

Diary of Jesse Walker, 1838-1866

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Jesse Merrill Walker was a farmer and laborer of Rye, N.H. who worked for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and for a time and was the master for the ship *Sarah*. The son of Hannah Marden and Samuel Walker, he was born Oct. 9, 1799 in Rye, N.H. and died Oct. 8, 1867 in Kittery, Me. On Mar. 2, 1825 he married in Rye, N.H. to Jane B. Sleeper.

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Rye, March 30, 1838 Sailed Sh (Schooner) *Sarah* for Boston with 776.8 ½ bushels potatoes. Jesse M. Walker, Master. Returned to Rye April 21st, 1838.

Rye April 27th, 1838 Sailed Sh *Sarah* for Boston with 6.24 bushels potatoes. Jesse M. Walker Master. Returned to Rye May 8th, 1838.

Rye May 31st, 1838 Sailed Sh *Sarah* for Lynn & Boston with shoe boxes & potatoes 1.8.7 ¾ bushels. Jesse M. Walker Master. Returned to Rye June 9th, 1838.

Rye June 29th, 1838 Sailed Sh *Sarah* for Boston with one hundred & fifty bushels potatoes. Jesse M. Walker Master. Returned to Kittery July 5th with timber & to Rye the 10th 1838.

Rye March 1st, 1839 Sailed Sl *Sarah*. William Verrill (Varrell) Master for Boston. Returned to Rye. Jesse Walker, Rye, N.H.

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Slh *Sarah* Provision bill first trip

April 2 nd 1 fresh fish 6, 9 th Corn Beef 56	62
5 th fish 16, Corn Beef 72 cents	88
13 th Halibut 8, Beef Stake 30	38
17 th Pork 100, Beef fresh 60	160
½ peck Pecans 25, ½ tea 18	43
2 candles 30, 2 qts. molasses 18	48
Settled Bread 24 th 7 cents ?	168
April 28 th Beef 25, Sausages 50, Pork 1 Fish	177
May 2 Mustard, 17 Vinegar 3, Beef 72	92
5 th Beef 50, Pork 58	108
Wharfage 5.70, Lbine 5.50, Fosters 2.45	13.65

Settled Expenses 2 nd trip amount to	17.42
June 2 nd Bread 25, Beef 21, Pork 100, Peppers 3	149
6 th Beef 48, Barrel Tar 2.75 ?	329
Illegible line	420

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Potatoes Received on Board Sch *Sarah* first trip

10.00	Joseph Philbrick	40 bushels	B
29.62	Simon Garland	118 ½ Good	B
19.00	John Garland	76 Ordinary	B
18.25	Samuel Rand	73 Middling	B
25.25	Levi Berry	21 Large	B
17.62	Joshua Rand	70 ½ ? 399	B
10.75	Nathan Goss	43 Decent	R
08.62	Samuel Walker	34 ½ ditto 77 ½	R
08.77	Simon Garland	39	W
09.54	Nathan Goss	41 ½	W
09.66	John Knowles	42	W
07.82	Levi Rand	34 ½	W
	James Dow	155 312	W

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Potatoes Sold first Trip 1838

April 2 nd	40 bushels at 32 cents per bushel	12.80
	22 bushels - 32	7.26
3 rd	33 bushels - 33	10.89
4 th	7 ½ bushels – 33	2.49
5 th	10 ½ bushels – 33	3.47
6 th	54 bushels – 31	16.74
7 th	16 bushels – 32	5.12
9 th	48 bushels -32	15.36

10 th	26 bushels – 33	8.58
11 th	31 ½ bushels -33	10.40
12 th	50 bushels – 32	16.00
13 th	41 bushels – 32	13.12
14 th	52 bushels – 32 ½	16.90
16 th	25 bushels – 32	8.00
17 th	18 bushels – 31	5.58
	474 bushels – 32 amount to	152.69
	318 bushels – 24 ½ amount to	77.91
	792 bushels amount to	230.60
	Wages, Wharfage & Provisions	40.50
	That will leave a balance of	190.10
	7.88 ½ bushels amount to	181.34
	That leaves a balance of	008.76

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Jesse M. Walker's house raised November 20th, 1838, plastered 27th, moved into it January 3^d, 1839.

February 12th, 1839 jammed my leg so badly so that I was hauled up until the ?

March 17th, 1839 a square of glass broke ?

April 1st, 1839 Commenced living with Samuel H. Rand, Jr. for four year if liked and he likes.

July 18th Samuel Walker commenced haying.

August 8th Finished haying.

August 30th Begun to dig a well. A heavy N.E. storm.

November 27th Begun one stack chimneys, finished 28th.

December 15th A short but most severe N.E. storm and wind and did the most damage with the lost of lives and property in Cape Ann Harbour ever know there, and several shipwrecks on Cape Cod and with loss of whole crews. Vessels in Marblehead Harbour all went ashore but did no damage.

23rd A heavy gale from E.S.E. Brig *Pocahontas* belonging to Newburyport lost at Plum Island with all of her crew, 12 or 13 in number. The month of December 1839 the most disastrous to navigation from Portland to Cape Cod of any month that was ever known before.

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January 1840 Commences with cold and severe weather and continues so through the month.

January 12th Steamboat *Lexington* burnt to the water's edge. 140 lives lost with a great amount of property. It was a severe public as well as private loss.

March. Miller preaching about the world coming to end in 1843; gained many proselytes.

July. Samuel Walker finished haying. 22nd very dry; corn, grain, potatoes suffering for rain. High ground grass short and thin.

July 15th. Jedediah Rand commenced haying.

August. Continues very dry & warm. Little or no rain.

September. Corn came in well. The potato crop short.

October. Hannah Angelet Walker born 22nd.

November. Commences with cold, with rain. 9th very heavy rain; tides very full, doing damage to the beaches. 19th a snow storm.

December. Comes in cold. Continues so to the 7th with N.E. winds & heavy blows. 6th moderate. 7th J. Rand's bark house moved. 3rd J.M. Walker got poisoned, have to keep house till the 10th.

A severe storm from N.E. doing a great deal of damage---*Borodino* from.. bound to Boston last--- lost the vessel a wreck (illegible lines).

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5 th August 1839	D	C
24 th For labour on board <i>Slh Sarah</i>	2	M
26 th & 27 th On board <i>Slh Sarah</i>	4	M
Sept. 4 th One half of a day on board <i>Slh Sarah</i>	0	50
December 10 th , 11 th to work on <i>Slh Sarah</i>	2	00

Mr. Miller commences private school at 50 cents per month.

February 6th, 1841 I send 3 in ?. William lost ½. Franklin lost 8th ¼ 9th 11th one Samuel 1 ½ days.

March 18th 1841, work for Dr. Midood? ½ day sawing wood.

May 8th, 1841 Samuel Walker to J.M. Walker for a day ploughing -25 cents.

10th cutting potatoes 1/2 day at .25 50

11 th ½ day assisting in making soap at .25; 12 th planting potatoes at .50	75
13 th planting corn ½ day at .25. Ditto 14 th & cutting potatoes at .50	75
15 th Cutting potatoes & planting 2/3 of a day.	35

May 1841 Franklin Walker to work for Moses Marden planting, ploughing 8 days up to the 16th at 25 per day. 200

5 days ploughing & planting to the 21 st .	1.25
S. Walker to J.M. Walker 16 th planting 50 cents	.50
19 th planting 50 cents, 20 th , 21 st ditto	1.25

June 21st, 1841. Franklin Walker went to live with Samuel Whidden for two month or longer if wanted.

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January 1841. Commences pleasant; for the month it holds so.

February begins with severe weather. 12th, 13th, 14th the most tedious for the winter holds out till the 25th then ends moderate. 25th Nathaniel Walker starts south. 24th William Walker goes to stay with Aunt Betsy Lang for a little while.

March is a lamb for 2 days, then a lion up to the 18th. 13th & 14th the severest snowstorm for March scarcely ever known. Ship *Brunette* of Thomaston loaded with cotton ashore at Odiornes Point. Ship & cargo damaged. Brig *Gorge Parker* ashore on the rocks at Jenness Beach so called in Rye. Cargo 400 hogsheads molasses; part of it lost. Vessel sold. Owned in Portland. Brig *Borodino* cast away, her masts come to an anchor off Little Neck Point, Rye. Rode out the gale and then was towed into Portsmouth. Crews all saved of the above vessels. March ends cold.

April. Cold & backward. 9th snowstorm, heavy blows. One duck lay. 6th 2 lay, 7th 3 lay, 9th.

April 4th President Harrison departed this life. Cold and backward weather although this month.

May comes in severe and continues so up to the 16th. Farmers very backward in planting. Ground wet & cold. 18th pleasant and warm. Grass looks very green. 22nd plowed by the house; too wet to plant. 24th planted by the house, very warm and dry. Fine growing weather. May ends warm & pleasant.

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June 1841 Begins warm. Growing. Trees in growth. Ground getting very dry until the 12th and then a fine shower, and then very warm & drying for 10 days. Vegetation looks well, foggy easterly weather a few days. 25 & 26th was out after mackerel; caught a few. 26th some rain.

July 1st J.M. Walker ships at the Navy Yard.

For one year the ground very dry; continues so throughout the month of July. 20th rainy day.

August 1st Looks like rain. Rain very much wanted and continues throughout September. Very dry.

October very cold and backward. Crops come in short. Sept. 26th a gale doing great damage at Long Shore. Likewise, to the lighthouses.

August 16th U.S.S. *Congress* launched.

October 1st shares raised. No Damage. 25th Charles Hickey killed instantly by the train. G___? given away to institution, received 45 dollars. The month ends pleasant.

November Begins moderate & holds so until the 6th. 6th Strange rain. Junkins on the sick list. *Congress*? men in the cells refusing to work. 8th a snowstorm. Schooner *Crusader*, George Dennett, Master lost away on Squaw Bar from Boston bound to Portsmouth with a valuable freight for the latter place & the Navy Yard.

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Saved in a damaged state. Two men & a woman drowned. 12th a snowstorm. 13th General liberty. 19th Commandant Sloat start for New York. 20th a cold rain 21st a hoo? rush in the lod___?; 6 men confined in the cells. 22nd the wind at N.E., rainstorm; Portsmouth Harbour full of coasters. Robert Down's ships at the Yard. William Woodman employed stripping brass for Sinnot. 16th Prebbles run and nobody comes.

25th Thanksgiving a fine day for the season. 26th cold & severe weather. Loafing. Commodore Sloat & lady arrived home from New York in good health. A cold storm of snow & rain from the N.E. 27th cold & rough weather wind at the N.W. 28th continues rough weather.

The Jig manned for church. Cold day. Jairus Junkins waited upon a young girl to an evening lecture.

29th commences with adverse snowstorm from the N.E.. Schooner *Ontario* anchored off the harbour. At low water struck & filled and was towed into the harbour next day. November has been a cold month and it was tedious.

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December 1841. Commences pleasant weather. 3rd A cold rainstorm & continues the 4th. The ground very full of water. Clears away, mild. 4th On general liberty until the 6th. 6th Two men run away & have not been caught up to the 8th. Two children born on the Yard. 9th A slight pain in my left ear. A warm & mild day. Commenced sawing live oak. M. Cates drawing week. 10th In the evening rainy & continues through the 11th. 12th A beautiful day, the Earth deluged in water. Sch. *Milo* of Gloucester cast away at Duck Island on the night of the seventh; the hands escaped in their boat with nothing but what they had on. Fine & moderate weather for the season; appearances of snow or rain. 15th Rain. 16th A warm day & fair in the forenoon, rainy in the afternoon. Bachelors drawing week. 17th A severe storm of snow & rain. Wind at E.N.E. continues through the 18th. Clears away at night. Cold blowing a gale from S?. 19th Blowing the wind at N.W. 20th More mild. 21st Cold & severe. 22nd Ball day thermometer 5 below zero, cold and plastering on the 23rd. 24th Mild with rain; clears away in the afternoon. 25th Christmas, cool & clear; went to Church in the forenoon. General Liberty. J. Woodman drawing week.

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December 26th, 1841 Pleasant sun but cold. 27th Very pleasant for the season. Very little snow. 28th Hazy in the morning, 11 A.M. snow. 2 P.M. fair weather, moon full at one o'clock in the S.W. 29th Pleasant & mild in the morning, but cloudy & overcast with a light snow the wind at S.W. 30th Warm and pleasant.

Beautiful weather for the winter season. 31st Very fine and moderate. The wind S.W. December has been very moderate month with a very little snow and scarcely any sleighing. 29th Finished sawing live oak. The year 1841 has proved an unfavorable one for the farmers of Rockingham County in particular, especially for the old town of Rye, the drowth (drought) so great that there was not a half crop of corn or grain, and not two thirds of potatoes. It is hard times for the labouring class of people this winter throughout the northern states but the seaports in particular. Produce very low but the cry nothing to buy with salt pork. From six to ten cents per pound, 1841 has not been very remarkable; excepting the drowth (drought) it commenced pleasant and ended mild and moderate.

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Saturday the first day of 1842, January. A cold raw chilly day, the wind at S.W. with spits of snow but too cold to snow much. 2nd The weather more mild, the wind at S.W. 3rd A severe cold day, thermometer 2 above zero. 4th Snow, the wind to the northward & cold. Commodore Sloat's cow & calf come. I was on liberty that night. 5th The wind at N.W. cold & severe. 6th J.M. Walker on the sick list with a severe cold causing severe pains through him. 7th A fine warm day for winter, wind at S.W. 8th Moderate & a cloudy sky, wind at S.W. 9th Cold, wind at N.W., afternoon more pleasant. 10th Moderate & snow melting as fast as come down. 11th Come off the doctor's list. Mild for winter. 12th Pleasant, hauling out manure, a cold night. 13th Bitter cold day, thermometer 2 below zero. Only 8 above for the day, wet after ice. Cold wind at N.W. Ball Day. T. Lang and his wife sick. 14th Continues cold. 15th General Liberty. Severe cold. 16 & 17th Tedious. 18th, 19th, 20th Very mild for winter. 21st Southeast wind & rain, no snow at present. 22nd & 23rd N.W. winds & cold. Sabrina Trefethen, Widow Polly Philbrook died this month. 24th to the end of the month pleasant & warm.

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Tuesday first day of February 1842 begins mild & pleasant & it continues so with a little variation up to the 8th then a light flit of snow. That night the wind hauled in, and the 9th was a bitter cold day and a ball day. The 10th pleasant & warm for the season, the ground bare. Beautiful weather for a week up to 17th. The 17th at night the wind blowing a gale. Bark *Wm. Fales* cast away on Cape Neddick and out of her crew of 13 men, eight were lost. Considerable damage to the shipping in New York. Suddenly the wind shifted to the west still blowing a gale. 14th It got here N. west blowing a hurricane so that the market boat did not go over to town and then very pleasant for a few days. 19th Some rain. On French leave. Clears away cold. 21st Cold, got a bad cold. 22nd at night a severe tooth ache leaving my visage all swelled up. Very mild to the 26th and then snow hail & rain. 27th No wind, thawing some. 28th The month goes out pleasant & warm. This winter has been very favorable for wood & hay.

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March 1842 Begins favorable. 2nd Misty & rainy, shocking bad travelling. On nights Liberty. Paid taxes for 1841. 3rd Pleasant. 4th Cloudy wind south. 5th Wind N.E., cold, rain. 6th Wind N.W. snowy, very little frost on the ground. 7th Cloudy, wind N.W., cold. 8th Pleasant. 9th S.S.E, dull and rainy, ditching & spreading manure. 10th Morning dull, evening pleasant, frost on the ground. 11th The wind N. Eastward snowing but mild. 12th to the 20th, very fine for March, southerly. 17th Planted salad lettuce & cucumber seeds in the hot bed. 16th 2.50 pounds meal for the cow. 21st Warm southerly winds, appearances of a storm. 22nd Wind N.N.E., snowstorm, not very cold. 23rd Pleasant thawing considerable. 24th Wind S. E., a severe

snow hail & rainstorm. 26th Pleasant & warm. 27th Seed come up, pleasant. 28th Cold rainstorm. 29th Pleasant. 30th S.E., cold. 31st Snowstorm wind from N to N.E. March 1842 ends, tedious weather.

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April 1843 Commences cold and severe. 2nd Wind westward & warm. General Liberty. 3rd Pleasant & warm, grass in places, looks like spring. 4th Wind N.E., cold and uncomfortable day. 5th Wind easterly with a cold drizzling, rain. 6th Pleasant & warm, planted peas & potatoes. 7th Fast day, wind northward & eastward, cold raw day. 8th, 9th, 10th N.E. winds, heavy breezes, cold, raw, chilly weather accompanied with snow & rain. 8th & 9th Employed in setting out trees. 10th Pleasant. 11th Fair. 12th Wind N. cold rain. 13th Fair day. 14th N.E. wind & rain. 15th, 16th & 17th Clear but chilly. 18th, 19th & 20th Wind N.E. cold rain, chilly, misty, uncomfortable weather. Officers for the frigate *Congress* arrived. 21st Pleasant but cool. 22nd Uncommonly warm. 23rd & 24th Fair & pleasant. General Liberty. 25th Rainy east wind. 26th Violent toothache, scotch mist, north wind. 27th Fair & cool. 28th & 29th Pleasant & growing weather, grass looks green. 30th April ends; it has been a very wet & uncomfortable weather.

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February 20th, 1843, Salute fired to honor Commodore Hull Funeral.

21st Amos Garland of Rye died, aged ____.

9th of May 1844 Captain Young drowned.

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Sunday May first, eighteen hundred forty two. Commences fair but cool. 2nd Warm & mild. 3rd Cool & fair. 5th Wind north, cold rain. 6th Wind S.W., smart breeze. 1.60 men for the ship *Congress*. 7th Wind S.E. blowing hard, 8th S. W. gales & very dusty. 7th Night a heavy frost, for the season very cold. 8th up to the 20th Cold nights, raw chilly winds by day, heavy rain accompanied with thunder & lightning between the time about the 13th. 21st Pleasant & warm. 22nd Fair & cool, continues so for several days, very dry for the season. 27th Fine rain, the wind S. E. quick breeze. 28th & 29th Overcast lowery weather, garden seeds very backward in coming up, grass looks well & green, but short. 30th Wind E.N.E., heavy rain, thunder & lightning, clears off in the night. 31st Wind N.W., fair but cool, a lot of laborers discharged from the Yard, white washing. May ends of a Tuesday and has been a cold month.

