



# Hosea Doton's Daily Journal for 1869

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## Preface

Hosea Doton was born in 1809 on his family's homestead on Cloudland Road in Pomfret, VT. His father, John Edward Doten, was a farmer and surveyor who lived in the farm now known as Sleepy Hollow. Hosea attended Pomfret School No. 2, which still stands on Cloudland Road, and continued to study mathematics and science after leaving school. Hosea began teaching in Pomfret schools in 1830.

Hosea married Lois Paddock in 1834 and they had a daughter named Abba on August 1, 1840. Hosea called her Abbie throughout this diary. In early diaries, Hosea refers to Lois as "wife," and noted that she often visited her sisters Mrs. A.C. Perkins and Mrs. Nelson Perkins. Hosea also recorded frequent visits to his home by the Paddock family. There were also visits from his parents, his brother Spenser, and his five sisters. Lois Paddock Doton died on February 2, 1857.

On May 28, 1858, Hosea married Harriet Ware who was a former student and daughter of his neighbor Leonard Ware. Harriet was gifted in math and became an assistant to Hosea in the classroom. She was one of few people who could help Hosea with the calculations he did every year for the Vermont Almanac. Hosea was devastated when his "dear Harriet" died of fever on November 18, 1858. They were married less than six months.

In 1869, Hosea was married to his third wife, Elvira Julia Wood, who he referred to as Mrs. D. in his diaries. Hosea and Elvira Doton shared a home at 7 College Hill Road in Woodstock with Hosea's daughter Abbie and her husband Polk Chamberlin. The home was rented from S.E. Munger who owned a clothing store in Woodstock.

Hosea was employed by the Woodstock Railroad Company for a salary of about \$125.00 per month and spent many days inspecting and supervising the work of contractors. He worked under the direction of General Peter T. Washburn who was president of the railroad. In May, work began on the foundation of the bridge across Quechee Gorge. At year's end, Hosea wrote an annual report for stockholders.

Throughout his life, Hosea helped maintain the Doton family farm in Pomfret where he was raised and where his sisters Electa and Joanna lived in 1869. Mortimer Spear, a friend of the family, did most of the work on the farm. In January, Hosea paid property taxes on the farm. On February 5, he paid a balance of \$55.00 for a mowing machine for the farm and, on July 8, he engaged Mr. Hathaway to help Mortimer with haying.

Hosea also used his salary from the railroad to help his family and friends. In January, he received a payment of one hundred dollars from Norman Perkins that was part of a sum Norman borrowed when he graduated from Yale and moved to Chicago. Hosea also loaned his brother Spencer seventy dollars and paid his cousin Leland Doton to cut and stack wood.

In 1869, Hosea continued to have chronic headaches as noted in eighteen entries during the year. On December 15, he wrote, "Had Dr. McCollum extract a troublesome tooth, and am glad to get rid of it."

This is one of twenty-two volumes of diaries by Hosea Doton housed by the Pomfret Historical Society in a small brick building next to the Town Hall. The building was erected in 1904 by some of Hosea Doton's former students, dedicated in his memory, and used to store Pomfret's original charter from 1761.

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 have been preserved. A glossary and brief notes on people mentioned in Hosea Doton's diaries appear at the end of this transcript.



## 1869

It is under very favorable and pleasant circumstances that I begin the year 1869. In all my business relations I am well situated, and with health that permits me to do what duty calls me to do, and in all my domestic relations am as pleasantly situated as I can wish to be in this world. What is usually termed the cares and perplexities of life are but pleasure to me and I hope I am not insensible of my obligation to Him to whom I am indebted for all the blessings with which I am surrounded. My cash account brought forward is 20.05.

Friday, January 1,

The morning is not extremely cold. In the forepart of the day I had a severe headache, but was much better in the afternoon. In the forenoon I wrote on the engineer's report and finished it. It covered fourteen cap pages and Gen. Washburn will have probably as much more and that will make a pamphlet of nearly sixteen pages. At noon Gen. Washburn sent for me to go down to the office to meet Mr. Wood of Concord on the subject of a bridge over the Ottaquechee river below Dewey's factory. A very severe snow storm this afternoon. Paid Mr. Greene for Wm. Page's paper 1.70. Paid Chapman for cough candy .10. Lent to Horace Dunham to make change .10.

Saturday, January 2

Rested very well last night and am feeling much better today. I went to the post office in the forenoon and found one New York paper which came by way of Rutland, probably as there seems to have been some delay in the regular New York mails. Was at the office but a short time this forenoon. Lizzie Bridge & Eben visited here this afternoon. There was about six inches of snow this morning but it was a very light snow. Paid Richmond for the balance on wood 6.00. Paid Russell for a little mug for mother .30. Mr. Richmond drew a load of wood and I put it in the woodhouse. Paid quarterly postage and box rent .49.

Sunday, January 3

I went to the post office but did not get any mail matter. The New York mail for Friday has not yet come. I staid in my room nearly through the day. Mrs. D. and Abbie went to church in the afternoon.

Monday, January 4

Today I have been in the office more of the time than usual, have fitted out the payroll and have got my pay amounting to 103.00. Paid my sixth assessment to the railroad 60.00. Dr. Russ called at the office and thinks of taking town bonds of Woodstock. Gen Washburn is fixing out a long report, and intends to make a full development of the business affairs of the Railroad Co. I must send to Chicago for about one hundred dollars I think.

Tuesday, January 5

Mailed a letter to the Claremont Mfg. Co. and paid for stamps nine cents. Appearance of rain early in the morning and about eight o'clock it began to rain. Simeon, Horace and myself started for Quechee to measure the space for the bridge at Dewey's factory. It continued to rain till about one o'clock. I went to the east side of the chasm, Horace went down the stream and Simeon on the west bank. After a few trials we succeeded in getting a line across, and then we drew a wire across and made our measure on that. I think our span is perfect for there was not the least difficulty in getting a tight wire. The sleighing is now very bad for the rain has made it very soft. Did not get home till evening.

Debits - .09

Wednesday, January 6

The wind blew very severely through the night, and this morning the weather is some cooler though not very cold. Went to the office and measured the wire that we used yesterday at the gulf. Prepared a slight sketch of the surface of the rock at the gulf and took it to the railroad meeting at Gen. Washburn's office. Staid at the meeting a part of the time. Got postage stamps for the company and paid one dollar. - Received of E.M. Fletcher 25 cents for my trouble am making deed, etc. Paid Billings for kerosene and

twist 25 cts. Mr. Chamberlin came here at noon and attended the director's meeting in the afternoon. Am at home this evening and am some tired for it exhausts ones nerves to attend a railroad meeting.

Credits - .25  
Debits – 1.00, .25

Thursday, January 7

A tolerably clear morning. Mr. Sims took Gen Washburn and Mr. Randall to see his work on the road, and the day being pleasant the work must make a good impression. It now appears as though the December estimate would prove to be larger than the November, and I hope it will so prove. Took the time this morning and found my watch 1½ minutes too fast. – Paid Pratt for 12 registers and a diary three dollars. – Also paid Dr. McCollum one dollar for medicine. Received the ten cents that I lent to Horace Dunham a few days ago. – Mrs. C.P. Marsh called, and also Mrs. Jaquith. Corrected the proof on a part of the report, and made some additions to it. Joanna & Mortimer called in the evening.

Credits - .10  
Debits – 3.00, 1.00

Friday, January 8

Started early from home to go to the work at White River, but Mr. Greene wished me to examine proof of the report that he is now printing, and I spent a great part of the day at that work. The day was very pleasant, yes a most beautiful day; the air clear and balmy as June. Bought a Russia calf wallet of Knapp and paid him two dollars & forty cents. Paid Mr. Bailey one dollar for fixing my spectacles. He put in some lenses, the Lancashire, into my old spectacles and did it very well. In the evening we had a call from Mrs. Latimer and her daughter and Mrs. Marcy (Maryanne Latimer).

Debits – 2.40, 1.00

Saturday January 9

Simeon and I rode to the Junction, taking Mr. Phillips as I went. Found some very bad masonry and we had to tell them to take it down and build it over. Though generally the work has been done very well it sometimes needs rebuilding. Met Mr. Dewey with a new bridge plan and a report on the bridge at St. Louis and hoped to get back in time to see him more and to study the great bridge. The day was warm with southerly wind and the road became rather bad. We did not get back to Woodstock till nearly five o'clock when I was fully tired out and I went directly to the house. Paid one cent for crayons. It rained some in the evening but did not continue to rain long.

Debits - .01

Sunday, January 10

Was quite tired out from my ride to White River yesterday, and tried through the forenoon to get rested, and have been sleeping in my scholars chair. The day is pleasant but I do not feel able to go to church and hardly to remain at home.

Monday, January 11

Today there is much appearance of storm. I went to the office in the morning and I wrote to Ralph Jones and Co. that a piece of masonry on Mr. Pierce's land could not be accepted. Soon after noon I went with Horace Dunham to measure the rock that has been quarried at the Knox ledge for the pier. Got Andrew Dyke to go with us and paid him one dollar for the R.R. Company. Received of Polk nine cents for postage stamps. Mr. Phillips came home with me to stay through the night. A snowy evening.

Credits - .09  
Debits – 1.00

Tuesday, January 12

The snow is eleven inches deep this morning and about one inch more fell this forenoon. Mr. Phillips staid with us through the night and left by stage this morning. Polk let me have fifteen dollars to pay toward the house rent, and I paid Mr. Munger thirty-six dollars and seventy-nine cents, which pays the rent to January 1, 1869. Paid Billings for shovel one dollar, and I paid Mr. Darby towards breaking roads fifty cents. Polk paid me one half of it or twenty-five cents. Made out the estimates for Mr. Sims and gave them to him this afternoon. This snow is one of the most dense that we have had for a long time, and the walking is very bad.

Credits – 15.00, .25

Debits – 36.75, 1.00, .50

Wednesday, January 13

This has been one of the finest of winter days. I went to the office in the forenoon, but did not remain there long. Took the time and found Mr. Russell's clock very nearly right. In the afternoon the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Railroad corporation was held, and the old board of directors were chosen except Frederick Billings in place of Dr. Thomas E. Powers. – Paid Lewis Pratt for Register and pens thirty seven cents. – In the evening Polk and Abbie went to C.B. Marsh's for tea but my wife and myself remained at home for I was too nearly jaded out to go. They had a good time, and so did we at home. It is pleasant to be at home. Received of bank for coupons twelve dollars.

Credits – 12.00

Debits - .37

Thursday, January 14

Was quite unwell this morning and did not go to the office nor to the Post office till nearly noon. Staid at home till nearly night when Mortimer called for us and we went to Pomfret. Mortimer called at noon and I cut his hair. Have done but little for the R.R. Company today. The festival of the Universalist Society comes off this evening and much time has been spent in the preparation for it. The order of exercises are not very much to the credit of the Universalist Society. I have always hoped that our society might keep clear of such vanity. Paid Pratt for Nautical Almanac two dollars & fifty cents. Paid Mrs. Mack for dress fitting seventy cents. Joanna & Mortimer went to the festival. Paid Abbie ½ dollar to pay Wellington for goods.

Debits – 2.50, .70, .50

Friday January 15

Awoke this morning with a very hard headache and it did not leave me at all through the day. I remained at home till night when Mortimer brought us to Woodstock. The weather has been very mild but cloudy through the day with southwesterly wind. – This evening I received a letter from Norman Perkins and a check for one hundred dollars. This will help me very much about my small debts near home. The festival last night was very fully attended, but I do not find out as there was anything very interesting in the performance, and it is to be lamented that such light performances should be the most attractive. There is to be another performance this evening.

Saturday, January 16

I went to the post office this morning but not to the railroad office for was too unwell to think of work. Came back and staid by my table till night when I went again to the post office. Today I have written a long letter to Rev. Pliny H. White of Coventry on the subject of the mountains in our state, for in his revision of Hull's Geography and History of Vermont, there is still a confusion of the identity of the mountains about Killington Peak. I do not expect that he will give these heights in full as I have got them, for book makers are very much afraid of changing old notions. Paid Billings for tea \$1.40. – Salt & kerosene 0.30. Paid post office to cents. Chapman for salts .03.

Debits – 1.70, .02, .03

Sunday, January 17

Did not go to church, but tried to rest me through the day. Had the last No. of the North American to read besides the last Univ. Quarterly and the Independent. So I spent the day quite pleasantly in our room at home.

Monday, January 18

Today I staid in my room the greater part of the day studying the nature and character of the great St. Louis bridge now in process of erection. Mr. James B. Eads is the engineer. It is to be one of the greatest works of the kind in America and perhaps the greatest. A steel bridge of 515 feet span some greater than our span at the chasm at Dewey's factory. Paid nine cents for three small bottles .09 cts. Paid for North American \$1.50. Mr. & Mrs. Powers called here this evening.

Debits - .09, 1.50

Tuesday, January 19

Went to the office and sent a letter to Mr. Phillips by Simeon Dunham, then came to my room and worked there nearly through the day. Have sent off Railroad Reports to nearly all that I think would be interested in them. Paid for two cent stamps etc. 25 cents. Cashed the check from Norman and paid Dr. Russ \$73.30 but I should have paid him \$73.95.- Paid A.L. Chamberlin in making change thirty cents. – Paid Chapman for small bottle three cents. Spent the greater part of the afternoon at the office and at Washburn & Marsh's office. Mr. Marsh is at Sherburne today and Gen. Washburn is at St. Albans. Mrs. Brewster called this afternoon. Paid Billings for brown sugar 90 cents.

Credits – 100.00

Debits - .25, 73.30, .30, .90

Wednesday, January 20

Paid for Carter's red ink thirty cents and for Silliman's Journal ninety five cents which is five cents too much for the Journal is 90 cents per as I paid Mr. Haskell. Went to the Post Office and saw Ex-Gov Smyth of New Hampshire. He delivered an agricultural lecture at the town hall last evening. Came back to the house and worked on the estimates to get them copied into a book. Wallace McKenzie visited at Abbie's room. The weather has been a little snowy all day but is snowing more this evening. Horace Dunham and family visited here this evening. The weather was warmer in the early part of the evening, but before nine o'clock the wind began to blow from the northwest, and it was much cooler.

Debits - .30, .95

Thursday, January 21

Got a letter from the Department of Agriculture and I cannot get the Report of the Department for 1865. I must write to Mr. Morrill on the subject. I have their entire except that volume. Did not stay at the office but a few moments, and then I went to the house to read up the bridge question a little more. The St. Louis bridge is a great work, and the report of the Engineer Mr. James B. Eads, is a treatise on bridges and is a valuable work. Paid all my taxes due to the town of Pomfret Town Tax \$14.37. – State tax \$6.58 minus 4 percent making \$6.32. – Highway tax 0.82 - and the county tax 0.33. – in all \$21.84

Debits – 21.84

Friday, January 22

Arnold's and Carter's ink combined and it flows most admirably and I wish to test its color. Took the time and found my watch two minutes too slow. Got some Nos of the Evening Post of Mr. Greene and they are to be returned. Mr. Phillips came from Quechee and I had a consultation about the land and line on Porter's land. Polk and Abbie went to Pomfret this afternoon and are to return Sunday. Polk is to start next Monday for Alabama where he expects to meet his uncle. Paid Paul eleven cents for lemons and Richmond thirty five cents for meat. We are alone this evening and it seems quite cozy.

Debits - .11, .35



Saturday, January 23

A very cold morning, thermometer at the coldest during the night was minus 26½. Mine at 7 in the morning stood at minus 18. Came directly back in the morning to work on the copying of the estimates. Bought a load of wood of William Hutchinson and paid him nine dollars for it, and paid Leland Doten fifty cents for buying it for me. – In the afternoon I attended a meeting of the Directors. They decided to build an abutment, or rather a pier, and this shuts out all the arch bridges. I hoped that they would decide upon an iron ribbed arch, or one of wood if the iron could not be reached. Paid Billings for kerosene thirty seven cents.

Debits – 9.00, .50, .37

Sunday, January 24

We have staid here through the day alone, Polk and Abbie are at Pomfret and have not yet (8 o'clock p.m.) returned. Henry Smith and his wife called here this evening to see Polk.

Monday, January 25

Cloudy in the morning but remarkably clear in the afternoon and evening. Polk and Abbie came from Pomfret this morning and have been making arrangements for P. to start this evening for Huntsville to meet his uncle Jabez Crooker. Paid Billings for calico 55 cents. Paid Fletcher and Slack for groceries thirty six cents. Polk started about ten o'clock taking the stage at the door, and will have a cool ride tonight for the weather is clear and cold. A very bright moon light. Paid Hewitt for milk tickets 35 cents.

Debits – .55, .36, .35

Tuesday, January 26

A cold morning thermometer about 18 degrees below zero. Got a letter from Polk's uncle Jabez Crooker mailed at Huntsville, Alabama and we mailed it in return to Polk at Huntsville. Spent the greater part of the forenoon at the office on the bridge question. Paid Billings \$3.70 for bag of flour and also paid Thompson \$1.25 for stove pipe. Moved the stove into the middle of the room and found that it was very much more convenient. – Gen. Washburn and Mr. Clark called to see about the timber for the trestle work for Mr. Pease will get all they want. We feel some alone and are trying to feel a little settled down. Abbie will board with us now for a time.

Debits – 3.70, 1.25

Wednesday, January 27

Cousin Leland Doten came here to work up our wood pile. The morning is cool but the day has been very pleasant and beautiful. I went to the office in the morning and found enough to do and did not return till noon. Got a large bundle of papers of Mr. Greene to examine. They were the December Nos. of the Evening Post. I find many valuable things in that paper and wish I could take it constantly. Paid for meat 70 cents.

Debits - .70

Thursday, January 28

Received a line from Polk this morning mailed at Jersey City, so we have heard from him beyond New York. Leland Doten came to finish his work on the wood. Went to the office and remained there till noon. Russell's forks have come and I have ordered them marked. Mrs. D. paid him 23 dollars for them, but not till I had received from the railroad company 25 dollars. Leland finished his wood sawing and splitting at night and I paid him two dollars. The weather has not been very cold. Clarke & Pratt went to the Junction to see Mr. Pease about some lumber. Paid Richmond 15 cents for eggs, and paid Mrs. Perkins thirty cents for eggs. Lent Abbie ten cents.

Credits – 25.00

Debits – 23.00, 2.00, .15, .30, .10

Friday, January 29

In the morning Simeon and I went to Quechee to see Mr. Phillips and the work in that section. Went to the Shallies Hill and took some notes of the work. Also went to the plain and examined the road bed and the bridge seat on Mrs. Carlisle's land. Saw Mr. Middleton and George Warren at Shallies Hill. I took dinner at Seth Wood's with Mr. Phillips. Yesterday I paid Dr. Russ 65 cents as a balance of interest due him.

Debits - .65

Saturday, January 30

Rainy with some hail this morning. Went to the office and to Gen. Washburn's office to counsel him about the small bridges. Found that we could save about half the timber by making plain track string bridges without any trusses. Computed the amount of lumber for these small bridges, and also planned for the curve on Porter's land. Got two bound Registers of Mr. Pratt and presented one to Mr. Sims and shall give the other to Mr. Streeter. Paid Fletcher and Slack twenty cents for oysters.

Debits - .20

Sunday, January 31

Read nearly all day. In the afternoon Mrs. D. and Abbie went to the brick church. The funeral of Mrs. Washburn was held at the Barney Raymond house at about three o'clock this afternoon. Slight snow storm nearly through the day.

Monday February 1

Worked at the office a part of the day. Simeon went to assist Mr. Phillips in making some measurements for the Jan. estimate. The weather is quite cold, the thermometer gets to about ten degrees below zero in the morning. Had intended to go to Pomfret today but the horse is in use, so I must wait till some other time. Carlie and Mary Hunt came to recite lessons. Mary Hunt wishes to pursue her study of geometry.

Tuesday, February 2

This is a cold morning and though the air is clear it is cold. – Fitted out the pay roll and got the remained of my pay for the month, that is seventy five dollars and two dollars as expenses. Have paid nothing out today. In the afternoon I rode to Pomfret with Charles Vaughan, and staid there till nearly night when Mortimer brough me to Woodstock. Brought down some potatoes a little more than a bushel and some apples for pies. The reading club will meet at the old place this evening. Mrs. Page is there but will go to Ludlow this week or next. Had not seen her in a very long time.

Credits – 77.00

Wednesday, February 3

It began to snow early in the morning and continued to do so through the day. At night it had fallen about 8 inches deep. – Paid George Fisher thirteen dollars and fifty five cents, which is in full for what I owed him. – Paid Geo. Paul thirty five cents, and Richmond for meat seventy five cents. Sent three dollars and thirty five cents to Washington for Gugot's tables. Received of Alonzo Chamberlin three dollars for services and expenses in the Gay suite. The snow continues to fall very fast. The weather is quite warm and comfortable, and there is some stirring in the streets notwithstanding the snow storm. Paid Post office ten cents for money order.

Credits – 3.00

Debits – 13.55, .35, .75, 3.35, .10

Thursday, February 4

The morning brought some depth of snow to be removed before we could stir much. Mr. Jason Hewitt called and I paid him one dollar for milk tickets. Those will last us about one month. Worked till about ten o'clock shoveling snow about the house. Went to the office and to the Post Office. Abbie received a letter from New Haven, from her cousin Cornelia. Got a lamp burner of Mr. Thompson; paid hm thirty five cents.

Wrote a long letter to Robert, but have very carelessly neglected to mail it today. Called at the Post Office this evening. Mrs. D. received a letter from her sister Abbie.

Debits – 1.00, .35

Friday, February 5

The weather is some colder this morning. I went to the office and the New York mail had not come, and no mail from Rutland or Ludlow. Worked in the office through the forenoon. Paid Chapman fifty cents for a half pint of whiskey. There is no disgrace in buying that for a good purpose. Also paid Jasper Hazen fifty five dollars as the balance for a mowing machine. Worked in the office again in the afternoon on the bill of timber for the short bridges. – Got the estimate for the middle and eastern divisions, and must finish it up tomorrow.

