks and I stood by to see results. I have engaged Canney to cut with the machine.

Jul 19 – Fair and warm. Austin cut what he could with the scythe. Amos came at 2 and cut above the barn over to the end of the land, 2 hours. Austin got in one load.

Jul 20 – Fair and warm but not very drying. Got in 4 loads above the barn and had Amos finish cut with the machine. All cut on the south side of the road.

Jul 21 – Dull all day with some fog. So we could not get any in. Had Austin mowing all day and he has got well along with it. Went to town at 8 to get something to eat. New potatoes are 35 cents a peck.

Jul 22 – Fair and hot and drying. So that my hay will dry well to go in tomorrow. There is much more haying to be done yet. A horse rake went down by here today at noon.

Jul 23 – Dull and wet most of the day. The weeds grow fast but the cucumbers are slow in growing. Have not had anything to eat yet but there are small ones coming.

Jul 24 – Fair part of the day and we got in one load and hope for better tomorrow. There is much haying to be done yet.

Jul 25 – Fair and we had a very good day to finish. We hauled in the last load and changed the cart and put the rake up overhead.

Jul 26 – Fair and hot with blazing sun. Went to town at 8 to get the news etc. Garland came and took eggs at 25 cents a dozen.

Jul 27 – Fair and warm. Went to the sea and got a load of seaweed for the hens to work in. Hoeing the garden.

Jul 28 – Fair and warm. Went to town and got mackerel etc. Potatoes are \$1.20 a bushel. Many have finished haying and got a large crop.

Jul 29 – Fair and hot for Sunday. Mr. Hayes came and we had a smoke and talked about the Great West and other subjects.

Jul 30 – Fair and warm. Yeaton came up at night and helped Austin plow my pea patch for celery and turnips.

Jul 31 – Fair part of the day but most of the time dull and cloudy. Went to town to get celery plants.

Aug 1 – Cloudy most of the time. Set out my celery plants where peas grew. We put in manure to make them grow. Corn is growing well now and we hope for some to eat.

Aug 2 – There were 2 picnics today, one at Howard Rand's and one at Hampton Beach.

Aug 3 – Cloudy most of the day. We dug the first bushel of potatoes for market and also the first bushel of apples. There were not many for sale today. Tis said that potatoes will be scarce and high this fall as they run smaller than usual.

Aug 4 – Dull and rainy all the forenoon. Went to town and carried one bushel of potatoes at 85 cents and one of apples at 40 cents, sold to Carroll. There were not many in town today on account of rain.

Aug 5 - Dull and wet most of the day and it is good weather for weeds to grow. We had plenty of cucumbers for the first time this year.

Aug 6 – Rainy in the forenoon. Picked a bushel of apples and dug one bushel of potatoes and got ready to go to town.

Aug 7 – Fair and hot. Went to town with one bushel of apples and one of potatoes. There is a call for good apples but they are scarce because they do not grow large this year.

Aug 8 – Fair and hot. Digging potatoes and picking apples. Edith and baby and Bessie were over for ½ day.

Aug 9 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples and potatoes. Caught a wood chuck in the potato patch in front. He was living on beans.

Aug 10 – Fair and hot and muggy. We dug 2 bushels of potatoes and picked 2 of apples. Red Astrachans are not doing well at all. They are soft and small and rot quick.

Aug 11 – Fair and hot. Went to town to market and got \$2.80 cents for potatoes and 75 cents for apples. We picked more apples. Hett came down and took the old tombile away to town.

Aug 12 – Fair and warm with a northwest wind and a good chance to breathe and good growing weather.

Aug 13 – Fair and hot and dry. Went to town with 1 bushel of potatoes at 80 cents and one bushel of apples at 50 cents. There is a call for potatoes but apples go hard because so many have them.

Aug 14 – Fair and hot. Went to town with 1 bushel of potatoes and one of Red Astrachan apples. They are hard to sell but potatoes are wanted.

Aug 15 – Fair and hot. Went to town at 8:30 with potatoes and apples. The beach business is in full strength.

Aug 16 – Hot and dry with a southwest wind. Dug and picked 3 bushels of potatoes and 2 of apples. Did not go to town. Ann Maria lost a cow by extreme weakness. It is a serious loss to her.

Aug 17 – Very hot and dry. The dust is like fog and is stirred up by the “Tombiles”. Went to town and carried 1 bushel of potatoes and one of apples. Jake Criss was down at 2 and at 3 we went to the sea.

Aug 18 – Fair and very hot, 96 in the shade. Went to town at 8 with 3 bushels of apples and 5 gallons of vinegar to Jake Criss. Sold apples to Sam Moses and Pearson. This was as hot as any day this season.

Aug 19 – Fair and very hot and dry, 92 in the shade most of the day and so had to keep shady.

Aug 20 – Fair and hot and dry. We picked some apples and killed wees in the garden. Tried to make the tomatoes ripen but they are slow in turning red.

Aug 21 – We had a slight shower in the night that laid the dust and revived vegetation a little but we would like to have much more. Went to town with apples etc.

Aug 22 – Fair and very hot. Went to town at 8 with apples and potatoes. Saw Robert Green and many strangers. The boarding season is coming to an end.

Aug 23 – Fair and very hot and sweltering. We could not do much in the heat. It is quite dry and dusty and Tombiles are plenty to stir up the dust.

Aug 24 – Fair and hot in the forenoon. After noon Lizzie and Edith went up to the hospital. At 9:30 we had a heavy shower with much lightning and thunder. Gilman D. was affected by the lightning.

Aug 25 – Fair and cooler. Went to town to market. Jake Criss was down. Paul Haines was hurt by the lightning.

Aug 26 – Cooler and more comfortable.

Aug 27 – Fair and very hot, 90 in the shade. Picking early apples for the market but they are low in price, 50 cents a bushel. We have finished up the potatoes and have 10 bushels in the cellar.

Aug 28 – Fair and hot. Went to town with apples and potatoes the last potatoes of the year. They did not turn out as well as I expected.

Aug 29 – Fair after a slight shower. Getting ready to clean out the ditches, Yeaton will help.

Aug 30 – Fair and warm. We began cleaning out the main ditch through the low ground, Yeaton helping. Built new openings through the two walls and cut the bushes in Joe Langdon's.

Aug 31 – Fair. Yeaton worked in the ditch and got down through Ann Trefethen's lot and into the field in front of Hannah's. Got in 2 loads of the second crop.

Sep 1 – Cooler with a high northwest wind. Yeaton is digging out the ditch in front of Hannah's. There is much grass in it. Went to town at 8 to get feed. (Hannah (Trefethen) Lang is the daughter of Charles F. Trefethen and is living in her parents' house, which is now the 390 Sagamore road house.)

Sep 2 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes was here to get eggs at 28 cents a dozen.

Sep 3 – Fair and warm as July. Charles Yeaton finished the ditch so that the water can run off freely.

Sep 4 – Fair and hot. We are doing odd jobs around the plantation. The crops are not heavy. The cucumbers are killed by the dust and it reaches a long distance.

Sep 5 – Hot and dry. Weeding out the strawberries for fall and picked apples for the market. Edith and babies were over for 2 ½ hours. Florence is now 1 ½ years old and active.

Sep 6 – Fair and warm and very dry on the top of the ground. I have to water my celery every day. Went to town at 8 with apples to market at 50 cents per bushel.

Sep 7 – Fair and hot. Got the hardwood in with Raymond and Arthur helping. So now it can dry out for winter. There are 2 tiers and will be good in zero weather.

Sep 8 – Fair as usual. Went to town at 9 to get groceries etc. At night went to town hall to the Republican caucus to choose delegates to the convention.

Sep 9 – Fair and hot as ever. William Varney came to get catnip for his cat and also a drink of cider and some apples to eat. Jennie came at night with Frances.

Sep 10 – Dull but no rain.

Sep 11 – Fair and hot as July and August.

Sep 12 – Fair and warm as ever and we are doing chores round and killing weeds.

Sep 13 – Fair. Picked apples and peaches and hoed celery and it seems to grow very well. I have no cucumbers to slice and the vines are all dried.

Sep 14 – Fair as usual and it has been that way for a long time and it looks dry for the future.

Sep 15 – Fair and pleasant. Went to town to market. Sold apples and pears at a low price. Yeaton was cleaning out the ditch in front of Hannah's.

Sep 16 – Fair and warm. Mr. Hayes came down at 2:30 for 2 hours to see the plantation and he paid me \$16.00 rent money. He is anxious to have some lettuce seed for next season.

Sep 17 – Fair and hot as usual. Went to town with one bushel of peaches and one of apples.

Sep 18 – Fair as ever.

Sep 19 – Fair and warm. Hauled gravel to put around the house where Seavey lives to shed the water from the underpinning.

Sep 20 – Fair and warm as ever. Went to town with a bushel of tomatoes, got 75 cents. Also one bushel of apples. Pulled and dug up weeds.

Sep 21 – Fair and hot for the time of year. Picking apples etc. At 4 we finished picking the peaches. I got in all 5 bushels sold at \$2.00 per bushel and sold ½ bushel to Frank J. Trefethen's wife Margaret.

Sep 22 – Fair in the forenoon then came up dull and rain came quite freely to help us. Went to town with one of apples at 40 cents and ½ bushel of peaches at 75 cents. Raymond was picking Baldwin apples for me and we got about 3 barrels today.

