

1870 and 1871 Daily Diary of Jonathan Day of Starks, Somerset Co., ME

The pages of the Jonathan DAY (Starks, Somerset Co., ME) diary for 1870 and 1871 as found here were typed from the original in about 1979 by Beatrice Farrand Maki. Available from Cheryl Willis Patten (Smithfield, Somerset Co., ME) are a series of letters (1979) between Bea Maki and Mrs. Dunham, Hazel Hall, and Thurston H. Hutchins (grandson of Jonathan Day). The original diary was sent to Thurston H. Hutchins (River Road, Rt. 1, Box 1621, Brunswick, ME 04011).

Included here is Bea Maki's transcription and Cheryl Willis Patten's index of the diary. Also included are various 1870 US Census household printouts of the DAY family and neighbors. Additionally DAY family information from the book, *The People and Places of Starks*, (Starks Historical Society, Inc., 1995) has been included (including 1860 and 1883 maps of Starks).

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Jonathan Day Diary 1870-1871

Starks, ME

(as typed by Bea Farrand Maki)

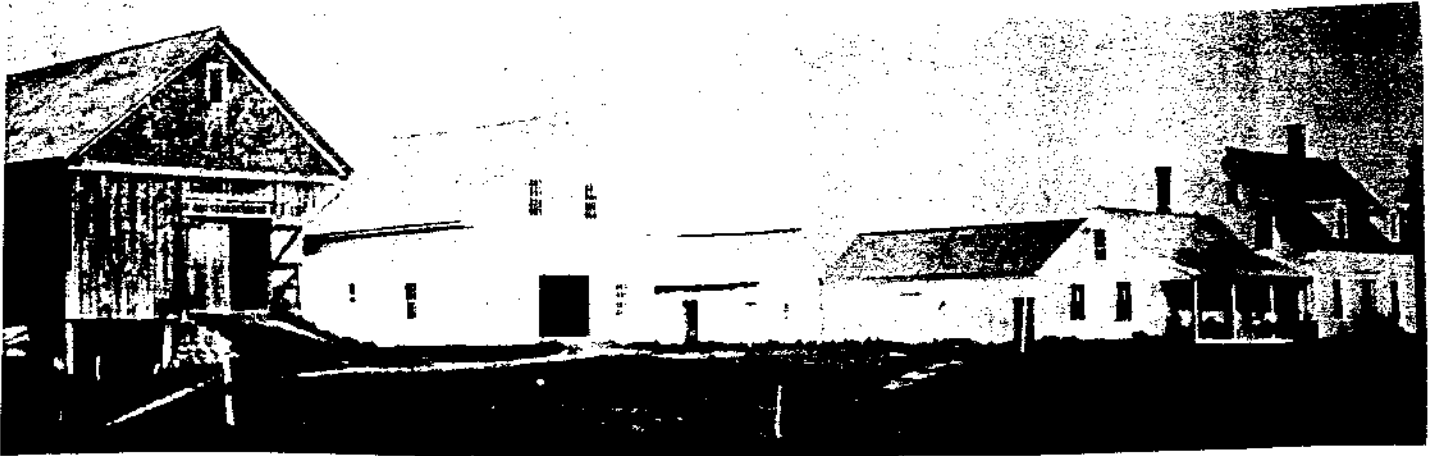
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Surname	Given name	
Beals	Gardner	23
Beals	Lucy	11
Bixby	Addie	24
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Blackwells	? (store)	13 19
Blackwell/Getchell	?	13
Blanchards	?	16
Brackets	?	16
Bradby	Moses	19
Bushnell	Thomas T.	15
Chandlers	[Mr., wife, son, dau.]	10 11 12
Chapman	Cyrus	6
Corson	J. L.	2 3
Corson	Mr.	4
Danforth	Arthur	3
Day	Abby/Abbie W.	11 13
Day	Anna	4 6
Day	Emma	1 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 14 15 16
	Emma (continued)	17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
Day	James	4
Day	Lucy (Mother)	1 2 5 6 7 8 9 17 18 19 21 22 24
Day	Mary	11 13
Day	Sherburn	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
	Sherburn (cont)	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
Day	(Sister) Mary	5 6 12
Dinsmore	(Aunt) Hannah	7 8 19 22
Dinsmore	? (female)	17
Dinsmore	Frank	10
Dinsmore	Wm.	20
Dunphy	Hannah	17
Dutton	Deacon	18
Dutton	E.	8
Dutton	Julius/Julia	11
Fletcher	Ben	6 16 22
Fletcher	Wm. B.	10 16
Fowl (was Dunton)	Sarah	16
Frederick	M. W.	21
?(Gah..)	Annie	24
Gilman	An?	10
Gray	Ed/Edwin	15 21 22
Greaton	J. V.	15