Debits - .50, 55.00

Saturday, February 6

Cold, but clear and beautiful this morning. Went to the office and found our paper, the Springfield Republican, but the independent does not yet come. Made out the estimate for January and found it to be a very small estimate. Worked in the office through the day. Received a letter from Mr. Fletcher the bridge builder on the Passumpsic road. Paid thirty six cents for oysters and crackers, but I received of Abbie one dollar. Carlie Dunham and Mary Hunt came to their recitations tonight, being the first since the great snow storm.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .35

Sunday, February 7

One of the most beautiful days of the season, and while I write there is not a cloud to be seen. And so it continued through the day. Read nearly all day.

Monday, February 8

Clear in the morning and cold. Thermometer at seven in the morning read minus 20 degrees. Did not go to the office very early but found enough to do when I got there. Mr. Chamberlin called and he attended a meeting of railroad men. Mr. Dewey presented a plan from Mr. Wood the bridge builder on the Northern road. A Mr. Merrill called agent for the solid Iron Bridge Company, and I left him with Gen. Washburn. Received a letter from Ransom Greene, and Abbie received one from Polk at New Orleans. Bought some spectacles of Mr. Randall and paid two dollars. Mr. Phillips called on us this afternoon.

Debits – 2.00

Tuesday, February 9

What a beautiful day! The weather has grown warmer since yesterday very much. Today I presented my account against the town to the select men and got an order on the treasurer and got the money, \$6.50. In the afternoon I got Simeon's horse and we went to Mr. Brewster's for a call. Paid Mrs. B. for feathers four dollars. The afternoon was extremely pleasant. Saw Mr. Goodwin at Mr. Brewster's and he appears to be a very pleasant man and he has some taste for the sciences. The snow is some deep but does not prevent traveling with ease. Paid 30 cents for envelopes.

Credits – 6.50

Debits – 4.00, .30

Wednesday, February 10

In the morning I went to the office and got Simeon and Horace to go and get an estimate of the stone drawn by Mr. Farquahr to the bridge site and also the amount quarried during the last month. In the afternoon I made out the estimates for the month of January. Paid Russell, Clarke & Randall 20 cents for spectacles case. Found about as much water in the roads as we like to meet in the winter. Matilda and

Electa visited here and neither of them had been here before. Mortimer came for them in the evening. They must have had a pleasant ride home. Worked in the evening copying estimates. Do not yet hear from the money sent to Washington one week ago.

Debits - .20

Thursday, February 11

Found one inch of snow this morning that came last night. Did not find any thing from Washington but have no fears that the money is lost. – This morning I gave the January estimate to Mr. Sims and to Gen. Washburn. Staid a short time at the office and then went to the house. Staid at the office only a short time in the afternoon, but did writing at the house. Wrote a short note to Mr. Streeter, but ought to have called to see him. Sent a Register and a railroad report to him. Saw Mr. Churchill about wood for Mr. Holmes who is nearly out. – In the evening we called at Edward's and made a very pleasant little visit.

Friday, February 12

Found nothing at the Post office but the Independent. No books or letters from Washington, but I shall hear from them soon. Mr. Churchill sent a load of wood by Mr. Delano and I have worked this evening to get it into the wood house. I have paid ten cents for a spool of thread. Worked at the office a part of the afternoon, but came to the house early to hear lessons. Mrs. D. called at Horace Dunham's this afternoon. Worked quite late on the wood. Abbie is getting ready to go to Mr. Perkins' tomorrow or Sunday.

Debits - .10

Saturday, February 13

My books came from Washington this morning. Attended to the inspection of the estimates to be sure that all is right. Did but little in the afternoon but at about three o'clock I got Simeon's horse and went to Pomfret. The afternoon seems quite warm and there is much appearance of a thaw. Found Mrs. Page at the house and Spencer's folks came in the evening and we were all together except Mrs. Leach (Louisa). Some rainy in the evening but there may not be much of a thaw. Paid Billings one dollar and 57 cents for sugar. The weather has been remarkably mild for the last few days, but I do not fear the loss of our Vermont winter.

Debits – 1.57

Sunday, February 14

A snowy day. About noon I carried Abbie to Mr. Perkins' and in the afternoon we returned to Woodstock. Found everything safe at home. Mrs. Page is to go to Ludlow this week.

Monday, February 15

Went to the office in the morning but soon returned to the house. Mr. Dewey came soon after to see about the bridge abutment and some other work. A snowy day. Got of F.N. Billings a pound of tea and paid him \$1.40. also a bottle of kerosene for 37 cents. And ¼ pound of ginger for 12 cents. I also paid for postage stamps thirty cents. In the evening we went to hear Mr. Powers temperance lecture at the town hall.

Debits – 1.40, .37, .12, .30

Tuesday, February 16

Found no letters this morning. Staid in the office till past noon. Mr. Dewey came to the office and remained till I came to dinner. Cousin Leland Doten began to saw up my wood. The day has been cloudy but not stormy. The wind has come around into the west and the weather begins to be cooler. I hope it will freeze some before tomorrow for it is a bad time to keep some kinds of provisions. The weather has been warm for a few days, and the whole month so far has been mild compared with December.

Wednesday, February 17

This has been a very fine day, warm and pleasant. Went to the Junction with Mr. Clarke and had a pleasant but tiresome ride. Went to the cut on Morse's and examined the borrow pits that Mr. Phillips had laid before he went home. – Mrs. D. begins the almanac for 1870 today and will go on with it quite rapidly. She begins with the Sun's Declination and then with the Equation of time.

Thursday, February 18

A snowy day but it does not gain very much on the ground. Only about two inches during the day. Cousin Leland does not work here today on account of the storm. Self worked a part of the day on almanac, copying the work that is already done. Paid Pratt eleven cents for pens & pencils. Mrs. D. finished the Sun's declination and I have copied it into the calendar pages so the Almanac is fully begun both for Vermont and New Hampshire. I am writing with Gillott's 303 pen but it is too sharp for common use.

Debits - .11

Friday, February 19

It began to snow about 9 o'clock and continued to snow by spells through the day. Got a plotting board for the company that cost 90 cents but I did not pay for it. Cousin Leland worked on the wood till the storm was too severe. I worked at the house the greater part of the day. Carlie and Mary Hunt came to their recitations in the evening. Paid H.L. Marsh for pens one dollar and fifty nine cents. Mortimer is to work for us another season. I sent Mr. Marsh's bill by him as the acct. was not mine.

Debits - 1.59

Saturday, February 20

The morning is cold, the thermometer about 4 degrees below zero and though not extremely cold it seems quite chilly on account of the past warm weather. Leland is at work on the wood again. I have worked all day on a bridge plan trying to copy it for our own use. The ink I am using is not deep enough for tracing cloth and I shall not make very good work of it. It is very hard work for the brain and one can not work at it long at a time.

Sunday, February 21

The morning was pleasant but it became cloudy before noon. We staid at home. Spencer & Cynthia called and staid till the afternoon meeting when they went to the chapel.

Monday, February 22

Found 1 inch of snow this morning and the weather quite warm. Mr. Sims called for me this morning to know about borrow pits on Braley's and also about the sand cut on Mr. Dewey's. Came back and worked on the bridge plan. We are here alone now for Abbie is with her aunt Patience. Had a very pleasant chat with Swan Dana on the History of the village and other subjects. Paid Leland Doton five dollars towards his work on the wood.

Debits – 5.00

Tuesday, February 23

After going to the office in the morning I went to work on my drawing and hope to have time to finish it before the plan will be called for. Mr. Dewey has encouraged us to take the necessary field notes to enable us to make a profile of the gulf so that he can get a bill of the timbers for the trestle work to a false bridge. Some of my help does not suit me and I wish I could change it. Walked to the office at night. Paid Mr. Fisher ten cents and one cent at the post office.

Debits - .10, .01

Wednesday, February 24

Again I am at work on my drawing and wish I could finish it today. Received a letter from Mr. Dewey urging me to forward the bridge plan to Mr. Woods of Concord. Well, I have my plan so nearly done that I can finish it easily so as to send the Woods plan tomorrow or next day.

Thursday, February 25

Went to the office early in the morning but found no letters. I came back and went to work on my bridge plan again. Worked very diligently through the forenoon, but was too tired to finish it. But got it so nearly done that I could finish it at some future time. The day has been very clear and pleasant but cold. At night I readied Mr. Woods plans up for sending to him by express tomorrow. I hoped Mr. Dewey would call today but I have not seen him. Mr. McKenzie is now located in his new home, the Dr. Powers place, and I am glad to have him come into the place.

Friday, February 26

Sent Mr. Woods plan to him this morning. Have a very severe headache and cannot write or read easily. Abbie came down this morning with Henry Vaughan. A snowy day and quite warm for winter. Paid for stamps sixty cents and twenty six cents for lemons, etc. Dana for knitting needles ten cents. Did but very little today, only keeping thoughts on the work on the road. Abbie is some unwell this evening with a severe cold taken while away from home. My scholars will hardly come to their recitation this evening in this fearful snow-storm.

Debits - .86, .10

Saturday, February 27

Brooks ink. – I do not know as I have written with it before in this book, but I wish to test it with other winks. – I have my thoughts today on an editorial for the Standard of next week, and of course am not doing much on the railroad. Found nine inches of snow this morning, which makes 106 inches, which is eight feet and ten inches. There has been but little thawing weather this winter and the door yards are literally filled with snow. Norman Perkins came in the night stage and arrived here a little past eight o'clock and went with me to our house. Paid 36 cents at Churchill's grocery for oysters, etc. and twelve cents at Jones for knitting needles.

Debits - .36, .12

Sunday, February 28

Have remained at home to visit with Norman. The day has been almost perfectly clear and it has passed very pleasantly.

Monday, March 1

A very cold morning. Norman got a horse and sleigh and went to Pomfret. Self made out the pay roll for February and got my pay on it of the treasurer, one hundred dollars. Paid for beef 85 cents and also paid Richmond for soap fifty cents. Paid ten cents for knitting needles.

Credits – 100.00

Debits - .85, .50, .10

Tuesday, March 2

A dull day. Had some headache but have worked a little. Got Mr. Bailey to fix my glasses. He has set two sets of glasses for me and they have done remarkably well. Paid Jones for pins twelve cents. Paid Bailey for setting glasses one dollar. I have usually used the Lazarus & Morris glasses but they cost more than other lenses and I have tried the Lancashire lenses and must say they do very well.

Debits - .12, 1.00

Wednesday, March 3

This is a pleasant day. In the forenoon Norman and Albro Perkins came down and Norman came to the office. Kimball came from Otis Adams' – has got through with John Adams at Tunbridge. Paid Randall for bitters fifty cents. I have paid Pratt 45 cents for states to give away to children. Paid fifty cents for tickets for current. Paid Pratt for envelopes to use in the office, eighteen cents and they are soon gone for our office uses them very fast.

Debits - .50, .45, .50, .18

Thursday, March 4

The day is much warmer. Went to the office quite early to see and correct the proof of an editorial article on the Oceanic Telegraph. Mr. Dewey called at the office in the afternoon. – Paid Billings 20 cents for thread and 15 cents for soap. Also paid Dana 50 cents for thread for Abbie. Paid one dollar for stamps. The afternoon was quite stormy, but not enough of snow fell to measure on the ground. – Received a line from Mr. Clarke informing me of his intentions to leave our road at the close of the month, and I must give him an answer soon.

Debits - .20, .15, .50

Friday, March 5

Took the time this morning and found Mr. Russell's clock about 45 seconds too slow. Paid Henry Ware for the wood \$27.90. Paid Munger for suspenders sixty cents. Paid Post office ten cents for stamps. Last evening I went to the office to meet Gen. Washburn and to assist him in his settlement with an agent of Mr. Hand who owns the land North west of Mr. Champion's town lot. – Computed the contents of the land and they closed the damages easily and quietly.

Debits – 27.90, .60, .10

Saturday, March 6

Concluded to go to Quechee this morning and Simeon Dunham & I started about eleven o'clock. Went to Mr. Phillip's room and found him at dinner. At a little past two o'clock we left for the plain and went over the work that Phillips has directed the contractors to fill up to grade as the snows have been covered up and the bank will settle very much in the spring. Lent five dollars to Abbie to get things preparatory to her going west. Paid Knox 34 cents for Harper Magazine. Paid for stamps at sundry times 10 cents. I have not bought any thing else to use the twelve cents and this will balance my cash book. The weather has been snowy all day but does not accumulate much on the ground.

Debits – 5.00, .34, 10

Sunday, March 7

A cold morning. I went to the office and had a long talk with Mr. Greene on Post office matters. – Came to the house and remained there through the day. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets.

Monday, March 8

Norman Perkins came from home to the village but did not call at the house. He worked at the office a short time and after the mail came in he left for home. I paid Smith & Slack 2 dollars and 50 cents for shoes. Paid twelve cents at the post office for the R.R. company for sending plan to Concord. Abbie went to the street and made some purchases at Jones & Chapmans.

Debits – 2.50, .12

Tuesday, March 9

Called at Jones & Chapmans and paid for bill of goods fourteen dollars and one cent. In the evening we all went to concert to hear Swiss Bell Ringers and paid one dollar and five cents. About ten o'clock Simeon Dunham and I went to Quechee and to Lovell's work to see about the borrow pits and the fills and concluded that the two gangs of men might work as they now work the remainder of this month. – The

day was not cold but the sleighing is bad for the snow is so deep that the road is badly cut up. Came home about five o'clock.

Debits – 14.01, 1.05

Wednesday, March 10

A very snowy forenoon and there fell about four inches, which makes in all 111 inches this winter. At about two o'clock it began to rain and continued to rain till night. I worked in the office nearly through the day. Wrote an editorial for Mr. Greene on the oceanic telegraph. Mr. Dewey called at the office and proposed to have us go to Quechee and help the engineering corps there till the road is completed. – Paid Billings 24 cents for tape. And paid the barber fifteen cents.

Debits - .24, .15

Thursday, March 11

Worked in the office through the forenoon, and in the afternoon I got a horse and sleigh of Mr. French and went to Pomfret and got potatoes and apples. Mr. Leach and Louisa called at our house and we had a very good visit. Had not seen her for a long time. Came home in the early evening. Took the horse to Mr. French's but did not pay him at the time. Found the snow very deep and it was very difficult passing teams on the road. I do not yet hear any thing from Polk since he came to Mendota and we must urge him to write more.

Friday, March 12

Went to the office in the morning and soon started for the gulf to examine the stone work. I went over all the mass of stones that had been drawn there and estimated it to be two hundred yards, but I found that the measure of them that had been kept was about two hundred and ten cubic yards. The ride home was very cold, or rather, chilly. After the mail came in I went to the office and to Paul's grocery. Paid him 62 cents for two and a half dozen eggs. The evening was some cool but rather pleasant. Joanna came from Pomfret this evening, and Abbie took time to go to market. Paid sixty two cents for eggs as above.

Debits - .62

Saturday, March 13

A squall of snow this morning making about one inch. In the morning I paid nine cents for milk, etc. Finished up the estimate this forenoon and gave a copy to Gen. Washburn and one to Mr. Sims. Norman Perkins came from home and I went with him to Mr. Slayton's to get a Buckman bedstead. Received a letter from Dr. Richmond of Derby. Paid for kerosene thirteen cents to Billings. Joanna is now at work for Abbie to get her in readiness to go to Illinois. She is anxious to go and I shall not oppose it for I know that she and Polk can do better there than here. We have not heard from Polk in some days, and I do not know why he does not write. Paid Dr. McCollum 55 cents.

Debits - .09, .13, .55

Sunday, March 14

Went to the office in the morning and staid in my room the rest of the day, and was very tired. Tried to rest but found far too much of dullness to rest. Joanna staid here till night when Fred called for her and she went home.

Monday, March 15

In the morning I went with Simeon & Horace to lay out a borrow pit on Mr. Knowlton's land. Found the snow nearly four feet deep, and after wading in it about three hours, succeeded in laying out a pit sufficient for the fill that we wish to make. Came home at about four o'clock. Norman Perkins called in the office soon after I came from the house & Gen. Washburn called about the same time. Received of Norman Paul \$24.25 as interest on note to Jan. 4, 1869. – Paid Billings \$3.50 for flour and ten cents for clothes pins.



Credits – 24.25  
Debits – 3.50, .10

Tuesday, March 16

A very clear but cold morning. Thermometer stood at 12 degrees below zero, and the weather continued cold through the day. Worked in the office in the forenoon; and in the afternoon there was a director's meeting calling for the last assessment, which is the tenth. I have paid six of mine and shall pay another soon. Today I paid Russell & Clarke \$1.50 for cleaning Polk's watch. Have talked with the directors about my own situation in the company and the pay that I am receiving, and I think they will be able to do something more than they are now doing.

Debits – 1.50

Wednesday, March 17

Another cold morning, the thermometer being 12 degrees below zero. We went to Mower's land to make some measures so that we could determine the amount of land between the Railroad and the river, for the company wish to purchase it for borrow pits, etc. Came home soon after noon. In the afternoon we completed the content and made a plan of it for Gen. Washburn. In the evening Mortimer called and Abbie went home with him to get Joanna to assist her about her sewing. In the evening it was some warmer than it was in the morning.

Thursday, March 18

Was very unwell through the day. Did not stay at the office much of the time. Had a very severe sick headache. Paid 77 cents for stamps at the post office. Paid 28 cents for tooth powder and in the afternoon I paid 20 cents for glycerine and 20 cents for pepper. I also paid for Harper's monthly thirty four cents. Do not yet get a reply to my letter to Prof. Gugot. I hoped he would write before this time that I might be looking around to get a barometer for meteorological uses.

Debits - .77, .23, .20, .20, .34

Friday, March 19

Paid French for team 75 cents. Mailed a letter to Washington but do not get any return from my letter to Prof. Gugot of Princeton, N.J. I should like to hear about barometers as I wrote to him. The atmosphere begins to show signs of a storm. We are watching very anxiously the storms this spring, for our embankments and culverts will get severely tried if there should be heavy rains as the snow goes off.

Debits - .75

Saturday, March 20

Snowy in the morning. Am expecting a young lady from New Hampshire by stage tonight and am to meet her at the hotel. Have done but little office work today, for there is so much of stir in the village and in the office that we have found but little time to write. Paid Mrs. Palmer two dollars for Abbie. Paid Munger for cup \$1.50. The young woman and her mother came as we expected and Horace Dunham intercepted them and took them to his place. I called at the hotel and staid till the stage came but not finding those that I expected I went to the house and remained there till night. Mrs D. went to Horace Dunhams and met her friends, her sister Abby and daughter Amelia.

Debits – 2.00, 1.50

Sunday, March 21

A very bright and beautiful day. The air is clear, sky a deep blue, and the sunlight so intense that we can hardly endure the brightness. Mrs. Gookin came here after church. In the evening we went to the Town Hall to hear Mr. Dutcher on temperance. Paid him all the small change I had, ten cents.

Monday, March 22

Got an overcoat and some braid at Munger's and paid him fourteen dollars. Paid Billings for sugar 1.02 – tea 1.40

Debits - .10, 14.00, 2.42

Tuesday, March 23

A very stormy morning, but I got a horse and sleigh of Mr. French and started for Pomfret to attend the funeral of Mr. Perkins. Got nearly to M. Moore's and his barns were on fire and I could not get by; so I went up the old turnpike and by Mr. Barber's and got there, chilled some, about noon and were too late for the services. After resting awhile, we came to Electa's and staid till nearly night when we dragged home, the snow having fallen about 15 inches deep. It was one of the severest storms of the winter, and though not cold, was very unpleasant to breathe.

Wednesday, March 24

Received a letter from Washington and an R.R. circular from New York. Norman Perkins started for home this morning. – Paid Mellish for lemons 20 cents, and 50 cents for a steak piece. In the forenoon, Mrs. Dunham & Mrs. Gookin came here and also their children, and Mrs. Winslow, and at night Mr. Winslow came to tea. In the afternoon I assisted in making a survey of the block in which Mr. Brower works and Mr. Richmond. Sent a telegram to Norman Perkins at Springfield, one that Robert sent to Woodstock. – paid fifty cents.

Debits – 20, .50, .50

Thursday, March 25

This is a clear and beautiful day yet some cool. The thermometer this morning was one degree below zero. Paid Billings for kerosene thirty eight cents. This is one of the most snowy winters that I ever knew. One hundred and thirty one inches have fallen this season and we may have one or two feet more. – I worked in the office nearly through the day; and though it seems as though there was not much to be done now, it takes some thought and some time to keep the work along.

Debits - .38

Friday, March 26

If one likes a very coarse pen I have it in Gillotts 294 Public pen. This and other coarse pens can be found at 91 John Street, New York where Joseph Gillott and sons have the warehouse. I hope Norman will succeed in finding such as he wishes. The morning was not very clear and it began to rain by nine o'clock. Paid Mr. Knapp 90 cents for Silliman and \$1.50 for Noyes New Testament. Have begun today to arrange a table that will show the whole amount of work done on the railroad at any time.

Debits - .90, 1.50

Saturday, March 27

Paid French for horse last Tuesday \$1.50. Have had a severe headache through the day. Have tried to work on the table of railroad work, but have not succeeded very well. Went to Horace Dunham's to dinner and also to supper. The rain yesterday and a little this morning has settled the snow very much. I lent to Abbie ten dollars to pay her dressmaker, but she may not use all of it. The weather seems more like having spring some time than it has for a long time before. Abbie returned four dollars and twenty five cents of the money lent to her this morning.

Debits – 1.50, 10.00, 4.25

Sunday, March 28

A very fine pleasant day. Went to church all day, but it is too much for me.

