## THE DIARY OF SAXTON B. LITTLE

## 1843

Oct 22 Arose at 5 and made preparation to go to Goshen, But it began to rain and --- and I did not start till after 9. It rained most of the way. had no school in the forenoon. had 7 sch in PM. Tarried at G Thomas cold night.

- 23 pleasant school 12 sch at Lea McCall's
- 24 cloudy had 12 at Mr. Otis'
- 25 Wed. had 12 at Lea McCall's.
- 26 Rainy day had 7 at Mr. Otis
- 27 I had 11 at Otis
- 28 Sat had PG Thomas horse and went home. all well.
- 29 Sun Charles Franklin aged 23 who died of Typhus Fever buried today. Mrs. Osborn died last night.
- 30 Mon Very pleasant got up at 1/2 past 4 arrived here before 8. had 13 sch. at Lea MCalls.
- 31 Tues. pleasant had 17 at Lea McCall.
- Nov. 1 Wed. had 19
- 2 Thurs. Rainy. Phebe Palmer died last night of Typhus Fever.
- 3 F pleasant Walked home
- 4 Sat pleasant day. set up my stove Wm helped me. Sorted over apples and carried them down cellar. Made a fireboard. Drew wood to Schoolhouse. drew five loads of dirt.
- 5 Sun Mr Woodard preached. Cut apples for Sauce in the evening.
- 6 Mon. Walked down to Goshen. Arrived 1/2 past 7. had 24 sch.
- 7 Tues, cold
- 8 Wed. some snow. at J. Hinckleys
- 9 Thurs at Lea McCalls
- 10 Thur temperance meeting here this evening. at Leah McCalls.
- 11 rainy 250 hogs at J. Hinckleys from Ohio. They give them 24 ---

[illegible].
12 Sat damp day hard rain staid at G Thomas by morning it came round. very
cold, with some snow
13 cold day. Mr Otis preached. Tarried at Lea MCalls.
14 Tues cold 30 sch at Lea M
15 Wed at Rev Otis
16 Thur at Rev. Otis. Jacob McCall making cider
17 F pleasant walked home found all well had sold 5
18 Sat rainy morning made shelves for milk drew and cut 3 loads of wood.
very tired and lame
19 Sun pleasant Mr Woodard preached. had company in the evening
20 Mon got up at 5 waked [walked] down to Goshen. Mr Otis visited the school.
taried at Armstrong
21 Tues rainy (lightning) 4 men sch at PG Thomas
22 pleasant at Armstrongs
23 had 33 sch at Green McCalls
24 F rainy at G McCall
24 F rainy morning at G. McCalls
25 Sat pleasant spend the Sabbath at James Longdon
26 Sun attended church at Brick meeting house took dinner at Esq Hebard
27 Mon cold day had 27 sch at James Longdon
28 Tues pleasant at C. Thomas
29 Wed had 24. began to snow in the afternoon left off at 3 and walked home.
Charles with bad cold. rest well. My beef weighed 400 and half
30 Thanksgiving. Mr Woodard preached. Took supper at home my wife after

supper rode to Vernon.

- 1 Dec Fr did some chores. took supper at Fathers
- 2 Sat drew six loads of wood. pleasant. some snow on the ground
- 3 Sun Woodard preached. A Temperance meeting on C Huttin in the evening.
- 4 Arose at 5 and walked to Goshen arrived 1/2 past 7. had 40 sc.\_\_\_\_ at

**Esq Wests** 

- 5 Tues pleasant at C. West
- 6 Wed began to snow in the eve at Capt King
- 7 Thurs snowed all day. 10 in deep at Gager McCalls
- 8 pleasant at Col (Lambs)
- 9 Sat some snow at George Thomas
- 10 Sun went to church good sleighing Staid at G Thomas

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- 11 Dec 1843 have had sleighing 3 days thawing today at Dr Osgoods
- 12 Tues at Abel Hark
- 13 Wed coldest day yet this winter at A Harks
- 14 Thur 40 sch at A Hark
- 15 F pleasant walked home found all well. They had killed one of my hogs and carried it to

Norwich Wed. it weighed 384 lbs 5 1/2 cts pr lb. Harriet and William visiting us

16 Sat Rainy snowy drizzly day cut and drew one load of wood. John Wattles

boarding with us

17 Sun ice on the trees. Mr Woodard preached met in the evening to consult

about building schoolhouse. accomplished nothing.

18 Mon Woodard took the horse and brought me in the sleigh as far as Gen.

Tildens arrived here by 8 oclock begun to snow in the PM at Nelson Clarks

19 pleasant went to Charles ArnoldÕs staid all night had a good visit but unwell

toward morning

20 Wed pleasant had 2 men scholars this Wed at G McCallÕs

21 Thur pleasant at Wm McCalls 22 Rainy at Mr Hinckleys

23 Sat snow towards night went to Jacob McCalls

24 Sun snow 3 in deep. Mr Otis preached. Harris Morgan of Hartford delivered

a lecture at the Academy in the evening 3 hours long on the Crucifixion of

Christ. at J McCalls

25 Mon pleasant went down to North Street to debate Question aught Texas to be admitted in to the union as a slave Holding state. Decided No at Gager McCalls

26 had 41 scholar at Posts 27 Wed snow fell last night nearly a foot in

depth had 22 sch at Charles Thomas

28 Thur cold day Harris Morgan of Hartford and Nathaniel Saxton present

today at G Thomas

29 Fr cold Amasa Hunt Mary Ann Hunt, wife and Charles here. I rode home with them

30 Sat drew one load of wood snow 15 in deep. went David Strongs path

31 Mrs Hinckley died today. Drove pigs

Jan 1st Mon Woodard brought me as far as Gen Tilden. Stayed at Capt. Kings

2 Tues Funeral of Mrs Hinckley in the evening too Lea at James (Yen's)

attended Lyceum decided that schools are more conducive to best

interest as the preaching of the Gospel. next question is "Does the

pursuit of an object give as much satisfaction as the possession." at

Capt King's

3 Wed rainy day with some snow at Capt Kings

4 cold day at Capt Kings

5 Fr Coldest day for this season C King

- 6 Sat not so blustering. took Mr Hinckley's sleigh and went home
- 7 Sun some rain and snow attended church Mr Woodard preached
- 8 Mon last night Brother Wm and wife & Charles visited me. rise at 5. got
- down to Goshen about sunrise. Had 30 sch at Capt Kings
- 9 Tues cold day at Capt Kings. Killed my other Hog last Thur. it weighed
- 433 lbs. the skin weighed 55 lbs
- 10 Wed at Capt King snowed 3 in last night.
- 11 Thur pleasant & cold at Capt Kings
- 12 F pleasant. Brother Charles came after me in a sleigh made 31 lb sausages it rained during the night cloudy in the morning paid Brother Charles \$60 13 Sat Got Wm and drew two loads of wood In the afternoon Father and Mother and Uncle Daniel Bailey visited me he staid in the evening. It came round cold towards night and has been frozen up.

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- 14 Sun Jan 1844 Mr Woodard preached in the evening The Committee met again about the school house. And finally we have let the job to Anson Hunt.

  He builds the house and finds everything for the sum of \$190 and the old schoolhouse. After this I went down to fathers in the morning arose at six. Woodard brought me down as far as Gen Gilden's and arrived here at 8 O'clock.
- 15 M at Esq Thomas. Francis Brown has the canker rash
- 16 Tues Stormy at Nelson Starks
- 17 Stormy snow considerably gone
- 18 Froze up again went to Wm McCall
- 19 Friday went to see (Haynes) stock

and staid at George McCall

- 20 Sat. cold day. Had Charles Thomas horse and sleigh and went home found my wife unwell. Mother had been there 3 days.
- 21 Sun staid at home. much trouble getting cattle to drink
- 22 Mon snowing the the morning arrived before eight. Staid at Col Lamb
- 23 Tues Rainy day at Dr Osgoods.
- 24 Auction at D. Haynes deceased, at

Col Lamb

- 25 Thur cold day at Col Lambs
- 26 Frid cold day walked home. found all well
- 27 Sat cold and clear shelled 8 1/2 b corn. scraped broom corn.
- 28 Sun Sunday morning the thermometer 14 degrees below 0. Woodard preached. in the evening we signed the contract for the New School House.
- 29 Mon the coldest day this season. had 33 scholars. walked down and arrived here before 8 O'clock staid at Mr Hinckley's.
- 30 very cold had 40 scholars at Mr Hinckleys (at Capt Williams
- 31 Wed at the same Mr. Wildman preached

February 1st Thur more moderate Prayer meeting at the school house at Mr.

Hinckley

2 F snowed through the day at Mr. Hinckleys Sat 3 snow three in deep
Woodard came after me - he brought me down 2 bushels corn and exchanged
them for rye with Mr. Charles Thomas. arrived home at dark found all well

4 Sun pleasant Mr Woodard preached. January has been a very cold month.

Beahle (craft) from Bridgeport to Long Island on the ice The harbors are

generally frozen up.

5th walked to Goshen staid at the Widow Starks some sleet from NE

6 Tues at A Starks 7 Wed very pleasant at A Starks

8th Thur pleasant at A Starks 9 F pleasant walked part way home. Woodard met me. found Selden TracyÕs wife and child there

10 Sat cold day had Wm; cut and drew 5 loads of wood. very tired at night

11 Sun Mr Miller preached. good sleighing now and has been for 7 weeks.

12 Mon Woodard brought me part way. arrived here before eight. at

G. Harveys 13 Tues pleasant attended Lyceum at North Street decided that

States have most influence

14 Wed at Gideon Harveys 15 Thur at Gager McCall. 16 Fri Snow last night 3

inch deep Mr Mills preached in the evening at Capt Williams. at Harveys

17 Sat Mr Charles Thomas carried me as far as liberty hill found all well. 18

Sun blustering Mr Woodard preached

19 Mon Arose at 4 started at 5. Woodard brought me in a sleigh part of the way at A. Harveys

20 Pleasant thawing at Dr Osgood's 21 Wed Warm at Mr Posts

22 Th warm at G Harvey's Great convention at Hartford 10,000 whigs present.

Gov Morehead of Kentucky present.