Greaton	Lyman	17
Greenleaf	G.	14
Greenleaf	Gardner	9 15
Greenleaf	Enoch L.	15
Greenleaf	S. D.	8
Greenleaf	Wakefield	2 15
Heald	John	8
Henderson	Mrs.	1
Henderson	Paris	1 4
Hilton	Abner	24
Hilton	Clara	1
Hilton	Liz	14
Hilton	Richard	1
Holbrook	Saul	10
Ladd	John	1
Luce	Dexter W.	7
McCown	?	19
Metcalf	J. C.	9 10 19
Mitchell	Elder [Thomas]	1
Moore	C. R.	11 15 17
Moore	Henry	3 4
Moore	Mr.	3
Moore	?	2 11 13 16
Morrell	?	6
Nichols	Asa	1 2 3 11 12
Nichols	A. G.	3 4 6 8 9 10 11 15 20 21 22
Nichols	Addie	17
Nichols	Arsilla	12
Nichols	Betsey	16
Nichols	E.	8 23
Nichols	Florius	24
Nichols	G.	24
Nichols	George	7 20 21 23
Nichols	Mrs. G.	24
Nichols	Julia	1 17
Nichols	Robert	23
Nichols	L.	7 8
Nichols	Nora	5
Nichols	Robert	23
Nichols	Sadie	17
Nichols	?	18 19 20 22
Oliver	Eli	8
Pinkham	Nahum	16
Piper	Martha	19 20
Piper	2 girls	20
Pratt	Mrs.	20
Preble	James	23 24
Preble	Jane	11 16
Preble	Wm. S.	4 12 15 20

Preble	Wm. (Mrs.)	12
Preble	?	7 8
Pribles	?	21 22 24
[Purington Geo. C.]	census taker	6
Quimby	James	5 8
Quimby	?	7
Rackliff	(child)	2
Randal	?	20
Robbins	Dr.	2
Rogers	Cyrus	17
Rogers	John	1
Rogers	Peter	21
Severy	Dr.	9
Simmons	Clara	11
Simmons	Lucinda	11
Simons	Elwin	6 9 23
Simmons	Mrs.	6
Simons	2 sisters of Elwin	23
Skillings	Mrs. John	7
Skillings	[Uncle] John	7 8
Smith	J. H.	15
Spear	John	1
Spinney	G. W.	2
Taylor	Charles	17
Taylor	Cyrus	16 17
Taylor	Henry	23 24
Taylor	Edwin E.	3 4
Towns	Mr.	17
Tracy/Watson	?	11
Tupper/?Tucker	C. D.	9
Tupper	Edwin	10
Tupper	Peleg	10
Tupper	?	7 8
Wade	L. S.	2 15
Wasson	John	1 8 10 11 17 23
Waugh	John Curran	2
Waugh	Judge	7
Waugh	[mother of Judge]	7
Williamson	Henry	2
Witham	Joseph	2
Withee	William A.	11
Wood	Horatio	1
Wood	James	8 11
Wood	Lizzie	2
Young	George F.	1
Young	(Mrs. George)	1
Young	Levi	2 16
?	boys	18 23
[?Nichols]	Ephraim	5 8 18 19 22