Monday, March 29

Went to the office before breakfast, and to Mr. French's for horse and sleigh. Got him to carry Mrs. D. and company to Dr. Russ's. Self went to Quechee and to Shallies Hill. The work is extremely muddy. The snow is settling very fast now. Bought a Book of Psalms of Pratt and paid \$1.25. I also paid Dr. McCollum ten cents that I kept by mistake, so I do not enter it into my account book. Rode home from Quechee in the storm and got some cold. Saw Dr. Howard and had a talk with him about his position as President of the Norwich University. Robins & Blue Birds first seen this spring.

Debits – 1.25

Tuesday, March 30

Paid Mrs. Dana eighteen dollars as interest to April 1<sup>st</sup> 1869 on three notes that she holds against me. The notes are signed by Mr. Miller and myself and are made payable to William Gibson on order. – Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets one dollar. This is a very rainy day and the roads were almost impassable. Have watched the rain with the greatest anxiety, for there is so much of the embankment near Taftsville that is exposed to be removed by high water. The RR. Company has been very fortunate, so far, about losses of culverts or embankments from high water or rains. Paid Billings for salerates etc.

Debits – 18.00, 1.00, .18

Wednesday, March 31

The morning was some stormy but we walked to the office. Mrs. D. went to see her sister Mrs. Gookin start for home. We had a pleasant, but a little gassy, time at the office. It is strange that young men will think so much of "showing off." Mrs. Gookin has made a very pleasant visit notwithstanding the bad state of the passing and having so much stormy weather.

Thursday, April 1

Paid French for horse hire two dollars. Went to Mr. Hathaway's to lay out a borrow pit and was there the greater part of the day. The wind was very high and cool, but the weather was warm when wind did not strike. Mr. Clarke closed his work on the Woodstock Railroad yesterday and will leave tonight for a new field of labor. He came here last September and in some respects has been a very good hand for us, but he came under very unfavorable circumstances. He was recommended by the Contractors, and that placed him in a very uncomfortable position at times.

Debits – 2.00

Friday, April 2

Mr. E.S. Clarke left last night for Pennsylvania where he is to have employment for some time as he expects. Paid Richmond 75 cents for ham at 30 cents a pound. Also paid Abbie 72 cents to pay Miss Sims for sewing. – Paid Knapp for steel pens 37 cents. – Had a very unpleasant day at the office for Mr. Clarke left and I found another was ready to take his place, and without being asked or invited. But I shall have these matters put aright, or I would not stay in the office at all. The day was stormy and very unpleasant for the nerves.

Debits - .75, .72, .37

Saturday, April 3

Paid H.F. Dunham two dollars, or rather lent it to him. Rested very badly last night for the work yesterday was very annoying and troublesome. But after going to the office and having a talk with Simeon Dunham, found things going more pleasantly. In the afternoon I went with Simeon to measure the work for the estimate. The weather has been very cold for April, yet the mass of snow is wasting away. I do hope to get the matters at the office arranged better than they have been, and if I cannot, I should feel disposed to leave the road. There is a high and cold wind this evening, and it will freeze quite hard.

Debits – 2.00

Sunday, April 4

The morning was quite cold and the crust hard. Very pleasant running over the fields. Went to church in the forenoon but remained home in the afternoon.

Monday, April 5

Went to the office quite early and began to make out the estimates for the work done in March and spent the day on them and am satisfied that they will be, on the whole line, some more than they were last month. Horace Dunham paid me two dollars that he borrowed of me Saturday. This evening I received a letter from one of my former pupils who had taught some in that town, a very respectful letter, of course, but very unlike many that I receive from other pupils.

Debits – 2.00

Tuesday, April 6

This morning I paid my quarterly postage, thirty seven cents, and I paid Mr. Pratt thirteen cents for a penholder, one of the real Gillotts. We paid Abbie two dollars to pay her aunt Rosannah. – Mr. Chamberlin called here just before noon and staid till afternoon and then went to the street to attend an Insurance meeting. Towards night Abbie went home with him to make a visit. Simeon Dunham went to Mr. Weed's in Hartland. The sleighing must be extremely bad. I worked in the office the greater part of the day, on the computations of cross-sections, and in arranging them for reference.

Debits - .37, .13, 2.00

Wednesday, April 7

In the morning I got Simeon's horse and we went to Pomfret to see the home folks. Found the sleighing very bad but we were fortunate enough not to upset the sleigh. Did not get home till afternoon, then went to the office and went to work on the estimates for march. The day was pleasant and warm, and the snow wasted away quite fast. Received a letter from Norman Perkins containing a check for fifty dollars to pay for the casket bought of Mr. Fisher. I also received a letter from Dr. Page of Danville Canada East. Am glad to hear that his practice is increasing so rapidly. Received of the Railroad Company one hundred and three dollars for March work.

Credits – 103.00

Thursday, April 8

Fast Day. The morning was almost perfectly clear but it soon began to be cloudy and before night there were some severe snow squalls. I spent nearly all day at the house, only going to the office at eight o'clock and again at five. Paid Mr. Knapp two dollars and fifty five cents for Well's Familiar Science and Noyes New Testament. Paid Russell for watch crystal twenty cents. I let Mr. Powers have the Noyes New Testament, and was glad to find that he fully appreciated the value of the book and was pleased with it. Prof. Noyes made a very valuable translation of the New Testament, but it is severely criticized by those of different beliefs from his own.

Debits – 2.55, .20

Friday, April 9

Bought seven pounds and five ounces of butter of Mrs. Barber at 43 cents per pound, and paid her three dollars and forty three cents. We went to the gulf to lay out the foundation of the pier. I rode to Quechee and then walked to Phillips room and he went with me to the east side of the gulf, and we set up the line across the river, moving the point on the east side one foot to the right, and the point at the base of the pier two feet to the right, so that the curve on the west side must be corrected. After setting up that line, Mr. P. and myself walked round to the west side and we fixed points for the corners of the pier. We arrived home about eight o'clock. Paid for needles eight cents.

Saturday, April 10

Paid Mellish for shot thirty cents. Paid Paul for eggs sixty two cents. Paid Russell for cleaning watch \$1.25. I also paid Palmer for boots \$5.75, and Paul for sirrups thirty eight cents. Am not very well today for my work yesterday was very hard. Sent a cupboard to Phillips, and re-arranged the work in the office. I made out the estimate for March and returned it to Mr. Clarke and Monday I must make copies for Mr. Sims. How late the season is! The ground is almost entirely covered with snow. Sometimes people are sowing grain as early as this, but we must wait this year.

Debits - .30, .62, 1.25, 5.75, .38

Sunday, April 11

A warm and pleasant morning and we concluded to go to church and hear Mr. Powers in the forenoon. Simeon Dunham called in the afternoon. The passing is so bad we cannot go away scarcely at all. Abbie does not get home from Pomfret.

Monday, April 12

Simeon went again to Quechee and to White River. I made out full copies of the estimates for march. Horace Dunham put shelves into the book-case on our table, and put locks on the doors so that all the materials can be locked up. Paid Billings for salt 12 cents and I paid one dollar for postage stamps. There are strong signs of rain this evening.

Debits - .12, 1.00

Tuesday, April 13

Called at the Post Office and paid Mr. Miller for the Springfield Daily Republican 2 dollars to July 1<sup>st</sup> & postage. About ten o'clock we all went to Taftsville to run a line of curves around Knowlton's, and also a line of levels to test the grades. Took up the line by means of glade stakes and slope stakes and ran each way through that part of the cut. Tested the grade through the cut near Mr. Hathaway's, and also on the banks. Found the banks too low and the cuts too high. Came home at night tired and some wet.

Debits - 2.00

Wednesday, April 14

Intended to go to Taftsville to turn the water into the box-culvert that was put through the bank. I have some fears that we shall have some hard work with some of those culverts yet, though we have had no freshets this spring. Paid Mellish for oranges & vinegar, etc. twenty cents and paid twenty five cents for envelopes. In the forenoon Simeon and Horace worked on their hay, and in the afternoon they went to Taftsville to see about the culvert and the embankments, but they found the box out of order and were compelled to leave it.

Debits - .20, .25

Thursday, April 15

Paid Dana eighty five cents for pins etc. In the morning we all started to examine the line and especially the culverts to see if they were all in order, and no earth wasting. Went to Taftsville and at Taft's I got an ax and a steel bar, but did not pay for them. Simeon and I went to the road crossing near Quechee and found the water was washing the banks some and we ordered a ditch to be made to convey the water away from the banks. Horace worked on the wooden culvert at Knowlton's through the day and we assisted him in turning the water into it. It leaked some but should not wash the bank much.

Debits - .85

Friday, April 16

I remained at home in the office while Simeon went to Pierce's near the Junction and Horace went to Taftsville. The day has been warm though the wind for the greater part of the time has been in the north. Farmers are very much driven now by a remarkable run of sap, the greatest known for a long time. Today

I paid 28 cents for paper and pens; - and I also paid Billings 20 cents for molasses. Wrote a letter to Mr. Morrill; one to Benj. Bailey of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. I hope to get an answer from the last, especially, but I hardly expect to do it. I wrote a letter to Mr. Nathaniel C. Thompson about six months ago, but it soon came back through the return letter office.

Debits - .28, .20

Saturday, April 17

Went to Quechee and to the gulf to get the distance across the river to determine the length of the bridge. I think the pier and the abutments would be firmer if the bridge could be made about three feet longer than we, at first, talked. Mr. Phillips makes it about 200 feet clear span after cutting away the rock so as to insure a firm bearing; and this agrees with all my former measures. Horace went to Taftsville to watch the action of the water. There is danger that the bank will be much injured as the frost comes out of it, in two places especially. Paid Mr. Oliver ten dollars.

Debits - 10.00

Sunday, April 18

Staid about the house in the forenoon and went to church in the afternoon. The day was warm and the snow melted away rapidly under a strong westerly wind.

Monday, April 19

Rainy in the morning but we went to Taftsville to see the culverts and to lay out some work on Knowlton's. The day was cloudy but not rainy till nearly night. A Thunder shower in the evening, the first this year. These warm showers will melt the snow very rapidly and perhaps cause the streams to be much swollen. Paid Richmond for steak forty seven cents. Paid for figs twelve cents.

Debits - .47, .12

Tuesday, April 20

A heavy rain last night; the river high this morning. Simeon and I started for Taftsville and Quechee, and found the roads very bad. Many of the culverts and small bridges have given way and it is almost impossible to get along. At a great part of the road junctions timbers are placed across to let travelers know that the road is unsafe. We went as far as Barron's and returned examining every part of the line where there could be the least danger of injury to the road. Came home cold, wet and tired. Got of Mr. Richmond two dollars, Polk's premium on his minerals. Paid Pratt for key one dollar & thirty five cents.

Credits - 2.00

Debits - 1.35

Wednesday, April 21

Simeon and I started again to go over the line on this division of the road to see that every part of the work is right, and not exposed to be swept out by the high water. It rained through a part of the night and this morning the river is very high, perhaps the highest that has been known since July 1850.

Thursday, April 22

Am tired and lame this morning and cannot go to the work. Paid for shoeing oxen one dollar & thirty cents. And paid for lemons fifteen cents. I staid in the office nearly through the day. Mr. Phillips came and brought his estimate for March, that he has been revising. Paid Pratt for inkstand thirty cents. Paid for lemons as above.

Debits - 1.30, .15, .30

Friday, April 23

Paid Leland Doten six dollars for his work on my wood. In the morning I went to Mr. King's to measure a piece of land sold to Mr. Thomas. Came back about eleven o'clock and soon after dinner we started for

Taftsville and set up a line from Mr. Hathaway's to the lower end of the slide below the bridge. We ran the line by chords or tangents to work a curve by. Came by Taft's and I paid Taft five dollars eighty cents for steel bar and two axes. Came home rather late for us, but there is much work to be done and it will be necessary to work early and late.

Debits – 6.00, 5.80

Saturday, April 24

A little rainy in the morning but we soon started for Taftsville and Quechee. Met Henderson and Wainwright at the third great culvert and there we laid out some work for them to begin upon next week. Mrs. D. and Mrs. Dunham went to Pomfret. The day was very pleasant though a little wet in the morning. After we had completed the work at the borrow pit we came up on the north side of the river and I walked from the river road to the old homestead, and arrived there about six o'clock very tired. It is a long time since we have been there before now. It seems very pleasant about there, for it is my old and early home.

Sunday, April 25

Spent a great part of the day in my chamber resting what I could. Was very tired when I went there last night. Read some and wrote a letter to Norman Perkins. Did not go over the fields much for the wind was very harsh and cold. Paid Edward Doton thirty two dollars which is the balance on a note he held against me, given for his sleigh and harness. Paid Abigail seventy cents for sirrurp.

Debits – 32.00, .70

Monday, April 26

Staid in the office nearly through the day but was quite unwell. Mr. Dewey called in the afternoon. Paid him fifty cents for four Siberian pencils. Paid Ainsworth three dollars for a book. Sent twenty dollars to Mrs. Chandler to close off all connection with that family in school matters. Received of R.R. Co. three dollars.

Credits – 3.00

Debits – 32.00, .70, .50, 3.00, 28.00

Tuesday, April 27

Mr. King called in the morning for his deeds, but I had found no time to get them ready, and he comes again Saturday. – We went to Taftsville and tested the benches from Station 158 to 123 and found them sufficiently reliable for use. Tested the grades where they are at work. In the afternoon we went to Henderson's work and extended his borrowing pit so as to get material for the great fill. Came back to Mr. Hathaway's and extended the levels on that pit. Came home about night, very tired. Paid Pratt for pens five cents.

Debits - .05

Wednesday, April 28

Today we are to work in the office and I expect to have some talk with Mr. Dewey and with Gen Washburn on the subject of the pier. The General has been away a long time and I am glad to have him here to attend to such necessary arrangements about the work as require negotiations with others besides the contractors. Paid Billings fifteen cents for kerosene. Joanna called in the evening and she brought my long lost spectacles. Mrs. Mayo found them the morning after I lost them.

Debits - .15

Thursday, April 29

The day has been much colder with a high wind from the northwest. Went to Taftsville and spent a part of the day in fitting a curve in at the furnace. There is but just room enough for two tracks and these go in with some difficulty. Came back to Woodstock about four o'clock, and I went to work in the office

computing the curves below Taftsville. I regard that place as the most difficult on the line, the land being so much inclined to slide.

Friday, April 30

Met Mr. Phillips at Henderson's work and consulted him on the culvert at Station 311. After making a full examination of the culvert we went to the gulf and examined the stone and rock work going on there. Mr. Phillips meets with some difficulty near the junction on account of some changes in the lines and also on the stone blasted from the Pierce cut.

Saturday, May 1

Received of Mr. McLaughlin one dollar for computing survey. Also received of Mr. J.U. King two dollars for surveying and computing surveys. Also received of Railroad ten dollars. Paid Billings for flour etc. four dollars and thirty six cents. Also paid Paul for eggs sixty two cents; and I paid Mr. Knapp \$1.50 for the north American.

Credits – 1.00, 2.00, 10.00

Debits – 4.36, .62, 1.50

Sunday, May 2

A very stormy day. The snow fell about five inches deep on the hills, and four inches here. We intended to go to Pomfret but the storm prevented.

Monday, May 3

Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk one dollar and paid Paul for pickles seventy five cents. Paid Pratt ten cents for pins. The weather is cold for May and it looks like having a very late spring. The hills are all fully covered with snow and it seems more like January than May.

Debits – 1.00, .10

Tuesday, May 4

Received of the railroad company for my work in April one hundred and twelve dollars & had received thirteen before this date. I also took one hundred and twenty eight dollars and fifty cents for Mr. Phillips and carried it to him. I went to the Junction to see about the blasting near Mr. Pierce's. There is not rock enough there to last many days, and I am glad for that blasting has become quite troublesome to Mr. Pierce, being so near the house that stones sometimes fall near to or on the buildings. This was one of the roughest days of the season; a very cold storm of rain with high winds set in about noon.

Credits – 112.00

Wednesday, May 5

Paid Pratt for paper \$1.85 and Clarke for key fifteen cents. Worked in the office in the forenoon and in the afternoon went to Taftsville and fitted a line along the bank by Hathaway's. The afternoon was a very pleasant one for work. Came home quite late and after supper went to Gen Washburn's office to consult him about the road at White River and at Col. Nutt's. Received a letter from Claremont acknowledging receipt of the computations for the New Hampshire almanac. Paid Mr. Barber for butter \$2.65.

Debits – 1.85, .15, 2.65

Thursday, May 6

Went through this division of the railroad to make the measurements for the April estimate and to see that all the work is going right. Examined the stone at the gulf and am afraid they will not answer the purpose for they are full of checks and cracks across the strata of the rock. Simeon's and Horace's boys went down with us and amused themselves by gathering their little cabinet specimens. The day was pleasant and the boys enjoyed their ride very much. Paid ten cents for stamps and must get many more soon. This was refunded. Paid Mrs. Churchill two dollars and fifty eight cents, and Billings for tea etc. \$1.65.



Debits – 2.58, 1.65

Friday, May 7

Took the horse and carried an office table to Mr. Phillips, and he went with me to the Junction to inspect the road near Col. Nutt's, and also to examine the road near White River. That road is now too steep below the bridge, but it is now too wet to put in permanent repair. The day was warm and it seemed more like spring; but the distant hills are now white with snow. This morning I called on Mr. Chs. Marsh and got the Smithsonian barometer that he had used for meteorological purposes. The rain-gauge is not so perfect an instrument as one would like but it will answer a good purpose.

Saturday, May 8

Paid Horace Dunham toward my board last year fifty dollars. I also paid nine dollars for an office chair, and five cents for vinegar. Abbie came here a few moments today and I supposed she would stay for a time, but she left before I came from the office. I must write to her today, for I had but a few minutes to see her while she was here. In the forenoon we went to Taftsville to lay out some work between Mr. Hathaway's and Tafts. A very warm day and it is the first real summer day of the season. Paid for small vase \$0.25 and also paid Abbie 25 cents for some things that she brought from the store.

Debits – 50.00, 9.00, .05, .25, .25

Sunday, May 9

Went to the office early in the morning but found no letters. Was too tired to go to church so I remained nearly all day at my room. Could read or write but very little. Towards night we walked out on Linden street and up Prospect street as far as the old Powers house where Hiram Powers was born.

Monday, May 10

Worked on the estimates in the forenoon and had them nearly completed. In the afternoon Simeon Dunham and I went to the old Marsh place to take some levels for the cellar excavations where Mr. Billings intends to make some changes. Paid taxes for Quincy Page \$12.34. Also paid Paul for eggs \$0.62, and I also paid Billings \$0.45 for molasses.

Debits – 12.34, 0.62, .45

Tuesday, May 11

Received of Mr. Freeman fifty cents for setting up line for him, and I paid for stamps one dollar and ten cents. After doing some work in the office we went to Taftsville to set up a line through the Knowlton borrow pit and cut, and fix lines on the embankments. In the afternoon I rode to the gulf with Mr. Clark to examine stone and to give directions about the pier. Mr. Phillips came in the afternoon and made some additions to his estimates.

Credits - .50

Debits – 1.10

Wednesday, May 12

Mr. Phillips did not go home last night but remained here till about the time the stage left. Worked in the office in the forenoon on the estimates. Paid Billings two dollars and twenty eight cents for dress goods, and paid Simeon Dunham one dollar for doing errands for me. In the afternoon we went to Quechee, took Mr. Phillips and went to that portion of the line to examine the culverts with reference to a final estimate. Simeon Dunham went with us and we examined the culvert masonry as far as Braley's land. Did not get home till late in the evening and it was too late to attend a concert at the town hall.

Debits – 2.28, 1.00

Thursday, May 13

There have been strong appearances of rain through the day but no rain. I staid in the office to get a perfect estimate for April. Had a very unexpected visit from my friend Henry H. Vail of Cincinnati, where

he is engaged in the publishing house of Sargent, Wilson and Hinkle. I rejoice to see so valuable a man from our own town of Pomfret. I find the most valuable friends in the Vail family of almost any family that I know. – Today I paid Mr. Whitcomb one dollar and fifty cents for steak, soap and fish. I remained in the office instead of making a survey for Mr. Billings. Mr. Chamberlin called and took tea.

Debits – 1.50

Friday, May 14

A shower this morning about half past three o'clock, or a little before. Rested very badly last night for I was extremely tired. Horace and Simeon went to the new road at Chuck's, and as soon as I could leave the office I went to Taftsville, and we spent the remainder of the day in forming a correction in the line between Taftsville and the Tracy place. Am too tired to work with any care at all. Came home at night and found the garden nicely plowed. Do not know but I shall lose the use of it for some one has taken possession of it. But it will all come out right and pleasantly I hope.

Saturday, May 15

Went down the line in the forenoon but came back about one o'clock. In the afternoon I went to the Marsh farm to fix a line for Mr. Billings. At night I got Simeon's horse and went to Pomfret but was too tired to have much of a visit. There is some work in building a railroad and I am fully jaded out every week. There were strong signs of rain and I think it rained late in the evening. Paid Joanna for paying Mrs. Mayo for finding my spectacles three dollars. I had given up all hope of ever finding them.

Debits – 3.00

Sunday, May 16

Arose quite late this morning for I was very tired. The morning is some stormy and cool. Remained at home through the day. Took a walk to the Ware place in the afternoon, and in the evening we came to Woodstock and found Amelia alone at the house.

Monday May 17

Went to Taftsville with the selectmen of Woodstock. Looked at the road near the iron kettle and after making some examination at that place we went to work on a road below Taftsville around the clay bank.

Tuesday, May 18

This morning we all went to Taftsville to finish some work on the town road near Mr. Hathaway's, and also to meet the selectmen of Hartland to get them to lay out a road over the hill below Paschal Taft's. The selectmen laid the road where I had staked it out and the work was all closed satisfactorily to all parties. In the afternoon I went to the gulf to see the first work done on the foundation of the Pier. Came back and made the necessary arrangement for computing the curve below Taftsville which took till quite late in the afternoon. Paid Billings for kerosene thirty eight cents.