23 Fr pleasant walked home found all well Sat 24 had Wm chopped and drew

five large loads 4 of them birches

25 Sun the sleighing pretty much gone There has been 11 weeks good sleighing in Columbia this season

26 walked down arrived before 8 stayed at Jacob McCalls

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27th Feb 1844 Tues at Nelson Starks some rain Justin Hinckley auction. I bought

a yoke, 50

28 W at George Thomas 29 Thur at Jacob McCalls

March 1st Fri at the same

March 2 Sat at Jacob McCalls Sun 3 Mr Hays preached

4 Mon snowed in the morning 3 in deep Last Monday the society by a vote

of 17 to 6 voted to dismiss Mr Otis today they had another meeting -- and

the concert will be called next week at Charles Thomas monthly concert

5 Tues pleasant some sleighing. Whig meeting to form a Clay club on the hill

tonight -- Dr Osgood was chosen President at Justin Hinckley

6 Wed pleasant at Esq West 7 Thur at the same

8 Fr pleasant morning. rain before night tarried at the DrÕs

9 Sat foggy and damp walked home found family well Mr Amos Doubleday

sick with Scarlet fever. his boy 3 years old died to day. Chestnut Hill school closed Thursday

10 Sun. Mr Woodard preached. a pleasant day

11 Mon very pleasant. ground frozen. walked to Goshen at Mr PostÕs

12 Tues pleasant at G. Thomas 13 Wed rainy day at Capt Williams

14th Thur clear. at Mr CondonÕs 15 Frid stormy at Lea Waldens. Erastus Geer in

the school

16 Sat at Capt Kings 17 Sun went to Church No minister had no meeting. went

to Lea MCallOs staid over night

18 Mon pleasant. Washed out school House at N. Starks

19 Tues School examined Mr Otis Mr Geer and N Saxton Committee present.

besides 18 or 20 of the inhabitants. School behaved well. they gave us some credit. at George Tho

20 Wed Council met here to dismiss Mr Otis. After due deliberation they

dissolved his connection with the church and society. I made out school

Bill and staid at Gager McCall

21st Thur Closed school for the first time on Goshen hill have kept 5 months for \$100. Woodard came after me chilly day bought 2 year old heifer of Charles

Thomas paid \$12 and drove her home, arrived home at five, packed away my

things.

22 Frid snow fell 3 or 4 inches deep. Went to fathers paid Wm in full 1,

87 1/2, Paid Ripley for call \$1.00, Settled with G Thomas he owed me, 08 Sent 8 lb 10 oz butter to Wc (Willimantic) and bought 11 yds Cotton cloth

23 Sat went into the woods drew 4 loads of wood - good sledding

24 Sun Mr Woodard preached. Wm and wife here in the evening

25 Mon drew one load brush. cut wood 26 cutting wood at the door, grafted 14 cherry trees

26 Cutting wood 28 Thur some rainy drew off bbl cider

29 Fri pleasant cutting wood 30 Sat cold storm from the N East

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31 March 1844 Sun cold day did not attend church

Apr 1st cold day ground hard frozen. some old snow not yet gone Freemans meeting Roger S. Baldwin gov and other whigs had 74 votes. Chancey F

Cleveland Gov and others 134. after Balloting a dozen or more times

without a choice of Rep the meeting adjourned to next Monday. Ambrose was the highest candidate. Norman Little Whig the next highest.

2 cold ground Frozen cut wood 3 Wed cut wood made bar Posts Mother Tracy

and Calvin here The state has gone whig.

4 Th finished my wood pile - tryed to mend fence but could not stick stakes for the frost begun to knock dung

5th Annual fast. Mr Root preached. pleasant day

6 Sat. pleasant drew stones from clover lot

7 Sun Mr Root preached did not attend church

8 Mon damp morning. Knocked dung. drew the stones off from old hill. An

adjourned Electors meeting Mr Root chosen representative.

9 Tues Rainy morning put in sink spout drew off lbl cider set up bedstead in

keeping room. sawed shingle bolts etc in the afternoon began to split hills

10 ploughing for oats 11 the same hot day cattle puff (?) bought 16 lbs potash,

8 1/2 gal molasses and 10 lbs herds grass seed

12 sowed my oats covered them with cultivator sowed hay seed and bushed

the middle lot

13 Sat sowed red top seed on the rye. made kettle of soup. All hands turned out

and drew underpinning stone for School House - hot day 77 degrees

14 Sun hot day Ther 83 degrees. Mr Woodard preached

15 Mon drew 12 loads dung 16 Tues drew 12 loads dung 17 Wed begun to plow for potatoes. sold a calf 250 6 lb oats 2.00

18 Thur ploughed the garden did up the fence in the lane. Daffies in bloss

19 F carted dung in the forenoon. Wm had the oxen in t he P.M. finished

withering (?) the lane fence.

20 Sat carried dung bought a lot of Robinson am to pay rent of hay bought a lb flour 5, 6 2 of bill; paid cash.

21 Sun some rain did not attend church turned cattle up in the lot

22 Mon ploughed for corn on barn lot 23 ploughed in the PM furrowed for potatoes dumped out load of dung Son (?) had 8 pigs one dead.

24 Wed planting potatoes putting ashes on them before covering. Brother

Charles arrived from New Haven. Wm went to Hartford after him thunder

shower in the morning and one in the evening.

25 pleasant WM had my oxen. i planted potatoes.

26 Fr finished potatoes used 15 bushels got off caterpillar nests

27 Sat Went to Flints saw mill got 300 ft boards. Let Robinson have 7 cnt

hay got out 10 loads manure the last to spread. In the evening at 10 oclock

called in Mrs Fuller then went after mother. Brother Wm went after Dr Witter who arrived before 1 about 20 minutes after wife had presented

me with a son peach tree in blossom
28 Sun went after Mrs. Bascom in the morning Little Charles who was quite
sick through the night some better
29 Mon ploughing for corn. 30 Finished ploughing for corn furrowed some and
dumped out 3 loads for corn
May 1st begun to plant corn
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May 2nd Thur pleasant planting corn. Charles sick with lung fever. had Dr. Witter
this evening. Mrs. Fuller watched
3 planting F Charles about the same. sold Turner 5 lb corn yesterday 4Õ
pr bushel
4 Sat planting fine shower in the evening B. Charles watched have planted
58 rows in barn lot. Apple tree in full blossom. a shower to night I watched
5 Sun slept fore part of the day. went to Wc towards for medicine
for Charles. I watched.
6 Mon 3 companies. paid Thaddeus Hunt 75 cts for sawing, paid Samuel for oats rain towards night.
7 Tues planting; cold north wind 8 Wed. planting 9 Thur planting Drove
Brindle Heifer
10 finished planting in the field. have ploughed 3 3/4 acres
11 Sat. rainy in the morning cleaned out the cellar drew off 4 bbl cider. mended hog pen floor. drew 8 loads of dirt into the two hog
12 Sun cold Mr Woodard preached
13 Mon Laid a piece of walk over the brook. Mended the fence over the meadow
etc. Charles nearly well
14 Tues. damp day. did not do much. paid school house tax \$11, 59 and siring two sows, 50
15 Wed pleasant day worked on the road for father

- 16 Some rain mended fence 17 Thur (Fri) mowed hedgerow by the old hill walled up two bar ways in upper orchard
- 18 Sat rainy forenoon drew dirt into the barnyard
- 19 Sun pleasant WoodardOs brother preached. Temperance meeting in the evening
- 20 Mon Rainy morning did not do much
- 21 Tues helped father lay wall. He took Brother Charles and carried him to

N Haven

- 22 We cool cut bushes up by the woods preparatory to laying wall white frost
- 23 Th laying shingles for Wm on the middle barn. They made an attempt to draw the old school house over to DoubledayÕs had not team enough and left it a little off the old spot and left it.
- 24 F helped Wm in the forenoon. afternoon worked on the road
- 25 Sat forenoon worked on the road afternoon drew dirt in yard
- 26 Sun Mr Hunt of Abington preached
- 27 Mon help Wm put in cider mill post P.M. dug trench and filled it for the men, school house
- 28 Tues took my nurse Miss Bascom home then went on to Coventry and got

Elizabeth. - bought 2 gal molasses etc

- 29 Wed bought cultivator \$3 begin to hoe sold two other sow pigs
- 30 Thurs sold corn begun to rain the evening. sold a pig
- 31 Fri Rainy took potatoes out of cellar
- June 1 Sat Hoing 2 Sun pleasant Woodard preached
- 3 Mon Hoing 4 Tues Hoing 5 Wed Finished weeding corn
- 6 Thur Hoing potatoes Fri finished weeding
- 8 Sat had Wm laid wall by the woods, I intend to fence them

- 9 Sunday June 9 1844 Woodard preached; some rain
- 10 Mon clear and cool. did Sunday chores
- 11 Tues made butter cupboard. brought home 1152 shingles (4Ô per lb from Joseph ClarkÕs
- 12 Wed laid wall for father by the stony lot sold 5 1/4 corn
- 13 Thur half hilling begun. 14 Fr Laid wall for William in the morning. in the

afternoon he laid for me.

- 15 Sat hoing corn. 16 Sun Mr Nickols preached. helped (?) Porter (?) corn
- 17 Mon Hoing 18 the same 19 Finished half hilling corn
- 20 Thur helped Wm shingle corn house 21 F had Wm laid wall by the woods our schoolhouse raised the ground very dry grass thin and short
- 22 Sat Rainy forenoon painted cultivator, went to milk young White Faced

turned away a calf to wean

- 23 Sun pleasant Woodard preached
- 24 Mon. Mowing bushes by the woods. Drov Marious Con
- 25 Tue. Went to W-c carried 18 gal vinegar 1.30. carried 2 lb rye to mill over

there

26 and 27 hot days thermometer at 90. hoed my potatoes. The commissioners in

town about the road from Chester BlissÖs to Pine Street. After a long trial

they have agreed to lay out the road (sold Turner 10 lb potatoes 10 pr lb

28 Fr hilling corn. 29 Sat. hoeing corn. sold Wm old red (cap?) for (1/4?)

30 Sun Mr. Miller preached

July 1 Mon cloudy not much rain hoing 2 pleasant. mowed fruit yard in the afternoon hoed. have finished within one row - grass very light all drying up. I got in hay

7 cnt 3 some rain the morning. went to W-c to obtain a physician for Harriet. Wm

had a son born about 4 oOclock

15 cnt 4 Thur morning at eleven went up to church heard an oration from F.S. Wright

One to the Washingtonians by D. Loomis and to the cold water Army by J Sycomans. The procession then formed and marched to George MorganÕs

door yard where refreshments were provided.