[?Nichols]	Fifield	20
?	George	9 11
?	Grandmother	5 7 8 18 22
?	Henry	19 22 23
?	husband of Sister Hannah	8
?	Julia	20
?	Lucy	18 19
?	Mealy	7
?	Mrs. George	11
[?Nichols]	Nora	1 2 7 8 11 13 14 15 17 18 19
?	Polly	17 18 19
?	Prudence	11
?	Simon	1 8
?	Simons	17 23
[?Ephraim Nichols]	[Father of Nora]	7
?	[Sister] Hannah	8



This place was originally settled by Lewis Skillings, a German soldier in the Hessian army King George, III, had hired of Prussia to aid in suppressing the colonial rebellion. Skillings and another fellow, a Hooper, jumped ship, anchored a mile out in Wiscasset harbor and swan to shore. He there after married Hannah Blagdon of Wiscasset. Shortly after 1784, they followed a sister of Hannah's, who had married a Stover, to Starks. Of their seven children, Elizabeth (Betsy) married John Day and continued to live on the farm. The original house may be the southernmost (left-most) part of the house shown. A younger daughter, Sarah, married John Nichols and lived on the Nichols farm next to the south. One of the Nichols children, Ephraim, married a cousin, Dorcas Fletcher, and lived on the farm later owned by the Petersons.

John and Betsy Day had a son Jonathan Day who in 1850-'51 built an addition attached to the north side of the original house. According to family accounts, the Civil War years were prosperous for sheep farmers and in 1863 Jonathan, with his wife, Lucy (Sherburne) Day moved the addition further north and build the two-story structure between them and , as well, build up many of the bars and other structures. The 1851 addition was torn down a few years ago. Jonathan Day planted an apple orchard up across from the house (where Craig Duley now resides) and is supposed to have had an apple packing or processing plant down near Hilton's Mills. The photo of the buildings was taken while the place was owned by Norris & Leona (Ranger) Luce.



Sherburne Samuel (S.S.) Day with wife Augusta and children Mabel (Belle) and Eugene who lived at the Day place. S.S. Day, the son of Jonathan & Lucy, figured quite prominently in town affairs for many years.

1870

Jan 12 Threshing. Snow in forenoon, rain in afternoon.
13. Threshing. Cloudy in A.M. Snow in P.M. Regular N.E. er

14. Threshing. Clear and cold. S. gone to Norridgewock after E

15. Borrowed a winnowing mill and that being out of repair borrowed another which proving worse than the first tried to repair the first. After tinkering awhile made out to clean 4 bu. beans 2 bu. oats. Weather cloudy and little storm.

Sunday, 16. S. carried E. to Norridgewock. Stopped to meeting in Madison. Rain last night. Fair and warm today.

17. Laid down plank for barn floor in sheep barn Cleaned up 32 bushels oats. Rainy.

18. Sorting beans. Visited Asa Nichols in the evening.

19. Went to the Bridge Sold 2½ bu. beans at \$2.25 per bu. Got boots taped Bought cloth for coat. Fair.

20. Went to Skowhegan with potatoes had 13 bus. got 45¢ bought 500 lbs. plaster \$7.50 per ton. Also a dictionary for Emma \$2.00. paid for Somerset Reporter with 2½ bu. oilnuts. Got Sherburns boots taped and one cap cost \$1.00 also one pair revamped for Nora cost 90¢ Fair weather

21. Threshing oats and peas. John Ladd borrowed horse sled. Fair and cold.

22. Got shoe set on horse 10¢ Emmas school closed on account of canker and rash in district. Fair in daytime, cloudy at night

Sunday, 23. All at home. Warm and cloudy.

24 Sorting potatoes

25 Threshing oats and peas.

Big storm. Snow and hail.

Jan 26 Broke roads 3 hours self and ox; premature calf died. Fair and warm.

27. Threshing. Fair and warm.

28. Finished threshing oats and peas.

Shelled one half bushel corn. Fair and
29. Went to mill. cleaned up 23 bu. oat and peas. Lucy went down to Simons

visiting. Cloudy with a little snow.