Debits - .38

Wednesday, May 19

After some hindrances in the morning we left for Taftsville to finish the line below and computed a curve that I thought would fit the ground, and we placed it on the ground, and it seems to be as near right as any one that we could get. In the afternoon it was very rainy and we all came home in the rain and worked in the office till night. Mr. Dorman and Mr. Farrell came to Woodstock to make a settlement with Mr. Sims for their work, and through the assistance of Mr. Clark the settlement was adjusted.

Thursday, May 20

There is but little work now but field work and it keeps me out nearly all the time. Laid out the work on the town road near Mr. Hathaway's in the forenoon and in the afternoon we went to Henderson's work and began to trace the centers so as to connect the two curves back of Mr. Church's. We worked there till quite late and did not get home till nearly nine o'clock. So far the work is going very well. Paid Paul eight cents for flower pots etc.

Debits - .80

Friday, May 21

My work now changes but little for it is all fixing lines and laying out work on the road. This morning I went to Mr. Brower's to make a little survey for him but soon left for the road. Went to Taftsville and laid out a part of the town road, near Mr. Metcalf's, and in the afternoon I went to Henderson's and finished the curve begun yesterday, and ran as far as his work near Station 310. In the morning I made an arrangement with our neighbors about the garden, and paid him two dollars for the work he had done on it.

Debits – 2.00

Saturday, May 22

The morning was very beautiful but we did not go to work on the road. Simeon went to Hartland with his daughter Emma for a school teacher's examination. Self worked in the office nearly all day. Had some company. Polk came from the west last night and called on me today. He will be here much of the time during the session of the Court. Paid Paul sixty five cents for a hoe. Samuel Howard paid me four dollars in full for balance of tuition Pomfret high school.

Credits – 4.00

Debits - .65

Sunday, May 23

I remained at home during the forenoon, but in the afternoon we all went to the top of Mount Tom and had a very pleasant time. The day was pleasant and the view delightful.

Monday, May 24

Started early in the morning for Henderson's work, and Simeon and Horace ran a line of levels over the long curve back of Church's to Sta. 311. I went to the gulf and also to the east side of the river to examine the bridge seat on that side. Got the striking hammers to drive center points and came back to Woodstock riding with Mr. Sims. Paid Paul 75 cents for eggs.

Debits - .75

Tuesday, May 25

In the morning I went to Mower's land to lay out some culverts. The day was very warm. Laid out a culvert on the meadow and began to lay out one on the brook crossing at Sta. 71. Came home to dinner and in the afternoon I finished the work on the culvert and then went with Mr. Clarke to Quechee to see Mr. Phillips to get him to take charge of the laying of the pier at the gulf. Paid Paul for pickles 75 cents. Paid Mr. Munger five dollars for an advertising card in a hotel book.

Debits - .75, 5.00

Wednesday, May 26

Paid 88 cents for meat and two cents in making change. In the morning Horace and I went to Taftsville to set grades and to stake out more of the Town road near there. Brock is at work near there and Hodge is near Mr. Hathaway's. Came home at noon, and did not go in the afternoon but worked in the office. Paid Pratt for pens ten cents, and I paid Billings one dollar and fifteen cents for sugar and a Bristol brick. Saw Mr. Denison in the evening. A slight shower in the afternoon and a sudden change of air from warm to cold.

Debits - .90, .10, 1.15

Thursday, May 27

Paid Pratt ten cents for pens. Payson, Dunton, and Scribner's National pen, the kind I am now writing with. – Went to the Gallup farm to lay out a highway. Made the survey and must go to Quechee this

afternoon. The day is cool but quite clear. After making the road survey we laid out a culvert at Station 70. In the afternoon I went to Henderson's work to finish a line of Levels in placing the centers through their work. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Phillips called on me and I went to the gulf to see the pier. Had a long talk with Mr. Clarke on the masonry, and I resolved to have it done better than it appeared to be going now.

Debits - .10

Friday, May 28

Went early in the morning to lay out work on Mower's land and continued on the work through the day. Got the Life and Times of Hon. Wm. Jarvis and paid to Mr. Charles P. Marsh two dollars for it. I have received a letter from Mrs. Cutts of Brattleboro the author of the work and I ought to answer it but cannot very soon. The work is a valuable one. It serves to be a faithful picture of a great and good man; and it speaks most truthfully the wealth of family affection, for it is written as a daughter should speak of her father.

Debits - 2.00

Saturday, May 29

Saturday came and it is now evening. We intended to go to Pomfret this afternoon but every thing seemed to tend to prevent it and we are at home this evening, alone and seated pleasantly by my writing table. I have spent the day in the office, copying work for future reference. Our labor in making out the monthly estimate will come soon, and we must try to be ready for it. Have read the Life of Wm. Jarvis some and it seems as though Mrs. Cutts has been very fortunate in the style of composition in which she has dressed the work. - Amelia went to Horace's for the night as we expected to go to Pomfret, but we gave up the idea for tonight for I am very tired. Paid for knives \$12.00 and 55 cents for cambric.

Debits - 12.00, .55

Sunday, May 30

We intended to go to Pomfret this morning but were so tired that we concluded to stay at our room and get rested. After supper we took a walk on the hill southeast of the village to find a good place to take a photograph of the old homestead and its surroundings. I wish to have that valley taken and must have Mr. Cushing try his instrument on it.

Monday, May 31

The morning was quite rainy, but we went to our work from stations 75 & 76 to 95 and 96, and it rained fast all the time and we soon came home and worked in the office. I wrote nearly all day and have done it very easily. Have not heard from the work on the road, but Mr. Perkins called to see about the fence near Col. Nutt's.

Tuesday, June 1

Paid revenue tax one dollar. Went to Taftsville in the morning to lay out Brock's work on the town road, and in the afternoon we came to Mower's land and built up the curve along the bend of the river. The day has been quite warm and it has been one of the most growing days for vegetation that we ever knew. Am now very much driven for places to put the railroad men at work for the culverts are not in as they should have been. Came home very tired.

Debits - 1.00

Wednesday, June 2

Began work soon after four o'clock and finished the meteorological part of my work, and wrote the greater part of the time till breakfast time. Started quite early for the work, and remained in it till night. The day was very warm and we worked under some inconvenience on that account. Laid out some culverts near the kettle and they must soon be built. In the afternoon I ran in some slope stakes on Mower's flat.

Thursday, June 3

Waited at the office in the morning to see the selectmen of Woodstock but did not meet them. We then started for the work and laid out a piece of town road on Mower's land, and then staked out the line on the meadow. – The day has been extremely warm so that no one could work comfortably in the field. Came home very tired at night. Called on Mr. Knapp and got Silliman Journal and also the report of the great St. Louis bridge sent me by James B. Eads the Engineer of the work. – Paid Mr. Knapp 1 dollar and 40 cents for the whole. Polk left with me five dollars to pay for a telegram.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.40

Friday, June 4

Paid Pratt three dollars and fifteen cents for the telegram as spoken of yesterday. Went to the gulf and to Henderson's work to measure for the May estimate. The day was warm but not quite so close as yesterday. There was a strong wind in the afternoon that made it very unpleasant on the dusty roads. Did not get home till past eight o'clock in the evening. There is some labor in taking notes for the estimate for a month, and it ought to be done so as not to give over estimates. Paid thirty cents for milk.

Debits – 3.15, .30

Saturday, June 5

Received of the Railroad Company one hundred and twenty five dollars. Paid R.R. assessment 60 dollars. This is the seventh assessment and there are three more to be paid. I also paid Munger 4 dollars for a Panama hat. Made some surveys for Mr. Cushing on the road and in the afternoon I ran a line of levels from a spring for Mr. Billings. There was a shower in the afternoon and it prevented our going to Pomfret. We had planned to go there this afternoon, but could not go. The shower lasted till about six o'clock when the wind came round into the N.W. The air is much cooler this evening, and probably will be much clearer tomorrow.

Credits – 125.00

Debits – 60.00, 4.00

Sunday, June 6

An extremely clear and pleasant morning. There is a high northwest wind and the air is quite cool and seems to be growing more so. About five o'clock I got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk and we went to Pomfret and it was truly a delightful ride. Paid Mr. Burk 75 cents.

Debits - .75

Monday, June 7

Went to Hartford to continue our measurements for the estimates. Took all the necessary notes on the line in this division and came home about six o'clock. The air is some cool but not as cool as yesterday and last evening. There was some frost this morning but not enough to injure vegetation. Paid Paul 62 cents for eggs.

Debits - .62

Tuesday, June 8

A rainy day. It began to rain about seven or eight o'clock and continued to rain very easily till about three in the afternoon. We worked in the office through the day on the estimates. Mr. Phillips sent his up last night. Today I paid Mr. Fisher five dollars and eighty eight cents for table and mending Transit box. - Paid Mellish thirty cents for vinegar & lemons, and paid Charles Dana for superphosphate of lime twenty eight cents. Had a talk with Mr. Hewitt about hiring Mrs. King's house. I very much wish I could get that house or some one near it.

Debits – 5.88, .30, .28

Wednesday, June 9

A foggy morning. The clocks are just now striking five and I must make a fire and do a few chores before it is time to go to the office. In the forenoon I set a vane on Mr. McKenzie's barn it is a very beautiful one and I intended to have it right. Paid Dana for cinnamon etc. 55 cents. Also paid Foster & Eaton \$1.62. – Paid Mr. Churchill for gloves and silk \$2.47 – Paid Billings for print and notions \$3.25.

Debits - .55, 1.62, 2.47, 3.25

Thursday, June 10

As this is our time for getting out the estimates we do not go on to the road but work in the office through the day. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. The day is cool and some rainy towards night. Am working on the estimates and have some more to do about it than I had in the winter. Have not been very well for a few weeks past, or since the very warm weather. The hot weather is very troublesome to me, but I must get accustomed to it. Have nearly finished the estimates and hope to have a few days of leisure, or rather a few days when we shall be less hurried.

Debits – 1.00

Friday, June 11

Went into the office in the morning but at about nine o'clock I got a horse & buggy of Mr. Burk and went to Pomfret. The air was some cool and the day very pleasant. Spencer and wife went to Mr. Leach's on a visit. Took dinner at the old homestead and then came home and went to our work on the road. Laid out some work at the lower end of Mower's flat near the town road and am trying to avoid building a new culvert for the town. Have consulted one of the selectmen and hope to meet the others and have the matter decided how the Culvert is to be built.

Saturday, June 12

Wrote nearly all day in the office in making out the estimates and in finishing up the certificates for the sub-contractors. In the afternoon there was a caucus in Pomfret to choose a delegate to attend the state convention. Ora Paul was chosen, and in the evening there was a caucus at Woodstock for the same purpose. Paid Billings for flour \$2.75 and Mrs. D. paid Mrs. Churchill 50 cents. I attended the caucus for a short time and left quite disgusted with the whole proceeding. This balloting for governor when we are choosing delegates is a new proceeding.

Debits – 2.75, .50

Sunday, June 13

A cloudy morning. Did not go to the post office this morning but have tried to rest through the day. Wife and Amelia went to church in the afternoon. Polk and Abbie called towards night and Amelia rode home with them.

Monday, June 14

Rainy in the morning and there was a hard shower in the forenoon. Paid my first taxes in Woodstock \$7.74 cents abating ten percent from the town tax. I also paid Billings \$1.40 for tea, and Russell one dollar for repairing watch. Paid Paul 60 cents for flower pot etc. and Pratt 75 cents for paper. The day has been showery and we have tried to work in the office, but the air has been very unfavorable for study or for writing.

Debits – 7.74, 2.40, .60, .75

Tuesday, June 15

Horace started very early for Burlington to meet Merritt Chandler who graduated at the Medical College this term. In the forenoon I went to Quechee and Dewey's to stake out the town road below the factory. Met Joanna and Mortimer at the gulf where they were seeing the place and the work. In the afternoon Simeon and I went to Henderson's work to give him grades and to direct about the finishing of his work. His piece of road is now nearly done. Showery towards night and we got some wet. Nearly all our

Woodstock people have gone to Rutland, or rather the political portion of them, to attend the State Convention that meets there today. Paid three cents at the post office.

Debits - .03

Wednesday, June 16

In the morning Simeon and I went to Mower's flat and changed the slopes on the right hand from station 71 to 74 or 75 from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 to 1 to 1, and then we began to correct the line from Stations 78 to 95. Found some difficulty in fitting both curves to the tangent between them but we finished it with some degree of correctness. There was a slight shower in the afternoon but not enough to measure with the gauge. The workmen on the road are having a regular drunken strike. They have all left the work and are determined that no one shall be allowed to work. Paid Dr. McCollum fifty cents for medicine. The evening is quite cool. Amelia is now at Mr. Chamberlin's and is having a very good time, but we have expected her home before this time.

Debits - .50

Thursday, June 17

In the morning Simeon and I went to Taftsville to change the line at the road crossing, and we set up an entire new line for nearly one thousand feet. The men at this end of the line are not at work today. When they get their pay they must have a drunken time for a few days till hunger begins to stare them in the face. — In the afternoon we went to Mower's flat to re-set the slope stakes over a part of his long sand piece. Could not work much in the evening. Saw Gen. Washburn a short time in the evening. He wants a full approximate estimate of all the work to be done on the road.

Friday, June 18

Went to the office this morning and did not go to the road work. Horace came to the office again this morning and went to work on the cross-sections. Mr. Phillips called in the forenoon. He has some difficulty with the great bridge matter and the pier at the gulf. The workmen probably try to make good work but they do not wish to lose money on the job. I do not see how they can do the work for the price they are to have for doing it. Today I paid Paul for groceries fifty three cents. Paid Lewis Pratt twenty five cents for envelopes.

Debits - .53, .25

Saturday, June 19

Paid Burke for use of horse \$1.75 and Palmer for mending shoes. Worked in the office through the day on the computations of quantities copying notes and other work of the kind. In the afternoon Mrs. D. and Amelia rode to Taftsville and to Pomfret, and at night I walked up there over the pleasant road and beautiful valley. It has been a long time since I have had that pleasant walk from Woodstock to my old home. The road is perfectly familiar, of course, for I used to walk over it very often when teaching in the village.

Debits – 1.75, .75

Sunday, June 20

All the forepart of the day was rainy though there was but little water fell by measure. Have felt some lame from my walk last night, but must walk back to Woodstock tonight. Got Mortimer to go down with the team.

Monday, June 21

In the morning we went to Brock's work and laid out two culverts, one very near his house and the other just beyond it. The day was quite warm and some sultry.

Tuesday, June 22

The work now is to prepare an estimate of the work to be done on the entire Railroad line and to lay out work to keep the several gangs at work to advantage. Brock has nearly finished up his work on the town road near Taftsville and is making the excavations for the culverts laid out yesterday. Today I paid Billings for wash bowl and pitcher, two dollars, but I am not keeping my cash account very punctually and I should not be disappointed if it failed to balance this month.

Debits – 2.00

Wednesday, June 23

Am at work on the line today, but am some unwell. My work is now a mixture between office work and field work, and it makes both much harder in hot weather. The month so far has not been so warm as May but we do not lose our Vermont winters or our Vermont summers.

Thursday, June 24

A clear and beautiful morning and Mr. Cushing called for me to go down to the new road by Mower's land, and I rode back with Mr. Clark with Chs. Fitch's team. Paid Billings for sugar \$1.05; also paid Munger for gloves one dollar & twenty five cents. In the afternoon I went to the Marsh place to set curve for wall at the road side for Mr. Billings. We laid out the curve by the side of Mr. Marsh's walk, fixing the points at the ends and filling it by ordinates, and we got a beautiful curve, though I have some fears that it is too near the highway.

Debits – 1.05, 1.25

Friday, June 25

Was quite unwell from a severe headache but I went with N. Paul to assist him in looking up lines for Mr. Oliver. Found his line to be along a piece of wall the same on which his house stands. In the afternoon we went to Church's woods to take some cross-sections on the steep slide between the river. Paid Mr. Knapp for binding book one dollar and twenty five cents.

Debits – 1.25

Saturday, June 26

Was quite unwell in the forenoon but did some work at the office and then went to Mr. Wood's and took dinner and then went to Shallies Hill to see that work and to inspect the bridge that Mr. Emmons put up. The hill seems to be alive with workmen notwithstanding the cry that the men had all left. We also went to the gulf to look at the pier and to the stone that are preparing for the skew-backs and for the top stones. The day was warm and the air muggy, and I got a severe headache before night. But we went up on the north side of the river and I walked to Pomfret, and was fully exhausted when I got there. Mrs. D. rode up in the morning. Met the selectmen of Hartland.

Sunday, June 27

Arose quite early this morning and found myself in my old chamber with all my writing materials that I keep at that table ready for use. I improved the time and wrote a certificate of recommendation for Lucy Hewitt. Remained there till afternoon when we came to Woodstock.

Monday, June 28

A rainy day and I was very unwell and we remained in the office. I am getting up an estimate of all the work to be done on the whole line of the road, and this is for a very important purpose. Today I have paid out 35 cents for postage, and one dollar & sixty five cents to Mrs. Mock. Paid Chapman for medicine 1 dollar 35 cents. Paid change to Polk \$1.85, the balance of 5 dollars he paid me. Paid for milk tickets one dollar.

Debits – 2.00, 1.35, 1.85, 1.00



Tuesday, June 29

Today I went to Taftsville to lay out some work. Began at the road-crossing below Tafts and laid out more than four hundred feet. The two dollars paid out to Mrs. Mock yesterday was paid today but I do not make the correction. Yesterday I paid Thompson 55 cents for some tin 2 quart dishes. The day has been very warm for this season and it has been quite warm for work. Came up on the north side of the river to see if the road is all right so that we can shut up the road on the south side of the river as far as Taftsville.

Debits - .55

Wednesday, June 30

Great stir at Woodstock on account of the great caravan being here. The crowd is not so great, however, as is usual on similar occasions. I remained in the office nearly through the day, but there was too much commotion in the streets to allow one to study or work on anything of importance. But in the afternoon the streets were quite clear for nearly all the people have left for the caravan. Worked late this evening to prepare for the press the meteorological matter, that is, the report of the observations for June.

Thursday, July 1

Closed the road on the south side of the river from Woodstock to Taftsville so as to repair the road on Mower's land and to build a bridge or culvert. Went to that work in the forenoon and to Taftsville in the afternoon. Laid out the work three or four hundred farther towards Taftsville, so as to set Brock at work on that part of the road. Amelia went to Pomfret this morning to make a visit and to get strawberries. The berries are remarkably plenty this year. – We worked at Taftsville till nearly eight o'clock and found it quite late in getting home.

Friday, July 2

In the morning I went with Gen. Washburn to see about cutting the grass on Mr. Merrill's meadow, so as to run a new line on his land; and we very soon began the survey and continued it till we finished it at Dr. Hazen's garden. I believe we can get a very good line on that side of the river for the purpose of depot buildings and everything pertaining to them. Received of the Railroad Company for my June work \$126.00, and I paid another assessment of \$60.00; and I also paid Mr. Munger for house rent to the first of July \$42.50.

Credits – 126.00

Debits – 60.00, 42.50

Saturday, July 3

In the forenoon I went to the "kettle" to lay out the tower road so that it can be made while the culvert is building, and in the afternoon worked on the change of road line near Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Merrill's. Ran the line by chords and tangents to the depot ground on Dr. Hazen's and Mr. Standish's. Today I have paid Paul 72 cents for eggs. Lent one dollar to Polk for a few days. I hope that town road and culvert can be built soon for it is a task to make the road on the north side of the river answer all the purposes of travel between here and the Station or to Taftsville.

Debits - .72, 1.00

Sunday, July 4

A hard shower in the morning but it stopped raining about ten o'clock, and I got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk to go to the "Gulf" and "Shallies Hill." The day was some warm but not like July 1868. Paid Mr. Burk \$1.75 for use of horse.

Debits – 1.75

Monday, July 5

Mr. Phillips came in the morning and assisted us through the day in getting up the estimate for the General to use in his financial matters for the road. Ran the new line from Mr. Johnson's to Dr. Hazen's. – Paid Mr. Carlisle 25 cents for strawberries.

Debits - 25

Tuesday, July 6

Received of Polk one dollar for what I lent to him last Friday. – Paid Billings for cans fifty cents. Mr. Phillips assisted me in making the estimate for the meeting of the directors this afternoon. The amount of work to be done ought to take us two or three days and we have only a few hours to use in it. Did not get it done till nearly four o'clock afternoon, when I carried the estimates to the directors meeting. Remained with them for a time and then went to the office feeling very much relieved in getting such a pressure of work off my hands.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .50

Wednesday, July 7

Started the morning quite early to take measurements for the July estimate for work done in June. Rode to Quechee & began with Wainwright's work. Found Mr. Henderson at work as usual. Looked over the work about 311 and then came to some work where we found it very hard indeed. Took such field notes as would enable us to understand the work fully, and then came to Mr. Brock's work where I found him in very much easier work than I had expected to find on that section. Took the measurement of what work he did in June and then came home very tired. Paid Hatch 35 cents for matches and paid Randall thirty cents for small mug for matches. Paid our meat bill for last month \$3.69.

Debits - .35, .30, 3.69

Thursday, July 8

Early this morning I started for the work on this side of the river near the "kettle." Took measures of all the work done in that section and came home. The day is very warm and we worked in the office through the rest of the day. About four o'clock there was a severe shower making nearly half an inch by measure. Engaged Mr. Hathaway to work on the farm at home assisting Mortimer about the haying.

Friday, July 9

Began my writing quite early and have spent the day on the estimates trying to get them out before the end of the week. The work is going well and I hope will continue to do so till the road is done. There is no difficulty with the contractors for they appear to be honorable men. Paid 65 cents for a dozen pearl buttons. Sent a letter to Joanna about Mr. Hathaway's work. Received 1 dollar of Mr. Oliver for surveying. Had a very hard work in the forenoon, but business went much better in the afternoon.

