



Hosea Doton's
Daily Journal for 1840-1847
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Preface

Hosea Doton wrote these entries from February 15, 1840 through March 24, 1847. During this time, he lived in Pomfret, VT with his first wife Lois Paddock Doton. Their daughter Abba was born on August 1, 1840. Hosea does not mention her birth in his diary, and the only clue is that Mrs. Patience Perkins, sister of Lois Paddock Doton, came from her nearby home on the evening of August 1 and stayed with Hosea and his wife for a few days.

The last entry in 1847 noted that he had been hired to do surveying for the "Rail Road," which was under construction in Canaan, NH. He notes that he sold his sheep for \$50, sold his farm, and moved his wife and daughter to the home of "Mr. Perkins." This may have been the home of A.C. Perkins and his wife Patience, or the home of Mrs. Lucy Perkins whose husband Nelson Perkins died in 1846. These women were both sisters of Lois Paddock Doton.

The Pomfret Historical Society has twenty-two volumes of diaries by Hosea Doton along with one of his surveying tools and other artifacts.

This transcript includes very minor revisions to spelling and punctuation while trying to retain the original character of the diary. Language, spelling, and punctuation common to the mid-1800s has been preserved. A glossary and brief notes on people mentioned in Hosea Doton's diaries appear at the end of this transcript.

1840

February 15

Job Richmond Esq came here with his patent thrasher. Spenser bought the right for this school district
Miss Hannah Bridge visited here Miss Caroline Wyatt being here

February 16

Went to father's in the afternoon and to Mr. Perkins with Miss Wyatt in the evening

February 17

Zebedee started for Randolph. Self went to the woods called at Mr. Ladds to do writing for himself and
Mr. Fuller.

February 18

Worked in the shop - Went to singing meeting in the evening

February 19

Finished paying Mr. Elisha Thompson for Timothy's work – Dr. Gray called to see Mr. Adams' hay.

February 20

*Here I may say
That Dr. Gray
Has called this day
To get his hay
But does not pay*

Mrs. Paine called

February 21

A very warm day but cooler towards night

February 22

Wife went to Mr. Perkins
Self rather dull – Joseph Vaughn called in the afternoon

February 23

Sunday. Very warm. Rainy towards night – Zebedee came home this morning having been to Montpelier
and Barre

February 24

Went to Woodstock to a Whig Convention, returned by Taft's store
The sleighing very bad

February 25

Went to mill and to the Green in the morning, got one gross of screws.
Went to Mr. Fuller's in the evening
Wife went to Spenser's with Miss C. Wyatt in the evening
The passing very bad

February 26

Mr. Otis Darling called. Self sawed wood from Mr. Perkins in the afternoon. – a snowy day

February 27

Wife and Loisa went to Mr. Perkins. Self worked in shop, - went to Mr. P's in the evening.

February 28

Mr. Raymond called to see horse

February 29

Worked in the shop finished 2 plows

March 1

Sunday. Went to A.C. Perkins.

March 2

Worked on plows - Wife went to A.C. Perkins to work – Mr. Hewitt called

March 3

Town meeting - Self did not go – Went to the woods after saw logs
very rainy in the afternoon

March 4

Mr. Perkins called on his way to the green to apply for his pension
It very warm day

March 5

Self rather dull. - Mrs. John Darling visited here

March 6

Tapped sugar trees, a cold squally day

March 7

Went to Woodstock with John Paddock – Got watch from J.H. Murdock's – A very squally day and most
severely cold.

March 8

Sunday. Last night very freezing and cold this morning

March 9

Settled with John Darling and owed him \$1.05

March 10

Snowy day. Made 11½ f Sugar

March 11

Cold day. Self worked in shop

March 12

Went to woods after logs and wood, had Spenser's oxen

March 13

Wife went to E. Bridges

Wilson Rowlandson called with his *Rifle*. - a splendid sound

"dog, a young man and a Rifle"

Self painted plows

March 14

Mr. Perkins finished drawing timber for wagon house, and took my wagon and went to Woodstock.
D.C. Dana called

March 15
Sunday. Wife took an emetic

March 16
Went to D.C. Dana's to do surveying
a very warm day – Mr. Harvey called

March 17
A very snowy day – Shod sled for J. Darling

March 18
Dr. Gray took the last of Mr. Adams' hay – Mr. Thompson came from Royalton –
A warm day

March 19
Weather warm in the morning and rainy in the afternoon – Sap runs well
Mr Thompson called to leave wagon having had it to go to Windsor

March 20
Wm Rowlandson Jr called for horse and wagon to go to Woodstock

March 21
Rather cool. Self worked in shop, made sugar, etc.

March 22
Sunday, pleasant day but cold wind
Mother called and staid through the day – went to N. Perkins

March 23
Went the Barron lot to look for ash timber. Mrs. P. Perkins called in the afternoon.

March 24
A very snowy day – The snow that fell last week all thawed except on the old snow
Mr Babcock called

March 25
Snow fell last night and yesterday about 18 inches – Mr Page called on his way to the green – Self went
to Mr. Darling's in the morning and called on N. Perkins in the afternoon.

March 26
Mr Bruce and lady visited here in the forenoon, and went to Mr Bridges in the afternoon
Mr Bugbee brought a plow here
Sleighing very good.

March 27
Went to Mr. Bruce's with logs
John Paddock came here

March 28
John went to Reading. Self went Mr Perkins in the afternoon
Very thawy

March 29
Sunday – A thawy day, very bad passing – Self rather dull

March 30

A rainy day Norman Bridge called at the shop

March 31

Self worked in shop Mrs Bridge called – Joseph Wyatt and Lady came from Norwich

April 1

Self went to Mr. Taft's with plows
very muddy

April 2

Worked in shop – wife went to Mr Perkins with Mrs Wyatt
Mr and Mrs Wyatt started for Norwich

April 3

Rebecca Rowlandson called in the morning. – Spenser, Mr Page, John Paddock and Lady, Mrs Bridge,
Martha Goodell, Nathan Harvey and Lori Harvey called in the afternoon

April 4

Mrs Lucy Perkins called so also did John Paddock on his way home – Self painted plows.

April 5

Sunday – Went to Mr. Sessions in the morning

April 6

Self worked in shop made two horse plows

April 7

Went to Woodstock

April 8

Painted plows & Mr Adams called
Mr A.C. Perkins and Lady called

April 9

Wife went to N. Perkins

April 10

Fast day. Split out timber for plow handles

April 11

Self worked in shop Sam Marsh came here. A rainy day

April 12

Sunday. S. Marsh and self called on Mrs. Bridge – Mr. Darius Sessions died yesterday about 7 o'clock
A.M.

S. Marsh left here for home

April 13

Went to Mr. Taft's with plows

April 14

Sawed wood. Bent plow handles and went to Woodstock to bank meeting

April 15

Attended the "Whig Convention" at White River

April 16

Wife went to Mr. Fishers for mother
A very warm day

April 17

Mr. Seth Howard brot plow to be repaired. Did it – and fixed handles for Daniel Howard
Mrs Harvey came from Reading

April 18

Went to Mr. Tafts in the morning and to Mr. Adams in the afternoon to survey

April 19

Sunday read my book Mr. Thompson came here

April 20

Surveyed for Simeon Kent

April 21

Surveyed for Mr Cushing and Col Dana, went to Mr. Chamberlins with Col Dana in the afternoon

April 22

Mr Taft called with his new plow irons – Wife went to Mr Darlings
A rainy day – Emily Darling came home with her

April 23

Worked on plows in the fore noon and went with Mr. Dana to Esq Winslows in the afternoon

April 24

Wife went to Mr N. Perkins – Paschal Taft brought 6 plow irons and took away 2 common plows and 3 side hill plows

April 25

Stephen Raymond called – Self worked in shop

April 26

Went to Mr. John Darlings
Great shower in the after noon
Esq. Robinson called in the evening.

April 27

Worked on plows – Wife went to Mr. Raymonds
A cool day wind Northwesterly

April 28

Self rather dull. Wife and her mother went to fathers – John came from Reading

April 29

Mrs Lucy Perkins called – Self bent plow handles and went to Mr. N. Perkins to look for timber for plow handles – A very rainy day

April 30

Went to mill

May 1

Went to Mrs Sessions to apprise the estate

May 2

Finished the appraisal

May 3

Sunday. A very pleasant day

Rode to Mr. Perkins

May 4

Cold rain

May 5

Very cold rainy & snowy – Self worked in shop

May 6

Bent plow handles – butchered pig

May 7

Rode to Esq Winslows with Mr Robinson

May 8

Worked on fence between my pasture and Mr. Cushings

May 9

Went to Reading

May 10

Sunday – Self worked on fence

Tho. Fraser & Lady called

May 11

Self dizzy – painted plows and made one common plow

May 12

Set posts in the forenoon, and went to vendue at widow Sessions in the afternoon

May 13

Made fence – Wife went to Mr. Tafts in the afternoon – P. Taft called in the morning and took four plows

May 14

Worked in the shop, made 4 plows

Mrs. Patience Perkins called

May 15

Went to Mr. Perkins to survey for Stephen Raymond – A snowy day

May 16

Worked on fence – P. Taft came and got 4 plows

May 17

Sunday, a very warm day

May 18

Very warm – Self went to Mr. Perkins and got potatoes – afternoon hauled manure

May 19

Hauled manure – rather cool today & cloudy but not much rain – Took Mr. Perkins cart home

May 20

Worked on wagon body for Mr Fraser
Afternoon worked on fence

May 21

Prepared ground for planting corn
Wm Rowlandson helped

May 22

Finished plowing corn ground
Norman Perkins helped

May 23

Worked on Mr. Frasers wagon body
Went to Woodstock in the evening

May 24

Sunday – Self unwell with a bad cold

May 25

Finished planting corn and finished Mr. Frasers wagon body

May 26

Went to the “Green” with Mr. Frasers wagon body in the morning
Worked on fence & in the garden in the afternoon

May 27

Wm. Rowlandson sent Wilson to work for me – helped Spenser wash sheep in the morning

May 28

Mr. Boynton helped me plant potatoes
Weather very warm & ground dry

May 29

Self rather stupid, did but little work

May 30

Washed sheep

May 31

Sunday. Self rather dull. Called on A.C. Perkins – weather rather cool

June 1

Rained a very little – Mr. Harvey called

June 2

Went to the mill in the morning
Called at Mr. Haskells and got “Austin to Youth” – Went to Pomfret to training in the afternoon Mother and Mrs. Raymond called

June 3

Mr. Robinson called to make out the inventory of Darius Sessions estate
A fine rainy day

June 4

Self worked in the shop. Made two horse plows – J. Wyatt came from Norwich – Rainy

June 5

Joseph Wyatt returned to Norwich. Last night very rainy

June 6

Sheared sheep had Henry Page and Spenser to help

June 7

Sunday – Lori Harvey went from here last night – A.C. Perkins and Lady called – rainy in the afternoon.

June 8

Sheared a few sheep. – Self went to Mr Tafts in the morning with two plows.

June 9

Finished shearing sheep. Paul helped – Went to band meeting in the evening

June 10

Band played for the medical students

June 11

Surveyed for Judge Dana on Widow Ware's lot – Wife went to Mr. N. Perkins

June 12

Helped Spenser finish shearing his sheep

John came from Reading

June 13

Self went to Mr. Adams for trough

John returned to Reading – Father Paddock came here

June 14

Sunday read my books. A very fine day. Father & Mother called

June 15

Made cow yard fence in the morning

Went to widow Sessions in the afternoon

June 16

Went again to widow Sessions to finish the examination on Mr. Wests account

June 17

All hail! Ye surviving veterans of Bunker Hill

Whig Convention at Pomfret – about 600 present

June 18

Worked on road

June 19

Worked on road in the A.M. and worked for N. Perkins on his barn in the afternoon – cool weather

June 20

Finished Mr. Perkins barn in the forenoon and hoed in the afternoon. – Picked Lobelia and made "Tincture"

June 21

Sunday warmer

June 22

Made fence round the water trough
Whig county convention at Woodstock

June 23

Intended to start for Burlington to attend the State convention but feeling rather dull thought best to stay at home

June 24

Worked for Spenser on Page barn – very warm

June 25

Went to Mr Taft's in the morning – Worked on wagon house the remainder of the day
Mr Robinson assisted – State Convention at Burlington today

June 26

Mr Robinson & self worked on wagon house – Mrs. Bridge brot rolls from Royalton – Zebedee took horse wagon to go to Randolph

June 27

Self very dull

June 28

Sunday – a warm day

June 29

Self surveyed for Capt. Bingham on the Dunham estate

June 30

Went to Woodstock in the morning for lime – whitewashed the rest of the day

July 1

Finished whitewashing – Joseph Wyatt & Lady called

July 2

Wm. Rowlandson helped hoe potatoes

July 3

Hoed corn

July 4

Independence – Went to Windsor to a Whig Convention & there met the Claremont Band

July 5

Sunday, Z Doton called and paid me three dollars that he had borrowed before

July 6

Fixed the fence between pastures
Self unwell – Mrs. Harvey went to Mr. Darlings.

July 7

Rode to Mr. Perkins in the morning
Worked on frame in the afternoon

July 8

Began haying – Wm. Rowlandson Jr. helped

July 9

Self worked on frame – Wm Rowlandson called & made grindstone crank for himself

July 10

Self mowed grass

July 11

Worked at haying Spenser & Paul helped – drewed in one load

July 12

Sunday – a very warm day – Self rather stupid – Mrs. Bridge called

July 13

Finished mowing on the hill – drewed three loads of hay – rained a little in the afternoon

July 14

Mowed for Spenser in the forenoon – Raked hay on the hill in the afternoon
Mr. Perkins & Lady came to gather Lobelia

July 15

Went to Riley place & mowed for Spenser in the forenoon – got hay for self & Spenser in the afternoon

July 16

Worked for Spenser at the Riley place very warm

July 17

Worked again for Spenser – hot

July 18

Rainy through the night and this morning – Partially cleared off – very hot at intervals Self worked about home

July 19

Sunday – rode to Mr. N. Perkins in the morning – showers in afternoon

July 20

Went to Riley place haying

July 21 Haying at Riley place – wife went to N. Perkins

July 22

Finished haying at Riley place. Mrs. R. Doton called

July 23

Worked at home on hay a little

July 24

Rainy – went to view the mill privilege

July 25

Worked at haying at home – Henry, Spenser and Paul helped

July 26

Sunday – Mrs. Perkins called and Mrs. Lucy Perkins called and went to church – Self went to hear Mr. Sanford preach at the hall at 5 o'clock

July 27

Worked for Spenser haying

July 28

Worked at haying again for Spenser

July 29

Worked at haying for self – Spenser & Paul assisted.

July 30

Worked again for self did not mow but little

July 31

Mowed assisted by Spenser, Paul, & Wilson Rowlandson in the afternoon

August 1

Rode to Mr. Perkins last night –

Bad hay day

August 2

Sunday Miss Harvey rode to church

Mrs. P. Perkins came here last night to stay a few days

August 3

Dull hay weather – Mr. Harvey called so also did Widow Darling

August 4

Worked for Spenser haying on the hill

August 5

Worked again for Spenser

August 6

Rode to Mr. John Darling and brought Miss Harriet home with me – Mrs. P. Perkins went to Reading

August 7

Worked part of the day for Spenser –

Esq. D. Taft called

August 8

Made plow in the forenoon & worked for Spenser in the afternoon till the shower about 5 o'clock

August 9

Sunday Mr & Mrs Perkins called and went to church

A shower about 4 o'clock P.M.

August 10

Began upon my haying again

Mr Page, Spenser, Paul & Chellis Thompson helped

August 11

Began to mow in the morning, but weather dull secured the hay that is now out – being near 4 tons

August 12

Showery did but little at haying

August 13

Mrs. Harvey went to Reading. Somewhat stormy. Self made plow for Taft

August 14

Last night very rainy about 120 cocks of hay out

Mrs. Harvey returned from Reading

August 15

A good hay day – Secured 8 loads

Had Mr. Thompson, Chellis, Mr Page, Spenser & Paul to help

August 16

Sunday Harriet Darling & Electa went to Hartland. Spenser & self went to Barron lot

August 17

All hands again haying, finished mowing

August 18

Rode to Mr. Perkins. Took oxen to the east pasture

August 19

Finished haying – had in all 38 loads

Barn well filled

August 20

Went to mill & went to Mr. Tafts

August 21

Whig Convention at Barnard. Self did not go but made braces for wagon house

Between 1500 & 2000 at Barnard

August 22

Rode to Mr. Greenleaf and to Mr. Tafts in the morning – and to caucus in the afternoon made a nomination for Ora Paul for town representative

August 23

Sunday – Self had a violent headache

August 24

Rode to Hartland with Miss Harriet Darling

August 25

Self worked a little on frame. Mr. Perkins & lady called

August 26

Self had a bad headache. Killed a sheep

August 27

Worked on shed – afternoon went to Mr. Vaughn and got wagon tire set

August 28

Mr. Wyatt & Lady called in the forenoon, & Mr. Mellish & Lady in the afternoon – Self & wife rode to Mr Perkins – Spenser has gone to the drill

August 29

Raised wagon house. Mr. Darling & Lady called, as also did Holland Paul & Mrs. Seaver

August 30
Sunday – Self & wife rode to Mr Perkins

August 31
Went to Woodstock. Carried cloth to Mr. Bennets to be dressed – got votes printed for Ora Paul

September 1
Freeman meeting – Self attended
Chose Ora Paul, representative by about 80 majority

September 2
Self went to O. McKenzies in the morning and worked on a coffin for Mrs. Howland

September 3
Worked nearly all night on coffin
Felt very stupid due to lack of sleep

September 4
Went to Woodstock for newspapers
Got return of votes

September 5
Mended fence in the forenoon – drove heifer to Mr. Raymonds
John came from Reading & Mrs. Harvey went home with him – Father Paddock came here

September 6
Sunday went to Reading with Mrs. Harveys cow – got home about nine o'clock

September 7
Self worked on wagon house. Spenser helped in the afternoon

September 8
Mrs. Bridge called but was called away by Mrs Robinson & Mrs Darling

September 9
Self drew boards home from Mr. Robinson

September 10
Went to Dr. Russ' to saw mill irons

September 11
Went to Mr. Perkins for rafters – Mrs Lucy Perkins came here and assisted about washing house – Charles Thompson and Persis called here and went to fathers for the night – Cooler

September 12
Worked on frame in the forenoon, and took care of lambs in the afternoon
Spenser took his bees from the woods

September 13
Sunday – Day fair but cool – frost last night – Miss Susan Raymond called
So also did Mrs. Whitmore & Miss Aurelia Paine – Self reading Wirt's life of Patrick Henry

September 14
Framed shed rafters in the forenoon –
Helped Spenser draw corn & he helped me put shed roof on in the afternoon

September 15

Rode to Mr. Bruces to see Mr. Chandler about saw mill – wife went as far as J. Frasers
Cut up corn in the afternoon

September 16

A very warm day – Self worked in corn – very dull

September 17

Rather warm – Self worked on corn and finished shucking it – Mr. Chandler called to examine mill seat

September 18

A very rainy day – Uncle Joseph Vose caught in the storm and staid at Fathers

September 19

Last night very rainy cleared away about noon

September 20

Sunday – Self chased horses half the day

September 21

Commissioners set on D. Sessions estate

September 22

Began to dig potatoes – Went to Hewitts to see about music school

September 23

Went to mill in the morning – wife and her mother rode to Mr. Perkins

September 24

Wm. Rowlandson Jr took the mare from N. Perkins to go to Strafford
Self worked on pig pen & hauled in corn

September 25

Muster at Norwich – Self went and called on Joseph Wyatt

September 26

Muster at Woodstock – Wife and her mother went to Mrs. Perkins
Self was called to go to muster about 2 o'clock P.M. – Do not myself think much of the present militia system. But little attention is paid to order and discipline

September 27

Sunday – Somewhat rainy

September 28

Husked corn – Mr. & Mrs. Perkins called – Wife went to Mr. N. Perkins
Mr. Harvey called in the evening

September 29

Self began to pick apples – picked 13 bushels of pound sweets –
Wife & her mother went to Mr. Paines – Miss Emily Darling called

September 30

Rainy – Self husked corn
Franklin Doton called being on his way to Randolph

October 1

Rainy again – Settled with Nelson Perkins – Elisha Smith called to get plow made – Hiram Raymond called and borrowed clarinet

October 2

Self went to Woodstock got indigo

Called on Orlando Doton – carried mother Paddock to Mrs. Darlings

Mrs Raymond, Mrs Bridge & Mr Perkins called – Rainy all day

October 3

Somewhat rainy – Self finished husking corn. Called on Mr. Howland for lease of privilege for sawmill – Miss Emily Darling came here in the afternoon

October 4

Sunday – Self rode to church with Mrs. Lucy Perkins – heard Mr. Fay

October 5

N. Perkins came to pick apples

Self went to Woodstock in the afternoon to survey house lot for Mr. Randall

October 6

Self picked greenings – Mr Perkins picked apples Mr. Leonard and family helped – Mrs. Doton came here in the evening – Caroline Wyatt called and went to Mr. Perkins

October 7

Picked apples – very warm since Sunday morning – Mrs Paine and her mother came here – Mr & Mrs Stephens came to fathers – Caroline Wyatt came here from Mr Perkins Mrs Doton went to fathers – Mrs Page called here.

October 8

Self picked russetings and took them to Mr. Mellish – took of him \$1.30 – bought brandy at Dunbars Rode to Mr Perkins in the evening

October 9

Mr. N. Perkins called on his way to the Green – took his oxen and hauled pumpkins

Mr. Brownson called – Wife and her mother rode to Mr Perkins with them

October 10

Hard frost last night but a pleasant day Spenser started to see the Shakers at Enfield N.H. – Music school at the town house

October 11

Sunday – Self found but little time for study

October 12

Self dug potatoes in the forenoon and picked apples in the afternoon

Wm. Rowlandson helped.

October 13

Self picked apples. Found one that weighed one pound and a few more about as large Lemuel Murdock called

October 14

Surveyed sawmill spot in the forenoon – went to Mr. Tafts in the afternoon and Mr Perkins in the evening

October 15

Dug potatoes in the forenoon and picked apples in the afternoon – N. Perkins helped – Went to music school in the evening

October 16

Dug potatoes – N. Perkins helped in the forenoon – Self went to the Green & Mr Tafts in the afternoon – got cauldron kettle for which I am to pay \$11.00 in wooden plows

October 18

Sunday. Self rather stupid. Read but little – a cloudy, dull day

October 19

Self worked about home – picked a few apples

October 20

Got Cauldron kettle and began to boil swill – Uncle John Vose called
Self went to music school in the evening and on return called at N. Perkins

October 21

Self went to Dr. Ruger to trade for mill irons bot. three of Mr. Latimer at 40 Dollars cash and \$1.50 in sawing which is \$41.50
Went to Mr Perkins cider mill in the afternoon – weather wet and some rainy

October 22

Worked about home in the forenoon.
Started for Orford Convention about noon – rode to Widow Sessions to attend Commissioners meeting and did not start from there till near six o'clock.
Rode to Mr Wyatts in the evening

October 23

Started from Mr Wyatts about 5 o'clock A.M. for Hanover where I expected to meet the Band but they had been gone about 15 minutes.
Came back to Mr. Wyatts and took horse & wagon and started for Orford
Reached Orford about 10 o'clock – heard an address from Hon. Daniel Webster
Returned to Mr Wyatts in the evening

October 24

Came home from Norwich in the forenoon – afternoon called on N. Perkins to the sawmill spot

October 25

Sunday – Staid at home and read but little

October 26

Snow storm last night and some snowy today – about 4 inches fell

October 27

Thawed some – Self carried apples 4B to Dr. Burnett – 2½ to Mr Swan & 2½ to Mr Henry – John came from Reading

October 28

John and Self went to Mr Tafts – A stormy day John went to Mr Smiths in the afternoon

October 29

Self went again to Mr Tafts for stove but did not get it
Very rainy

October 30

John Hewitt came here to finish horse trade.

October 31

John went to Reading with my horse & wagon – Mr Perkins worked for me

November 1

Sunday – weather very good for season

November 2

Self worked about home – Charles Fitch called and got wood for Dr. Burnett
Mr Thompson and Lady called in the evening

November 3

Self and Mr Thompson went to Mr Tafts – got Stove and Barrel of flour
Carried apples to M Billings

November 4

Mr N. Perkins helped me work in door yard – Self went to Music school

November 5

Self worked on sawmill in the forenoon and in the dooryard assisted by N Perkins in the afternoon

November 6

Self worked on Saw mill

November 7

Worked about home in the forenoon and on the sawmill in the afternoon

November 8

Sunday – a cloudy day but not much rain till night – Zebedee called in the evening

November 9

Very rainy Zebedee started with Orlando for Virginia

November 10

Self worked about home in the forenoon and went to Freeman's Meeting in the afternoon – Cool day

November 11

Self worked about home in the morning and on the sawmill in the afternoon – Went to music school in the evening – got 2 thousand shingles from Mr Perkins

November 12

Worked about home in the morning and on the sawmill in the afternoon

November 13

Leveled sills for sawmill and made ready to raise it

November 14

Raised sawmill – fine day

November 15

Sunday – a snowy day – Rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening; good sleighing

November 16

Self worked about home; hauled corn from barn

November 17

N Perkins helped me on shed – thawed but little

November 18

Worked again on shed – Shingling

November 19

Banked house

November 20

Carried 13 bushels apples to Mr Fisher

Got overshoes: paid Mr Nate \$4.00

November 21

Worked about home. Shingled a little – Cold weather

November 22

Sunday: a snowy day

November 23

Somewhat stormy: some rain. Went to music school in the evening. Bad sleighing

November 24

John came here – all trade; took his cutter home with him

November 25

Went to Woodstock carried apples

Mr Randall B. Swan paid me \$1.25

Self paid T. Hutchinson Jr. \$1.50 in full

November 26

Carried Apples to John Dunbar and Mr Dennison

November 27

Worked getting timber for sawmill floom

November 28

Worked again getting timber

November 29

Self 31 years old today. Went to the town house to hear Mr. Loveland who staid here over night

November 30

Very thawy – Mr. Loveland started for Reading

December 1

Cooler. Worked on shed. A.C.P. called in the morning

December 2, 2023

Began to board shed – Mr Otis Darling called. Weather rather cold but very pleasant in the evening

December 3

Thanksgiving day – Wife and her mother went to N. Perkins

Self went in the evening

December 4

Cold day – Uncle John Vose called
Self did little but chop wood – Threshed corn

December 5

Colder – Self went to Mr Robinsons to see about fixing door

December 6

Sunday – A very cold night last night – A.C. Perkins and Lady called in the afternoon
Weather a little warmer – began to snow about Sundown

December 7

Snow fell last night about a foot deep and drifted
Self went to music school in the evening

December 8

Weather warmer – Self worked about house

December 9

Broke a road into the woods
Carried Mrs Darling home in the evening

December 10

Drawed wood – A thawy day – Some rain

December 11

Began to make the sawmill dam – Weather some cooler – Mrs. Wyatt called

December 12

Worked again on mill dam – helped draw long timbers for the upper art of it
A cold day

December 13

Sunday – A rainy day – rode to A.C. Perkins

December 14

Worked on Saw mill dam in the afternoon

December 15

Worked again on Saw mill dam

December 16

N. Perkins drawed timber for plow handles – Self went to Mr. Tafts in the afternoon Cooler

December 17

Mr Harvey called – Self worked on mill dam in the afternoon – cold

December 18

A cold day – winnowed corn

December 19

Cold yet – Self wheeled wood

December 20

Sunday – Cold – Self staid at home

December 21
Worked on Mr Harveys pegs
Went to music school in the evening

December 22
Worked about home – Snowy
Finished Mr Harveys pegs

December 23
Rode to Mr Tafts – carried old stove
And went to Mr Harveys

December 24
Went to Woodstock and to mill
Very cold

December 25
Colder weather than any before this winter

December 26
Shelled corn – Snowed a little through the day – Sore feet

December 27
Snowed last night about 10 inches
Norman Bridge called

December 28
Mr Chandler passed here and went to fathers – Mr Bruce and Lady called – Self went to fathers in the evening

December 29
Went to mill in the morning
Scraped snow out of the dooryard
Went to N. Perkins in the afternoon

December 30
Hauled wood. N. Perkins helped

December 31
Self hauled wood – last day of the year

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January 1

Self worked for N. Perkins on his house – Very snowy in the afternoon and evening

January 2

Rode to Mr Tafts in the morning and to Mr Perkins in the afternoon

January 3

Sunday – Mrs. Bridge called

January 4

Went into the woods with Spenser
Finished getting my wood from N Perkins woods
Rode to music school in the evening

January 5

Worked for N Perkins – Mr Darling called in the evening to see about school

January 6

Worked again for N Perkins – a snowy day – towards night rainy

January 7

Rain with strong wind from south – Self worked for N.P.