24 cnt 5 Fr pleasant got in all the hay I had mowed

6 Sat some rain in the morning ploughed 3/4 acre and some buckwheat. Went to Esq Holbrook got a cart wheel.

7 Sun Woodard preached.

7 cnt 8 Mon Mowing back of the barn got in 9 cocks

15 9 Tues good day Mowing clover

10 Wed cloudy mowed all day some rain at night

15 11 Th Mowed in the North meadow by the new wall

17 12 F cloudy carried 15 cnt to Mr Woodard \$11 pr ton Mowed old hill

7 13 Sat poor hay day. moving some rain towards night

\_\_\_\_ 14 Sun Woodard preached drove Marias (con?)

13 cnt 15 Mon mowed middle lot west acre

\_\_\_\_16 Tues Fine rain nearly all day. more rain fell than at any time since

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14 cnt 17 July 1844. good hay day. cut me rye. mowed by Mr S

20 18 Thur carried 15 cnt to Mr Woodard \$11 pr ton bound up the rye and carted it

14 shocks

16 19 Fr shower at night. mowed by Mr StrongOs

20 Sat cloudy some rain. mowed a little

21 pleasant Woodard preached

20 cnt 22 Mon mowed the barn lot

6 23 Mowed by the old cellar no hay day. sold Turner 4 pigs 1.75 pr head

36 cnt 24 Wed good day Mowed by the meadow S. and one load in Meadow

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25 Thur No hay day, some rain 26 F poor day mowed by the North orchard
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24 27 Sat good day. mowed in the S. meadow. 28 S pleasant
29 Mon. cradled and bound up my oats
10 cnt 30 Tues carted oats 47 shocks and one load of hay
12 31 Rainy day did nothing Aug 1 some sunshine got in 12 cnt
14 Aug 2 F. good day Mowed in N. Meadow
3 Sat poor hay day. finished N. Meadow
4 Sun Some rain Julia Ann Abbot died today
16 5 good hay day Finished Haying having cut by estimation 14 3/4 tons. Have
been blessed with good health and have hired none
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295:20 = 14 3/4 \text{ ton of hay}
6 Father having given me the grass on the side hill I mowed there and on the
7th did the same. Got 2 loads
8 Thu Took wife and child and went to Coventry returned the same day
9 F begun to mow bushes 10 Sat unwell today did nothing
11 Sun hot day Mr _____ preached. 12 Mon Mowing bushes
13 The same 14 The same 15 Thu the same mowed seed clovers
16 F the same Anson Arrived by the way of N Haven from the west. Wm and Sam. I went on to
Commencement. Charles graduated
17 Sat thrashed clover and had 6 bushels. Took tea at fatherOs
18 Sun Contribution for Foreign missions I gave one dollar
19 Mon Mowing bushes 20 the same 21 Wed Finished mowing bushes. helped Wm
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afternoon 22 Th Mowed bushes for Wm Charles Arrived home yesterday from Ellington 23 Fr Rainy day ploughed afternoon greensward for corn 24 Sat ploughing pleasant 25 Sun helped wife take care of babe 26 Went to W-c sold bushel of plums 1.50 4 lb apples, 80 thrashed seed hay 27 Tues helped Sam lay wall. a thundershower. 28 did the same Another shower 29 drew stone up by the woods 29 Fr, laid wall by the woods 30 begun to thrash my rye 31 Sun Woodard preached Sept 1 Mon some clouds. great shower in the night finished my rye 2 had Samuel laid wall by the woods 3 did the same. Have worked on stone 6 days and have lamed my breast sadly it aches very much 4 Thur drew some timber for Pearl. cleaned up my rye 8 bushels 6 mowed rowan went to Willimantic Apples 10 pr lb 7 went Coventry brought home new cartwheels father Tracy made me 8 Sun very pleasant did not attend church [9] Mon Sept 9th 1844 begun to cut up corn 10 Tues did the same 11 the same 12 the same 13 the same hire Salmon McCall to teach our school pay him \$11 pr month 14 Sat cut up corn (grained?) in the afternoon 15 Sun very warm Mr Nickels preached 16 Mon picked up apples and ground for cider. Attended the funeral of Mrs. Richardson. Shelled 10 lb corn 17 Tues Made 4 bbl cider 18 W. Regimental training at S. Mansfield hired Horatio \_\_\_\_\_. I dug load potatoes.

- 19 Thur had Horatio and Burdet. Dug 65 lb potatoes.
- 20 Went to Wc carried 9 lb corn 75. bbl vinegar 3.00 8 lb apples 1
- 21 Sat dug 60 lb finished the piece had 150 lb much rotten
- 22 Sun Woodard preached 23 Mon. sowed my rye 1 acre
- 24 Tues Finished cutting up corn and pulled the beans
- 25 Wed After long dry some rain sent Henry to W-c with 20 B potatoes and he brought home my grist of rye
- 26 Rainy forenoon in the afternoon went to Lea Coreys got my cloth
- 27 F drew corn and husked 10 lb 28 Sat cut Buckwheat husked corn gathered apples Captain King here about Goshen school offered me \$ (90?) for five months
- 29 Sun begun to rain last night and rained 24 hour
- 30 Mon went to W-c carried 8 lb Apples Tues Oct 1st went after Malvina and
- Miss T. Cobb [illegible inscription over Cobb]
- Oct 1st Tues Husked Wed the same. Thur gather winter Apples.
- 4th Rainy last. Great flood. went to W-c by the new Turn pike
- 5 Sat worked on corn 6 Sun Mr Woodard preached
- 7 Mon carried 31 lb of Apples to W-c 27 1/2 Winter [superscription 42 cts] x fo [illegible]
- 8 Tues gather two loads apples. pleasant day. 1 load from upper orchard it was all it bore
- 9 Wed had Horatio husked 15 B corn and thrashed buckwheat
- 10 Thur Husking. 11 went with team to W-c carried 10 lb winter and 10 fall
- Apples. bought some (gunk?) to put under stove
- 12 Sat Husking 13 Sun Mr Calhoun preached

14 Mon finished drawing my corn husked, attended the funeral of Aunt Faith. rainy afternoon 15 had Wm and Woodard and finished husking had 112 bushels of sound corn on 2 1/2 acres of the barn lot. Also winnowed Buckwheat had 6 1/2 b on 3/4 of acre [10] 16th of October 1844. pleasant. had Austin Wright gathered apples nearly finished gathering, ground a load for cider 17 made cider. dug 10 lb potatoes. 18 damp wet day, cut cider cheese etc. boiled away 2 bbls 19 Sat had Woodard afternoon finished cider 9 bbls let Asabel Wright have a bbl, 75 and G Robertson have made this year 13 bbl. Finished digging potatoes have had 170 lb Finished gathering apples - had 55 lb winter apples have sold 45 of them. 42 cts pr of fall apples have sold about 65 at 10 pr lb 20 cold day John Dorrance Nephew to Esq Dorrance preached. Temperance meeting in the evening 21 Mon. Sent the Team with 15 1/2 apples and took wife and Charles and went to W-c trading bought material for a silk hood - a Calico dress etc etc. to the amount of 8.00 - Arrived home at one begun to cart dung carted 8 loads cut apples for sauce 22 The weather looking \_\_\_\_\_ and wet - I got Wm and Woodard to help - we finished my dung 30 loads patched the barn - and drew 5 loads of dirt 23 Wed drew dirt and two loads of wood 24 helped Wm draw dung. school Meeting in the evening voted to raise money to buy a stove pipe and finishing paying for the School house 25 Fr sorted potatoes, got in beets and cabbages etc 26 Sat did some chores and packed up for Goshen 27 Sun did not attend church [11]

Oct 28 1844 Arose this morning at 5 took Breakfast and got in with Brother Wm

and arrived in Goshen made up a fire and at 9 began school having 15 scholars

- 29 tarried with Capt King last night rainy yesterday and today
- 30 W last evening went with Salmon Mc to C-A to get him examined. came home with him tarried at James Congdon
- 31 T. cold had 14 scholars two of them from Eng at PG Thomas
- 1 Nov F pleasant had 14 at Green McCall
- 2 Sat a fine day. 12 sch. though I have some pain about me by turns yet it is less than 2 or 3 weeks previous. at G. McCall
- 3 Sun. Attended church in Goshen. Mr Brown preached at G McCall
- 4 Mon. Rainy day. Electors meeting for the choice of president I voted in Lebanon. Rode over with Nelson Stark. Staid at Dan Hinckley.
- 5th Tues took supper at Mr PostÕs. slept at P.G. Thomas
- 6 Wed cold blustering day at Gager McCall
- 7 Thur. pleasant 16 sch. no large ones 2 learning a.b.c. at Green McCallÕs
- 8 Fri pleasant walked home found wife about sick
- 9 Sat did sundry chores get wood for schoolhouse made a gate New York gone Loco also Penn and Va
- 10 Sun wife sick waited \_\_\_\_\_ her
- 11 Mon arose at 5 and walked to Goshen. 4 new sch. at Capt K
- 12 foggy day at Henry McCall 13 Wed quite rainy at Lea McCall
- 14 Th pleasant growing colder Dea McCallÕs
- 15 F pleasant had 24 scholars at Dea McCallOs
- 16 Sat very pleasant walked home found wife still worse had had the Dr.

McIntosh.