At bottom of this page 20:

16th of March 1843 *Saratoga* hauled into the stream.

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June Eighteen hundred and 42. Begins of a Wednesday. First & 2nd Fine weather, the winds going round daily, night cool. 5th Warmest day that we have had this year. 6th & 7th Cold for the season, frost frequently, winds westerly, raw, chilly & cool, getting dry, rain wanted very much. Commodore Sloat & Lady went into marshal's house. 8th Fair, wind S.E. 9th S.E. & rain with a smart breeze. 10th Dull, wet, easterly winds, cold backward weather for June. 15th Rain, corn looks yellow, wants warm weather. 16th

Still holds foggy, misty, rainy wet uncomfortable weather, low ground deluge in water. Potatoes in low ground drowned. Grass looks well, can't help it. Up to 19th it still holds dull, bad time curing fish. The latter part of June favorable for vegetation, corn looks well, and is growing fast. 30th Reentered on the Ordinary for 12 months.

July 1842 come in of a Friday, fine weather, everything looks prosperous. Up the 10th Rainy. 11th Fine hay weather & holds to until the 15th then showers, wind S.W. & South. 15th Sailed frigate *Congress* for the Mediterranean Capt. Voorhees, towed out by Steamboat *Huntress* started at half past 6 A.M. 16th Warm, fine hay weather to the 24th, getting very dry. 26th Sloop of war *Saratoga* launched, beautiful ship, no accident, bright hay weather, people about some, very fine and dusty. 20th Fine, rain. 21st Dull, wind N.E., cool. So ends July 1842.

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Monday 1st day of August 1842 From the 1st to the 20th foggy easterly weather, poor hay weather, gwarm? ajow? . 21st Clearing with wind westward, pleasant sunshine days. Good moonlight nights. 22nd to 31st Rainy, warm weather. Died at the Lodge Frederick Obrey about the 25th.

Thursday September 1st, 1842. Commences fair growing weather, ground full of water, potatoes in low ground rotting. Dull & rainy up to the 10th. Liberty altered. September is very wet month. Raining every other day up to the 21st. Night cool. Commence digging potatoes, wet & muddy, girl come to Commodore's. Floor laid in the Lodge. 22nd Girl gone, staid one day, wind N.W. blowing a gale, cold weather. 23rd The same. 24th Mild wind southerly, fine weather for the season, good for harvesting. Farmers employed in digging potatoes, crops, good corn, never was better. 25th To the last of the month, warm & pleasant weather. Wednesday 28th Plastering room & entry, beautiful day for it. Cost 1 dollar 25 cents, it is done, neat & handsome. September has been beautiful month for vegetation. This month ends warm. Ann Fristy? (or Tristy or Trickey) gone home.

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Saturday first day of October 1842. Commences pleasant, mild & beautiful weather, wind S.W. 2nd Dull, overcast, looking like rain, wind S.S.W. Adams girl come to the Commodore's. Jane Billings away. J.M. Walker went on the Doctor's list, complaint diarrhea. 3rd Fine day. 4th Clear & windy, S.W. New ship *Clara* went to sea bound to New Orleans. Col. Watson moving. 5th Beautiful weather for digging potatoes. 6th Pleasant but chilly, wind S. Eastward. Sailed Brig *Tim Pickering*. 7th, 8th, & 9th Pleasant weather 9th Went off the Doctor's List. 10th to 19th Pleasant weather for the season, fine for harvesting. Good crops for the farmer, they got through early, very dry, no rain lately. 16th T. Lang hauled hemlock wood. 14th Levi T. Walker arrived from Washington. 19th Finished digging potatoes at the Commodore's. Cooler this evening. 20th Blowing a ledge in the garden, wind N.W., cold day. 21st & 22nd Mild. 22nd In the afternoon wind S.S.W., rainy all night. 23rd Raining in the morning, wind hauled into the W.N.W. & clear away. 24th Market boat altered. 25th Fine weather for the season. 26th Pleasant. 27th up to 31st Fair & clear. October has been a fine month for farmers to get their crops in and that was plenty. October ends pleasant.

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Tuesday 1st day of November 1842. Commences fair & pleasant. Looks red & warm. Very dry up to the 6th. Winds light & westerly, going round the compass every 24 hours, smoky mild weather. 12th Disaster in

Portsmouth & loss of property calculated 5000 dollars. 5th George Marden on Liberty. 6th Commodore's brig started from new landing place by the Navy Yard Bridge for the first time. 7th Fair weather, very warm for the time of year. 8th Wind N.E., cold rainy afternoon, cold nights. 9th Wind easterly and cold evenings, wet night. 10th Northwest winds, fresh breezes, cold afternoon. 11th Wind northeast, storm threatening chilly. 12th Wind S.E., smart breezes, overcast cloudy weather, threatening rain. David Stimson, laborer, hurt badly at the Navy Yard by the Brow of No. 1 Ship house, fallen, died about 12 hours afterwards, aged 19, belonging to Kittery. 13th Wind northeast, rainy. 14th Draw sea rations. 15th & 16th Wind N.E. & cold draw winds. 17th Thanksgiving in the state of Maine, no work on the Navy Yard that day & on the evening of the 17th and morning of the 18th. Southeast gale blowing almost a hurricane wind at 12 A.M, hauled in suddenly & clear

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And cold. 19th Wind N.E. blowing a gale, wind backing to the westward and still blowing. 20th A gale of wind. 21st The wind still blowing a gale & cold. 22nd The wind gone, moderate fine weather. 23rd & 24th Wind westerly, fine moderate weather. 25th At 4 A.M. wind E.S., commences rain & blowing. 8 A.M. wind hauling to the N.E. & blowing a gale, raining very hard. At 2 P.M. the wind at north, commenced showing very fast & held so until 7 P.M & cleared away, mild, probably 3 inches total. 26th Wind N.W. & fine weather, snow melting. 27th 5 A.M. wind south, snowing. 11 A.M. Left off, wind hauling to the westward. At 2 P.M. a severe squall of wind & snow from the N.W., blowed tremendous hard continuing so through the night without any cessation, and severe cold weather. 28th It still holds so cold that it thaws none all day. 29th N.W. wind & severe cold, blowing a gale. 30th Pleasant S.W. winds & moderate in the forenoon, afternoon appearances of a storm, wind getting easterly, coming a storm. Commences at 6 P.M. Latter part of November has been a very tedious month.

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December comes in of a Thursday. Commences with a tremendous storm from E.S.E. and backing to N.E., blowing & snowing to a great degree, doing damage. A Nova Scotia schooner cast away at Rye & 6 people lost and report is that there is a Barque cast away on Wells Beach belonging to Kennebunkport, and all hands lost, 16 in number. Done great damage in Boston. 2nd Wind N.W. & cold, afternoon moderate. 3rd Wind S. W. 6 A.M. snowing done at 8 A.M., rest part of day very mild & thawing. 4th Very calm & mild, snow going very fast. 5th Wind W.N.W. very light & moderate, Monday evening light air, looking like rain. 6th Rain & snow. 7th N.W. winds, cold overcast, cloudy uncomfortable weather. 8th Pleasant in the morning, afterwards cold & cloudy & dull. Evening east wind 6 P.M., snow, hail & snow all night continuing snowing N.E. wind blowing a gale, storming all day, 6 inches snow fell, expect damage, clear off at sunset, evening clear & pleasant for the night. 10th & 11th Cold N.E. winds piercing weather, sun hid most of the time, good sleighing, Capital doing good turning out. 13th Cold N.E. winds afternoon tough snowstorm.

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14th Wind N.E. severe snowstorm blowing & drifting, four inches fell. Employed in shoveling snow all day. 15th Wind westward, pleasant day, fine sleighing. Bristol Brick. 16th W.S.W wind forenoon, cloudy & chilly, evening flirt of snow. 17th Clear & cold. 18th Cold & windy, snow flying. 17th A draft of 95 men from Boston for Ship *Saratoga*, more snow. 18th Cold weather, night thermometer at 2 above zero. 19th Wind N.W., cloudy & cold, severe weather. 20th Wind N, dull overcast weather afternoon, N.E. wind & rainy

moderate 5 A.M., blowing a gale. Rain pouring down in torrents carrying off most of the snow, making it very bad traveling, continuing until the 22nd at 8 A.M., clear away, cold. 23rd Most severe cold day, pleasant sun, but freezing all day, coldest night as yet, thermometer 3 below zero. 24th Tedious cold day. 25th Wind southerly, chilly but not freezing, appearances of a storm. 26th S.W. winds, very pleasant day. 27th Morning pleasant, evening cold, Marden on the sick list. 28th Pleasant day for winter, light air, westerly, wash the Lodge. 29th Wind N.E. and a severe cold day, spit of snow, but too cold to snow much, a cold night, appearances of a storm. 30th Samuel Walker hurt himself dangerously by slipping and fallen on the sea, hurt his head, and was taken for dead. 31st Southeast snowstorm & rain blowing a gale of wind, very high tides over the wharfs at the Navy Yard. 31st Wind N.W., clear but cold, rough traveling.

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1st day of January 1842, fine weather, very little snow.

The month of February 1842 scarce any snow, one or two gales of wind that was severe doing good deal damage to the shipping with loss lives and property. The winter of '42 mild and a great deal of bare ground.

March 1842 Rough part of the month sewing little seeds in the garden, very cold & backward weather.

The month of April '42 commenced rough backward weather; planted some seeds, ground wet & cold, prospect dull of growing.

The month of May, very pleasant growing weather; officers & men of *Congress* Frigate *Congress* arrived from the south bound on a cruise.

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January 1843 commences on a Sunday.

1st Wind westward, pleasant day for the first day of 1843. 2nd Wind north, cold severe weather, spits of snow, icing. 3rd Wind northerly, Raw cold severe wicked cold day, icing. 4th Wind westward, very chilly, but not so cold as the day previous; went for milk. 5th Wind N.E. but moderate, spits of snow, went after ice. 6th Wind S.W., air softer, milk and pleasant for winter. 7th Wind southerly, warm foggy, eating the snow up very fast. 8th Wind south & very light, foggy, rain, unwholesome weather. 9th & 10th Thawing, snow about gone, midday January thaw, foggy. At home on Liberty, wife & children sick with bad colds. 11th & 12th Easterly winds, moderate wholesome weather, Scotchmist. 13th Wet & rainy, snow all gone in the roads, bad traveling. Mudge [Edward Ansley Mudge, son of Samuel] picked up, he was drowned the last night of November 1842. 14th Wind west, fine pleasant day, clear & bright, but is a little cooler. Employed in going to town after beef & pork; wounded my chin. 15th Cold but fair, light winds and variable, ground bare. 16th Pleasant day but cold nights. On Liberty, wife very sick. 17th Southerly wind, remarkable warm weather for the season. 20th & 21st Two very warm days, ground bare. 19th Henry Tucker discharged. 22nd Wind N.W, breezes mild. 23rd Wind little colder. 24th Snow. 25th, 26th & 27th Wind northward & westward, cold. 27th Cloudy. 28th Snowing. 29th & 30th Cool but fair, wind westward. 31st Wind, a gale of wind, rainy. Ends January 1843 ends. Comd. Sloat not started for New York.

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February 1843 commences of a Wednesday. 1st Southward wind, stormy weather 10 A.M., commences snowing & snowed all day, very fast, the weather moderate; leave off at sundown. 2nd Wind N.W. blowing a gale and most severe cold day, coldest for the winter and the night coldest of any one we had previous this year. Thermometer 2 below zero. 3rd Little more moderate but a very cold day. 4th A little moderate. 5th Wind N.E. at 12 A.M. commence snowing and one of the most severest storms of snow & rain & wind that has been experienced for several years past. It was short; have not heard of more damage. 6th Wind N.W. forenoon, snowing very fast, clearing away at 12 & cold. On general Liberty. 7th, 8th, 9th Wind N.W. & blowing a gale of wind and the most severest, coldest weather that has been know for several winters past with about 15 inches of snow on the ground, thermometer 10 above to 4 below. 10th Wind light at N.E. but cold to extreme, wicked cold nights. 11th Wind S.E. blowing a gale accompanied with rain, hail & snow, clearing off at 2 P.M., wind west, weather mild. Thus ends Saturday. 12th Wind N.W., overcast, cold day. 13th Cloudy, uncomfortable day. 14th Wind N.E. snowing all day, severe & rough cold day, a gale of wind, snowing continues through the night. Coldest this winter. 15th Wind N.E. with the severest snowstorm that has been experienced for 10 years past; stopped snowing about half past three, it has been the coldest & roughest storm for several years past, about 2 feet of snow upon a level earth, drifting a good deal. 3rd Seggel flogged with the Cats of nine tail.

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16th The wind N.W, cold & severe, wind blowing & snow flying. Tedious weather, enough to freeze a body, almost perish by night. 17th It still holds cold, sun very pleasant but not thawing any, thermometer 5 below zero Friday night. 18th Wind westward and another cold day, coldest of any. 19th North wind, a light snow, inch or two, frost, cold. 20th Morning wind & snow, rest part the day moderate & warm, W. wind. 21st Morning wind N.W. & cold after part of the day mild & pleasant. 22nd Wind S.W. chilly air but thawing some. General Washington's birthday salute fired in honor of it. Livinia Weeks leave Commodores Sloat today. Evening light snow, clear of cold, wind N.W., clear & cold. 23rd Wind N.W. blowing a gale and severe cold weather, bitter cold, has been a cold night, a most severe one too. 24th The wind N.W. & light, thermometer in the morning 4 below zero, all day stinging cold, thawing but little in the sun, the night cold and severe, cold shocking cold. 25th Wind west but very chilly through the day. 26th Wind N.W., clear and cold thawing but very little. 27th Westerly winds, pleasant thawing a good deal. A comet perceivable at half past one and the rest part day. February has been the roughest and coldest month that has been known for years past. By one degree.

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March 1843 begins of a Wednesday 1st Light flirt of snow at 5 A.M. Clears off pleasant & warm. 3 P.M. another light flirt of snow, wind hauled N.W. & squally, clear & cold. 2nd Severe cold day & a gale of wind. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Severe cold N.W. winds blowing a gale of wind both night and day without cessation. I don't remember the like ever before; good sleighing, 18 inches of snow upon a level. 6th Wind N.W. but it is softening a little, thawing some. 7th, 8th, 9th Wind N.W. light, air thawing considerable. 10th Wind S.W., hazy sky, quite warm 4 P.M., light snow, snow very damp lasting through the night, 4 inches fell. 11th Wind N.E. cold morning, pleasant afternoon, quite cold night. 12th Wind west, pleasant weather; George Marden on the sick list. 13th & 14th Pleasant & snow, wind eastward & cold. 16th Morning wind N.W.; Sloop of war *Saratoga* went to sea. 2 P.M. wind southeast at ? P.M., a severe gale of wind with a thick snow the ship standing off & on & the gale increasing. 17th At 9 A.M. *Saratoga* anchored off Rye and cut away her masts and rode it out & was towed into Portsmouth the

18th, the same day, one of her men was sent ashore, sick with the smallpox to the Lodge. We made a fuss about it & he was sent to Pest Island on the 19th. 20th Cold but pleasant. 21st Cold for March. 22nd Fine warm day. Clean the Commodore's boat out, cold night, freezing very hard, thermometer down to 12; days up to 40 to 60

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23rd Morning fair; wash out Lodge, 10 A.M. wind E.S.E, overcast, looking like a storm at 2 P.M., commence snowing, wind backing to the northward until 6 P.M., snow very light, a great body of snow on the ground, probably 3 feet on a level and hard enough to bear up a man out of the path. The 23rd night a storm of snow, cold and severe, weather tedious. 24th Wind N.N.E., cold, flirts of snow, windy, uncomfortable weather. 25th Cloudy morning, afternoon wind south, snowing and the sun on. 26th Morning cold, squalls of snow, the rest part of the day pleasant. 27th Morning dull, afternoon wind south thawing some. 28th Wind E. blowing a gale of wind, at 2 A.M. commence snowing, 3 inches fell at 8 A.M., turn to rain and that pouring down in torrents, wind increasing, it is a most severe storm of snow & rain and must expect good deal of damage. 29th Wind N.W. blowing a gal of wind, clear & cold, good sleighing, planted lettuce, cucumbers & tomato seeds in the hot bed. 30th Wind N.W., smart breeze, cold nights, freezing hard enough to bear up a man up on the snow. 31st A dull overcast day & cold, the sun not out for the whole day, thawing but little for the day. At 5 P.M. spits of snow, 7 P.M. mist & rain, 9 P.M. snowing continues through the night. March ends with a storm of snow. Market boat altered.

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April 1843 begins on a Saturday. 1st Wind N.E. blowing a violent gale accompanied with one of the most severest snowstorms that has been this winter, a cold one for April. 2nd Wind N.W. blowing a screecher, snow a flying, drifting, roads full. 3rd Breaking out roads, wind moderate but very cold weather. 4th Pleasant day, wind southward, 2 feet of snow on the ground, melting. 5th Wind N.W. snowing moderate melting as fast as it come down. 6th Fast day, snowing very fast, if the snow had laid there would have been 18 inches full. 7th & 8th Clear & cold, good sleighing, thawing but very little. 9th Overcast, cloudy at 12 A.M., cold rain, clear off, beautiful afternoon. 10th & 11th Wind N.W. blowing a cold breeze, snow going very slowly. 12th & 13th Cold for the season, spring very backward. 14th, 15th, 16th Easterly, foggy, unwholesome weather, snow going fast. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th Cold backward weather with easterly winds. 18th Commodore Sloat & Lady arrived home from New York. 21st A boat's crew for th gig, wind westerly, beautiful day. 22nd Wind east & cold. 23rd S.E. wind, rainy, uncomfortable day. 24th to the 27th Cold easterly weather. 28th Planted peas & potatoes. 29th Pleasant. 30th Wind S.E., raining and so ends April. April 1843 has been a cold severe month with snow & rain.

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May 1843 begins on Monday. 1st Wind southeast blowing a gale & raining torrents, clearing off in the afternoon, pleasant. 2nd Wind N.W., Sloop *Saratoga* sailed. 3rd E. wind, cold air. May from beginning to end has been a cold month, cold nights, corn come up well, but cold nights and frost makes it look very yellow & it don't grow any, nor yet grass, beans is damaged, everything looks backward. 29th & 30th nights frost.