January 8

Weather cooler – worked for N.P.

January 9

Prepared for opening school; made lunches

January 10

Sunday – Norman Bridge called so also did John Darling & Willard
Self engaged fixing for school

January 11

Opened school – had 19 Scholars
Rode to Woodstock in evening, paid Mr Haskell for “Evangelical Magazine” up to date, also paid him \$15.00 dollars on note for Clarinet

January 12

Warm weather. School about the same

January 13

Dr J Doton came to Fathers – Miss Lucy Darling called

January 14

Dr Doton called here in the morning. Miss Darling called on her way home

January 15

School larger – weather continues to be warm – Mrs Lucy Perkins called

January 16

Mrs Page visited here
Self rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening

January 17
Sunday. Rainy and warm

January 18
Cold!! Cold!! Mr Page worked here butchered hog
Self went to music school

January 19
Went to Mr Fullers to a sing in the evening

January 20
Self rather dull. So very icy

January 21
Had 25 Scholars. A stormy day

January 22
Sent oxen to be shod – 22 Scholars

January 23
Had 22 Scholars. Miss C. Hart called

January 24
Mrs Lucy Perkins came and rode to meeting with father's folks

January 25
Mr Winn began work – sledding good

January 26
School goes finely. About 24 Scholars

January 27
Franklin Doton called in the evening

January 28
F Doton & Lady called in the forenoon

January 29
Cooler

January 30
Self rode to Mr Tafts after school

February 1
Sunday – Uncle Moore came here after meeting

February 2
A Mr Robinson from Reading called here last night to be entertained
He was in pursuit of Webster Hart
Snow fell last night about 4 inches deep – John P. came from Reading

February 3
John came here on his way home

February 4
Uncle Thomas Vose came to fathers. Very cold

February 5
Some warmer

February 6
Rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening
John came from Reading

February 7
Sunday – John Lucas called
Self went to Mr Perkins school house & singing meeting

February 8
Mr Robinson came here yesterday
Self called this morning to see him and Mr Darling called here in the evening

February 9
Self & Mr Winn called on Mr Robinson in the evening – Snowy

February 10
Uncle D. Vaughan came here – a cool day

February 11
Very cold. Spenser & Mr Winn hauled logs to sawmill

February 12
Cold – Mr N. Perkins & Lady had my horse to go to Mr Washburns

February 13
Self rode to N. Perkins before school – had 25 scholars

February 14
Sunday. Self rather dull

February 15
H Page here most of the day – Very cold

February 16
Mr Brunson & Lady from Hardwick called so also did Sorell Doten & Miss A Bruce
Self rode to Woodstock with Mr Brunson

February 17
John came here from the north. Mr. Harvey called so also did Hiram Raymond

February 18
Very cold last night – John went to Reading – Self had 24 scholars

February 19
Self very dull with a cold – headache

February 20
Did not keep school – went to Woodstock

February 21
Sunday – Mrs. L Perkins staid here last night – a warm day

February 22
Cooler – had but 19 scholars

February 23
Very cold – Mr Winn hauled wood from Barron lot

February 24
Mr Winn hauled wood again.

February 25
Winn went to work for Spenser
He has worked for me a month and one day
Mrs. P. Perkins came here

February 26
Mrs L Perkins called and staid through the day
Self went to Woodstock with apples. Sold three bushels to Mr Streeter for 50 cents per bushel

February 27
A thawy day – Snow in the forenoon
Spenser and Winn went to Windsor this morning

February 28
Self went to N. Perkins with mother Paddock

March 1
Carried apples to Randall. 2 bushels and he paid me for all the apples he has had of me

March 2
Town meeting but it failed not being legally warned. Self did not go

March 3
Mr Washburn and lady called and made a visit

March 4
“Old Tip” takes the chair today
Weather clear and cold

March 5
Cold north wind

March 6
School closed at the school house
Mr Neal teaches and has been considered by a part of the district as a very good school and by the other part as worse than useless

March 7
Sunday. Great snow storm last night – Roads all full – Went to N Perkins with horse & cutter and overset
– Dogs day

March 8
Mr Winn at work here again
He went to sawmill with horse and oxen

March 9
Self went to Woodstock after school

March 10

N Perkins got the horse to go to Reading with Lori Harvey

March 11

Winn worked on the sawmill

The Misses Hart visited school and if such conduct as theirs is becoming, then let me have unbecoming conduct

March 12

Closed school – went to Woodstock after school

March 13

Stormy – Self went to Mr Tribous for coffin for Miss A. Babcock in the afternoon – A snowy day

March 14

Self finished reading Dean's Phrenology and Conn on Combes on the Constitution of Man – Mr Page, Mr. Boynton, and Mr Thompson called

March 15

Self worked about home – Mr A.C. Perkins called to have some advertisements written

March 16

Town Meeting

March 17

Did but little work except chores

March 18

Worked on sawmill

March 19

Put sap tubs to soak in the morn

And worked on the sawmill in the afternoon

March 20

Tapped sugar but not much sap

March 21

Cold wind – went to see Mr Perkins

March 22

Got Mr Robinsons Saw and Sawed plow handles

March 23

Very rainy. Went into Mr Harts woods and got wood

March 24

Went into the woods again

March 25

John came with Mrs Good

March 26

Kept John Turner here last night and today assists in getting his load up to Mr Perkins

March 27

Mr Perkins buried today at 1 o'clock P.M. He was a soldier of the revolution
Very rainy in the afternoon

March 28

Sunday. Pleasant but cooler. Self called on N. Bridges
Got watch key from Mr Randalls
Read about 40 pages of "Combes on the Constitution of Man"

March 29

Snow fell about half foot

March 30

Cold, windy day. Self went to N. Perkins in the morning

March 31

Went to Woodstock in the morning, paid Mr Nate \$5.50

April 1

Began to work on water wheel
Mr Robinson helping. A.C. Perkins called, Mr Loveland called

April 2

Self unwell with a violent head ache

April 3

Mr Chandler came to work on saw mill
Mr Robinson & self went after mill wheel shaft
A very windy day

April 4

Sunday. Mr Loveland preached at the Universalist hall

April 5

Mr Chandler began to board here
Self went to Sessions place in the afternoon

April 6

Windy day – sent dinner to the mill for 5. Went to Green in the morning

April 7

Worked moving goods to the mill

April 8

Went to the Green and to Mr Taft's to get mill irons repaired

April 9

Fast day - Very snowy. Self went to Mr A.C. Perkins in the afternoon

April 10

Went to the Green to do surveying but did not do it; too cold and windy

April 11

Sunday – cold day. Miss Rosamond came here from A.C. Perkins

April 12

Went to Mr Tafts to get castings for mill and to get the wheel irons and then carried them to the mill

April 13

Carried wheel timber to the mill in the forenoon and worked in the shop in the afternoon

Snowed a very little through the day

April 14

Went to the mill in the forenoon and went to Mr A.C. Perkins in the afternoon to do writing for Mrs. & Miss Sessions but the writings were dated Apr. 13th 1841

April 15

Did choars about home in the forenoon and went to the mill and Mrs Vaughans in the afternoon

April 16

Worked on Mr Blaisdells plows

Carried dinner to the mill for 5 men

April 17

Worked on plows

April 18

Sunday. Mr Chandler and a hand with him here through the day

April 19

Worked about home in the forenoon and carried dinner to the mill for six men. Worked on the mill in the afternoon

April 20

Worked on the mill in the forenoon and at home on the mill timber in the afternoon

April 21

Snowy day. Mr Darling had horse and cutter to go to the funeral of Joseph Darling. Winn tagged sheep

April 22

Self did but little owing to sick head ache – Mr John Darling called for puppy

April 23

Self went to Mr Tafts for mill irons. The going very muddy

April 24

Worked on the saw mill. Got it ready to run

April 25

Sunday. Did nothing but range round the fields

April 26

Began to saw in the mill

April 27

Mended plow for E. Bridge and went to mill

April 28

Went to mill in the forenoon and carried Mr Fitch's plow to him

Went to the saw mill in the afternoon

April 29

Surveyed for Isaac Doten

April 30

Cold stormy day. Snow fell on the high lands about six inches deep – Mrs Raymond visits here

May 1

Went to the saw mill in the forenoon and to the mill in the afternoon

May 2

Carried mother Paddock to N. Perkins

May 3

Called on Lemuel Murdock to get him to work in saw mill and went to H. Bruce and bought cart – Last night very high wind from North and snow – The drifts of snow were so deep this morning that Mr Robinson in passing on horseback by Mr Chandlers and Mr Ware's was obliged to dismount and break the road before his horse could pass

May 4

Surveyed on Sessions estate

May 5

Went to Mr Dexters to finish a job of surveying

May 6

Rainy in the morning. Went to the saw mill

May 7

Self worked in saw mill

May 8

Worked again in saw mill

May 9

Sunday. Wives went to saw mill

A.C. Perkins called.

Wife went to Mr Perkins for awhile

May 10

Took away the banking from the house

Rainy in the afternoon

May 11

Took cattle to N. Perkins to pasture

May 12

Made plow for J. Vaughan

May 13

Went to J Vaughan in the forenoon and set graph in the afternoon

May 14

National Fast appointed on account of the death of President Harrison

May 15

Moses Paine worked here hauling manure – Wife and Mrs P Perkins went to Woodstock

May 16

Sunday. Mr Winn has gone to Windsor

May 17

Worked on the saw mill – a wet day

went to band meeting in the evening Mr. Mann being present

May 18

Worked again in saw mill – water very low – did not go to band meeting

May 19

Went to band meeting again

May 20

Again to band meeting – Summer like weather

Began to plant corn

May 21

Water low at the saw mill so that I did not saw in the middle of the day

Very warm

May 22

Sawed last night – Weather continues warm

May 23

Mrs Perkins sent for to assist in taking care of Abba who is very sick

May 24

Self went to A.C. Perkins for grass seed

May 25

Weather continues warm and fine

Mrs Harvey came from Reading

May 26

John came here with his peddlers cart of goods – Moses & Oscar Paine helped me lamb in the afternoon

May 27

Mr & Mrs Stevens called, so also did Mrs Harvey

May 28

Planted corn and beans on the hill

May 29

Listers met at the town house

Wife visited J. Paddock Jr.

May 30

Sunday went to church heard Mr Ransom preach

May 31

Planted potatoes – band meeting

June 1

Went to training in Pomfret and to band meeting in the evening

June 2

Washed sheep in the forenoon and self planted beans in the afternoon

June 3

Went to Woodstock. Concert in the evening at the Chapel

June 4

Went to Woodstock bot half a barrel of flour of Mr Mellish

June 5

Mended fence. Mr Dexter called for me to go to arbitration next Thursday

June 6

Sunday. Went to A.C. Perkins

Took oxen to N. Perkins pasture

June 7

Went to mill in the forenoon

Called at the green and got coat trimmings. Went to Mr Bruces

June 8

Worked on fence in the forenoon and began to shear sheep in the afternoon

June 9

Went to Woodstock to Commencement – John came with his new load of goods

June 10

Went to Mr Dexters to an arbitration

June 11

Hoed in the forenoon and finished shearing sheep in the afternoon

June 12

Worked on fence in the forenoon and went to Mr Tafts and Mr Bruces – Mr Winn has gone to Windsor with the wagon

June 13

Sunday – Some sign of rain

June 14

Hoed corn

June 15

Hoed corn again – rainy in the morning

June 16

Finished weeding corn – Wife went to Bridgewater with Mrs Bridge

June 17

Grandmother Hawkins called here with her husband & sister

Afternoon went to Mr Humphries

June 18

Rainy. Hewed timber to Mr. Robinsons

June 19

A rainy day. Self sawed at the mill

June 20

Sunday – Wife & Lucy went to see the Carver girls
Somewhat rainy in the forenoon but very fine in the afternoon

June 21

Worked on the road

June 22

Again on the road in the forenoon and surveyed for S. Raymond in the afternoon

June 23

Worked on plow handle timber
Went to the green in the afternoon
Got “Ryan’s Bonnycastle’s Algebra” of S.R. Streeter

June 24

Worked on plow handles – Wife and her mother went to her uncle Daniel Vaughan’s

June 25

Signs of rain – Went to Band meeting in the evening
rainy

June 26

Worked about house – rainy in the morning – N. Perkins called – Went to H. Bruces to hear the “Barnard Band.”

June 27

Sunday went to church
Heard Mr. Hewes

June 28

Mended pasture fence in the forenoon – helped Mr Robinson raise his shed in the afternoon

June 29

Hoed potatoes – very warm

June 30

Hoed corn – some showers

July 1

Took L. Harvey’s cow to E. Smiths
Very warm – showery in the forenoon

July 2

Finished hoeing at home – went to Woodstock in the evening, but no band meeting

July 3

Worked at the saw mill – wife carried the wool to the carding machine and went to Mr McKenzies for her aunt Davis but found her at Mrs Howlands

July 4

Sunday. Went to South Woodstock to meeting heard Mr Streeter from I Pet: V, 6-7 and Mat I, 6
Went to the hall to a sing in the evening

July 5

Worked about home. N. Perkins went with the horse after salt
J. Wyatt & Lady called

July 6

Worked on plow handles – showery towards night

July 7

Went to the saw mill this morning and sawed till about noon – Grandfather Hawkins came to fathers again

July 8

Took J. Paddock's heifer to pasture again
Mr & Mrs Harding called on their way to Solomon Paddock – Wife carried her aunt Davis to S. Paddocks

July 9

Self worked about home this week
Wife went to carding machine for rolls and carried Miss R. Howland to her mothers –
showery towards night

July 10

Took a pig from fathers that Spenser brot from Mr Paines – Went to Barnard to attend a court before
Daniel Aikin between Charles Greenlief and S.S. Doton

July 11

Sunday – Did not go to church but rode to Hartford after some sweet fern and then to John Darlings

July 12

Began haying – mowed about two acres
Winn rather unwell

July 13

Drawed the first load of hay
A warm day – uncle Daniel Vaughan called and took dinner

July 14

Surveyed for Miss Ware on Barron lot
Mrs Goff called

July 15

Surveyed again for Miss Ware on her home lot

July 16

Worked on hay – went to Band meeting in the evening

July 17

Surveyed in the forenoon for Lysander Raymond and got hay into the barn in the afternoon. Winn went to
Windsor

July 18

Sunday – Rode to N. Perkins in the lumber wagon – got home about 5 o'clock P.M.
Miss Bridge called with Mrs Pelton

July 19

Put hay in the barn that was out over Sunday and mowed a little – Hard shower about 4 o'clock P.M. –
rode to Band meeting in the evening

July 20

Worked at haying alone – very warm in the afternoon – Miss Howland called in the evening

July 21

Very good hay weather

Mr Conant & Lady called in the forenoon

Mrs L. Perkins came in the evening

July 22

Dull hay day – Wife went in the afternoon to carry her aunt Davis to Mr Hardings

July 23

Got in two loads of hay – went to Mr Tafts and from there to band meeting

July 24

Went to N. Perkins in the forenoon and to Barnard to Mr Estys in the afternoon

Got 10 scythe stones – Wife went to Mr S. Conants – returned in the evening

July 25

Sunday. Intended to go to church but was prevented by hard showers of rain

July 26

Cooler weather – good day for mowing but not for drying hay

July 27

Raked hay and got it ready for the barn

July 28

Drawed 8 loads of hay to the barn

Mr Page helped – Mrs J Paddock and Miss Goodale called – Self went to band meeting – called on J

Lyman who paid me \$15.90 on the Greenlief matter

Paid interest on the Bridge mortgage up to March 1, 1841

July 29

Weather very warm – Self rather dull

July 30

Another band meeting but did not go

Wife went to Mr Hardings and got her aunt Davis

July 31

Mother Paddock and Mrs Davis started for Reading – poor hay day

Self went to Woodstock to start for Burlington at 2½ o'clock tomorrow morning

August 1

Sunday – went in the stage to Burlington

Arrived about 7 o'clock P.M. and took lodging at Mr. Everts

August 2

Had a rehearsal in the afternoon and gave a concert in the evening

August 3

Played for the junior exhibition in the afternoon

August 4

Commencement at Burlington

August 5

Went to Plattsburg in the steamer Winooski and gave a concert in the evening – met the Keysville Band
Visited the battleground and the troops that are quartered there

August 6

Went to St. Albans – put up at Mr Potters hotel – gave a concert in the evening to a respectable audience

August 7

Left St. Albans for Burlington and arrived there at about 7 o'clock P.M.

August 8

Came from Burlington. Left 2 o'clock in the morning and landed safe at home the same evening

August 9

A dull hay day – Self went to Woodstock and paid Mr Eaton \$4.15 in full

August 10

Mowed some but no hay day

August 11

Rainy – Self went to N. Perkins and cleaned his clock

August 12

Hay dried so that we put it in the barn – Wm. Boynton helped.

August 13

Mowed the swamp and N. Perkins helped get the hay – A warm day

August 14

Listers met at the town House

Cut the last of the grass except a small piece near the pasture

August 15

Sunday – Nelson Perkins & mother Paddock went to church

Mr McKenzie brought aunt Davis here – Isaac Doton and his mother called here to see Zebedee

August 16

Went to Woodstock – paid Rice and Boardman \$7.00 for Nelson Perkins

Mr Billings spoke for 12 bushels of apples ½ sweets and ½ greenings

Got ½ peck fine salt and ½ ounce of arsenic for flies

August 17

Went to Woodstock – carried one bushel of apples to Mr Mellish

Worked on hog house

In the evening went to Solomon Paddocks with Aunt Davis & mother Paddock

August 18

Worked on hog house, and in the evening went to Norwich to Mr Goodales

August 19

Commencement at Norwich

Returned from Norwich and found Mr Conant & Lady here

August 20

Miss L. Darling called and Mr & Mrs Conant left for Otis Darlings
Self went to Woodstock
Afternoon N. Perkins took the horse and wagon to go to Barnard
Self worked on hog house

August 21

Did choars about the home – Uncle Davis called about noon – Mr Winn stayed at fathers last night
Went after blackberries in the afternoon

August 22

Sunday – Mrs P. Perkins came here and staid through the day – Zebedee Doton called and went from here to Mr Perkins

August 23

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon carried two bushels of apples to Mr Mellish – Mr Winn began to reap oats

August 24

Made plow for Winn – Uncle S. Davis called here – Mr Page cut his hay
Self went to see Hiram Raymond in the evening

August 25

Went to Woodstock in the morning, and went to Windsor with Mr Winn in the afternoon

August 26

Mr Davis and N. Perkins called to make pump patterns
Zebedee Doton called – Self called on Mr Conant in the evening

August 27

Drawed oats into the barn in the morning – a wet day
Rainy in the evening – Self worked on N Perkins water wheel

August 28

Worked on wheel – Franklin Doton and lady called

August 29

Sunday – a rainy day. Self rode to A.C. Perkins

August 30

Rainy most of the day
Self went to Woodstock for oil and screws – returning called on Mr Conant who starts for Framingham at 6 o'clock this evening

August 31

Worked on pump wheel
Weather some rainy

September 1

Mr Davis and N. Perkins called to finish pump works

September 2

Rode to A.C. Perkins – Saw Dr Holt

September 3

Mr. Paine and Mr. Darling called to get a coffin made for Mr. Darlings child

John Paddock called in the afternoon to get his wagon lettered
Mr Davis & N. Perkins called

September 4
Finished coffin after which lettered John's wagon

September 5
Sunday – Norman Bridge called
Wife took a course of medicine

September 6
Began to cut up corn – a warm day
John started for Rutland and on further

September 7
Freeman's Meeting – Chose Ora Paul Representative of Pomfret
Am disgusted with such harangue and jargon as is made of elections

September 8
Worked at laying wall – warm weather. Orren Goodell called

September 9
Spenser worked with me on the wall – weather very warm in the middle of the day

September 10
Mr Harvey called. Mr Streeter preached at the school house at 4 o'clock P.M. on the occasion of the death of Mr Darling's child

September 11
Walling yet – weather continues warm and dry

September 12
Mrs L. Perkins called to go to church – Mrs. Thompson preached at the brick house

September 13
Went to Woodstock to do surveying for H.T. Marsh but did not find him at home

September 14
Went to N. Perkins in the forenoon and repaired his pump and went to South Woodstock to a Thomsonian convention in the afternoon

September 15
Drew in corn from the hill. Mother Paddock went to Mr. Raymonds. Very dry warm weather.

September 16
Went to Woodstock in the forenoon and carried $2\frac{3}{4}$ bushels apples to Mr Mellish
In the afternoon drew corn

September 17
Husked corn in the forenoon and drew beans, etc and went to N. Perkins in the afternoon

September 18
N Perkins came to pick apples
Self mended fence in the forenoon and worked on coffin for Mr. N. Howlands child in the afternoon
Went to Woodstock in the evening

September 19
Sunday. Finished coffin in the forenoon. John Paddock called in the afternoon

September 20
Went to Woodstock to survey for H.T. Marsh

September 21
Got 80 pounds beef of N. Perkins
Husked corn in the afternoon and evening

September 22
Worked on pump patterns
Miss C. Ware called

September 23
Worked on pump patterns in the forenoon and Surveyed a piece of chopping for A.C. Perkins in the afternoon. Wife rode to Mr Smith's

September 24
Self worked on Mr Harts wagon – A rainy day

September 25
Worked on pump patterns in the forenoon and on wagon in the afternoon – Very rainy

September 26
Sunday rode over "Bridgewater hill" and called at Peter Fullers and took supper

September 27
Finished Mr Harts wagon in the forenoon and rode to Woodstock in the afternoon, got books that I sent for by Mr. Haskell

September 28
Mr Boynton worked for me Mr N. Perkins account

September 29
Rainy day

September 30
Husked corn

October 1
Worked alone digging potatoes

October 2
Mr Boynton worked for me
Uncle G. Vose went from fathers

October 3
Sunday. Cool, windy day. Got some cherries

October 4
Went to Mr Tafts got horse shod

October 5
Surveyed for Isaac Dexter
Very cool day. – Came home in the evening

October 6

Dug potatoes – frosty weather

October 7

Dug potatoes again. – Dr Burnell called

October 8

Finished digging potatoes – Winn worked for Spenser in the forenoon
Rainy in the afternoon

October 9

Finished a piece of wall – rainy towards night

October 10

Sunday – Rode to N. Perkins in the morning – Studied book

October 11

Began to pick pound sweets – rather late in the season for it

October 12

Picked apples for drying. – Wife went with her mother to Mr Smiths
afternoon Surveyed for H.J. Marsh

October 13

Picked apples for drying in the forenoon and pound sweets in the afternoon – Wife went with Lucy Perkins to the green and to Deacon Thomas's

October 14

Surveyed for Dr. Gray. – a windy day

October 15

Rainy. Carried apples into the house in the forenoon and went to Mr Blaisdells in the afternoon

October 16

Surveyed for H.T. Marsh and J. Russell. – Self afflicted with a severe headache

October 17

Sunday cool windy day – Mrs P. Perkins called

October 18

Picked apples

October 19

Worked in dooryard in the forenoon and went for scraper and floor rods in the afternoon
Went to School Meeting in the evening

October 20

Worked on the dooryard – but apples in the evening

October 21

Scraped dirt to fill dooryard
Mr Robinson came home from Pittsfield Mass.

October 22

Winn worked for Mr Paine
Miss Chandler & the misses Goodenough called – Norman Bridge called in the evening

October 23
Finished the dooryard

October 24
Sunday N Bridge called

October 25
Went to sawmill in the forenoon
Winn went to Woodstock to carry wool and to get salt – very cold

October 26
Worked on pump wheel

October 27
N Perkins here to work on pump

October 28
Finished pump wheel. Winn went to Mr Washburns with it.

October 29
Called on Sally Lamb and paid her \$1.56 in full. Paid Dr Russ \$1.94 – Mended plow for Mr Thatcher and rode to E. Smiths in the evening

October 30
Finished a piece of wall
Mrs P. Perkins had the horse to go to Taftsville

October 31
Sunday went to church. – Heard Mr Tillotson – a very pleasant day

November 1
Worked about home, part of the time on shed

November 2
Carried apples to Dr Burnell.
Got barrel of flour

November 3
Mended wagon. Committee from Taftsville school came to employ me but did not trade

November 4
Carried apples to Mr Billings

November 5
Went to the sawmill but could not saw but little. Pulled turnips

November 6
Got boards from the mill to make pump wheel – mended Mr Harts wagon and worked on pump wheel in the afternoon

November 7
Sunday – found some time to study. Hiram Paddock called
So also did Zebedee Doton
A cool, windy day

November 8

Worked on pump wheel. A snowy day

November 9

Finished wheel about noon

November 10

Thrashed corn – Stephen Raymond & Hiram called

November 11

Went to the sawmill, got a load of slabs

Dug turnips in the afternoon

November 12

Worked about home – rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening

November 13

Surveyed for Benj. Sanderson

November 14

Sunday a pleasant day, spent most of the day casting surveys

November 15

Snowy in the morning. Finished surveying for B Sanderson.

November 16

Surveyed for James Furber – a very cold, windy day

Uncle Jos. Vose called here last evening and this morning

November 17

Got a load of turnips from the mill lot

Very cold. Rode to Chamberlain Store.