- 17 Sun pleasant. Attended church in the P.M. Dr Witter called and left some medicine. He said that wife had the Erysipalas fever
- 18 Mon Arose at 5 quite rainy. Walked down some fatigued. Lamed my heel. at

George Thomas

19 Tues nearly sick - eat no breakfast. At Gager McCall

- 20 W Better today at Dr Osgoods 21 Thurs at Jacob McCall
- 22 Frid damp day took Capt KingÕs old Horse and wagon and went home. found wife a little better donÕt sit up yet
- 23 Sat rainy sorted and finished carrying apples. Mother Tracy arrived tonight.
- 24 Sun went to church half of a day. Seth Collins A.H. Fitch and Charles Fuller have certificated from the Society Total eclipse of the moon tonight
- 25 Mon very blustering and cold all day. Arose early arrived about sunrise

had 18 sch at Wm McCall

- 26 Tues not so cold at Charles Thomas to supper
- 27 Wed blustering; took Wm McCallÕs horse and wagon and rode nearly home. Salmon McCall took it back.
- 28 Thur. Thanksgiving. snow fell 4 in depth We had no Thanksgiving in my house wife no better has a slow fever
- 29 I went to Willimantic engaged my hogs 1 for 5 1/2 and the other for 5 1/4 cts bought 24 lb \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the rough 5. cts per lb
- 30 Sat did sundry chores got vinegar into the cellar

Dec 1st Sun - stormy day. had Dr McIntosh

- 2 Mon. Salmon McCall and Jerusha Hinckley came up last night. I took his horse and arrived there about 8. have a bad cold at James Congdon
- 3 Tues had 334 scholars at P.G. Thomas

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Dec 6 1844 Wed rainy day - at Mr Abell Stark

- 7 Thur nearly sick Took George ThomasÕ horse and went home found wife a little better Wm and S.C. had killed my 2 year old it weighed 417 lbs
- 7 F Arouse at five took half the beef and started arrived at Goshen 8 oclock
- 8 Sun very windy took Mr. Starks horse and arrived home at 8 Found my wife
- no better she took an emetic which made her very sick
- 9 Mon started at six arrived here at 8 at Col Lamb
- 10 Tues pleasant at Wm McCall. 11 cold blistering At Capt King

- 12 Thurs considerable snow last night all blown into heaps at Capt
- 13 Fr Cloudy some storm. walked home part way. Henry met me horseback. Found wife no better. Dr McIntosh says he cannot help her
- 14 Arose early took crow bar and shovel and went to digging roots got some

Sasaparrilla. Burdock Spikenard, horse radish and Eldrer Root etc

and made a root beer Had Wm and Irene down four small loads of wood.

- 15 Sun Attended church part of the day. at night rode down to Liberty hill for help found none in the evening set up bedsteads moved beds
- 16 Mon watched last night took breakfast started with Jerusha Hinckly and

at Lebanon Town met Salmon at Betsey McCall - we changed waggons and I arrived at my school house by eight

- 17 Tues Killed hogs. 1 weighed 269 1 239. 1 pig 138 the other 147 at Peckhams sold one for 5 1/2 cts and one for 5 cts
- 18 W cold day
- 19 Thur cold went down to PG Thomas I sent by him for an hundred pencils and some certificates at Peckhams
- 20 Fr cold at Jacob McCalls. 21 Sat Walked home found my wife no better. Mrs

fuller has taken the babe to keep - Mother Tracy has been down through the week but has gone home. - and left Elizabeth, finishing paying her up to this date.

- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ my oats had 52 lb Wm & Father have three they took six -
- \_\_\_\_\_ Father brought down Dr Stanley he thought he understood my

wifeOs case and will tend upon her

- 23 Mon. walked to Goshen, on the mud the warm weather having carried off the snow at Nelson Starks
- 24 Last night very windy come round freezing at
- 25 Wed. My wife growing poorer Woodard came after me and I went home.

Father Tracy and wife the same day Watched with wife through the night Wife no better. sent for Dr Stanly - he came thought there was no immediate danger

[13]

27th 1844 December Mrs Wright watched wife growing worse

28 Sat no better Father Tracy watched 29 Sun no better Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ watched

30 Mon wife failing Rapidly. we call in Dr McIntosh who gave and injection

but all to no purpose. After six oclock nothing was done but to moisten her mouth he lingered

31 till two oclock Tuesday morning when she calmly breathed her last.

Thus died Sarah Maria Tracy wife of

Saxton B. Little. AE 31 years 2 months and 18 days after an illness of

7 weeks and 5 days. She had the Erysipalas Fever. Elizabeth her sister took care of her 3 weeks. Mrs Jerusha Hinckley and Elizabeth 1 week. Mrs.

Hinckley alone 1 w and Betsey McCall the last two weeks of her life. Mother

Tracy was with her about the last two weeks. We had been married 8 years

and 4 1/3 months - Had lived as happily as heart could wish - Had been blessed with three children all sons the oldest died when 9 months old the 2nd is left motherless at 5 1/2 y old - the youngest is 8 month old. Dr

Witter made her 3 visits Dr McIntosh 10 visits and Dr Stanly 2. Maria was a kind mother and an affectionate wife --and was beloved by a large circle of friends. Jan 2 The funeral was attended by a large concourse on Thursday - Mr Woodard preached from these words ÒAnd the disciples took up the holy body and buried it and went and told Jesus.Ó

Mrs. Fuller keeps the babe at 75 cts pr week and Betsey McCall keeps house

at (?) pr week.

3 Friday had Wm and drew wood cut some timber for rails

4 Sat Thawing - did some chores. Settled with G.J. Robinson paid him 5s to

balance paid Ingham for digging the grave 1.50, paid Arvil Fuller for making

the coffin 5.00 paid Mrs Fuyller for taking care of the babe 3.00 paid Betsey for 3 weeks work 4.00

5 Sun New Years sermon. 21 deaths this year - 60 in 3 years

6 Mon. Salmon came up last night I took his horse this morning and arrived in Goshen at eight. Staid at Gager McCall

7 Tues snowed last night and damp to day at Mr. Woodmantze

8 Wed 2 new scholars this week Had Mcraken and Elisha \_\_\_\_\_ at Esq West

9 Thurs at Esq West 10 Fr at the same

11 Sat pleasant at Jacob McCall 12 Mr Brown preached
13 Mon snowy through the day and night 2 in deep at Dr Osgoods
14 Tues pleasant Mr. Gleason preached over head this afternoon and in the
evening. House crowded. at Nelson Stark
15 Wed had 33 scholars at Abel Stark
16 going off at PG Thomas
[14]
Jan 17th 1845 Fr sleet is forming on the trees. at Mr Otis
18 Trees heavily loaded with ice cold day had Green McCalls Horse and arrived
home about sunset. found all well.
19 Sun so icy that I did not attend church. Mr Woodard prea.
20 Mon took fathers sleigh and brought Betsey home on a visit
21 Tues ice on everything good sleighing at Mr Osgood
22 Wed pleasant over head this afternoon. at Deacon
23 Thurs pleasant at Gordon Harvey 24 F Rainy afternoon at Charles Thomas
25 Sat ice gone: muddy. walked home: all well.
26 Sun blustering went to fathers in the evening.
27 Mon pleasant walked to Goshen arrived at 8 at G Harvey
28 Tues had 24 scholars at Harvey 29 Wed at Harvey
30 Thu cold day 34 sch at Harvey
31 Fri Took a horse and rode to Liberty Hill - it is cold Salmon took the
horse back
Feb 1 Sat cold had Wm and Woodard. cut rail timber and drew it alongside of
the woods.
2 Sun had a turn of the colic. got better before night

- 3 Mon walked to Goshen made a fire and shave me (at Dr Osgood)
- 4 Tues snowing through the day very blustering day at Nelsons
- 5 Wed very cold and blustering some snowing at N. Starks
- 6 Thur cold day at Charles Thomas 7 F the same and at the same
- 8 Sat more mild at Jacob McCalls it has been a very cold week
- 9 Sun pleasant Mr Brown preached at Jacob McCalls
- 10 M pleasant at PG Thomas
- 11 Tues some snow last night \_\_\_\_ a party at PG Thomas at PG Thomas
- 12 Wed thawing sleighing gone
- 13 Thur cold day at Col Lambs
- 14 F Stormy snow storm
- 15 Sat icy morning walked home found all well. Henry has come home. Sarah

Richardson died last week was buried the 13th

- 16 Sun muddy attended church Mr Woodard preached
- 17 Mon walked to Goshen good walking at Misses Bolles
- 18 Tues wet under foot at Wm McCalls
- 19 Wed thawing at Dan Hinckley 20 muddy at Dan Hinckleys
- 21 F have 30 scholar these days school pleasant at Dan Hinck
- 22 Sat pleasant went to Misses Bolles and spent the Sabbath
- 23 Sun rainy some thunder Mr Brown preached
- 24 Mon very pleasant spent the evening writing a temperance address at

Mr Otis

- 25 F very pleasant and warm Temperance meeting in the evening at Mr Otis
- 26 Wed pleasant Charles West had his Auction at Otis
- 27 Thur pleasant it hardly freezes nights. Balck birds Blue Birds Robins are

singing merily at P.G. Thomas

28 Fr staid at Widow Starks

March 1 Sat walked home arrived before sunset all well

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2nd March 1845 Sun pleasant Mr Woodard preached. In the evening Mr. Richardson,

George Wright and Chancey K. Hills came to my house to make out District

tax for finishing School House. Mr Dan Fuller came over to see about taking

my farm He finally agreed to take my farm - and manage it as I have done -

get dirt into the low and Hog yard. mow the bushes (I paying one dollar towards it) - plough the greensward for next years planting - burn half white birch. 1/4 chestnut - and the rest hard wood. He has agreed to pay all the taxes and board and nurse my two children one year.

- 3 Arose early strong wind from the south walked to Goshen arrived at eight very sweaty tarried at Mr Woodmansee
- 4th Tues pleasant at Capt King 5 very rainy at Capt Kings
- 6 Thur Woodmansee had an auction. sold cows etc (at Green Mc
- 7 Fr pleasant went to Lea CoreyÕs got 7 yds cloth for father last night

tonight staid at Gager McCalls

- 8 Sat Avery McCall took his wagon and brought me home found all well.
- 9 Sun very rainy went to church Mr Woodard preached visitted at Mr Fullers and Fathers in the evening. Agreed that Mr Fuller take the wood I have o hand and leave as much more next spring
- 10 Mon. Sold my Brindle cow to Avery McCall for \$17. I arrived in Goshen 1/2

past 8 had 18 scholars at Mr Post.

- 11 Tues. snowed last night & till today noon. snow a foot deep (at Posts
- 12 Wed. good sledding pleasant. at Mr Posts (manseeÕs
- 13 Thur. pleasant at Nelson Stark 14 Fr Rainy day had 15 sch at Wood
- 15 Sat. pleasant walked home found all well have sold my 3 yearlings to Mr George Wright for \$18.
- 16 Sun. Mr Woodard preached from the text Thou shalt not kill to show the

murderous business of the traffic in Alcoholic drink.