Jan 30..Sunday. All at home. Cold, blue

31 Broke roads two hours self and oxen. Asa Nichols and family visiting in even Pleasant

Feb 1, 1870 Lent Asa Nichols mare and sleigh to go to Starks Village. Snow mo fair at noon, windy at night.

2. Broke roads 2 hrs. self and oxen. Cloudy most of day, snow in evening. Co

3. George F. Young died in his bed last night. I was sent for to help lay him o

Was the first to get there. found only Mrs. Young and Mrs. Henderson there.

Afterwards arrived the following person

Mr. John Warron (Watson?) Parris Hende
Richard Hilton John Rogers John Sp
Watson

Snow in morning, fair at night.

Feb 4. Sherburn gone to Paris Henderso
Clara Hilton stoping with us Clear an
very cold.

5 Attended funeral of George F. Young
An address by Elder Mitchel About 20
persons present

Received letter from Horatio Wood
fair weather.

Feb 6, Sunday, All at home through the
Emma gone to Norridgewock to recommence
her school. Fair and warm.

7 Went to Skowhegan with 12 bu. potatoes
Sold for 42 cents. Warm, little cloudy

8 Self and wife went to Emden visiting.
Cloudy through the day Snow at night

Sold 4½ lbs. Butter at Anson for 30¢ lb.

9. It snowed all night and has blown all
day. Roads are impasable. No school toda

10. Broke roads 7 hours myself and 6 hor
with oxen. Sherburn has been sick.
Weather fair.

11. Sherburn better but not well enough
to go to school. Weather very pleasant.

12. Sold 4 1/8 lbs butter for 25¢ lb.

Also 2 doz egg 25 cents per doz.

Snow in A.M. Fair in P.M.

Feb 12, 1870 continued

Broke roads 2 hours self and oxen.

13, Sunday Broke roads 2 hours and oxen blustering in a.m. fair in p.m.

14. Broke roads 2 hours self and oxen. Lucy and Nora unwell with colds. Fair in morning, snow at night.

15. Broke roads 2 hours self and oxen. A party at Moors. Sherburn gone. Snow and rain last night. Fair and warm today.

16. Shelled one half bushel corn Went to mill Sold 1 bushel oil-nuts for 50 cents. Fair-pleasant

17. Chopping wood. John Curren Waugh buried today. Fair-warm

18. Made a sawhorse. A little snow in morning. Began to rain at 10, slow at first, toward night very hard. Sherburn gone to Norridgewock. Later--S. came at 9 o'clock.

Feb 19 Great rain Big freshet Cleared about 10 Afternoon cloudy and window. Sherburn sold 6½ lbs butter at Woods for 30¢ per lb. Shelled ½ lb corn.

20. Norridgewock bridge went off with the ice yesterday. Fair today

21. Went to Farmington today. Sold 20 lbs. butter for 20¢ per lb. Bought Emma a trunk Price \$3.00 Commenced snowing at 10 and snowed hard till 4. Wind.

22. Broke roads 2 hours self and oxen. fair and pleasant.

23. Carried Sherburn to Norman School today. Cold.

24 Threshing hay seed. Cloudy and cold.

25. Threshing. Went to Norridge wock after Emma. Cold and blustering.

26. Threshing. Lizzie Wood is here visiting. Cold-blustering

27 Carried Lizzie Wood and Emma to the Bridge on their way to Norridgewock. Fair and very warm in daytime. Cloudy at night.

28. Threshing hay seed. Cloudy with a little damp snow.

March 1, 1870 Went to Anson to get Emu watch repaired. Paid out 50¢. Warm-clov
2. Threshing hayseed. Emmas school close today having kept 10½ weeks at \$3.50 pe week amounting to \$36.75 Fair

3. Went to the Bridge. Got a letter fr Sherburn. Sold 2 doz. eggs at 20¢ per 5½ lbs butter at 21 ¢ per lb. Bought a pair boots for Nora price \$2.40 One brown earthen pot for 20¢ Went to Norridgewock in afternoon with Emmas registrar got the money due her for teaching. She paid me \$4.50. Fair and
4 Went for Dr. Robbins to doc Asa Nich child.