Carried apples in to the cellar in the evening

November 18

Dr. Carter and Miss C. Ware called

Finished banking house

November 19

Repaired barnyard fence. A very pleasant day

November 20

Rainy. Rode to Woodstock and got dye woods

November 21

Sunday wrote for N. Perkins

November 22

Thrashed beans and did choars

November 23

Shelled corn – Mrs Hammond (Harding) called – Meeting at the school house

November 24

Carried corn to the green to Dunbars. 6 bushels at \$1.00 per bushel which pays for salt, etc

November 25

Worked on wagon house. John came in the evening. Snowy

November 26

Some snow. Self went to Esq. Bruces for the grand list of the school Dist. Sleigh runs very well

November 27

Worked about wagon house

Colder

November 28

Sunday read but little A.C. Perkins called on his way to church

November 29

Thirty two years old today

Worked on hog house

November 30

Went to the sawmill and let the water out of the floom

Went to Mr Pauls

December 1

Rode to Woodstock got a Buffalo skin

Sold watch to Electa for \$17.00

December 2

Thanksgiving day

Father & Mother took supper with us. So also did N. Perkins and lady, and Miss R. Paddock

Self rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening

December 3

Repaired school house. A rainy day

December 4

Worked in sawmill

December 5

Sunday found a little time to study – Spenser went to Windsor with my wagon

December 6

School commenced in this dist.

Self went to mill and to Woodstock.

Got 2nd Vol. Hutton's Math.

And a letter from Mr Conant

December 7

A cold day – went to Mr N. Perkins in the evening

December 8

Wrote a letter to Mr Conant and carried it to the office

December 9

Worked about home. Fixed yard fence

December 10

Went to sawmill, cleared away the ice, etc. some rainy

December 11

Worked in sawmill. Sawed timber to cover the mill

December 12

Sunday. Worked in the mill till 3 o'clock this morning

Read none

December 13

Worked about home in the forenoon and to the sawmill in the afternoon

December 14

A severe snow storm from S.E.

December 15

Worked on sawmill boarding the backside

December 16

Worked on the roof of the sawmill

December 17

Severe snow storm with very high wind from N.W.

December 18

Very cold with high winds

December 19

Sunday, but little passing through the day. Though not quite so cold

December 20

Worked about home doing choars

December 21

Shelled corn and went to mill

Called at Mr Randalls and got watch

December 22

Very cold did nothing but choars

December 23

The Mrs Raymonds visited here

Very cold in the forenoon and stormy (hail and rain) in the latter part of the day. Rode to Mr Perkins

December 24

Went to Mr Tafts, got horse shod

December 25

Spenser had my cutter to go to Reading & Windsor

December 26

Sunday – a cold day, found some time for study

December 27

Went to Woodstock got 2 pounds of white lead – a phial of kreosote, etc

December 28

Worked about home – Received a letter of 2 sheets from Mr Conant –
Called at Mrs. Darlings in the evening

December 29

Went to Mr Bruces in the afternoon
Came home in the evening and found Hiram and Louisa Raymond here

December 30

Worked about home – A.C. Perkins had horse sleigh to go to Dr Holts.

December 31

A.C. Perkins called in the morning
Wife went to A.C.P.s to see Johns boy that is sick

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January 1

Self rode to A.C.P. in the morning and to mill in the afternoon
Mr. Esty came here in the evening and stayed through the night

January 2

Sunday. Read but little today

January 3

A cold day. – Did choars about home

January 4

Went to L.S. Murdock's with apples
John's boy died this morning

January 5

Made a coffin last night and today
Uncle Daniel Vaughan came here and staid through the night
So also did Mrs. Harvey & Lori

January 6

Went to A.C. Perkins to funeral
Very cold and windy

January 7

John called and went to the green – Self carried apples to L.S. Murdock

January 8

Called in at school in the forenoon, went to Woodstock in the afternoon.
Miss C. Wyatt came here by way of Mr Thompsons

January 9

Sunday. Mrs Harvey & Lori came here – Self found some time for study

January 10

Began to thrash. Warm weather for winter – Miss Wyatt went to A.C. Perkins

January 11

Killed hog – John called on his way to Reading & Mrs Harvey & Lori went with him

January 12

Uncle Daniel Vaughan called in the morning

January 13

Mr Darling called in the morning to talk about school
Self called on Mr Robinson, Mr Raymond and the two Mr Howlands
Mr Bridge called in the evening

January 14

Called on Mr Robinson and with him went in school
Went to A.C. Perkins

January 15

Went to Woodstock – A severe squall of snow – Miss C. Wyatt went to Mr Fisher's –
Got papers for J. Paddock

January 16

Found some time for study – Wife went to A.C. Perkins

January 17

Made plow for Mr Boynton

January 18

Went in the morning to see John White about chopping

January 19

Self worked on sled – Wife & Rosanna went to fathers on a visit – A very warm day

January 20

Self worked about home – Mr Mordicai Thomas called – Very warm, clear weather

January 21

Warm with some rain – Went to the Sawmill and repaired the carriage. Mrs R. Doton visited here.

January 22

Cold, windy day. N. Perkins and lady called on their way to Windsor & Weathersfield
Self worked on sled

January 23

Very cold day. Uncle Daniel Vaughan came here – Self calculated the moons place

January 24

Sorell Doton & Miss A. Bruce came here. Sorell & self went into school

January 25

Went to N. Perkins woods to see to chopping. Called on Mr. Thompson and A.C. Perkins

January 26

Went to Woodstock got Boston Almanac and Blank book

January 27

Went to the woods for Spenser
John Darling & Lady called

January 28

Worked on Mr Harveys pegs

January 29

Made two boxes of pegs

January 30

Sunday – a warm day
A.C. Perkins and Lady called on their way home from meeting

January 31

Finiahed Mr Harveys pegs
Rain in the afternoon. Sold Shoat to Mr Perkins. Got sled raves of N. Perkins

February 1
Finished sled. A cool day

February 2
Thrashed oats – Aurelia Paine visited here

February 3
Worked at the sawmill – Somewhat rainy

February 4
Worked in sawmill began about 1 o'clock in the morning – Took stove to the mill. Very rainy

February 5
Did nothing at all

February 6
Sunday – studied but little
Mrs. Bridge & Norman called in the evening

February 7
Went to the sawmill and staid through the day

February 8
Again to the sawmill – weather some cooler with squalls of snow

February 9
Very cold through the night and day

February 10
A.C. Perkins & Lady and Mrs. Rowlandson called

February 11
Went to Woodstock in the morning and to the sawmill in the afternoon

February 12
Sawmill again

February 13
Sunday – at sawmill sawing, not studying

February 14
Went to the sawmill in the afternoon
Very, very windy with squalls of snow – John called in the morning

February 15
Mrs Lucy Perkins came here and went to fathers – A cold day

February 16
Some snow falling most of the day

February 17
Cold raw day. No roads – Zebedee Doton called

February 18
John came here for horse to go to the north part of the state after a load of tubs – N. Perkins called – John Dana and 3 Ladies called – Self went to the woods

February 19

Rainy most of last night and this forenoon – Self went to the sawmill

February 20

Sunday N. Perkins & Lady and A.C. Perkins & Lady called on their way to church – Miss Winn called
Self studied books most of the day

February 21

Zebedee Doton called to hire plow
Self went into the woods

February 22

Self went to the woods. Wife went to Mr Paines. N. Perkins helped

February 23

N. Perkins helped draw wood

February 24

Self drew wood. A warm day

February 25

Zebedee & Sorell Doten called
Self went to Mr Tafts with A.C. Perkins

February 26

Snowed in the afternoon
N Perkins and Mr Paine called

February 27

Sunday – Studied some

February 28

Worked on N. Perkins' door

March 1

Went to the woods to haul Mr Boyntons logs

March 2

Self went to the mill and to the green – Saw C.F. Shedd
Went to the sawmill in the evening and sawed till 2 o'clock in the morn

March 3

Moses Paine worked for me
Self worked in the sawmill

March 4

Surveyed for L. Raymond – carried apples to Mr. Mellish

March 5

Went to the sawmill and to Vaughans

March 6

Sunday – Self, wife & Miss Candace Paul rode to N. Perkins

March 7

N. Perkins called. Self went to the mill – Went to school meeting in the evening

March 8

Began to tap Sugar place – Went to town meeting in the afternoon

March 9

Finished tapping sugar trees – Went to Mr Bridges in the afternoon

It began to snow towards night

March 10

Mr Boynton worked for me

A very great run of sap – Self worked on coffin for John's child that died last night

March 11

Finished coffin and went to funeral

Very cold towards night. – Mr Boynton worked for me

March 12

Very cold night last night – Self went to the school house to see to the wood – Mr Boynton got a bushel of meal of me. Mr B. Leonard is teaching a Writing School at the School house

March 13

Sunday Began to write a letter to Mr. Conant – Mr Winn & N. Bridge called

March 14

Made sugar – Self had polite calls

Went to School Meeting in the evening

March 15

A.C. Perkins called in the morning

March 16

Finished N Perkins door

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the night and again in the morning

March 17

Self rather mud-headed – Miss Harriet Darling called

March 18

Went to Woodstock in the morning paid on Acct. that Mr. Haskell had against S. Blaisdell of \$4.60 also had Dr. Burnell pay N. Haskell \$1.50 that pays for all the apples that he had of me last fall.

Also settled with J.H. Murdock

March 19

Rode to Mr Raymonds in the morning. Wife and Rosanna went to Mrs. Darlings. A pleasant day.

March 20

Sunday – Went with Rosanna to Tho. Frasers – called on Mr Raymond

March 21

Worked about home in the fore part of the day – Went to N. Perkins towards night

A.C. Perkins & Lady called

March 22

A stormy day. Mrs Lucy Perkins called. Self worked on corn

March 23

Worked on plows

March 24

Rode to Woodstock in the afternoon with Mrs. Raymond

March 25

Went to mill and to Woodstock

Mailed a letter to Mr Conant

March 26

Snow fell last night – about 6 inches deep

Rode to Mrs Darlings and to Mr Raymonds and to E. Smiths to see John but he was gone to Snows Ville

March 27

Mr Loveland preached at Woodstock

Self worked sugaring

March 28

Winnowed oats – A cool day and towards night – cold. Mr. John Darling called

March 29

Went to Woodstock. Got a letter from Dr. Doton – Called on Mr Streeter

John came here & brought clock

March 30

Worked nearly all day doing nothing. – Carried apples to L.S. Murdock –

Settled with John and came out even

March 31

Joseph Wyatt came in the evening

April 1

Self went to Woodstock with Joseph Wyatt. – Settled with C.F. Shedd and gave him a note for \$10.05 which settles all account with Shedd & Dunbar

April 2

Went to L.S. Murdock's in the afternoon

April 3

Sunday. Mr Loveland called in the morning – Self went to meeting with him at the hall.

Mr Loveland came home with me

April 4

Did choars – Went to A.C.P.s in the afternoon – Mr. N. Thompson came in the evening

April 5

A stormy day

April 6

Rode to Hartland to see Mr Willard – Very bad passing.

April 7

The Mrs. Raymonds called in the morning – Wife & Mrs. S. Raymond rode to A.C. Perkins

April 8

Fast day. Self went to A.C.P.s and to Mr. Raymonds – A.C.P. came here in the evening A stormy day

April 9

Rode to Woodstock with Mrs. S. Raymond

April 10

Sunday – Went to the town house to hear Mr. Sweet

April 11

Worked on plows in the forenoon and went to the Green to meet Mr Willard in the afternoon

April 12

Made plow for Daniel Vaughan

Miss Amelia Raymond called

April 13

Went to Sharon surveying for Mr Billings

April 14

Went to Woodstock to see about school – Uncle D. Vaughan called for plow

April 15

Made plow for Mr Riley

April 16

Surveyed for D.C. Dana

April 17

Went to church – heard Mr Tillotson – A very pleasant day

April 18

Surveyed for Mr Totman

April 19

Went to Woodstock. Concluded to open a school on the first Monday in May –
Engage to teach the District scholars for \$15. Per Month

April 20

Self rather dull

April 21

Went to Mr Tafts and to Mr Blaisdells and got horse shod

Came home by the green and called on Mrs. Raymond

April 22

Called on A.C. Perkins, got money from Norman Bridge and payed him for School teaching

Sold oxen to L. Richardson

April 23

Went to Woodstock – paid C.F. Shedd \$10.10 in full

April 24

Sunday – went to Mr. J. Darlings

April 25

Mended wheel rim for Mr Paul

April 26
Rainy

April 27
Wife went to A.C. Perkins
Self went to sawmill

April 28
Did but little

April 29
Worked on door yard – Went to Woodstock and to mill – got two bushels of wheat

April 30
Worked on door yard fence
Duane Darling called

May 1
Sunday. Went to Norwich
Showery in the afternoon

May 2
Began school at the green – had 18 Scholars

May 3
Had about the same number of Scholars

May 4
Wife went to Woodstock with me

May 5
Matters go about as usual
Weather somewhat pleasant

May 6
Mr Perkins called in the morning
Self rode to school

May 7
Rode to school by way of Mr. Raymonds

May 8
Sunday – Worked on Almanac
Norman Bridge called

May 9
School increases in numbers now about 25

May 10
Mother and Mother Paddock went to Mr Fishers. Self went there after school

May 11
Severe shower in the afternoon

May 12
Walked to school – found paper of the first quarterly at Mr Haskell's

May 13
Carried veal to Mrs. Raymonds
Rainy towards night – A.C. Perkins called

May 14
Got a half ream of paper of Mr Haskell.
Mended pasture fence in the afternoon

May 15
Sunday – Studied some

May 16
Expected N.W. Bridge for a scholar but he does not expect to go till Wednesday

May 17
Nothing of importance this day
School as usual

May 18
Mr & Mrs Perkins called on their way to the green – N.W. Bridge began to go to school

May 19
Charlotte Winn and Loisa & Abigail visited here in the afternoon

May 20
Took wagon to H.T. Marsh's to be repaired

May 21
Miss C. Wyatt went to Woodstock in the morning – Self surveyed for Mr Bridge & Miss Ware –
Wife went to A.C. Perkins

May 22
Studied some – Went to the "green" in the afternoon

May 23
A.C. Perkins went to the green and carried table and other things for the boarding house –
Self went to H.T. Marsh's for sign

May 24
Miss Rosanna went to the green
Self went to N. Perkins in the morning before school

May 25
Court now in session which makes much disturbance among the Scholars – Mr Wyatt called

May 26
Mr Wyatt left for Norwich

May 27
School about as usual – Wife's birth day

May 28
Wife went to Woodstock in the morning and to Mr Paines in the afternoon with Miss Wyatt

May 29
Sunday – Went to the hall to hear Mr Loveland preach – rainy in the afternoon

May 30
Self rather stupid
Weather somewhat rainy
A.C. Perkins called in the evening

May 31
Rosanna went to Hartland – Weather rather cool

June 1
Weather cool but clear – school rather small
Miss Raymonds boys had the horse to go to Mr Raymonds

June 2
A.C. Perkins went to Woodstock to assist at Mrs Raymonds Boarding House with Mrs L Perkins

June 3
Mrs L. Perkins came home with me from Mrs. Raymonds

June 4
Wife went to Hartland for Rosanna

June 5
Sunday – Worked on Almanac
finished the calculations

June 6
Cool day – cold towards night

June 7
June training – Some frost last night. Did not keep school

June 8
Commencement of the Medical Class at Woodstock
Address by Prof. Haddock of Dartmouth Col.

June 9
Mr Perkins called in the morning – a rainy day

June 10
Rainy again

June 11
Snow in the morning and so on most of the day

June 12
Self was called to Mr Bridges to see cow – Rode to John's in the afternoon – A pleasant day

June 13
Walked to school – rainy in the afternoon

June 14
N. Perkins worked for me
A pleasant day

June 15
John came here in the evening and staid through the night

June 16
Bought half barrel of flour from Mr Mellish

June 17
Very warm weather

June 18
Mr Hart sheared sheep

June 19
Went to the hall to hear Mr. Loveland

June 20
School somewhat large

June 21
Mr Wyatt called in the afternoon.

June 22
Some showers in the afternoon
Mr Winn came from Windsor

June 23
Walked to school – Weather coolish

June 24
School some larger

June 25
Saturday – went Miss Lambs to get coat made

June 26
Went to church – heard Mr. Marsh and elder Hazen

June 27
Took wagon to H.T. Marsh's to be painted – School goes well – Saw Mr Hartwell

June 28
Rainy in the forenoon

June 29
Musical Convention at the Green
Prof. Lowell Mason present

June 30
Convention continues. School very small – afternoon did not keep at all

July 1
Very warm weather – Miss Wyatt and Mrs Perkins went to Norwich
Some showers towards night

July 2
Very warm again

July 3
Sunday – Showery – Miss W. & Mrs Paine home

July 4
Spendid celebration among the boys

July 5
Hard shower towards night which prevented my doing surveying

July 6
Mr Howland called after school

July 7
Mr Dickerson the phrenologist came to Mrs Raymonds. Self did surveying or Mr Raymond

July 8
Mr Haskell came from Boston
Got phrenological chart of Mr Dickerson

July 9
Severe head ache – school not large

July 10
Sunday – went to church, heard Mr Eaton

July 11
Began new rules at school
Very fine weather

July 12
Uncle G. Vose called in the evening
Miss Raymond and Mrs Cheedel visited here

July 13
Very warm day – Uncle G. Vose's Lady visited here

July 14
Continues warm – School larger this week

July 15
Walked to school – weather cooler
Some rain

July 16
Got Hedge's Logic – weather warm

July 17
Went to the Hall – heard Mr Loveland through the day and Mr Streeter in the evening

July 18
Band meeting in the evening

July 19
School rather small

July 20
Miss L. Darling came here on a visit

July 21
Had but 13 Scholars – Very clear weather

July 22
Band met in the evening

July 23
Self rather dull as usual

July 24
Sunday – did not go to church

July 25
Wife and her mother went to Reading
Self went to band meeting in the evening

July 26
Henry Streeter came home after an absence of near two years

July 27
Got Nautical Almanac for 1844 but sent it back for it was not the right kind

July 28
Band met at Mr Tafts – self did not go

July 29
Band met at the green but self not there

July 30
Rode to the green in the evening – very rainy

July 31
Sunday – band started for Burlington
Self studied some

August 1
Mr Hart began to cut grass below the road – Aunt Darling came here

August 2
Wife went to Woodstock in the morning

August 3
Rode to Taftsville after school to see Mr. Blaisdell

August 4
Rode with Mr Perkins from school

August 5
Band came from Burlington

August 6
Rode to Taftsville in the afternoon

August 7
Sunday – did not go to church

August 8

School began larger this week

August 9

Rode to Mr Blaisdell to get horse shod

August 10

Left school notice with M Haskell

August 11

School larger – rainy weather

August 12

Got Dick's works for \$6.75

August 13

Worked on fence in the afternoon

August 14

Sunday – worked on Astro. Tables

Wife went to N. Perkins

August 15

Got proof sheet of Almanac – School large

August 16

School somewhat large – hay weather

August 17

Some haying weather – N. Bridge called

August 18

Commencement at Norwich

August 19

Called on N. Bridge in the morning

August 20

Closed school – Summer term

August 21

Went to church – heard Mr Pierce

August 22

Self rode to L.S. Murdocks to get boot mended

August 23

Went to Woodstock

August 24

Went to the sawmill for slabs

August 25

Went to Woodstock – carried apples to Mr, Mellish

August 26
Went to Woodstock by L.S. Murdocks
Went to Norwich in the afternoon

August 27
Went to Hanover in the morning and came home in the afternoon.

August 28
Sunday – rode to A.C. Perkins
N.W. Bridge called in the morning

August 29
Went to the sawmill in the morning after timber

August 30
Wife went to L.S. Murdock's with apples

August 31
Self rode to Woodstock in the morning – Duane Darling called.

September 1
Dissension at Woodstock between Elder Hazen & Mr Tillotson – Self did not go –
Went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon

September 2
A pleasant day

September 3
Mr Stevens came after apples for Isaac Fisher

September 4
Sunday – a very pleasant day
Rode over Pomfret Hills and called at A.C. Perkins

September 5
Somewhat rainy

September 6
Freemans Meeting. Self called at G. Winslows in the morning

September 7
Began school at Woodstock 18 Scholars

September 8
Had 19 Scholars – election returns somewhat whigish – Wife went to Hosea Vaughans

September 9
Rainy day

September 10
Self in school in the forenoon – and went to Norwich in the afternoon

September 11
Heard Prof. Haddock preach

September 12

A warm day with some rain

September 13

Walked to school rainy in the morning

September 14

Carried apples to Isaac Fisher $1\frac{3}{4}$ bushels

September 15

Rode to school – a rainy day

September 16

Quite rainy – a military drill at Woodstock – but a greater drill with the boys

September 17

Rode from school with father

Picked Bridgewater apples in the afternoon

September 18

Sunday went to hear Mr Hemphill

September 19

Rode to school with Mr & Mrs Perkins

Daniel Mitchell & Thom Alden began to go to school

September 20

Weather rather cool – Wife rode to N. Perkins for her mother

September 21

Carried apples to Mr Mellish – a cool day – somewhat rainy

September 22

Very cool for September, but as yet no frost owing to cloudy and rainy weather. –

Hewitt began to go to school yesterday

September 23

Cold day

September 24

Hard frost last night – Carried wool to J.A. Pratt for $26\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound

September 25

Sunday – self worked on Almanac

September 26

School opens finely this week – Self worked in the evening on proof sheet of Almanac

September 27

Very pleasant day

September 28

Fine day school large – returned 2nd proof sheet of first form of Almanac

September 29

Crowded with lessons at school

September 30

Came from school by way of Mr Darlings and got his spy glass for L. Miller

October 1

Got a load of wood from Mr Harts

October 2

Sunday Self rather stupid – bad cold

October 3

Weather some cooler – carried $\frac{3}{4}$ basket of apples to Sorell Doton

October 4

Rather cool – Self shelled corn in the evening

October 5

Wife picked greenings, 20 bushels

October 6

School rather small – a cool day

Hard frost last night

October 7

Miss Bruce's School this morning closed rather abruptly – cause not known.

Severe frost last night

October 8

Got a load of wood from Mr Hart's woods – Cut apples in the evening

October 9

Adjusted Norman Bridge in his trigonometrical measurement

Worked on apples a little in the P.M.

October 10

Carried $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels apples to Isaac Fisher

October 11

Carried apples to Sorell Doton $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels – a warm day

N.P. picked apples

October 12

Miss Wyatt came in the afternoon

October 13

Walked to school – Wife went to E. Smiths and to A.C. Perkins

October 14

Weather some windy – Self in school with a severe head ache and toothache – rather too much

October 15

Self somewhat indisposed. – Rainy in the morning – Miss C. Wyatt went to Mr Fishers

October 16

Rode to N. Perkins in the morning

October 17
Mr Robinson called in the evening

October 18
Joseph & Caroline Wyatt came here in the evening – Some rainy

October 19
Got proof of Almanac – Got N Bridge to assist in reading it.

October 20
Self rather dull towards night – dizzy

October 21
Engaged a school for the winter – am to keep at the Hartford brick school house for \$20. Per month of 4 weeks each – and if I lose more than 2 days am to make the whole up

October 22
A.C. Perkins carried apples to Woodstock for me – 6 barrels to Mr Fisher – 5 to Mr Mellish and 3 to Mr Randall.

October 23
Sunday N. Bridge called in the forenoon – Hiram Raymond called in the evening

October 24
Rather cool N. Bridge came home with me and worked plotting in the evening

October 25
Very rainy

October 26
Went to school with wagon – Mother Paddock went to Mrs Raymonds.
Amelia Raymond & Rebecca Brown came here

October 27
Walked to school – weather somewhat pleasant

October 28
Cooler towards night – Wife very much troubled with teeth ache

October 29
Mr Robinson & Spenser helped me on hog house – School meeting in the evening

October 30
Sunday Self worked all day in the shop – made saw frame etc. for Mrs Darling

October 31
A cold day. Rode to Mrs Darlings. Lucy Darling came here – Mr Robinson called in the evening

November 1
Got wagon mended. Harrison Hall began to go to school

November 2
Very fine weather Mrs Darling paid me for making woodsaw frame

November 3
Paid N. Haskell \$10.00

November 4
Norman Bridge came home with me
Mrs. Wyatt called in the evening

November 5
Self and N. Bridge surveyed for D.C. Dana & Wm. R. Hewitt

November 6
Sunday – Self some indisposed – took a cold yesterday

November 7
Wife carried Mrs Wyatt to A.C. Perkins
Got cider barrel of Mrs Darling

November 8
Rainy and cold. Snowy in the evening

November 9
Miller lectures commenced at the Brick meeting house on the green.
A.C. Perkins called after meeting

November 10
Walked to school - called at Mr J. Fishers
Mrs Fisher and her mother Stevens came here on a visit

November 11
Carried apples to Mr Mellish 1 Barrel
Carried apple Sauce to Mrs Raymond
Got barrel of flour

November 12
Saw Mr C.G. Burnham Author of the Cancelling arithmetic at Judge Collamers

November 13
Sunday – Snowy in the morning – Self troubled with a head ache

November 14
Paid Geo. Mellish for a barrel of flour five dollars and seventy five cents
Rainy in the afternoon

November 15
Very pleasant day - wife went to Norwich

November 16
Rode to school got trimmings for cloak

November 17
Weather warm for November

November 18
Mr Haskell got out the register

November 19
Mr Robinson worked on shed – a very windy day

November 20

Went to Norwich with Miss C. Wyatt
Rather cool

November 21

Cold frozen weather walked to & from school

November 22

Mr Hart had lumber wagon to go to the woods
Cold yet and rough passing

November 23

Butchered beef - Mr Page & Asa Perry helped

November 24

Very snowy day, about one foot fell in all; rode from school in sleigh

November 25

Sent a Register to Mr Conant and one to Hannah Bridge at Laporte
Began almanac for 1844

November 26

Closed school at the green

November 27

Rode to Mr Thompsons, a very blustering day

November 28

Went to the "green" with A.C. Perkins to see Mrs. Raymond

November 29

Self 33 years old today

November 30

Went to Mr. Paul's in the morning after sheep. Snowy in the evening.