Sep 23 – Fair and hot as usual after a very good rain yesterday and last night. It revived the vegetables and washed the fruit and the grapes are ripening.

Sep 24 – Fair and mild. Yeaton harrowed the potato ground and I sowed it to grass seed this forenoon. Picked apples and green tomatoes.

Sep 25 – Fair and warm. Went to town with pie apples and green tomatoes and ½ bushel of Gravenstine. Picked Baldwins and some King apples. The Rochester Fair is on for 4 days.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm and we picked more of the King apples. I shall get 3 barrels of nice large ones. They are fair and good and I have engaged one barrel to Tom Entwistle at \$2.00. Baldwins sell for \$0.25 without the barrel.

Sep 27 – Dull and rainy most of the day and so I had to work in the carriage house. Picked over the fruit and getting vinegar ready for Jake Criss.

Sep 28 – Fair and very pleasant. Went to town and carried 5 gallons of vinegar to Jake Criss and ½ bushel of apples. Sold one bushel of green tomatoes to Pearson. Also one bushel of pie apples to Carroll.

Sep 29 – Fair and cooler. Went to town and carried one bushel of green tomatoes to Pearson also ¼ to Clara Raynes. Raymond was picking apples for me all day and I now have 11 barrels put in the carriage house.

Sep 30 – Fair and cooler and there has been no travel. We had a sprinkling in the night.

Oct 1 – Fair and cool October weather. Picked greening apples and pears for the market and got ready to go in the morning. Apples are growing now and are large and fair compared with last year.

Oct 2 – Fair and cool. Went to town with pears and apples. One barrel to Pearson at \$2.00. Tompkins County King pears are 50 cents a bushel. Green tomatoes are \$1.00 a bushel and in great demand.

Oct 3 – Fair and warmer. Picking apples all day and are getting along slowly. The trees are so high we get tired quick. Baldwins are plenty in Rye and towns around here sell for \$1.50 per barrel with the barrel.

Oct 4 – Foggy in the morning and cleared off at 10. Went to town with green tomatoes and pears and apples. All are picking their apples now. We picked some after dinner and we got in about 300 lbs. of squashes.

Oct 5 – Fair as usual and cool and foggy. Went to town in the morning with a barrel of apples to Milton Gardner and pears to Pearson. Picked apples with Raymond helping.

Oct 6 – Some fog. Went to town with apples to Frank Magraw, 2 barrels at \$1.25. Engaged a barrel of Baldwins to Tom Entwistle. Picked apples all the afternoon with Raymond helping. We now have 13 barrels ahead.

Oct 7 – Fair quite cool with a west wind after a rainy night which was a great help to the fields. George Hayes came and paid me \$16.00 a month's rent. Charles Shannon came for 2 hours.

Oct 8 – Fair and cold. Went to town with apples and pears to Pearson. Afternoon picked apples and got ready for tomorrow. Paid my tax of \$49.50 in the city of Portsmouth.

Oct 9 – Fair and frosty in the morning. Went to town with 2 barrels of pears to Tom Entwistle. Picked over apples for others.

Oct 10 – Fair and cold with frost. Then rain came on furiously and we had a good soaker. We picked over apples ready for market.

Oct 11 – Fair and cooler. Went to town with apples to Tom Entwistle's daughter Maude Isabel on Cabot Street. Picked more apples and want to get them all off. (Thomas Entwistle, 1840-1922. Served in the Civil War: 3rd NH, Sergeant Co. D Enlisted 7/25/1861. Appt. Corporal 8/1/1862, wounded 7/10/1863 Morris Island SC, Portsmouth City Marshall, Chief of Police and N.H. legislator.)

Oct 12 – Fair and cold and heavy frost with ice in the troth. Went to town with 3 barrels of apples to the janitor of the court house and promised 2 more at \$1.25 per barrel.

Oct 13 – Fair and cold, freezing in the morning. Went to town with apples to Ben Atwell. Engaged 2 more barrels to go to 13 Washington Street. In the afternoon we about finished picking, Raymond helping with Arthur. Lizzie went to town.

Oct 14 – Fair with a heavy frost and cold but was warmer at noon. The leaves are falling and changing color.

Oct 15 – Fair and cool. Went to town with squashes to Carroll and grapes to Sam Moses.

Oct 16 – Fair and mild. Went to town at 8 and carried apples to Charles Elsworth on Lincoln and some to Mrs. Hayes, opposite.

Oct 17 – Fair and cool. Went to town with 2 barrels of apples to a man on 13 Washington Street at \$1.25 per barrel. Bought scraps and barley.

Oct 18 – Fair and not cold. Picking apples and about 400 other jobs. Got in carrots and beets.

Oct 19 – Dull with clouds and fog. Picked apples and have got about done. Jim Perkins is buying cider apples at 10 cents a bushel but it is too mean business for me to haul them to the Greenland depot.

Oct 20 – Dull with clouds. Went to town at 8 to market and carried ½ bushel of pears to Ben Atwell for 35 cents.

Oct 21 – Dull and signs of rain but none came. Jennie came for 2 hours with Louise. (Louise is Gilman D. Trefethen's daughter.)

Oct 22 – Dull all day without rain. Went to town with apples to Grace Yeaton and grapes to Sam Moses. The Superior court is in session but not many cases on the docket. Put about ½ of my celery in the cellar in trenches well.

Oct 23 – Dull and fog is in the distance. Herman O. fell while at work at the Navy Yard yesterday. He fell about 15 feet landing on the concrete floor and was hurt quite bad being bruised on the head, shoulders and knee.

Oct 24 – Dull and cold. Picking apples and cleaning up round generally.

Oct 25 – Fair and cold. Went up to see Herman and found that he is getting along much better than was expected.

Oct 26 – Working on the house on Lincoln Avenue with Irving helping to mend the shingling and to paper the sitting room.

Oct 27 – Dull and wet but we finished the papering in town and got home before dark.

Oct 28 – Fair and cool as October. Charles Seavey came up and paid me a months' rent ending November 1st.

Oct 29 – Fair and cold. I finished picking apples and got them in. Yeaton picked a barrel of russets for Ida Seavey. Charles Wendell is getting his mill ready to grind and make cider.

Oct 30 – Dull and cold with an east wind. Baby was sick yesterday and I went over to see her and found her much better. Arthur put my cider apples in bags ready for the mill.

Oct 31 – Dull and rainy with a northeast wind so I had to work in the shop. There was not much driving today. My hens laid 5 eggs today. That was the most they have in a week. They are now getting their feathers.

Nov 1 – Dull and chilly cold and had to keep out of the wind to be comfortable, signs of a storm.

Nov 2 – Snow and rain most of the day, the first of the season. I had to keep in out of it.

Nov 3 – Fair and bright. Went to town with 100 weight of squashes to Carroll at 1 cent a pound. All were talking about politics. All think New Hampshire will go Republican.

Nov 4 – Fair, cool and pleasant, but no traveling. William C. Walker called in the afternoon to inquire about the election next Tuesday. Got my cider made yesterday at Wendell's.

Nov 5 – Fair and cool. All are getting ready for the election tomorrow.

Nov 6 – Fair and pleasant. It was Election Day and the Republicans chose their representative by a 39 majority, William C. Walker. Democrats 102 and the Republicans 141.

Nov 7 – Fair and not cold. Went to town to hear from the election. Massachusetts and New York chose Republican governors beating Moran and Hearst.

Nov 8 – Fair and cold. Went to town with 3 barrels of apples and got some cracked corn. Saw George Webber and he is very lame with rheumatism in the knee and sick in other ways and has lost 25 lbs. in weight.

Nov 9 – Cloudy and dull all day. Cleaning up round, banked up the cellar case, cleaned out the drains and got in the ladders. Set up the sitting room stove and had the first fire. (Banking: To weatherproof the foundation of a building or barn or other structure for the winter by piling earth, branches, straw, or the like against it.)

Nov 10 – Cloudy all day. Went to town to get groceries etc. the President sailed yesterday for Panama to examine the canal route.

Nov 11 – Dull and rainy all day. Mr. Hayes came at 2:30 for 2 hours to smoke and look around. Mr. Seavey came up for a call.

Nov 12 – Fair and cool. Went to town to carry some apples to Grace Yeaton and Mrs. Raynes, also a jug of new cider.

Nov 13 - Fair. It is now fall and all are getting their work done before the old weather. Making cider and getting apples to market.

Nov 14 – Dull and cool. Put the storm windows on the Seavey house with George helping. Ida Seavey is at Concord at the sanitarium for treatment.

Nov 15 – Dull all day and rain came at 3:30 furiously from the northeast. This was the night set for the Republican celebration at the hall. There was but few that went on account of the storm.

Nov 16 – Dull in the forenoon but cleared off at noon. The Republicans had their supper at the hall last night with a very small party on account of the rain.

Nov 17 – Fair and cool and had but little to do. At 2:40 went to town to get beans and brown bread. Russell went with me to get some things for his mother.

Nov 18 – Dull and cloudy all day but not cold. With bare ground and no frost we are hoping the snow will keep off till Christmas.

Nov 19 – Herbert Canney has gone up country after deer with others.

Nov 20 – Fair and not cold. Went over to Edith's and carried apples for the children. Baby has some cold but is better than yesterday.

Nov 21 – Dull and rainy all day so I kept in out of it. Canney has got home with one deer. One of the gang got two.