Credits – 1.00

Debits - .65

Saturday, July 10

Paid Pratt \$2.75 cents for Robinson Crusoe and the Arabian Nights, two books that I have never owned or read and I do not know but it is time to begin on works of that character, though I always questioned whether they were the best to cultivate the imagination. Others think so but I have not. – Paid Billings 15 cents for Cream of tartar. Worked in the office through the day with a severe headache, but have got nearly through with the June estimates. The work has gone more pleasantly than it has on some days and I hope, but do not expect, it will improve. Went to the house soon after six o'clock and was too tired to write or read a word. Heard Amelia's lessons and soon went to bed. Paid Cushing for pictures of N.C.P. 75 cts.

Debits – 2.75, .15, .75

Sunday, July 11

High winds through a part of the night from the southwest, and it continued to increase till past two o'clock when it seemed a perfect gale. I staid in my room nearly all day and was too nearly jaded out so I could read but little.

Monday, July 12

Early this morning I went to the "kettle" to lay out some town road, then went to Henderson's work to take measurements for a final settlement. There was a high wind nearly through the day, and on that sandy road the dust was very troublesome. Bought a pound of tea of Billings, \$1.40 cents but did not pay for it. – Mr. Phillips came when I was at work, and will come and help me tomorrow. Paid for strawberries fifty cents.

Debits - .50

Tuesday, July 13

Awoke early and very tired this morning. Mr. Phillips came to the office to assist me about some plans of lands to be taken in extension of the railroad into the village. Paid Billings \$1.40 for tea bought last night. Mr. Phillips came this morning about 9 'clock and concluded to take his plans home to finish & to estimate. Soon after he came we started for Henderson's work, and worked there through the day. It is very unpleasant to have men watching your work constantly, but they have a right to see their work measured up.

Debits – 1.40

Wednesday, July 14

A fine and beautiful morning, but I am very much driven with work in the office. Today I must make out the monthly estimate and hope I can keep the brain cool till it is done. The work of course will be close work to make them all prove correctly. Took hold of them in earnest and finished them by noon. In the afternoon I examined Clarks and Phillips measurements of Henderson's & Wainwrights work in order to do a final estimate of their work. Paid out six cents for pens. Mrs. D. went to the Flat to make calls to pay many that she received long ago.

Debits - .06

Thursday, July 15

A rainy morning and it appears as though a rainy day was before us. Borrowed of Polk three dollars. Paid to Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets \$1.35. Paid Billings for sugar and express bill, and paid Mellish for lemons 25 cents, also I paid Pratt for pens 7 cents. Paid Fred Burk for use of horse etc. fifty cents. Received interest on bonds twelve dollars. The day has been quite pleasant, but I can hardly be in a mood for enjoying the pleasant weather when the work is pressing so heavily. I have some plans and descriptions to make out that ought to have been done long ago.

Credits – 3.00, 12.00

Debits – 1.35, 1.20, .25, .07, .50

Friday, July 16

Went to the office to work on Henderson and Wainwrights estimates and measurements of work done on their first contract. Could work in the morning very easily but the afternoon was very warm, too warm for work. Paid Slayton for setting glass to my Cabinet doors \$1.25 and paid Paul for fish 25 cents. I also paid Lester Miller 1 dollar for book. Am at work on Hendersons work and am fearful that he is to be disappointed in the quantities.

Debits – 1.25, .25, 1.00

Saturday, July 17

Worked in the office through all the fore part of the day getting out the full amount of the cuts on Hendersons work, and finished the cut at Church's in the afternoon, and find it much below what has been talked by the contractors and by the engineer Clark. I am afraid that Clark over estimated much of this work in the early part of his being here. Mrs. D. rode to Pomfret in the afternoon and at night I went there and found every thing very pleasant.

Sunday, July 18

It seems very pleasant about home today. It is a beautiful season of the year and vegetation is at its greatest maturity. We staid there till night when Joanna brought us home to Woodstock.

Monday, July 19

Sent off the proof sheet of the Almanac today, that is the Almanac for New Hampshire. Paid post office 25 cents for stamps, and paid Paul 62 cents for eggs. Went to Quechee to lay out work for culvert at Station 331, and also laid out a crossing for Osman Wood. Laid out some of the work at Taftsville and must go there again tomorrow. Paid Munger \$1.25 for cravat. Paid Polk two dollars of what I borrowed.

Debits - .25, .62, 1.25, 2.00

Tuesday, July 20

Went to Taftsville in the morning and set up the line from 149 to 152 and am ready to place the slope stakes. Laid out a culvert at Sta 153 in a deep ravine. A somewhat difficult place to locate one for it comes so near the town road culvert and that must soon be rebuilt. Came home about two o'clock to dinner & Abbie came down about six o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Chamberlin came with her and returned in the evening. Strong signs of rain, and people will try to get their hay that is cut secured from rain. Paid for Mass. Teacher \$1.50. Bumblebee boy for raspberries .40.

Debits – 1.50, .40

Wednesday, July 21

Am some unwell this forenoon but have worked in the office till about twelve. In the afternoon we went to Taftsville to set grade stakes from 152 to 154 or a little more. About four o'clock there was a hard shower. About half an inch of water fell. It was a hard shower in some places. Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Houghton visited here in the afternoon. Paid Polk one dollar as balance of the loan. Gave Polk a torn bill 2.00.

Debits – 1.00, 2.00

Thursday, July 22

Cool this morning with high wind from the Northwest. Polk and myself went this morning to run a line for Mr. Billings so that the fence viewers could make a partition of fences between Mr. Billings and Mr. Dana. The work pointed out to us did not come half that was before us when we came where it was, for instead of our line as I had supposed we were shown three lines all of which we were to measure. Finished our work about three o'clock in the afternoon. Paid Mr. Bailey for watch ring \$4.50 and also paid Whitcomb for fish fifty cents. Lester Miller for books five dollars & a half. Paid for paper, fifty cents.

Debits – 4.50, .50, 5.50, .40

Friday, July 23

Worked in the office till noon, and in the afternoon went to Taftsville to lay out the work to the furnace. That completes the staking out to Mower's land except three short spaces. These can be laid out at almost any time. The culvert at 153 is now nearly completed and there will be two or three more to come into the July estimate. The nights are cool but some of the days are very warm.

Saturday, July 24

In the forenoon I worked in the office on the estimates and copying them into the book of estimates. Mr. Henderson called to see about his estimates but they are not done. Paid Jones four dollars for dress goods. In the afternoon I went with Gen. Washburn to explore a route for the railroad back of the village and I wish to see now if it can be got through the streets and gardens without too much damage. Spencer & Fred were in the village and Mortimer also called. Went to the house soon after the mail was distributed. Burk for horse hire .75.

Debits – 4.00, .75

Sunday, July 25

A warm day for this season, the thermometer standing at 2 o'clock p.m. at 86 degrees above zero, which is the warmest this season. I staid at home through the day and was at my table the greater part of the time.

Monday, July 26

General Washburn called for a copy of the preliminary estimate of the Shallies Hill route, and I found the original estimate and made a copy for him. He is some perplexed with the discrepancies in the estimates, but I think he will find them equally correct with other similar estimates. Paid Billings for a bag of flour \$2.63 and 15 cents for a paper of starch. Paid Post Office 25 cents and 3 cents for gaiter strings.

Debits – 2.78, .28

Tuesday, July 27

Worked in the office through the day, for though we had intended to go out in the afternoon, it was too showery and we all worked on Henderson & Wainwrights work, and we finished it so far as to see that they have been estimated up to the extent of their work; at least it seems so and I hope that our conclusion is correct. I hope we can get a correct measurement on their work.

Wednesday, July 28

Went to Taftsville in the forenoon and laid out some work on Tracy's land, and thought we could finish it in the forenoon but did not get home to dinner till nearly four o'clock. In the evening we all went to hear the "Cantata of Queen Esther," which is to be performed at the Town Hall this evening by Mr. Cheney and some performers from abroad assisted by home talent. – The evening passed off very well, and the performance was quite respectable for a country village like this. But I could not say that I wished to have a friend of mine engaged in it. It seemed to be a small affair. Paid for tickets one dollar and fifty cents.

Debits – 1.50

Thursday, July 29

In the forenoon I worked in the office and had some company from the guest Cantata club. They seemed to be very social and I must say that it hindered us some about our studies and computations. But they seemed to forget that they were not in a public house. However we can excuse them for music seems to have been their exclusive study and to have occupied their thoughts to the neglect of other subjects. In the afternoon we went to Taftsville to direct about the culvert at 165 and to take some levels on the rock this side of Tracy's barn. Randall for fixing watch \$1.00.

Debits – 1.00

Friday, July 30

In the forenoon, went to Station 100 and began to lay out work towards Woodstock, there being about six hundred feet not yet laid out. Worked there through the forenoon, and after dinner we went to Mr. Hewitt's flat and ran a line about through the village so as to get the position of things back of the block and so back of the Episcopal Church. The day was cool and very comfortable for such a work. Our folks are alone now for Polk and Abbie have gone to Pomfret.

Saturday, July 31

Started this morning for the "Gulf" and on the way set grades for St. Onge on Woods land, and then called at Wainwright's work near Barron's house. Went to the Gulf and found the pier within eight or nine feet of the top. They were placing the skew-backs for the arches and braces to rest upon, and they are quite formidable rocks. Have examined almost every piece of work on the line between Woodstock and the Gulf. The piers at Babcock's brook will make us some work I fear, but must try to keep them all right. They are truly defective, but whose is the fault I cannot tell.

Sunday, August 1

Staid at my room and hardly left it through the day. Spencer and wife and Mrs. Julia Wood called, so also did Horace Dunham. The day was warm and extremely dull, so much so that it was a task to read.

Monday, August 2

This is the day for the great caravan, but it is no time for work, for there is little but confusion in the streets or in the village anywhere. There is probably the greatest collection of people that has ever gathered here on a similar occasion. Cousin Edwin Saunderson and wife came here from Plymouth, and Joanna and Mortimer and Fred came from Pomfret. It seems quite pleasant to have them call. Borrowed of Polk two dollars last week. Paid for tickets 1.00.

Credits – 2.00

Debits - 1.00

Tuesday, August 3

Received of the R.R. Company \$125 dollars. Paid Polk two dollars, and I paid Munger eight dollars. Also paid Mr. Knapp \$1.50. – Paid Mr. Wolcott for fixing Mortimer's watch \$1.25 and Billings for sugar 53 cents. The weather is very dry and vegetation is suffering very much.

Credits – 125.00

Debits – 2.00, 8.00, 1.50, 1.25, .53

Wednesday, August 4

Paid Lewis Pratt fifty dollars towards office rent, and I hope to pay him the balance soon. Strong signs of rain so that we did not go to Hendersons and Wainwrights work as we had intended. Worked in the office through the day for the signs of rain were too strong to allow us to go away from home. Paid Smith and Slack \$2.50 for gaiters. Paid Munger for drawers \$2.20.

Debits – 50.00, 2.50, 2.20

Thursday, August 5

Arose quite early and prepared an article for the two papers, that is one for Mr. Greene and one for Mr. McMaster, on the subject of the great eclipse of the sun. Worked till I became very nervous. After breakfast, I went with Mr. Sims to measure Henderson and Wainwrights work, and to make a full examination of all their work. Came back and took the measurement of St. Onge's work, and then came to Woodstock too tired to work more today. Paid for meat fifty five cents.

Debits - .55

Friday, August 6

Frost this morning, but I did not see it. It is probable that it was sufficiently severe to injure vegetation. But frosts at this season of the year are not very common, but we must take the frosts of this world when they come. Worked in the office through the day on the estimates and hope to get them out before they are needed. The office work is going rather slowly. Paid Pratt for an Inkstand 70 cents and am to pay ten more but could not make change. Paid Jones & Chapman 70 cents, and Mrs. Mock two dollars.

Debits - .70, .70, 2.00

Saturday, August 7

Today I have paid subscription for Leland Doten five dollars. It seems as though he was entitled to a good deal of credit for his industry in keeping his family together. The loss of his cow was a great loss to him. Paid Mrs. Churchill one dollar and twenty cents for fixing hat. This afternoon the Great Solar Eclipse came off exactly as predicted. The time of beginning, as I had computed it was 5 hours and 14 or 14½ minutes, and from the observation I could not tell whether the predicted time was too soon or too late. The sky was quite clear throughout the day although in the forenoon it seemed as though it might be cloudy. There was a slight frost this morning, but not sufficient to injure vegetation.

Debits – 5.00, 1.20

Sunday, August 8

I am too tired not to be glad to meet a day of rest, and I have made my Sundays so for a long time. I did not go to church but staid in my room till nearly night, and then we took a walk on the hills to see the Camels that Mr. French left with Mrs. French to keep. After walking over the hills we found them at Mrs. Dana's barn. Had a very pleasant walk.

Monday, August 9

Went this morning to set grades for Hodge and then we went to station 91 to lay out a culvert and in the afternoon we staked out the work near the kettle, so that all that work is done. Paid Knapp for Silliman \$0.90. Paid Billings for tea \$1.40.- Also paid Jones and Chapman for cans \$1.76.

Debits - .90, 1.40, 1.76

Tuesday, August 10

The morning is some warmer and a warm day may be expected. Signs of rain but none comes yet. The ground is very dry and the dust when traveling is almost suffocating. There has been no rain of importance for many weeks. Crops suffer some from the extremely dry weather. I have been in the office through the day on the July estimate, and have nearly completed it. Mrs. D. and Abbie went to Pomfret to pick berries and cherries to preserve. Paid Gibson for sugar 57 cents. Paid Amelia 35 cents.

Debits - .57, .35

Wednesday, August 11

Had a talk with Mr. Sims about extending one road line and the work. Horace & Simeon were out in the forenoon and Horace through the day. I remained in the office and worked on the estimates, and am trying to fix up Henderson & Wainwright's estimates, and have it about as well as I can fix it, and I am as nearly satisfied as I can be that it is fair and just. Mrs. Bridge called in the evening for a few minutes. Paid one dollar for team to Pomfret.

Debits – 1.00

Thursday, August 12

Worked all through the fore part of the day in the office, and tried to finish all the estimates for the month of July and at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the evening I started with the General for the Junction to meet Mr. Shay and Mr. Todd of the Northern Railroad. Had a pleasant ride over the line of the road, and arrived at the Junction about eight o'clock. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Todd were not there but will probably come before morning.

Friday, August 13

Had a very good room for the night but my lamp failed and left me in the dark. Took breakfast at seven and soon after we started to travel over the line of the railroad. Left the team at Pierce's and walked to Shallies Hill, and from that point to the Gulf. We then rode to Mr. Woods and took dinner, and then came over the rest of the route. Am very tired this evening, but must start for Andover in the morning. I am glad to get away from the work for a few days. Have paid Mr. Munger & Co. \$8.50 for pants and paid Bailey 15 cents. Paid Mrs. Churchill 2 dollars 42 cents. J.B. Jones for thread & tape 35 cents. Mrs. Mock one dollar.

Debits – 8.50, .15, 2.42, 1.35

Saturday, August 14

Went to the office early in the morning to fix the work so that I could leave it for a few days. Started with Cone for New Hampshire. Rode in a crowded stage to the Station and then took our places in more crowded cars. Had a pleasant ride to Andover Center where we met our friends who took us to West Salisbury the place of our destination. The day was exceedingly beautiful and we, of course, enjoyed it. I

am well pleased with the place and with the people that I have seen today. Paid Cone \$2.25 as stage fare, and paid car fare to the Junction 45 cents.

Debits – 2.25, .45

Sunday, August 15

Took cold yesterday and am quite unwell today. Have a severe headache and am cold, with cold chills, but became more comfortable before night. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Gookin. A very rainy day, and we have not had one like it for many weeks.

Monday, August 16

Another wet day so that we do not go to the mountain, and I have some fears that the weather will not be very favorable for us.

Tuesday, August 17

Another wet day and I spent most of it writing in my chamber, for I always have a chamber for writing where I am. Here I have a very pleasant chamber for the purpose. Am writing this with Gillott's celebrated 303 pens, and I wish I could like so fine a pen. In the afternoon we all went to Mr. Cyrus Gookin's to tea. My brain was too much pressed to enjoy the visit very much. Went back to our room a little before night, and went early to bed quite unwell.

Wednesday, August 18

A heavy mass of clouds hang on the mountain and we cannot visit it today. Have concluded to go home today, so about ten o'clock we started for Andover. Amelia concluded not to come back with us. The clouds dispersed in the course of the day so that we could see the summit of the mountain at times. Had a pleasant ride to Woodstock and am glad to get to my work again. Paid Cone \$1.50 cents for car fare. Also paid car fare 30 cents.

Debits – 1.50, .30

Thursday, August 19

Worked in the office through the day. Met writing teachers who came up with us last night on the stage. Also saw a lady that sat near us in the cars yesterday as we came from Andover Center. The day is quite warm and I am too lazy to work very easily.

Friday, August 20

The forenoon was very close and the air quite muggy and dull and very warm, perhaps the warmest of the season. Worked in the office in the forenoon but in the afternoon I went to Mr. Johnson's where the men were at work. Mr. Phillips is assisting me about the work on this section of the line as he has not much to do on his part of the work. Paid Pratt ten cents for pens. The heat this afternoon is very oppressive. I have seldom known so hard a day for work.

Debits - .10

Saturday, August 21

Worked in and around the office through the forenoon. But in the afternoon I planned to run a line of levels for Mr. Billings, but the rain and Kimball Perkins prevented. Kimball came from Barnard in very nervous state and tried to get away from his working place. There was a shower in the afternoon about one o'clock, but it did not rain through the afternoon. Towards night we rode to Pomfret and had a very pleasant ride. Paid Mr. Burk for horse hire 75 cents.

Debits - .75



Sunday, August 22

Found ourselves at my own room where I have staid so very long. The room is pleasant, and very much so today for the air is so cool and so good. We took a walk over the Ware place, and the day was very pleasant and cool. Started on foot to come to Woodstock but Mr. Church took us and we rode with him.

Monday, August 23

In the forenoon I went to Mr. Billings to run a line of levels from his well near Mr. Thompson's line to the house. Ran the line 3000 feet and then left it for dinner. In the afternoon we went to the work below Mr. Johnsons and laid out the town road from station 36 to sta 39 nearly. Norman Perkins came to Woodstock and has gone to Pomfret. Mr. Phillips called in the evening. Paid Paul 30 cents. Paid Edward Doton ten dollars towards his work.

Debits - .30, 10.00

Tuesday, August 24

Mrs. D. and Abbie were called to watch last night and we did not any of us rest very well. I went to the office quite early and Mr. Phillips went with the rest to work down the line. I went to Mr. Billings to run levels on his aqueduct but could not get any one to assist me so I left for the office. Norman Perkins called in the afternoon and talked about a house for his mother. He spoke with Stephen Mellish about the brick house below the brick church, and it seems as though that is the cheapest one that he has found. Paid Paul for eggs 80 cents, also paid Mrs. Dunham for eggs 13 cents.

Debits - .80, .13

Wednesday, August 25

Paid Pratt for ink bottle 80 cents. This morning we were aroused by the sound of cannon, for it is the soldiers' "re-union" if any body can tell what the meaning of the term is. It was a noisy day and all seemed to feel so patriotic that even the rain could not cool them down. Saw Mr. Hubbard of Bridgewater who wants a line run between his land and Mr. Kellogg's, and I must get Polk to go and do it. There was some rain in the afternoon that served to mar the soldiers' day.

Debits - .80

Thursday, August 26

Went up to Billings ground to take levels but could not get the company together for Mr. Hoisington was obliged to go to the Station with Mr. Billings who starts today for New York. Norman Perkins came up with me and took supper. He got some stereoscopic views of Mr. Cushing, some of which were very beautiful. He is trying to buy a place for his mother and I hope he will buy the Mellish house of the easterly part which is the Pierce part. Paid Pratt 80 cents for an ink bottle yesterday and I think I shall get another like it for a red ink bottle.

Friday, August 27

This has been a warm, clear day especially in the forenoon. We started down the line to lay out culverts, and have laid out all or nearly all that will be required. Sent for Mr. Phillips to assist me in doing it and had a pleasant days work. Did some work on Mr. Merrill's land and made some changes on Mr. Barker's land. I am glad to finish up the masonry for it is quite expensive compared with the earthwork. Paid Billings for sugar \$1.05 cents.

Debits - 1.05

Saturday, August 28

Went to Mr. Standish's tannery to lay out some work about his smoke stack, for he wished to have three supports for it and to have them evenly spaced. Norman succeeded in buying the easterly part of the brick house below the brick church and I wish I could buy the westerly part. Polk made the writings for them in the afternoon and finished in the evening when it began to rain quite furiously. Paid 20 cents for sweet potatoes. Paid Stephen Pratt 80 cents for another ink bottle to use with red ink. Norman came up

with us and concluded to stay through the night. Quite rainy in the evening. – Took 25 dollars of the R.R. Treasurer and paid it to Norman Perkins.

Credits – 25.00  
Debits - .20, .80, 25.00

Sunday, August 29

Norman and I went to the office with Polk and I took the time and found Clarke's clock a few seconds more than one minute too fast. Norman wants my old stand-by of a watch, one that I have carried twenty one years. I bought it August, I think, of 1848 when I was at work on the Northern or Bristol Railroad. It was July 1848, as I now recall for I had it at Bristol before I left there. He takes it with him to Chicago.

Monday, August 30

Early in the morning I went to Mr. Billings to lay out a curve for his front wall, then went to the eastern division of the road to examine it for an estimate of what is to be done. Went to the Junction to see about the grade and the tracks to join the other roads. Paid 30 cents at the post office. Paid Paul for jug and molasses 80 cents.

Debits - .30, .80

Tuesday, August 31

Mr. Phillips and I worked in the office on the estimate for Gen. Washburn through the day. We had some pleasant talks on our own peculiar experiences on the road. Have taken two letters from the office for Norman but have ordered them back to Chicago. Mr. Phillips will move his things here in a few days and take up his abode here permanently; or rather till the road is completed. Spencer and I took \$69.62 dollars from the bank and he took fifty dollars of it and I the remainder which was \$19.62. Paid insurance for Norman C. Perkins 20 dollars.