December 1

Very snowy with high wind. No passing
Roads drifted up

December 2

A pleasant day. Self rode to Mr Page's
Roads very much drifted

December 3

Went to Woodstock. Paid N. Haskell \$13.70 in full on note – paid Joel Eaton \$2.28 in full – Got Buffalo skin of J.A. Dunbar for \$5.00

December 4

Sunday – a very fine day – rode to N. Perkins in the evening – Uncle E. Moore called in the morning

December 5

Self worked about home. Sorell Doton called in the morning

December 6

Sold beef hide to David Chandler

Weight 87 pounds at 5 cents per pound to be paid in 9 months on interest after 6 months –

Went to the green in the evening with turkeys. Sold 2 of them to Mrs Raymond for \$.92

December 7

Self finished desk – Uncle Daniel Vaughan came to fathers and went to the green

Took steam in the evening A.C. Perkins and lady being present

December 8

Thanksgiving day. Uncle Daniel Vaughan came here

December 9

Took a thorough course of medicine

December 10

Sorell Doton called in the forenoon, and Mr Bruce and Mr. Winn & Lady in the afternoon

December 11

Sunday – Self very stupid – rode to fathers after bed

December 12

Began school at the Hartford school house – Sorell Doton came here in the afternoon

December 13

Very snowy towards night – Mr Harvey came after me at school

December 14

Snow last night about 10 inches deep

December 15

Passing very bad – School about 30 Scholars

December 16

Butchered hog Mr Page helped

December 17

R.H. Paddock & Lady came here in the evening from New Haven Conn.

December 18

Sunday – windy, squally day with some snow

December 19

Very cold – Thermometer 3° below Zero

December 20

R.H. Paddock & Lady went to N. Perkins

Not quite so cold – Thermometer 6° above zero

December 21

Warmer rainy in the afternoon

December 22

Very bad passing – roads soft – Orlando Doton called

December 23

Cold again – John moved to Reading

December 24

R.H. Paddock came from A.C. Perkins

A.C. Perkins & Lady called in the evening

December 25

Sunday – rode to A.C.P.'s in the morning

Robert & lady went to meeting

December 26

R went to Woodstock and got Dr. Gallup's book

N.P. came with wood

December 27

Rather cold weather. A.C.P. came to the green and to call on Mrs. Raymond

December 28

A.C.P. went to the green and got things from Mrs. Raymonds.

Mr Bugbee and Duane Darling called in the evening

December 29

Mr Perkins went to Reading with Robert – snowy in the evening

December 30

Very snowy bad passing – Had to break roads to and from school.

December 31

Passing very bad

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January 1

Sunday – Very cold – did little but study

January 2

Thermometer 13° below at sunrise – rode to the green in the evening – snowed very fast and thermometer only 8°+

John and Robert came from Reading in the evening

January 3

Weather some warmer but somewhat windy

Very bad getting to and from school.

January 4

Thermometer 8° below Zero – Snow 4 feet deep in the woods

January 5

A.C. Perkins called again on Mrs. Raymond on rent matters

January 6

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening

January 7

Sent 9½ bushels of apples to Mr. Mellish

Weather warmer

January 8

Sunday – a rainy day – Snow settles very fast

January 9

A clear day and warm, thawy of course

January 10

Warm foggy weather

January 11

Sorell left here last night

January 12

S. Doton begins school in place of N.W. Bridge. – Snow about 2/3 gone

January 13

Weather continues warm and foggy

Self called on Mrs. Darling for R.H.P.

January 14

Weather cooler – some frozen – Snow 1 foot only

January 15

Sunday rode to church in the forenoon

And came home by way of L.S. Murdocks

January 16

A.C. Perkins called in the afternoon

January 17
Thermometer 3°+. Rather cold

January 18
Mrs. L. Barr of Reading Vermont came among us with a message of "Millerometry"
Or "foolometry". A.C.P. & Lady called in the evening

January 19
Weather rather warm – and, of course, sleighing very bad

January 20
Self rather stupid and somewhat indisposed

January 21
Very warm which causes School to go rather dull – a hard day in school

January 22
Sunday Went to church heard Mr Wright in the forenoon and Mr Tillotson in the afternoon

January 23
Went into school with a determination to make thorough work in discipline but was very happily relieved from the trouble by the good conduct of scholars

January 24
Weather some colder – had horse sharpened yesterday

January 25
Colder – Brother Robert & Lady went to Mrs Darlings

January 26
Had 42 Scholars – this is the most that I have had any day this winter – very cold

January 27
School large 43 Scholars

January 28
Snowed last night and today about 8 inches

January 29
Sunday - Went to church heard Mr Bailey

January 30
A cold frosty morning – school not large
Norman Fuller called at school

January 31
Weather some warmer – rainy towards night

Feb 1
Rainy last night so that the last snow is nearly gone – roads very icy –
Snowy through the after part of the day

Feb 2
Very cold blustering day – had only about 30 Scholars

Feb 3

R.H.P. went to A.C. Perkins
Thermometer 11° below zero

Feb 4

Wife went to Mr Seaveys on a visit

Feb 5

Sunday Went to church – heard Mr Tillotson – Stormy in the afternoon

Feb 6

Snowy most of the day – it has fallen nearly 15 inches – took trunk to L.A. Marshes.

Feb 7

Very bad getting to and from school
Rather cold

Feb 8

Thermometer 3° below Zero.

Feb 9

Rode to Woodstock in the evening
Thermometer 10° below Zero at sunrise

Feb 10

Thermometer 13° below Zero at sunrise – a letter from M. Conant

Feb 11

Snowy and in the afternoon windy

Feb 12

Sunday – cold day – Robert and his mother went to Miss Mary Thompson's funeral

Feb 13

Cold weather and very bad passing

Feb 14

Went to Woodstock after school

Feb 15

Snowy last night – passing bad
Had but 9 scholars – have not had less than 20 in a day this winter till now
A meeting at Mr. Demmons that keeps some scholars out of school

Feb 16

Roads much drifted – turned over going to school

Feb 17

Roads no better – Thermometer at Woodstock 27° below zero – the coldest this winter so far

Feb 18

Went to school some earlier and found no fire nor scholars till near half past nine

Feb 19

Went to L.S. Murdocks and took supper at fathers

Feb 20

Weather some warmer. Mr Udall called at school

Feb 21

A small school – meeting at Elder Hazens meeting house take off some scholars

Feb 22

School house full of visitors who came to write billets – profitable business
Self rode to Woodstock after school

Feb 23

Cold day – John came from Reading yesterday – school rather small

Feb 24

Did not teach school – Went to meeting.
Heard Mr Hemphill in the forenoon and Mr Skinner in the afternoon

Feb 25

Went to school again

Feb 26

Sunday Robert & lady went to church

Feb 27

School goes rather dull

Feb 28

Comet seen near the sun. self did not see it

March 1

Cold cloudy day. Visitors at school again

March 2

Self unwell did not go to school
Robert attended the first of a course of medical lectures

March 3

Cold day – self did not go out

March 4

Civil authority of the town meet at the Town House – Self not able to go

March 5

Sunday – Self not able to go to church

March 6

Rode to Mr Paul's – cold day

March 7

Town meeting

March 8

Self went to Reading – a warm day
Meeting at South Woodstock

March 9

Came home from Reading

March 10

Went to Woodstock in the morning got the American Almanac to assist in making a cut of the planetary regions

March 11

Went to Esq Winslows in the evening

March 12

Sunday Went to church. Heard Mr Skinner

March 13

Mercury, the planet, at its greatest western elongation ($27^{\circ} 35'$) But the morning being cloudy it could not be seen – snowy day

March 14

Very blustering day – Self rode to the Green in the morning

March 15

Very stormy, windy and drifting weather
Went to Woodstock in the morning

March 16

Went to Woodstock & to mill – got papers with the cut of the planets

March 17

Snowy day self worked on almanac

March 18

Went to the Green with R.H. Paddock
Settled with Mr. Mellish – owed him Six dollars Sixty five cents –
Called on L.S. Murdock to get R's boots mended

March 19

Sunday went to church. Heard Mr Tillotson

March 20

Went to Mr Winslows in the morning

March 21

Went to Mr Adams to do writing for him. Came home in the evening.
The tail of the comet very splendid being nearly 60° in length

March 22

Rode to Esq Winslows in the morning
And to fathers in the afternoon

March 23

A cold day – finished Mr Adams writings. Made deed for Obed Adams

March 24

Rode to Woodstock in the morning
Settled with H.T. Marsh. Found our accounts just equal
A.C. Perkins called in the evening. Comet very beautiful

March 25

Went to Mr Tafts – Wife went to Mr Babcock's – Mr Page & Amos Rowlandson called

March 26

Sunday did not go to church. A cool day and somewhat windy

March 27

Went to the green again in the morning

And to Mr. Bridges in the evening

March 28

Very stormy day – Snowy in the forepart of the day. About 1 foot fell when the storm changed to rain and continued so through the day. Snow is full 4 feet deep

March 29

Colder – strong N.W. wind – Self went to Woodstock in the forenoon

March 30

Mr Robinson called in the morning

Mrs Bridge visited here in the afternoon

March 31

Went to Woodstock heard 3 lectures

1 from Prof. Clark 1 from Judge Collamer and 1 from Prof. Dewey

April 1

Went to Woodstock again, heard lectures from the same men that lectured yesterday – Snow fell last night and today about 10 inches. – Snow is now an average 4½ feet deep, and from present appearances, we might suppose it to be about the 20th of February

April 2

Cold windy day – Snow very badly drifted – roads blocked up

April 3

Shoveled snow in the forenoon – Mr Page called to butcher calf – a cold day.

April 4

Thermometer at zero this morning at sunrise – weather warmer towards night

John came from Reading

April 5

Self rode to A.C. Perkins to get wheat

April 6

Went to mill and to Mr Tafts. Called on Mr. Paul. Got an order on the treasurer of that School Dist. for 60 dollars for teaching the past winter

April 7

Joseph Wyatt called in the morning

Somewhat thawy – snow has settled about 1 foot

April 8

A warm day – tapped sugar trees – Made stethoscope

April 9

Sunday very thawy, wind southerly

April 10

N. Perkins called in the morning
Weather rather cold

April 11

Snow settles fast this week. Have not now more than 8 hundred of hay

April 12

Wrote to Mr. Conant – Mrs Bridge called in the forenoon

April 13

Received of Ora Paul 60 dollars for teaching school – rode to Woodstock in the morning

April 14

Fast day – a warm cloudy day –
The spring birds appear this week

April 15

Rainy Mrs R.H. Paddock started for Reading – made a polite call in the village

April 16

Sunday – Warm thawy day

April 17

Sleighing nearly gone – rainy last night and this morning

April 18

Cool cloudy day. – A.C. Perkins came here on his way to the “green” and took wagon

April 19

Called on N. Howland and Mr Darling for hay or grain

April 20

Laid floor to the wagon house – very warm

April 21

Took R.H. Paddock’s trunk to the green

April 22

Went to Woodstock to send to New York by Mr Churchill for Nautical Almanac

April 23

Sunday studied some

April 24

Gave out the last of my hay. Went to Mr Darlings in the afternoon and got 315 pounds of hay

April 25

Worked about home – weather very warm.
Worked on Mr Chandlers plow

April 26

Went to North Bridgewater surveying
Found snow in the roads more than two feet deep – warm foggy day

April 27

Surveyed for Amaziah Richmond – a rainy day

April 28

A clear warm day – mended plow for Mr Howland

April 29

Rather cool with high wind – Self went to Woodstock with Mr Dunbar

April 30

Cold with strong S.E. wind with hail and rain

May 1

Very rainy in the morning – Self went to Woodstock in the afternoon to settle the Dunbar acct

May 2

Went to Mr Richardsons to finish Surveying

Mr Howe called to get Surveying done

May 3

Finished Mr Richardsons plan of survey

Wife and her mother went to Mr Raymonds

May 4

Self went to Sharon to do Surveying

May 5

Went to A.C. Perkins to see saw mill

May 6

Worked about home chopping apple trees

May 7

Sunday. Went to church, heard Mr Bailey

May 8

Mended plow for Mr Paine – Mr Harvey called

May 9

Went to Woodstock to hear Prof. Dewey lecture on Geology. Semantha Chandler called

May 10

Drawed wood from the schoolhouse

Mrs. Winn (Adaline Bruce) called, so also did Horace Wyatt

May 11

Worked in the sawmill – Wife went to Mr Cones and Dr. Richards

May 12

Worked about home in the forenoon and went to Norwich in the afternoon

May 13

Came from Norwich in the afternoon by the way of Jerico village and Downer's bridge

May 14

Sunday – a very warm pleasant day

May 15

Worked about home – heavy showers in the afternoon – was out in the rain after Dr. Palmer's horse

May 16

Cut apple tree limbs – very fine weather

May 17

Mr Miller called in the morning – chopped apple trees in the afternoon – cooler in the P.M.

May 18

Made cowyard fence – Sorell Doton called

May 19

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got Nautical Almanac

May 20

Joseph Wyatt & Caroline came from Norwich

May 21

Sunday Mr Wyatt left for home – Mr Sweet preached at the Hall

May 22

Went to the saw mill after boards and timber

May 23

Began Cultivator for Winn

May 24

Went to Woodstock – got ash pail & 4 pans of Mr Blick for \$2.25 – Sorell started for the west

May 25

Rosilla Doton came here

May 26

Cool, cloudy weather and has been for 3 days past

May 27

Rainy day. Self worked on Almanac

May 28

Sunday – Wife went to N. Perkins – Self kept house alone – Mr Winn called in the afternoon –
Saw the planet Mercury

May 29

Went to South Woodstock to the Carding machine
Changed book with Mr Haskell got Pope's works in full and Mrs Hemans works

May 30

Went to mill in the forenoon, and worked about home in the afternoon

May 31

Cold day – rainy last night – Went to mill – worked on hog house in the afternoon

June 1

Worked on wagon house in the forenoon. Went to Mr Murdock's in the afternoon
Got planks from sawmill

June 2
Went to Bridgewater surveying for Mr Southgate

June 3
Rainy – Went to the sawmill

June 4
Sunday, cool cloudy day

June 5
Rainy – Robert came from Barre

June 6
Commencement of the Medical College – Robert took the degree of M.D.
Self went to Reading to assist in carrying Robert's family and trunk, who is to leave Vermont next Monday
– Self came home in the night

June 7
Went to Bridgewater to survey for Mr Southgate – Wife went to J Vose's – rainy after about 5 in the afternoon – Came home in the rain

June 8
Very rainy night – Went to Woodstock in the afternoon.

June 9
Sent 5 dollars by Mr Haskell to Boston for the English Nautical Almanac for 1845 and for a Sector

June 10
Worked on Wagon house

June 11
Sunday – rainy in the morning – afternoon very fine

June 12
Mr Paul called in the morning – Self went to L.S. Murdocks in the afternoon got shoes mended

June 13
Began to whitewash house

June 14
Mr. Thompson called. Mr. Clark came here to study

June 15
Wife and Mrs. Patrine went to Reading
Spenser sheared my sheep. John Paddock called

June 16
A rainy day – finished whitewashing

June 17
Great celebration at Bunker Hill.
Self worked on highway

June 18
Sunday. Studied most of the day.

June 19

Went to Bridgewater to run line for Mr Lull on the Montague farm

June 20

Worked on road in the forenoon and on fences in the afternoon

June 21

Worked for A.C. Perkins – weather very warm

June 22

Worked again for A.C. Perkins – very warm

June 23

Another warm day. Thermometer 83°+ at 11 o'clock and at 12 o'clock 85°+.
At one o'clock P.M. 88°+ at 1^h 40^m 89°+

June 24

Worked in shop – A shower in the afternoon

June 25

Sunday – called at N. Perkins about noon
A very fine day

June 26

Went to Simeon Dunham's to appraise and divide farm

June 27

Finished the division of the Dunham estate
Very warm

June 28

Went to Barnard to survey for John Vaughan

June 29

Went to Woodstock in the morning
Carried 2 calf skins to Mr Barrons.

June 30

Worked at home. Went to Band meeting in the evening

July 1

Worked for A.C. Perkins on sawmill
very warm

July 2

Sunday very warm Thermometer at 1 o'clock P.M. 93°+. Showers in the afternoon

July 3

Cooler. Self worked for A.C. Perkins
Went to band meeting in the evening

July 4

Attended the celebration at Woodstock

July 5

Worked again for A.C. Perkins

July 6

Self worked on almanac. Wife went to Mr. Robinsons. Mrs Cushing called

July 7

Self somewhat indisposed G. Winslow Jr. called

July 8

Sent wood to the green to G.R. Chapman at 28 cents per pound – Self went to run a line for Mr. Boynton. Rainy towards night

July 9

Sunday. A fine day – studied some

July 10

Went to Woodstock in the afternoon

Got Sector and Nautical Almanac for 1845 also got Dryden's Virgil and the Pleasures of Hope etc. – Showery

July 11

Worked on almanac

July 12

Again on almanac

July 13 Went to Uncle D. Vaughan's in the afternoon

July 14

Went to Taftsville got horse shod. Came home by the "green" and got music to copy

July 15

Mr Boynton called for deed. Mr Ware called

Self went to Woodstock

July 16

Sunday. Went to Dr. Russ' in the morning

July 17

A rainy day - Spenser went to Windsor

July 18

Mrs. Darling called. Self went to Band meeting in the evening

July 19

Went to Reading. Came home in the evening

July 20

Mrs Neal and Mrs. & Miss Raymond visited here

Band meeting in the evening

July 21

Went to Norwich. Very warm day

July 22

Went to Hanover in the morning and came home in the afternoon

July 23

Went to the Hall to hear Mr Streeter in the evening

July 24

Worked about home. Worked for Spenser about 3 hours

July 25

Went to A.C. Perkins to work on sawmill

July 26

Worked for A.C.P. in the forenoon, and for Spenser in the afternoon

July 27

Worked on sawmill again

July 28

Sawmill again. Showery towards night
Mr Roger called. Wife visited at fathers.

July 29

Went to A.C. Perkins in the morning and to Woodstock in the afternoon and evening

July 30

Sunday. Rather dull. Went to L.S. Murdocks in the afternoon

July 31

Started for Burlington about 3 o'clock in the morning and arrived there about half past seven in the evening. Dry and dusty

August 1

Played for the Junior Exhibition

August 2

Commencement for the college

August 3

Started for home about 2 o'clock in the morning. Came home about 9 in the evening.

August 4

Gave concert in the evening at Woodstock

August 5

Worked for Spenser in the afternoon

August 6

Sunday – Read some

August 7

Mowed for Spenser in the morning but it soon began to rain

August 8

Wife went to Reading and carried Elmer & Edwin Paddock. Came home in the evening

August 9

Worked on Almanac

August 10
No hay weather this week. Went to Woodstock in the afternoon

August 11
Rainy in the afternoon and evening

August 12
Owen Taft called for me to do Surveying

August 13
Sunday first good hay day for one week
Helped Spenser get hay in the afternoon

August 14
Worked for Spenser at haying. Went to Band meeting in the evening

August 15
Worked again for Spenser in the forenoon
Went to Band meeting in the evening

August 16
Went to Norwich to Commencement; gave concert in the evening

August 17
Played for the Commencement exercises
Came home in the evening

August 18
Did but little work. Widow (John) Vose came to fathers

August 19
Somewhat rainy. Rode to Mrs. Hammonds and called on L.S. Murdock and got Leather

August 20
Sunday Went to church in the afternoon
Heard Mr Tillotson

August 21
Worked on the Almanac. A rainy day

August 22
Worked on the Almanac. Very rainy

August 23
Went to Woodstock. Sold my share in the Woodstock Band to Mr Haskell.

August 24
Went to Hartland in the morning to run lines for Mr White, and in the afternoon for Mr Royce and for Mr Richardson
Called at Mr Fishers for Miss C. Wyatt

August 25
Carried 4 12-foot basswood boards to Mr Fisher and got Secretary

August 26
Finished the Calendar pages of the Almanac. Warm day

August 27

Sunday; went to church in the forenoon and took Abba with us for the first time
Heard Mr W.S. Ballou

August 28

Commenced drawing map for the Almanac.

August 29

Worked on map. Went to Woodstock in the evening, saw L.A. Miller's Telescope

August 30

Worked on the Cuts to show the retrograde motions of the planets

August 31

Finished cuts. Mrs. Page visited here in the afternoon

Sept. 1

Sent boards to Mr Fisher 1067 feet

Sept. 2

Worked on an eclipse of the sun

Sept. 3

Sunday – a very warm day. Took a walk after supper through the “old field” Miss Wyatt present

Sept. 4

Went to Woodstock in the morning

Saw the book publisher of Boston who handed me Greenleaf's Arithmetic for examination

Sept. 5

Freeman's Meeting. Wife went to E. Smiths

Sept. 6

Went to Woodstock in the morning

Wife and Mrs (Addison) Darling went to Thos. Fraser's

Sept. 7

Went to Capt Bingham's to finish Dunham estate matter. Uncle E. Vaughan came here.

Sept. 8

Mrs. Darling and her brother E. Vaughan visited here through the day

Sept. 9

Went to Taft's in the morning

Mr J. Wyatt and Miss Caroline Wyatt called here in the afternoon. Self went to Taft's again in the evening

Sept. 10

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the morning

Wife started for her Uncle Cobbs in Florence New York. Cool weather

Sept. 11

Began school at the Green. Rather cool

Sept. 12

Had 7 scholars only. Hard frost last night

Sept. 15

Rainy day – very hard shower late in the evening

Sept. 16

A very warm clear day. Worked on Mr Babcocks plow in the afternoon

Sept. 17

Sunday – Very pleasant day – Mr Winn's folks and Mr Bruce's folks visited father's

Sept. 18

Had two more scholars. Weather fine. Very warm.

Sept. 19

A very heavy shower last night

Sept. 20

Some cooler in the morning

Sept. 21

A very warm day. Rainy in the evening

Zadoc Thompson was at Woodstock

Sept. 22

A clear cool day. Got Thompson's Vermont for \$2.50

Sept. 23

School in the forenoon. Worked on Mr Babcock's plow in the afternoon –

Went to Mr Paines in the evening to watch with Mr Bundy

Sept. 24

Sunday: very warm in the forenoon,

Rainy in the afternoon

Sept. 25

Sumner Rickard began to go to school, so also did Miss Slayton & Owen T. Marsh

Sept. 26

Joanna began to go to school

Sept. 27

Very cool day – Paul brot wood to the school house Mr Harvey came here

Sept. 28

Weather some warmer

Sept. 29

Eliza Randall came to school

Sept. 30

A very warm day. Assisted Spenser a little while in the afternoon about his windows

October 1

Rainy through the day

October 2

Wife came home from Florence

October 3

Called in the morning at Mrs Darlings to see Uncle Vaughan. Paid interest to J. Lyman \$12.42

October 4

John came from Reading. Self called to see Addison Darling about money for R.H. Paddock

October 5

Very busy with proof sheets for Almanac

October 6

Got 25 Dollars of Addison J. Darling to send to R.H. Paddock

October 7

Ran line for Edwin Hutchinson in the afternoon

October 8

Sunday. A very rainy day. N.W. Bridge and Geo. Slayton called

October 9

Very clear day. Wrote to R.H. Paddock

October 10

Busy on Almanac matters

October 11

Mr Adams called at the school house to see about deeds

October 12

J. Wyatt and lady came on a visit

October 13

Called on E. Hutchinson Esq at noon
Mr Wyatt started for home in the morning

October 14

Saw Samuel Marsh on the green in the afternoon. Went to A.C. Perkins to get wood

October 15

Sunday. Wife and Mrs Perkins started for Canada

October 16

Mr Page took wood to the school house

October 17

N. Perkins & Mr Leonard called

October 18

Some squalls of rain

October 19

Mr Robinson called in the evening.
Read proof sheet in the evening

October 20

Attended school meeting in the evening

October 21
Rainy in the afternoon and evening

October 22
Sunday very rainy. N.W. Bridge called.

October 23
Very stormy: Snow fell about 6 inches on the green, but much more than that on the highlands.

October 24
Weather clear but rather cold. About half of the snow gone.
Addison J. Darling paid me \$2.25 for Duane

October 25
Cloudy day. Rainy a very little in the afternoon. Snow melted but little.

October 26
Snow thawed some, but not much. Mr Robinson called in the evening.

October 27
Snowy in the morning afterwards rain and hail.

October 28
Did not go to school but worked about home

October 29
Sunday, A very pleasant day. Mrs Lucy Perkins called and Mrs. Bridge.

October 30
A pleasant day somewhat thawy. Wife came home from Canada

October 31
Mrs. Bridge and Mrs. L. Perkins visited here

Nov 1
N. Perkins went to Reading with his mother Paddock. Very cold last night

Nov 2
Very rainy in the morning

Nov 3
Cooler with high winds

Nov 4
Weather cold. Ground frozen. Self surveyed for Col. Dana in the afternoon

Nov 5
Sunday. A cold day. Clear in the afternoon

Nov 6
Thermometer 22°+ zero. 10° below freezing point at sunrise. Some warmer in the afternoon

Nov 7
Weather not quite so cold. Court sits at Woodstock

Nov 8

Called on Mr Mellish and paid him \$6.90 which was in full on a certain note.

Nov 9

Mr Boynton worked for me yesterday banking house and finished before noon today.

Nov 10

Some snow. not very cold. John came from Reading last night

Nov 11

Received a letter from R.H. Paddock of Willoughby, Ohio. A very stormy day.

Nov 12

Sunday, a very cold blustering day; Snow about 10 inches deep

Nov 13

Very cold in the morning but warmer in the afternoon.

Rode to school; very good sleighing.

Nov 14

Freeman's Meeting to choose member of congress. Wife went to Mr Washburn's

Nov 15

Cold in the morning but warmer towards night

Nov 16

Closed school on the green

Nov 17

Went to Woodstock in the morning and again in the afternoon, got barrel of flour of Mr Mellish

Went to school meeting in the evening – Stormy meeting.

Nov 18

Went to L.S. Murdock's in the afternoon

A warm day

Nov 19

Sunday. Franklin Simmons buried yesterday

Nov 20

Went to Mr Paines in the afternoon

Mr Darling called in the evening

Nov 21

Stormy in the morning. Did writing on Taft & Sons account

Nov 22

Went to Woodstock in the morning. Got Mr Randall to repair watch.

Went to A.C. Perkins in the evening

Nov 23

Went to Taftsville got horse shod

Nov 24

Rainy in the forenoon. Self ruled paper for the Calendar pages of the Almanac for 1845

Nov 25

Mr Page worked for me chopping wood.

John came from Reading with N. Perkins sleigh and got his wagon

Nov 26

Sunday. Studied some, head not very clear

Nov 27

Went to Woodstock. got four Almanacs

Nov 28

Went to Mrs Darling's to fix stove etc..

Went to the green – called on Mr. Randall

Nov 29

Self 34 years old to day. Worked on Almanac

Nov 30

A.C. Perkins called on his way to the green

A very cold day

Dec 1

Worked on barn sheds in the afternoon

Dec 2

Went to the woods in the forenoon and worked on sheds and about the barn in the afternoon

Dec 3

Sunday. Went to father's to see Paul in the forenoon

Warm pleasant day

Dec 4

Went to Woodstock; got bushel of rye of Mr Powers

Dec 5

Went to Mrs Darlings and from there to the green; weather warm in the morning but very cold towards night and in the evening. – Joseph Wyatt and Caroline came here in the evening

Dec 6

Thermometer below zero in the morning

Dec 7

Thanksgiving – a snowy day

Dec 8

Went to Woodstock with apples for Mr Mellish. Got Lyell's Geology & ink stand

Rode to Mr Pages in the afternoon

Dec 9

Worked some on Almanac. It snowed about 2 inches last night

Dec 10

Sunday – rode to Mr Pages in the forenoon – Wife went to father's

Dec 11

Calculated the feasts & fasts of the church in the forenoon – went to L.S. Murdocks in the afternoon – attended the Lyceum at the School house in the evening – had my boots repaired – got home about 11 o'clock P.M.