Nov 22 – Fair and good November weather. Went to town on the car to get something for dinner and glass for the Seavey house. After dinner set 2 lights of glass in the house where Seavey lives. Edith came today.

Nov 23 – Fair and cool. Repairing the wagon etc. Charles Yeaton hauled a load of sand to build his chimney, he had my horse. I am exercising the hens to get eggs.

Nov 24 – Fair and cold. Went to town in the wagon to get feed for the hens to make them lay the Christmas eggs. I got 10 eggs today with 100 hens and pullets. Eggs are higher than ever at 44 cents a dozen.

Nov 25 – Fair and not cold but good November weather and but little riding.

Nov 26 – Dull and rainy all day with an east wind. So I had to keep in out of it. Exercising the hens and feeding wheat and scraps and cracked corn with plenty of shells and gravel.

Nov 27 – Dull and rainy all day. Killed a rooster for the dinner, Thanksgiving Day. Eggs are higher than ever at 44 cent a dozen at the door. The President has just returned from Panama after examining the canal.

Nov 28 – Dull with some rain all day so I could not work outside. Fixing the hens quarters so they may be warm. They still refuse to lay more but they have a plenty to eat and they are to blame.

Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Day. Rainy all day as yesterday so I could not do much. Wanted to go up and see George Webber but too wet. Driving the hens around for exercise.

Nov 30 – Not very pleasant. Went to town to get oats.

Dec 1 – Cloudy and quite mild. At one went up to see George Webber and found him in bed and quite lame with rheumatic with a swelled knee but not painful. Edith came home with me from town.

Dec 2 – Fair and cold. The coldest so far, 12 above with a high northwest wind and bare ground and all frozen up solid.

Dec 3 – A high northwest wind and very cold all day, 12 above and snowy some all the time. Yeaton had the horse to haul pine spills for banking and said his feet were cold all day Sunday. This will try the cellars but will make ice.

Dec 4 – Fair and cold as ever, 4 above with a strong wind and the snow flying so that all who could be kept in near a fire. Very few teams going because it was too rough. Heard that Ella Rand wants to sell the farm. (Martha Ella (Parker) Rand was the wife of Charles W. Rand living on Wallis Road.)

Dec 5 – Cold and windy. Went to town and got 2 bags of cracked corn.

Dec 6 – Dull with snow and rain all day. So I had to keep out of it. Joseph O. Ham was buried today at 3:30, age 70 and 8 months. Samuel P. Treadwell is dead at 91 and Andrew Preston, age 51.

Dec 7 – Fair with a high northwest wind. Got the horse sharp shod, Jim Rand did the job. Went to see Edith and baby Florence and they were well. Irving was building a storm house for George Remick. (George is married to Nellie C. (Trefethen) who is the daughter of Dennis Hill Trefethen.)

Dec 8 – Very cold, 8 below with a strong northwest wind and also very slippery. We have to keep near the fire.

Dec 9 – Very cold, zero weather with light and dry snow. The ground is lightly covered with snow and ice. The ice men can soon get their ice. It is now 10 inches thick and growing thicker every day.

Dec 10 – Very cold, below zero in the morning. It began to snow and soon rain and snow fell all day. There was 2 inches on the ground and then it began to freeze and ran down to zero and was solid and slippery. Went to town and paid for coal at \$13.00 from Walker.

Dec 11 – Fair and very cold. Went to Jim Rand's (blacksmith) and to Edith's. Yeaton came up and we put the sled together to get ready for wooding.

Dec 12 – Fair and cold, 4 below in the morning. Began to regular wood getting today. Yeaton doing the cutting in the lower lot and hauled home 4 loads. It was good slipping with 2 inches of snow and ice.

Dec 13 – Cloudy and cold and continued the wood. Yeaton helping and we got 4 loads more home today and 2 or 3 more cut and ready. Emery Woodman had a bad attack of heart trouble and the doctor said he was liable to go soon.

Dec 14 – Fair and cold all day. Yeaton was cutting and I was hauling home all day and got 4 loads and about enough of the pine wood. It has been the best of sledding and easy work.

Dec 15 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town at 9:40 to get things to keep life going. Went on the car to keep dry. In Portsmouth all are singing for Christmas shoppers.

Dec 16 – Dull all day but no rain. The sleighing is not damaged much yet and we hope it will freeze tonight to keep it along. Eggs are 44 cents a dozen at the door but my hens refuse to do much yet.

Dec 17 – Dull all day and not cold. Went to town and got a shoe put on the horse and got cracked corn and scraps for the hens to try to make them lay. I only get 3 or 4 eggs a day now.

Dec 18 – Fair for a wonder and the sledding holds good as ever. Yeaton is cutting hardwood in the Varrell lot for me today and if the traveling holds will soon be done. Edward Varrell is home from States Prison after 3 years.

Dec 19 – Cloudy and cold all day, 4 below in the morning. Yeaton hauled home the wood from the Varrell lot and now I am about done hauling wood for the year. It is now the best of sledding.

Dec 20 – Cold and dull with signs of snow. Went to town at 9:40 to get oysters etc. The stores are all banked up with Christmas trash and the meat stores are full of turkeys.

Dec 21 – Fair and cold with plenty of ice and good slipping. Arthur is cutting up summer wood.

Dec 22 – Cloudy but not cold. Went to town at 2:40 to get baked beans and other articles. The streets were full of buyers of all ages and they came from all directions for Christmas shopping.

Dec 23 – Dull and we had 10 inches of snow fall last night and it is damp and sticky. They run the snow plow over the railroad to clear the tracks.

Dec 24 – Fair and cold with some wind. Looking for Christmas tomorrow. Lizzie went to town at 2:40 to see the town. Edith gave me a pair of buckskin mittens and Lizzie a shirt.

(Emery Woodman died on this day. He was a lifelong resident of Rye.)

Dec 25 – Fair and cold as Christmas, so we kept near the fire. Lizzie and I had a good chicken for dinner. Charles Yeaton came up very hungry so Lizzie gave him part of it with fixings.

Dec 26 – Partly cloudy and cold. The day after Christmas and rather quiet. Trying to drive the hens up to work. Got 11 eggs today which is the most of any day. The best of sleighing.

Dec 27 – Fair and cold but more pleasant than usual. Yeaton hauled a load of coal for me today from town at \$6.50 per ton. Emery Woodman was buried today at 2, aged 81 and 11 months.

Dec 28 – Fair and more mild and it is the best sledding. Arthur was cutting summer wood. Charles Shannon called to get a drink of cider and some apples. Edith came.

Dec 29 – Fair and mild and thawing. Went to town at 8:30 in the sleigh to get articles for Sunday and Monday. Arthur is cutting the summer wood. I shall have to get more yet.

Dec 30 – Dull all day with signs of rain but none came. It is mild and thaws some and does not act like cold in the near future. There is 5 or 6 inches of snow and the best of sleighing.

Dec 31 – Dull and rainy all day and the most of last night. The skunks are round with their perfume, a sign of a broken winter. I want more summer wood but too wet to get it today.

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Jan 1 – Fair and mild with very little snow on the ground, jobbing round. At 2:25 Mr. Hayes came to pay his rent of \$16.00 and went back at 4:40.

Jan 2 – Dull and rainy most of the day after a heavy shower in the night. Charles Seavey came up and paid me \$10.00 rent money. There are many calls for money at this time. Went to town at 9.

Jan 3 – Cloudy most of the day but not cold. Cutting summer wood in the back pasture with Arthur helping. Hauled home one load. Lizzie went to town to get the news.

Jan 4 – Dull and rainy all day, worked in the shop. Yeaton came and he is cutting wood for Edward Seavey. Edith was over last night with Bessie and Russell. Baby Florence is well they said.

Jan 5 – Fair and not cold. Went to town to get things and see the town. It was rather quiet and not many in town.

Jan 6 – Fair and mild and thawing with no snow on the ground. The railroad folks were repairing wires and bracing the trolley. Lizzie went to see Jennie.

Jan 7 – Dull and rainy all day and worked in the shop. Repairing the cart harness.

Jan 8 – Fair and mild. Went to town to get powder and fuse for splitting the logs.

Jan 9 – Fair and not cold. Blasting and splitting logs.

Jan 10 – Fair and not cold with bare ground. Blasting logs to make firewood. Woodman is sawing for Joseph William Seavey. Mr. Odiorne is splitting his up.

Jan 11 – Fair and cold. Split some wood in the forenoon, Arthur was sawing. Heard of Kennard Miller's death. Lizzie and Edith went to town to see Grace Yeaton and Ruth Miller. (Kennard was the grandson of George and Clara Raynes and the son of Israel and Ruth (Raynes) Miller.)

Jan 12 – Dull with snow and rain all day. Went to town at 9:40 to get bread and other things. There were few in town on account of the storm. Charles E. has a bad cold.

Jan 13 – Fair and pleasant with about 3 inches of snow on the ground. Kennard W. Miller was buried today, age 22. He died of consumption up in the mountains. (Many thought that living in cottages or sanatoriums in the mountains would help cure consumption (TB) at that time. The claims were unfounded.)

Jan 14 – Dull but not cold. Blasted some logs for wood but they did not open very well. The powder was too weak. I want to get Chauncey Woodman to saw it for the stove.