The first head was that Alcohol is a poison

- 2 That it Induces disease and renders all maladies more fatal
- 3 That it shortens life 4 That it kills its victims by a slow Miserable

death

- 5 -6 That it kills the soul: from all he infered that the laws that permit the traffic are radically wrong in the teeth of the divine law and to be amended.
- 17 Mon walked to Goshen, staid at Deacon Waldrens
- 18 cloudy at PG Thomas. he gave me an order on Dea Corey of 4.48 cts towards to beef he had of me. I took 2 b rye. 75 cts pr
- 19 Wed Sold my oxen 6 years old to Nelson Stark for \$60. Hariet Smith a new

scholar today at Peckhams

- 20 Thur cold day walked home found all well
- 21 F Annual feast. Mr Woodard preached. Wm Woodard Wrights left me today. has done my chores for two winters Turner over from Willimantic engaged 25 b corn at 4Õ per b.

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carried off 5 and 3 b oats. Went to Willimantic and engaged

the upper school 5 1/2 months for \$90 begin the 15th of April.

Sat March 22 1845 Sold 2 cows \$35 - rolled up the Carpet put in paper of tobacco and

2 oz of camphor. Put a linen sheet round each roll. Washed out 5 bed clothes.

Have sold my stock as follows 1 pair 6 yr old oxen 60

1 cow 8 yr old 20

1 cow 10 15

1 cow 8 yrs old 17

3 yearling 18

1 pair 2 yr old steers 18

8 sheep 21

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- 2 sows with pig 16
- 13 hens 20 cts apiece 2 60
- 187 60
- 6 1/2 gal applesauce 1.17
- Marias two year old I do not sell
- 23 Sun Mr Little preached rain in the evening
- 24 Mon pleasant Walked to Goshen
- 25 Tues. pleasant at James Congdon
- 26 Wed at Wm McCalls
- 27 Thurs pleasant Washed out the school house for examination
- 28 F School examined. 18 or 20 spectators. Capt King paid me \$90 for five months teaching
- 29 Sat very pleasant. closed school Woodard came after me
- 30 Sun pleasant Temperance meeting in the afternoon
- 31 Mon pleasant put away things and did chores
- 1st April Rainy tried to make soap used 14 1/2 lbs potash had no good luck did chores put in glass etc
- 2 Wed Went down to Liberty hill school examination Avery McCall drove away my sheep 8 of them \$21. broke up House Keeping Betsey McCall went home. I came down to fathers and staid.
- 3 Thur Assisted Mr Fuller in moving very Blustering
- 4 Frd had Wm and Father and split 300 rails laid up 235
- 5 Sat Went to Willimantic to be examined the Committee did not meet Sold Uncle George 1/2 ton of hay \$5,50
- 6 Sun cold day Mr Woodard preached
- 7 Mon Electors meeting whigs have carried the day in the states our town Sanford Yeomans ato the Assembly
- 8 cold snowy day finished my fence side of the woods. put up sled
- 9 10 11 and 12 cold weather wind high did sundry chores, set out trees. Made soap, etc.
- Sun 13 Mr Sharp preached, excellent sermons

Mon 14 Father brought me over to Willimantic and I began school - Had 31 scholars first day. Noisy very - otherwise pleasant enough. Staid at Capt Hall

- 15 Tues pleasant 40 sch at Mr. Cummings 16 Wed pleasant the the same
- 17 Thur rainy last night and to day. at Mr Cummings

[17]

Friday18th Apr 1845 cloudy at the same. 19 Sat kept 1/2 day walked home. found all well put up a lb of vinegar

Sun 20 cold sour dy Mr Woodard preached.

- 21 Mon walked over school examined by Mr Sharp Nobel and Robinson
- 22,23,24,25 Spring like weather boarded at Mr Cummings
- 26 Sat camce over brought over 65 lbs salt beef for me sold it 4 cts per lb and (?) cheeses 7 cts per lb went home with
- 27 Turner sold him 38 b oats and 5 b corn

Sun unpleasant Walked over on Monday Boarding at the (?)

- 28 Mon pleasant. 29 Tues pleasant Settled with Brigham
- 30 Wed. pleasant white Frost last night
- 1 Thurs May 1st pleasant had 40 sch. 2 at Mr HoveyÕs
- 3 Sat Henry brought over my potatoes 6 1/2 b 2c pr b. rode home got off

worm nests. drew off 3 loads stone. sold D Strong 4 cut hay

- 4 Sun unwell Mr Woodard preached. Monthly concert in the evening
- 5 Mon walked over kept school half the day Hired Amasa Fuller to do my duty

pay him 50 cts. 1/2 day school 15 scholars at Mr Hovey.

- 6 Tues at the same 7th Wed at Wm Barrows 8 Thur The Transit of Venus across the sun. cold day snow and hail in the morning.
- 9 Fri hard frost last night Apple trees in blossom. same
- 10 Sat rode home with father piled up bushes
- 11 Sun pleasant The funeral of Mrs. John Little took place today She was buried on Dr Fullers land

[18]

1845 Mon May 12 Walked over. apple trees in full blossom

13 Tues very warm at Mr Barrows Elizabeth Lee & Helen Lee here today

14 Wed at Mr Barrows

15 Thur. Hard shower cooler at Mr Gavit

16 Fri Rainy day nearly sick 17 Sat rainy kept school all day started for home - began to rain very hard stopped at Cards and staid all night -

went home - found that the children had been some scik

18 Sun Mr Doolittle preached

19 Storm over. Baldwin and Amasa Fuller brought each a load of hay

over. Hasler had 1710 lbs and Turner 1890 lbs. Baldwin brought over

1790 lbs last week. - making on the long scaffold 5390 lbs got 12 1/2

delivered. at Mr Cummingham

20 Tues some rain

The No. of deaths in Willimantic While I was teaching there

Apr 1 Name unknown to me

May 18 A child of Rev Wheeler 1

19 A child of Mr Campbell 2 yr old

July 23 A child of Mr Davis A.E. 6 yr

a child of Mr Buell 2 yr

Charles Chase 16

a child of Mr Morrisons 7 m

a child unknown to me

a child name unknown to me

[19]

May 21, 1845 Wed. at Mr. Cunningham

- 22 Thur at Mr. Bugbee 23 Friday visitted the lower school it appear Will bought cloth for a vest etc
- 24 Sat rode home with father did sundry chores. Sold out nursery
- 25 Sun Some frost last night. Went to meeting with overcoats on. quite cold In the evening the (?) to help us make up clothes
- 26 Mon walked over. Mr. Tracy visitted the school. at Mr Bugbee
- 27 Tues pleasant at Harrison Brown 28 Wed at the same
- 28 Thur at the same 29 Frid cold for the season fire needed in the morning frost killed the corn etc. 7 weeks have past away; nearly one third of my term. school as pleasant as we can we expect from such scholars.
- 30 Sat pleasant. Henry came over with waggon and rode home took cart to pieces and packed it away.
- June 1st Sun Mr Woodard brother preached. Temperance meeting at 5
- 2 Mon Walked over. Went to Browns got him to cut two coats and 2 vest one thick and one thin. Boarding at Dr Witters.
- 3 Tues guite warm. Rode with Dr Witter over to Columbia came back with him
- 4 Wed at Dr WitterOs 5th Thur at Dr Witters 6 Fri the same 7 Sat. Walked

home went up to the tailorOs to get a coat cut for Charles. Engaged a new

hat of Uncle George

8 Sun quite warm. Mr Hays of Exeter preached. Dwight Loomis delivered a

Temperance address at five Oclock

- 9 Mon Very hot Thermometer at 95 At Dr Witters Tues 10 hot
- 11 Wed pleasant 12 Walked home found all well the Miss Cooks had finished
- a thin coat for me and were at work on thick
- 13 Fr pleansant 14 Sat. It has been a very growing week. I had made this week two vests, two coats And Charles had 2 suits the expense of the whole \$20
- 15 Sun Cool Mr Woodard preached. Mr Wildman preached at 5
- 16 Mon walked over took breakfast at Dr Witters. Boarding at Mr Williams

17 Tues cool day 45 scholars at the same 18 Wed at the same - sent a letter to Batterson to have him provide grave stone for wife. 45 sch

19 Thur at the same 20 the same 21 Sat some rain kept all day at the same 22 Sun very pleasant. nearly sick last night and this morning, went to church

in the afternoon, singing meeting at 5

23 Mon some rain. feel better to day. Boarding at LeeOs this week

24 Nearly well 45 sch at Lee. 25 Wed the same 26 Thur the same 27 Friday walked home found that Miss McCall had made a visit to Columbia that the children had been sick but were better -

28 Sat Wm & Harriet went to Vernon to spend the sabbath. I burned some brush hoed out my nusery and visitted the school on Chestnut Hill - 10 sch.

After dinner went over towards Uncle Louis (?) The road was let to the

lowest Bidder John Lobvel(?) at 75 per rod. Got Ripley and hooped up a

barrel or two

Sun 29 Mr Miller preached. Walked to Willimantic in the evening. at (?)

[20]

Monday June 30th 1845 had 9 new scholars hard rain toward night at Mr LeeŌs

July 1st cool Tues at Mr Cheney 2nd Wed cloudy cool and some rain

3 Thur. Cloudy, hard shower last night some rain today. I adjourned school till Monday

July 4th Attended celebration at the congregational church. Mr. Ely and Mr. Blake

were speakers - Refreshments in the vestry. Most of the village went to the other side of the river attended by a band of music. I walked home found there had been a celebration at Columbia. They had the Andover band of music - 300 or more present. Mr. Wildmayo of Lebanon spoke. Mr. Woodard addressed the cold water Army. Bought CalvinÕs watch 7,00 paid him

5 Sat Took sythe and mowed till noon. raked part of the afternoon.

6 Sun Mr Woodard preached. Monthly concern at 5 Oclock

7 Mon Hot day walked over at Miss Fiskes

8 pleasant at the same 9 and 10 and 11 hot days at Miss F

12 Sat very hot Thermometer at 92 degrees kept school all day. at Mr FiskeÕs.

13 Sun very warm. Mr Sharp preached. at Mr FiskeÕs

- 14 Mon Thermometer 95 10 days wihtout a drop of rain we had a violent thunder gust with high wind and rain
- 15 Tues 16 Wed very hot thermometer 90 to 100 at Mr Essex
- 17 Thur warm thunder shower lightning struck (Pilsons?) Factory doing but little damage
- 18 Fri pleasant walked home took a cradle and cut 4 swaths of rye in the morning went to Mr Sethall and got fatherÕs cradle. finished cutting my rye by 5 oÕclock in the afternoon. bound it up had 17 shucks. tired enough at night.
- 20 Sunday pleasant Mr Blake preached
- 21 Mon walked over had 35 sch at R. Prentice
- 22 Tues Thunder shower towards morning
- 22 Wed cooler pleasant at R. Prentice school thin -
- 23 at General Baldwin quite cool Friday 26 scholars at General Baldwins
- 25 Sat fine shower in the afternoon. spent the afternoon in writing a temperance address. spent the sabbath at Baldwin
- 26 27 28 at Norman Hall. Spent my spare time on temperance address 29 Wed

school thin. Children out picking whortleberries. they sell at nearly 5 cts

per quart.