Dec 12

Went to Mr John Darling's on a visit – came home in the evening – very cold with strong N.W. wind – Mr. Harvey called in the evening

Dec 13

Dr. Richard and lady visited here.
Thermometer 6° below Zero at sunrise.
Self worked on solar eclipse a part of the day

Dec 14

Shelled corn for provender – went to mill in the evening – John came from Reading
Thermometer 4°+ Zero at Sunrise

Dec 15

Warmer – went to Mr Darlings in the evening. John returned to Reading

Dec 16

Very snowy day – went to N. Perkins

Dec 17

Sunday – Snowy through the day and evening

Dec 18

Another showy day – Cleared off the evening snow having fallen about 14 inches deep

Dec 19

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon. Wife went also. Went to discussion in the evening

Dec 20

Went again to Woodstock, saw Mr Tillotson, heard him speak of the discussion that is going on between himself and Elder Hazen.

Dec 21

Very pleasant weather – Mr Randall & lady called in the forenoon – Self finished the planetary calculations for '45

Dec. 22

Self afflicted with a headache. Mrs Rowlandson visited here

Dec. 23

Worked for A.C. Perkins on sawmill. Wind S.E. Chilly day.

Dec. 24

A warm day – Self studied most of the day – Mr Jonathan Pratt from Canada called in the evening and brought some money from J.B. Crooker

Dec. 25

Went to A.C. Perkins in the forenoon to finish head blocks to sawmill – Went to Woodstock and to Taftsville in the afternoon

Dec. 26

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon. Paid E. Hutchinson \$27.65 in full on note.
Mr. Darling came to the shop to make sleigh thill. Went to A.C. Perkins in the evening

Dec. 27

Weather continues moderate, wind S.E.
Mrs. Bridge called and went to Mr Raymonds.
Self went to hear the discussion in the evening at the Brick Church.

Dec. 28

Worked on Almanac. – began on the rising and setting of the Moon for 1845

Dec. 29

Last night wind changed from South-east where it has been for a number of days; to North-west. Of course some colder. Self went to Woodstock in the morning. Went to Mr Paines in the afternoon.
Charles R. Whitman called.

Dec. 30

Very blustering day – but very little passing
Self worked on Almanac

Dec. 31

Sunday. Went to church, heard Mr Tillotson brother to O.H. Tillotson – Went to fathers in the evening –
With this day closes the year 1843

1844

Jan. 1

Self worked on Almanac. Went to Woodstock in the evening to hear the discussion between Mr Tillotson & Elder Hazen. Question – Does the Bible teach the final Holiness and happiness of all mankind? Mr Tillotson in the affirmative. Elder Hazen in the negative.

Jan. 2

A pleasant day – Went to discussion in the evening

Jan. 3

Went to Ezra Winslows in the forenoon

Called on Orwell Richard whose house was burned down in the night following the first of the month – Snowy day.

Jan. 4

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the morning – Snow fell about 8 inches yesterday and last night. A.C. Perkins bought a load of wood.

Jan. 5

Thermometer at Sunrise 10°+. At noon 12°+.

Very windy and blustering. Uncle Joseph came here from Mr Fisher's and went to fathers in the evening.

Jan. 6

Thermometer 1°+ at Sunrise. – A clear, cold day.

Butchered hog. Mr Page helped.

Jan. 7

Sunday. Cold in the morning – towards night stormy – Went to church, heard Mr Tillotson

Jan. 8

Very windy through the night – roads drifted badly. A.C. Perkins called here in the afternoon

Jan. 9

Thermometer 14° below Zero at Sunrise 25 5/9° below Zero on the Centigrade scale

Jan. 10

Went to Woodstock in the morning, and to Dr. Richard's in the afternoon. – Heard Mr Tillotson preach in the evening at the English Schoolhouse – Came home in the evening after meeting – very cold

Jan. 11

Thermometer 4° below zero at Sunrise. Clear but cold through the day. Thermometer at Sunset 2°+.

Jan. 12

Thermometer 7° below zero F. 21 6/9° below zero Centigrade.

Wife watched with her aunt Raymond last night

Jan. 13

Rainy in the morning, strong Southeast wind

Wind changed to northwest and the weather became squally and very blustering

Jan. 14

Sunday. Went to church Harriet Darling with us, heard Mr Skinner preach from 2 Pet. I. 16 and I Cor. IX. 22.

Jan. 15

Ther. 7° below Zero F. 21 6/9 Centigrade. Self went to Mr John Dana's.
Mr Perkins came with wood. John Paddock came from Reading in the evening.

Jan. 16

Snowy. Wind Southeasterly. John left here for Tunbridge, Chelsea, etc. Snow about five inches.
Towards night hail and rain.

Jan. 17

Rainy in the morning. – ice on the snow about ¼ of an inch. – A very rainy day till evening

Jan. 18

Cooler. Wind Northwesterly – Self rode to Mr Evans' & Esq. Winslow's – Mrs Charlotte visited here

Jan. 19

Cold day.
Went to Woodstock in the evening to hear O.S. Fowler

Jan. 20

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon and again in the evening to hear Mr Fowler

Jan. 21

Sunday very cold. Thermometer 16° below Zero - Horace Wyatt called here.

Jan. 22

Mr Rowlandson left his dried apples for John Paddock 155 pounds at 4 cents and 12 pounds snakeroot making \$8.20.

Jan 23

Went to Woodstock. Called on Mr Fowler and procured a Phreno. chart of self

Jan 24

Went in the evening to hear Mr Fowler's closing lecture. Very stormy in the evening.

Jan 25

Went to Bridgewater. Very cold.
Solon Thompson came here with Mary (Mrs Graves) and Persis

Jan 26

Thermometer at sunrise 14° below Zero F. 25 5/9° below Zero C. Very cold and windy through the day.
Thermometer at 8 o'clock in the evening 10° below Zero

Jan 27

Ther. 17° below Zero F. 27 2/9° below Zero C. at sunrise – Self went to Mr Perkins and to Mr Thompsons.
A very cold day

Jan 28

Ther. 25 below Zero at sunrise F. 31 6/9° below Zero C. At Woodstock the Thermometer was 38° below Zero F at sunrise
Father came from Weston. Self called on Mr Randall.

Jan 29

Ther. 14° below Zero F. 25 5/9° below Zero C. Orwell Rickard called.
Strong northwest wind

Jan 30
Ther. 21° below Zero F. at sunrise. Worked on Almanac

Jan 31
Ther 11° below Zero F.

Feb 1
Went to Reading – found the roads very bad over Reading hills – fences and walls nearly covered with snow. Ther 14° below Zero sunrise

Feb 2
Came from Reading in the afternoon – very chilly N.E. Wind

Feb 3
Sunday, a very pleasant day. – did not go to church

Feb 5
A snowy day – Self rode to A.C. Perkins' and to Mr Rowlandson's in the forenoon.
Worked on Almanac in the afternoon.

Feb 6
Snow fell yesterday and last night 5 inches
Worked on Almanac getting the Sun's Dec.

Feb 7
Mr Darling called to see about school. Mr Bruce visited at father's in the evening –
fine day

Feb 8
Spenser worked at the barn thrashing oats
A stormy day

Feb 9
Self worked on clocks most of the day
Willard Darling called in the evening – cold and windy – roads badly drifted

Feb 10
Went to Reading fixed John's clock – came home at 9½ o'clock in the evening –
weather cold and roads very badly drifted

Feb 11
Sunday – Mr & Mrs Thompson called
Spenser went to Weston – Self called on Aunt Darling in the afternoon

Feb 12
Rode to Woodstock with A.C. Perkins
Got \$2.64 of Mrs Raymond; paid Mr Rowlandson \$4.00
Got Zimmerman on Solitude

Feb 13
Worked on Almanac. L.A. Miller called.

Feb 14
Mrs. Chedel (Lucinda Darling) and Eveline Darling visited here in the afternoon

Feb 15

Orwell Rickard called – Self went to Mr Raymond's carried mother and Lois to watch with aunt Raymond
Began to snow about 6 o'clock in the evening

Feb 16

Snow last night about 8 inches. – Started for Norwich about noon, found the sleighing very bad – arrived
at Mr Wyatts about half past 4 o'clock P.M.

Snow not so deep at Norwich as Pomfret by nearly one foot

Feb 17

Stayed through the day at Norwich.

Feb 18

Sunday started for home about 11 o'clock A.M.

Sleighing very good but the weather very cold. Miss Camilla Ware left money yesterday to pay for
Surveying \$5.25 in full.

Feb 19

Mrs Charlotte and Miss Loisa called

Feb 20

Mrs L. Perkins called, and L.S. Murdock

Feb 21

Uncle Daniel Vaughan came here from Mr Darlings. Weather warm and pleasant.

Feb 22

A.C. Perkins drewed wood.

Self working on Almanac these days.

Feb 23

A.C. Perkins drewed wood again, and measured the pile. 4 cords 3 cord feet. –

Went to mill

Feb 24

Went to Woodstock and to the mill – Uncle Daniel Vaughan came from Mr Perkins

Feb 25

Mother Paddock went home with Uncle D. Vaughan.

Feb 26

Mr Page called – a warm day. – self walked to the green in the evening

Feb 27

John Page started for home and took Joseph Page.

A snowy day. Spenser helped me measure the distance from the schoolhouse to the river road. Found
the distance to be 510 rods

Feb 28

Snowy and very windy last night. This morning snow about 8 inches – A pleasant day

Feb 29

A very pleasant day – Mr and Mrs Paine visited here.

March 1

Rode to N. Perkins in the morning – Paid Mr Rowlandson \$4.20 for J. Paddock – Mr L.A. Miller called but self not at home at the time.

March 2

Weather warm and thawy with a little rain.

March 3

Sunday. A very pleasant day. Wife at Spensers through the day

March 4

Very stormy, windy day. Town meeting at Woodstock

March 5

Town meeting at Pomfret – roads very badly drifted

March 6

Went to Woodstock

March 7

Worked on Almanac

March 8

John came here from Reading. – rainy in the evening

March 9

Mr Ware called. – John returned to Reading

Fine sugar weather

March 10

Sunday. Very warm

March 11

Rode to Mrs Darlings in the evening – Sleighing very bad – ground in the roads

March 12

Went to A.C. Perkins and got 1 Bushel of rye and went to Woodstock – paid J.B. Winn 50 cents for the "Phreno Journal" – got letter from R.H. Paddock.

Got Nichol's Architecture of the Heavens

March 13

Snowy last night but rainy this morning

Rode to A.C. Perkins – very rainy

March 14

Very windy – went to A.C. Perkins to work on sawmill – Mrs Wyatt called

March 15

Mrs Wyatt went to Woodstock in the morning

March 16

Some snow in the morning but soon turned to rain. – Snowy again in the evening

March 17

Went to A.C. Perkins

March 18

Went to sawmill but could not saw for want of water – colder

March 19

Worked on sink. A cold windy day

March 20

Finished sink – Mr Robinson called to do some turning – very snowy towards night

March 21

Horace Clark called in the morning

Mr & Mrs Bruce came in the afternoon

Self went to Woodstock in the evening. Uncle John Vose came in the evening

March 22

Uncle D. Vaughan brought plow to be repaired

Very snowy

March 23

Finished plow. Self took cold yesterday which causes a severe headache

March 24

Sunday. Moses Paine called in the morning

A very pleasant day

March 25

Very windy day – Self went to Mr Pages in the morning

March 26

Spring birds appeared today. Went to the sawmill in the afternoon

March 27

Worked again in the sawmill. – rather cool

March 28

Worked on Almanac. – Mr and Mrs Bridge and Miss Blessingden called.

March 29

Went to A.C. Perkins to stir sugar –

A cool windy day. – Mr Miller called in the morning

March 30

Very snowy. – Went to Woodstock in the afternoon

Got Euler's Letters on Philosophy

March 31

Sunday. – James Winn called. Very good sleighing

Apr 1

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon with N. Perkins. Orwell Rickard and lady called. A.C. Perkins called

Apr 2

Worked on wood – very warm day

April 3

Very warm – Self rode to the sawmill with Spenser. – Mr Chedel called to take list.

April 4

Went to the sawmill in the morning
Was called to Mr Perkins mill about 4 o'clock P.M.

April 5

Fast day – Sawed for A.C. Perkins

April 6

Came home in the evening

April 7

Sunday – read but little – rather dull and stupid

April 8

Went again to A.C. Perkins sawmill

April 9

Came home in the evening passing very bad

April 10

Very warm for April – Snow mostly gone

April 11

Weather continues warm. Good weather for sawing – frogs sing merrily in the evening

April 12

Joseph and Caroline Wyatt came here from Norwich

April 13

Self rather lame and stupid – went to A.C. Perkins sawmill about 10 o'clock

April 14

Sunday – very warm – The weather has been so warm for the week past that the cattle eagerly seek the coolest places and shades.

April 15

Some rainy. Sawed for A.C. Perkins

April 16

Got letter from R.H. Paddock and a document from Judge Collamer

April 17

Cool in the morning and quite cool towards night. – Self worked in the sawmill with a severe headache

Apr 18

Very cool morning – did not go to the sawmill till afternoon – water very low.
Saw the planet Mercury again in the evening nearly in conjunction with the Moon.

Apr 19

Saw Mercury again in the evening – Aunt Raymond died about 4 P.M.

Apr 20

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon
Called on Mr Tillotson

Apr 21

Sunday – went to funeral at Mr Raymonds
Elder Hazen preached the sermon

Apr 22

Mended plow for self in the forenoon – went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon

Apr 23

A cloudy damp day with strong southerly winds – plowed the garden

Apr 24

A.C. Perkins and John White worked for me hauling manure. – Very rainy towards night

Apr 25

Surveyed for N. Cushing and D. Dana

Apr 26

Finished Surveying and made out deed
Went to Mr Chamberlain's in the afternoon

Apr 27

Went to Woodstock in the morning

Apr 28

Sunday – A.C. Perkins called in the afternoon on his way from church

Apr 29

Plowed in the forenoon – Wife went to Reading in the afternoon

Apr 30

Picked stones – wife came from Reading in the afternoon

May 1

Sowed wheat – very warm and the ground very dry

May 2

Surveyed for D. Dana and Mr Robinson. Made out deeds

May 3

Sowed oats on the hill – very warm in the forenoon – showery in the afternoon

May 4

Self went to Woodstock in the forenoon
And to N. Perkins in the evening

May 5

Sunday. The weather some cooler

May 6

Hauled manure – J. White helped with A.C. Perkins team – D. Dana called for deed for S.S. Doton

May 7

Worked alone hauling manure in the forenoon
Went to James Vaughan's to survey school house lot – Showery with high winds

May 8

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon

May 9

Plowed in the forenoon and Sowed oats in the afternoon

May 10

Hauled manure – Went to Woodstock in the evening

May 11

Rainy – went to A.C. Perkins for a load of boards – Called to see Mr Page

May 12

Sunday Went after D. Rickard for Mr. Page but found him on the way. – weather showery with high N.W. winds

May 13

Henry L. Page died last night a few minutes past 12 o'clock –
Surveyed for Mr Southgate

May 14

Very rainy with high winds – Self went to Woodstock in the morning to see Mr Streeter. – The funeral of Mr Page was attended this afternoon

May 15

Self worked on fence – Mr Perkins team and workman came to plow. –
John Paddock came from Reading

May 16

Hauled manure in the forenoon – Went to Woodstock in the afternoon – Wife went to Reading

May 17

Mrs. E. Paddock came from Reading. – Rainy in the morning

May 18

Rainy till afternoon. – Self went to Woodstock
Got ½ barrel of flour for \$3.12½ of Mr Mellish
Got hat of Mr Anderson. John Paddock came here from Mr Smiths

May 19

Sunday John and wife went to the town house

May 20

Began school on the green, had 12 Scholars

May 21

The body of E.H. Billings who died at Baltimore was brought to the green this morning under an escort

May 22

Hard frost last night – Water froze in some places ¼ of an inch thick. –
School 17 Scholars

May 23

Frost in the morning but much lighter than yesterday

May 24

Warmer – Sewing bee at Mr Bridges

May 25

Very warm. – Went to Bridgewater to look at the lines again between James Southgate and Mr Dimick

May 26

Cool cloudy day

May 27

Was called into court as a witness on the Southgate and Dimick cause

May 28

Cooler – A hard shower about noon

May 29

Scholars continue to come in have now 23 – Ran a line for Herbert Pratt.
Saw Mr. Everetts Telescope yesterday at Dr Burnells

May 30

Got horse shod. – Went to Moses Barrons and got pig. – paid him \$1.50

May 31

Very hard shower in the afternoon
Had 21 Scholars

June 1

Planted garden

June 2

Sunday – went to church, heard Mr Morse of Strafford from Prov. XXX. 8 and I Cor. XV. 58

June 3

Had 22 Scholars – John White worked for me on fence, etc.

June 4

June training – Self did not teach school but worked at home repairing fence.
Miss Lucy Perkins & Miss Aurelia Paine visited here. – The Misses Perry called.

June 5

Cool nights but fine weather for grass

June 6

Prospects of rain. – Had but 18 Scholars.

June 7

Saw Mr Whitney the writing master and some of his specimens in ornamental hand – very fine –

June 8

Cooler – Horace & Caroline Wyatt came from Norwich

June 9

Sunday – Some rainy H.&C. Wyatt started for home in the rain but it cleared off towards night

June 10

Mr N. Perkins & Mr Darling called for deed.

June 11

Cool and windy – had 23 Scholars.

June 12

Commence of the Vt Medical College. No school today

June 13

Mother Paddock & Mrs. Darling went to D. Vaughans

June 14

Full school again – Changed instruments with J.G. Tribou for the time being

June 15

Very warm in the middle of the day

June 16

Sunday went to church, heard Mr Tillotson – A very warm day

June 17

School large

June 18

Called on Mr Miller at the Post Office

June 19

Uncle Moore came from Weston

June 20

Swiss Peddler came here to stay through the night. – The Misses Robinson visited here.
Uncle Moore started for Weston

June 21

Mrs (John) Darling came here. – Rainy in the forenoon

June 22

Rainy through the day

June 23

Sunday . – Went to church. Heard Mr Skinner
Joseph Wyatt came here

June 24

J. Wyatt left for Downer's Bridge – Self very stupid. Weather warm. Air very light.

June 25

Judge Collamer returned from Washington
Very warm weather – Marked sheep in the afternoon

June 26

Rode to Frederick Wares after School

June 27

Hard shower in the morning. – rain again towards night

June 28

Band returned from Burlington –
Together with the Woodstock delegation to the State Convention

June 29

Assisted in dividing the dower of Widow Harvey among the heirs – came home in the evening – very pleasant

June 30

Sunday – Father Paddock came here last night – Self did not go to church but ran after cattle

July 1

Rainy in the morning – Borrowed a Music Book of Mr Brown. – Fixed Mr Babcock's chair

July 2

Very warm – Wife and her mother went to Mr. Raymonds

July 3

Cooler towards night – great preparations for convention tomorrow on the “green”.

July 4

County convention at Woodstock

Tremendous gathering of whigs. – Self did not attend but went to N. Perkins.

A cool windy day

July 5

A very pleasant day – School small

After school went to Oliver Harvey's to do Surveying –

July 6

Carried wool to Stearns' 378 pounds 114 pounds of which is mine – received 40 cents per pound – got life of Franklin by J. Sparks.

July 7

Sunday – Rev. J.D. Williamson preached at the chapel – Self rode to Mr Bruce's after meeting.

July 8

Very warm in the afternoon. – John came from Reading in the afternoon –

Self paid N. Randall \$2.54 in full

July 9

Very warm – Ther. 73°+ in the house at sunrise

July 10

Violent shower of rain in the afternoon that did some damage to roads etc.

July 11

A rainy day but very warm

July 12

Called on Mrs Darling in the morning and on Mr Ralph in the afternoon

July 13

Very warm – wife went to the carding machine

July 14

Sunday – Self very stupid – a severe head ache

July 15

Weather cooler

July 16
Some rain – N. Perkins called towards night.
Got Hooper's Dictionary & Mrs Lincoln's Botany

July 17
Mr Perkins and two hands began my haying

July 18
Four hands haying again. Got about 3 tons of hay

July 19
Not a very good hay day – School full

July 20
Went to Woodstock in the afternoon
Got bedstead

July 21
Sunday – Studied some

July 22
Warmer School full again Orlando Dana began to go to school

July 23
Very warm – Wife went to Mr John Darlings

July 24
Very small school in the afternoon

July 25
Some cooler with signs of rain

July 26
Got gravestones from Mr Ralph's that Mrs Darling sent for – a very clear cool day.
Got first proof sheet of the almanac for 1845.

July 27
Ran a line for Mr Fisher in the afternoon

July 28
Sunday – Carried Mrs. Lucy Perkins to meeting – Very warm day

July 29
Mother Paddock came from Mr Perkins'

July 30
Mr. Stevens visited here – good hay weather

July 31
Self busy on proof of the Almanac
A rainy day – bad weather for school

Aug 1
Some rainy in the morning

Aug 2
School somewhat full

Aug 3
Called at Widow Dotons in the afternoon

Aug 4
Sunday – last night very rainy, but cleared away in the morning –
Took a walk on the Burnham hill – very pleasant

Aug 5
Very fine hay weather – got the 3d number of Sparks Life of Franklin

Aug 6
Hard days work in School – A rainy day

Aug 7
Self somewhat indisposed – took a lobelia in the morning and went to school.
School goes very well

Aug 8
School goes finely but Scholars not very studious – bad hay weather

Aug 9
Scholars somewhat idle – very warm day.

Aug 10
Closed summer term of School very pleasantly.

Aug 11
Went to church – heard J.D. Williamson preach from John I & Mat.

Aug 12
Worked on house roof – had a severe headache

Aug 13
Mr Horace & Miss Caroline Wyatt came here on their way home from Bethel
Self rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening

Aug 14
Mr Perkins began to cut grass below the road – bad hay day

Aug 15
Commencement at Norwich – very fine day

Aug 16
Good hay weather – Self at work haying

Aug 17
Caucus at the town house – Self did not go – a very warm day

Aug 18
Sunday – Self did not go to church –
A very warm day

Aug 19

Mowed in the forenoon – rainy in the afternoon – Sent back the 2nd proof sheet of the Almanac

Aug 20

Finished mowing in the forenoon but rainy afternoon

Aug 21

Went to Woodstock in the morning

Finished haying in the afternoon

Aug 22

Went to Taftsville in the forenoon to get horse shod – Afternoon rainy – Miss Candace Paul called

Aug 23

Rainy in the forenoon – Self called on Mr Robinson & Mr Paine – Mr Paul called

Aug 24

Went to Woodstock with N. Perkins in the morning – Sold watch to A.C. Perkins for Horace Boynton for 20 dollars

Went to L.S. Murdocks in the afternoon

Aug 25

Sunday – Zebedee Doton called, so also did Mr & Mrs Bruce – Shower in the afternoon

Aug 26

Started in the morning for Weston, called at Tyson Furnace about half past one o'clock P.M.; arrived at Weston village about sunset

Aug 27

Self had a severe headache – called on Mr Loveland. - Showery in the afternoon

Aug 28

Left Weston for home about noon. – A heavy shower about 1 o'clock P.M.. – Was obliged to stop at Andover about 1 hour. –

Some rainy through the afternoon. –

Rode to South Reading, where we arrived about 8 o'clock P.M.

Aug 29

Came home in the forenoon

Aug 30

Cut wheat and part of the oats. Mr P. Fuller and lady and her mother called –

John came from Reading on his way to Norwich. – J. Converse called for some apples

Aug 31

Drawed wheat into the barn – Mary Paine visited here – Self went to Woodstock in the evening

Sept 1

Sunday – Went to see Mr Bruce in the morning and found him at the Hall – rainy about noon.

Sept 2

Some rain – Self went to Woodstock in the evening.

Sept 3

Freeman's Meeting – Went to the town house and to Woodstock after the meeting

Sept 4

Very pleasant day – Self worked binding oats

Sept 5

Went to Woodstock got a lever watch of Brussell & Clark for 40 Dollars

Sept 6

Carried apples to Mellish & Slade 2 bushels

Surveyed for N. Perkins

Sept 7

Very fine weather for harvesting – hauled oats in the afternoon, Mr N. Perkins and Norman Perkins helped.

Sept 8

Sunday – read but little – very dull owing to severe cold

Sept 9

Finished cutting the hayseed – mowed oats in the afternoon – Sent 1½ bushels apples to L.S. Murdock

Sept 10

Went to A.C. Perkins in the morning – began to dig potatoes

Find nearly ¼ of them spoiled – drawn in hayseed

Sept 11

Porter Southgate called in the morning – Self went to Mr. Babcocks to help him raise house. – dug potatoes in the afternoon & helped Spenser raise his shed – most beautiful weather for harvesting for about 10 days past – a shower in the evening

Sept 12

Rainy last night and in the morning. Self went to L. Ware's to see about making doors

Sept 13

Went to Woodstock in the morning – carried 2 bushels of apples to Mr Mellish

Went to Norwich in the afternoon

Sept 14

Very pleasant day – came from Norwich in the afternoon

Sept 15

Sunday – very warm weather – Wife's father called in the morning and stayed through the day

Sept 16

Self worked for Mr Babcock in the forenoon and dug potatoes in the afternoon

Thermometer 3 o'clock P.M. 80°+ Zero and must have been higher around 1 o'clock.

Sept 17

Dug potatoes in the forenoon – Mr White cut his corn – very warm weather

Thermometer over 70°

Sept 18

Worked on Mr Wares doors – Uncle Davis came here from N. Perkins

Sept 19

Worked on patterns for Uncle Davis in the forenoon – very warm pleasant weather

Sept 20

Worked on doors – rode to L.S. Murdock's in the evening – very pleasant
Ther. At 1 o'clock P.M. 82°+

Sept 21

Rode to Woodstock in the morning
Got Shakespeare & Gall's Byron
Paul Doton called

Sept 22

Sunday – rainy last night and cooler through the day – finished reading Spear on Capital Punishment

Sept 23

First frost this season – very clear day but cool

Sept 24

Worked on doors part of the day – John Paddock called in the afternoon – The morning was very frosty

Sept 25

Rainy in the afternoon – Mrs. P. Perkins called – Self am reading Gall's Life of Lord Byron

Sept 26

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon; and worked on doors in the afternoon – A cool day. –
Uncle D. Vaughan came here with Mrs Darling.