Jan 15 – Dull and cold. News came of a great earthquake in Jamaica Island destroying Kingston, the capital city and killing 1000 people. Yeaton hauled logs to mill for me. (The 1907 Kingston earthquake which shook the capital of the island of Jamaica is described by the United States Geological Survey as one of the world's deadliest earthquakes recorded in history.)

Jan 16 – Very cold and windy so had to keep out of it. The car windows were frosted and no looking out. Chauncey Woodman is getting ready to harvest his ice.

Jan 17 - Cold, 10 below zero and a cold wind. This was the coldest day in 30 years they say. It was 30 below in some places in New Hampshire. We have 3 inches of snow and the best of sleighing.

Jan 18 – Cloudy and cold. Blasted a few logs. At 1:30 went over to see Edith and baby and they are well. Called to see Henry Rand and wife Mary. She is troubled with sore eyes and has difficulty in seeing.

Jan 19 – Dull and rain came at 1 and is melting the snow. Went to town on the car to get feed and news of the day. Thomas W. Rand is sick in Rye and many in Portsmouth.

Jan 20 – Dull all day and thawing and the snow is most gone. Lizzie went to see Abbie. Jennie came with Louise.

Jan 21 – Dull but not very cold. There is bare ground and rough traveling.

Jan 22 – Cloudy and dark and snow came at 11 and continued all day. Went to town to see the town and all said it was cold. Apples are \$1.40 a barrel.

Jan 23 – Fair and the coldest, 11 below in the morning and held cold all day. Yeaton came up and gave Lizzie some cranberries. He said he had a very bad cold and a sore throat. Got 19 eggs today.

Jan 24 – Fair and colder than ever, 18 below in the morning with 3 or 4 inches of snow and hard sleighing.

Jan 25 – Very cold, 8 below in the morning. Dark and snowing and it looks like the arctic regions. Went to town at 9:40 to get oysters and other foods. Saw Edith in town getting rubbers for Russell.

Jan 26 – Dull and snowy all day and very cold, 4 below in the morning. So did not go to town but kept out of it. Looking after the hens and horse. Sent to town to get papers by Raymond.

Jan 27 – Fair and cold but the sun shone bright and we are hoping for more mild weather. We have about one foot of snow and very dry and light. If the wind blows it will fly.

Jan 28 – Fair and cold, below zero in the morning. Lizzie went to town to get news and Muresco. Jack Hodgdon came and got eggs at 32 cents a dozen. I get about 18 eggs a day with 100 hens. (In 1892, Benjamin Moore introduced a new paint sensation. It was called Muresco paint. This superior white paint became the best-selling calcimine paint in the United States in the early part of the twentieth century.)

Jan 29 – Fair and pleasant and cold. Edith came at 11 for the day. We had beef steak for dinner. She reported that the baby is well and all the family. People are hauling coal to keep up the fire.

Jan 30 – Fair and more mild but not thawing. There is about one foot of snow and very good sleighing. Lizzie went to town this afternoon to get me some medicine.

Jan 31 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning. Garland came and took eggs at 30 cents and took orders for grain. Joseph W. Odiorne goes eeling.

Feb 1 – Dull and cold and we had a job to thaw the pump out to get water. It is the best of sledding. My hens are doing a little better. I got 24 eggs today the most of any day this winter.

Feb 2 – Fair and more mild and thawing some. Everything is covered with ice and the sun is making water of it. Emmons Clark is hauling logs to the mill.

Feb 3 – Fair and cold and shivery. Charles Seavey came up and paid me \$10.00 for rent money in the afternoon. Mr. Hayes came and paid me \$20.00 due me for rent of the house in town.

Feb 4 – Cold and cloudy all day. Went to town after dinner and bought pants and a vest of Beane and Company. Heard that George Webber is at the Cottage Hospital for treatment.

Feb 5 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and very cold. So we kept out of it and looked at it through the windows. We now have about 18 inches of snow.

Feb 6 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and the roads filled with snow and hard traveling.

Feb 7 – Fair and cold and we can do nothing on the wood as I want to get it ready for Woodman to saw for the stove.

Feb 8 – Dull and cold with some snow. We can do very little except keep the fire going and feed the hens. I get 22 to 25 eggs a day from about 100 hens.

Feb 9 – Dull with many clouds. Went to town at 9:40 on the car to get needed groceries etc. Roberts has got home from Lawrence. Charles Yeaton went at 1 to get me a load of coal for the sitting room. He also got a trunk for Roberts.

Feb 10 – Dull and cold and snowing most of the day and it proved to be rather a day of blues. But we lived through it and had a plenty to eat and drink and 2 good fires.

Feb 11 – Fair and very cold all day and I had to keep out of it. Charles wife Ida Seavey came home at 7:30 from Manchester.

Feb 12 – Very cold, 6 below in the morning and did not go up to 10 above all day. Charles Yeaton was here whitening ceilings of the rooms. He went over the sitting room, kitchen and dining room with Muresco.

Feb 13 – Fair and very cold, 6 below in the morning. Roberts had the horse to go to town to get 2 boxes and ½ bushel of potatoes at 40 cents. Irving is at the saw mill working.

Feb 14 – Fair and mild and much warmer and the snow settled. Afternoon went over to the Cottage Hospital to see George Webber. He is there with a broken leg and has much pain. Edith came over in the afternoon.

Feb 15 – Fair and cool but not bad to work in. Shoveling out round the wood to get it ready to saw for the stove. The sledding is good and some are hauling logs to the mill. Emmons Clark was hauling boards home.

Feb 16 – Partly cloudy all day but no storm. Went to town at 9:40 to the market. It was quiet in town and not many visitors. Split some wood for the saw. Raymond sawed the tree in back of the barn and hauled it down to Hannah's.

Feb 17 – Dull and snowing all day but not cold. Winter is still with us and prospect good for it to hold on till its time runs out. Got 32 eggs today.

Feb 18 – Fair and we are blocked up with snow that fell on yesterday. The early car did not go till they ran the snow plow. Went to town at 1:40 to get news. It is very dull in town and they are looking at one another.

Feb 19 – Dull all day with more snow and they broke out the roads for travel. John E. and Izette were over in the afternoon and went home in a snow storm. (John Edwin and Izette are children of John Adams Trefethen and cousins of Supply.)

Feb 20 – Fair and not warm. Shoveled out the paths and the mailman came at noon and got news from Boston and Concord of many accidents on the railroad and a large steamer was sunk on Long Island Sound, 125 lost.

Feb 21 – Fair and a little more mild. Three inches of snow fell last night making more shoveling. Garland came and took eggs at 28 cents, grain is \$1.20. My wood is buried in snow and can't get at it to cut it up. Got 30 eggs today.

Feb 22 – Very cold, 2 below in the morning with a high northwest wind. We have now 18 inches of snow and prospect of more winter, good sledding. It is a holiday, the birth of Washington.

Feb 23 – Fair and very cold, 14 below in the morning and it was cold all day with a northwest wind. Went to town at 9:40 to get groceries etc. There was not many in town.

Feb 24 – Very cold, 10 below in the morning and it was cold all day but the sun was clear and we hope for the better tomorrow. The snow is very hard and firm as ice.

Feb 25 – Fair after snow all night and 6 inches fell and we had a high northwest wind and drifted badly. The cars did not run from noon till 5:30. Then the snow plow went through and cleared the way. Two cars were stalled at Lang's corner.

Feb 26 – Fair and cold as usual. The railroad is getting cleared and into shape. All roads are blocked up. Went to town at 9:40 on the car that had been no further than Lang's corner.

Feb 27 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and we can do nothing but care for the horse and the fowls of the air. They are scrimped with the cold and find it hard to rally.

Feb 28 – Fair and cold, 4 below zero in the morning and a cold wind, good sleighing. Garland came and took eggs at 28 cents and left grain at a higher price. Eggs are hard to get and we have 30 a day.

Mar 1 – Very cold, below zero in the morning. My wood is all buried in snow and I cannot get at it to saw up but live in hopes as March has come.

Mar 2 – Dull all day with a very little rain and not enough to affect the snow. Went to town at 9:40 to get groceries etc. There were a few in town looking at one another. The snow and ice is more than a foot above the sidewalk.

Mar 3 – Fair after the slight rain of yesterday but it is not thawing much and we still have a large amount of snow and hope it will soon go.

Mar 4 – Fair and cold, zero in the morning and good sleighing.

Mar 5 – Fair and cold with a northeast wind blowing as hard as ever.

Mar 6 – Fair and cold as ever and a prospect of a continuation.

Mar 7 – Dull and wet all day and the snow went off slowly but surely. We hope it will soon be bare ground again so we can do something on the ground. There is still much snow in the road.

Mar 8 – Cold, zero in the morning with the prospect of continued cold. I have to keep in out of the cold.

Mar 9 – Dull all day. Went to town to get groceries etc. Heard that George Webber is worse and is to be brought home next Tuesday. His broken bone does not heal and is in a diseased state.

Mar 10 – Dull and cold all day. Mr. Hayes came for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00 rent for a month. He is still at work on the yard and he took eggs and apples.

Mar 11 – Fair and not so cold and we hope winter has broken. We can feel the fires through the day.

Mar 12 – Election Day and not so cold. The Republicans elected all the officers. Selectmen are; George H. Brown, Charles Locke and Newell Marden. They raised \$11,000.00 for town charges.

Mar 13 – Cloudy but not so cold and thawing some. The snow goes slowly into water.