Credits – 69.62  
Debits – 50.00, 20.00

Wednesday, September 1

Paid Paul 32 cents for nutmeg, etc. I worked in the office through the day, while Mr. Phillips and Horace and Simeon went down the line. Mr. Phillips remained at Quechee to do some work but sent his table and book case up here. He will come himself in a few days. It will be much better for the work to have him here to keep our work together.

Debits - .32

Thursday, September 2

Mr. Phillips is taking notes for his August estimate, and Simeon and Horace are assisting him. There was a shower in the afternoon that must have hindered them some. Self went to Quechee to set fence stakes on Mr. Bragg's land. Albro Perkins is making fence on that land and around the depot grounds at Quechee. After doing that work I walked up the line and was overtaken by a shower at Taftsville, but did not get much wet. Walked up to Mr. Pratt's barn and rode from there to Woodstock.

Friday, September 3

A warmer morning than we have had for a few days past. Mr. Phillips came up last night, and this morning went for his brother who is some unwell. They came a little before noon. I worked on the estimate through the day. Received of the R.R. Company 101 dollars which makes, with the 25 received a few days ago, 126 dollars being, besides the price for the month, one dollar for postage.

Credits – 101.00  
Debits - .99

Saturday, September 4

Mr. Phillips and the hands went down the line to measure up the work on this division of the road. Self worked in the office through the day for the estimates for Gen. Washburn to use in his negotiations with other roads. A toilsome work. Paid Lewis Pratt \$4.25 for "Our New West" and the "Swiss Family Robinson." Two different, but very good, books. Received a letter from Norman and a check for 135 dollars. In the evening we went to Pomfret to stay over Sunday. Found Mrs. Page there on a visit.

Credits – 135.00

Debits – 4.25

Sunday, September 5

Am at home this morning and am not obliged to think of the railroad work at every moment. I staid in my old chamber all the forenoon, but in the afternoon I ran about more, and towards night I went to the Ware place to get some apples. In the evening we came to Woodstock. The evening is quite pleasant and we had a fine ride.

Monday, September 6

Went to Mr. Billings work on the aqueduct and then came to the office. Mr. Phillips is on the lower divisions of the work. Paid Mr. Whitcomb meat bill for two months \$3.89. – also paid him for sweet potatoes 24 cents. The evening is cool and there are some signs of rain. Paid Fay & Woodward for Norman Perkins \$16.50 for the use of the horse while he was here.

Debits – 3.89, .24, 16.50

Tuesday, September 7

This is the day of General Election in Vermont, "the first Tuesday in September." It was some time before I could think best to vote at all, but came to the conclusion that it was a duty I owed to the state and to those who had favored me in times past. Nearly all day I worked in the office but took time to go by the Town Hall. At night I called on the General and gave him an estimate of future road expenses. There is some probability that the northern road will run it when done. Today I have paid five cents for a watch key and paid Mr. Hathaway balance for work \$29.00. Paid Simeon Dunham one dollar for use of horse.

Debits - .05, 29.00, 1.00

Wednesday, September 8

In the forenoon Polk went to Mr. Billings to assist in laying out the grounds near his house. I went to Mr. Johnson's to see fence and to see to the culverts on Mr. Merrill's land. Some of them are very well built while others have some defects. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings house and laid out some of the grounds near the south side of the house. But the rain prevented taking any levels on them. I shall go again tomorrow if the weather permits. Paid for dress goods at Jane's \$1.84, and for soap 14 cents and blackberries 27 cents. A severe shower in the afternoon when there fell 0.56 of an inch. Paid Polk two dollars for money that he advanced for Norman's insurance.

Debits – 1.84, .27, 2.00

Thursday, September 9

The air was some more clear this morning, and it seemed as though it would be cooler and frosty perhaps. I worked in the office about half the forenoon and then went to Mr. Billings house again to take some levels about the grading of the grounds. In the afternoon I staid in the office and copied estimates. In the evening I went to the office to arrange about grades near the depot ground as it seems to be too low as it is now. Came home soon after nine o'clock. Received of Norman Perkins 20 dollars and I paid five cents for pens, and paid Randall and Mr. Bailey \$2.50 for spectacles.

Credits – 20.00

Debits - .05, 2.50

Friday, September 10

Am quite unwell with cold and do not wish to do much writing or thinking. It has been some rainy and this morning Simeon and I went down the line to see that the ditches are all in good order. Went as far as the summit below Taftsville, and found that some of the ditches had been made before us. The rain continued moderately till towards night. Took an addition to the cold that I felt so much this morning. Paid Hewitt for milk tickets one dollar.

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, September 11

Awoke this morning with a painful headache which did not leave me till nearly night. Staid in the office the greater part of the forenoon, but in the afternoon Simeon and I went down the line to set fence stakes. Worked some easier this afternoon, and we set the fence stakes through Mr. Merrill's land. The Company bought this afternoon of Mr. Merrill from his line near sta. D a piece ten feet wide to sta. 3, then diminishing to five feet at sta. 4 and coming out at sta. 5, making 45 feet from the center line on the northerly line from Merrill's line at sta. 0 to sta. 3, and 40 feet wide at sta 4, and 35 feet at sta. 5. Paid 24 cents for sweet potatoes.

Debits - .24

Sunday, September 12

A most remarkably pleasant day and I spent it in my room almost entirely. I ought not to say that I have worked, but it seemed necessary to have the proof of the Almanac read before tomorrow, and I have done it.

Monday, September 13

This morning I went to Mr. Billings house to play out a reservoir for his aqueduct. The rest of the day I spent in the office. Paid the bank 70 dollars and took up a note signed by Spencer and myself. He had fifty dollars of the proceeds and I the rest. Paid Billings \$1.60 for tea and raisins. Sent proof of the Almanac to Claremont, and received another tonight. Mr. Phillips brother came last Saturday night and started for home this forenoon.

Debits – 70.00, 1.60

Tuesday, September 14

A cloudy and foggy morning. Did not rise very early. Wrote a note to my young friend Charles M. Marsh who is at Troy about joining the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I think we ought to assist such young men when it happens to come to our power. In the forenoon I finished the estimate for the Treasurer and Mr. Sims, and after that I went to Mr. Johnsons on Mr. Boyces notice. Set off four rods on the street and also the same distance in the rear of the lot. I also set up a line for Mr. Howe on River street. In the afternoon I went down the line to assist about laying out work. The day has been very warm. Paid 25 cents for the raisins bought yesterday.

Debits - .25

Wednesday, September 15

A very foggy morning but before nine o'clock the fog had cleared away and the day was extremely warm. Mr. Phillips went down the line to see about the work beyond Shallies Hill. Bought a watch of Clarke & Randall for 45 dollars, a most beautiful watch. I worked in the office nearly all day, but the heat was very oppressive. Am expecting Robert Perkins every day now, though he may not come for some time.

Debits – 45.00

Thursday, September 16

A foggy and cloudy morning, but quite clear before ten o'clock. Tried to take the time but did not have very good success, and I concluded to defer it to another time. Had Mr. Randall start the hair spring of the

new watch. – In the morning Simeon and Horace and myself went to Taftsville to make some measures there and on the road. Made a survey of the road by the Kettle. In the afternoon I was some unwell, so much so that I did not write but little. Did not try to work in the evening, but retired quite early to bed.

Friday, September 17

Did not rest well last night and am not feeling very well today. Have spent nearly all day in the office. In the afternoon Camilla Ware called to have me assist her about affecting a settlement with Mr. Chamberlin; and I succeeded in getting the case put off one week to give time to make out a mortgage deed, and on that she left for home. – Mr. Hewitt called to see about the line between his land and Harvey Hewitt's old farm. He left for home a little before night. Paid Nathan Lamb for shingles \$3.00. Paid Mellish for vinegar ten cents, Thompson for spider (frying pan with legs) 30 cents.

Debits – 3.00, .10, .30

Saturday, September 18

Signs of rain this morning. Went to the office and remained in it till nearly noon, writing out surveys of roads, etc. for the Selectmen of Woodstock. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt called on me to think about his difficulty with Harvey Hewitt about a land line. There is very much of noise and confusion in the village and I am really tired. Robert Perkins came from Chicago and was tired and nervous. He took tea here and then took a horse and carriage and went to Pomfret. Self was hindered at the office tonight but am home now seated at my table. The Town Hall bell is just now ringing for a lecture, but I am not inclined to go. Paid ten cents for berries.

Debits - .10

Sunday, September 19

A warm day and I kept my chamber almost entirely through the day. I wrote a letter to Norman Perkins, and one to my friend Judge Upham of Warren Vt., and one to Hon. G.M. Dale of Island Pond. The day has been very dry and no signs of rain. The ground is literally parched.

Monday, September 20

Went to the office early and at the Post Office found a letter from Mr. Clarke who has for a few months been at Cohasset, Mass. Robert Perkins came down from Pomfret, and remained here till night when he and Polk went to Pomfret. Strong signs of rain through the day. Paid Munger for coat \$18.00.

Debits – 18.00

Tuesday, September 21

Strong signs of rain in the morning. Got Mr. Bradley to draw two barrels of water from Mr. Woodward's pond. Last evening I threw one tier of wood into the woodhouse, and this morning another. Staid at the office a part of the day, and worked at the house when I could. Robert and his mother came down to see the house that they have bought, but went soon back to Pomfret. It rained a very little in the afternoon, but in the evening it was quite rainy. Mrs. Allen lectured at the Town Hall and all went except Mrs. D. and myself. Mrs. Chamberlin came down from Pomfret and attended the lecture. Paid Mr. Bradley fifty cents.

Debits - .50

Wednesday, September 22

Rested badly last night and can hardly say that I am very strong this morning. Went to the office and soon after I went with the selectmen to look at the roads between Woodstock and Taftsville. The forenoon was very damp and it was bad air to breathe. Robert came down in the afternoon. The afternoon was cool and damp and I did not stay till night, so I went to the house and did my writing there. Polk and Abbie attended the lecture again this evening. Miss Allen must be a rare woman, but it does not call out her own talent but she speaks by dictation from the spirits of those who are gone, so she claims.

Thursday, September 23

Ruth Perkins came down with Robert today and will stay till tomorrow. In the morning I took a horse & buggy and went to Taftsville to see some of the work. Called at Mr. Spauldings and he came with me to the Kettle where some work is yet to be done. Paid Mr. Burk one dollar for horse. Robert went to Pomfret again at night and will come down again tomorrow. In the evening we all went to hear Mrs. Allen. The Hall was filled to the utmost, and the friends of the speaker were much encouraged. Paid Randall for glasses one dollar & fifty cents and paid for paper thirteen cents. Paid at the lecture fifty cents.

Debits – 1.00, 1.50, .13, .50

Friday, September 24

Spent the forenoon in the office copying notes and in looking up errors in the computations. I have some fears that some of the work has been incorrectly computed. Robert came down in the forenoon, and in the afternoon Mrs. D. went with him to see Ruth Darling. She is living now at Charles E. Darling's in Hartland. They came home a little before six o'clock in the afternoon. After supper, Robert and Ruth Perkins went to Pomfret. No money paid out today. Paid Dr. McCollum fifty cents.

Debits - .50

Saturday, September 25

A cloudy morning with strong signs of rain. Mr. Phillips and the rest of the hands have gone to Shallies hill to give grades and lines. I staid in the office in the forenoon, was quite unwell from a severe headache. Cannot write much but keep my copying work going on. At noon there are still signs of rain. Paid Paul for onions and sweet potatoes \$0.49. Paid Billings for box of table salt 15 cents. Expected Mr. Burk to carry us up to Pomfret but he did not come, but we rode with Robert Perkins and got there a little before eight o'clock. Was very tired and soon retired to rest. Found my room very much as I left it two or three weeks ago.

Debits - .49, .15

Sunday, September 26

It began to rain about seven o'clock this morning and rained through the day. Of course I did not run about very much, but I had a visit with Mr. Barber that does just as well. I must think his nerves are very badly sprung. It continued to rain till night, so that we did not go to Woodstock as we intended.

Monday, September 27

It stopped raining this morning and we went to Woodstock about nine o'clock; found no letters at the office, and the hands at work in the office. In the afternoon I went to Taftsville to look at the line near Mr. Knowlton's. Paid Billings twelve dollars for flour and 50 cents for groceries, and received of him 20 cents for a bag of flour returned.

Tuesday, September 28

A frosty morning though not so much can be seen as is usual when so cold. Started in the morning for the lower end of the line. Rode to Strong's woods and took some heights to give grades to O'Rourke in the pine woods. Examined the work at Shallies Hill and then went to Braley's land. Mr. Phillips and I sold the wood on Braley's land to McCarthy for \$17.50 reserving 6 hemlock trees, one of which is down. The work is nearly done in all that part of the road, and one of the great fills on Porter land is nearly full, and on the other the banks are together up twenty feet or more. Came home about six o'clock.

Wednesday, September 29

Rested badly last night and arose not quite able to work. About nine o'clock I called on Gen. Washburn and learned some things about the railroad, and of the running of it. I hope that matter will be fully adjusted. Paid for vinegar twenty cents and for medicine fifty cents. – In the afternoon I walked down the line as far as Station 73 to look at the work and to see to the culverts for the rains interfere with the paving sometimes. The evening was very beautiful and much warmer than for a few days past.

Debits - .20, .50

Thursday, September 30

This morning I paid Pratt thirty five cents for Spenserian pens, and paid Billings for sugar one dollar and eight cents. Staid in the office through the forenoon. It is one of the most beautiful days of the year. The leaves are beginning to show their autumn colors, and in about two weeks or less will be at their brightest glow. In the afternoon we went to Taftsville and to Pomfret and came home in the evening. The afternoon and evening were very pleasant, and after I came to Woodstock I rode to Mr. Richmond's with Abbie. Paid Mr. Burk for the horse one dollar. Robert came home from Boston tonight and we got his trunk from the hotel in the evening.

Debits - .35, 1.05, 1.00

Friday, October 1

Tried to take the time in the morning but was not fully satisfied with the result, for it made Mr. Clarke's clock about six minutes too fast and I had not thought it was so much too fast as that. I remained in the office the greater part of the day. Spent part of the forenoon in looking over Robert's trinkets that he got at Boston, especially the Wedgewood inkstands. He was fortunate enough to find about a dozen of them while looking over the old books, pictures, etc. Bought about two pounds of butter of Mellish and paid him 76 cents for it. Paid quarterly postage 37 cents.

Debits - .76, .37

Saturday, October 2

Spent the greater part of the day in the office. Expected to go to South Woodstock to run some lines on the Farnsworth estate but was not called for. I was some disappointed though I had work enough to do. Made out the Pay Roll and received of the Railroad Company \$126.00, and then paid the ninth assessment \$60.00. The day has been warm and very pleasant and I have tried to be out of doors in the air as much as my work would allow. In the evening I staid at my table and attended to my work. Tried all the pens I could get hold of, but found none that fully satisfied me.

Credits – 126.00

Debits – 60.00

Sunday, October 3

It began to rain about six o'clock this morning and now 7½ o'clock p.m. it is still raining. In the afternoon Simeon and I went down the line as far as the Barrett road, and after fixing that road we worked our way back, the rain continuing as we came. Amt of rain to 7 o'clock p.m. 1.12 inches.

Monday, October 4

The rain continues and is increasing. At 7½ o'clock a.m. 1.62 inches, and at 10½ o'clock there was fully two inches in three hours. Mr. Phillips, Simeon and myself went down the line as far as Henry Babcock's. Found the lower wing of the easterly abutment shaking some but perhaps it will stand. The wing of the southerly abutment at Taftsville fell while I was there. The banks are some washed but the culverts are all good except the one by Mr. Hewitts. Paid P.O. 99 cents for stamps. – Randall \$1.50 for glasses for S.C.D. Paid 36 cents for groceries & 30 cents for sweet potatoes.

Debits – 2.49, .66

Tuesday, October 5

Lent to Spencer 70 dollars more, which makes 130 dollars and some interest that he will put into a note soon. (Paid Post Office 99 cents for stamps.) A cool cloudy day. Started about eleven o'clock to go down the line to take notes of all the damage done to the road. Mr. Greene and Simeon Dunham went as far as Quechee to see the work made of Parker's factory. I walked as far as the Babcock bridge and took notes of all the damage done to the road as far as I could determine it. Met Mr. Phillips in the evening at the

office and composed the notes we had taken, and found that the damage to the Railroad must be about ten or eleven thousand dollars. The Fair which was to begin today is put forward one day.

Debits – 70.00

Wednesday, October 6

Went to the office in the morning but found myself too unwell to go down the line. In the forenoon I copied the estimates of yesterday and sent them to Gen. Washburn. In the afternoon I went with Robert Perkins to try some levels of the height of the water below the upper bridge and below the Elm Street bridge. Polk has worked on the fair ground writing for the managers of the fair. In the evening Robert went to Pomfret. The evening was very pleasant. I was very unwell but I was called to go to Gen. Washburn's on account of some telegrams that he had just received from Gov. Smith of St. Albans. Was not detained very long and soon came home with instructions to go to the Junction tomorrow night. This has been one of the most beautiful of autumn days.

Thursday, October 7

Today is the second day and greatest day of the Windsor County fair, and a very clear and beautiful day. The foliage in the forest is fast rising to its greatest beauty and highest colors. The time of highest colors varies from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month but more often it comes about the ninth though it may be later than that this year. I am quite unwell today owing to my severe cold that I took while inspecting the road on those two or three rainy days. Am now in my room alone but expect the folks at home very soon. They had a pleasant time at the fair. I did not go to the Junction. Staid at the house in the evening.

Friday, October 8

In the morning Simeon and I went down the line to meet the engineers of the W. Central road. We met them on Porters land and came back on the line. We came back to Mr. Woods to dinner and then went to the Gulf on the east side of the road; came back and went up the line as far as Taftsville and then left for Woodstock. They are making a very thorough examination of the work on the whole line, but I do not know how favorable their proposition may be, but hope it may be very liberal. It was nearly eight o'clock when we came to Woodstock. Paid expenses at Mr. Woods two dollars. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Bailey came with us to Woodstock.

Debits – 2.00

Saturday, October 9

Rested some but not as well as usual for my cold prevents it. Soon after breakfast I started with Mr. Bailey and Mr. Phillips to examine the road to Taftsville. Walked with them over the line examining every part of it. After completing the examination Mr. Dewey carried them (Mr. Bailey and Mr. Merrill) to Quechee and he was intending to help them to the cars on the Central road. – Paid 20 cents for goods. Paid gas bill for the Railroad Company eighty three cents. The mails are running again and I hope will not be again interrupted by such destructive rains. Robert went home in the evening. Received a letter from Salisbury. Paid 30 cents for milk tickets.

Debits - .20, .83, .30

Sunday, October 10

Remained at home through the day. The morning was quite clear but it soon began to be cloudy, and the clouds increased through the day till about 6 o'clock p.m. when it began to rain.

Monday, October 11

Started early in the morning for the lower end of the line. Rode to the French Shanty and from there we walked down the line nearly to the Junction. Taftsville bridge was very much injured by the rain last night. An embankment went out of the railroad last night and injured the central road some. These two rains have been the most severe that has been known for a very long time. We made some measurements and spent the remainder of the time in making examinations of culverts and other work in the line. Arrived home about eight o'clock in the evening.



Tuesday, October 12

Did not rest well last night for it was late when I came home and I was too tired to rest well. I am not well but can keep about. Went to the office in the morning in time to see Gen. Washburn before he started for Montpelier. We have spent the day in the office preparing for the estimates but the rain and the committee from the Central road have put our work back much. Paid Whitcomb's meat bill \$2.89 cents and Mrs. Taylor for work 30 cents. It began to rain about one o'clock p.m. and rained very slowly till night falling only 32/100 of an inch. It then began to rain more rapidly and continued so in the evening. How much rain we are getting about these days. At 7 o'clock this evening there had fallen 9.41 inches.

Debits – 2.89, .30

Wednesday, October 13

A rainy night and it continues to rain this morning. At 7 o'clock there had fallen 0.87 inches during the night, and it continued to rain through the day. Awoke with a severe headache, but I managed to write a short article to append to Swan Dana's article on the great storm. I worked in the office through the day and the hands are all at work on the estimate for September work. It now appears that the estimate will be some lower than it was in August. Paid 40 cents for a mop stick. – There is some difficulty in telling which of the last three days was the brightest in its autumn dress. Early frosts have not lent a helping hand this fall. Received of Simeon Dunham for glasses 1.50. Paid expenses for feeding horse .15 cents.

Credits – 1.50

Debits - .40, .15

Thursday, October 14

Went to the office in the morning to arrange for paying Mr. Sims, and gave an order on the Treasurer for 8000 dollars which is thought to be enough to pay his help and as soon as the estimate is completed the balance will be paid. At half past eight we started for the north part of Pomfret, - left Mrs. D. at Mr. Chamberlins and I went to Mr. Woods. Came back to Mr. Chamberlins, took dinner and then went to the town house to attend the hearing in the case Harvey Hewitt vs. Elisha Hewitt. After the hearing of this case we started for home coming by our old farm. We wanted to go to Henry Hewitt's but the strong appearance of rain prevented. Paid Mr. Burk for the use of the horse \$1.30.

Debits – 1.30

Friday, October 15

Was quite unwell in the forenoon with a hard headache. Could hardly stay in the office. Finished up the estimate and gave the abstract to Mr. Munger. In the afternoon I went with Mr. Phillips to Shallies Hill and to see a culvert by the French shanty. Found it fully choked up and we worked upon it for some time to get the water in it. But it very soon began to clear its own channel. It was nearly half past five before we started for home. The night was very dark but we came to Woodstock safely and before 7 o'clock. Paid Stephen Pratt for ink jug and pens \$1.70 cents and the Post office ten cents.