Sept 27

Cold raw day. – Went to A.C. Perkins towards night – very cold

Sept 28

Hard freeze last night – Water in vessels exposed to the cold froze to the thickness of nearly ½ inch

Sept 29

Sunday – very stormy through the day
Snow on the highlands – read most of the day

Sept 30

Picked apples

Oct 1

Picked apples again – Mr Paine called – Took calves to A.C. Perkins for him to pasture

Oct 2

Spenser had horse and wagon to go to mill in the morning – Self worked on doors

Oct. 3

A raw day. Self worked on doors in the forenoon and went to L. Wares in the afternoon

Oct. 4

Very rainy – Self worked in the shop

Oct. 5

Finished digging potatoes – rather cool.

Oct. 6

Sunday Carried Mrs. L. Perkins to meeting
And called on L.S. Murdock

Oct. 7

Mrs. Page visited here in the afternoon
A.C. Perkins called on his way to Woodstock

Oct. 8

Self worked on Mr Ware's doors.
Wife went to Woodstock in the afternoon

Oct. 9

Very pleasant weather – Self worked in the shop

Oct. 10

Worked for Leonard Ware on his house – a very warm day

Oct. 11

Worked again for Mr. Ware

Oct. 12

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon

Oct. 13

Wrote most of the day for the Almanac

Oct. 14

Picked apples in the afternoon

Oct. 15

Very rainy day
Went to Woodstock to hand the last article for the Almanac to the printers

Oct. 16

Went to L.S. Murdocks in the morning
Picked apples in the afternoon

Oct. 17

Worked for Mr Boynton on his house

Oct. 18

Corrected proof sheet in the forenoon – Went to L.S. Murdocks and to Woodstock in the afternoon

Oct. 19

Helped Spenser in the forenoon and went to Mr Blakes in the afternoon –
very hard rain through the latter part of last night

Oct. 20

Sunday – Went to see Norman Bridge in the forenoon

Oct. 21

Worked on the road through the day
Uncle S. Davis called – John came from the north

Oct. 22

Worked in the shop on wagon-house doors

Oct. 23

Very warm day

Oct. 24

John came from Reading with goods
Self worked on doors and got hinges from Leonard Ware's

Oct. 25

N. Perkins had horse to go to Plymouth

Oct. 26

Self went to Hanover and Norwich. Brought Miss C. Wyatt to Mr. Fisher's –
got home about half past 9 o'clock in the evening.

Oct. 27

Sunday – called on Norman Bridge in the morning – read in the afternoon

Oct. 28

Threshed wheat in the afternoon – attended School meeting in the evening.

Oct. 29

Very rainy day – went to survey road near Mr Seavey's

Oct. 30

Threshed grain and went to Woodstock

Oct. 31

Mr Boynton came to hoop barrels – Self carried apples to A.C. Perkins' cider mill

Nov 1

Made cider – a very pleasant day – Miss C. Wyatt came from Woodstock

Nov 2

Wife and Miss Wyatt went to A.C. Perkins to visit.
Another pleasant day. Sorell Doton and Duane Darling called in the evening
Horace Wyatt came from Norwich

Nov 3

Sunday – Called to see N. Bridge in the morning. Horace & Caroline Wyatt went to Norwich in the
afternoon

Nov 4

Finished banking house – a warm cloudy day. Duane Darling called in the morning

Nov 5

Rainy in the morning – Dea. Thomas called for the division of the Harvey estate.
Addison Darling called. Self carried apples to Mr Mellish about 12 bushels.

Nov 6

A very stormy wintry day. – Self went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon.

Nov 7

Carried apples to Mr Mellish and to Mr Winn. Got Hitchcock's Geology.

Nov 8

Worked about home. – a very pleasant day – Duane Darling called.

Nov 9

A day of great rejoicing with the democracy having learned that they have gained New York.

Nov 10

Sunday – read most of the day – Mother called in the afternoon –
Self rode to L.S. Murdock's in the evening.

Nov 11

Worked patching the barn – a very warm cloudy day.

Nov 12

A cloudy day; rainy towards night
Freemans meeting for choosing electors of president & vice president

Nov 13

Rainy in the morning. – Self rode to Mr Taft's in the morning –
Surveyed for Mr Fitch and Mr Paul in the afternoon

Nov 14

Mr Fitch and Mr Paul came to make deeds – Self carried apples to L.S. Murdock

Nov 15

Carried applesauce to Mr Fisher - Got a letter from R.H. Paddock

Nov 16

Sold a sheep to Mr. Boynton and one to Mr. Blaisdell – had horse shod new all around – got hinges for wagon house door.

Nov 17

Sunday – Called on N.W. Bridge

Nov 18

A cold, windy day – took stove from the sawmill and sold it to P. Hatch
Got a new box stove for 4½ dollars.

Nov 19

Mrs (Peter) Fuller visited here.

Nov 20

Went to Taftsville and to Woodstock
Surveyed for Thomas Russell – got stove pipe of P. Hatch. Paid Russell & Clark forty dollars and took up note 10 dollars of it was an order on the treasurer of Dist No 8 Woodstock –
Also paid Owen Taft 30 dollars on account

Nov 21

Worked about home – a very warm day.
Albert & Eveline Darling called in the evening – very pleasant

Nov 22

A cloudy, foggy day; worked about home.

Nov 23

Rainy in the afternoon – cooler towards night - John came from Reading in the evening

Nov 24

Cold squally day – A total eclipse of the moon in the evening – Somewhat cloudy at its commencement but afterwards clearer – and very clear at its close

Nov 25

Began Almanac for '46 – a cold windy day – Rode to Woodstock with J Paddock.

Nov 26

A cold stormy day – worked on almanac a part of the day – Thermometer at sunrise 5°+ Zero being 27° below freezing point

Nov 27

A Temperance Convention at Woodstock to nominate county commissioners to license innkeepers.

Nov 28

Rode to A.C. Perkins – got wheat of E. Perkins 4¾ bushels and am to have one bushel more

Nov 29

Went to mill in the morning – took sleigh rails to Mr Mitchell's to be repaired

Nov 30

The trial of Mrs Merrill for murder closed yesterday – verdict not guilty – John came from Reading last night

Dec 1

Sunday – very snowy in the forepart of the day.

Dec 2

Worked on door for Spenser

Dec 3

Was called to court as witness in the suit Judge Hutchinson vs Russell & Clarke

Dec 4

Winnowed oats with Mr. White 20½ bushels

Dec 5

Thanksgiving day – had Father, Mother and Mrs. Page present thawy weather

Dec 6

Went to Woodstock – got Sleigh fills and bought Almanac of L.A. Miller

Dec 7

Went to Mr. Wests to take acknowledgment of deed – some rainy – put black board to the school house

Dec 8

Sunday – very cold windy day – Lucius sent for Dr. Russ. – A.C. Perkins & Lady called.

Dec 9

Began School had 21 Scholars. Solar Eclipse.

Dec 10

Had 21 Scholars again. – very cold.

Dec 11

Went to Woodstock in the evening. Got books for Mr Robinson

Dec 12
Had 27 Scholars

Dec 13
Weather some warmer – School goes well
Had 28 Scholars.

Dec 14
Worked repairing school house in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Robinson assisting
Sorell Doton called in the evening

Dec 15
Mr Paine and Moses called. Rode to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon

Dec 16
Got table from Mrs. Raymonds to put in the school house – 29 Scholars.

Dec 17
Weather some cooler –

Dec 18
Mr White finished thrashing grain. Charlotte and Abigail visited here in the afternoon.

Dec 19
Had 30 Scholars – cold weather

Dec 20
Dr Elliott lectures on temperance at the town house. – School goes well – 30 Scholars

Dec 21
Thermometer 5° below Zero at Sunrise -

Dec 22
Sunday – some snow last night – but very foggy this morning

Dec 23
Very rainy last night and warm today.

Dec 24
Colder – froze last night – rode to the hall to hear a temperance lecture by Thomas E. Powers – Sleighing
very bad – but little snow on the ground

Dec 25
A.C. Perkins & Lady called in the afternoon

Dec 26
Weather very warm – Snow nearly gone

Dec 27
Cooler – froze a little last night – School goes very well – had 29 Scholars.

Dec 28
Surveyed for Col. Dana and Mr. Boyd
Went to Woodstock in the afternoon.
Called on L.A. Miller and saw a London Almanac

Dec 29

Sunday – a cool day – Thermometer at sunrise 3°. The Misses Robinson called in the evening

Dec 30

School house full – and self got completely jaded out

Dec 31

About half a foot of snow fell last night. –
Last day of 1844.

1845

Jan 1

Very cold – Sent to Woodstock for the London Almanac – A.C. Perkins called in the evening

Jan 2

Attended town meeting in the afternoon

Very slippery going – called at A.C. Perkins and took supper

Jan 3

Mrs Perkins called after school – Went to Woodstock with her to get tooth extracted –

Snowy in the evening.

Jan 4

A warm wintry day but somewhat windy

Jan 5

Sunday – Very pleasant day – N. Perkins and Sarah Leonard called in the morning.

Jan 6

Very cold in the morning – School not so large. about 25 Scholars.

Jan 7

A stormy day – Self went to the school house in the evening

Jan 8

School large – Harriet Ware began to go to school.

Jan 9

Father went to Weston – Sleighing very good.

Visited to Mr. Darling's in the evening.

Jan 10

Pleasant day. - Called on Norman Bridge in the evening

Jan 11

Father returned from Weston – a very fine day.

Jan 12

Sunday. Rode to Mr Bruce's in the afternoon – Sleighing was good

Jan 13

Some snowy through the day – had 30 Scholars

Jan 14

Self rather dull

Went to the school house in the evening

Very pleasant

Jan 15

Some snowy – Sleighing very good

Self some indisposed

Jan 16

Did not keep school had a severe head ache

Jan 17

Very stormy day. – snow and rain

Jan 18

Very windy – no passing owing to the hard crust formed by the ram yesterday
And besides being very blustering

Jan 19

But very little passing today – Self did not go out

Jan 20

Went into school again, but concluded not to go in again for some days owing to indisposition

Jan 21

A snowy day – Self went to A.C. Perkins with mother Paddock

Jan 22

Bad passing and somewhat windy

Jan 23

Went to Woodstock with Father –
Mrs. Chedel (Lucinda Darling) died last night of consumption.

Jan 24

Severe headache – did not go out. John called on his way to Reading – bought of him 15¼ pounds sole leather at 22 cents per pound – Weather rainy towards night

Jan 25

Very thawy day – Sorell Doton called in the evening

Jan 26

Sunday – Mr. Tillotson preached at the chapel

Jan 27

Uncle D. Vaughan came here in the afternoon
Pleasant weather

Jan 28

Went to L.S. Murdock's – Bad passing on the Turnpike

Jan 29

Went to N. Perkins and with him to the "green" – got Greenleaf's Intro Arithmetic for him at 2/0 –
Very windy towards night and colder

Jan 30

Uncle J. Vose & Lady came here in the evening. Bought beds of S. Bailey.

Jan 31

N. Perkins and lady and Miss Carver visited here – Mother came in the afternoon.

Feb. 1

A.C. Perkins brought a load of wood.
Thermometer at sunrise 13° below Zero Far.
Mr. & Mrs. Robinson called in the evening

Feb. 2

Sunday – weather some colder than yesterday – Moses & Aurelia Paine called

Feb. 3

Ther. 17° below Zero Far. At sunrise – Mr Whitmore drew wood – Self rode to the green with father

Feb. 4

School commenced again, Mr Fay of Royaltown teaching. Mrs. P. Perkins came here – Self took a course of medicines. Mother came here and stayed through the night.

Feb. 5

Very snowy last night and this forenoon.
About 15 inches; no passing in the roads.

Feb. 6

The roads remain drifted up; cold and some windy.

Feb 7

Men engaged beating pathways –
Mrs. Charlotte and her sister visited here

Feb 8

Father and mother called – John came from Reading –
Caroline & Horace Wyatt came here in the afternoon.

Feb 9

Sunday – A.C. Perkins called – Caroline & Horace Wyatt returned to Norwich

Feb 10

A pleasant winter day – Mrs. Bridge called in the afternoon

Feb 11

John came from Reading and took his poultry from A.C. Perkins.

Feb 12

N. Perkins called – Self gave him a note for the money that I borrowed of him last April.

Feb 13

Self rode to A.C. Perkins. – rather cold weather.

Feb 14

Mrs. P. Perkins called – Self took course of medicine

Feb 15

Uncle Joseph Vose called here and dined

Feb 16

Sunday rainy last night and this morning – Thawing through the day.

Feb 17

Weather continues warm – Father went to Woodstock and got stove for Electa & Joanna.

Feb 18

Loisa came here - Self rode to Father's

Feb 19

Mr Paine called in the morning. Father and Mother visited here. Mrs. Perkins and Rosanna called after visiting at Mrs. Darlings and Mrs Raymonds.

Feb 20

Self rode out – tapped two sugar trees and called on Norman Bridge

Feb 21

Did not go out – put a blister plaster on the back of my neck last night – sore thing.
Mr Bickford and Lady (Verona Williamson) called with Mrs (Otis) Darling

Feb 22

Mother Paddock went to Mrs Darlings –
N. Perkins and Lady called.

Feb 23

Sunday – somewhat rainy through the day;
Snow goes off very fast – now being nearly two thirds gone.

Feb 24

Very warm weather – Rosanna came here in the morning. Willard & Eveline Darling called in the evening.

Feb 25

Wrote a letter to Duane Darling – Weather continues warm passing becomes very bad.

Feb 26

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the morning
The hills begin to be bare – water runs in the roads merrily – Mr Blaisdell called and got one bushel of corn and one of wheat

Feb 27

Self rode to N. Perkins in the morning and to Woodstock in the afternoon

Feb 28

Went to L.S. Murdocks in the afternoon.
N. Perkins called and adjusted accounts.

Mar 1

Mr Fay came here last night –
Weather some cool and stormy this morning

Mar 2

Sunday. Called on Norman Bridge in the forenoon – weather rather cold with wind southerly

Mar 3

Mr Darling called in the forenoon – a very windy day

Mar 4

Town Meeting – Self did not go but tapped sugar trees – very warm day – saw a blue bird and she sang merrily.

Mar 5

Very stormy. Snow & hail

Mar 6

Went to Woodstock in the morning – Very good sleighing – Father started for Weston with a stove for Electa & Joanne

Mar 7

Mrs Parkhurst and her daughter visited here – Mr Whitmore drew wood again
He has drawn in all 3 cords

Mar 8

Went to Woodstock – got the Misses Davidson's works

Mar 9

Sunday. Mr Streeter preached at the Hall on the turnpike

Mar 10

Some cooler. Did not thaw except a little in the afternoon.

Mar 11

A snowy morning – Wind N.W.

Mar 12

Went to Norwich – Sleighing rather poor on the streams and snow deep on the hills

Mar 13

Returned from Norwich – a very warm day and, of course, roads bad, and sleighing hard – John came here last night from Reading

Mar 14

Very snowy towards night – Miss Eveline Darling called in the morning.

Mar 15

Snow fell last night nearly 18 inches deep – Went to Woodstock towards night.
and to mill

Mar 16

Sunday Called on N.W. Bridge in the morning

Mar 17

Rather cool weather – Self worked on Almanac some

Mar 18

A.C. Perkins and Lady called – Self went to Woodstock; got American Encyclopedia and Milton's Poetical Works – Sold Clarinet to Mr Haskell

Mar 19

Uncle Thomas Vose visited here in the forenoon – John came from Reading

Mar 20

Colder weather

Mar 21

Very cold windy day – Self went to Woodstock and to mill

Mar 22

Some warmer – A.C. Perkins & Lady called in the afternoon

Mar 23

Sunday, Called on Norman Bridge in the forenoon. Self rather dull with headache.

Mar 24

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon – weather rather cool

Mar 25

Paid N. Perkins \$1.20 that was left with me for him. Sorell Doton called in the evening

Mar 26

Sorell and Rossilla Doton started for Boston

Mar 27

Called at Mr Bridges in the afternoon

Mar 28

Rainy day

Mar 29

Sleighing very bad

Mar 30

Sunday. Called on Norman Bridge in the morning – a very pleasant day

Mar 31

Rode to Woodstock in the morning with N. Perkins

April 1

Somewhat rainy – Snow goes very fast.

April 2

Cooler – wind Northwest. Miss E. Cushing called

April 3

Weather some cooler – Mother and Loisa visited here

April 4

Was called to see the Safford boy but did not go

April 5

Mrs Charlotte called in the afternoon – Very cold windy weather

April 6

Sunday – called on N Bridge

April 7

Self rather indisposed – Joseph Wyatt came in the evening

April 8

Snowy weather

April 9

Went to Woodstock to see the Safford boy – Carried Miss Wyatt to Mr. Fisher's

April 10

A.C. Perkins went to Woodstock with my wagon

April 11
Fast day

April 12
Cool windy weather – Some rain in the evening

April 13
Sunday – Called on N. Bridge in the morning and again in the evening

April 14
Went to Woodstock in the forenoon
Got Miss Landon's poems – Went to A.C. Perkins' with Miss Wyatt in the afternoon.

April 15
Self rather dull – wrote some for the almanac
A very pleasant day

April 16
Went to A.C. Perkins – furious storm of snow and rain.

April 17
Worked on Almanac. Eclipses etc. Somewhat snowy

April 18
Went to Norwich – passing very bad – Stormy towards night.

April 19
Returned from Norwich – Very rainy towards night

April 20
Sunday – Some stormy. Rain and snow
Read but little – Called at father's in the afternoon.

April 21
A very warm pleasant day – the roads are very bad so there is but very little passing.

April 22
Rode to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon.
Beautiful weather

April 23
Worked picking stones – Mrs. Harvey came here last night. – Frogs made their appearance for the first time this year.

April 24
Picked stones in the forenoon and went to Woodstock in the afternoon – Called on Mrs. Darling.
Got Davies (Bourdon) and Greenleaf's Arithmetic

April 25
Weather some cooler

April 26
Rode to A.C. Perkins to see about working for him but did not see him.

April 27
Sunday – Electa & Joanna came home this morning having failed to get home last night.

April 28

Worked in sawmill in the afternoon – Electa, Joanna & Miss Pease visited here in the evening

April 29

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon and went to the woods for maple trees to set round the house in the afternoon.

April 30

John came here last night from Reading – Electa and Joanna started for Weston – Self went to A.C. Perkins mill to saw – came home in the evening.

May 1

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got Combe's Phrenology – Plowed in the afternoon.

May 2

Sowed wheat – Showery thawy the former part of the day and rather cool

May 3

Surveyed for D. Dana and John Chedel
Self very lame

May 4

Sunday – called on N.W. Bridge – studied but little

May 5

Went to Mr Chedel's in the morning
Mr Dana and Mr Chedel called in the forenoon for deed and survey

May 6

Saw the Eclipse of the Sun in the morning the weather being very clear

May 7

John started for Canada. Self rode to Mr. Bruce's in the afternoon and called on Miss M. Watkins and paid her \$40 that John left with me for that purpose.
Very cool and windy in the evening.

May 8

Cold night and snowy this morning – Self went to Woodstock to see the "Transit of Mercury" through Mr. Millers Telescope.

May 9

Weather rather cool. Mr. Paine called in the afternoon. – Self worked picking stones.

May 10

Self repaired dooryard fence. Mrs. (Nelson) Perkins called in the morning. –
Mr Lysander Raymond called in the afternoon.

May 11

Sunday – Went to Hartland to see Mrs. (John) Darling who was badly hurt last Thursday. A very warm day. Maple leaves begin to unfold themselves.

May 12

Mr. Perkins sent team and hands to help haul manure – very warm – Thermometer at 8 o'clock evening 82°+ Zero

May 13

Worked about home – Self rather dull – Weather very fine, ground very dry

May 14

Went to Taftsville in the forenoon to get horse shod. Got Kirk White's Poems.

May 15

Cold stormy day – Worked about home.

May 16

Went to Woodstock after lime but found none

May 17

Plowed corn ground. Norman Perkins helped
Some showery

May 18

Sunday – Called on Norman Bridge in the morning. – Read some. – A rainy day.

May 19

Rainy most of the night but it cleared off this morning very warm & pleasant
Self worked in the garden

May 20

Made and set bar posts and fixed fences.

May 21

Mr. White planted corn. – pleasant weather but some cooler than yesterday

May 22

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got Mrs Hemans Select Poems for Abba.
Went to Mrs. Pages in the afternoon – rainy towards night.

May 23

Very rainy last night but clear this morning

May 24

Went to Norwich – a windy, cool day.

May 25

Sunday – Some frost this morning – weather continues cool and very windy – Came from Norwich in the afternoon by way of Dothan, Jericho, Downer's Bridge, John Porter's etc.

May 26

Did surveying for Wm. R. Hewitt – Somewhat showery

May 27

Mr. Perkins helped me about plowing.
Weather much warmer

May 28

Mr. Perkins sent Mr Boynton to help me.
A very windy day – hauled manure

May 29

Rainy in the morning – Mr White worked in the afternoon

May 30

Sowed about an acre of oats. Went to Woodstock in the afternoon. Cool towards night and very windy

May 31

A severe frost last night – Self went to Mr. John Darlings in the afternoon – Weather some warmer.

June 1

Sunday – A very warm day – self somewhat indisposed – Father and mother called in the afternoon.

June 2

Went to Woodstock in the morning

Worked sheep in the forenoon – very warm.

Joseph Wyatt and Lady came from Norwich.

June 3

June training day, but saw no stir among the military. How unlike former times. –

J. Wyatt and Lady returned in the afternoon. Very warm

June 4

Thermometer 86°+ at 2 o'clock P.M.

June 5

Some cooler than yesterday – more wind but still very warm. Self went to Woodstock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Babcock visited here.

June 6

Mr. Safford of Royalton and his boy visited here

June 7

Sheared sheep. Spenser helped

June 8

Sunday – Some thunder in the morning but no rain here. Thermometer at 1 o'clock P.M. 92°+

June 9

Mrs. Wyatt and Caroline came here in the forenoon. Mrs. Wyatt went to Mr Maxham's in the afternoon

June 10

Self worked for Spenser tying wool

June 11

Rainy in the forenoon – Visited at A.C. Perkins in the afternoon with Mrs. D. & Miss Wyatt.

June 12

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon – Had a very severe headache.

Mrs. D. & Miss Wyatt called at Mr Bridge's.

June 13

Self unable to work: had a severe headache again.

Studied some.

June 14

Very rainy in the forenoon. – Mrs. Wyatt and Caroline left here for Norwich in the afternoon – very pleasant afternoon.

June 15

Sunday – a beautiful day – self studied some

June 16

Rainy last night – but a pleasant day. Got sheep in tonight to shear tomorrow.

June 17

Obed Adams sheared sheep for me – a cool windy day

June 18

Rode to Woodstock in the morning with father

June 19

Studied some – went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon to see about working on the road.
Mrs. D. visited at N. Perkins

June 20

Worked on road near the school house.

June 21

Worked on the road again in the forenoon and dipped sheep and drove 28 of them to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon.

June 22

Sunday. Self rather dull – read most of the day

June 23

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon and ran line for Mr. Darling in the afternoon.

June 24

Worked about home – whitewashed some.

June 25

Went to Barnard to dedication. Heard Hosea Ballou of Boston for the first time. Went to Woodstock in the evening to see Dr. Gallup.

June 26

Surveyed for Dr. Gallup on his river farm
Mrs. D. went to J. Darlings

June 27

Finished whitewashing. – A very beautiful day

June 28

Went to Mr. Bruces school house to survey the lot – very warm and dry.

June 29

Sunday – Called on N. Bridge in the forenoon and studied in the afternoon

June 30

Went to Woodstock – Saw Gen. Ransom's cadets pass through the "green"

July 1

New post office law comes in force today.
Self a severe headache – worked some on Dr. Gallup's survey

July 2

Severe headache through the day.

July 3

Worked on Dr Gallups survey and went to Woodstock towards night and called on Dr Gallup. Saw the Rev Hosea Ballou of Boston

July 4

Surveyed for Dr Gallup in the forenoon
Went to Norwich in the afternoon –
Passed two celebrations – one at Quechee, the other at Norwich

July 5

Called on Dr Davis in the forenoon and came home in the afternoon

July 6

Sunday – went to church heard Rev H. Ballou of Boston from Isa. XLV. 22 and Rom. II 4, 5, and 6th verses.

July 7

Very warm – Worked on Dr Gallups survey

July 8

Went to Woodstock on Surveying business again

July 9

Self rather stupid – weather very warm
Ther 87°+

July 10

Rather unwell – John called on his way to Rochester

July 11

Went to Woodstock in the morning for Dr Gallup – came home about 4 o'clock
Very warm – Ther at half past 4 – 88°+ Zero

July 12

Went to Woodstock again for Dr Gallup – Sent wagon to Mr Blaisdells to have the tire set. Ther.
About 95°+ Zero at 2 o'clock P.M. and 84°+ at 7 o'clock in the evening

July 13

Sunday – Mother called – Self unwell
Kept my bed most of the day

July 14

Rode to Woodstock in the forenoon
Horace & Caroline Wyatt came from Norwich – Warm

July 15

Horace started for Rutland & Whitehall

July 16

Self went to Woodstock in the morning. Got Davies works

July 17

A very warm morning but cooler towards night.
Rode to Mr. Paines in the evening

July 18

Horace returned from Whitehall, Port Henry, etc. A very pleasant day

July 19

Horace & Caroline returned to Norwich.
Great Caravan at Woodstock that calls together most of the people, far and near.
Fire at Quechee Village in the afternoon.

July 20

Sunday – Very warm again – Some rain towards night.

July 21

Went to Woodstock to attend Dr. Gallup's Auction – a very warm day –
got nearly exhausted.

July 22

Self unwell with a severe headache – Wrote to R.H. Paddock – Studied some.

July 23

Went to mill in the forenoon – rainy in the afternoon

July 24

Called at the post office and at Mr Haskells in the morning on my way to the mill.

July 25

Rode to Norwich to make arrangements about school; - very warm in the middle of the day.

July 26

Called on a number of gentlemen of Norwich in the forenoon – Came home in the afternoon.

July 27

Sunday – Self afflicted with a severe headache.
Kept my bed most of the day – read but little.

July 28

"Headache! thou bane to Pleasure's fairy spell,
Thou fiend, thou foe to joy, I know thee well!
Beneath thy lash I've writhed for many an hour.
I hate thee, for I've known, and dread thy powers."

July 29

Went to Woodstock last evening and took a violent cold – kept my bed most of the time.

July 30

Kept house today – Mother called.

July 31

Went to Woodstock in the morning.

Aug 1

Studied most of the day; - called on N.W. Bridge.

Aug 2

Went to Woodstock to get handbills printed.
Showery in the afternoon.

Aug 3

Sunday – A warm day – read in the forenoon
Went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon. Mrs. Conant called in the afternoon, but self did not see her.

Aug 4

Went to Woodstock in the morning, and to Norwich in the afternoon – showery.

Aug 5

Called on Gen Ransom and other gentlemen of Norwich in the morning – came home in the afternoon

Aug 6

Headache – a warm day

Aug 7

Rode in the morning with Norman Bridge
Very warm and dry

Aug 8

Went to Woodstock got globes of N. Haskell for 26 dollars - Called on Mr Fisher

Aug 9

Rode with N. Bridge in the morning and went to A.C. Perkins to repair his clock.