Mar 14 – Dull and rainy all day and worked in the shop. Austin finished the papering in the sitting room for Lizzie. Heard that Isaac D. Rand died last night of Pneumonia. (Isaac Dow Rand was 78 years old.)

Mar 15 – Fair and thawing. Cutting summer wood in front of John E. Odiorne's, Arthur helping. We cut a good load but too much snow to haul it yet. I shall want some more later.

Mar 16 – Fair and mild and thawing. Went to town at 9:40 to market on the car and found many in town to get ready for Sunday. The sleighing is going but many went in sleighs. Isaac Rand was buried today.

Mar 17 – Fair and thawing some. There is not much going today being bad traveling. Mr. William McGregor died Friday at George Remick's and is to be buried tomorrow in Portsmouth. Lizzie has gone over to see Jennie. (William McGregor was 69 years old and died of the Gripp (flu). He is buried in the South Street Cemetery in Portsmouth. He was married to Abbie A. (Caswell).

Mar 18 – Fair, mild and pleasant and the snow is going off. Sawing and splitting wood. Yeaton and Arthur are helping and we made good progress. Heard that Clarence Canney was very sick with lung trouble.

Mar 19 – Dull all day and at 3 a furious snow storm came on with a southeast wind and ran into the night. Heard that Orin Drake is sick with asthma. Emmons Clark is to kill his pig on Thursday.

Mar 20 - Fair and we continued on the wood and are making good progress. I think we have a plenty for the year and of good quality. We still need a good fire to warm up the chilly nights and mornings.

Mar 21 – Fair and mild all day. Yeaton helped Emmons Clark kill his pig in the forenoon. I went to town to get the news etc. Yeaton came in the afternoon and got well along with the sawing.

Mar 22 – Fair and mild and we continued working up the wood. Yeaton came all day and finished sawing and we got well along with the splitting. I did what I could but no a great deal.

Mar 23 – Fair and warm and the most spring like of any yet. We finished working up the wood at noon and I paid Yeaton \$7.00 for his part. Went to town at 2:40 to get ready for Sunday. The snow is most gone.

Mar 24 – Dull and at 9 a furious northeast snow storm came on and ran through the day.

Mar 25 – We had 8 inches of snow this morning and sleds were going. The butcher was on runners.

Mar 26 – Fair and pleasant. Hauled a load of summer wood from in front of John Odiorne's. The sledding was very good.

Mar 27 – Fair and the snow goes off fast. Cut up the summer wood on hand and want some more.

Mar 28 – Fair and warm and muddy. Cutting up summer wood. Garland came and took eggs at 16 cents and left grain. Albert M. Walker died this morning, age about 80.

Mar 29 – Fair and warm. Clearing up around the wood pile and lane and getting off the moth nests. We got 1 peck today and they are plenty in all directions. (A peck is about one quarter of a bushel basket.)

Mar 30 – Fair and warm and the frost is coming out. Went to town in the wagon. Got fresh fish and flour etc. and a new pair of rubber boots for \$3.50. After dinner went up to see George Webber and found him sick with a broken leg.

Mar 31 – Fair and warm and the sun is shining bright.

Apr 1 – A regular northeast snow storm all day and into the night. So I had to work in the shop at making harrow teeth. The snow was damp. Went to town before night to change rubber boots.

Apr 2 – Fair and cold in the forenoon. Lewis Odiorne and wife Augusta went past in a sleigh. There was 3 inches of snow in the forenoon but at night it was half gone and we hope all will be gone tomorrow.

Apr 3 – Fair and the snow is going off. Gathered brown tailed moths in the garden. Got most of them there and put them in the fire. There are more than ever this year.

Apr 4 – Fair and pleasant. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed, the first of the season, Raymond helping. We got it at Pig Beach for potatoes and cabbages etc.

Apr 5 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Repaired the cart for hauling seaweed. Charles Yeaton came and helped a little. I have got a hen ready to set.

Apr 6 – Cold and fair. Went to town in the car to keep out of the wind. Heard that George Webber was worse and signs of mind weakening. Gathered some of the brown moths to burn.

Apr 7 – Fair and pleasant but freezing cold in the morning and it made us shiver. The car carried a load to town to go to church. Got some eggs of Alvedah and set a hen last night. (Alvedah is Oliver Winslow Trefethen's wife.)

Apr 8 – Dull and cold with a northeast wind. At noon a regular snow storm came on and ran through the day and into the night. It gave us 3 or 4 inches of snow and we try to keep warm with one coal fire and one of wood.

Apr 9 – Dull and snowing most of the day. At 3 it came on more furious than ever with a cold northeast wind. There is about 4 inches of snow and very damp. Went to town at 9:40 on the car and it was a shivery day in Portsmouth.

Apr 10 – Dull and snowy most of the day and it was very good sledding. There were sleighs and sleds going most of the day. Lewis Odiorne and Augusta went past in a sleigh. We have 4 or 5 inches of snow and no signs of fair weather. (Lewis and Augusta are living next door to Oliver Winslow Trefethen on Wallis road.)

Apr 11 – Dull and snowing some in the morning but cleared up at noon. Went to the blacksmiths and got the horse shod and left an order for 7 cultivator teeth. Then went to town to get paper.

Apr 12 – Fair and warmer and the snow is melting some. Hauled one load of seaweed in the forenoon and Roberts hauled one for me after dinner. Gathered some of the moth's nests. Mary E. Odiorne died today at 3. (Mary was a lifelong resident of Rye and the daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Norton) Odiorne and the sister of John E. Odiorne. She was living with John at the bottom of the hill below Trefethen's Corner and was 85 years old.)

Apr 13 – Dull and snowing all day but does not gain much. Went to town at 9:40 to get refreshments and it was wet and sloppy. Heard that Danny Jenness's wife has had paralysis. George Webber is very low.

Apr 14 – Fair and cold. Hayes came for 2 hours and paid me \$16.00; he is still working on the yard.

Apr 15 – Fair and cool. Getting the brown tailed moths off back of the house. Charles Yeaton has a new pole for getting them off and is to help me.

Apr 16 – Dull and snowy, covering the ground. Went to town to get some things. The snow all went off before night.

Apr 17 – Fair and cold for the season. We are now hoping for warm weather to get in the seed. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed.

Apr 18 – Fair and chilly. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed with Raymond for help. It is rather scarce now. Arthur cut the old plum tree into wood.

Apr 19 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed from the Sands, Raymond helping. They are working on the highway near John Odiorne's.

Apr 20 – Fair and cold, freezing in the morning. Went to town to market and got a cod fish. Got 1 bushel of early potatoes of Pat Shay. Got shapes and bolts to rig up my new cultivator.

Apr 21 – Fair and cold and freezing, 24 in the morning.

Apr 22 – Fair and cold. Hauled 2 loads of seaweed, Raymond helping.

Apr 23 – Dull and rainy most of the day. Worked on the new cultivator and got ready for steel points.

Apr 24 – Fair and cool. Spread the seaweed and got ready for plowing the ground. Justin Rand has agreed to do it for me. (Justin is the son of Henry and Mary Rand of Wallis Road. He is 22 years old.)

Apr 25 – Fair and cool for the season. Fast Day. Went to town and hauled a load of rocks and repaired the underpinning of the barn and cellar case, Yeaton helping. Put up the sled and plowed the garden patch and furrowed for peas.

Apr 26 – Cloudy. Went to town and got the cultivator teeth, phosphate and 2 kinds of peas, Gradus and Admiral Dewey. Planted 2 rows of the Gradus and one row of potatoes.

Apr 27 – Fair and cool. Papered the parlor at the corner house, Austin helping and got done at 5. Cyrus Roberts lives there now. Went to town at 5:40 to get news etc.

Apr 28 – Dull and cold with a north wind and signs of rain. The buds are swelling some but slowly. Grass looks green in places.

Apr 29 – Fair and cold in the morning. Set out multiplier onions and sowed onion seed and some beets and cabbages. In the afternoon Justin came and broke up my piece for potatoes, Sherman helping. (Sherman is Justin Rand's little brother who is 9 years old.)

Apr 30 – Fair and cold and frosty. Set out the strawberries and ready for a start. My lettuce is up and coming along. Hauled out 6 loads of manure for potatoes.

May 1 – Fair and cold and frosty. Sowed lettuce, tomatoes and other seeds. In the afternoon hauled out 6 loads of manure for potatoes and cabbages from Burpees seed store. (Atlee Burpee Company was the first research seed company in the United States. They brought to market a lettuce that stayed crisp longer than other varieties, now known as 'Iceberg lettuce'.)

May 2 – Cloudy and cold, freezing in the morning. Harrowed the new ground with the spike tooth and went to town and got some corrosive sublimate to soak the potatoes to kill scab.

May 3 – Fair and freezing in the morning. Used my new harrow for the first time. In the afternoon harrowed the new ground with the new harrow and it did a good work, Raymond was the driver.

May 4 – Rainy most of the day and cold enough to snow. Went to town at 9:40 to the market and got some halibut of nice quality. Inquired for Irish Cobbler potatoes at Lang's at \$1.00 per bushel. Tried my new cultivator and it worked well.

May 5 – Fair and cold, freezing in the morning with a cold northwest wind. We fear the fruit crop will be cut short. There are some apple blossom buds but not plenty.

May 6 – Fair and cold and not much growth going on. The grass shows up green and it does not seem to fear the cold.