30 Thur at Halls 31 Frid Attending a meeting of the Anti Slavery society - commemorating the Emancipation of the West India Slaves

Aug 2 Sat began school at 7 left off at 10. rode home with father. Anson arrived from Utica noon. paid Wm 25 cts for carting my rye - Father Tracy down from Coventry - hoed out my nursery.

[21]

Sun Aug 3 1845 Mr Ely of Covoentry preached. I delivered an address on Temperance

at the Town Hall at 5 oclock

- 4 Mon walked over. Boarding at Mr HenryÕs. 35 sch. fine hay day.
- 5 Tues hot walked home after school saw Anson and my little boys. Wm had finished the fish meadow had that day Giles Little + Byrne + Uncle George.
- 6 Walked over. at Mr Henry 7 Thur at Mr Hoveys
- 8 Fri very dry and hot 9 Sat began school at 7. went to the lower school. 50 present came back spent the afternoon at schoolhouse

- 10 Sun guite warm very dry, heard Mr Sharp preach
- 11 Mon pleasant showers. atKimbals
- 12 Tues. They are clearing out (meadow) the river
- 13 Wed getting guite dry very dry throughout the country
- 14 Thur quite warm. walked home. All well
- 15 Fri walked to Willimantic. In the afternoon batterson called having gravestones for my wife. I rode over to Columbia -- paid him \$18. and walked back the same evening
- 16 Sat began school at 7 started at Eleven for home. I number the children in Chestnut Hill district found 18. Wm and set up MariaÕs gravestone
- 17 Sun Mr Booth preached
- 18 Mon hot and dry 19 Tues Wm over yesterday bought cloth for a coat. I carried it after it was cut as far as the Card Mills, where Henry met me. Boarding at Wilsons.
- 20 Wed hot and dry factories stopped for want of water.
- 21 Thur Rainy morning 22 Fr Heavy shower last evening very hot today at Mr Wilson
- 23 Sat very hot Rode to Columbia Green with Chester Lyman oh well. A shower towards night
- 24 Sun walked to willimantic and attended chudrch. The funeral of Charles Chase who had been sick some 11 weeks was attended at the Congreational Meeting House. Very hot.
- 25 Mon still hot, had five new scholars at Mr Noyes. Camp meeting this week 2 1/2 m from Willimantic
- 26 Tues last night I had severe colic pains attended with vomiting and cold chills I eat no supper all night walked to Dr Witters he was coming over to see Mrs Hyde and took me in. He gave me some pills which I took.
- 27 No better oon the bed half the time took a portion of salts, call down Dr McIntosh
- Sat 30 began to eat a little Sun 31 Eat some more

[22]

Sept 1st 1845 Cool and pleasant. We have had a very hot August with several fine showers. Ripley has got in his new floor - Wm has finished bushes and has laid 5 rods of wall by the flags.

Henry took the wagon and brought me over this morning. feel pretty weak - had 45 scholars at Mrs Bradley

Tue 2 some rain. had 43 sch at same. 3 Wed They have begun to lay the foundatino of the new factory. Father was over with a bbl vinegar and 1 lb peaches. \$1

4 Thur pleasant at Mr (Sterrys?) 5th Fr pleasant Sat 6 got into Turners wagon and rode home. Sold him 25 lb corn 4s per bushel. Staid at fathers over Sunday.

Sun 7th Henry brought me to Esquire Kingsley and I walked over. had 40 scholars at Mr. SterryÕs.

- 8 Tues pleasant at Mrs Pages 9 W the same, factory stops for want of water almost every other day
- 10 Thur at the same Fr at the same
- 12 Sat white frost the first this fall. clouding up for rain.
- 13 Sun rainy day. Have a hard cold. did not attend church
- 14 Mon warm and pleasant. Boarding at GrahamÕs
- 15 Tues cold mornings at the same
- 16 Wed Factories stopped half a day for want of water. at Wilson O
- 17 Thur warm sent to Hartford for 30 lithographic prints and 4 doz Toy books.
- 18 Fr warm at Mr PerryÕs -- attended an Abolition meeting

in the evening SM Booth of Meriden addressed the meeting - very interesting.

- 20 Sat School a half a day. Training at Williamantic and at Columbia this afternoon. at Campbells.
- 21 Sun rainy Mr Doolittle preached 22 Mon at Mr Campbells Tues at same Wed and Thur at the same
- 25 Frid Miss Ishams school examined in the forenooon. Mine in the afternoon. My examination passed off very credibly, scholars behaved well recited well, the committee said we had done extremely well. Sam Lee, Luther Robinson, Mr Sharp Esq Chase and Mrs Cunningham all present
- 27 Sat closed school. 40 scholars present. Gave each a Toy Book and gave out 8 premiums for spelling. 12 for good behavior and 2 for Geography. In the afternoon packed up my things but staid at Esq Chase. heard Mr. Huntington of Lebanon preach. The funeral of Elder Brown took place today. Sermon by McCall of Boston at the Universalists House. A great concourse present. In the evening McCall lectured on slavery.

29th Mon pleasant. Took dinner at Mr Prentices rode home with Dr Witter. Found that son Charles was at Coventry - our family had a party of neighbors. Lay on the bed most of the afternoon.

[23]

1845 Sept 29 Tues walked down to my farm where I had not been for 4 weeks found that Mr Fuller had left 4 or 5 acres of bushes not mown. In the afternoon Wm and others started to Ashford center for train.

Wed Oct 1st very rainy morning quite a flood. cleared away about 10 and was very pleasant. Wm arrived home at about 10 pm. I did not go - was not strong enough -

2 Thurs did nothing

3 Fri arose at 3 took Sam (horses?) and started for Hartford where I arrived at 8. Bought Toy Books, Lithographic prints, etc. for school. attended the cattle show at south Green. Some fine cattle exhibited. Working cattle tried on a load of 77. A procession was formed at the south green escorted by the Hartford light infantry, and proceeded by the Hartford band and marched through the city to the American Hotel for dinner. A little after 2 the procession reformed and marched to the N Church where J.W. Stuart delievered an address. Two hymns written by Mrs Siguorney were sung. The procession then formed and marched to the North meadow where the plowing match took place. 8 teams of two yoke each entered the list. During the day I went into the Athenium and saw many curiosities. Ancient books chairs pictures, coins etc. saw the vest that Ledyard wore when he was stabbed at Groton. A chest that came over the in Mayflower. A copy

of the real Polyglot Bible and a hundred other things. Well worth looking at. I went into the fair at the city Hall whre I saw plenty of pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, apples, peaches, butter, cheese, agricultural instruments, et etc. And all kinds of cloths, carpeting, paper hangings, hardware, cutlery. Fancy articles etc etc. I left Hartford about sunset and staid all night at Wm McLains

Sat 4th Came home called on Marry Ann Sprague a short time. Had 2 locks put onto my inside doors.

Sun 5 Hard sick took medicine and lay in bed.

Mon 6 some better. Town meeting. Appointed Esq Holbrook, Joseph Clarke and Ira Root Commissioners on the new license Com by a majority of 9. Voted a special tax of 8 cts on the \$ to be paid in 3 months. Apointed assessors and board of Relief etc.

Tues 7 Walked out 8th went to Willimantic engaged the school \$20 pr month. If I have a steady lodging place otherwise \$5 pr week.

- 10 Thur. Rainy day. donÕt feel very smart
- 11 Fri pleasant drew down load of rails to repair fence.
- 12 Sat went to Coreys for cloth. got 7 yds satin etc. rained very hard before I got home.
- 12 Sun Mr Woodard preached. Lucina Kingsley married (?) noon
- 13 Took Henry and wagon and came to Willimantic begun school had 40 scholars very pleasant. staid at Mr LeeÕs.
- 14th Tues pleasant at the same place
- 15 Wed. hard frost. 16 Thur pleasant at the same

[24]

Oct 17th 1845 F very pleasant. had 40 at Mr Park Davis

- 18 Sat. pleasant kept school half a day
- 19 Sun heard Mr Burgess a retired missionary Admed (?) Hisdostan.
- 20 pleasant at D Spicers 21 Tues the same

- 22 Thur very hard frost Thermometer 10 degrees above
- 23 Fr 50 scholars 24 Sat rode home found all well
- 25 Sun Heard Mr Atwood in Columbia in the A.M. and Mr Sharp at Wc in the PM
- 26 Mon very pleasant at Mr Cheneys begin to lodge at Mr. ChaseÕs.
- 27 School examined 3 ministers and Mr Tracy present
- 28 Wed very warm at Mr Cheney
- 29 Thur pleasant and warm 60 scholars on the roll 30 Fri at Mr Bennets
- 31 Sat very warm and pleasant. rode home with father. pointed up the chimneys on the outside. did up fence around yard etc. Betsey McCall up from Goshen. at Fathers over Sunday.
- Nov 2 rainy Sunday walked Willimantic towards night quite wet
- 3 Mon had 55 scholars at Mr Bennets
- 4 Tues at the same 5 Wed 6th Th 7 Fri at the same
- 8 Sat rode home with father. pointed up the chimneys. did up some fence. Before McCall visiting Chestnut Hill
- 9 Sun Wm laying wall below the house. Went to church and in the evening walked to Willimantic
- 10 Mon very blustering some snow the first this season
- 11 Tues pleasant at Mr Noyes. Last Friday Charles rode over with father and staid all night. He was much pleased with his visit. Calvin came into the school and we rode her home with him
- 12 Wed boarding at MorrisonOs 13 and 14 the same
- 15 Sat Silas Holbrook visited me. at Mr Cambel
- 16 Sun heard Mr Arnold of Colchester preach
- 17 Mon pleasant. 55 scholars at Mr Cambell
- 18 Tues. They have built the new factory up one story stopped till Spring. They are laying the foundation of a factory 90 by 40 down to the lower edge of the village to be built of wood.
- 19 Wed a new house raised by the Windham (?) Co.
- 20 Thur very pleasant had 57 sc at Cambells. Mr Weaver began a school writing
- 21 Thur at Mr Kimballs 22 Fri pleasant 23 Sat walked home found that William had finished his wall below the house by the road. he was killing his bull. it weighed near 600