Aug 10

Sunday – a warm day

Aug 11

Some rain

Aug 12

Rainy in the morning – Hands came to do my haying.

Aug 13

Had 7 hands at haying – not very good hay day

Aug 14

Very good hay day had 5 hands

Aug 15

Rode to mill in the morning and to Mr. Blaisdell's in the afternoon.

Aug 16

Went to Mr Vaughan's in the morning and had my horse shod
Went to Norwich in the evening with Miss C. Wyatt

Aug 17

Returned from Norwich in the afternoon.

Aug 18

Some signs of rain – Self went to mill in the morning – Had 6 hands at haying.

Aug 19

Finished haying – a very warm day – Have as much hay as usual, though the crop generally much less than last year.

Aug 20

Self worked on N. Perkins' plow

Aug 21

Signs of rain in the morning – Got wheat into the barn.

Aug 22

Sent coat to Mr Myers' to be repaired

Aug 23

Went to Woodstock in the afternoon and got coat. Self very busy making preparations for going to Norwich

Aug 24

Sunday – read but little. A pleasant day.

Aug 25

Went to Norwich to commence School
Father and Norman Perkins went with me to move books etc.

Aug 26

Made preparations for commencing School

Aug 27

Commenced School. A very rainy day.

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Nov 19

Closed fall term of school. Weather very dark and rainy in the morning but clear towards noon. Went up to the top of the mountain north of the center church in Norwich; very strong N.W. wind.

Nov 20

A pleasant day but some cooler

Nov 21

Came home in the stage in the morning

Rather cool

Nov 22

Went to Woodstock to see Dr. Gallup

Nov 23

Sunday; went to Hartland to see John Darling – very rainy windy day.

Nov 24

Surveyed for Thomas Pratt on the Darling Lot

Nov 25

Went to Woodstock to return survey bills to Dr Gallup and J. Pratt. Called on Mr Streeter

Nov 26

Mr Boynton and Homer White worked here thrashing grain

Nov 27

Thanksgiving. A very rainy day.

Nov 28

Mr White finished thrashing and cleaning wheat. Self went to A.C. Perkins to get a hand to butcher

Nov 29

Butchered pig in the afternoon a cool day

Nov 30

Sunday. Studied most of the day.

Dec. 1

Snowy last night – went to Mr Paul's in the morning with sleigh – rainy in the afternoon.

Dec. 2

Went to Woodstock – Got Mrs Heman's Poems

Weather rather cold

Dec. 3

Very cold day – Rode to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon. Took calf from there.

Dec. 4

Went to Mr Blaisdell's to get horse sharpened

Settled with Mr Tafts and paid them all except for plow irons that I have sold for them. Very snowy

Dec. 5

Went to Norwich in the afternoon – very blustering

Dec. 6

Called on Norwich Plain in the morning and got a part of my books from there.

Came home in the afternoon.

Dec. 7

Sunday – Called on N. Bridge in the morning – saw uncle Vose at fathers.

Read most of the afternoon

Dec. 8

A.C. Perkins worked for me making sheep racks.

Dec. 9

Mr. Robinson called to get sheep – weather rather cold.

Dec. 10

John took 248 pounds dried apples

Dec. 11

Very cold – Thermometer in the evening at 9 o'clock 14° below Zero

Dec. 12

Thermometer at sunrise 21° below zero – weather very clear and the atmosphere full of frost. Went to Mrs. Darlings in the afternoon.

Dec. 13

Ther. 14° below zero at sunrise – went to Woodstock in the afternoon. Changed “Brewster’s Optics” for the Cambridge Topography

Dec. 14

Sunday – a snowy day. – Mother called and also called on Levina Babcock & Norman Bridge.

Self read most of the day.

Dec. 15

Worked on Almanac

Dec. 16

Almanac; Changes of the Moon.

Dec. 17

Rode to N. Perkins got boots mended

Dec. 18

Went to Woodstock a stormy day

Dec. 19

J. Richmond called and insured buildings to the following amounts, viz. house and other buildings attached 200 Dollars; - barn 80 Dollars; = hay and grain in the barn 80 Dollars; Secretary and Library 160 Dollars; - beds, clothing and furniture 70 Dollars; - Provisions in the house 10 Dollars = 600 Dollars
Premium Note 30 Dollars. Insured in the Windsor Co. Fire insurance Co.

Dec. 20

Cold weather – Joseph Wyatt and lady came from Norwich in the evening.

Dec. 21

Sunday – Mr Wyatt returned to Norwich in the afternoon – very cold.

Dec. 22

Mrs. D. and Mrs Wyatt went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon – Self called on Mrs Page

Dec. 23

Self went to Woodstock in the morning.

Thermometer 8° below zero at this place and 17 below at Woodstock. – Rode to father’s in the evening.

Dec. 24

Rode to Taftsville with Mrs. Wyatt. – very cold sharp morning – Thermometer 12° below Zero at Woodstock – Mr John Darling died yesterday

Dec. 25

Went to the funeral of Mr Darling in the forenoon – a snowy day – Went to father’s in the evening and took supper the whole family being present.

Dec. 26

Very stormy in the forenoon. Went to Woodstock got a letter from R.H. Paddock with a check for 65 Dollars 20 cents.

Dec. 27

Went to Mr. John Chedel’s to pay two notes that I gave Addison J. Darling of 25 Dollars each.

Dec. 28

Sunday – read most of the day.

Dec. 29

Worked on Almanac

Dec. 30

Went to Woodstock in the morning and brought Mr. & Mrs. Stevens home with me and went with them again at night – a warm day.

Dec. 31

Weather much colder – self went to Woodstock in the forenoon – got a work table at Mr Fisher's – got Dick's new work the "Practical Astronomer" of L.A. Miller.

1846

Eighteen hundred forty five "is now forever past;
Eighteen hundred forty six will fly away as fast."

Jan 1

Self commenced the new year by depositing a vote in the ballot box in favor of Temperance

Jan 2

James Winn and lady called – snow fell last night about 8 inches deep – very rainy most of the day.

Jan 3

Weather some cooler – worked on Almanac most of the day

Jan 4

Sunday – Called on Norman Bridge in the morning – am now reading Livermore's Commentary on Acts.

Jan 5

Rode to Woodstock – subscribed for the Parley Magazine – had a severe headache.

Jan 6

Rode to A.C. Perkins – Worked on Almanac most of the day

Jan 7

Headache – a very snowy day with some wind

Jan. 8

Self worked on almanac. Rode to Woodstock in the afternoon. Passing very bad.

Jan. 9

A.C. Perkins called in the evening.

Jan. 10

Read most of the day.

Jan. 11

Sunday – self rather dull. – read some

Jan. 12

Worked most of the day calculating the true place of the Pole Star.

Jan. 13

Went to Royalton to see young Safford. Very blustering and roads bad.

Jan. 14

Returned from Royalton – some warmer.

Jan. 15

Went to Woodstock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Darling called here, D. Vaughan being here – a very warm day.

Jan. 16

Calculated the Azimuth of the Pole Star for the first six months of '47.

Jan. 17
Finished the Azimuths for '47 – a snowy day and some colder

Jan. 18
Sunday – a very cold day.

Jan. 19
Very windy and cold – went to father's in the afternoon.

Jan. 20
Self at work on the rising and setting of the moon. Went to A.C. Perkins' school house in the morning – cold and roads some drifted up.

Jan. 21
Warmer in the forepart and middle of the day – went to Woodstock in the afternoon

Jan 22
Very cold – Ther. 13° below Zero at sunrise – This week so far has been very windy and the roads are in many places drifted up and sufficiently hard to bear a horse.

Jan 23
Did but little except chores. Called on N. Bridge who I have not seen for nearly three weeks.

Jan 24
Went to Woodstock. – A very dense crowd of people there to attend the auctions.
A pleasant day.

Jan 25
Sunday – weather much warmer. Self rather dull – Norman Perkins called.

Jan 26
Carried 1 barrel of Apples to Mr. Fisher.
A warm day

Jan 27
Made Spenser chairs – N. Perkins and Lady and Mrs. Robinson visited here. Mrs. Wyatt and Caroline came in the afternoon.

Jan 28
Mr. and Mrs. Chandler came to father's
Self rather dull

Jan 29
Headache! Mrs. Wyatt came from Mr. Maxham's. Self rode to N. Perkins in the evening.

Jan 30
Mrs. Wyatt returned to Norwich. – rainy towards night.

Jan 31
A.C. Perkins drove 40 Sheep here for me to keep through the winter.

Feb. 1
Sunday – read most of the day.

Feb. 2
Headache! Worked on Almanac and reading.

Feb. 3

Miss Levina Babcock visited here – a very pleasant day – Rode to A.C. Perkins in the evening.

Feb. 4

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came here in the afternoon.

Feb. 5

Mr & Mrs Thompson went to fathers.

Feb. 6

Mrs. D. and Miss Wyatt visited at Mr. Paine's.

Self went to Woodstock in the morning.

Feb. 7

Went to Mr. Babcock's and to N. Perkins.

Feb. 8

Sunday – am reading Whewell's Bridgewater Treatise.

Feb. 9

Very cold weather – Self at work on Almanac.

Feb. 10

Judge Denison called in the forenoon. Mr. Perkins came home from Reading.

John Paddock returned from Canada yesterday.

Feb. 11

Took supper at father's

Feb. 12

Visited at Judge Denison's in the afternoon

Feb. 13

Cold windy day – Self about the Almanac

Feb. 14

A pleasant day – "Headache! Thou bane" etc.

Feb. 15

Sunday – a very snowy day

Feb. 16

Cold and roads bad. – Finished the Moon's rising & setting for 1847.

Feb. 17

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon and to Norwich in the afternoon – cold towards night

Feb. 18

Called at Norwich plain in the forenoon and came home in the afternoon.

Feb. 19

Surveyed and made deeds for A.C. Perkins.

Feb. 20

A very snowy day – wind easterly

Feb. 21

Snow is now nearly 4 feet deep.
Self went to Woodstock in the afternoon.
Got books from Mr Saffords

Feb. 22

Sunday – called on N.W. Bridge who is more unwell.

Feb. 23

Weather very pleasant but rather cool

Feb. 24

Went to Woodstock – Charles Fisher had horse to go to Windsor.

Feb. 25

Headache – studied but little –
Abraham Fisher called in the evening.

Feb. 26

A very blustering day – went to Mr Darling's in the afternoon – roads very badly drifted.

Feb. 27

Mr Robinson & Norman Thatcher called in the morning – John Thompson & Persis came in the forenoon
– Self rode to the “Green” with J. Thompson.

Feb. 28

Wrote to Franklin Doton by John Thompson.

Mar 1

Sunday – Did not read so much as usual owing to dizziness.

Mar 2

Received a letter from E. Denison concerning the Norwich Institute.

Mar 3

Went to Woodstock in the morning.

Mar 4

A.C. Perkins called in the morning
Went to Woodstock in the afternoon and called on Mrs. Darling.

Mar 5

Went to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon.

Mar 6

Rode to Norwich – Norman Perkins was to take the horse back.

Mar 7

Called on Deacon Burton and others on the plain. Self troubled with dizziness.

Mar 8

Sunday – a severe headache with dizziness.

Mar 9

Called at the plain saw Gen. Ransom and others. Concluded not to open the Institute

Mar 10

Went to the Plain in the morning and came home in the afternoon with Mr. Wyatt's team.

Mar 11

Took Lucius with me and went to Norwich and came home in the evening. –
Passing rather bad but snow deep – Very pleasant weather.

Mar 12

N. Perkins visited here – Self shoveled snow from the house. – very warm.

March 13

Self did but little – headache!
Rainy in the afternoon.

March 14

Very rainy in the forenoon – Much damage done on the rivers – two of the bridges at Woodstock Green
carried off.

March 15

Sunday – Called on Norman Bridge in the morning – read most of the day.

March 16

Went to Woodstock in the morning.
Mr. Chandler called in the afternoon.

March 17

Carried about 2½ bushels of apples to Mr. Mellish – got gold pen of L.A. Miller for \$3.87½ - a first rate
Pen.

March 18

Weather some cooler – finished calculating the Sun's rising Amplitude

March 19

Worked on table of the Sun's Declination. Cousin Albert Vose called –
Mother visited here – Warmer towards night.

March 20

A very warm day – Self rode to Woodstock. Sleighing very bad.

March 21

Wrote for the Almanac most of the day.

March 22

Sunday – A very hard freeze last night. Mrs. D. went to N. Perkins.

March 23

Made about 30 pounds sugar. – a very warm day. Blue birds appeared.

March 24

Walked to Woodstock – got a letter from John Paddock.

March 25

A rainy day – nearly half the ground bare
The people begin to pass with wagons.

March 26

Rainy through the night – first lightning for this season seen last night. –
A.C. Perkins called and took wagon to go to Woodstock.

March 27

Self walked to Woodstock in the mud. Sparrows & Robins appeared. –
Saw a flock of wild geese. – A very warm day.

March 28

Weather warm and thawy – Walked to N. Perkins in the afternoon –
furious squall of snow about 6 o'clock P.M.

March 29

Sunday – a very pleasant day. Self read the greater part of the day.

March 30

Worked about home. Spenser moved to the mill house.

March 31

Read most of the day. – very cool windy.

Apr 1

Went to mill & to Woodstock and got Policy of Insurance of L.A. Marsh.
Listers called in the afternoon.

Apr 2

Convention of Town superintendents of schools met at the Town Hall in Woodstock in the afternoon.

Apr 3

Cold N.W. winds but very clear. Self called on N.W. Bridge.

Apr 4

Norman Thacher called in the morning for a search warrant. Father began to plow.

Apr 5

Sunday – A very brilliant day – self read but little having a severe headache.

Apr 6

Started to go to Mr. Miller's to do Surveying but he could not attend to it. – Went to Woodstock in the
afternoon. Carried one bushel of apples to Mr. Fisher's.
Got Webster's Dic. 2 vls.

Apr 7

Mr Stevens died last night about 11 o'clock at Mr. Fisher's. Mrs. Darling visited here in the afternoon.
A very strong wind from the south. – Snow gone except some of the deeper drifts.
Frogs sing merrily this evening

Apr 8

Worked about home. – but rather dull.
Electa and Abigail visited here in the afternoon.

Apr 9

Rode to A.C. Perkins in the afternoon.
Weather some cooler.

Apr 10

Fast day – Very pleasant – Mr. & Mrs. Thrasher called, also Lysander Raymond to get Surveying done.

Apr 11

Looked after sheep in the forenoon and Surveyed Mr. Raymond's farm in the afternoon. – Very hard showers about 4 o'clock P.M. got very wet.

Apr 12

Sunday – Self rather dull – Wm Safford called – Mr. Paul and Isabel called in the evening.

Apr 13

Charles Marsh called in the morning for apple grafts. – Self walked to Woodstock in the forenoon – received a letter from J.P. Wyatt.

Got the 2nd number of the Quarterly Review.

Apr 14

Cold and very windy in the forenoon. Self worked on the survey of Mr. Raymond's farm.

Apr 15

Finished Mr. Raymond's survey and worked about home.

Apr 16

Worked on pasture fences in the forenoon and went to Mr. Fisher's and got table in the afternoon.

Apr 17

A warm day. – Called on Norman Bridge in the forenoon and went to A.C. Perkins' in the afternoon.

Apr 18

Went to the east part of the town and ran lines for Webster L. Hart and Zenas Paddock – showery towards night and self got very wet.

Apr 19

Sunday – brought Mrs. Perkins here in the afternoon. – Showery towards night.

Apr 20

Worked on fences in the forenoon – made deeds in the afternoon. – Showers in the evening.

Apr 21

Mr. Perkins took his sheep from here and took 31 of mine to keep through the summer. –

Went to Woodstock with the first proof sheet of the Almanac.

Apr 22

Worked on fence in the forenoon. – A very pleasant day.

Electa and Delia Perkins visited here in the afternoon

Apr 23

Went to A.C. Perkins for maple trees to place around the door-yard –

Mrs. D. went to Mr. Paul's in the afternoon –

John Paddock came from Reading and called in the afternoon.

Apr 24

Went to Woodstock – got Kidd's Bridgewater Treatise – got 2nd proof of the first form of the Almanac.

Apr 25

Great Eclipse of the Sun. Went to the Town House to assist in the examination of school teachers. – weather rather cold. Joanna and Miss Loveland came from Weston.

Apr 26

Miss Loveland called in the forenoon – cool wind. – read but little.

Apr 27

Surveyed for Col. Dana and Stephen Raymond. Mr. Perkins sent hands to work.

Apr 28

Self set grafts – Mr White and Mr Boynton worked hauling manure.

Apr 29

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon. Saw Mr Brown. – Plowed wheat ground

Apr 30

Rainy in the forenoon. – Self went to A.C. Perkins with his plow etc.

May 1

Went to Zebedee Churchill's and to Mr. Bruce's. Mrs. D. visited at Spenser's.

May 2

Went to Taftsville. Got shoe set on horse.

Harrowed in the afternoon.

May 3

Sunday – rainy through the night but cleared off this morning. –

Norman Perkins came in the forenoon and his father and mother in the afternoon.

May 4

Sowed 2 bushels of Wheat. – went to Z. Churchills in the morning.

May 5

Surveyed for Isaac Miller, - a hard day's work

Came home in the evening.

May 6

Set grafts for Mr. Darling in the forenoon.

Went to Woodstock in the afternoon.

May 7

Went to A.C. Perkins in the morning for wood. – Mrs. D. went to N. Perkins.

May 8

Called to see N. Perkins and shaved him for he is very sick.

Mrs. Darling came here at night

May 9

Mrs. Bridge and my mother visited here. Self went to Mrs. A. Darling's and to Woodstock in the evening – very rainy.

May 10

Sunday – rainy through the night. A hard shower towards night and weather cooler in the evening.

May 11

Cold with high North West wind. Snowy in the afternoon.

Went to Woodstock for N. Perkins.

May 12

Plowed in the afternoon – rather cool.

May 13

Bob o' lincolns made their appearance this morning – A very strong S.E. wind through most of the day. Worked most of the day plowing corn ground.

May 14

Finished plowing for planting – John Paddock started for Canada. – A strong S.E. wind through the day.

May 15

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon – Saw Mr. J.H. Safford at the Post Office.

May 16

Mended cow yard fence so as not to turn the cows through the mowing field.

May 17

Sunday – Read most of the fore part of the day
Rode to see N. Perkins in the afternoon.

May 18

Rainy in the morning and very cool towards night.

May 19

A severe freeze last night – water froze more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick.

May 20

Hard frost – Self hauled wood from A.C. Perkins.
Showery towards night. – Rosanna Paddock came here in the forenoon but staid but a few hours. Mrs. Page called.

May 21

Self went to Woodstock to mill for Mrs. Page
Hard freeze last night.

May 22

Repaired the front door. Mrs. D. went with Rosanna to Barnard. – Another severe frost this morning.

May 23

Walked to Woodstock – a severe task – somewhat rainy the greater part of the day.

May 24

Sunday – a warm day. Ther. At 2 h. P.M. 77°+.
Headache – could read but little.

May 25

Went to Bridgewater in the morning – Surveyed a lot of land south west the village for F.B. Southgate.
A very warm day.

May 26

Surveyed a lot on the mountain southeast of the village. Weather very warm.

May 27

Finished survey this morning and came home in the forenoon. Rainy. – called at Mr. Haskell's and got Nautical Almanac for 1848 and Webster's new Dictionary.

May 28

Some rainy – went to A.C. Perkins' to see about washing sheep.

May 29

A cool cloudy day – Mrs. Rickard came here last night and today called at Mr. Paine's and to Fathers.

May 30

Went to Woodstock to return survey bills to P.B. Southgate. A cloudy day.

May 31

Sunday – rainy last night and a cool damp day.

June 1

The Sun has not been seen since last Tuesday till this forenoon. – Washed sheep with A.C. Perkins – A warm clear day.

June 2

Went to Taftsville to get horse shoe set
A very warm day.

June 3

Called at Mr. Darling's in the morning.
Went to Norwich in the afternoon.

June 4

Called at Norwich Plain in the forenoon and came home in the afternoon.

June 5

Worked on the highway.

June 6

Worked again on the road – weather some cooler.

June 7

Sunday a very cool morning. Norman Perkins with a miniature of R.H. Paddock.

June 8

Self worked for A.C. Perkins tying wool.
A severe headache.

June 9

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got a barrel of flour.

June 10

Sheared sheep. Horace & David Boynton helped.

June 11

Tied wool for N. Perkins

June 12

Went to Bridgewater to do Surveying for Alvan Lamb and R.W. Southgate.

June 13

Continued the Surveying. – Came home in the evening.

June 14

Sunday – Self rather dull. Kept my bed the greater part of the day.

June 15

Self very stupid. – went to Woodstock in the evening – got “Hadley’s Quadrants” of Mr. Russell for a few days.

June 16

Went to A.C. Perkins to work on shed –
A very warm day.

June 17

Went to Mr. Miller’s to do surveying but did not do it. Kept my bed in the afternoon.

June 18

Went to A.C. Perkins’ again to work.

June 19

A hard shower in the night. Worked again for Mr. Perkins – rainy in the afternoon.

June 20

Went to Mr. Perkins to dip sheep. – very rainy in the afternoon. – Uncle Joseph Vose visited at fathers and left there this morning.

June 21

Sunday – a very wet day, dark and gloomy.

June 22

Worked for Mr. Perkins laying shingles – a very cold day – wind northwardly – cloudy through the day.

June 23

Went to Woodstock with N. Perkins. – saw Mrs. Conant at her mother’s – severe headache in the afternoon.

June 24

Dipped sheep in the forenoon – went to mill in the evening. – a severe shower with hail about nine o’clock in the evening.

June 25

Whig state Convention at Woodstock. Self went in the morning but owing to a severe headache returned home.

June 26

Went to Woodstock and to Taftsville in the morning. – Mother and Louisa visited here in the afternoon. – Rainy towards night.

June 27

Went to A.C. Perkins and called to visit school in the forenoon. – was well pleased with it. – Teacher, Miss Drusilla W. Nutting

June 28

Sunday – rather warm in the forenoon.
Mrs. D. rode to Mr Paine’s with Levina Babcock

June 29

Very warm. Ther. $87\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ at 3 o'clock P.M.

June 30

Worked for Mr Perkins laying clap boards

A very warm day

July 1

Went to Taftsville – got horse shod, new shoes throughout – rainy in the afternoon.

July 2

Worked for Mr Perkins – weather some cooler

July 3

Again at Mr P's – rather dull – Self and work do not fully agree.

July 4

Sunday School Celebration at Woodstock.

Self worked for N. Perkins part of the day

Weather very warm.

July 5

Sunday – showery in the forenoon.

Have worked a vast deal too hard for the last few days.

July 6

Started early in the morning for Bridgewater to do Surveying for Abner Atwood. – A warm conversation between him and Jesse Robinson on land matters. – A hard day's work.

Let us profit by the example of others.

July 7

Surveyed School house lot in Dist. No 8 Bridgewater in the morning – called at the Town Clerks office – came home in the afternoon

Weather very warm

July 8

Visited the Schools on the turnpike – Dist. No. 5 – Amantha Cary, teacher – Dist. No. 10 – Hannah Hewitt, teacher. – Found the schools in very good order.

July 9

Called on Mr. Robinson in the morning to see if he would cut my grass – Let the whole of my mowing fields to him – he is to put the hay in the barn and is to have one third, or is to put on $\frac{1}{2}$ as much stock for the winter as I have, and if there is hay left in the spring, he has the privilege of selling some if he wishes.

July 10

Worked for Mr. Perkins – Very warm.

Ther. $94^{\circ+}$ at 2 o'clock P.M. and $89^{\circ+}$ at 9 in the evening.

July 11

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got a barrel of flour for N. Perkins for $\$5.37\frac{1}{2}$

Ther. At noon $91^{\circ+}$

July 12

Sunday – Ther. At 2 o'clock P.M. $86^{\circ+}$. Cooler towards night. Norman Perkins & Willard Darling called. – Meeting at the school house at 5 o'clock. Have read some of Miss Gould's poems – think they evince much depth of thought and a very good mind.

July 13

Rode to Woodstock in the morning to compute the hour for Mr Russell and to set his clock. – walked home – a hard task – worked for Mr Perkins in the afternoon.

July 14

Mr. Fisher had horse to go to Barnard. Rainy in the morning. Cooler through the day. – Self unable to work – Mr. Safford called.

July 15

Went to A.C. Perkins in the morning.
Mr. Fisher had horse to go to Windsor.

July 16

Went to Woodstock, got paper and an English Nautical Almanac for 1849. Got portrait of Gen. Jackson

July 17

Carried wool to Mr Henry's – Mrs. D. called on Mrs. Murdock.

July 18

Went to Woodstock for N. Perkins.

July 19

Sunday – Called on N. Perkins to shave him – his health fails very fast.

July 20

Went to Mr Fisher's to get Toilette & wash stand.
Norman & Delia Perkins called in the afternoon.

July 21

Worked on Almanac for '48 Sun's Dec.

July 22

Rainy – Went to Woodstock for N. Perkins.

July 23

Rainy again – Self worked on AI –

July 24

Fair in the forenoon but rainy before night.

July 25

Very rainy through the night and forenoon.
Rode to N. Perkins in the evening.

July 26

Sunday – Showery in the fore part of the day.
Self called on N.W. Bridge – found him comfortable.

July 27

Worked on Almanac for '49. Have concluded to compute for '48 & '49 together – Went to Woodstock got proof of the 2nd form of the Almanac. Mrs. Darling came home with me.

July 28

Mrs. Darling went to N. Perkins in the morning & home in the evening – Miss Levina Babcock came here – Mr Paul called in the evening having been to meeting to choose delegates to attend conventions.

July 29

Self rode to Woodstock to return proof sheets
Came home by the sawmill etc. Mrs. Charlotte visited here.

July 30

Rode to Mr. Hewitt's – some showery – called at Mr. Paine's

July 31

Worked about home – a very warm day
Ther. 87°+ very sultry.

August 1

Air much more pure but very warm. Went to Woodstock to attend the county Convention

August 2

Sunday – Self had a severe headache through the day – Miss Camilla Ware called towards night.

August 3

Went to N. Perkins to do writing for him
Went to Woodstock – got Box of Books for Abba.

August 4

Self worked on Almanac – very warm Ther. 87°+

August 5

Ther 90°+ - too warm to read or work.

August 6

Warm in the afternoon

August 7

Mrs. D. went to N. Perkins – found him much lower

August 8

N. Perkins died about 11 o'clock A.M.
Self rode to Woodstock with Moses Paine

August 9

Sunday – went to D. Richards to get some articles of dress for funeral tomorrow

August 10

Funeral of N. Perkins attended today. Showery in the afternoon.

August 11

Samuel Vaughan and wife came to fathers last night from Wisconsin.
Self spent much of the day with them.