May 7 – Fair. Went to town in the wagon and got fish and seeds etc. for planting. The season is still backward and cold so there is not much growing visible. We are hoping for warmer weather.

May 8 – Fair and a little more mild. Planted the balance of my potatoes in the further field and in front of the house. Among the rest was on bushel of Irish Cobbler and one of the July potatoes.

May 9 – Fair. Hewing some sticks for the platform. In the afternoon went down to High Beach and got a load of gravel for the hens and also got some mussels to steam.

May 10 – Fair and pleasant and more mild than any before. Planted 8 hills of cucumbers and sowed carrots and parsnips. Also planted a row of butter beans. In the afternoon hauled out a load of hens manure for the cabbages and cleared up in front of Hannah's.

May 11 – A northeast rain and snow storm and cold. We read of snow in Boston and a severe snow storm in Michigan and Canada and other places. Went to town on the car with an overcoat.

May 12 – Fair and very cold this morning. The ground was frozen and it was shivery with a north cold wind.

May 13 – Fair and cool. Planted some sweet corn. In the afternoon hauled out a load of hens manure on the patch for cabbages and hauled a load of turf from in front of Hannah's in the yard. George S. Webber died today.

May 14 – Dull and wet. Got the screen doors down to repair and varnish. Oiled the harness ready for use and cleaned the wagon etc.

May 15 – Fair and more mild. Went to town and got a fish and other things. In the afternoon went to George S. Webber's funeral at 2 at his house at the Plains. He was 79 years old.

May 16 – Dull and wet and we had a nice little shower which starts vegetation. Hoed my peas and one row of potatoes and got ready to plant more cucumbers. Set up bean poles etc. and my onion, lettuce and spinach are up.

May 17 – Fair and cool. Harrowed my cabbage patch ready to plant. Trimmed apple trees, sowed a row of mangolds 100 feet long, hoed peas and onions etc. Charles Shannon called at noon on his way to Chelsea. He is employed in Boston's yard as a ships watch.

May 18 – Fair but not very warm. Went to town and called to see Jake Criss. Saw many in town and got some R. I. Red eggs to set of Tom Lecky. Ordered some White Leghorns of Same Dixon of Eliot. (R. I. Hens are Rhode Island Red hens and are prolific egg layers. White Leghorns were originally called Italians. For us older folks we would know one as "Foghorn Leghorn".)

May 19 – Fair and more like summer weather. The birds are plenty and are all singing. The trees are pushing out the leaves but there are no blossoms except on the Cherry trees.

May 20 – Fair and cold.

May 21 – Fair and cold in the morning.

May 22 – Fair, cold and freezing in the morning. Went to town and got 3 boxes of tomatoes and put them in the carriage house. Got some eggs of Sam Dixon at 75 cents a setting.

May 23 – Fair and cold, freezing in the morning. The ground is very dry and things in the garden do not grow. Planted pole beans etc. My row of potatoes are getting along well. Washed and painted the wagon.

May 24 – Fair and cold in the morning and frosty. Finished painting the wagon and put it together and ready for use when needed. I have now 26 chickens and 5 hens setting and more ready.

May 25 – Fair and cold in the morning. Ice was found in the pen where the chickens were. Went to town to the market and wore mittens and a winter coat. In the afternoon planted cucumbers and hoed the garden.

May 26 – Dull and cloudy all day and rain came on at 3 and continued into the night.

May 27 – The storm continued all day and we had a good rain that wet down well. Worked in the shop making chicken cages and other jobs.

May 28 – Cold and windy and we worked in the chicken house. Also cleaned up the barn and carriage house. I have 28 chickens and 6 hens sitting.

May 29 – Cold and fair with a high northwest wind. Went to town to see the town. There were many getting ready for Memorial Day tomorrow. Planted some peas and set out some tomatoes, 3 boxes.

May 30 – Fair and cold. Memorial Day. They had a celebration in Portsmouth and many went. Clara Raynes came down here to get clear of it. Lizzie went up with the others.

May 31 – Fair and drying and the top of the ground is very dry. Hoeing over the ground to kill weeds and planted some beans, hoed tomatoes and cared for the chickens. I have 33 new with 6 hens sitting.

Jun 1 – Fair and mild and more like spring. Went to town at 9 to market and see the town. Got a nice fresh cod fish for dinner. In the afternoon hoeing in the garden and planted some beans and cucumbers. Sowed parsnips.

Jun 2 – Dull all day and rain came at about 1. Charles Seavey received word that his wife Ida was worse at Manchester and he went up to see about it and carried her to Concord asylum.

Jun 3 – Hoeing potatoes in the further field. The potatoes they are not more than half up and many shall have to be replanted. Used the wheel hoe to cultivate with. It is very cold and backward for the season.

Jun 4 – Cold and dull and quite wet now. Hoeing over in front of the house potatoes and corn but they are not up well and it is so cold that nothing can grow. Apple blossoms are coming out now slowly. The strawberries are blossomed some.

Jun 5 – Cloudy all day. Hoeing in the garden and planted sweet corn and weeding onions. It was showery all the afternoon and worked in the shop. Yeaton had the horse and borrowed to harrow his garden.

Jun 6 – Cloudy most of the day without rain. Went to town on the car at 9 to see the town but there were but few people in town. It was cool for the season and all are finding fault with the backward spring. Went down to the sea at 2 to get mussels and a load of rockweed.

Jun 7 – Fair and not so cold. Weeding onions and hoeing peas and a row of 36 hills of potatoes on which buds are forming. Hope to get a mess by July 4th. I have got 33 chickens and 6 hens sitting.

Jun 8 – Fair and cool. Went to town at 8 to the market. Got some Hebron potatoes to plant where others missed coming. We put in some of them in the further lot. The apple trees are just bloomed out.

Jun 9 – Fair and cool in the forenoon and showery all after noon. Mr. Hayes came at 9:25 and paid me one month's rent. After that we went over past Main and Winchesters farms and up to Greenland to see his friend near Haines corner. They are later with farm work than we are in Rye.

Jun 10 – Fair and cool. Planting potatoes where they failed to come up using early Hebron's. Charles Seavey's wife is still at Concord.

Jun 11 – Showery part of the day. Finished planting missing potatoes, 1 ½ bushels. Hoeing peas and potatoes and lettuce.

Jun 12 – Fair and cold in the morning. Working in the garden after going to town. Got some yellow turnip seeds. Cucumbers are not coming well, too cold. The cabbages are up well.

Jun 13 – Fair and cold and cold enough for frost in the morning. Hoeing potatoes in the further field and got ½ done. I now have 61 chickens of all ages with 3 more hens sitting and 2 to set.

Jun 14 – Fair and some warmer.

Jun 15 – Fair and not cold. Went to town at 8:30 to the market. After noon hoed the cabbages and some potatoes. Planted a row of squashes beside the cabbages to keep them buried.

Jun 16 – Fair and very hot, 80 in the shade and the hottest day of the season. The cars were loaded and 2 were run at each hour.

Jun 17 – Fair and hot 75 in the shade. Hoeing in the garden most of the day and got weeds out of the potatoes and beans etc.

Jun 18 – Fair and very hot, 100 in the shade at 2 and we had to keep out of it. At 3 clouds began to appear and it was a little cooler.

Jun 19 – Fair and cooler after the most furious thunder storm last night which struck in all directions. We had a good little shower which was very much needed and all vegetation starts anew.

Jun 20 – Fair and hot. Working in the garden all day and have got the weeds out of most of the rows. The onions are doing well and I have a plenty of lettuce. The cucumbers are now up and growing. Guss Caswell had paralysis.

Jun 21 – Fair and warm. Hoeing potatoes and got them well along. They are growing well now and we are cutting out the grass and weeds. Got Raymond to help me cultivating them.

Jun 22 – Fair and hot with a south wind. Went to town to see the town and get meat, bread and fish. Finished hoeing the potatoes and hoed corn and now are well ahead of weeds.

Jun 23 – Fair and hot. George Hayes came at 4 for an hour.

Jun 24 – Hot as usual. Guss Caswell died this morning early of paralysis. (Augustus “Guss” Caswell died from a cerebral hemorrhage from Bright’s Disease. He was 60 years old.)

Jun 25 – Fair and hot and we were sweating freely in hoeing potatoes. We also went all through the onions and beets. I find it is much easier and better to go over them often. Weeding out the strawberries.

Jun 26 – Fair and cooler after the most furious thunder storm in years. The ground is as hard as possible and we have to go over all to loosen it up so things can grow.

Jun 27 – Fair and hot. Went to town in the forenoon to get cracked corn, at \$1.30 a bag. They are repairing the elevator that was burned the other day. Guss Caswell’s funeral was held at 2 at the church.

Jun 28 – Fair and warm. Hoeing all day potatoes, beans and cabbages etc. Cut worms are very plenty. We got the rock cart ready for haying. Yeaton called to say he would help in haying.

Jun 29 – Fair in the morning and warm. Then came cloudy and dull. Went to town to market and to see the town. The summer boarders have come in large numbers. The Wentworth opened today with a crowd.

Jun 30 – Dull and wet all day after a rainy night that has knocked the grass down badly for the machine.

Jul 1 – Fair with a northwest wind. We began the regular haying and Charles Yeaton cut the back of the house and in front under the trees. Got the rake down and ready for work.