5. Went to Farmington with Emma. Found Sherburn all right. Fair and warm.

6. Nora over to Asa Nichols. Only 3 persons at home. Cloudy and warm.

7. Went to town meeting. The following officers were chosen.

L.S. Wade, Moderator
Wakefield Greenleaf, Clerk
Joseph Witham, first selectman
Henry Williamson, second
J.L. Corson, third

Joseph Witham, Town Agent
G.W. Spinney, School Committee
Levi Young, Collector. He agreed to collect for one cent on a dollar.

Town debt, \$ 12, 614.77

Profit on liquor \$201.00

Money raised to pay town charges \$3000.
To repair roads \$2000. Warm and clou

8. Thrashing seed hay. Cooler

9. Sawing wood. Clear and cool.

10. Thrashing Hay Seed. Clear cool wind

11. Attended funeral of Rackliff's chil
Lucy called on Dr. Robbins Shell
½ bus. corn. Clear and cold

12. Went to mill Sold 3½ doz eggs for 20¢ per dozen. Bought 4 yds print for 12½ ¢ per yd. One pudding dish for 18¢
Got 2 shoes set on horse for 30 ¢ Col

Sunday, March 13 Cold and cloudy.
Wind N.E.

14. Carried home winnowing mill Mende
iron pot chopped wood Fair and warm

15. Choping wood Shelled 1 bu corn
Cloudy with east wind.

17 Great blustering snowstorm

18 Very blustering Cleaned out
the colts stall.

Page 3 March 19, 1970 Went to mill Found the roads very badly drifted in some places. In this district the snow is blown off the road and needs no breaking. Wind ceased at noon. Fair

- 20 Fair to warm
21 Mr. Moore went to Farmington today. Put the oxsled and one horse sled on the beams of the barn. Chopping wood in afternoon. Cloudy with rain in morning
22 Chopping wood Cloudy and a little rain
23 Chopping wood. Saw two wild geese pass going South flying very low. Cooler with snow squalls
24 Chopping wood. Clear, cold and very windy
25 Chopping wood. Fair and cold
26 Went to the Bridge. Sold 15 3/4 lbs butter 28¢ lb 1/2 bu. onions

(Pages are missing here. The handmade diary is just fastened with pieces of thread. Keeping to his spelling as much as I can in copying.)

- April 2 Went to Farmington Fair
3 Sunday Cool and cloudy with N.E. Wind
4 Cleared out the hog pen and colt stall. Made some wash tubs out of a flour barrel. Cloudy very windy with a little snow
Later--I.L. Corson came to take the valuation.

Valuation	1 horse	\$100.00
	1 colt	35.00
	2 oxen	150.00
	3 cows	100.00
	3 2 yrs. old	70.00
	2 1 " "	25.00
	65 sheep	195.00
	1 swine	12.00
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		\$687.00

- April 5 Shoveled manure out of the sheep barn in forenoon Chopping wood in afternoon Rain in night Cloudy in daytime
6 Have been unwell today with lame neck and shoulder. Cloudy with a little rain. Heard a robin today.
7 Some better today Still cloudy with occasional sunshine
8 Sawing wood. Less cloudy and more sunshine. Snow melts slowly
Ice broken in river. Asa Nichols moved to Mack lot yesterday.
9. Sawed wood. Got a letter from A.G. Nichols. Ice left the river. Fair
10 Sunday Arthur Danforth made a call. Pleasant
11 Sawing wood. Fair most of day. Cloudy at night
12 Mr. Moore got a letter from Sherburn stating that Henry was sick. Rain
13 Sawing wood Fair and cool
14 Sawing wood Warm and a little cloudy Traveling very bad
15 Chopping wood Used the last hay in the big bay. The first waggon passed. Cloudy and cool
16 Chopping wood. Went over to Taylors to see about a boy. Clear. S. wind.
Sunday, April 17 Cool and cloudy. Snow all gone except large drifts.