- 24 Sun rainy 25 Mon walked over at Kimbals 26 Tues pleasant
- 27 Wed had 50 sch adjourned till next Monday walked home. found that Wm and family had gone to Vernon
- 28 Annual Thanksgiving. very rainy day no meeting

[25]

no one at Fathers but Aunt Lathrop, myself and Charles V.L. Little

- 29 Frid ground frozen carried my vinegar into cellar have 6 bbl. put up fence round fruit yard
- 30 Sat did not do much Dec 1st Sun walked to Willimantic a regular snow storm it turned into rain the next day
- Dec 2 Mon rained powerfull had 63 sch 3 very cold had 65 sch
- 4 W cold at Dr Witters 5 Thur snowy turned to rain had 70 sch
- 6 Friday some go in sleighs not much sleighing
- 7 Sat Kept school all day at Dr Witters
- 8 Sun plesant. Monthly concert in the evening
- 9 Mon cold 10 Tues at Mr Cunningham 11 Wed had a school in the evening

for arithmetic.

- 12 Thur cold day 65 sch at Mr Cunningham
- 13 Fri cold day at Esq Halls 14 Sat spent half a day sepnt the afternoon at the school house
- 15 Sun began to snow but turned to rain and continued through the day and night. at Mr Halls 75 names on the school roll.
- 16 Mon very muddy damp through the day at Mr Sterrys
- 17 Tues blustering, at the same
- 18 Wed had 65 sch at Mr Sterry 19 thurs rainy at Mrs (Brad?)
- 20 Fri muddy at the same. Sat 21 cold day rode with Dr Witter up to Columbia. Took tea at Uncle Scovels. walked home found all well Charles has gone to Coventry to live with his grandfather Tracy this winter.
- Sun 22 The funeral of George Beaumont took place today. Walked back after meeting. Took lodgings at Esq Chase. Made up a fire in my chamber first time.
- 23 Mon pleasant at Mr Williams 24 Tues some snow Wed stormy

25 Christmas in the evening the universalists had religious services in their house which was brimmed with evergreens

26 Fr Stormy. Lyceum i the evening - it was the third evening devoted to the discussion of the question Ought Capital punishment to be abolished -

Dr Witter being president decided in the affirmative. Next question; Ought Christians to engage in war:

27 Sat snow six inches deep - leighing this morning the first of any amount this season.

28 Sun. Pleasant went to the Methodist in the forenoon and to the Congregational in the P.M. Wrote a letter to Charles and Father Tracy.

29 Mon. pleasant had a school in the evening, at Mr Austins

30 Tues pleasant 31 Wed. Gen Baldwin raised one house

31 Anniversary of the death of my wife. A very rainy day

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Jan 1st, 1846. pleasant day. In the evneing a donation party at Mr Sharps - house full of all ages and conditions. Party broke up at 10. I walked down with M --

2 Frid A very rainy day had 60 sch

3 Sat muddy. spent the afternoon at the school houe

4 Sun went to the Baptists and Methodists have a hard cold coming on

5 Mon Donation party at Mr Hoopers

6 Tues Muddy warm weather

7 Wed at Potters Tavern donation party at Mr Wheeler

8th still pleasant no cold or snow scarely this winter

9 F Mr Barrows and 7 of his scholars visited me. In the evening taken with colic pains and vomiting and passed a miserable night.

10 Nothing better but kept school in the forenoon

12 Took physic. Felt no better til Monday

13 Began school again. Tues. had 60 sch

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15 Wed Boarding at Robert Prentice

- 16 Thurs at the same 17 F. Cloudy had 60 sch at Mr. Tarbox.
- 17 damp day some snow on the ground.
- 18 Sun The weather has come round cold with snow enough to make some sleighing. Attended at the C-I
- 19 Mon clear cold bluserting day at Miss FishÕs
- 21 Tues the same 22 Wed cold day 23 at Ralph Williams
- 24th F I and 23 of my scholars made a visit to the lower school. had a pleasant time. Debate in the evening on the abolition question
- 26 Sat pleasant kept school all day
- 27 Sun pleasant Mr Sharp preached wrote a letter to Charles in the evening
- 28 Mon Pleasant at Jefferson Campbell 29 Tues at the same. Mr Baker in my school on Mon Mr. Lee Wednesday Curtis Wilson and Asa (?) Wilkinson Thursday.
- 31 Friday Muddy enough Lyceum in the evening.

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Sat Jan 31 Warm; ground breaking up in some places. Walked home. found all well Cynthia and Mary at home.

Sun Cold day. Mud frozen up. Mr Woodard preached walked back in the evening

Mon had 56 scholars. at Gen Baldwins

Feb 3 1846 Tues cold at Esq Littlefield 4 Wed at the same.

5th Thurs at the same 6th at Gen Baldwin. 7 Sat spent the afternoon in the school house. Sun 8th cold day Fairchild the agent of the State Society lectured on Temperance.

Mon 9th pleasant at Baldwins 10 Tues at the same Esq Chase began the cellar for his new house

11 Wed at Mr Gavits. 12 Thur. snow three in deep 13F debate in the evening on the question was Bonaparte a curse to Europe.

Sat 14 pleasant: school 1/2 day. at Mr Gurt (?)

San 15th very snowy day - cleaned away towards night. it fell 16 in deep. Much blown in heaps

- 16 Mon cold day fair sleighing at Norman HallOs
- 17 pleasant at the same 18 Wed. pleasant frosty morning
- 19 Thurs coldest day this season 20 Frid A very blowing snow storm

- 21 Sat Windy day, have had sleighing one week had a letter from Mr. Glover declining to take my farm.
- 22 Sun Mr Sharp preached. He delivered a lecture on slavery in the evening. (Wm and wife over today)
- 23 have a hard cold coming on
- 24 Tues nearly sick Mr Barrows and 14 of his scholars here today
- 25 Wed cold at Mr Bugbee 26 Thur at the same 27 F cold day
- 28 Sat Walked home consulted with Mr Fuller about taking the farm. he gave no definite answer. it began to snow towards night. so fearing a storm back I walked to Willimantic. somewhat tired.

Sun March 1st 1846 pleasant attended the Mehodist in the morning and the Cong in the afternoon.

2nd Mon had 50 sch at Mr Church

- 3 Tues some sleighing yet. at Mr Hoopers 4 Wed at the same.
- 5 Thur at the same. 6yh Fri thawing sleighing gone 7th pleasant. Father and Wm drove stags over and had them killed by Turner. They weighted 21 cnt
- 8 Sun pleasant Mr Tyler preached in the afternoon on the word ÒSelahÓ (?) Temperance meeting in the evening.

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Mon 9th 1846 pleasant at Mr MasonÕs 10th at Mr Tracys fine weather through week. Sat a very heavy rain and a great flood. Snow mostly gone. had an arithmetic school in the afternoon. have but two weeks more. have been very tired, been boarding at Grahams.

- 15 Sun. pleasant. Mr Sharp preached
- 16th Mon. unpleasant rainy day at Mrs PageÕs
- 17 Tues at Mrs Page 18 pleasant at Mr Cumins
- 19 at the same 20th pleasant at the same 21 St at Mr Essex
- 22 Sun Mr Sharp preached 23 Mon at Mr Davis
- 24th Tues. some rain 25 Wednes hard rain at Dr Witters
- 26 Thur washed out the school house preparatory to examination
- 27th Miss Ishams school examined in the forenoon: mine in the afternoon. 25 or more spectators. The examination passed off pleasantly 50 scholars present
- 28 kept about an hour, gave out the prizes between \$3 and 4 worth. Made out

the wood bill - engaged myself for another term at \$20 pr month - and arrived at home towards night having spent nearly a year in Willimantic.
29 Sun Mr Woodard preached - Mr Booth lectured on Slavery three evenings. Dwight Loomis delivered a lecture on Temperance
30 Mr Fuller (?) not to stay. I spread 2 loads of manure and knocked dung. 31 S Father has concluded to move into my house
Apr 1st 1846 Hired Wm and carted over 5 bbl of vinegar and some soap. Bought hay seed \$2.57 and cloth for shirts and for (?) \$3.40 - brought home my trunks.
2nd Father moved into my house. Mr Butler moved out
3 Fri Cold blustery weather trimmed the young apple trees, etc - cleared out the parlor -
4th Sat splitting hills threw the dung out of the hog pen
5 Sun Mr Booth preached 6 Mon Annual election of State officers. State gone (?). No choice by the people of State Officers.
7 Tues Went to Norwich visited Greenville schools. Bought 1 bb flour \$5.75 1/2 ream of paper 1.00 gross of pens 1.25. Wm went to John Lathrop and bought a pair of oxen \$72 1/2
8 Wed Bought two peach trees of A (?) Wright
9 Thurs pleasant 10th Annual fast. Mr Woodard preached on peace and war.
11 Sat finished knocking the dung. packed up my things.
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12 April 1846 Sun Mr Woodard preached. While at home I had 4 shirts made 3 collars and 2 pair of socks
13 Walked to Willimantic and began the 3rd term of my school. 47 pres. During the week I made out the blanks to keep a record of the attendance department and improvement of the scholars. One of Baldwins hands made the sticks to mount the sheets upon. I visited many of my patrons who seem friendly - but some dislike to have their children corrected.
19 Sun Mr Sharp preached 20 Mon pleasant boarding at Kimbels. Boarded at the tavern 3 days. Brainard sets an excellent table. Some very warm days this week Thermometer at 80 degrees. It continues very dry have had no rain of any amount for several weeks. 50 hands at work on the new factory.
Sat 25 Rode home with Father. Picked up stone on (?) lot destroyed some worm nests.
26 Sun pleasant Mr Nichols of Lebanon preached. Temperance Meeting at 5.
27 Mon walked over a very pleasant day. Select schoolf or young ladies commenced today. 9 scholars present. Taught by Roxanne Smith. Miss

Brighton has a school for little scholars in the Congregational Vestry. Miss Smith is in the Methodist Vestry.