Jul 2 – Fair but not drying. Yeaton was mowing around Abbie's and in the afternoon Herbert Canney came and cut the lower lot, the corner field and the further field. He also raked up in front and back of the house.

Jul 3 – Fair but not drying. Got one load in back of the house and turned and raked up all cut. Am ready for good weather.

Jul 4 - Fair and the best hay day of the week and we got in 5 loads. Cleared back of Abbie's and by Seavey's and one load in front and one load in the further lot. Herbert Canney came at 2:45 and cut all on the north side of the road.

Jul 5 – Fair and nice hay weather and Canney's man came and finished cutting for me. So it is all down and will be dry some time. There is a light crop and not of the best quality. (Canney's man was Isaac Dallas Foss and was a farm laborer and a well-known resident of Rye. He was the son of Joseph and Johanna (Frisbee) Foss. He passed away at 93 years old in 1939.)

Jul 6 – Fair and good haying weather and we improved it by getting in all we could, 7 loads. We raked all the other up and shall get it in as soon as it is dry. Went to town at 8 to the market.

Jul 7 – Dull and showery all day after a furious thunder storm in the night. There was much water fell and the ground is soaked.

Jul 8 – Dull and wet most of the day. So we set out cabbage plants among the potatoes and in cabbage rows, they are growing fast. The strawberries are ripening and are large and full.

Jul 9 – Fair in the morning and we opened the hay and got it ready to go in. At noon we had 2 showers that stopped work on it. We set out tomatoes and more cabbage plants and are done with that.

Jul 10 – Fair and bright with a west wind. We stirred up the hay and after dinner hauled it all in and finished the haying for the season and will rest.

Jul 11 – Fair in the morning but soon came up cloudy and rain at 3. So it passed for a hay day and we hoed the garden. Went to town at 8:40 to get things. Picked 4 quarts of strawberries. Bessie and Russell came. (Elizabeth "Bessie" is 12 and Russell is 8 at this time.)

Jul 12 – Dull and very rainy all day. Working in the shop and at night had a chance to put tar paper on the roof of the chicken house and cleaned it out.

Jul 13 – Fair with a west wind and a good hay day. Went to town in the wagon and got a fish. Went to the depot and got a chair and groceries for Lizzie that came from Buffalo.

Jul 14 – Fair and a good drying day. Most people have hay down. The cars are loaded and the tombiles are numerous.

Jul 15 – Dull and some fog. Hoeing cabbages and squashes in the garden and tending the chickens. I have now about 100 and they are growing well.

Jul 16 – Fair and good hay weather and all are at work on it. Hoeing corn and beans and other garden stuff. The onions are growing well with plenty of lettuce. Very hot, 90 in the shade.

Jul 17 – Fair with good haying weather. The cucumbers are coming along well and hope soon to have some. Blossoms have appeared. Very hot.

Jul 18 – Fair and hot and good hay weather. Sowing turnips and killing weeds. The corn shows the spindle and grows fast. Cabbages are growing fast and covering the ground.

Jul 19 – Fair and hot but the potatoes grow fast and the new ones are nice to eat with peas, beets and lettuce to mix in. Hoeing the garden to kill weeds.

Jul 20 – Cloudy but no rain. Went to town at 8 to get grain etc. Very warm and many have died in Boston from the heat.

Jul 21 – Fair with a northwest wind. Mr. Hayes came and we went the length of the boulevard to the Goss road. Wesley Foss was tending salt hay. The Ocean Wave House is full of boarders and all the cottages are occupied.

Jul 22 – Dull and foggy in the forenoon but cleared off at 3. Hoeing cabbages and squashes and cucumbers.

Jul 23 – Dull and foggy in the forenoon and not good hay weather. So there is not much done at that business. There is a great amount to be cut some time later.

Jul 24 – Fair and comfortable. Hoeing in the garden with potatoes, tomatoes and all other kinds of truck. (Truck; was defined as “market garden produce”.) Sowed turnip seed and pulled pears.

Jul 25 – Cool and fair. Went to town at 9 on the car. Horace Pickering went on the car he had stopped at Gilman’s last night and was going home. There are many visitors in this vicinity at this time.

Jul 26 – Fair and warm. We have been renovating the wood pile and enlarging it. So it looks quite respectable. Lizzie said it would be gone in a day or 2 but it will last a month.

Jul 27 – Fair and cool with a high northwest wind. Went to town at 8 to get grain and other things. There were many beach folks in town with tombiles. Worked on the wood pile in the afternoon and tended to the chickens.

Jul 28 – Fair and mild with a west wind and good growing weather for potatoes and corn.

Jul 29 – Dull and foggy most of the day. We loaded a load of hay to go to town but it was too damp but it is good growing weather.

Jul 30 – Fair and warm. We went to town with a load of hay to Wood Brothers and weighed at Charles Walker's. There are many riding on the cars. (Charles H. Walker was the owner of C.E Walker and Co. and sold coal in Portsmouth.)

Jul 31 – Fair and warm and good weather to haul hay. We went with a load at 8 and Raymond hauled it up and pitched it off.

Aug 1 – Fair and we continue to haul hay. Raymond takes the team and I go on the cars. I get \$13.00 a ton delivered and some sell at \$16.00.

Aug 2 – Fair and hot. Went to town with the last load of hay. In all we hauled more than 3 tons and got along very well. There is a quick sale for good hay. The new crop is not so large as last year.

Aug 3 – Fair and hot. Went to town to get grain and other things. There were many in town and seemed to be in a hurry going in all directions. Potatoes bring \$1.00 a bushel.

Aug 4 – Dull and rainy all day and not many on the cars.

Aug 5 – Cloudy in the forenoon then cleared up hot. Dug some potatoes in the further field and they turned out well. Lizzie gave Hannah a mess. George Parks died this evening, age 72.

Aug 6 – Fair and dry and the top of the ground is wanting more rain. Cucumber vines wilt down at noon but come up at night.

Aug 7 – Fair and hot as usual. The Christian Church had a picnic at Dover today and about 90 went. Pulled up the multiplier onions and mowed off the strawberries etc.

Aug 8 – Hot and dry. Raymond came and we changed the cart to haul seaweed. In the afternoon we went down and got a load for the hens to work in, it is very scarce.

Aug 9 – Fair and hot and drying. Went down to the sea and got a load of gravel for the hens to eat. In the afternoon got a load of sand for general use.

Aug 10 – Fair and hot all day. Went to town at 8 to get news etc. I was glad to get away from that hot place. Cleaned out the chicken house and got in the onions and began to put a new bottom in the cart.

Aug 11 – Hot and dry and too hot to ride. Mr. Hayes came at 9 for 2 hours. He paid me a months' rent of \$16.00. He is still working on the yard.

Aug 12 – Fair and very hot. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes, one of the "Irish Cobbler" and one of the July potatoes. Also picked one bushel of sweet bough apples.

Aug 13 – Fair and hot as usual. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes, the first of the season. They are selling at \$1.00. The apples are rough and small and brought 75 cents. The apple crop is a failure.

Aug 14 – Fair and dry with heat. Went to town and carried one bushel of red potatoes and received a dollar bill. Carried the first bushel of Red Astrachans at 75 cents and they were small and rough. Dug 2 bushels of potatoes and picked one of apples.

Aug 15 – Fair and dry and hot. Went to town with apples and potatoes and sold to Carroll. This was the Firemen's Muster Day and there was a great crowd, 10,000 in Portsmouth.

Aug 16 – Fair and cooler with a west wind. Picking apples and digging potatoes and jobbing round. I have cucumbers in plenty now. Had some green corn at noon.

Aug 17 – Dull all day and rain came at 10 but lightly so we did not get half as much as was wanted. Went to town with potatoes and apples and received \$2.25. Got pay for hay from Wood and also of J. Hodgdon and of Roberts.

Aug 18 – Fair and hot again with a west wind.

Aug 19 – Fair and hot and very dry. Went to town with potatoes and apples. In the afternoon dug more potatoes and picked 1 bushel of Red Astrachans, they are very scarce. The Baptist Church have a new organ.

Aug 20 – Fair and very hot and dry. Caught a woodchuck. Went to town in the morning with apples. These were the first bushel of William Favorites and 2 bushels of potatoes. The apples are very small as all others are and a light crop. Paid Rye tax of \$44.19.

Aug 21 – Dull all day and rain came at 11 and we had a very nice rain for the vegetation. Went to town with 2 bushels of potatoes and one of apples and had to do odd jobs in the afternoon.

Aug 22 – Fair and hot. We dug 2 bushels of potatoes. Went to town at 8 with potatoes and apples and sold to Carroll. Got some bones for the chickens to pick.

Aug 23 – Fair and warm and very good for picking apples and digging potatoes. Went to town with one of potatoes and 2 of apples. Sold a bushel to Cyrus Roberts at 50 cents. Dug a bushel of potatoes and sold to Harrison Salter. We have now caught 4 woodchucks in all and the traps are set.

Aug 24 – Dull and cloudy. Went to town at 8 with 2 bushels of Williams Favorite apples at 75 cents and one bushel of potatoes at 80 cents. Some are getting \$1.00. Rain came at noon and we had a good amount. Repaired the cart and sold some chickens. Saw Jake Criss and he is not so well.

Aug 25 – Fair and comfortable with a west wind and vegetation is bright and growing, plenty of cucumbers. Lizzie went to church.

Aug 26 – Fair and hot and we dug 2 bushels of potatoes and picked 2 of apples ready for market.