Debits – 1.70, .10

Saturday, October 16

It began to rain last night at about 7 o'clock, and this morning it had rained by the gauge 0.15 inches and still it rains. I staid in the office the greater part of the day, but towards night Mr. Phillips & I went to Mr. Billings Barn to set the vane. In the afternoon the weather was much cooler and there are signs of its "clearing off." Robert came down in the afternoon and took supper with Polk and Abbie. Paid Mr. Greene \$1.50 for his paper another year. Also paid Paul 80 cents for molasses and potatoes. The forests are most truly beautiful. I never knew the brilliant colors to hold so long, but there have been no frosts to hasten the ripening of the foliage and the colors are all natural, each tree in its own time.

Sunday, October 17

The morning is some cool and the air quite clear, of course the day is most beautiful. The autumn colors are truly remarkable though the brightest colors are past. Am writing to some of our Pomfret men to have

them assist Robert Perkins in getting the historical matter of Pomfret. Paid Stephen Pratt 9 cents for sample pens.

Debits - .09

Monday, October 18

Hardly called at the office, but went to the depot ground to direct about a culvert. Soon started for White River to examine the damaged Culverts and to see about repairing. It is difficult to decide in many cases what to do with such culverts, but in most cases we can readily decide. The squalls tell us that it is growing cold. Came home soon after six o'clock. First snow flakes seen today. The autumn colors are still very beautiful, though some brown and sere.

Tuesday, October 19

Mr. Phillips has gone to White River to give some direction about repairing the Culverts. I sent pens to John Marsh of Montpelier. Went with Mr. Cushing to examine the abutment to Elm St. Bridge and to measure the span necessary to put an Iron Bridge in place of the old one that was carried away on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the time of the great freshet. Have concluded to put in a double box culvert with parapet walls and wings at each end. This will make a very formidable work. Paid Billings for tea \$1.60, and for starch 15 cents and 65 cents for a basket. The weather is cold and rough and tells us what is coming in a few months more.

Credits - .25

Debits - 1.60, .80

Wednesday, October 20

Snow on the ground this morning so that the highest hills are white. This tells us that a winter is coming. Simeon and Horace went to White River to set fence stakes on Harvey Tracy's land. Mr. Phillips and I went to Taftsville to set grades near Hathaways. In the afternoon I worked in the office copying estimates. The weather is quite cool. Robert came from his mother's this morning with Ruth and went back just before noon. Paid Mrs. Taylor for washing two dollars; also paid Stephen Pratt 55 cents for pens and paid 40 cents express bill on cranberries & grapes. They came entirely safe and are very beautiful. We ought to raise them here and I believe we could with but little trouble or expense.

Debits - 2.00, .95

Thursday, October 21

Mr. Phillips and Horace and Simeon Dunham went to Mr. Johnsons to lay out work, and this will finish all the staking of earthwork on the road. I remained in the office the greater part of the day and copied estimates that had long remained behind. Have been some unwell through the day so that I have not worked easily. The day is quite cool, but the leaves are all fresh on the trees, or nearly so, except some of those that ripened early. The colors are yet beautiful though much faded out. Paid for milk tickets fifty cents.

Debits - .50

Friday, October 22

Shock of an earthquake felt this morning at about twenty five minutes past five o'clock which lasted ten or twelve seconds. The rocking motion of the earth was felt distinctly, and was sufficient to jar the windows and doors, and also to shake the crockery standing in the buttery. Mr. Phillips called in the morning for me to go to the lower end of the line to examine some masonry that Mr. Fuller was repairing. Came home in the evening quite cold. Robert found a copy of Dilworth's Spelling Book, a reprint from the original book that our grandfathers used. Got a copy of Coffin on Eclipses. There are strong signs of rain but none comes. There has been nearly one foot of rain this month so far.

Saturday, October 23

The folks came from Montpelier last night and I had an interview with Gen Washburn on the Railroad work. I see that Wm. Collamer is taking strong ground in the senate and I believe he will be a useful member. Windsor County takes a strong position and is well represented in the legislature. I am not well today and am doing but little. The Board of Directors had a meeting of importance but I do not know the result. Took a note of Spencer for \$130.00 dated Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> on demand with interest annually. Received of Spencer as interest 31 cents, and I paid for Salerates 12 cents. I have paid out but little money for the last week for I let Spencer have all that I could spare this month. Rainy this afternoon and Robert does not go to Pomfret, but will stay with us.

Sunday, October 24

Found 0.98 inches of water in the gauge and it all came last night before midnight. A clear morning. – wind N.W. – Polk and Robert got some teams and we all went to the Shallies Hill R.R. cut, and to the Gulf at Mr. Dewey's. Had a remarkably pleasant time. The forest leaves are somewhat sere, but have fallen but little, and in some places are very beautiful.

Monday, October 25

Quite cold this morning and it continued so through the day. Gov. Washburn left this morning for Montpelier with his Secretary and Mr. Richmond. Mr. Collamer remains home till tomorrow. Mr. Thompson brought a stove for us and is this evening fixing the pipe. Paid Randall for key ring 12 cents. Paid 7 cents for corks. Polk went to Pomfret to survey on the Raymond estate. Mr. Thompson brought a stove and set it up.

Debits - .12, .07

Tuesday, October 26

Mr. Phillips and Simeon & Horace Dunham went down the line to Braley's land to make some measurements, and to see the masonry that is being repaired. In the morning Mr. Thompson brought some stove pipe to finish setting the stove, and it fits the place admirably. I hope we shall be more comfortable this winter than we were last winter, when we only had a cold stove pipe running through our sleeping room. Paid Fisher and Sayward 65 cents for shelves for the closet. The day is some rough and cold. I remained in the office the greater part of the day copying the notes.

Debits - .65

Wednesday, October 27

Mr. Stephen Mellish is buried today. He died Sunday afternoon of Apoplexy. In the forenoon I went down the line to see some of the masonry on the depot grounds, and found the foreman quite lame, or rather quite drunk. I cannot approve of such work and he ought to be dismissed.

Thursday, October 28

Stormy in the forenoon and it continued to storm a little through the day. Miss Ware (Camilla Ware) came here last night and remained through the night and the forenoon. She does not succeed very well with her subscription book but I hope she will get started on it soon. I have been in the office the greater part of the day. Paid Mr. Knapp \$1.50 for the North American, which completes this volume. The weather is quite cold for the season and many of the leaves are still on the trees.

Debits – 1.50

Friday, October 29

A stormy day, rain and snow with but little in amount of either. My old friend Charles S. Williams called at my office and brought a beautiful paper weight of brass in imitation of a car wheel on a scale of 1:8, a most beautiful thing and very richly finished, and is really appropriate for an engineer's office. In the afternoon I got Simeon's horse and we went to Pomfret. Found the snow some deeper there than it is here. Charles Williams brought also a letter from Mr. Gowans on the subject of watches. Mr. Gowans is

one of the members of the firm of Blunt & Co. New York. Found Mrs. Page at our house and we had a very pleasant visit.

Saturday, October 30

A snowy day, but it did not gain on the ground for it melted away nearly as fast as it fell. We staid at Pomfret last night and came home before noon. The weather is quite cool and winter like and we left our folks preparing for winter. In the afternoon I went with Polk to run a line of levels from Thompsons mill to Oliver McKenzies house on the surface of the brook near it. Kimball came down from Barnard and staid with Polk and Abbie, and Robert is also here and tried to entertain him. Horace and Simeon close their work with the Woodstock Railroad today having worked on it nearly three years. Hattie Peak brought a book here but I will pay her for it next Monday \$2.50

Sunday, October 31

Kimball staid here last night and today till noon. I staid in my chamber as much of the time as possible. In the afternoon I went with Mrs. D. to Horace Dunham's for a short call. The evening was quite cold and there was a beautiful aurora. Mr. French's store took fire a little before noon today, but the fire was soon extinguished. The goods were very much damaged.

Monday, November 1

Went to Quechee and to Mr. Deweys to measure the work for the Oct. estimate. The early morning was some pleasant but dark clouds soon arose and the day was cold and rough. Did not get home till evening and we were some cold. Paid 6 cents for medicine.

Debits - .06

Tuesday, November 2

Went to the office in the morning and staid till noon. Robert is now preparing to move his mother down here in a few days. He has hired a house on High Street and will have it ready very soon. In the afternoon we went to Taftsville to measure Brock's work and Hodge's. The afternoon was much more pleasant and would have been a very good day to have gone to White River. Our work goes very well in the office and I hope it will through the winter, but I am not sure that the work will be carried along.

Wednesday, November 3

In the morning I got two dollars of Mr. Paul to pay Miss Peake for a book. Paid her \$2.50, or rather left it for her at Mr. Damon's. I rode with Mr. Clarke to Mr. Dewey's to see about the railroad work. Mr. Dewey is the acting president of the road now the General has so much to do as Governor of Vermont. From Quechee I went with Mr. Phillips to take some measurements at the lower part of the line. Took notes of the work below White River Village, and also up to the French Shanty. Came home in the evening, found nothing at the post office, but I got a bottle of kerosene, paid 32 cents for it and then came home. The day has been pleasant but the roads are becoming muddy.

Credit - 2.00

Debits - 2.50, .32

Thursday, November 4

A pleasant morning and a very pleasant day. Mrs. Perkins came from Pomfret today to live in Woodstock. She took dinner here. In the afternoon we went down the line as far as the borrow pits at the road crossing near Henry Johnson's. The afternoon was exceedingly fine and people are improving the time. I paid Paul 25 cents for fish and that leaves me with three cents in my pocket. Robert called here tonight and will stay in their new place of stopping. Robert will now be here where he is near the business places that are so convenient for him.

Debits - .25

Friday, November 5

Mr. Jonathan Russell called to see Polk this morning about an account that is left with him for collection. – I went to the office and we soon started for the Eastern division to measure work for the October estimate. Came to the Shallies Hill work about one o'clock and took all the measures there and then left for home. Came to Woodstock about five o'clock. Though the morning was perfectly clear or nearly so it began to rain about eleven o'clock and rained a very little till about two o'clock afternoon. Paid Paul \$2.00 that I borrowed of him.

Debits – 2.00

Saturday, November 6

Got about 40 dollars of what is due me from the road, and I paid Mr. Thompson 25 dollars on account, and I also paid Pratt for Inkstands & books 4 dollars and 65 cents. Paid Billings for sugar \$1.05. In the evening I paid Jones & Chapman \$1.25 for a large stone jar for butter. Paid for meat 34 cents. In the forenoon I staid about the office but in the afternoon we went to Taftsville to finish the measurements for the October estimate. Robert has succeeded in moving his aunts Lucy and Rosannah to the village. He is really doing a good work in thus keeping his poor aunts from dependence on the public charities. He will soon go back to Chicago, but will return again in the spring.

Credits – 40.00

Debits – 25.00, 4.65, 1.05, 1.25, .34

Sunday, November 7

Nearly one inch of snow on the ground this morning and it snowed a very little through the day. I remained in our chamber nearly all day, and read & wrote the greater part of the time. Read the article on Paraguay in the North American & wrote four letters. Robert and Ruth came in the evening.

Monday, November 8

A very cold morning for November and the snow continues but does not show much on the ground. I went to the office and remained there the greater part of the day. Made some plots and papers for Mr. Billings who leaves for Boston this afternoon. Paid for milk tickets 50 cents and for squashes 35 cents; but I borrowed of Polk ten cents.

Credits - .10

Debits - .50, .35

Tuesday, November 9

A cold November morning, but it soon began to be more pleasant, and before noon was quite mild, but it grew colder again towards night. I worked in the office the greater part of the day, and some in the evening. Robert went to Hartland to find an old 8 day brass clock. He bought one of Amos McLaughlin. Polk and myself got fifty dollars from the Bank, or rather \$49.65, and we let Robert have 30 dollars, and Polk took ten dollars and I kept the rest. I paid for pants and vest twelve dollars. I also took \$34. of Orlando Richmond for a cow, and I paid School tax to George Raymond of \$6.63 cents. In the evening we called on Mrs. Perkins and found it snowing when we came home. Paid Mortimer 5 dollars. Paid for linen etc. \$2.28 at Jones & Danas.

Credits – 49.65, 34.00

Debits - 30.00, 10.00, 12.00, 6.63, 5.00, 2.28

Wednesday, November 10

Windy but not quite so cold but I thought it too cold to go down the line. Worked in the office the greater part of the day. Paid fifty cents for a box of Spenserian pens, and I now have five kinds of them, and they are all extremely good. In the evening we listened to a lecture from "Nasby" or D.E. Locke of the Toledo Blade. His subject was the question of Woman's Suffrage, and he handled it with superior skill. The house was well filled and I hope the boys of the Post have made a paying thing of it. Paid one dollar for tickets, and should be glad to do so again. Sent to Christian Register 4.00.

Debits - .50, 1.00, 4.00

Thursday, November 11

A cold, rough windy day. We started quite early in the morning to take some notes of the work for the October estimate, and we had a very cold time. Did not get home till quite late, and I was chilled through. Paid Jones & Chapman \$1.00 for hose.

Debits – 1.00

Friday, November 12

Today we thought best to work in the office and finish up the estimate. The day has been cold and rough with very high winds for November. Paid 30 cents for sweet potatoes and one cent postage. Mr. Dewey called on his way to Montpelier. He called to get the estimate and we had just finished it. Received of the R.R. Company eighty nine dollars as balance for October, and I paid 50 dollars as my last assessment but I did not pay Mr. Cabot's ten dollars but must do that next time. Paid Lewis Pratt Jr. 10 cents for pens.

Credits – 89.00

Debits - .30, .01, 50.00, .10

Saturday, November 13

The morning is not quite so cold and we started down the line about nine o'clock. Saw Edward Doton this morning and I paid him 5 dollars for work and 9 dollars for keeping oxen. Paid school tax to Mr. Churchill \$1.95, the first school tax in Woodstock. Mr. Phillips went with me down to Station 260 to examine the work. Looked at the rock at 200 and also at 175 and near there. Came home and paid Mr. Chapman 20 cents for Glycerine. We came home about 4 o'clock and I came directly to the house. And after supper I was too tired to go to the office. Robert gave me a call in the evening. Abbie has gone to the office with Polk and we are here alone this evening.

Debits – 14.00, 1.95, .20

Sunday, November 14

A cloudy day with much appearance of storm. Went to the office and got papers and books for writing, and did some of it during the day. Robert and Ruth came here to dinner. In the evening we called on them at their new home on High Street. The evening is not extremely cold and it may storm before morning. Let Mr. Wellington have 3 dollars that I subscribed for him long ago; - and I paid Mr. Munger 2 dollars for under shirts.

Debits – 3.00, 2.00

Monday, November 15

A very cold morning and a cold day. I worked in the office through the day. Mr. Phillips went down the line with Mr. Clarke and I remained alone in the office. Edward left this morning for Springfield. Received a letter from Mrs. Packard informing me of the death of her husband. He was killed on the Railroad Dec. 31, 1867. Mortimer called in the evening. Polk and Robert have gone to Randolph.

Tuesday, November 16

Yesterday I paid Stephen Pratt \$1.40 for another ink jug. Also paid Mr. Bailey 35 cents for mending the target to the Leveling rod, and paid boys 20 cents for carrying up wood. And today I received of Abbie 28 for candles and postage, and paid for steak 34 cents. The morning was quite cold, but we went to White River Village to lay out some work and to test grades in the rock cut south of the village. The middle of the month being about the usual amount of work. The middle of the day was pleasant and we improved the time very rapidly and got ready to start for home about four o'clock. We were about two hours coming home and I became very cold. Nathan Lamb came from the Junction with a load of furniture. Sent 5 dollars to Mrs. Perkins by Robert.

Credits - .28

Debits – 1.40, .35, .20, .34, 5.00

Wednesday, November 17

Was very unwell this morning but went to the office to get all the papers in readiness for Mr. Sims to make his payments. I paid Mr. Eaton eight dollars and 45 cents for Electa and Louisa, I also paid Mr. Burk for horse 1 dollar, and Billings for shawl eight and a half dollars, and Paul for coffee 25 cents, and I also left to pay for sawing wood 1 dollar and 88 cents. Staid in the office till about three o'clock afternoon, and then started for Pomfret, Fred Burk carrying us. About four o'clock this morning it began to hail and in the forenoon it changed to snow and about two o'clock p.m. it changed to rain, but stopped raining about five o'clock.

Debits – 8.45, 1.00, 8.50, .25, 1.88

Thursday, November 18

Thanksgiving day. And I am at the old home. The day is some cool but is rather pleasant for the season. There is no one present except Fred Doton. His father and mother have gone to the north part of Pomfret and left him at home alone. I spent a great part of the day writing letters. Wrote a long letter to William Page and one to Joseph, for I have not heard from them for a long time. Had a visit last evening from Mr. Barber, and another short one today. His visits may be pleasant to himself, but they are not so to any one else, his mind seems to be in a disturbed state and can hardly be considered accountable for what he says or does.

Friday, November 19

Came to Woodstock this morning, Joanna coming with us. I went to the office and found it alone, and I staid there till about noon then I went to the house and found that Polk and Abbie had remained at home through Thanksgiving. A surveyor's chain and pins that Mr. Phillips sent for came today by express. Paid \$1.25 to Cone. I paid 40 cents for molasses and left ten cents behind unpaid. I went to Mr. Johnson's to lay out a ditch to preserve the road bed in the spring. Worked in the office till night. Mr. Phillips has gone to Shallies Hill to look after some masonry and to examine some of the culverts. Robert went to Pomfret. I am at home this evening.

Debits – 1.25, .40

Saturday, November 20

Paid gas-bill for October \$1.35. – Received of Frederick Billings for surveying and description \$5.00. Paid Whitcomb's meat bill \$3.17. – Slack for felt shoes \$1.25. Paid Billings a balance due yesterday 10 cents, and I paid Polk for work on deed 25 cents. – It began to rain this morning at about two o'clock, it continued till about one o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Billings came in and we finished his deed and had the pleasure of its being satisfactory to the parties. I spent the day in the office, and Mr. Phillips has raised his table up so as to stand up when he writes.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.35, 3.17, 1.25, .10, .25

Sunday, November 21

The day has been fine and I went to church in the forenoon. Robert and Ruth came here and took dinner with Abbie, and towards night we called at their house; and in the evening we called at Horace Dunhams for a few minutes. Mrs. Perkins returned to me one dollar of what I sent to her last week.

Credits – 1.00

Monday, November 22

Worked in the office nearly through the day. Towards night I went to the depot grounds with Governor Washburn to see the progress of the work. Had a short talk with him on the session of the Legislature, and of matters pertaining to it. – Asa Weed called to see about getting my oxen but did not go to see them. He was ready to offer 6 cents a pound for them. Wrote a long letter to Ransom Greene.

Tuesday, November 23

About two inches of snow has fallen this morning, and still it appears like having more snow or rain. It continued cloudy through the day but was not much stormy. I staid in the office in the forenoon, but in the afternoon I went with Mr. Phillips to lay out a culvert near station 40. Mr. Phillips then went to Quechee and I came back and went with Horace Dunham to measure a piece of land that he has bought near Mr. Russell Brewsters place. Came home in the evening. Robert called a few minutes in the evening, and is to start for Chicago next Thursday. I let Richard Dana have 25 cents. Paid for milk tickets 49 cents.

Debits - .25, .49

Wednesday, November 24

In the morning I went with Horace Dunham to finish the surveying that I began yesterday. Had a pleasant time in the snow which is about two inches deep. I came back about eleven o'clock and went to work in the office. I begin this sentence with Walkden's ink, and it is very much the color of Maynard & Noyes's writing ink but does not flow as well. A pen is soon coated with a thick gum, so I shall pour it into the stove. – And I begin again with Maynard & Noyes's ink, which proved to be the best in the world. I have tried almost every ink that has come into the market and find in all essential qualities this is the best.

Thursday, November 25

A very clear morning, only a few clouds low in the east. Went to the office quite early expecting to go to the Flat to run some lines about the Machine Shop, but did not go. Worked in the office nearly through the day. Frank Metcalf called at the office to see about the Harry Emmons land, and I looked up the minutes and found all right and I sent the result to him. I paid ten cents to the Post office, and 20 cents to Paul for coffee. Went to the office in the evening. Mr. Daniels on the Brewster place paid me three dollars for surveying, and I paid Billings 30 cents for kerosene, and Lewis Pratt 20 cents for rubber.

Credits – 3.00

Debits - .10, .20, .30, .10

Friday, November 26

Paid Paul 25 cents for coffee. Java this time. We started in the morning for White River and took Mr. Greene with us. He went to the Village while Mr. Phillips and myself visited the injured Culverts. Contracted with McCarty & Fuller to repair the inside of the Great Culvert on the Porter place. We went to the Braley place and made an addition to the borrow pit near the Braley's north line. We then went down the line to White River Village and to Mr. Pease's where we found Mr. Greene. Paid expenses 75 cents and soon started for home. Had a cool ride and arrived home about six o'clock.

Debits - .25, .75

Saturday, November 27

Was unwell through the night and am quite so this morning with a sick headache, so that I do not go to the office. Staid in my room through the day and did nothing but read and write a very little. The day is cloudy but not much stormy though there was a little snow in the afternoon, but too little to measure on the ground.

Sunday, November 28

Staid at home for I was not able to go to church. Wrote a long letter to Robert and one to Kimball. Robert is now in Chicago if he has had good luck on the way. Ruth called on her way home from church.

Monday, November 29

This is my sixtieth birth day and still I do not seem to myself to be more than thirty five. I went to the office in the forenoon and found that I was not strong enough to do much work, yet I tried it through the day. Mr. Phillips goes to Quechee this morning to stay a week or more to watch over some of the masonry that the hands are repairing. Polk paid me ten dollars that I lent him.