August 12

Mrs. D. rode to Dr. Richards. – S. Vaughan left for Bridgewater. Very warm weather.

August 13

Rev. Thomas S. Hubbard, county Superintendent of Schools called here last night and left this morning –
Had with him a very pleasant visit.

August 14

Went to Norwich on a visit – weather very warm.

August 15

Called on Gen. Ransom in the forenoon.

August 16

Sunday – Came from Norwich – weather not so warm. – A shower in the afternoon.

August 17

Carried 1½ bushels apples to Mr. Fisher.

August 18

Mr. Perkins sold his wool at 26¼ cents per pound. – Self rode to Woodstock with him.
Began to reap wheat.

August 19

Re-read the 2nd proof sheet of the Alm.

August 20

Mrs. D. and Mrs. L. Perkins went to Woodstock.
Rainy in the afternoon.

August 21

Rode to A.C. Perkins and with Norman rode to Woodstock. – not very good hay weather.

August 22

Worked on wheat

August 23

Sunday – a warm day – self read but little. – headache.

August 24

Reaped wheat – Quincy Page helped.

August 25

Willard Darling & Quincy Page helped me finish cutting wheat. Mr Robinson finished cutting my grass.

August 26

Worked on Alm. Matters – a warm day.

August 27

Went to Woodstock with Esq. Brown's meteorological papers.

August 28

Went to Bethel to see Mr. J.H. Safford and family – returned in the evening rather late.

August 29

Examined papers to correct Esq. Brown's Tables in the forenoon and did writing for Moses Paine in the afternoon.

August 30

Sunday – Studied most of the day.

August 31

Went to Woodstock in the forenoon to finish the examination of Esq. Brown's papers –
Went to caucus in the afternoon. Mrs. Wyatt came from Norwich.

Sept. 1

Vt. Election – Went to Woodstock to examine and prepare Almanac matter.
Went to the town house

Sept. 2

Worked about home - carried apples to Mr Fisher 2 bushels.

Sept. 3

Worked on proof sheet of Almanac
Carried it to Woodstock in the evening

Sept. 4

Went to Norwich for the globes etc.
Came home in the night

Sept. 5

Went to Woodstock again to oversee the last form of the almanac. Carried one bushel of apples to Mr Fisher.

Sept. 6

Sunday – Very warm Thermometer 89°+
The Thermometer has not been below 80°+ in the warmest part of the day for more than a week.

Sept. 7

Began school at our school house
Had 18 Scholars – very warm day
Ther 90°+

Sept. 8

Very warm in the morning but cooler towards night – Self rode to Woodstock after school – got barrel of flour for \$5½

Sept. 9

Much cooler – Self rode to Mr Paines in the morning.

Sept. 10

Some cool but not so cool as yesterday.
Got very much jaded out in school.

Sept. 11

Went to Woodstock after school.

Sept. 12

Miss Levina Babcock visited here in the afternoon. Joseph P. Wyatt came here in the evening

Sept. 13

Joseph Wyatt & Caroline left here for Norwich in the morning. A very warm day

Sept. 14

Roswell Humphrey came to school this morning.

Sept. 15

Harriet Ware began to go to school. Self rode to Woodstock – got lamp and fluid of J.H. Murdock

Sept. 16

Weather some cooler – School goes well – Mrs. Stephens came to father's

Sept. 17

Went to Woodstock carried a bushel of apples to Mr Ralph on Mr Perkins acct.
Rainy in the evening – Aunt Vose visits here.

Sept. 18

Went to Woodstock with Mrs. Stevens.
Mr. Haskell present a book containing the Logarithmic and other tables – a valuable present.

Sept. 19

A pleasant day. Aunt Vose went to father's – Sent one bushel of apples to Mr Fisher

Sept. 20

Sunday – weather very warm.

Sept. 21

School opens well this week – 18 Scholars

Sept. 22

Remarkably fine weather for the season.

Sept. 23

Rode to Woodstock after school

Sept. 24

Went to Woodstock to leave an article with Mr Parish for the Herald.

Sept. 25

A rainy day

Sept. 26

Weather some cooler – Self rode to Woodstock in the evening

Sept. 27

Sunday – clear in the morning but rainy before noon – called at fathers in the afternoon.

Sept. 28

Weather some cooler – A.C. Perkins worked on apples.

Sept. 29

Mr Perkins with his workmen picked apples. A pleasant day.

Sept. 30

Self rode to Woodstock in the morning.

A warm day

Oct. 1

Uncle Moore and Uncle J. Vose came from Weston last night – Joanna came with them. Agricultural Fair at Woodstock. School rather small.

Oct. 2

Full School again – Very cold stormy morning

Oct. 3

More pleasant weather – Mr E. Hodges called at the school house

Oct. 4

Sunday – a cool day – some part of the day somewhat pleasant.

Oct. 5

Caravan came to Woodstock – School rather small.

Oct. 6

Weather very warm – John Paddock came from Reading with his goods.

Oct. 7

Warm for October – Mr Perkins made cider for us yesterday.

Oct. 8

John Paddock left his cow here to be kept.

Oct. 9

Did not teach school – Went to Ludlow to do surveying for Mr Taft – rainy in the evening

Oct. 10

Went about 3 miles south of Ludlow village and finished the survey in the afternoon – came home in the evening.

Oct. 11

Sunday – Very frosty in the morning
A pleasant day

Oct. 12

Hard frost last night – but pleasant today

Oct. 13

Very rainy in the afternoon and evening with very high winds.

Oct. 14

Irish peddler staid here last night.

Oct. 15

Warm in the morning – Joanna began to go to school yesterday.

Oct. 16

Albert Darling and George Howland called at the school house.
Mr. Paine had horse to grind apples.

Oct. 17

School rather dull

Oct. 18

Sunday – Self a severe headache.
A very snowy day

Oct. 19

Went to Woodstock in the morning. Rather cool

Oct. 20

Cool weather for October.

Oct. 21

Weather some warmer

Oct. 22

School goes very well – 18 Scholars.

Oct. 23

Miss Nancy Robinson called at the school.

Oct. 24

A pleasant day

Oct. 25

Sunday – called on N.W. Bridge in the morning.

Oct. 26

Opened school this week rather tired.

Went to father's after school to send to Weston for Murray's Octavo Grammar.

Oct. 27

Father went to Weston – A.C. Perkins carried apples to the Green for me
11 barrels to Mr. Mellish and 3 to Mr Randall.

Oct. 28

A cold stormy day.

Oct. 29

Mr Perkins finished carrying apples to Mr. Mellish 7 barrels.

Oct. 30

Father returned from Weston in the evening. Miss Evelyn Darling, Harriet Ware and others visited here in the evening.

Oct. 31

School rather small – a gloomy day
Went to Woodstock in the evening.

Nov. 1

Sunday – Electa and Joanne called
A.C. Perkins called in the evening

Nov. 2

Miss Isabel Paul began to go to school.

Nov. 3

Went to Woodstock in the morning.
Got Augustus Young's work on Math. Philosophy that I subscribed for more than two years ago.

Nov. 4

Very pleasant weather for November.

Nov. 5

School meeting in the evening.

Nov. 6

Misses Paul and Ware called in the evening

Nov. 7

Homer Darling called in the morning.

Nov. 8

Sunday – went to Mrs. (J.) Darling's

A remarkably pleasant day.

Nov. 9

A rainy day – rode to Woodstock in the evening with Cyrus Robinson.

Nov. 10

Left school in the afternoon to go the Woodstock – Meeting to choose member to Congress.

Nov. 11

School opens well again – Weather warm

Nov. 12

Father went to Weston – Norman Perkins went to the "green" from here with Cyrus Robinson in the evening.

Nov. 13

Weather warm this week but rather cloudy or foggy. Miss H. Ware visited here.

Mr Ware brought a load of wood.

Nov. 14

Weather some cooler – Father returned from Weston.

Nov. 15

Sunday – a severe headache – very dull through the day.

Nov. 16

Rainy but rather warm.

Nov. 17

Rather stormy

Nov. 18

Miss E. Darling visited at father's in the evening – Self called there.

Nov. 19

Mr Hart thrashed for me. Very rainy in the afternoon.

Miss Eveline Darling and Joanne Doten came here from school.

Nov. 20

Very rainy last night and cool this morning

Nov. 21

Mrs. L. Perkins called to get tooth pulled

Nov. 22

Sunday – Went to Mrs. Perkins' by way of Mr. Darlings.

Nov. 23

Very cold stormy day. Had but 12 Scholars.

Nov. 24

Cold, clear day – Miss Isabel Paul and Miss Harriet Ware came here and staid the night.

Nov. 25

A snowy day – finished school in the afternoon.

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving – A very blustering day – roads completely drifted up.

Nov. 27

Went to Woodstock – paid Mr. Eaton in full
Got Lardner's Lectures of Mr. Miller.

Nov. 28

Went to the Town House to examine teachers
Roads very badly drifted.

Nov. 29

Self 37 years old today – A pleasant day
Father & Mother called here and took supper.

Nov. 30

Weather colder with strong North winds.

Dec. 1

Studied most of the day – Went to Mr. Pauls in the evening.

Dec. 2

Went to Woodstock with Norman Perkins.
Mr Frederick H. Ware and Nathan Howland called to get deeds made.

Dec. 3

Went to Woodstock got Sanders' Spelling Book

Dec. 4

Went to A.C. Perkins to get sheep that he has kept through the summer.
Took 12 of his to keep through the winter

Dec. 5

Went to Mr Seavey's in the morning and to Mrs. Lucy Perkins' in the afternoon
Mr Ware and Mr. Howland called to finish writings

Dec. 6

Sunday – Called on Norman Bridge – Mr Paine called – A cold day

Dec. 7

Thermometer 3° below Zero at sunrise.

Dec. 8

Went to Taftsville – carried 3 bushels of apples to Mr. Blaisdell's.

Dec. 9

Mrs. Asenath Darling came last night and visited today. Self rode to Mr. Perkins' in the evening.

Dec. 10

Worked on Wood Table – Did writing for Mr French and Marverick Adams.

Dec. 11

Mr Robinson called in the evening to get deed finished for Dr. Gallup.

Dec. 12

Worked on wood Tables – Willard Darling called in the evening. – Spenser got half a bushel of apples.

Dec. 13

Sunday – Called to shave Norman Bridge
Loisa came here last evening.

Dec. 14

Butchering day Thomas Pratt helped – weather some cold.

Dec. 15

Went to Norwich – very cold.

Dec. 16

Weather some warmer. Came from Norwich.

Dec. 17

Self worked on wood Table – snowy towards night.
Addison Darling etc. called in the evening.

Dec. 18

A very snowy night last night and high winds.

Dec. 19

Finished wood Table – weather warmer.

Dec. 20

Sunday – some cooler – called again on Norman Bridge.

Dec. 21

Worked on Almanac again – Headache

Dec. 22

Went to Woodstock – Left the wood table with Mr. Haskell.

Dec. 23

Almanac again. Norman Perkins called in the evening for Miss Wyatt.

Dec. 24

Went again to Woodstock – got the English Nautical Almanac for 1850.

Dec. 25

Sold 14 pelts to Mr. Petrie for 4 Dollars.

Dec. 26

Rode to Woodstock with Austin Robinson.

Dec. 27

Sunday – a warm day wind S.W.
Self called on N.W. Bridge.
Very thawy in the evening.

Dec. 28

Weather warm – Mr. Paul called in the evening.

Dec. 29

Mrs. Lucy Perkins came here in the morning.

Dec. 30

Self worked on Alm. L. Richmond called in the evening.

Dec. 31

Went to Woodstock's by L.S. Murdock's.

A severe headache.

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Jan. 1

When a new year commences we should look over the old one and see if we find one hour spent without some improvement. If so, through that hour we have lived in vain.

Jan. 2

Mr. Robinson and Mr Howland called to make deeds.

Jan. 3

Sunday – called on N. Bridge as usual – read most of the day.

Jan. 4

Headache – Rode to Woodstock with A.C. Perkins – got cloth of A. Hearn's for pantaloons

Jan. 5

N. Thatcher had my sleigh to go to South Woodstock – Self went to Mrs. L. Perkins to assist in placing stoves – Miss C. Wyatt went to Mr. Babcock's

Jan. 6

Mrs D. went to Mr. Babcock's – self alone through the day.

Jan. 7

Worked on Almanac. A very rainy day.

Jan. 8

Miss Wyatt went to fathers. Mr Paine called in the afternoon. School teacher boarding with us this week.

Jan. 9

Went to Woodstock with Spenser. Got pantaloons of Winn. Called on Mr Streeter and borrowed Paige's Commentary

Jan. 10

Sunday – Went to Mr. Darlings – Mrs. Darling and Willard sick with fever.

Jan. 11

Made Lease for Wilson Rowleson and Rebecca.

Jan. 12

Norman Perkins and Wilson Rowleson called to get a deed. Mended chair for Norman Bridge.

Jan. 13

Mr Perkins called in the forenoon

Jan. 14

Went to Woodstock in the morning – got papers. Key to Greenleaf's Arith and Dymonds Essays.

Jan. 15

Mrs. Perkins & Norman called. A snowy day.

Jan. 16

Went to Mr. Darlings in the morning. A warm day. Went to L.S. Murdock's in the afternoon. Very windy.

Jan. 17

Sunday – Extremely cold – called on N. Bridge in the forenoon and froze my fingers while walking home.

Jan. 18

A strong South east wind and very cold in the morning – snow towards night.

Jan. 19

Went to Woodstock in the morning – very blustering – wind north west.

Jan. 20

Norman Perkins began to study here – very cold weather – Mr. Hart worked thrashing wheat yesterday and today.

Jan. 21

Went to Mr Fisher's – got frame for Miss Wyatt's drawing of Mrs. Hemans.

Jan. 22

A very cold day. Bought the Revised Statutes of Mr Babcock yesterday for which I am to pay to Uncle J. Vose one dollar. Cyrus Robinson brought a load of wood about ½ cord.

Jan. 23

Miss Levina Babcock came in the morning

Joseph Wyatt came in the afternoon and left here for home with Caroline about 4 o'clock P.M.

Self rode to the Post Office in the evening – got two astronomical works from Mr. Safford of Cambridge.

Jan. 24

Sunday – read the last two articles in Dr. Haddock's works – They are, I think, superior to any other articles in his work for soundness of reasoning and purity and depth of thought.

Jan. 25

Rather cold in the morning but a pleasant day. – Judge Denison called with Charles in the afternoon. –

Self finished the Dec. and So. of the planets for '49. –

Began to read Dymond's Essays last evening.

Jan. 26

Weather cloudy with snow in the afternoon. Self rather dull. Studied but little.

Jan. 27

A very cold morning – Almanac claims attention most now.

Jan. 28

Getting the Church festivals etc. for '48 & '49.

Jan. 29

Walked to Woodstock – called at the Messrs. Partridge's Daguerreotype room.

Jan. 30

Very snowy last night and today – Wind blows some and the snow somewhat drifted – it has fallen nearly 18 inches since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Jan. 31

Sunday – Cold day – no passing, the roads are not yet broke out. Self read most part of the day.

Feb 1

Helped break roads in the morning.

Mr. Perkins brought a load of wood in the forenoon. – a very cold day.

Feb 2

Headache! Headache! Studied but little. Mr. Whitmore brought a load of wood.

Feb 3

A rainy day. – Very rainy in the evening – last snow nearly gone.

Feb 4

Rode to Woodstock with father.

Feb 5

Willard Darling and Eveline visited here.

Feb 6

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins called here. Quincy Page helped me winnow wheat.

Feb 7

Sunday – Had a very pleasant chat with Norman Bridge. A severe headache in the afternoon.

Feb 8

Mr. Whitmore brought a load of wood – Very pleasant weather.

Feb 9

Mr. Clap called and self went with him to visit schools in the afternoon

Feb 10

Started for Norwich and Canaan about noon. – Arrived at Mr. Wyatt's about half past 4 o'clock P.M.

Feb 11

Went from Norwich to Canaan by way of Shaker Village, Enfield. – Very cold.

Feb 12

Visited the rail-road out at Orange Summit in the forenoon and came to Norwich in the afternoon.

Feb 13

Came home from Norwich. – Weather very cold. Ground some bare in New Hampshire.

Feb 14

Sunday – Read Dymond's essays most of the day

Feb 15

Went to Hartland to run out land for Calvin Totman.

Feb 16

A very cold day wind southerly in the afternoon - Stormy in the evening.

Feb 17

Began to get the rising & setting of the Sun for 1848.

Feb 18

Rode to Woodstock in the forenoon. – Weather very fine and springlike. Mrs. D. went to Mr. Marsh's to see Mrs. Abba Wyatt.

Feb 19

Did Surveying for Dr. Gallup.

Feb 20

Finished Dr. Gallup's writing. – Went to Mr. Perkins in afternoon.
Called at Mr. Robinson's to see some of Mr. Thatcher's miniatures.

Feb 21

Sunday – Snowy day – I am now reading Dymond's Essays.

Feb 22

Worked on Almanac – Mr Paine called.

Feb 23

Called on Mr. Clap in the forenoon. Got Cowper's Poems & Mason's Self Knowledge. –
Went to Mr Perkins in the afternoon. – Visited Miss Burt's school.

Feb 24

A very cold day – self worked on Almanac.

Feb 25

John Paddock returned from Canada. Called at Mrs. Blisk's for Mrs. Lucy Perkins.

Feb 26

Mrs. (John) Paddock came here yesterday for a visit.

Feb 27

A severe snow storm – Went to Woodstock with Spenser.

Feb 28

Sunday – A cold, windy day – roads mostly drifted up.

March 1

Cold and but very little passing – wind N.W.

March 2

Town Meeting. Very bad passing. – The principal question now is "License" or "No License" "Rum" or "No Rum"

March 3

Great anxiety to hear the result of the Temperance Election – Rode to Woodstock in the morning with father.

March 4

Was called to Mr Perkins'. – Called at father's in the evening.

March 5

Tapped a few trees but it is yet too early. A warm day.

March 6

Very warm. – Norman Fuller called in the morning – Mrs. Darling visited here. –
George Slayton called.

March 7

Sunday. – Called on Norman Bridge in the morning.

March 8

Rode to Woodstock with Mr. Darling
Looked at Mr. Vanderzee's house. – A very warm day.

March 9

Cold. – Wind N.W.. – Cousin John Bugbee visited here with his family, and Electa and Joanne.

March 10

Mary Paine visited here. – Self rode to Woodstock with Mr. Perkins. – Sold sheep to Mr Hatch for \$50.00

March 11

Called on Mr. Thatcher in the morning to get a daguerreotype miniature.

March 12

Electa and Joanna quilted here – Norman Perkins came to go to Woodstock with his grandmother.
Weather very cold; Wind N.W.

March 13

A very windy day. – Mr. Paine called in the afternoon.

March 14

Sunday – Called on N.W. Bridge in the morning. - Weather more pleasant.

March 15

Mr. Ruggles called at fathers – weather more pleasant in the morning but squalls of snow towards night.

March 16

Mr. Ruggles called here in the forenoon
Self visited to Mr. Darlings in the afternoon.

March 17

Received a letter from Mr. Wyatt to take a place on the Canaan Rail road

March 18

Was called to do surveying for Mr Putney
Began to “move” to Mr. Perkins having sold the farm.

March 19

Mr Parson & Asa Adams called to get deed – Mr. Perkins came for goods.

March 20

Settled with Mr. Bridge and paid him \$2.23 in full of all demands. Mr. Perkins and Norman came for goods.

March 21

Sunday – Self staid to fathers last night and left the old homestead alone. Self went to Mr. Perkins in the afternoon.

March 22

Went to Woodstock. – got a hat and a pair of boots etc.

March 23

Went to Canaan – Sleighing bad – ground nearly bare at Lebanon

March 24

Commenced work on the Rail Road.

Notes in the back of the diary

Dec 3, 1838

Began school at the Dennison School House and continued through the winter. Charles Greenleaf was the committee.

Oct. 22, 1842

Bought English Thermometer of N. Randall and paid 2 dollars for it.
Maker Bolton & Co., London.

Aug. 28, 1844

Bought large slate of Rev. S.C. Loveland and paid him half a dollar for it.

July 1842

Let Mr. Haskell have my first Astro Calculations (1843) for 15 dollars

April 16, 1838

John Paddock took my place for one year and is to pay 80 dollars for its use.

People

Frank Noble Billings was a dealer in groceries and dry goods. He operated the Jones & Billings store in Woodstock from 1854 until it was destroyed by fire in 1860. He opened a new store in the Woodstock's Phoenix Block and operated it until 1894. His son Franklin S. Billings was governor of Vermont from 1925-1927.

Frederick H. Billings was a lawyer and financier who first became successful in California at the time of the gold rush. Billings was a millionaire by age thirty through legal fees, business investments, and real estate. In 1869, Billings bought the former home of Charles Marsh in Woodstock and implemented new methods of farming and conservation. He was a major investor in the Northern Pacific Railway and served on the board when the railroad completed its line from Minnesota to Seattle, WA in 1883. Billings was involved in many civic and charitable activities until suffering a stroke in 1889. He died the following year.

James Knox Polk Chamberlin was a student of Hosea Doton and later married his daughter, Abba. He was an attorney with an office in the Phoenix Block in Woodstock.

Captain Seth Conant was a neighbor of Hosea Doton on Cloudland Road in Pomfret.

Henry Swan Dana was born in Woodstock in 1828. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1849 and became a teacher. He published an account of Woodstock's first meeting house in the *Vermont Standard* and was encouraged to write a history of the town by his schoolmate Frederick Billings. Dana's *History of Woodstock, Vermont* was published in 1888 with funding from Mr. Billings.

Abigail Everts Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in 1817 and died in 1900.

Electa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret in 1813 and died in 1898.

Joanna Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, VT in 1823 and died there in 1908.

Sorell, Franklin, and Orlando Doten were sons of Isaac and Rosilla Doten of Barnard.

Abba Doton was the daughter of Hosea Doton and his first wife, Lois Paddock Doton. She married James Knox Polk Chamberlin. Abba was a teacher who became librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret.

Julia Elvira Doton was the third wife of Hosea Doton. She was born in Hartland, VT in 1840 and died in Woodstock in 1910.

Spenser Doten was Hosea Doton's brother. He was born in Pomfret in 1811 and died there in 1891. Spenser spelled his name Doten as did Hosea Doton's sisters.

Horace F. Dunham was the brother of Simeon C. Dunham and the husband of Elvira Doton's sister Caroline. He was a surveyor who worked with Hosea Doton on the Woodstock Railroad.

Simeon C. Dunham was the brother of Horace F. Dunham. He was a businessman and community leader in Woodstock.

Amelia Gookin lived with Hosea Doton and his wife Elvira during the 1872 school year and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1874.

William Henry Harrison, known as "Old Tip" became President of the United States on March 4, 1841. He died thirty-one days after his inauguration.

Zerviah Harvey was the wife of Nathan Harvey and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois.

Frank Hatch was president of the Windsor County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Felicia Hemans was an English poet who is mentioned frequently in the diaries.

Delia Hewitt was the daughter of William R. Hewitt. She was a longtime teacher in Woodstock.

Elisha Hewitt was born in Pomfret, VT in 1805. He passed his early life on a farm and went to Plymouth, MA to read theology in 1827. He was ordained in the Universalist Church in Plymouth, and preached in Hanson, MA until 1870 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1872, he accepted a call to Woodstock where he preached for seven years before retiring in Massachusetts. He preached frequently in Vermont before his death in 1897.

F.D. Maurice was an English theologian, professor, and proponent of Christian socialism. He wrote nearly forty books with a focus on the poor and working classes. He died in April, 1872 and Hosea Doton refers to him on May 24, 1872.

John Paddock was the father of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. He was born in Woodstock in 1774 and died there in 1859.

John Paddock Jr. was the brother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. He was a peddler who sold goods from a wagon. Hosea made coffins for two of his children who died in 1842.

Lucy Vaughan Paddock was the mother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock Doton. Hosea refers to her as Mother Paddock.

Henry Page was the husband of Hosea Doton's sister, Sarah.

Alva C. Perkins was the husband of Patience Paddock Perkins, sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. He was the brother of Nelson Perkins and father of Robert A. Perkins.

Patience Paddock Perkins was the wife of Alva C. Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. Her son Robert A. Perkins founded the Woodstock Post in 1872.

Lucy Paddock Perkins was the wife of Nelson Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock Doton.

Nelson Perkins was the husband of Lucy Paddock, sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. He was the brother of Alva C. Perkins.

Robert A. Perkins founded the Otta-Quechee Post in 1871 and served as editor and publisher. The name was changed to the Woodstock Post in 1872 and it was published until 1875.

Lewis Pratt Jr. owned a bookstore in Woodstock where Hosea Doton had an office for surveying and engineering. He founded the Vermont Temperance Standard in 1853 and managed it until 1854. The name was changed to the Vermont Standard in 1857.

O.L. Richmond was a dealer in beef, pork, lard, mutton, poultry, tripe, sausages, candles and all kinds of provisions usually kept in a country market. Old Stand, Central Street, Woodstock.

Samuel Thomson was a proponent of herbal medical practices in the early 1800s.

Joseph Vose was the brother of Hosea Doton's mother, Elizabeth Doton.

Otis Winn was the father of Spenser Doton's wife Charlotte. He lived in Windsor, VT and sometimes worked for Spenser and Hosea Doton.

Glossary

Azimuth – one of two coordinates, in addition to altitude, used by an observer to chart the position of a celestial object in relation to a fixed position, which is usually true north. Hosea Doton calculated the azimuth of the North Star, which varies from 002° to 358° during the year.

Book slates – Two pieces of slate that can be written on and erased, hinged with a cloth binding.

Chaise – A carriage for one or two people, sometimes with a folding top.

Cock – A stack of hay.

Cutter – a light sleigh with a single seat and usually pulled by a single horse.

Equation of time - The equation of time describes the discrepancy between apparent solar time and mean solar time. The equation of time values for each day of the year were often reported in almanacs.

Grapery – An area or building where grapes are grown.

Mensuration – The use of geometry to measure areas or volumes.

Parhelion - an atmospheric optical phenomenon that consists of a bright spot to one or both sides of the Sun.

Parley's Magazine – A publication for children and youth issued from 1833 to 1844.

Salerates – Bicarbonate of soda used to help bread and cakes rise.

Sector – A tool used for measurements and calculations. Sometimes called a *proportional compass*.

Shoat – A young pig, especially one that is newly weaned.

Sled rave – Runner for a logging sled.

Southing of the moon – When the moon appears to the south of an observer.

Swill – Liquid food for animals.

Taking the time – In the 1800s, towns would set clocks at noon when the sun reached its highest point in the sky.

Thill – Either of the pair of shafts from the front of a carriage or sleigh between which a draft animal is harnessed.

Transit – A telescope with a level used by surveyors to lay out roads and building foundations.

Vendue – A public sale or auction.

White lead – A mineral that was mixed with water for use as paint.

Winnow – To remove chaff from a grain or other crop.