June 1843 begins on Thursday, commences cold, chilly & very dry weather. Prospects of a crop of hay look dull & gloomy; commence on a new sloop of war in No. 4 Ship House. 8th Thunder & lightning &

rain. 9th Wind southward, rain & cold for June. 10th Westward rain pouring down in torrents, accompanied with sharp lightning & very heavy thunder that made the building tremble, low ground deluge in water, potatoes rotting.

July 1843 begins on Saturday. Warm growing weather through the month.

August 1843 begins on Tuesday. Warm foggy weather with abundance of rain, ground overflowed with water.

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September 1843 begins on Friday. A pleasant month, crops look well.

October 1843 begins on Sunday, a beautiful month for harvesting which is plenty and never was better. The beautiful Sloop of war *Portsmouth* launched from Portsmouth Navy Yard on the 23rd October 1843.

November 1843 begins on Wednesday. Commences pleasant and mild for the season, cool nights. Capt. John D. Sloat detached from Portsmouth Navy Yard and Capt. George W. Storer take his place as Commandant for 3 years, from the first day of November 1843 to the first day of November 1846.

Nov. 7th A flit of snow. 8th All gone. 6th Market boat altered. 10th Commence snowing and then turning to rain. 13th At night little more snowing up to the 19th. Pleasant weather for November and pleasant for the rest of the month excepting one little sprinkling of snow. And so, ends November 1843.

30th Thanksgiving in New Hampshire.

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December 1843 begins on a Friday. 7th commences with a snowstorm, the wind at S.W. and then changing to N.E., 10 inches fell on a level which makes very good sleighing then moderate. 11th, 12th & 13th Severe cold weather. 13th & 14th Cold nights. 13th Jammed my left foot, so it hauled me up a day or two. 7th Thanksgiving in Maine. 15th Wind eastward moderate looking dull. 16th Commence snowing 8 A.M., turned to rain. Raining all day, at 5 P.M. wind backing to the N.E. & snowing & blowing a gale of wind all night, drifting very much. 17th Still continuing as fierce as ever, no boats to church. 18th Wind N.E. moderate, cease snowing in the forenoon, afternoon more snow, 6 inches fell coming very damp. 19th Wind N.W., cloudy, dull day but not snowing. 20th Moderate & pleasant day. 21st Capital sleighing. 22nd Pilgrims landed in Plymouth in 1620. 23rd & 24th Wind N.E. cold, uncomfortable. 25th Christmas, moderate, overcast weather. 27th Wind N.E., dull, sprinkling of snow. 29th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, drifting, bad. 30th Wind N.W., a gale, cars not arrived from Boston. 31st Last day of '43, overcast wind N.W. but not cold. Winter mild so far.

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January 1844 begins on Monday. 1st Commence pleasant & fine weather. 2nd Wind W.N.W., fair beautiful, good sleighing. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, cold. 7th Wind S. W., moderate snowing fast. 8th Northerly winds and very cold, a cold night. 9th Wind N.W., severe cold day, thermometer 4 below zero, coldest this or last winter. 10th More snow, clear off, pleasant. 11th Cold. 12th Cold day; men after ice. 13th Raining. 14th Wind W.N.W. & cold. Boat went to church. 15th Still cold dry, pleasant sun, thawing little. 16th Wind N. E., 7 A.M. commence snowing, 8 A.M. wind E.S.E., coming very damp, 2 inches fell, 1 P.M. hailing & raining, blowing a gale of wind. John Marden & Samuel O. Allen

bring up a tub of coal. 17th Wind S.E, rain all day. 18th Wind westward, fair. 19th Wind N.W. & cold, hard traveling, snow bears. 20th A very cold day, pleasant sun, but still cold. 21st Coldest morning, 7 below zero this winter as yet. 22nd A cold day. 23rd Snow & rain. 24th A moderate day. 25th & 26th Two very cold days, thermometer 5 degrees. 27th Wind N.W., uncommonly cold days, 10 below zero. 28th It is still severe cold. 29th & 30th & 31st Severe cold weather, coldest winter for some years past.

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February 1844 begins on Thursday. 1st A little more moderate, sprinkling of snow. 2nd The weather more softer, cold spell broke. 3rd Flirt of snow, mild for winter. 4th A beautiful day. 5th Wind N.E., chilly snow. 6th Wind N.E., snowstorm, 6 inches fell. 7th Fair weather and a beautiful day, thawing. 8th Wind northward with a snowstorm. 9th & 10th The weather cold, severe, tedious. 11th & 12th Extremely cold, mercury down to zero. 13th A little more mild, flirt of snow. 14th & 15th Very pleasant, snow melting a good deal. 16th Wind south, pleasant, 4 P.M. looks like dull weather. 17th 4 inches snow fell, clear away, pleasant. 18th Wind N.W., very cold, blowing a gale of wind. 19th Wind west, a little more moderate. 20th, 21st, 22nd Very pleasant, snow melting fast. 21st At night, light sprinkling of snow. 23rd Overcast day, at night snowing an inch. 24th & 25th Wind north & cold, nights very cold. 26th & 27th Pleasant. 28th Wind N.E., snowstorm, blowing a gale of wind, drifting the most of any time this winter, 5 inches fell. It has been a very long and cold winter. 29th Wind westward, pleasant. Ends pleasant.

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March begins on Friday. 1st & 2nd Commences warm & pleasant, thawing a good deal. 3rd Wind south, dull, overcast weather. 4th Wind NE., a severe snowstorm, 4 inches fell. 5th Wind N.W. blowing a gale of wind, good sleighing. 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th Pleasant warm weather, winds southerly & westerly, thawing, snow going very fast, sleighing spoiled. 13th Wind N.E., severe rainstorm. 14th Pleasant day. 15th Wind N.E., chilly day. 16th Wind N.E. with a snowstorm, 2 inches fell, turning to rain, sun not seen for the day. 17th Wind S.E., snow & rain, cold for March. 18th Wind N.W., cold & clear, thawing but little. 19th Wind S.W., light flirt of snow. 20th S.W. winds warm & pleasant, snow melting fast. 21st Rainy day, cold, have lights until 9 o'clock. 22nd Wind N.E., cold snow, rain & hail, 2 inches fell. 23rd Wind north, cold overcast raw day. 24th Wind N.W., clear day & cold, to church. 25th, 26th, 27th Cold but sun, pleasant. 28th Wind N.E., severe snowstorm, blowing a gale of wind, 31st Wind N.E. cold rough weather. 19th Planted in the hotbed. 27th ?

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April 1844 begins on Monday. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Cold northeast winds, nights thermometer down to 14 above zero, cold as any nights in March, very bad traveling. 4th, 5th, 6th Winds southerly & westerly, favorable weather, snow about all gone, spring looks forward, commence digging in the garden, top of the ground quite dry. 7th A beautiful day, birds singing. 8th Planted peas. 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th Delightful weather for farmers, busy in the garden. 10th Wife very sick. 13th A little better, move stove. 15th, 16th & 17th Warm & dry. 18th Fast day in Maine. 19th, 20th, 21st Cold, foggy, easterly weather. 22nd Cold & backward, wind easterly, foggy day. 23rd Wind southeast, little rain, ground very dry. 25th Wind northwest, blowing a gale, cold day. 26th Wind N.E., cold rain, planted onion seeds. 27th Wind south & chilly, backward weather. 28th Wind westward, fine day, grass looks green. 29th Wind south, cold, heavy

frost that night. 30th Wind south, planted beet seeds, parsnips seeds. April ends with a pleasant day. Planted peas for the second time.

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May 1844 begins on Wednesday. 1st & 2nd Wind south, pleasant growing weather. 3rd Wind S.W., warm, wash lots, afternoon looks rainy, evening rain with thunder & lightning. 4th Wind S.E., overcast foggy weather, night raining. 5th Wind W.N.W, fine day, growing weather. 6th Pleasant day, went in gig, evening heavy rain with thunder & lightning, cold night. 7th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, hoist M. (Market) boat. 8th Wind west, hazy sky, grass looks green. 9th Wind S.W., cool day, had a barrel of soap. 10th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, finish digging garden. 11th Wind E.S.E., overcast rainy cold day. 12th Wind N.W., blowing a breeze, a quick wind. 13th N.W. wind, cool weather for vegetation, cold nights. 14th S.E. wind & fog & rainy, cool weather. 15th South wind, chilly for summer. 9th, 10th, 11th Great riot in Philadelphia. 16th Wind S.W., pleasant day, growing. 17th & 18th E.S.E. wind, rainy & cold, backward. 19th N.W. wind, blowing a gale, boats went to church. 20th Wind east & south, overcast misty day. 20th J.M. Walker on the sick list, bowel complaint. 21st & 22nd Cold days, nights frost, off the sick list.

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June 1844 begins on Saturday. Vegetation looks well, still the weather is cold for the time of year. June 1st Capt. Storer bought a cow & half. 26th Capt. Storer & family move out to Greenland. Painters commence painting the Commandant's house. Reenter for one year, not contented. Later part of June very dry & warm.

July 1844 begins on Monday. Very warm & dry, grass come in scarce. 4th A beautiful day, great turn out to Hampton, rain much wanted, grounds thirsty. 11th Wind easterly, foggy weather, poor hay weather, still very dry & warm, good hay weather. 18th Painters finish commandant's house. 19th Capt. Selfridge & family move away from Portsmouth's Navy Yard. 22nd Very warm. 25th Fine rain, ground needed it very much. 27th Mr. Hawkins died, buried 29th, aged 38 years. 29th Capt. Storer & family return to the Navy Yard. 30th Wind S.E., overcast cloudy weather. 31st Wind S.E., looks like rain, very much wanted.

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August begins on Thursday, 1844. 1st Wind S.S.W. and a heavy rain, thunder. 2nd Wind westward with a warm and fine day. 4th S.E. wind and rain with thunder. August has been warm & dry month. 11th John Verrill (Varrell) & Mary Lord married in Rye. 11th John Berry & Sarah Shapley married in Rye. 21st Albert M. Walker commence serving his time at Blacksmith trade with David Moulton, Esq.

September begins on Sunday 1844. Commences very dry & warm. 9th Charles G. Parsons died in Rye, aged 36. 10th to 20th Very warm & dry, rain very much wanted. 20th Lights put out at 8 o'clock, warm day. 21st Fire in Portsmouth. 21st Light again. 19th Sailed new ship *Empire*, eleven hundred- & fifty-tons burthen, Capt. Russel, master for New York. 23rd Pleasant day but cold night, frost to be seen morning of 24th, first as yet for this fall. 25th Rain. 26th Fair. 27th Fair. 28th Cold morning, heavy frost & kill all the vines, looks like a storm. 29th Wind N.E. rainstorm, no boats to church. 17th General muster of first regiment in Greenland. 29th Muster to Hampton. September ends fair & pleasant.

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1844 October begins on Tuesday. 1st Wind N.W. blowing a gale & cold. Miss Catherine G. Todd left the Commodores. 2nd & 3rd Wind westward and pleasant, dig potatoes. 4th Wind S.E. blowing a gale & storming. 5th & 6th N.W. winds & fresh breezes. 6th Southerly wind, evening looks like a storm, wind N.W. 6th Ship *Isaac Newton* arrived at the wharf. 7th Wind N.E. & rainy in the morning, afternoon pleasant. 8th Wind N.W. brisk wind. 9th, 10th & 11th Warm & pleasant, weather fine. 11th For harvesting, raised boat house. 12th Moderate. 13th Pleasant 14th Wind southerly 3 P.M., rain wind S.E, great excitement on account of the Miller preaching the world they say coming to end 22nd. 15th Rainstorm. 16th Wind N.W., pleasant day. 14th Philip Currier died. 17th Married at Kittery Point Mr. William Nutter of Portsmouth, N.H. to Miss Catherine G. Todd of the above place. Pleasant morn, rainy eve. 18th Wind S.E., rainy all day & evening. 19th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, Cornwallis surrendered to Gen. Washington in 1781. 20th Wind N.W., burning fresh wodman in the Lodge. 21st Wind N.E. blowing a quick breeze.

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22nd Fine weather, the day that the Second Advent people prophesied that they should ascend to meet Christ, O Delusion, False Prophets, how much longer will the People be gulled by such hypocrites, wolves in sheep's clothing, O fellow mortals, beware, O beware how you put your trust in man. 23rd Market boat altered, winter arrangements to leave the Yard at half past eight A.M., half past 10 A.M., quarter before 3 P.M., leave Portsmouth half past 9 A.M., quarter before 12 A.M., quarter before 5 P.M. 24th Millerites turning to gathering in their harvest that they have been neglecting of. 25th Fine weather, lights put out at 8 o'clock. 26th Very warm for the season. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, & 26th has been beautiful weather. Now gone to Boston. 26th Mr. Daniel Philbrick settled with Albert Walker, paid him 18 dollars 75 cents the amount due him. 27th Rainy, wind N.W., light air. 28th Wind N.E., rainstorm. Officers of belonging to United States Ship *Portsmouth* arrived. 29th Wind N.E., cold. 30th Moderate. Sailed ships *Franconia* & *Clara*. 30th Wind westerly, pleasant weather. 31st Showers of rain. October has been warm and wet.

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November 1844 begins on Friday. 1st Pleasant day, very warm for fall. 2nd Fine weather, stake out the road. 3rd Overcast weather, boats to church. 4th Wind N.E., misty day, election in New Hampshire. 5th Wind N.E., raining in torrents, new Ship *Finland* sailed. 6th Wind west blowing a gale, overcast, lousy day. 7th A draft of 25 men arrived for United States Ship *Portsmouth* now lying at Portsmouth Navy Yard. 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Overcast rain moderate weather. 12th U.N. States Sloop of War *Portsmouth* hauled to her moorings, wind S.W., thick overcast weather. 14th Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, a fine day. 15th, 16th, 17th & 18th Warm moderate weather. 19th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, pleasant sun. 20th Thick hazy sky looks like snow, cold nights. A draft of 30 men & boys for Sloop of War *Portsmouth*. 21st & 22nd Overcast warm days. 23rd Rainy & wind northeast. 24th Wind N.W. blowing a gale. Ship *I. Newton* [*Isaac Newton*] went to sea. Moon eclipsed visible, total one hour & 35 min. 25th Wind N.W. blowing a hurricane & cold weather. 26th N.W. wind & cold, a flirt of snow in the evening. 27th Moderate. 28th Snowing in the P.M. 29th Overcast, cold day. 28th Mr. J. Junkins married. 30th Wind N.E., rather a mild day.

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December 1844 begins on Sunday. 1st Commences rainy, at 11 A.M. snowing, clear off 1 P.M. 2nd Wind west moderate, pleasant day, snow melting. 3rd & 4th N.E. winds, spit of snow & rain, uncomfortable

days. 5^h Pleasant day, Thanksgiving in Maine, boating. 6th N.W. winds & rain. 8th N.W. wind, blowing a gale. On General Liberty, cold day. 9th W.S.W. wind, sailed U.N States Sloop of War *Portsmouth*, Capt. Montgomery for Norfolk and thence to the Pacific Ocean. 10, 11th Wind N.E., cold, raw, chilly wind & weather. 10th Mrs. Catherine Nutter come on to the Yard. 11th Cold uncomfortable day, looks like snow. 12th & 13th Winds southerly, moderate for winter. 14th Wind S.W., rain & freezing & then thawing. 15th Wind W.N.W., brisk wind, went to church. 16th N.W. wind, sailed new ship *Epaminondas*. On night Liberty. 17th N.W. wind blowing fresh & cold, back from Liberty. 18th Wind N.W., a gale, severe cold, thermometer 12 above. 19th Butchering a pig. 20th A cold day. 21st Moderate. 22nd Wind N.W., rain & snow, moderate. 23rd Rain & N.E. wind. No company to Captain Storer's kitchen. 24th A gale of wind N.W. 25th Christmas day and a lovely one too. No snow on the ground. 26th Ditto.

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December 25th Christmas and a lovely day, no snow on the ground. Father & Mother to Portsmouth in a chaise. 26th Pleasant. 27th Wind S.E., raining in the forenoon, afternoon snow, 12 inches fell, coming very damp. 28th Morning snowing, evening fair weather. 29th Wind N.W., cold, boats went to church. 30th Wind southerly blowing, squally. Fishing boat capsized off Rye Beach. Abner Downs and James M. Robinson drowned, belonging to Rye, leaving wives & friends to mourn their loss. 31st Wind N.W., moderate, thawing considerable, snow about gone. Rough travelling. The year 1844 has been favorable for the agriculturist and commercial part of the community.

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January 1845 begins on Wednesday. 1st commences with a slight rain at 8 A.M. wind N.W., clears away the rest part of the day pleasant. 2nd & 3rd Wind N.W. & cold, no sleighing yet this winter. 4th Wind southerly and raining. 5th A splendid day, on General Liberty, day off. 6th Wind N.E., overcast, looks like snow. 7th N.E. wind, snow, hail & rain. Cold day. 8th Wind W.S.W. moderate, cloudy, sun hid. 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Mild for winter, good sleighing. 13th A little more snow. 14th A cold day, icing. 15th Wind north, 2 inches snow fell, afternoon clear. 16th & 17th Wind N.E., a storm of snow & hail. Elkins sick. 18th N.W. wind blowing a gale, a cold night, 2 zero. 19th Wind N.W., severe cold morning, pleasant sun. 20th 21st Wind N.E., snow, hail & rain, rough weather. 22nd N.W. wind blowing a gale and snow a flying. 23rd Wind west, pleasant day. John Briard discharged. 24th Wind S.S.E, moderate 3 P.M. commence raining. 25th Continues raining, snow about gone, January thaw. 26th N.E. wind, 6 A.M. commence snowing, 12 N clear away. 27th & 28th Wind S.E. blowing a gale. Sch. *Armida* cast away on HB. 29th Wind N.W., rain clear away, pleasant sleighing about spoilt. 30th & 31st Pleasant for winter. January has been favorable for fire wood.

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February 1845 begins on Saturday. 1st Commences with N.W. wind blowing a gale. 2nd Coldest day yet this winter, mercury only 8 above for the day, no boating for the day, wind blowing a gale. 3rd A little softer but a very cold day, looks like a storm 4th N.E. wind, storm threatening, 10 A.M. commence showing and was one of the most severest storms that has been known for several years past. 5th Continues blowing & snowing & drifting, 2 feet snow fell on a level. Market boat did not go to town. 6th Wind N.W. blowing a gale & glowing the snow into heaps from 5 to 8 feet deep. Sch. *Loira* cast away on Wallaces Sands, Rye Beach, crew saved. Sch. *Angelia* belonging to Addison came to anchor outside of Portsmouth Light House, rode out the gale with the loss of her mainmast & was towed into Portsmouth.