Credits – 10.00



Tuesday, November 30

Rainy this morning but rather mildly, and it continued so through the forenoon. I went to the office and am at work alone for Mr. Phillips is at Quechee and will stay there a few days. This morning I paid my taxes in Woodstock \$6.44 cents making a discount of ten percent on the amount. Paid Stephen Pratt 90 cents, and I also paid Richmond 38 cents and Clark 5 cents. We took dinner at Mrs. Perkins', and after dinner I went to the depot ground to examine the work. The men are not at work but so far the work appears very well. I went into the office and worked on copying the staking of the work for we have now only one copy of the original work.

Debits – 6.44, .90, .43

Wednesday, December 1

An extremely high wind. It began to blow about five in the morning, and kept up nearly through the day. Mr. Clarke and I went down the line to see about ditches and Culverts. We concluded to run a culvert across the road at the town road crossing above Quechee Village to place it between the abutments of the bridge. Mr. Sims favors the plan and will approve of having it covered with plank. This will be something new but I believe it will do well, for it will save about one foot in the space below the track of the railroad.

Thursday, December 2

Did not go down the line at all today but staid in the office through the day. The day is some cold and the roads very rough especially on the hills and back roads. Spencer came here and brought us six bundles of straw for beds. Paid three cents postage this morning. Mr. Clarke came into the office and made a good social visit and discussed the railroad work. Got papers and came home from the office quite early. Was quite lazy and jaded, but must work some in the evening. This morning I fitted the meteorological matter for the papers and gave copies to the printers.

Debits - .03

Friday, December 3

A cold morning but was quite pleasant early in the morning but soon became quite cloudy. After doing some chores about the house I went to the office, but before I began my work I went to the work on the depot grounds and further down the line. Paid Billings five cents for thread, and Thompson 90 cents for a flat iron. The evening is cold and windy. Mr. Woodward called in the evening to get us to take some field notes tomorrow in order to make a plan of a part of his factory lots. I do not know how to leave work to do it but it ought to be done. Paid for Magazines one dollar.

Debits - .05, .90, 1.00

Saturday, December 4

The coldest morning of the season, the thermometer reading at 7 o'clock 3 degrees above zero. Polk and I started soon after breakfast to take the field notes of a survey for Mr. Woodward. The weather was very cold and about ten o'clock it began to snow. The weather was quite severe and we took the measurements as fast as possible. Went home to dinner and found Kimball Perkins here. He came from Barnard I suppose for he lives with Otis Adams. Went to work again on the surveys and finished about four o'clock. The storm was very severe and the weather continued cold.

Sunday, December 5

Took cold yesterday and am now quite unwell. Had a blue day and shall hope for a better day tomorrow. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," and so we "hope on." In the afternoon and evening I worked on the plan of our work yesterday, and did not leave it till past eleven o'clock.

Monday, December 6

Finished the plan for Mr. Woodward this morning about eight o'clock, and I then went to the office and soon started for Quechee with Mr. Clarke, and he went to Mr. Dewey's and I went to see the work that was going on at Station 314; and I also laid out a culvert on the town road near Harvey Thomas's that will

turn the water into another culvert on the Railroad. Came home about two o'clock, and it is snowing very fast. Paid Mr. Hewitt for milk tickets one dollar.

Debits – 1.00

Tuesday, December 7

A very rough blustering morning. Polk and Ira Abbott came down from Pomfret. There probably fell last night and yesterday about four inches of snow, but it was blown about so badly that it is difficult to tell how much fell. The December term of the County Court sits at Woodstock today. The Cabot and Christie case was one of the first to come on, but Mr. Converse was unable to try it and it was passed over. Mr. Phillips and myself worked in the office. Weather too cold to go down the line. Had a severe headache through the day but still I worked some. The evening was quite cool and it is growing colder.

Wednesday, December 8

A cold frosty morning. Thermometer 18 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock. This forenoon I worked in the office, and in the afternoon we went to Shallies Hill and to McCarty and Fuller's work. I was surprised to find how much the snow had drifted. We went with a wagon and it was very hard wheeling. We are quite late in getting out the estimates and we have much to do with them yet. Today I paid six cents for stamps. I came home about six o'clock in the evening very cold. I brought up my notebooks to copy notes but was too much chilled through to do it. This is very cold weather for the first of December. I never saw the river so full of anchor ice as now. It is literally filling up with ice and the water running over it.

Debits - .06

Thursday, December 9

Another cold morning, the thermometer being at 12 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock. – A cold "snap." Today I have worked in the office nearly all day. Received of the railroad company seventy dollars and paid the last assessment on the Cabot subscription ten dollars. I also paid N. Randall ten dollars for the spectacles that I bought of him some time ago. I also paid a bank note of 50 dollars that is due today. Polk advanced five dollars that is due from Mr. Woodward for surveying, and with this I bought of Billings sugar and paid \$1.05 for it. Paid Richmond 85 cents for a chicken, and I paid 17 cents for a box of table salt. This seems to have been a financial day with me, but it is on a small scale. The evening is very cool and I am writing, though quite late. Received a letter from Robert this morning.

Credits – 70.00, 5.00

Debits – 10.00, 10.00, 50.00, 1.05, .85, .17

Friday, December 10

Arose quite unwell this morning with sick headache, and it did not leave me through the day. In the forenoon I worked in the office on the estimates; and Mr. Phillips finished the Nov. Estimate of the Eastern & Middle divisions, and in the afternoon we went down the line to measure the work on this part of the work. The afternoon was pleasant till towards night when it was cold and some unpleasant. In the afternoon I carried my microscope to Dr. McCollum's office for him to try. I think it is a very good one, but I wish to have it examined by some one who knows what one should be. The weather seems a little warmer this evening and I hope it will be warmer soon.

Saturday, December 11

Very much warmer this morning. Thermometer 20 degrees above zero. Was quite unwell this morning but I staid in the office in the forenoon and in the afternoon we went to Taftsville to finish the work for the estimates. Am afraid the work in Church's pasture has been very much over estimated, and if so there is no way now to make the correction. Came home about six o'clock. The evening is very pleasant but I am not very well, and could not enjoy being out. Miss Kneen from Hartland called in the evening. Paid at Dana's two dollars for warp for carpet.

Debits - 2.00

Sunday, December 12

Have been troubled with the toothache through the night and must have one extracted. The day has been cloudy and dull, and there has been the appearance of a rain-storm. Have been reading some and sleeping some for I get too tired through the week to attend church on Sundays.

Monday, December 13

Today I took of Polk three dollars and paid two dollars to Mr. Munger for a cap. Had the cap repaired and changed at home and now it sets remarkably easy and I like it much. Some days ago I paid Munger for drawers 2.35.

Credits – 3.00

Debits – 2.00, 2.35

Tuesday, December 14

This is the day that the estimates and we worked on them very diligently till night when we had finished them and made them ready for the Treasurer and the Contractors. Was very tired and went directly home to get rested. Paid at Chapman's 11 cents and 10 cents at Dana's. Paid at the post office 13 cents, and I also paid Billings thirty cents for kerosene. I wish we could make the estimates larger, that is, I wish they could do more work.

Debits - .21, .13, .30

Wednesday, December 15

Last week I paid for Galvanic soles one dollar. Paid for Silliman's Journal 90 cents. In the morning I went to the office and found Mr. Clarke and he paid me the balance of my last month's bill \$59.25 and I paid Mr. Phillips \$14.00 for a four-rod chain for Polk. In the afternoon Mr. Baker called to make a payment on his notes, but he was disappointed to find that he had not paid the interest in full. I went to Taftsville to lay out a highway, or rather to make a survey of one laid by the selectmen of Woodstock. Had Dr. McCollum extract a troublesome tooth, and am glad to get rid of it.

Credits – 59.25

Debits – 1.00, .90, 14.00

Thursday, December 16

The morning is some warmer and there is some appearance of rain. During the forenoon I staid in the office, and was interrupted with constant calls, so that I did but very little real work. In the afternoon a Mr. Chapman called who is fully skilled in working numbers and in making short and practical rules for working intricate problems. A peculiar genius in numbers. Paid at Jones store four dollars and three cents and at Billings ten cents. Paid Pomfret taxes 10 dollars and 50 cents of mine and \$2.99 for Electa. Called at Mr. Greene's at stage time and got back numbers of the Evening Post.

Debits – 4.03, .10, 10.50, 2.99

Friday, December 17

Some warmer this morning and Mr. Phillips and myself went to the Depot ground to lay out the remainder of the work. Received for ashes 60 cents. Mr. Shaw called for me about noon and I took dinner and started with him for South Woodstock where I went to do a little job of surveying. The snow was about four or five inches deep and we waded around the lots and ran all the lines that I wished to run. Miss Farnsworth and her sister Mrs. Burnham were with us giving directions. We finished our work about dark and soon started for home, where we arrived soon after six o'clock.

Credits - .60

Saturday, December 18

Concluded to go down the line and Mr. Phillips and Mr. Clarke concluded to go the Junction to see Mr. Tilden, etc. I rode with them as far as Gilson's crossing and then I came to Mr. Church's and examined

the places for the plank culverts to be put in, and made arrangements to have them put in this afternoon. Mr. Dewey came along and I rode with him to Woodstock. After dinner I went to the office and removed the wood that has for a long time been piled in my room. Soon arranged my room as it was before it was used as a wood room. Justin McKenzie's father Joseph McKenzie is buried this afternoon. Paid Richmond for meat 49 cents and Mellish for eggs 34 cents and three at the P.O. Rainy in the evening though it began with hail and snow.

Debits – 49, .37

Sunday, December 19

Very much colder this morning, and at about eight o'clock there was a squall of snow. It is impossible to tell how much water fell last night with the hail. I remained at home in my room hoping to get rested from the severe toil of last week. We were alone through the day but Ruth and Pamela Perkins called in the evening.

Monday, December 20

Colder this morning. I ought to go down the line but cannot go down today. The Gov. called today for the computation of the Champion land, and they made a final settlement with Mr. Champion. Paid Richmond 30 cents for meat, and Billings 13 cents for groceries, and one cent at the post office.

Debits – .30, .14

Tuesday, December 21

The morning is some sharp and cool but we concluded to go down the line as far as the crossing at station 314, and to the culvert at 311 where the workmen are engaged in repairing it. Examined the work at the crossing and concluded to cut out some ditches and to put in a log culvert at the Gilson road. We took some measures at the cuts at station 280 and along that part of the work. Paid fifteen cents for stamps, and Billings for gloves \$1.50, and also paid Jones 75 cents for a china candlestick. Staid in the office in the afternoon and tried to copy some of the work, but a ride in the cold this forenoon unfits me. Paid Goodall & Thompson one dollar & 31 cents to balance an account.

Debits - .15, 1.50, .75, 1.31

Wednesday, December 22

Snow about five inches deep this morning but it turned to rain about ten o'clock and it continued to rain till night. Paid 15 cents for postage stamps. Paid A.G. Brown & Son to balance our account eight dollars and fifty cents. I worked in the office but not very easily, for the air is very unpure. It is almost impossible to stay in a room when the air is warmed by a fire in the stove (where smokers spit.) The above account of A.G. Brown & Son was for plow \$12.50, and my account was for surveying on his lot and the slaughter house lot. \$4.00.

Debits - .15, 8.50

Thursday, December 23

There was a light squall of snow this morning, but it soon changed to rain and continued to be damp till night. Though it froze some Mr. Phillips went to Quechee to stop a few days, and I am alone in the office. I have more writing to do than I can easily do this month, but I shall try to keep it up. It seems very pleasant to be alone in the office and to keep it some cleaner than it is sometimes. I was hindered from writing very much today and shall not try to do much at it this evening.

Friday, December 24

Called on Mr. Greene and paid him for Wm. Paige's paper \$1.70 and I paid Lewis Pratt \$1.25 for a knife for Fred Doton, and I also paid Fred Dunham for carrying us to Pomfret \$1.00. – The day was very pleasant and we had a very pleasant time. Joanna was at the village when we got home and did not come till nearly six o'clock. In the evening I went to my chamber and wrote the greater part of the evening. This is the "Christmas Eve" that all the little ones look for with so much of anxiety.

Debits – 1.70, 1.25, 1.00

Saturday, December 25

I worked in my chamber through the forenoon and made a little headway on the report. There is too much excitement about the Christmas dinner at Spencer's, and we must all be sure to be there at half past one o'clock. So a short time before one we all put ourselves in readiness and went over. I found a very pleasant group of old acquaintances and, though I have but little taste for such gatherings, I found much there that was pleasant. I went home about five o'clock and was quite glad to get back to a quiet chamber. Mr. Leach and Louisa came here from Spencer's to remain through the night.

Sunday, December 26

A warm and misty morning though there is but little rain. The clouds are strictly nimbus and the air is filled with fog and mist. Have a severe headache today and cannot write much. We came home about three o'clock, and were glad to be again quiet at home.

Monday, December 27

A warm, misty and cloudy day and could hardly write at all yet was compelled to do so or leave my report unfinished. It is not pleasant to feel compelled to do a piece of work in so short a time. Spent nearly all day at the office and I wrote what I could. Saw Judah Dana at Mr. Chapman's as I came to tea.

Tuesday, December 28

I did not go to the office till quite late doing what writing I could at the house. I am tired of this constant writing, but must keep about it till my report of the work is done. Kept myself very busy at the office till it was too dark to see to work. This has been a quite rainy afternoon and it continues to rain this evening. The month and the year are fast drawing to a close.

Wednesday, December 29

Went to the office in the forenoon but was so much interrupted that I came to the house and wrote all afternoon quite rapidly. I have kept quite close so far this week, for the time is quite valuable to me. Governor Washburn is quite unwell and I am fearful he will not be able to get out a very full report. The weather is warm quite warm for December, and the river is open again. Although there has not been a freshet the ice is piled up some on the bank of the river and is about one foot thick.

Thursday, December 30

Spent all day at the house writing on my report. I find very much to write upon and it requires some power of condensation to get all I wish to write in a report of moderate length. I wish to give a full description of every part of the work, so that no stockholder will be deceived as to the cost of the road, or the probability of the value of the stock. Paid Jones 28 cents for calico and Pratt for diary and rubber band fifty four cents.

Debits - .28, .54

Friday, December 31

Arose very early and went to work on the report of the railroad work for the past year, and finished it about nine o'clock. Went to the office and Mr. Clarke, Mr. Phillips and myself began a critical examination of it and after we finished it I sent it to Gen. Washburn for him to examine and suggest alterations. After dinner I called on him and he only made a single suggestion, and that a very slight one. I left my report at the office and took a team and went to Taftsville & wife went so far with me. Then I went to Quechee to examine some work, and then came home. Sleighing is very bad.

## 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 civic and charitable activities until suffering a stroke in 1889. He died the following year.

Norman Bridge lived on Cloudland Road near the Doton homestead. He was a gifted but sickly young man who studied science and music though confined to bed. Hosea often called on him on Sundays to check on his health and to write for him. Norman composed several poems that Hosea submitted to publishers. He died in 1860 at age thirty eight.

James Knox Polk Chamberlin was a student of Hosea Doton and married his daughter, Abbie, in 1867. 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.

Rev. O.K. Crosby was the preacher for the Woodstock Universalist Society in 1880. He was the father of Ward Crosby who was a student of Hosea Doton prior to being hired as a surveyor by the Eastern Railroad in 1880.

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 on October 5, 1900.

Electa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret in 1813. She married Henry Leach on January 23, 1873. She died on September 21, 1898 and was buried in North Bridgewater, VT.

Joanna Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, in 1823 and died in 1908.

Louisa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, on October 19, 1819. She married Henry Leach on September 5, 1865. She died February 28, 1871 and was buried in North Bridgewater, VT.

Sorell, Franklin, and Orlando Doten were sons of Isaac and Rosilla Doten of Barnard, and cousins of Hosea Doton.

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. Hosea sometimes spells his name Spencer and this diary preserves both spellings.

Abbie Doton was the daughter of Hosea Doton and his first wife, Lois Paddock Doton. She married James Knox Polk Chamberlin. Abbie was a teacher who became the first librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret. Hosea sometimes spells her name Abby or Abba and this diary preserves all spellings.

Julia Elvira Doton was the third wife of Hosea Doton. She was born in Hartland, VT in 1840 and died in Woodstock in 1910. Her sister, Caroline Dunham, was married to Horace F. Dunham. Caroline was ill during her last three years and died in 1903 at her sister's home.

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 was the daughter of Elvira Doton's sister Abby Dennison Wood and her husband David Carter Gookin. Amelia 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. Hosea Doton bought books of her poems for his daughter Abba, and Hosea framed a portrait of Mrs. Hemans done by Caroline Wyatt, which was presented to the Abbott Library in Pomfret in 1909.

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.

Etta Latimer (1851-1914) was a frequent visitor of Hosea and Elvira Doton.

Henry W. Leach married Hosea Doton's sister Louisa in 1865 after his first wife died. Louisa died in February 1871 and Henry married Electa Doten, sister of Louisa and Hosea, on September 5, 1873. Henry, Louisa, and Electa are buried in North Bridgewater Cemetery.

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.

John Paddock was the father of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock.

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. Hosea refers to her as Mother Paddock.

Henry L. Page was the husband of Hosea Doton's sister, Sarah.

Kimball Perkins was the son of Nelson Perkins and Lucy Paddock Perkins. He was the nephew of Hosea Doton who served as his guardian after Kimball was declared non compos mentis.

Patience Paddock Perkins was the wife of Alva. C. Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois.

Lucy Paddock Perkins was the wife of Nelson Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock Doton. She was the mother of Kimball Perkins for whom Hosea served as guardian.

Nelson Perkins was the husband of Lucy Paddock, sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. He was the brother of Alva. C. Perkins.

Norman C. Perkins, son of A.C. Perkins, was a student of Hosea Doton who attended Yale and became editor of the Yale Review, which is America's oldest literary magazine. Norman moved to Chicago and corresponded with Hosea for years.

Robert A. Perkins, son of A.C. 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. He later worked for the Rutland Herald. He was a frequent visitor to Hosea and Elvira Doton and wrote an obituary for Hosea in January, 1886.

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.

Mortimer Spear, born in 1845, was a farmer in Pomfret who was unmarried, enjoyed reading, and became a friend of the Doton family. Hosea sold him a farm near the Doton family homestead on Cloudland Road in 1878. While there, he helped Hosea's sister Joanna care for the Doton farm, provided transportation for family members, and delivered wood to Hosea in Woodstock. Mortimer sold his farm after Hosea died and continued to help Joanna maintain the Doton farm. When Joanna Doton died in 1908, she passed the farm, now known as Sleepy Hollow, to Mortimer.

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 sometimes worked for Spenser and Hosea Doton.

H.L. Williams M.D. operated Williams Dental Rooms in the Stone Block on Elm Street in Woodstock.



## Glossary

Aneroid barometer – A barometer in which air pressure is measured using a small vacuum chamber.

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, usually true north. Hosea Doton calculated the azimuth of the North Star, which varies from 002° to 358° during the year.

Bay rum – a mixture of bay leaves and rum used as a cologne or after shave.

Bemired – Covered with mud.

Book slates – Two pieces of slate that can be written on and erased, hinged with a cloth binding.

Boot gore – A lining inserted into boots to make them more comfortable.

Cambric – A light cotton fabric.

Chaise – A carriage for one or two people, sometimes with a folding top.

Cock – A stack of hay or grain.

Court plaster – An adhesive plaster used to cover small blemishes and scrapes. Sometimes made of silk and coated with glycerine.

Cutter – a light sleigh with a single seat and usually pulled by a single horse.

Declamation – An artistic form of speaking or recitation.

Dock root – Yellow dock is an herb used to improve digestion.

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.

Firkin – Container of something such as butter that holds about nine imperial gallons,

Froward – Willful or disobedient.

Grapery – An area or building where grapes are grown.

Helve – The handle of an ax or hammer.

Ladies Repository – A monthly publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the nineteenth century devoted to literature, art, and religion.

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.

Pent road – A road that may be closed by a gate or bar.

Quire – A measurement for sheets of handmade paper. Formerly twenty-four sheets.

Ruche – Pleat of fabric for decoration of a garment or home furnishing.

Salerates – Bicarbonate of soda used to help bread and cakes rise.

Sector – A tool used for measurements and calculations. Sometimes called a *proportional compass*.

Sere – Withered, as in sere leaves.

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.

Spider pan – A frying pan with legs.

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.

Thralldom – State of bondage or slavery.

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.

## Notes

John Paddock came to Pomfret on April 21, 1773 from Mansfield, CT. He served at the fort at Bethel in 1781 and moved to Taftsville in 1794. (Vail)

John (1750-1812) and Isaac Doten came to Pomfret from Plympton, MA in the spring of 1786 and "made a home with" John Paddock on number 74 second division.

Isaac Doten bought the upper half of lot 44 from Ezra Drew on September 8, 1785 and the southern half from John Paddock on February 12, 1787.

John Edward Doten built his frame house in 1811-1812. Isaac built his home on the southern half of lot 44.

John Doten had one son, John Edward Doten (1780-1863), who married Elizabeth Vose (1783-1865) on September 6, 1804. Hosea Doton was born on November 29, 1809 as the third of nine children.

Henry Leach's sister Adaline Leach died March 22, 1865 and his wife Roxelona died March 26, 1865 at age 56.

Louisa Doten married Henry W. Leach on September 5, 1865. She was 46 and he was 53.

Louisa Doten Leach died on February 28, 1871.

Electa Doten married Henry W. Leach on January 23, 1873. She was 60 and he was 59.

Frank Mackenzie began studying with Hosea Doton in 1856.

The home of Frederick H. Ware on Barber Road burned to the ground in June 1857. (Vermont Standard)

Harriet Ware began school with Hosea on January 8, 1845. She was born January 23, 1829.

In his diary for 1859, Hosea notes Harriet's death as November 18, 1858. The Vermont Journal of January 1, 1859 records it as December 18, 1858. Her current headstone incorrectly states that she died on November 28, 1859.