- April 18 Finished sawing wood in A.M. Splitting and piling in P.M.
Have engaged a boy, Edwin E. Taylor, ten years old the 14th of
last March to work for his board and clothes for an indefinite
Cloudy to misty. Frogs commenced singing.
19. Very rainy day. wind N.E.
20. Still cloudy with a little rain. Quite a freshet in the river. Got
a letter from the children. All well
21. Cloudy with sprinkles of rain. Splitting and piling wood
22. Splitting and piling wood. Cloudy and cool.
23. Went to Bridge. Sold 15 lbs butter at 30 cents per lb. Also $7\frac{1}{2}$ doz
eggs at 20 cents per doz. Bought one pair boys shoes for \$2.50
8 yds drilling 30¢ per yd 2 yds calico 10¢ per yd Got a box
from A.G. Nichols containing scions potatoes to be made box to s
to Farmington cloudy and cool
24. Sunday Saw the first swallow Got a letter from the children. C
25. Splitting and piling wood cool and clear
26. Plowing for wheat cool and windy
27. Plowing for wheat Cow calved Red hide calf (perhaps he said red he
white strip in his face Warm
28. Finished plowing wheat ground in A.M. harrowed down in P.M.
Henry Moore came home got a letter from the children warm showery
29. Sowed $2\frac{1}{2}$ bus wheat and 2 bus oats and one load of hay seed in the A.M.
Harrowing in P.M. clear and cool
30. Paris Henderson set grafts A.G. Nichols sent from Boston. Went to m
Carried 1 bushel corn Sold $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. butter at 25¢ per lb. Bought
5 yds drilling 25¢ per yd 2 yd checked cloth for pants 30¢ per yd
Also 1 quire paper. Paid Paris Henderson 1 bus. oats and peas for
setting grafts. Plowing and harrowing on the oat and pea ground out
back in P.M.
- Sunday, May 1, 1870 Got a letter from Anna Day, brother James daughter.
2. Finished plowing out back in A.M. Harrowed down the ground and
sowed $3\frac{1}{2}$ bus. oats $2\frac{1}{2}$ bus oats and peas Mr. Corson brought
The highway hill (or highway bill) appointing me Surveyer Fair
3. Sowed 2 loads seed out back Finished harrowing there Sowed 1 peck
peas Set out Sage roots planted onions fair
4. Harrowed down part of the piece down by the river Sowed 3 bus oats
and peas and 3 bus oats and harrowed them in. Wm. Preble changed 3 bu
oats for the same weight of oats and peas. Cold and windy.
5. Finished sowing. Sowed $3\frac{1}{2}$ oats Harrowed down 1 acre potatoes ground
6. Planted nearly an acre of potatoes down by the river Clear and cool
7. Finished planting potatoes down the hill this morning Picked up the
roots on the oat ground in A.M. Led the colt out to the Lane lot to pasture
Went to the Bridge in P.M. Got a letter from Emma Fair
8. Sunday Fair in A.M. Cloudy in P.M.
9. Fencing Cloudy and rainy
10. Fencing the cow pasture Cloudy
11. Fencing cow pasture Harrowing corn ground in P.M. Cloudy, little
12. Fencing Cloudy and cool
13. Fencing Went to Bridge at night Got a letter from Emma Sold 12 lb
butter 25¢ Squally and cold
14. Went to Farmington after Sherburn. Fair