The 9th up to the 11th has been severe cold, stormy & blowing weather. 12th Moderate wind south & raining, snow settling. 13th Wind N.W., sun pleasant, but the air cold, thawing little. 14th N.E. wind, commence snowing, 2 inches fell. 15th N.E. wind, misty, rainy, moderate, thick weather all day. 16th Wind N.E. & rainy & misty, the trees loaded with ice. 17th W.S.W. wind, delightful day, thawing considerable, sleigh ride. 18th Wind W.N.W. clear & good weather, snow melting. 19th, 21st & 22nd Warm & foggy weather, snow melting fast. 22nd B. Marden arrived from Boston. 10^{th one} G. Elkins to Kittery?. 12th L.D. Mills to Boston.

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23rd Wind S.E., rain, snow about all gone, fine weather the rest part of the month. 28th Died Lieutenant Darlington, U N S Navy at the Rockingham House very suddenly.

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March 1845 begins on Saturday. 1st S.E. wind & a flirt of snow, afternoon pleasant. 2nd Fine day, on General Liberty. 3rd Buried Lieut. Darlington from the Rockingham House followed by all the Military Naval & Survey Officers on the Portsmouth Station in full uniform, likewise all the sailors & marines, and a company of soldiers from Fort Constitution, which fired over the coffin, and a great collection of people. 4th Pleasant day. 5th Wind S.E., raining day and night. 6th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, but pleasant sleighing all year. 4th President Polk takes his chair as the choice of the people. 7th & 8th Wind S.E., misty & foggy uncomfortable weather. 9th Wind north, cold, rainy disagreeable weather. 10th Pleasant. Dancing school commence at Kittery. 11th Wind N.E., a severe snowstorm, three inches fell. 12th Pleasant. 13th Warm & foggy weather. Pantaloon. 14th Wind E.S.E., 10 A.M. commence raining & snowing. 15th Ditto, raining & snowing alternately through the day. 16th Wind N.W. & squally. 3 schooners sailed, bound south. 17th Wind S.E., cloudy sky, 10 hour system commence. 18th West wind, pleasant, make two hot beds. 19th Wind N.W, cold day, dancing school night at Kittery, No. 4. 20th N.W. wind blowing hard & cold, employed in hauling ice. 21st to 25th N.W. winds, cold weather & bad traveling, snow about gone.

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March 1845 26th Wind southerly, chilly, looks like rain. 27th A splendid day, on Liberty, wife and two children sick with severe coughs, John Gerry got his discharge and is going to sea in Barque *Martha*. 28th Wind S.E., overcast warm weather, sprinkling rain. 29th Wind southerly & chilly overcast dull day. 30th Warmest day as yet this spring. 31st Wind easterly, cold, chilly, scotch mist, uncomfortable day. Capt. Goldsborough & family leaves the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Likewise, Doctor Detnow. Plant in radishes seed & celery & peppergrass & lettuce & eggplant & cabbage & cauliflower seeds in the hot bed. Pay day. No. 4 Singing school night.

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1845 April begins on Tuesday. 1st Wind E.S.E. rainy & foggy weather. Pursers Breezes family moves from the Navy Yard to Cambridge. Capt. Pearson & family moves on to the Yard & Doctor Glentsworth?. Market boat altered summer arrangements; it goes 6 times a day, the light in the Lodge altered to 9 o'clock, summer rule. 2nd Wind N.W., pleasant. Sailed Barque *Martha* for Boston. 3rd Wind S.E.. 4th & 5th & 6th & 7th Cold, backward weather. 8th A flirt of snow, uncomfortable weather. School commence on the Navy Yard. 9th Wind N.W., blowing a gale of wind. 10th Wind N.W., cold backward weather. 11th Wind

N.W. planted peas in the garden and sowed N. 3 hot bed. 12th Employed in setting out maple, beech & ash trees. 13th Sunday, wind westward, overcast weather, chilly. 14th Wind N.W., gale of wind, carpenters repairing fence around the commodore's garden. 15th N.W. wind, Commodore's cow calfs. 16th Wind S.E., rainy, take down cistern at Commandant's house to repair. 17th Fast day in N. Hampshire & Maine. Wind N.E., cold, snowstorm, backward weather. Mr. John Verrill's (Varrell) child buried, died 16th. At home on Liberty.

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18th Wind N.E., dull, overcast day, cold, chilly weather, ploughing in Commandant's field. 19th Cold day, disagreeable weather. 20th Wind N.E., rainy, cold days for April. 21st Wind N.E., cold backward weather. 22nd Wind N.E., pleasant & warm. 23rd Wind south, mild & warm day. 24th Wind west, pleasant, dig asparagus beds. 25th Mr. Rockwood & family started for Bedford. 25th Pleasant day, hurt my side in the boat. 26th Wind N.E., cold, raw, chilly. General Liberty. 27th Wind eastward, little more moderate. 28th Wind S.E., pleasant, commence digging garden. Fire broke in Portsmouth at 9 o'clock P.M. near Water Street, burnt down a building occupied as a foundry. 29th Wind N.E., cold, very cold, raw chilly weather. 30th Wind E.S.E. blowing hard, downright cold weather. B.F. Walker sailed for Boston. Planted potatoes.

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May 1845 begins on Thursday. 1st Wind S.W., warm, pleasant day, dancing school night at Kittery Foreside. Catherine at Lomma. 2nd Fine weather, top of the ground dry. 3rd Planted peas the second time, likewise corn. 4th Wind S.W. Fire breaks out in Portsmouth in Market Street, quarter before one A.M., destroying 41 buildings. Loss estimated at 200,000 dollars, covered by insurance. 5th Wind southerly, chilly, ground very dry. 6th & 7th Pleasant days, planted onion, beet, parsnips & carrot seeds; transplanted tomatoes & cucumber plants, sold my cow for \$2.25. 8th Wind N.E. and a cold storm of snow till 12 A.M., wind backing to the north & west and clear. 7th Charles A. Walker dropping corn for Mr. A.S. Parsons, Esq. part of the day and he gave him 10 cents, the first money for work he ever got; he is in his 8th year. 6th & 8th Samuel J. Walker dropping corn & potatoes for Mr. William Marden & he paid him the enormous sum of 6 cents, a quarter per day; the boy in his 11th year. O generous man thy name ought to be extolled for they liberality.

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May 9th & 10th Cold for time of year & very dry weather. 11th Very war day. 12th Warm, grass looks well. 13th & 14th Fine weather but very dry. 15th A beautiful shower very much wanted. 12th John D. Simes, Clerk of U.N States N. Yard Portsmouth removed which he has occupied for 27 years, salary 900 dollars a year. Hansom took his place. Stimson take the place of Remick as Surveyor of the Yard, Remick being removed, salary \$700 a year. 16th Wind N.E., cold storm. 17th & 18th Still continues. 19th L.D. Mills left the Navy Yard. Pleasant day. Mr. Cox, carpenter of the Yard ordered to the Mississippi Steamer. I planted peas. 20th A fine shower, planted corn & potatoes. 21st Pleasant day, rather cold nights. 22nd Pleasant day. Odd Fellows walk and take dinner on Masons Hill where they had a beautiful table sat and an awning over it. 400 walked. 23rd & 24th Pleasant days. 25th & 26th On Liberty. 26th Ploughed and planted at home. 27th Wind S.S.W., blow a gale. 28th Wind S.S.W. the same. 29th A fine day. 30th & 31st Cold days, frost at nights killing beans. May has been a cold month, vegetation backward. 29th Frank Conant came to Capt. Storers to live.

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June 1845 begins on Sunday. 1st Beautiful day, went to church in the Commodore's boat, the first time after painting. 2nd 3rd, 4th, Very warm growing weather. 5th A shower. 6th Fine day, growing weather, vegetation looks well. 7th Pleasant. Capt. Storer has a party to dine, he gave his boats crew a blowing up, no occasion. 8th A fine shower, very much wanted. 9th & 10th Wind N.W., very warm days. 11th Wind N.E., some rain, transplanting plants such as cabbage, egg., cauliflower, tomato & peppers. 12th Pleasant. 13th A beautiful day & fine rain. 14th Mowing some grass. 15th Sunday pleasant. 16th Rain. 17th Shower in the morning, hoeing corn. 18th Wind N.W., set out celery plants. 19th Capt. Storer started for Washington. 20th & 21st Pleasant days. 21st Ship *Judah Touro*, 700 tons burthen (burden) launched from Badgers Island. 22nd General Liberty, fine day. 23rd & 24th Hot weather, very dry. Otis & Adams commences digging a well near the store on the 24th of June 1845. 25th A fine day, evening thunder & lightning with a shower. Transplanting celery plants & cabbage plants. 26th Pick a mess of green peas, mowed the circle. 27th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, budding lilac bushes.

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July 1845 begins on Tuesday. 1st Jesse M. Walker reenters on the N. Yard for one year. 2nd Wind easterly looks like rain. 3rd N.E., heavy rain, much wanted. 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Warm growing weather. 9th Warm, finish hoeing potatoes, corn & potatoes look well. 10th, 11th & 12th Wind westerly & drying, commence haying, hot weather, thermometer in the shade 94 & 75 at sunrise. 9th Steamboat *Yacht* commence running from Portsmouth to Boston, fare 50 cents each way. 13th Arrived Bark *Ann Parry*, Dennet, master from whaling voyage of 32 months and a half with a cargo of 2000 barrels of sperm oil, crew 32 men. 15th Picked string beans and dug new potatoes. 16th Captain Storer arrives from Washington, is well. 17th Finish haying, 5 P.M. a fine shower. 18th, 19th & 20th Very warm & very dry weather. 21st Hot day, thermometer 96 above zero, pick cucumbers. 22nd W. S.W. wind, one A.M. violent squall of wind, rain lasting till 3 A.M., doing damage blowing 2 chimneys down at the Navy Yard & injuring fences & blowing up trees. 23rd At 4 P.M. heavy shower, Capt. Storer had a large party. 24th Wind eastward, looks dull. 25th & 26th Pleasant days. 27th Wind N.E., rainy. 28th Sailed Ship *Judah Touro* for Boston. 30th Wind S.S.W., heavy thunder & sharp lightning & fast raining.

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August 1845 begins on Friday. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Pleasant days, growing weather, corn & potatoes looks well. 4th N.W. light air. Capt. Storer starts for New York. Fine day. 5th, 6th, 7th Beautiful growing weather, corn looks splendid. 8th Mr. John Verrill (Varrell) sprained his ankle. Cauliflowers for dinner. 9th & 10th Very warm days. 11th Pleasant day, shell beans. 12th Wind N.E., foggy, drizzling day. Verrill (Varrell) off the list. Corn. 13th Southerly winds. Capt. Storer arrives from New York. 14th Married at the Navy Yard, Mr. Henry Hoff to Miss Mary Trefethren, daughter of Mr. Levi Trefethren, Esq. 15th & 16th Wind E.N.E., a little cooler. 17th On General Liberty. 18th Wind S.E., foggy weather, tomatoes for dinner. 19th Wind S.E., smoky air. 20th & 21st Fair & dry. 22nd Very warm day, thermometer to 100 above zero. 23rd Wind N.E. with rain, very much wanted. 24th Wind S. E., muggy warm day. Boats to church. 25th & 26th Extremely hot & very dry. 23rd On a days liberty, wind N.E. and a severe rain. Storm accompanied with tremendous thunder & lightning striking a chimney on the Navy Yard. 23rd Nathaniel Walker returned home from Georgetown after an absence of four years and a half; started again the third of September for Georgetown, District of Columbia. 20th At home on liberty. 28th Change lands between Mr. Samuel Walker & all persons.

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September 1845 begins on Monday. 1st Pleasant. Pay day. 2nd Commodore Morris arrived. 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Very good weather, vegetables look well. I had an ill term?. 7th Sunday, wind S.W., rainy, cold day. No boats to church. 8th Boatswain Hoff started for Norfolk Virginia. 9th Wind N.W. Capt. & Mrs. Storer & Miss Mary went to Boston and back. 10th Brisk N.W. wind. 11th N. wind, cool nights. 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th Warm rainy weather. 18th Launched from Badgers Ship Yard, Kittery Foreside, a fine ship of 640 tons burthen for New York Line, named *Mary Pleasants*. 21st Sunday, wind N.W., rainy all day. No boating. 24th Digging potatoes, very rotten indeed where we planted, ground big enough for 75 bushels, only got 20 bushels. 26th Capt. Stansbury's men starts for Florida on survey. 28th Sunday, boats to church, wind S.W., fine day. 29th & 30th Finish digging potatoes, mild weather. 27th Stove put up in the hall.

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October 1845 begins on Wednesday. 1st Commences favorable for the harvesting, it being mild & pleasant. Potatoes very rotten, thousands of bushels not worth picking up, it will be loss to many, sorely felt. 3rd Rt? muster. 5th Sunday wind N.E., foggy & misty dat. 4th Put up stove in hall. 6th to 12th Rainy foggy misty weather, backward. 12th Arrived home from Marblehead, B. Franklin Walker after an absence of 5 months & 12 days. 13th Wind N.W., glowing a gale. Sailed ship *Charles*. 14th to 19th Winds westerly, cool days & nights frost. 20th B. Franklin Walker started for Salem. 21st Wind N.W. Sailed ship *Mary Pleasants* for N. Orleans. Market boat altered winter arrangements, spit of snow, the night of the 21st cold, thermometer only 20 above zero. Apples frozen upon the trees, got in all the carrots & beets. 22nd Sailed Bark *Ann Parry* on a whaling voyage. Light put out at 8 o'clock. Order withdrawn. 23rd Master Badger laid the keel of a vessel. 24th to 31st Splendid spell of weather, very mild & moderate. 29th B.F. Walker started for Salem in the cars. October had been and ends well. Pleasant. 29th Died in Rye Levi Henry, an interesting son of J.T. Walker's, aged 5 years & 8 months.

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November 1845 begins on Saturday. 1st & 2nd Winds S.S.E, dull overcast days with little rain. 3rd & 4th S.E. wind, very rainy. 4th Thunder & lightning & rain. 4th Tuesday L.D. Mills stopt all light at Capt. Storer's house. 5th, 6th & 7th S.W. Winds moderate, manure the asparagus beds. 8th Wind N.E., looks like a storm, commences at 4 P.M., rain all night. 9th Sunday, not much rain, but through Sunday night pouring down in torrents, most rain fell that was ever know this time of year. Overflowing the low grounds & doing great damage, particular on the Kennebeck River carrying away mills & bridges. 10th to 15th Westerly winds & pleasant moderate weather. 12th Wednesday morning sailed Ship *Milo* for Apalachicola. 11th Lights put out at 8 o'clock. 16th Sunday pleasant day, boats to church. 17th A very warm day. 18th Wind S.E., rain. 19th Wind S.W., sailed new ship *Thomas Wright*, 623 tons. 20th Wind W.S.W., fine day, lower harbour filled with coasters. 19th Wrenched my back & it pains me very badly. 23rd Sunday, wind S.S.E., no boats to church, rainy. 24th Wind N.W., blowing a gale & cold. 25th Wind S.W., chilly. 26th Morning rain, evening looks like rain, wind S.E. 27th Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, raining in torrents. Home on Liberty & had to stay at home all day it rained so fast. 28th & 29th Wind N.W blowing a gale of wind & cold freezing, very hard nights. 30th Wind N.E., looks like snow, chilly. So ends November. November has been a very mild moderate month, uncommon so.

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November 30th, 1845. Wind N.E. at 2 P.M., commence showing, 5 inches fell. November 19th Arrived at New York, Ship *Isaac Newton*. November 1845, most rain fell that was ever know in one month.

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December begins on Monday. 1st Wind N.E., commence raining, pouring down all day. 2nd Wind N.W, cold blowing a gale of wind, bad, cold day. 4th Wind N.E., snowstorm, 3 inches fell, Thanksgiving in Maine. 5th W.N.W. wind blowing a gale. 6th N.W., splendid sleighing. 7th Sabbath day, mild day. 8th Bell rings 27 min past 8 morning. 9th Overcast day, moderate. 10th Wind W.N.W., snow, hard blow. 11th, 12th & 13th N.W. winds, severe cold weather, tedious cold nights. 14th Sabbath day, wind ? at 10 A.M., commence snowing at meridian, raining and snowing through the day, raining all night. 15th N.E. wind blowing a gale of wind & raining all day, snow all gone. 16th Wind N.E., heavy. 17th Pleasant day for winter. 18th & 19th Winds variable but no fallen weather. 20th Wind N.E. at 5 P.M, snow for an hour, ½ inch. 21st Sunday, wind N.W., pleasant sun, cool day, boats to church. 22nd & 23rd N.W. winds, cold day & nights. 23rd Capt. Storer home. 25th Christmas day, wind N.E one P.M., commence snowing, continues through the day, heavy blow at sea. 2 schooners run ashore at Wallace's Sands, Rye Beach loading hardwood & lumber, crews saved, vessels wrecks, cargoes saved, hay damaged. 26th N.E. wind, snowing most of the day, 5 inches fell come light. 27th Overcast dull day. 28th Sunday, pleasant day, boats to church. 29th Sprinkling of snow. 30th Warm pleasant day, thawing some. 31st Wind N.W, blowing a gale of wind, a cold day. December has been windy month this year of 1845.

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January 1846 begins on Thursday. 1st Wind N.W., moderate day for winter, very good travelling. 2nd Snow & rain. 3rd A pleasant day. 4th Sunday, mild. 5th & 6th Two very fine days. 7th & 8th Snow & rain, winds S.E. 9th & 10th Moderate, very little snow on the ground, good sleighing. 11th Sabbath day, overcast dull day, sprinkling of snow. 12th to 17th Beautiful weather, splendid sleighing, one light snow for the time. 17th Wind N.E. 3 P.M., commence snowing, continues through the day moderately, 4 inches fell, very light snow. 18th Sabbath, wind N.W. blowing hard and snow flying, no boats to church. Two men froze their fingers going over to town in the mail boat. 19th N.W. wind, cold tedious day, splendid sleighing, good turning out. 20th Commence getting ice, weather getting more moderate, 1 load ice. 21st Wind N.E, very soft day, appearances of a storm, 2 loads ice. Prices of potatoes in Portsmouth at this time, long reds 50 cents a bushel, Shenangoes 75 ditto, yellows 60 to 64 cents per bushel, wholesale prices. 22nd Wind N.W., cold day, mercury at 10 A.M. down to zero, only 9 above for the day, 6 below a night, One load of ice. 23rd Little more moderate but a cold day, two loads of ice. 24th Beautiful day, wind N.W., thawing little, finish Commodore's ice house, two loads of ice. 25th Sabbath day, boats to church. 26th Pleasant. 27th Good sleighing. 28th & 29th Splendid days for icing, 2 loads each day. 30th Wind southerly, thawing good deal, one load of ice. Finish icing. 31st Wind N.E. at 3 P.M., launched from Badgers Ship Yard, Kittery, a splendid bark, 570 burthen called Apphia Maria, spars in & rigged & some of the sails bent, snowing some at the time.