28th Boarding at Mr Austin 29 Wed 55 scholars

30th Thurs at Mr Austin

May 1st 1846 Fr Sat 2nd pleasant walked home - all well - got rid of worm nests. Sun Mr Woodard preached on the duty of sustaining the ministry. fine shower towards night. Walked to Willimantic in the evening.

4 Mon Putting on the roof of the new factory - the masons putting up cotton house - Chases store finished and Mr. Brigham moved in.

5th Tues pleasant at Mr WeaverÕs 6W have 60 scholars on the roll

7 Thur have bough Charles cloth for a thick suit \$1. per yard and a thin suit. 8 Fr cloudy Mr Brigham has measles

9th Sat Father brought over Charles and I had two suits out for him. Mrs Weaver is going to make one coat. Father brought over my clock and a bushel of corn, with which I paid Mr Brigham for a Tea Bell Began to set up my clock. It rained nearly all night Sat night with some thunder

Sun 10th pleasant at Willimantic Mr Woodard preached - on slander

11th At Mr Sterry 12 cold nearly a frost 13 Wed at Esq Halls. The stone work of the factory done. Boarding the roof.

14 Thur Pleasant 63 scholars 15th Fr pleasant. George Courtland played truant

15(16)Sat. walked home. all well. hoed out nursery. Sun Mr Hunt formerly of Abington preached. very pleasant. walked to Willimantic stayed at Mr Cunningham

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Mon May 19th 1846 War begun with Mexico some days since.

20 Tues cold some rain. Boarding at Mr. cunningham. a frost

21 Wed has 60 sch. walked home. Maria Holbrook sewing for me this week. Making Charles a thin and thick suit and Eugene some dresses.

22 Thur walked back. Boarding Sterry Bennetts ground white with frost 23F pleasant 24 Sat thunder showers in the afternoon

25 Sun went to Esq Chases to stay all night for the first time give him .50 pr week for room and lodging.

26 Mon pleasant fine growing time. grass looks well

27th Tues Boarding at Mr. Bennett 28-29,30 Cloudy damp days with some rain. Sat cloudy kept school till 3 oclock then walked home.

June 1 Sun. Rainy day did not attend church

- 2 Mon it has been cloudy for a week. More grass on the ground than has been known for several years on the first of June. Van Ambergs Caravan of wild beasts at Willimantic. I took Charles in. There was a very great crowd 3700 perhaps.
- 3 Tues pleasant had 2 new scholars Boarding at Mrs Bradley
- 4th the same. Hayes Cotton House the stone work finished

Thur at the same

- 5 Fr Boarding at Mrs. Hanorvers. Very warm
- 6 Sat. pleasant. visited Miss F Witters School 17 scholars. made out records etc
- 7 Sun very pleasant and cool. Heard Mr Cooper and Mr Sharp.
- 8 Mon at Mrs Hanovers cheeries ripe 9 at the same
- 10 Wed at Mr Noyes 11 the same
- 12 Friday some sick witht he neasles. Sat 13th warm walked home all well Mayduke (?) cheeries ripe burnt up a lot of bushes
- 14th Sun Mr Woodard preached. walked over in the evening
- 15 very warm. At Mr Jordans 16 Tues at the same
- 17 at Mrs. Small 18 Thur quite warm for a few days. The L? Legislature have repealed the license law. The Registry Law have granted a charter for the N York and Boston Railroad with the bridge at Middletown a charter permitting the Farmington Canal Company to make a railroad of their tow path. Have passed a law forbidding employers to influence the votes of their help etc.
- 19th Shower towards night. Cannon fired at Willimantic as a token of joy at the passage of the Railroad Charter.

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- 20th day of June 1846 Sat pleasant fine shower towards night went home took B--n drs (?) for pantaloons
- 21 Sun walked over between services. Arrived in time to see marriage ceremony peprformed
- 22 Mon guite cool. I made a fire in the schoolhouse.
- 23 Boarding at Mr ElliottÕs quite cool
- 23 Wed at the same 24 Thursday at the same
- 25th Frid at Denison \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_. 26 Sat a cool week several showers grass very forward. the quarter being up several leave today have the new ones next week.

- 27 Sun Mr Atwood preached
- 28 Mon 12 new scholars from the mill. some have not been to school for two years
- 29 Tues Boarding at Mr Connin this week.
- July 1st 1846 Rainy day 2 Thur quite warm Laying the floors to the new mill and putting in the windows
- 3 pleasant it has been cloudy and wet for several days.
- 4th National Holiday no school. Dr Nott up from Franklin aged 93. Rode on horseback. 65 years a minister. A celebration in the Congreational and Methodist houses. Walked home. Brother Charles arrived home. Been gone to Auburn nearly two years. Little Charles about sick.

Sun July 5th Mr Brockway preached in the forenoon and Brother Charles in the afternoon. Monthly concert at 5 oclock. Walker over Mon. July 6th it has been cloudy for near two weeks a heavy crop of grass. some sun today Boarding at Mr. Connins.

- 7 Tues growing hot 8th warmer 9 Thur. good hay day
- 10th very hot Thermometer 95 Sat 11 still hotter helped the company get in hay 2 1/2 hours got very sweaty

Sun July 12th Mr Sharp preached 13 I see by the papers that Fri and Sat were extraordinary hot days the country over

- 14 Tues good hav weather, boarding at Mr Chittenden
- 15th Wed cooler 16 Thur quite cool. Frid a cloudy day some rain
- 18 Sat the same have 60 scho. 19 Sun cloudy. Mon 20 clear in the afternoon. walked home. all well They have hayed it 2 weeks sold 38 hundred to Mr Woodard off my farm. Brother Charles helped some.
- 21 Tues some sunshine

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- July 22nd Wed 1846 cloudy weather but one good hya day for a week. 23, 24 Boarding at Mr Harveys
- 25 Fr walked home after school -- all well.
- 26 Sat Howed out nursery. Came to Willimantic for trunk.
- 27 Sun Brother Charles preached in the afternoon on election. A shower between 4 and 5 which prevented the Temperance Meeting.
- 28 Mon. Arose at 3 and prepared to start for Hartford. Charles now 7 years old with me. Arrived in Hartford between 9 and ten and put up at Browns on Main Street. Visited the jail. Saw Mr Morgan. got a line of introduction from him to the Centre District School. Found Mr Gallup at the head with 11 female teachers and a writing master Mr. Johnson. everything in perfect order -- Did my trading noon. Visited the steam boats, Railroad depot, etc. Took Charles to Tavern and left him while I visited the school again.

Came out of the city and took tea at Wm McCleans then started for Father TracyÕs in North Coventry where we arrived at 1/2 past 8. Next morning started for home where we arrived before 9.

29 Raked hay in the afternoon. Pearl Amasa and Orin working for Wm. next day cloudy all hands mowing. raked it up next day. good hay weather. Got in 6 loads of hay and 5 of oats (91 schucked?), 31 Frid a poor day still mowing and cutting oats. Aug 1st Sat good day. Came to Willimantic with butter. Wrote a letter to Greenville declining their offer of \$300 per year. Sun Mr Woodard preached. Monthly concert at 5 oOclock. Walked to Willimantic.

Mon Aug 3 pleasant 40 sch Boarding at (?) Kenyon

4,5,6 hot days no clouds or rain.

Sat Some rain. Sun 8 pleasant heard Mr Griffin preach 2 sermons. Speak on Temperance and Lecture on Romanism.

Monday 9th 50 scholars. Boarding at Frederick Campbells

10,11,12 good hay weather. Fr took dinner by invitation at Mr Kimbels. A violent shower in the afternoon

Sun 15 Mr. Miller preached. Brother Charles delivered a Temperance address at 5 oÕclock Walked to Willimantic.

Monday 55 scholars. Boarding at Dr Witters

Tues 17th 64 scholars 70 on the roll.

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18th of Aug 1846 Wed nothing transpiring these days worth noticing. The potato rot very prevalent. Health pretty good

- 19 Thur school full this week. 20th F pleasant fine weather. Just rain enough.
- 21 Sat Brother Charles called upon me a short time. Wm brought over Charles and his clothes who will remain a few days.

Sun 22nd Raining no preaching at the Cong -I. attended the methodist.

- 23 Mon Campmeeting 3 miles from this village begins today.
- 24 Tues cloudy at Dr WitterOs. Rainy evening.

25 Wed. Rainy day at Mr Franklins 26th no school stopped to go to campmeeting. attended campmeeting 2000 or more present. a pleasant day

27 Friday. had 35 scholars. Sat 28 pleasant Charly sick.

Sun rainy no preaching at the congreational. Took Charles to church

31 Mon pleasant. Last Sat the district had a meeting and appointed Vine Hovey Daniel Spice & Stephen H. Kimbel District Committee. They appointed a committee to bring in a report respecting a new school house.

Tues Sept 1 very warm about these days. Boarding at Mr Palmer

- 2 Wed hot day 54 scholars at Mr Palmers
- 3 Thursday at the same. 4 Fr at Mr Wilson 5 Sat it has been a very warm week. Health good Charles still with me.
- 6 Sun pleasant. Very hot Brother Charles preached in Willimantic.
- 7 Mon still hot Boarding at Mr Church
- 8 Tues the same 9th The hot weather over, the wind NE and cold
- 10 Thur pleasant at Mr Campbell. Fri Charles sick. school thin, many sick
- 12 Sat Charles Better, pleasant 13 Sun quite warm
- 14 Mon Emily Witter much better at Mr HoveyÕs
- 15 Tues at Mr Chittendens cool weather. Ellen Austin sick. Gryphus fever.
- 16 and 17 cool. Boarding at Mr. DilworthOs.
- 18 Sat pleasant Mrs Morrison buried. Sun Mr Sharp preached.
- May 20 fine weather. some rain frosts very slight as yet.
- Tues 21 Mr Sharp and Mr Tracy in the school
- 22 Wed. Cleared out the school house for examination.