- May 15 1870 Sunday Fair
- 16 Drove 2 two-year-olds and 2 yearlings to pasture at James Quimbys.
Harrowing corn ground and fencing
Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.
- 17 A hen and 8 chickens killed by a Skunk. Fencing in A.M. Harrowing
and furrowing corn ground in PM Fair
- 18 Hauling manure for corn Frost last night Fair
- 19 Covering manure Fair with a thunder shower at night
- 20 Planting corn. Sowed 1 gill Norway oats Fair to Smokey
- 21 Planting potatoes Fencing Wife bought 8 yds -----(looks like
"delain") 20 ¢ per yd. 2 yds cloth for pants 42 ¢ at the store
last night. Fair Am Rain at night
- 22 Sunday Fair and cold
- 23 Fencing sheep pasture out back. Frosty morning. Fair daytime.
Cloudy at night. killed a woodchuck
- 24 Planted pop corn Went a fishing Cold and rainy
- 25 Fencing on the flat Sold 9½ doz. eggs at 16¢ per doz. Fair
- 26 Fencing Clear and cold
- 27 Fencing Went fishing caught 10 chubs 3 eels 1 perch 1 trout
Sherburn went to bridge got one shoe set on horse for 10¢ Got
a letter from Emma Fair
- 28 Fencing Fair
- 29 Sunday Fair and warm
- 30 Fencing Fair and warm
- 31 Fencing Fair
- June 1 Planting beans Foggy morning Fair and hot through day
Hung up Scare crows Sherburn gone to Farmington after Emma.
11 o'clock P.M. Sherburn and Emma came home
- 2 Dug out woodchuck Washed Sheep Grandmother went down to
Epraims Nora Nichols is here Fair and Smokey
- 3 Fencing fair and hot
- 4 Working on road. Blowed big rock on Fletchers hill. Hot
- 6 Fencing in A.M. Sheared sheep in P. M. Fair daytime, cloudy at nig
- 5 * Sunday, June 5 Sherburn carried Emma to New Portland to teach
school. Sister Mary came here yesterday. Fair.
- 7 Went to Bridge with one bushel corn Bought one hoe for 75 ¢
2 balls wood twine for 44 cents Sheared 16 sheep in P.M. Fog night
8. Sheared 32 sheep Quite rainy
- 9 Sheared 12 sheep closing up the shearing. Still rainy
- 10 Done up the wool had 260 lbs. to sell and 19 lbs use at home. 279
lbs in all averaging 37 lbs per fleece. Sold 5 doz eggs at 17¢
- 11 Turned out the hog to pasture hoed the garden and snap corn under
the hill The boys cleaned sheep pen Cloudy and dull
- Sunday, June 12 Parshally clear Visited the graveyard over the river
- 13 Hoing corn Fair and hot
- 14 Hoing corn in A.M. Went to New Sharon with Mary Day in P.M.
Fair with showers at night.

- June 15 Hoing corn dropping plaster went to Bridge bought one
cask plaster \$1.85 Fair and showery
16. Sowed plaster and ashes and peeled popplar Showery
17. Hoing potatoes down the hill fair
18. Same as above
19. Sunday. Mother and Sherburn went to meeting Got a letter from Emma
20. Splitting wood. Showery. A.G. Nichols came home.
21. Led away the white cow. Hoing corn Cold
22. Hoing corn. Cold and very windy. Sold $3\frac{1}{2}$ eggs at 18¢ per doz.
23. Hoing corn in A.M. Bees Swarmed at noon Went to Bridge Got
horse shoe Paid 30¢ Fair
24. Repairing line fence Mrs. Simons made us a visit. Led away
red heifer second time. Very hot.
25. Mother and Sherburn gone to Mt. Vernon Hot and sultry
26. Sunday Bees swarmed Wrote a letter to Emma and one to Mary
27. Splitting wood. Mother and Sherburn came home. Cloudy
28. Splitting wood in A.M. Went to Cyrus Chapmans in P.M. Fair
29. Sherburn went to Skowhegan with wool to card. Hoing corn Bought
a gray mare 7 years old of Elwin Simons Agreed to pay him \$125.00
30. Sold the wood 208 lbs for 45¢ 46 lbs. for 40¢ 254 in all amount-
ing to \$112.00 Morrell of New Sharon was the purchaser.
Hoing corn. Sorting potatoes etc.