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February 1846 begins on Sunday. 1st A cold N.E. wind with flirts of snow, uncomfortable day. 2nd Overcast mild day. 3rd Mild weather, mercury 40 above. 4th Pleasant day, snow melting. 5th Moderate, sleighing spoilt. 6th & 7th Two warm days, looks like snow. 8th Sunday 7 A.M. flirt of snow, 8 A.M. wind come off N.W but ends, first blowing severe gale, not any boat to town for the day, a circumstance that has not occurred for a number of years past. 9th N.W. wind still blowing hard. 10th Wind N.W. blowing a screecher, market boat only once to town for the day. 11th Wind N.E. at 6 A.M. commence snowing continues through the day, drifting considerable, 6 inches fell upon a level. 12th Clear, sun, cold, thawing but little. Lieut. Charles W. Pickering takes the place of Lieut. Samuel Lockwood. 13th & 14th Cold days, for a week past it has been a severe cold spell of weather. 15th Sunday, wind S.E. at 7 A.M. commence snowing a severe storm we had on, it 2 ?; no boats to town. 16th 17th, 18th & 19th N.W. winds and cold days, mercury down to zero. 20th N.E. wind, 7 A.M. commence blowing & snowing, 5 inches fell. It was the most tremendous storm of wind & snow that has been known for several years past, lasting till 12 P.M. 21st Pleasant shoveling snow. 22nd A fine day, Gen'l Washington's birth day, Sunday, boats to church. 23rd, 24th & 25th Three cold days, thawing scarcely any snow d rifted. 26th Wind N.W. blowing a gale, and a severe cold day, mercury 4 above. Mr. Philip Corrier buried; the Odd Fellows attended the funeral. 27th 7 A.M. thermometer 2 below zero, N.W. blowing a gale, cold severe, cold. 28th Cold day. February has been the most severe cold stormy month that has been for several years past, a good deal of damage done to shipping along shore.

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March 1846 begins on Sunday. 1st Sunday clear & cold. On General Liberty. 2nd Wind N.E, cold, raw, chilly air. 3rd Ditto. 4th Wind baffling, mild thawing day. Mr. Badger laid the keel of a ship. 5th & 6th Two overcast days but thawing considerable, snow melting. 7th Cold morning, 10 above zero, pleasant the rest part of the day. 8th Sunday wind south, light snow about inch fell, afternoon fair. 9th Wind N.W., pleasant. 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th Delicious weather. 13th Go on to the sick list with pain in my side caused by a fall. 14th Wind south, raining, carrying off the snow. 15th Sunday, wind W.S.W. blowing fresh, boats to church pleasant day. 16th Wind south, raining, evening snow, half an inch fell. 17th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, sun pleasant, carries off what snow fell. 18th Pleasant day, come off doctor's list, still there is pain in my side. 19th Mild, Capt. Storer's cow had calf, little rain towards night, clear away 6 P.M. 20th Very warm day, ten hour system, ring morning at 8, evening at 6. 21st Pleasant weather, favorable, carrying off the snow, clearing up a little. 22nd Sunday, boats to church. 23rd Warm. 24th Looks like a storm. 25th Wind E.S.E., raining all day. John Newton put in Capt. Storer's boat. Joseph Lutts [Joseph H. Lutts] turned out. 26th Wind N.E., storm of rain. 27th Pleasant. 29th Sunday, splendid day, boats to church. 30th Wind N.W., have lights till 9 o'clock, roads getting dry. 31st N.W. wind, ground drying very fast. March has been a pleasant month, snow all gone. So ends March 1846.

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April 1846 begins on Wednesday. 1st Begins pleasant but cool, commence digging garden. 2nd Fast Day in New Hampshire. 3rd Pleasant, plant peas. 4th Pleasant. 5th Sunday boats to church, pleasant. 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th Chilly days, road dry, commence garden. 11th Looking like rain, joiners to work at Capt. Storer's parlor cor. 12th Sunday boats to church, rainy afternoon. 6th Joanna Williams went home from the Navy Yard. 13th & 14th 2 cold days for April. B.F. Walker starts south. 15th, 16th, 27th & 18th Cold dry weather, little or no rain. 19th Sunday boats to church, very pleasant day. 20th, 21st Winds southeast, cold chilly

weather. 16th Fast Day in Maine. 21st to 29th Wind southerly, chilly, very dry, no rain lately. 29th Mrs. Glentworth gave birth to a daughter. 30th Wind N.E., raining all day. April has been a very dry month.

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Time of planting garden for the year of 1846. March 27th Plant peas. April 8th Dig asparagus beds. April 9th Set ? cabbage, parsnips, turnips, beets, onions. 10th Plant peas, dig borders in front. 7th Cucumbers seeds. 11th Sowed hot bed no. one. 13th Sowed turnip seed. 14th Planted potatoes. 20th Peas up. 22nd Planted corn. 29th Planted beans & sowed spinach seed. 24th Cut asparagus & took up radishes, first time this year. May 1st Planted onion seed. 2nd Planted corn & potatoes. 3rd Planted beet, parsnip & carrot seeds. 4th Transplanted cucumbers & tomatoes plants. 6th Planted turnip seed & planted peas second time, put down tomato plants. 7th Planted Valparaiso & crook neck squash seed & watermelon. 8th Planted radishes, tomatoes, cabbage & cauliflower seed. 15th Planted pole & bush beans, transplanted cauliflowers, cabbage & planted watermelon seeds. 16th Planted carrot, beet, parsnip, onion, sweet marjoram & spinach seed; planted corn, yellow corn in the field by the ice house; sow celery seed 3rd time in No. 1 hot bed. 18th Plant marrow squash & citron melon. 19th Plant beans, pepper seed, tomato & cabbage & lettuce seed. 21st In the hot bed, plant tomato & eggplant & cauliflower seed. Trim raspberry bushes; dug up cabbage yard. (cont. on page 77)

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May 1846 begins on Friday. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Rainy, foggy, dull spell of weather. 3rd Sunday, overcast, dirty day. 4th, 5th Pleasant. 5th Night heavy frost. 6th Wind southerly, survey crew arrived home. 7th & 8th E.S.E. wind thick & foggy weather, cold nights. 11th Sunday, rainy. Commodore's boat not to church. 11th to 16th The weather warm, nights cold with frost. 17th Sunday boat to church, in the afternoon rainy forenoon. Died at Portsmouth Navy Yard, Louisa Pearson, 13 years, daughter of Capt. George F. Pearson of U. N. States Navy. 18th Rainy. 19th Pleasant. Miss Pearson buried at Portsmouth. 20th to 23rd Wind northerly, cold backward weather, nights very cold with frost, killing plants & beans. 24th Sunday. Foggy easterly weather. On General Liberty. 25th Wind N.E., warm, muggy weather, growing weather. 26th & 27th N.E. winds, foggy, misty, unwholesome atmosphere. 28th & 29th N.E. winds, uncomfortable weather. 30th & 31st N.E. wind, foggy. 31st Sunday, rainy afternoon. May has been cold backward month for vegetation. So much foggy overcast dull weather. Scarce ever known in May. Sun seldom seen for 3 weeks.

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Time of planting the garden for the year of 1846. May 22nd Plant eggplant seed, tomato seed, lettuce seed. 23rd Parsnip & beet & onion & watermelon seed. 25th Carrot seed in the cabbage yard, plant peppergrass seed. 26th Plant sweet corn in the field & marrow squash seed. Take up dahlias from the hot beds & put down in the borders. 27th Plant cucumber seed back of the cistern in the field, peas in bloom. 29th Ploughing in the third lot. 28th Plant celery & eggplant seed in the hot beds. June 1st Planted shenango potatoes in the third lot. 6th Planted beet & carrot seed, peas & beans. 8th Planted sweet marjoram & citron melon seed. 10th Planted potatoes in the third lot, finish planting. 16th Planted carrot seed & peppergrass seed. 19th Planted lettuce & radish seed, transplanted cauliflowers, cabbage & lettuce plants, planted rutabaga, turnip seed, picked green peas for the first time, transplanted tomato plants. 21st English turnip for the first time, big as tea cup. July 18th Transplant celery plants, sowed

rutabaga seed & cabbage seed. 20th Transplant baga turnip, cabbage & cauliflower plants, sowed flat turnip seed. 24th Transplant celery plant.

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June 1846 begins on Monday. 1st Commence with a pleasant day. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Pleasant weather with a shower. 7th Sunday boats to church all day. Pleasant all day. 8th to 13th Warm & dry weather; grass comes in light. 14th Sunday boats to church, very pleasant day. 15th Shower very much wanted; corn looks well & potatoes likewise. 16th Wind N.E., dry one. Captain & Mrs. Storer go to Boston, back tomorrow. 17th Wind southerly, blowing fresh, ground very dry indeed, mourning for rain. 18th S. winds, looking like rain, hope we shall have some. 19th & 20th Wind N.E. with a fine rain. 20th A shower. 21st Sunday, overcast, drizzly, Scotch mist, General Liberty. 22nd to 26th Variable weather, rain & fair weather, clear & rain. 28th Sunday, warm day, boats to church. 29th A fine day, scrub lots time expires for the 5th year. 30th Pleasant. On a week's Liberty at home hoeing corn & potatoes.

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July 1846 begins on Wednesday. 1st Morning pleasant, afternoon rainy. 2nd to 4th Two pleasant days. 5th Sunday, at home on liberty, a pleasant day. 6th Lincoln Storer starts for Boston, going to sea in ship *Faneuil Hall* bound to Calcutta, a year voyage. 7th Return from liberty, commence on another year. 8th Hoeing potatoes for the first time, grassy enough. 9th Commence haying. 10th, 11th Get hay in. 12th Sunday, 10th & 11th Two as hot days as has been known in New England for 20 years past. 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th Warm & dry, want rain. 16th Finish haying. 17th Looks like rain. 18th Morning fair, afternoon fine shower. 19th Sunday, rainy forenoon afternoon, boats to church. 20th Wind N.E., variable weather. 21st Fair & very dry. 21st Caravan exhibited in Portsmouth, full attendance one day only. 22nd N.E. wind, looks like a storm. 23rd Raining. 24th Pleasant. 25th N.E. wind 6 A.M., commence an old fashioned rainstorm. 26th Sunday, boats to church, all day very warm weather. 27th, 28th & 29th Three hot sultry weather, corn & potatoes look well. 30th Cloudy but warm 7 P.M. commence raining and then pouring down in torrents accompanied with heavy thunder & very sharp lightning continuing till morning. 31st Cloudy morning, one P.M rain & heavy thunder.

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August 1846 begins on Saturday. 2nd Sunday, pleasant, boats to church. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Very hot warm sultry weather. Thermometer from 95 to 102, heat overbearing. 8th Very warm, 6 P.M. a refreshing shower. 9th Sunday, a beautiful day, boats to church. 10th A little cooler, rain. 11th Comfortable day. 12th Drowned at Portsmouth Navy Yard Charles Edgar, adopted son of Mr. Richard F. Dunn, gunner of said yard, aged 6 years. Supposed to fell out of a boat at the Mechanick Landing as that was the last place seen alive. Picked up next morning. 14th Buried 14th half past 9 in afternoon; corn for dinner. 12th Launched from Badgers Island Ship *R.D. Shepard*, 800 tons. 16th Sunday, fine day. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd Warm & very dry days. 23rd Sunday, sprinkling of rain. 24th Looks like rain. 25th Launched from Raynes Ship Yard, a fine ship of 1200 tons burthen name *America* owned in New York, intended for the Packet Line. Drank tea in Capt. Storer house with Miss T.W. Same day launched from Messrs. Fernald & Pettigrew Ship Yard at Badgers Island, a fine schooner of 150 tons called the *Catherine* to ply between Portsmouth & New York for a line schooner. 26th Transplant cabbage &

rutabaga plants. 30th Sunday showers, boats went to church. 31st Very warm & dry. So ends August 1846.

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September 1846 begins on Tuesday. 1st Wind westerly, sailed new ship *R. D. Shephard* for Boston. 2nd & 3rd S.W. winds, the ground very dry indeed, rain very much wanted. 4th to 12th Hot & dry, the oldest people do not recollect such hot weather before; vegetable come in light. 19th Launched from Badgers Ship Yard Kittery Foreside, a fine ship. 6th Sunday. 13th Sunday. 20th Sunday. 21st Some rain, the rest part of the week very dry. 27th Sunday, a fine day. 28th, 29th 30th Fine weather. 20th to 24th The Americans in Mexico under command of General Taylor had some hard fighting and took Monterey with loss of 500 men in killed and wounded & prisoners. Mexican loss about the same.

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October 1846 begins on Thursday. 1st N.E. wind & cold. Sailed new ship *America*, Captain Weare for New York, got ashore on Pierces Island, got off next day. Repaired damages on the third, towed to sea the 4th by the Steamboat *Yacht*. 4th Sunday, pleasant day, boats to church. 5th to 8th Very warm weather. 9th Remarkable warm day, evening wind north, thunder & lightning, drops rain. 11th Sunday, pleasant. 12th Captain Pearson & family move from the Navy Yard to Portsmouth. Captain Pearson takes command of Sloop of War Boston lying at New York to sail for Mexico. 13th & 14th Wind S.E., some rain, very much wanted. 14th Stove put in Lodge, fired up Saturday 17th for the first time. 16th Charles Stimson of Kittery Foreside raised the stern part of a barque. 18th Sunday, wind northeast, stormy, no boats to church. Moderate weather through the week. 25th Sunday, pleasant day, at home on Liberty. 26th Killed Capt. Storer's pig, 6 months old, weight 250 pounds. A large store building burnt down at Kittery Point belonging to Lawrence. 27th Nathaniel Jenkins, watchman at the Navy Yard was instantly killed as was supposed, caused by a fall in No. 2 Ship House. 30th Capt. Storer moved from the Navy Yard to Portsmouth. 22nd Market boat altered to winter arrangements; lights put out at 8.

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November 1846 begins on Sunday. 2nd Capt. George W. Storer detached from Portsmouth Navy Yard. Commodore Daniel Turner takes his place as Commandant. 3rd to 7th Warm moderate weather, some rain but very sparing. 8th Sunday, a fine day, at home on General Liberty. It has been one of the most dry summers & falls up to date in this vicinity that was ever remembered by the oldest people; greatest scarcity of water, springs of water very low & wells dry that was never known to fail before. Report says some people had to drive their cattle 6 to 9 miles to get water for them to drink. 9th & 10th Wind N.E. with rain, great blessing to the thirsty ground. 10th to 14th Wind N.E., chilly and rain, occasionable springs risen a little. 15th Sunday, fine day, boats to church. 16th Wind N.E. 17th & 18th Fine days, at home on Liberty bankamy?. 19th Wind south, fresh winds from 9 to 12 P.M., raining very fast. 20th Wind W.N.W., blowing a gale. Ships *Fortitude* & Ship *Matilda*, new sailed. 21st Wind N.W., brisk wind. 22nd Sunday a beautiful day, boats to church for the forenoon. 23rd N.W. winds, wet moist day, afternoon strong winds but fair. 24th N.W. wind blowing a gale & cold. 25th N.E. wind, 2 P.M. commence snowing with a severe gale of wind, 2 inches fell. Steamer Atlantic, New York & Providence boat cast away on Fishers Island Reef; report says 23 lives lost. She was a noble boat. 26th Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, N.W. winds & very cold. 27th to 30th Cold & windy, ends cold. 28th Snow. 29th Sunday. 28th Sailed Sloop of War Boston, Capt. Pearson cast away the 16th on the Bahamas.

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December 1846 begins on Tuesday. 1st Wind N.W., cold. 2nd Morning fair, evening snow. 3rd Thanksgiving in Maine, morning rain. Evening fair N.W. wind. 4th & 5th Wind N.W., fair & windy. Commodore Turner on the sick list. 6th Sunday, fair, gig to church with Commodore & maids, Irish, first time. 7th Cold morning, pleasant afternoon, evening looks like a storm. 8th Wind S.E. and raining. 9th Rain. 10th Wind S.E., evening snow. 11th Morning snow, afternoon fair. 12th Wind N.W, blowing a gale. 13th Sunday, cold & windy, Market boat to church with purser & family. 14th & 15th Wind N.W., blowing a gale of wind & severe cold weather. 17th, 18th & 19th N.E. wind, snowing, rain and a gale of wind, sleighing. 25th Christmas, a splendid day. Commodore Turner to church. 24th Carpenter William Loughton moved to the yard with his family. 26th to 31st N.W. winds blowing a gale, cold rough weather. December has been the most strangest and uncomfortable weather ever known this season of the year; sleighing all gone. 1846 ends with a drizzly weather.

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U.N. States Navy Yard Year Portsmouth N.H. December 4th, 1846. The seamen of said yard, sixteen in number have this day purchased and put in their quarters a clock, cost two dollars & forty cents. The names of those bot & belonging there at the time.

No. one mess

William Story

Benjamin Keen

Jonathan W. Verrill (Varrell)

James Locke

William Waldron

Parker Manson

Trueman S. Odiorne

No. two mess

Joseph Kimball

Jesse M. Walker

Samuel Kerswell

Charles Donenberg

James Carter

William Woodman

John C. Newton

Joseph C. Newton

Emery Woodman

December 9th, 1846. Killed the pigs at Lodge, weight 198 & 175

December 9th, 1846. Bot a pig amongst all hands, price 2 dollars 50 cents

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January 1st, 1847 begins on Friday. 1st & 2nd Rain & drizzly weather, carrying of snow, trees loaded with ice. 3rd Sunday. 4th, 5th, & 6th Warm moderate weather for January. 7th Married in Boston Lieut. Charles W. Pickering of the UNS Navy & belonging to Portsmouth, N.H., attached to Portsmouth Navy Yard at the time to Miss Stearns of Boston. Very heavy rain, pouring down in torrents. 8th & 9th Cold windy days,

ground bare, sleighing all spoilt. 10th Sunday, cold chilly weather through the week. 17th Sunday. 20th Commodore Turner started for Norfolk, Virginia. 24th Sunday, cold but pleasant, sun through the week. 25th Commence icing, haul 4 loads a day for five days in succession. 31st Sunday, cold severe day, at home on General Liberty.