Aug 27 – Fair and hot. Went to town with 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes at 80 cents. There is a great demand for apples of all kinds. Dug one of potatoes and got 2 of apples.

Aug 28 – Fair in the morning then clouds came up and we had a very slight shower. Dug some potatoes and picked 2 bushels of apples. The Williams are the most plenty and sell the best of any.

Aug 29 – Fair and warm and very dry. The cabbages are wilted badly and I fear there will be no heads. Put some salt on them and hope for rain soon, cucumbers are plenty. Went to town with potatoes and apples.

Aug 30 – Fair and dry as usual. Went to town and carried 2 bushels of apples and one of potatoes. The Portsmouth Athletic Club Circus ends tonight and tis said at a loss. Dug 2 bushels of Cobbler potatoes and put them in the cellar.

Aug 31 – Fair and dry. Went to town at 8 with 2 bushels of apples at 75 cents. The summer visitors are going away and the tombiles will be less. Dug 3 bushels of red potatoes and put them in the cellar.

Sep 1 – Fair and warm and dry.

Sep 2 – Cloudy and rain came on at night. Dug potatoes and picked apples to go tomorrow. We hope the drought is done.

Sep 3 – Dull and rainy all day. Went to town with apples and potatoes and had to hurry to prevent getting wet. Sold apples to Smith on Daniel Street and engaged 5 gallons of vinegar at 15 cents per gallon.

Sep 4 – Dull and rainy all day and we are glad to see it revive vegetation. The cabbages are coming on in good shape and apples are growing a little. The apple crop in this vicinity is the lightest in many years. They are small and few.

Sep 5 – Dull in the morning and cleared up at night. Went to town at 8 with apples and potatoes. This is peace week and today they rejoice and the Bands play. The Treaty of Peace between Russia and Japan was signed at the Navy Yard 2 years ago.

Sep 6 – Fair and cool. Digging potatoes and picking apples and put them in the cellar for winter. The “Irish Cobbler” kind do well but some others are not a full crop.

Sep 7 – Fair and warm and all is growing. Went to town with apples and potatoes and there was a great call for apples. This was “Peace Day” with an automobile parade and balloon ascension. Dug potatoes and picked more apples ready for Monday.

Sep 8 – Partly cloudy and warm. The cars are to end the ½ hour runs today.

Sep 9 – Dull and cloudy and fog. Went to town with potatoes and apples. Dug more potatoes and picked more apples. The Porters are doing the best now.

Sep 10 – Dull with rain in the afternoon. Went to town with apples and cucumbers. Picked some apples for Roberts and others. Mrs. Yeaton had a peck of potatoes for 40 cents. Hardison Foss’s widow died, age 85. (She was Elvira (Holmes) Foss and the daughter of Noah Holmes and Charlotte (Drown) Holmes.)

Sep 11 – Fair and cool. The Wentworth closed last night after a season of success and they are to make many changes next winter. Dug potatoes and picked apples ready for tomorrow.

Sep 12 – Fair and warm. Went to town with 3 bushels of apples for \$1.25. In the afternoon dug more potatoes and picked more apples. The Pearmaines are coming in to go for pie apples.

Sep 13 – Fair and warm. Went to town in the morning and got grain, it is higher than ever. Cracked corn is \$1.56 and mixed feed is about the same. Dug more potatoes and picked more apples. Steak is very high, also everything else.

Sep 14 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples and potatoes and engaged cabbages and apples. After dinner dug 3 bushels of Cobbler potatoes. Yeaton cut the second crop and we picked 2 bushels of Porter apples for Monday.

Sep 15 – Fair and hot for the time. Mr. Hayes came and we went to ride past Rye Center to Rand’s Corner and down past the Cable Station and the Rye Beach Life Saving Station to Straws Point and home.

Sep 16 – Fair and very hot for the season, 80 in the shade. Went to town with potatoes and apples. There was a great call for apples. We got in the second crop in the further field and picked apples and got 12 cabbages to go.

Sep 17 – Fair and very hot and dry. Went to town with cabbages, apples and green tomatoes. After noon got in the second crop and bedding in front of the house. There was a great railroad accident on Sunday night at Canaan, New Hampshire that killed 25 and wounded 40.

Sep 18 – Fair and hot as usual. Jobbing round and got together 1 dozen cabbages and some of the heads are very large called “Sure Head”. But there are many that will have no head.

Sep 19 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 9 with apples to grocers. Went to Barlett’s office and received my share of my sister Emily’s estate, \$361.00. She has been dead nearly 2 years. Henry S. Rand is administrator.

Sep 20 – Fair and hot. Went to town at 8 with potatoes, cabbages and tomatoes. There is a call for vinegar at 15 cents per gallon. Finished digging potatoes in front of the house and picked ½ bushel of tomatoes.

Sep 21 – Cloudy and some sprinkling. Went to town at 8 to the market and had 5 gallons of vinegar. There were few in town. Jake Criss is quite sick. In the afternoon it cleared up round generally. Cleaned out the chicken and hen houses.

Sep 22 – Fair and warm. We had a light shower last evening which helped the vines. Grapes are beginning to ripen. Winter apples are very scarce in this vicinity. I had a good share of fall apples and there was a demand to them.

Sep 23 – Dull and rainy all day and most of last night. So I worked on the cart and in the shop painting wheels. I found that some spokes were broken in one wheel and it will have to be taken to the blacksmith.

Sep 24 – Fair with a west wind. The Rochester Fair began today with good weather as usual. Went to town with cabbages and apples. The demand for them is falling off. Carried the wheel to the blacksmith shop.

Sep 25 – Fair and warm. Went to town with apples and cabbages. In the afternoon finished digging potatoes and got them in the cellar. So now I have 10 bushels in for winter and seed. Joseph William Odiorne brought a bushel and changed for the Irish Cobbler.

Sep 26 – Fair and warm. Went to town to get cement for pointing and blue paint for the wheels etc. In the afternoon Yeaton came and we put away the rake and pointed the cellar wall etc. Pulled onions.

Sep 27 – Fair. Went to town to get paint and the wheel at the blacksmith's. After dinner painted the wheel and put all the others on ready for hauling coal. Picked a bushel of nice Porters also tomatoes. (Frank Horace Trefethen the son of Frank James Trefethen was born this day.)

Sep 28 – Dull and wet all day. Went to town to the market and carried one bushel of Porter's. The town was full of teams with vegetables. Cut the tops off onions and put the multipliers down the cellar.

Sep 29 – A regular northeast rain storm all day and cold. The chickens have a bad day of it. Some of them are sick and dumpish.

Sep 30 – Fair with a west wind. After dinner got Raymond to go to town and get a load of coal for winter stock. The dealers have a large stock on hand at \$6.00 per ton. We had 1360 lbs.

Oct 1 – Fair with a northwest wind. Hauling 2 loads of coal from Charles E. Walkers. Raymond drives the horse and hauls 1700 lbs. at a load. It is very good wheeling most of the way. They say there is plenty of seaweed.

Oct 2 – Fair and pleasant. We hauled 2 loads more of coal and ended the coal hauling and have now 3 ½ tons of nut and stove coal ready to burn and it is paid for at \$6.00 per ton. There are many now putting in their coal.

Oct 3 – Fair and warm. Went to town and got a load of shingles to put on the shop and piazza. Raymond went with the team. In the afternoon we took off the old shingles of the shop and started the new and got 4 courses on.

Oct 4 – A regular southeast rain all day. So we had to keep out of it. There is now plenty of water in all directions. The chickens have a wet time of it. The peddlers are as plenty as any day.

Oct 5 – Fair and cool. Went to town to the market with 1 bushel of apples and gave ½ bushel of green tomatoes to Clara Raynes and got a bag of cracked corn for \$1.60. Thornton Betton died this morning. In the afternoon we were shingling the shop with Raymond helping. Saw Jake Criss. (Thornton Betton was a carpenter that did wood finishing for Supply in years past.)

Oct 6 – Fair and cold and we had a quiet day. The cars were well filled (closed cars). Ellen is under Doctors care.

Oct 7 – Fair. In the afternoon we finished the shop shingling and cleared up round and all day it is an improvement in its appearance.

Oct 8 – Dull part of the day but managed to patch up the shingling over the waiting room and are ready for other work.

Oct 9 – Fair and we began picking apples. Raymond leader picked Hubbardston's and the Seekes. Went to town with apples, vinegar and tomatoes.

Oct 10 – Fair and not cold. Raymond was picking apples for me from the tree by the lane. It was the only Baldwin that bore this year. They are not large. Went to town with apples to Carroll.

Oct 11 – Fair and Raymond finished picking the Baldwins, 5 barrels. Went to town with apples, Hubbardston's at ½ dollar per bushel. Apples are scarce and those I carried were wind falls. Engaged 2 barrels of Baldwins to women on Sheaf Street.

Oct 12 – Fair and warm. Went to town at 8 to the market and carried apples etc. to Mr. Smith and grapes to Mrs. Raynes. Raymond picked apples for me, Kings and Greenings and got 2 barrels of each.

Oct 13 – Dull all the forenoon then cleared off warm and bright. Cabbages are growing rapidly.

Oct 14 – (Supply Foss Trefethen died this day), he was 74 years 3 months and 2 days old. It is recorded that he died of Valvular Disease of the Heart and had been diagnosed for 3 years.