February 1847, 1st begins on Monday. Sun pleasant but cold day. 2nd Candlemas day, overcast, mild & moderate weather. 7th Sunday, charming day, ground bare, remarkable weather for winter. 14th Sunday, pleasant, home on Liberty. 15th Hauling ice, 4 loads. 16th 4 loads, finish for this winter. Two or three inches snow fell. 17th & 18th Pleasant, in Market Boat, Bark *Alice Tarlton* Trefethren sailed for Philadelphia. 22nd Sunday, wind N.E., severe snowstorm, no boats to church. 27th Snow & rain, rain pouring down in torrents, very bad traveling. 28th Sunday, pleasant. 3 weddings in Rye today. This winter month ends very favorable; this winter has been favorable.

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1847 March begins on Monday. From 1st to 8th Clear and cold, windy, sleighing done. 7th Sunday. 6th Comm. Turner from Norfolk, gone seven weeks. 7th to 14th Cold & windy. 14th Sunday, blowy day. 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th Blowing a gale of wind from N.W. 15th Little more moderate. 16th & 17th Wind W.N.W a gale of wind. 18th Mild & pleasant. 18th Launched from Mr. Charles Stimson's Ship Yard Kittery Foreside and without any accident, a fine barque of 350 tons names *Mary B. Oliver*, the first one that that gentleman has built. 21st Sunday, raining, no boats to church, uncommon. 22nd Wind N.E, with a severe storm of hail, rain & snow. 23rd Wind N.E, some rain, lights till 9 o'clock. 24th Snow. 27th Wind variably, three P.M. squally snow. 28th Sunday, N.W. winds, gale of wind. 29th Snowing, Commodore cow calfs. 31st Wind N.E., snowstorm, 6 inches fell, cold weather.

April 1847 begins on Thursday. 1st Commences cold & severe weather, thermometer only 10 above zero, circumstances scarcely ever known. 2nd Wind N.E. & snowstorm, 2 feet fell. 3rd Pleasant. 4th Sunday, hazy, snow going slowly, evening snowing. 5th to 10th Windy. 10th Make hot beds. 11th Sunday, cold windy day. 12th to 17th Cold backward & windy weather. 16th Fast day in New Hampshire. 18th Sunday. 20th Ploughing in back lost. Mr. Otis grafting apple & fruit trees. 21st, 22nd Pulling rockweed. 23rd Sold calf, 4 dollars, cow sick. 24th Painters painting Commodore's house. 25th Sunday. Commodore starts for Washington the 26th. 27th Night severe cold, ice of an inch. April has been the coldest since 1816, cold storms and very backward weather and so it ends.

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Planting garden for the year 1847.

April 12th Plant cabbage, melon, radish, tomato, cucumber, squash, pepper, celery in No. 1 hot bed. In No. 2 hot bed, peppergrass, lettuce, melon, cauliflowers, eggplant seeds. 23rd Dig asparagus beds, plant peas. 26th Plant corn. 27th Plant potatoes.

May 4th Plant in No. 3 hot bed, celery, citron melon, watermelon, cauliflower & savoy cabbage seed, onion seed, white turnip seed & beans. 6th Plant peas 2nd time; planted beet & spinach & cucumbers seeds, oyster seed. 7th Plant carrot seed. Peas up. 10th Plant melon seed, apple pepper seed, plant corn 2nd time, turnip seed, madeira & gladiola bulbs, white washing. Dig borders in front. 11th Plant marrow squash, Valparaiso squash parsley, sweet marjoram seeds, savoy cabbage, cauliflower seed, plant potatoes & pole beans. 12th Plant radish, tomato, lettuce, eggplant, cauliflower, savoy cabbage,

rutabaga & cucumber seeds. 14th Planted romaine, citron, real citron & watermelons, horticultural beans.

July 10th Pick peas. July 15th Dig potatoes.

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May 1847 begins on Saturday. 1st Commence cold & severe, unusually so, backward weather for the agriculturist. 2nd Sunday, rainy & cold. Through the week fine weather. 8th N.E., rainy & cold. 9th Sunday, pleasant day. 10th, 11th Pleasant. 12th Wind N.E., stormy day, wind easterly. 16th Sunday, wind easterly. 18th Take my discharge from U.N.S service after belonging to it for 5 years, 10 months, 17 days, & hire with Commodore Turner to work in his garden.

Sept. 15th Corn to Portsmouth. Sept. 16th In the morning a light frost, pick watermelon. Sept. 28th Alexander Smith killed instantly in No. 4 Ship House by the fallen of a block.

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1847 October begins on a Friday. 6th Ship at U.N. States Navy Yard for one year. On Liberty from 11th to 19th. 26th Stove put up in Lodge, cold night. Ice one-inch 1/8 thick. 27th Morning cold, 18 above zero, 35 through the day, colder by 3 degrees than any day last November. Mr. Hoff, boatswain arrived at Portsmouth N.H. Put up stove in Lodge.

November 1847 begins Monday. Commences pleasant & old delightful weather to the 6th. 5th Mrs. Pickering, wife of Lieutenant Charles W. Pickering gave birth to a boy. 15th Wind N.W. Sailed new ship *Columbus* 1500 tons burthen, Captain McCurran for New York, started 12 A.M.

December 1847 begins Wednesday. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wind south, raining, 5 at night, flirt of snow, ½ inch. 11th Wind S.W. warm day, mercury up to 66 degrees, only 4 below summer heat. 12th Sunday, mildest weather known for this time of year, continue till 16th. 16th Wind N.E. and fair but cold & chilly wind, rupture between leci? P & B. 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st Mildest weather every scarcely known for the time of year, not any snow. December has been a very moderate month. 1847 has been a favorable year for vegetation & ends very mild.

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January 1848 begins on Saturday. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mild weather & bare ground, delightful weather. 9th Sunday. 10th Wind N.W., blowing a gale & cold, mercury 10 above. 11th Severe cold, mercury 12 below, it is the coldest for a number of years. 13th Commodore Turner has his hog killed, weight 294 pounds. January has been a very delightful month, not any snow and warm.

February 1848 begins on Tuesday. Commences with a snowstorm, wind N.E., 6 inches fell. 3rd Thursday commence hauling ice for Commandant's ice house, 3 loads. 4th Hauled 4 loads, ditto. 5th Snowstorm, 5 inches fell. 6th Sunday. 7th 2 loads of ice for Capt. Paine's ice house. 8th Four loads of ice. 9th One load of ice. 12th Lieut. Charles W. Pickering takes his departure from the Navy Yard for Norfolk & thence to the

coast of Africa. He is a fine man, 2nd a good officer; his departure is very much regretted. Lieut. Peter Turner takes his place. 16th Finish hauling ice. Beautiful weather.

March 1848 begins on Wednesday. Commences pleasant. 4th Storm of snow. Sickness in my family; 3 of my children sick with scarlet fever & throat disorder. George died, aged 4 years; it has been very sickly through the month of March, among children in particular & number have died. 31st Snow about all gone. March ends pleasant.

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April 1848 begins on Saturday. 1st to 9th Pleasant weather, ground very dry. 7th Plant peas. 10th Wm. J. Walker commence living with Com. Turner to work in the garden. 13th Fast Day in Maine & New Hampshire, afternoon on Liberty. 17th Market boat altered to summer arrangement, 6 times a day. 18th Wind N.E., 10 P.M. commence snowing, continue all night. 19th Still continue snowing, 10 A.M. clear up, 7 inches fell upon a level, uncommon this time of year, laying 3 days. 26th Commence building chimney, finish May first.

May 1848 begins on Monday. 2nd 1 P.M. wind N.E., looks like a storm, 4 P.M. commence raining, continue violently through the night. 3rd Still storming, lasted through the day, 4 inches fell. 7th Sunday, 6 P.M., heavy shower with thunder & lightning. 11th N.E. storm, hail, rain, most violent for 20 years past. 13th Comm. Turner bought a pig, price 2.75. 17th Albert M. Walker commence work by the day. May has been cold, rainy & backward month.

June 1848 begins Thursday. 1st to 10th Rainy & cold. 9th Commodore Turner plant potatoes in garden. 19th to 21st Rainy & foggy, corn is short, potatoes & grass looks well. 25th Dull weather, rainy & misty, holds so to the end of the month. 30th Com. Turner planted new potatoes that came from South Carolina. 29th Transplanted salary (celery) plants.

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July 1848 begins Saturday. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Rainy wet weather, grass lodge very much. 3rd to 15th Rainy & wet, dull for haying, grass very stout. 16th to 20th Splendid hay weather, farmers very busy in mowing. 19th Very sick with bowel complaint. 16th Sunday. Sad accident occasioned by a sailboat striking Portsmouth Bridge, instantly filling and sunk; two young girls drowned there, surname Ashley, lately from England and were working in the factory. 23rd Arrive Bark *Ann Parry* from a whaling voyage absent 2 years, 9 months, 6.50 barrels oil spermaceti, slim voyage

August 1848 begins Tuesday. 1 to 14th Warm & very dry, potatoes tops dying, disease among them.

September 1848 begins Friday. September has been a very cold month. William J. Walker time out with Com. Turner 30th.

October 1848 begins Sunday. 1st Capt. Paine's ice house cleared out of ice. 2nd A cold N.W. storm. 5th Paid A.S. Parsons for wood. 2 dollars. 6th Reenter at the Navy Yard for one year. 15th Ice all out of Com. Turner, go on a weeks Liberty. 28th Between the hours of 5 & 6 P.M., serious case happened.

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November 1848 begins Wednesday. 1st Com. Turner bot 10 bushels yellow corn, \$7.00. 3rd On General Liberty, sail back & down on the 5th. 5th Sunday, wind southeast, stormy, Com. Turner's boat to church &

no other one, very uncommon circumstance. 9th Wind S.W., flirt of snow. 10th Cold. 11th Very cold the month, only 10 above zero. 12th Snowing but moderate. 14th Launched at Navy Yard near Portsmouth the fine Steamer Saranac, 14.00 ton burthen, fine ship, strong & beautiful model. 16 Thanksgiving in New Hampshire & Maine, a beautiful day. 20th Wind N.E. & a violent gale; Ship *Clara* of Portsmouth, N.H. went ashore on Cape Cod homeward bound, loaded with salt. Capt. Penhallow washed overboard & drowned, all the rest saved. 25th Raised barn. 30th Plastered chamber.

December 1848 begins Friday. 1st Pleasant day. 2nd & 3rd Rainy. 5th, 6th & 7th Wind N.E., cold with rain & hail. 8th to 16th Warm & mild weather, farmers busy in ploughing. 17th Thundered & lightning & rain. Clear off pleasant & warm. 21st Found by watchman in the Steamer Saranac a dying at 8 P.M. George Lefavour, engineer, supposed to fell from birth deck to the bottom, 12 feet, hurt internally, aged 21 years. Fire the same evening at Kittery Foreside, burnt down a small barn. 22nd Wind N.E., & a violent snowstorm, 6 inches fell. 25th Christmas. Rainy. 28th Snowstorm, 10 in. fell. 29th & 30th Snow. 31st Wind, cold, snow blowing.

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January 1849 begins Monday. 1st to 5th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, snow drifting, roads full. Very cold, mercury 3 below to 5 above zero, more snow on the ground now than there has been at once for several years past. 8th Com. Turner have his pig killed, weight 223 pounds. 5th to 13th Cold & severe weather, mercury 5 below at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth 9 below, it has been to hold coldest for 20 years past. 14th Wind W.S.W., mild, thawing very fast. 15th & 16th Cold, S.W. winds. 17th Mild, thawing. 18th & 19th Wind N.W., blowing a gale, cold, severe cold, thermometer 8 above to 5 below. 20th to 28th Cold with N.W. winds. 28th Mild evening, snowing, 2 inches fell. 29th & 30th Moderate. Com. Turner out sleighing, gone. 31st Mild. January has been severe.

February 1849 begins Thursday. 1st Wind W.S.W., snowing, commence icing, hauling 3 loads. 2nd & 3rd Haul 6 loads. 4th Sunday. 5th Haul 3 loads. 6th Ditto. 7th Haul 3 loads. Finish icing. Cold, severe weather. 8th to 20th Cold, coldest on a average for 25 years, mercury from 7 below to 5 above.

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March 1849 begins on Thursday. 1st to 6th Windy, E.N.E., cold days, chilly weather. 9th Launched from Fernald's & Pettigrew's Ship Yard on Badgers Island, the *Empire State*, a ship of 1600 & 40 tons, the largest merchant ship in the States. 9th to 20th N.W. winds blowing a gale & very cold, thawing but little. 26th to 31st Winds N.E., blowing a gale & raining very fast, cold storm. 31st James Carter had his finger cut off.

April 1849 begins on Sunday. Commences with cold & backward weather & so continues. 5th Fast Day in Maine & New Hampshire. 6th to 17th Cold & rain, 22nd Snow, potatoes planted in Rye. April continues cold to the end of the month. 30. Com. Turner starts south.

May 1849 begins on Tuesday. Continues through the month cold & backward.

June 1849 begins on Friday. June commences cold, continues part of the month. 17th up to the 24th Warm. Mercury 55 at sunrise, meridian 10.4 at Navy Yard, the warmest know for 20 years past. Hay & vegetation looks promising. 28th Rain wanted very much; ground got very dry. 29th A beautiful rain. 30th Fine day, the month ends favorably for vegetation.

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July begins on Sunday. July commences pleasant. 2nd Green peas, corn look well. 6th Commence haying. Up to 10th Dull, foggy weather, hay makes ?. 7th to 20th No rain, ground has got to be very dry. It has been excellent hay weather, thermometer 92 to 94, very hot. 16th B.F. Walker hurt his foot on the Navy Yard. 20th to 30th No rain, ground parched up, corn rolled up, pastures drying.

August 1849 begins on Wednesday. 1st Appearances of rain. 2nd to 10th Rain occasionally, vegetation revives up, grows finely, fall feed looks flourishing. Last of the month delightful weather to ripen vegetables & corn.

September 1849 begins on Saturday. Up to 20th Beautiful weather, potatoes have grown very large but the rot it is feared will destroy great many.

October 1849 begins on Monday. Oct. has been a delightful month for harvesting which has proved very fruitful.

November 1849 begins on Monday. 1st Com. Turner time out & has left the Yard. Capt. Thomas W. Wyman takes his place at commandant. The weather has been, & still continues mild. 14th Arrived U.N. States Ship *Decatur*, Capt. Byrne after an absence of two years from the coast of Africa. 26th Sailed Bark *Martha* for California, Capt. Grace with 62 passengers, 16 officers & crew.

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Nov. 15th Thanksgiving Day in New Hampshire; pleasant day. 29th Thanksgiving in Maine; pleasant. Married in Boston, Capt. Thomas W. Wyman of the U.N. States Navy to Miss Harriet Haywood, Boston.

December 1849 begins on Saturday. 1st Wind west, brisk winds. 2 P.M., sprinkling of snow. 2nd Was Sunday. 3rd Wind S.E., snowstorm, 5 inches fell. 5th W. wind, flirt of snow. From 5th to 9th Weather variable. 22nd Violent storm of rain from N.E., accompanied with a violent wind which was disastrous to a number of vessels; 3 schooners cast away on Rye beaches, 2 on Little River Beach. 26th Very cold, sunrise thermometer 3 below zero. 27th Stove put up in Lodge. 29th Snow, 2 inches fell. New cook stove put in Lodge.

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January 1850 begins on Tuesday. January has been all through pleasant & mild with good sleighing & very little snow, favorable for poor people on account of wood. 23rd Sailed new Ship *Western Word*, Capt. Weare for New York, burthen 1900 tons built by Messrs.. Fernald & Pettigrew on Badgers Island. 29th Sailed new Ship *Albert Gallatin* for Mobile, Capt. Salter, burthen 950 tons built by Mr. Badger, Kittery Foreside. Those 2 ships is not placed for beauty nor workmanship in the known world.

February 1850 begins on Friday. Commences moderate & mild. 2nd Snow, rain & hail. 9th Sunday, pleasant. 1st Sailed Ship *Lowel* for California, loaded with lumber. 5th Coldest day for winter, 2 below zero. 6th Little milder. 7th Commencing icing, hauled 5 loads. 8th 5 loads. 9th Raining. 10th Sunday, rainy. 11th Lieut. Peter Turner detached from Yard & Lieut. Samuel Hazard takes his place. 10th Died at sea Capt. William Yeaton, aged 42 of New Castle. 5th Died at Philadelphia Commodore Daniel Turner, aged 56. 13th Died at Fort Constitution Colonel Richard Wade, aged 54. 12th Hauled 3 loads of ice on wheels.

13th 6 loads. 14th 5 loads, finish. 17th Sunday, pleasant & mild through the week. 24th Sunday, splendid day, snow all gone, mild & beautiful weather. Uncommon at this season of the year & so February ends pleasant. 28th Albert M. Walker leaves work at the Navy Yard where he has been 19 months & 13 days employed in the blacksmith shop.

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March 1850 begins on Friday. March is very rough, cold, stormy & windy weather. 20th Crew arrived for Steamer Saranac. 21st Wind N.W., a gale. 23rd Snowing very fast, 6 inches fell on level. 24th Sleighing.

April 1850 begins on Monday. 4th Fast day in New Hampshire & Maine. Wind N.E., blowing a gale & snowing. Schooner *Pearl* of Portsmouth, N.H. from Boston bound to Portsmouth cast away on Essex Beach, and dreadful to relate all lost, consisting of Capt. Samuel Tuckerman whose body has been found with 4.11 dollars & a silver watch upon the corpse, aged 58. His oldest son, Andrew J., ages 33, his youngest son Franklin, aged 16 were on board. Also Mr. Robert Stokell, aged 60, John Pray, aged 48 & another man. Capt. Tuckerman leaves a widow, one son & five daughter to mourn his loss. 10th Sailed U.N. States Steam frigate Saranac for Norfolk, Virginia, started quarter past 11 A.M., went off in fine style. 13th Wind east, snowing, commence at 4 P.M., ending 4 A.M. the 14th. 14th Sunday, 7 A.M., flirt of snow. Both snows 3 inches laying beside what melted as it fell, thawing but little through the day, cold for the season. April has been a cold backward month.

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May 1850 begins on Wednesday. 1st to 19th has been a regular stormy cold, stormy & backward weather with a great deal of rain. People very backward in planting, ground very cold & wet. May throughout has been cold & more rain has fallen than is remembered by the oldest inhabitants living. It has been so cold & wet that corn & potatoes rotten & had to be planted over again. Hundreds of bushels of potatoes and a large quantity of corn planted second time. Ends cold & wet.

June 1850 begins on Saturday. June up to 20th has been favorable for vegetation, corn & potatoes, second planting coming up, considerable corn planted in June. 10th to 20th People very busy in hoeing, grass looks exceedingly well. Latter part of June favorable corn, grass & vegetables.

July 1850 begins on Monday. Commences pleasant. 4th Splendid day, fireworks in Portsmouth, beautiful, past & no trouble. 6th Wind N.W., quarter to six start Isles of Shoals in Commodore's boat; crew Jesse M. Walker, Benj. Keen, John Newton, Joseph Newton, Oliver Philbrick, coxswain. Company that went Capt. Thomas Wyman, Navy Yard, J.M. Haywood, Judge Shaw & two gentlemen by name of Haywood from Boston arrived there half past 7 A.M. Landed at Smuttynose Island. Landed at Star Island half past ?. 20 minutes to ten started for home, wind increasing, took in sail at 10, set down to our oars, wind still increasing.

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12 A.M. 3 miles distant from Shoals, wind blowing a gale, making a heavy sea, for 2 hours gain none at all, ? all the time. From 12 to 4 kept a steady ? and making very little headway. 4 P.M. Isles of Shoals distant 4 miles, flood tide making no chance for refreshment, took in good deal water. Capt. Wyman takes spells at bailing, oarsman very much fatigued, most beat out, half past five wind lull a little, tide in favor. Make some headway. 7 P.M. Wind decreasing, got in smoother water. 8 P.M. Arrived at Navy

Yard, after rowing 10 hours. Distance eleven miles, almost exhausted. 10th Died at half past ten P.M. at the President's house, General Zachary Taylor, complaint cholera morbus in his 66 years, President of United States at the time of his death. Very much regretted by the nation.

August 1850 begins on Thursday. Commences easterly foggy warm weather. Potatoes rotten. 8th John C. Newton got his discharge from the Yard. 14th Had my right hand jammed badly, injuring the cords of two of my fingers severely so that it disabled me from duty to the present. 30th John W. Webster hung in Boston for the murder of Dr. Parkman, he confessing the murder, died very penitent.

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September 1850 begins on Sunday. 1st Pleasant. 2nd Dull. 3rd Fair. 4th *Decatur* towed over to Portsmouth, went on to the Railway to finish coppering. 5th & 6th Foggy. 7th At 1 P.M. commence raining, wind N.E. continued until 8th, at 12 A.M. pouring down in torrents. 8th Sloop of War *Decatur* come off Railway and towed over to Yard. 9th to 22nd Good wholesome weather, farmers digging their potatoes which is very rotten, not getting third crop, setting one dollar bushel. 22nd to 30th Rough weather. September has been a very wet month.

October 1850 begins on Tuesday. Has been very fine weather for harvesting and mild throughout to the end of it. Crops good. 24th Come off the List.

November 1850 begins on Friday. Commences mild. Sloop of War *Decatur* ordered to be got ready for sea. 5th Died suddenly in Rye Col. Amos S. Parsons, aged 81. November continues very mild, favorable for farmers. 23rd Capt. Wyman bought a pig weighing 60 pounds. 27th Wind N.E., flirt of snow, turned to rain. 28th Thanksgiving in New Hampshire, raining & snowing all day. I was at home; afternoon killed my pig.

December 1850 begins on Sunday. Commences mild. 7th Snow & rain, clear off cold. 17th Wind N.E., cold & rain. 18th N.W. wind & cold. 19th Thanksgiving in Maine. 23rd Wind N.E., violent storm of snow blowing a gale of wind, the most severe storm for 20 years past, 14 inches snow fell. 29th Another severe snowstorm, 8 inches fell. December has been cold, stormy & violent weather.

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January 1851 begins on Wednesday. Commences with very cold & severe weather uncommonly so to hold so long & so early in winter, great body of snow on the ground 2 feet fell upon a level. 8th to 27th More mild, thawing good deal, snow melted one half. 30th Wind N.W. blowing a gale & cold, freezing hard. 31st Not much wind, but very cold, coldest day here for 15 past years, thermometer ranging from 11 below zero up to 4 below zero.

February 1851 begins on Saturday. Commences pleasant, continues so for a few days then cold again. 5th Commence hauling ice; haul 3 loads. 6th 3 loads. 7th One load. 8th A very cold day, thermometer 4 below zero at 7 o'clock A.M., zero throughout the day. 9th Sunday, snowing but very cold, zero all day. 10th & 11th 3 loads ice each day. 14th 3 loads. 17th 4 loads 18th 2 loads. Finish.

March 1851 begins on Saturday. 17th Wind N.E. with a violent storm doing a great deal of damage to shipping, a number of vessels being cast away & stove to pieces, crews saved generally. March as been cold rough month.

April 1851 begins on Tuesday. 1st Commences cold & backward weather, nights freezing hard. 7th Samuel J. Walker commences living with J. & J. Brown. 15th Wind N.E. accompanied with one of the most dreadful storms of rain, hail & snow that was ever experienced here at this time of year. Damage done is immense at sea & ashore. The tide arose the highest ever known before. Sweeping beaches and wharves, 8 feet on the wharves in Boston. It is estimated it has done one million dollars of damage. The ale lasting 4 days in duration. 20th Wind W. blowing & snowing while I am writing.

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May 1851 begins on Thursday. It has been a very cold wet backward month.

June 1851 begins on Sunday. First part backward, cold nights, corn looking yellow. Latter part more favorable. 20th, 21st, 22nd Warm weather. 21st George Storer Walker went to school for the first time; he is four years of age. 27th 5 dollars.

July 1851 begins on Tuesday. 1st to 3rd Southerly with moist & damp weather. 4th Wind N.E., weather raining, uncomfortable, afternoon clear away, pleasant 5th Fireworks in Portsmouth. 6th Church commence at Portsmouth Navy Yard. 7th Mr. Nathan Clough commence digging a well on Portsmouth Navy Yard, near the Commanders quarters, a ledge. 13th At 3 P.M. the most violent & tremendous squall from the N.E. of wind, rain & hail that has been known for 30 years past. 13th Mr. Hanson Adams hurt very badly by blasting so he died July 22. Hail stones fallen in Kittery as large as white walnuts destroying corn & vegetables & even grass that lay in its route which was about a mile wide, passing over a portion of the town of Kittery, and New Castle in New Hampshire, breaking all the glass of buildings that was exposed to the northeast side of them. Some dwelling houses having from 100 to 120 and 160 panes broken. The hail laying for 36 hours afterwards before it melted. 25th & 26th A good deal of rain accompanied with thunder & lightning. 27th Sunday, general attendance at church & has been since it commenced. Mr. Blake is liked very well & we muster about 100 hearers.

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August 1851 begins on Friday. Has been a favorable month for farmers and business in general.

September 1851 begins on Monday. Commences very hot & dry, wells very low, farmers digging their potatoes, not much complaint of rotten ones as yet. Up to the 13th The warmest we had or the summer. Thermometer from 84 to 90 in the shade. 5th Died half past ten P.M. Hon. Levi Woodbury after a short illness in his 62nd year very much lamented by his country & friends. His wife has lost an endearing husband, his children a fond father and his country one of the firmest supporters, and he will long be remembered.

October 1851 begins on Wednesday. 3rd & 4th A violent gale of wind from the N.E. & loss of levees and vessels at Prince Edwards Island, Nova Scotia, most of them American mackerel fisherman report says 5 70 vessels & 97 lives lost leaving many a widow & orphans to mourn their loss. 17th Put Capt. Wyman's horses in the brick stable. 19th Wind N.E., a violent snowstorm lasting through the day. 29th Capt. Wyman & Lady start for New York.

November 1851 begins on Saturday. Commences cold & windy. 12th A very cold morning, thermometer only 15 above zero. 12th Capt. Wyman & Lady return from New York. 25th Snowstorm, 3 inches fell,

enough for sleighing. 27th Thanksgiving in all the states in the union but two, Vermont & South Carolina excepted.

December 1851 begins on Monday. 6th Died Miss Sarah Wyman, aged 28, only daughter of Capt. Thomas W. Wyman of the United State Navy. 7th Snowstorm.

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December 1851. 13th Commence hauling ice, getting 2 loads that day. 16th 2 loads. 17th 4 loads. 18th 5 loads. 19th 2 loads. 20th 4 loads in the 2 ice houses and filled them up. Finish. December has been very cold & tedious month. So from 16th to 28th right good sleighing. 28th Raining. From 17th to 26th Cold as was ever known to hold so long in December. Thermometer ranging from 6 above to 8 below.

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January 1852 begins on Thursday. Commences wind N.E., mild, snow all gone. 2nd & 3rd Northeast winds, cold. 4th N.E. winds, snowing & blowing; it is Sunday. 4th to 14th Variable weather, number snowstorms 16 inches at preset. 16th Cold morning, mercury 11 below zero at 8 o'clock A.M. At 12 P.M. 5 below at 3 P.M. 8 above, very good sleighing. 18th Sunday, cold day. 19th A bitter cold day, mercury 11 below in the morning, 2 above in the course of the day. 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd Coldest of any weather to hold so long for 20 years past, averaging 3 below zero for that time from Tuesday morning to Wednesday morning, average 6 below zero. 19th Snowing and how it got down I don't know; it was so cold. 23rd N.W. wind blowing a gale. 24th & 25th Wind S.W, more mild, thermometer as high as 26; looks a little more mild. 31st Wind S.E., cold uncomfortable day, 4 P.M. commence snowing.

February 1852 begins on Sunday. 1st N.E. wind blowing a gale & snowing, disagreeable day. 2nd to 11th Pleasant weather, very good sleighing. 12th Flirt of snow. 15th & 16th Cold. 17th Sailed new Ship Hope Goodwin, Capt. William Parrons. 18th, 19th Cold severe days. 19th Thermometer at sunrise, 2 below zero. 20th Cold day. 21st Morning very cold, afternoon mild. It has been very severe cold weather for the past week. 22nd Sunday, snowing about an inch fell, extremely mild day. 23rd to 27th Pleasant weather for a few days. 28th Wind S.E. Blowing a gale & snowing, 5 P.M. raining very fast. 29th Wind N.W. blowing tremendous heavy. February has been a rough month to have been through the winter.

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March 1852 begins on Monday. 1st to 7th Mild & moderate, snow going very fast, and thence to the 22nd Cold & severe weather. 17th Snow. 21st On inch of snow fell. March has been cold & tedious month and ends so.

April 1852 begins on Thursday. 1st to 4th N.W. to northerly winds, number squalls of snow. Cold weather, snow laying about the fences; no planting yet. Tuesday 6th Wind N.E. with one of the most tremendous snowstorms for the time of year scarcely ever known, 12 inches fell upon a level, continues cold, snow going very slow. 10th A sad accident at 5 o'clock on the Piscataqua River near Dover Point in which 5 men were drowned by ? boat swamping. Their names were Edward Furnest, George Burnham, son George Bunker, one unknown. 13th N.E. wind blowing spiteful & snowing; expect damage.

May 1852 begins on a Saturday. June 1852 begins on Tuesday. July 1852 begins on Thursday. August 1852 begins on Sunday. September 1852 begins on Wednesday. 6th I went to the doctor's list, having a

sick feeling in my throat and a severe pain in my bowels; no appetite for anything. 10th Come off doctor's list, but still have the dysentery very severe. 11th & 12th Southeast storm blowing heavy.

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October begins on Friday. 15th Friday, wind N.E., raining, at 10 A.M. veering to the northward, commence snowing, continue about 3 hours and then clearing away; the rest part of the month very pleasant.

November 1852 begins on Monday. Mild & pleasant month, very little snow.

December 1852 begins on Wednesday. A mild month, Christmas day a splendid one, bare ground and warm for the season; and continues so to the end of the month. December has been very pleasant & warm; favorable for fire wood & hay which is very essential articles with poor people having to buy.

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January 1853 begins on Saturday. Commences mild & pleasant & so continues up to the 13th & then wind N.E. & snow squalls, about 2 inches fell. 12th Wednesday jammed my right foot. 13th Went to the List. 17th Monday commence hauling ice, hauling 4 loads on wheels. Tuesday 5 loads. Wednesday come off the list. 19th Wednesday 8 loads, Thursday 6 loads. Friday 2 loads. January has been a very mild month with a very little snow.

February 1853 begins on Tuesday. Commences mild, continues so except 3 or 4 cold days. 17th Married in Episcopal Church, Portsmouth Mr. Haskins to Miss Bell, both of Washington City. Miss Bell is niece to Capt. Smoot, Commandant of Portsmouth Navy Yard. 18th Benjamin Keene & Charles Kimball discharged from the Navy Yard. This month ends with a snowstorm.

March 1853 begins on Tuesday. April 1853 begins on Friday. May 1853 begins on Sunday. June 1853 begins on Wednesday. July 1853 begins on Friday. August 1853 begins on Monday.

Finish ripping up the line of Battleship *Franklin*.

September 1853 begins on Thursday. October 1853 begins on Saturday. November 1853 begins on Tuesday.

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December 1853 begins on Thursday. Commences mild & pleasant, continues so with bare ground up to the 26th & then snow to the 31st. It is said 2 feet fell on a level. Thursday, severest snowstorm that has been known for several years past, blowing a gale of wind for 24 hours, drifting the worst that I ever knew on the Yard. The amount of snow which has fallen within the past 7 days is beyond precedent within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, about 2 ½ feet having fallen within that time. To put it into a tabular form, Monday the 26th 6 inches, Thursday 29th 1 ft. 4 inches. Friday 30th 3 inches. Sunday Jan. 1 1.5 inches. Total 2 feet and a half.

January 1854 begins on Sunday. First part of the month mild & pleasant to the 16th. And then commence rough & severe weather to the end of the month. 16th Commence getting ice. 21st Hauling 30 loads, 2 tons to a load. 28th Cold, very cold night. 29th Sunday morning, mercury 14 below zero. Monday 30th thermometer 15 below zero.

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February 1854 begins on Wednesday. First part of the month moderate weather up to the middle.

March 1854 begins on Wednesday. 20th William & Samuel Walker start for Illinois.

July 1854 begins on Saturday. 6th Drowned at Portsmouth Navy Yard, Anna North, a bright amiable interesting girl aged 12 years, daughter of Mr. John North, sail maker of U.N. S. Navy. 26th Went on Doctor's List, complaint dysentery.

August 1854 begins on Tuesday. 7th Come off Doctor's List. Lt. White starts for Boston.

November 1854 begins on Wednesday. 30th Thanksgiving in Maine and New Hampshire. At home with my family, enjoyed myself very well, rain & snow the night before Thanksgiving, wind N.W. blowing a gale.

December 1854 begins on Friday. Commences cold & rough weather, continues so up to the 23rd. 25th Christmas Day moderate & pleasant. 26th, 27th The same. Snow on the ground the month through. 13th Mechanics discharged from the Navy Yard for their own folly.

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January 1855 begins on Monday. 15th Commences getting ice; hauling 5 loads the first day. 16th & 17th Hauling ice, 10 loads in the Commodore's ice house, ending 26th getting all of the ice in 7 days, whole amount, 57 loads. 10 loads in No. One house, 22 loads in No. 2 house, 14 loads in No. 3 house, 10 loads in No. 4 house, one load to spare. 29th Mrs. Treadwell, wife of Capt. Treadwell of Portsmouth and eldest daughter of Capt. George F. Pearson, U.N.S. Navy, gave birth to a daughter. 31st Mrs. E.M. Walker, wife of Albert M. Walker, gave birth to a son. Moist rain in this month ever known in January.

February 1855 begins on Thursday. 5th, 6th & 7th Coldest days to hold ever known in these parts. Monday, four above to 10 below zero. Tuesday, thermometer 15 degrees below zero. Wednesday from 10 below to 20 below zero, then mild weather up to 23rd. 24th Cold & windy, mercury down to zero. 16th Launched at Portsmouth Navy Yard, the frigate *Santee*. She went off in fine style quarter before 12 A.M., after laying 30 years in the Ship House.

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January 1856 begins on Tuesday. Commences cold & rough weather, snowing and blowing. 3rd Married Mr. Romanto Chase to Miss Catherine Redmond. 9th Commence icing, hauling 8 loads of a Wednesday. 10th Thursday 8 loads, 11th 4 loads. 13th Wind E.S.E. blowing a gale & snowing, tremendous storm came from Rye to Navy Yard, worst storm for years, 8 inches fell, plenty of snow on the ground.

November 1856 begins on Saturday. 15th Snowing, 2 inches fell.

December 1856 Commence hauling ice, 3 loads, 31st Haul 8 loads, put 8 loads in the Commodore's ice house.

January 1857. The 6th was Tuesday, haul 6 loads. It was a cold blustering day, wind N.W., blowing a gale, 6 inches snow on the grass. Friday evening the 2nd, died Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Purser Wilson, U.N.S. Navy. 18th Sunday, snowstorm Sunday night and Monday morning, the most violent snowstorm of the season, and one of the coldest I ever experienced. The weather Sunday morning was intensely cold,

thermometer marking from 12 to 16 degrees below zero in different localities, the wind N.E. It moderated but slightly during the day, & at night the wind blew violently & the air was filled with driving snow which continued to fall.

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During the greater part of the day on Monday piling up in large drifts rendering the roads and railroads impassible. 22nd Wind N.E. snowing & blowing a gale, a cold night. 23rd Friday, coldest day on record, thermometer at the Navy Yard 20 below zero. No time higher than 14 below zero. It was said in Portsmouth as low as 26, lowest in our vicinity that was ever known by the oldest inhabitants. People crossing from Portsmouth to the Navy Yard on ice. Boat could not go for four days, a circumstance never known before.

October 1857 15th I went on to the list, complaint rheumatic, it was very severe with sharp pain.

February 1861 U.N. Sloop of War *Dale* sunk at her moorings.

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Friday 6th Cold, tremendous cold. Thursday 7th Warmest day since December 1860, the mercury at noon was at 42 degrees above zero. Rain was fallen and the streets sloppy. About 3 o'clock the wind changed from S.W. to N.W., blew a gale of wind accompanied with snow for a few minutes and old Boreas piped up his forces with a shrill and piercing whistle. In the evening the mercury had descended 45 degrees, being 3 below zero, the violence of the wind sent the cold with extra force into every corner. On Friday morning there was a descent still further down to 23 degrees below zero, there has been but one time in the last fifty years when the descent has been so low in Portsmouth and that time was on the morning of the 24th of January 1857 when the mercury for a few minutes, only was 25 degrees below. That was the time when the Piscataqua was frozen over. The high wind has prevented its freezing over on this occasion. On Friday noon the mercury stands at 13 below zero, this is the coldest noon of which we have any record here. In 15 hours, mercury fell 60 degrees.

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In the ever memorable cold Friday of Jan. 19th, 1810, the mercury in Portsmouth was 12 below at noon, and the next morning 16 below. For 15 years previous if had not been colder than 11 below. On Friday February 14, 1817, the mercury descended to 12 below. On Thursday the 25th of January 1821 the mercury was 19 below zero. On Sunday the 4th of January 1835, the mercury was 14 below zero in the morning and 13 below in the evening.

Monday January 22, 1866. Commence icing.

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Died March 10, 1848, George Storer Walker, ages 3 years, 11 months & 25 days.

Died February 24th, 1854, Nathaniel Walker, ages 35 years. He died in Georgetown, District of Columbia of the heart complaint, very much regretted.

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Navy Yard March 25th, 1847. Welsh Triads

Three things that never become rusty: the money of the benevolent, the shoes of the butcher's horse and a woman's tongue. Three things not easily done: to allay thirst with fire, to dry wet with water, to please all in everything that is done. Three things that are as good as the best: brown bread in famine, well water in thirst and a grey coat in cold. Three things as good as their better: Dirty water to extinguish fire, an ugly wife to a blind man, and a wooden sword to a coward. Three things that seldom agree: two cats over one mouse, two wives in the same house, and two lovers after the same maiden. Three warnings from the grave: thou knowest what I was, thou seest what I am, remember what thou art to be. Three thins of short continuance: a lady's love, a chip fire, and a brook's flood. Three things that never ought to be from home: the cat, the chimney, the housewife. Three essentials to a false story teller: a good memory, a bold face and a fool's audience. Three things seen in the peacock: the garb of an angel, the walk of a thief, and voice of the devil. Three things it is unwise to boast of: the flavor of thy ale, the beauty of thy wife, and the contents of thy purse. Three miseries of a man's house: a smoky chimney, a dripping roof, and a scolding wife.

June 17 th 1847	Cash received of Commodore Turner	5 dollars	5.00
June 17 th	5 dollars	July 3 rd	10 dollars
July 21 st	3 dollars	July 31 st	2 dollars 50 cents
August 7 th	4 dollars 83 cents	September 3 rd	9 dollars 66 cents
			14.49

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February 1847. Dreadful famine in Ireland. Ireland is enlisting the sympathies of the world; three million of famishing people have sent forth a shriek of woe that is heard throughout the world. It penetrates the humble dwellings of the poor and the castle of the rich; it moves to pity even governments and all parties. Nations and factions unite as one man to relieve their fellow sufferers. There never was a greater progress of universal charity and benevolence, and the efforts through our to relive the distressed people of Ireland. This great movement is cheering evidence of the advancement of our race toward that happy epoch when mankind shall be united as one family. But what is to be the effect of this calamity upon Ireland. Death strews the fields with innumerable victims, and that beautiful island is converted into one vast charnel house. Yet among the clouds of suffering and woe, which darkens her prospects, there is a beam of hope. The future gives promise of a brighter day. The moral, political and physical causes of a calamity so direful will now be investigated. The evils which have caused the withdrawal of her substance will be inquired into. Misgovernment will be exposed and under the pressure of necessity which knows no law but that of rights, wrong and oppression of every kind will be compelled to fall beneath the withering rebuke of an enlightened public opinion. In Ireland from December to March, 900 persons died of hunger and thousands by diseases incident to famine, chiefly in the south & west. Dead bodies are found on the high roads and in the ditches, half devoured by hogs or vermin; and when the dead are found they are thrown into pits.

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Account for the expense of boots & shoes for self & family for the year 1844.

Jan 1 st	one pair of boots of P class paid	1.50 for Charles	1.50
Jan. 25 th	for repairing boots & shoes for J. Verrill (Varrell)	50 cents	0.50
Feb. 3 rd	Tapping Samuel's boots by P. Verrill (Varrell). Shoes by same		0.68
July	shoes for wife	1.00, shoes for Samuel	75 cents
	For tapping boots for Samuel & Charles	80 cents	.80

Cost of building one stack of my chimneys in April 1848

\$10 for old bricks, \$4.80 for new ones, lime \$3. 40, mason work \$5.62, my own time & other expenses for the same \$6.80, lead for the chimneys \$1.15. Whole amount \$31.77.

January 3rd & 4th, 1848 On liberty.

June 1 st 1848 Paid Jonathan T. Walker 5 dollars for house	5.00
July 1 st 1848 Paid the same amount for the same	5.00
Feb. 7 th 1849 Received 12 dollars of Albert M. Walker	12.00
Feb. 9 th 1849 Paid Aaron Lang five dollars for wood	5.00
July 4 th , 1849 Paid Aaron Lang 2 dollars for wood	2.00
Sept. 1849 Paid Amos S. Parsons 2 dollars	2.00

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Account of wood received for 1847

Jan. 4 th One dollar's worth of wood of Joseph L. Lock	1.00
Jan. 31 st Paid one dollar's worth of wood of J.L. Lock	1.00
Feb. 24 th & 25 th Hauling wood from the meadows of J.L. Lock	
June One cord pine wood of Amos S. Parsons	3.00

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December 19th, 1846

Died in Portsmouth 8 o'clock P.M. Mrs. Elizabeth Lang, widow of the late Mr. William Lang, aged 73 years and at 11 o'clock the same evening in the same house, her daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, widow of the late Mr. John Simpson of Boston, aged 47 years.

Mrs. Lang is the oldest of 5 sisters and 4 brothers, the rest living at this time, sons & daughters of Mrs. & Mrs. Samuel & Elizabeth Walker.

Died in Portsmouth Miss Polly Walker.

Died in Portsmouth Miss Elanor Walker.

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The year of 1846 May, war declared between United States and Mexico. 8th & 9th two severe battles fought near Rio Grande in which the Americans under General Taylor were victorious, 2000 Americans against 6000 Mexicans. Loss of Americans 150 killed & wounded, Mexicans 1500 killed. June 20th to 24th the American Army under Gen. Taylor takes Monterey after 4 days severe fighting, loss pretty severe, 500 killed & wounded and Mexican loss about the same. February 22nd, 1847, Santa Anna with a force of 17,000 Mexicans engaged General Taylor with his army of 5,000 Americans in which Santa Anna is beat with the loss of 5,000 in killed and wounded. Taylor's loss 700 including 63 officers; it was the most severe battle on record. The Mexicans fought with desperation.

27 th February 1847 Paid Levi T. Walker 3 dollars	3.00
Paid Mr. Samuel Walker 2 dollars 92 cents for beef	2.92
Paid Mr. Charles Lughton for butter & sugar	1.76

Paid Mr. Henderson for cloth 3 dollars 31 cents	3.31
March 31 Paid Mr. C.E. Loughton for stores 2 dollars 33 cents	2.33
Paid Mr. Samuel Walker one dollar 60 cents for pork & rye	1.60

April 5th, 1849, Married in Rye by Rev. Mr. Otis Mr. B. Franklin Walker of Rye, New Hampshire to Miss Harriet Stevens of Newport, Rhode Island.

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August 10th 1846 On a day's liberty, 16th & 17th of Sept. On liberty. October 24th On a day's liberty. November 18th On a day's liberty. January 16th, 1847 On a day's liberty. Feb. 6th half a day's liberty. February 24th & 25th On liberty, hauling wood from the meadow. March 16th On liberty.

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January 1 cord of pine wood of Aaron Lang	3.00
Feb. 10 th A lot of wood, bot standing of J.L. Locke	4.00
Feb. 25 th 7 pounds butter of Charles E. Loughton	1.55
March 1 st Stores of such as pork, salt & fresh	2.37
March Paid Nathan Clough	6.00
November 9 th Paid J.L. Locke 1 dollar	1.00
1847 January 16 th Paid Dr. John W. Parsons one dollar	1.00
February 1 st Paid Dr. John W. Parsons two dollars	2.00
1 st Paid Mr. Jedediah Rand three dollars	3.00
Oct. 19 th , 1849 Settled with A.S. Parsons ?	6.00
Oct. 16 th , 1849 Paid T.J. Parsons 1.00	1.00
Sept 7 th , 1846 Bot B Bl of flour of Jed. Rand	

Sept. 19th, 1846 11 fishing vessels lost on Grand Bank, leaving 40 widows and 150 orphans.

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October 2nd 1845. J. M. Walker had a day's liberty which makes three days since July the 1st. Navy Yard 3rd & 4th Capt. Storer had two & half cords of wood, oak wood. \$2. 17th One tone & half of bitumous coal, 50 cents.; one ton of hard coal. 19th 25 bushels charcoal to Capt. Storer. 22nd Potatoes 20 bushels, beets, 6 bushels, beans ½ bushel, carrots 45 bushels, apples 45 bushels, plenty of pumpkins, squashes scarce and mean, melons middling, corn good 2 bushels, onions 8 bushels. 30th 1 ½ cords beech wood. 31st The same., 3 cords Capt. Storer. 31st J.M. Walker on a day's liberty at home 25 dollars.

November 4th Capt. Storer got 2 bushels of shenango potatoes. 14th Cord & half of beech wood making 4 ½ cords of beech wood.

December 5th Bot/brought half bushel shenango potatoes to Capt. Storer. December 10th Butchered pig at Capt. Storer's, weighted 192 pounds. Dec. 8th & 9th On liberty which makes 6 dayss since 6th of July. Dec. 16th Capt. Storer bot one bushel shenango potatoes. Dec. 23rd Capt. Storer bot one bushel shenango potatoes.

January 24th, 1846 Capt. Storer bot one cord of hemlock wood.

February 10th, 1846 On liberty at home hauling wood from the meadows. 4 dollars

January 1846 1 cord of pine wood of Aaron Lang.
 March 11th & 12th, 1846 On liberty, sawing & splitting wood.
 April 27th, 1846 On a day's liberty; May 2 days liberty; June 3 days liberty.

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Accounts for 1845	\$ c	
January 20 th 1 cord wood of Aaron Lang	3.00	
February 20 th 1 cord wood of Aaron Lang	3.00	
March 1 st 1 barrel flour of Jedediah Rand		5.25
March 27 th half cord of wood of Samuel Rand	1.50	
May 10 th half cord of wood of Aaron Lang	3.00	
May 19 th 1 barrel flour of Edward Rand	5.25	
July 26 th 1 cord wood of Aaron Lang	3.00	
July 1 st Bot one truss for Charles Alonzo Walker	2.25	
Sept. 10 th Bot 1 & half yards of calico for wife	1.18	
Sept. 23 rd One barrel flour of Edward Rand	5.25	
Oct. 18 th One cord of pine wood of Aaron Lang	3.00	
Nov. 17 th Nathan Clough commence underpinning my house.		
Finish 25 th . Paid him 6 dollars the 28 th	6.00	
December 3 rd Paid Thomas Lang \$3; Langdon Seavey \$2	5.00	
Dec. 10 th 2 cords of pine wood of Aaron Lang	6.00	
April 26 th , 1846 Capt. Storer bot 4 loads of chips	6.00	
Dec. 9 th , 1846 Mrs. Sally Chickering delivered of a female child.		

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July 1 st 1843	\$ c	
Paid J. Woodman money borrowed	3.00	
Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	2.00	
Paid Jon Verrill (Varrell) for shoes	1.54	
Paid William Rowe for braces	0.48	
Bought factory cloth & calico	2.40	
August 26 th barrel of flour	5.62	
January 20 th , 1844 barrel of flour	5.12	
June 17 th , 1844 barrel of flour	5.13	
August 30, 1844 barrel of flour	4.75	
Sept. 3 rd ½ cord wood of Samuel Rand	1.25	
½ cord wood of Samuel Rand	1.25	
½ cord wood of Daniel Lang	1.37 ½	
Dec. 2 nd , 1844 1 cord wood of Daniel Lang	3.00	
Dec. 9 th , 1844 1 cord wood of Daniel Lang	3.00	
Dec. 23 rd , 1844 one barrel flour	5.25	
Jan. 1845 one cord of wood Aaron Lang	3.00	
Feb. 1845 one cord of wood Aaron Lang	3.00	

September 25th, 1845 Married in Portsmouth, Mr. William Woodman of Rye to Miss Harriet Briard of Kittery, Maine.

February 25th, 1847 Mrs. Harriet Woodman wife of Mr. William Woodman gave birth to a daughter.

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Jesse M. Walker born October 9th, 1799
 Jane Walker born April 1st, 1803
 Benj. F. Walker born July 4th, 1825
 Albert M. Walker born August 3rd, 1827
 William J. Walker born December 29th, 1832
 Samuel J. Walker born September 26th, 1834
 Charles A. Walker born June 22nd, 1837
 Hannah Angelet Walker born October 22, 1840
 George Storer Walker born March 16th, 1844
 John Merrill Walker born June 4th, 1847

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February 2 nd , 1843,	\$ c	
Paid Hannah Walker for meat & butter	1.50	
Bought truss & cough drops	1.25	
Paid No. 2 mess for beans & rice		0.75
Left at home	3.00	
Paid for tapping shoes	1.00	
Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	1.00	
Paid Jairus Junkins borrowed money	1.00	
	\$9.50	
March, 1843		
Paid Thomas Lang for wood	5.00	
Paid Wm. Simes for one barrel flour	4.62	
April 1 st , 1843		
Paid T. J. Parsons for stores	2.00	
Paid T. Woodman for money lent	2.00	
Left with wife at home	2.42	
Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	2.00	
	\$8.42	
May 1 st , 1843		
Paid George Marden for money lent	2.25	
Bought sundry articles	6.80	
	\$9.05	
June 1 st , 1843		
Paid Wm. Simes for one barrel flour	5.12	
Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	2.00	
Paid Thomas Lang for wood	2.00	
Paid John Verrill (Varrell) for crockery ware	0.31	
Left at home	0.90	
	\$10.33	

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October 1st, 1842

Paid S. Walker for clothes	2.00
Paid Adams for lime	0.85
Paid T. Green for work plastering	1.25
Paid Verrill (Varrell) for meat	0.65
Paid H. Thurston for cloth	0.41
	\$5.16

November 2nd, 1842

Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	2.00
Paid T.J. Parsons for stores	2.75
Left at home	3.50
Paid J. Woodman for bread	0.38
Paid J. Bacheldor for fish	0.58
	\$9.21

December 2nd, 1842

Paid Samuel Berry for money borrowed	1.50
Paid Miss N.a.	0.71
Paid Stephen Walker for clothes	2.00
Paid T.J. Parsons for stores	4.25
Paid Hannah Walker for butter	0.81
Paid for tobacco & molasses	0.50
	\$9.76

January 3rd, 1843

Paid N. Cate for gloves & bread	1.00
Paid Thomas Lang for wood	3.00
Paid T.J. Parsons for stores	3.25
Paid Batcheldor for papers & sundries	0.75

February 22nd, 1843

Bot one barrel of flour

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March 10th 1842

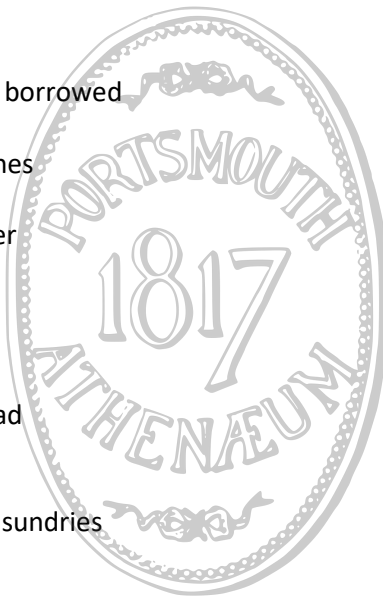
Borrowed three dollars from Jairus Junkins	3.00
Widow Sabrina Trefethen died, aged 29	
Widow Polly Philbrook died, aged	
Jeremy Webster died, aged 50	
A child of Jon Locke's died, aged 2	

April 7th

A pair of shoes for wife, Meal . years

May 4th Richard Foss died, aged 48

May 3rd Eliza Holmes died, aged 33



June 8th A child of Widow Eliza Webster, aged 2
 Nov. 4th Mrs. Mary Seavey died, aged
 Dec. 3rd Buried at Poor Farm in Rye, 6 persons that perished in the storm of the 1st belonging to Nova Scotia
 Died in Rye March 17th, 1843 Eliphalet Sleeper, aged 73
 March 15th, 1843 Samuel N. Rand broke his thigh bone in the barn.
 Dec. 16th, 1843 Solomon Marden died, aged
 January 10th, 1845 Samuel H. Rand broke his other thigh.
 June 3rd, 1846 Samuel J. Walker burnt badly his right hand, face, eye wipers & ear locks with powder
 Sept. 22nd, 1845 Charles Alonzo Walker in getting put off a wagon, his foot slipped, he fell & broke his arm.
 July 3rd, 1848 Charles Alonzo Walker broke his left arm in the school house; same place & arm that he was broke before.

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June 1841	
S. Walker to J.M Walker	\$ c
9 th himself & boy to hoeing	0.83
10 th Boy half a day 1.7 cents, 11 th self & boy .83 cents	1.00
12 th Himself ½ day. Boy whole 58 cents	0.58
22 nd & 24 th Hoeing corn the second time	1.00
December 6, 1849	
Paid Stephen Walker for jacket	2.50
Wednesday, April 22, 1865	
Married in Rye by Rev. Mr. Otis, Mr. Daniel Trefethren to Miss Anna Walker of the former place.	
July 1 st 1844	
Paid Thomas J. Parsons	3.00
August 20 th , 1845 Marines ordered off; started at 4 o'clock P.M.	