- July 1, 1870 Went to Skowhegan with 11 bus. potatoes. Sold for 70¢
per bu. Brought home a horserake to try. Fair
2. Sherburn went to Skowhegan with 11 bus. Sold at 75¢. Commenced
mowing around the buildings. Bees swarmed. Got a letter from Emma
and one from Anna Day with 2 pictures. Paid Elwin Simons 25 dollars
and my note for 100 dollars. Fair weather.
3. Sunday. Wrote to Emma Fair weather
4. Celebration at Madison Bridge. Getting ready for haying. Led away
red cow Fair weather
5. Sherburn went to Skowhegan to return horse rake. Bought pitchfork
for 45¢ A hand rake for 35¢ A rope halter for 50¢ Got wool
carded Paid for carding \$1.25 Cloudy weather
6. Went to Anson for horse rake. Bought for \$26.00 Commenced haying
for A.G. Nichols. Bees swarmed weather fair
7. Haying for Nichols. Hauled in small load at home. Sold six doz
eggs 22 cents per doz Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.
8. Went to Bridge Bought barrel flour for \$9.25 Dull day
9. Haying for Nichols. Good hay day.
10. Sunday. Fair Led away white cow second time.
11. Mowed the orchard and half the back field. Good hay day.
12. Hauled 3 loads hay. Mowed 2 acres out back. Ben Fletcher paid
\$26.00 in full of all demands. Cloudy with sprinkles of rain.
13. Mowed the piece South of the house. hauled 2 loads. Good hay day.
Paid Simon \$50.00 on note. The census taker pased. Lucy went to
bridge. Bought one paid boots price \$1.25
14. Went round the whole flat north the house mowing the largest half.
hauled 3 loads. cloudy and lowery in A.M. Thunder shower and
hurricane in afternoon
15. Finished mowing the flat. Hauled 3 loads. Nice hay day.

- July 16. Mowed a part of the long ridge going round the whole from cherry tree hollow to old town road. hauled 6 loads, 3 of which was cut today. Tip top hay day.
17. Sunday. Emma came home. All at home. Small shower in night. Fair
18. Finished mowing long ridge, mowing about 6 acres. Hauled 5 loads. Nic
19. Mowed the nook. Hauled 7 loads. Good weather. Judge Waughs mother died. Aunt Hannah on visit here.
20. Mowed part of the long land side of the woods. Hauled 2 loads. Poor day. Cloudy by spells, no rain yet.
- 21 Finished mowing the land began yesterday. Cloudy in A.M. Only a small shower of rain. Fair in M.M. Sold 5 doz eggs 23¢ per doz.
22. Mowed 2 acres in north part the field. Hauled 7 loads. Finised haying all but Seed hay. Fair weather.
23. Worked for George Nichols. Led away red cow second time. Cloudy
24. Sunday All at home. Clear and hot with a Strong wind. The drouth is getting severe.
25. Haying for Nichols Shower last evening thunder and rain and wind Fair today
26. Haying for Nichols. Fair in daytime, cloudy at night
27. Haying for Nichols. Fair weather
28. Haying for Nichols in A.M. Fair in morning. Cloudy through the day A little rain at ten o'clock Sherburn got horse shod Paid 60¢ One bushel corn ground.
29. The drouth is broke. Rainy day.
30. Mowing barley for George Nichols. Fair.
- July 31 Sunday Sherburn, Emma, and Mother went to meeting at Sawyer Mills. Nora gone to her fathers. Fair and Dry.
- August 1. Raking barley for Nichols. Sherburn mowed for Preble. Fair
2. Unwell. Sherburn worked for George Nichols in Am. and George Nichols worked for us in P.M. Mowed the oats out back. The sow had 9 pigs. Had a shower this morning. Fair today.
3. George worked for us in A.M. Mowed the oats below the wheat Hauled 2 loads. Fair in daytime, cloudy at night.
4. Showery and dull. Swapped away the bay mare (Rate?) with Dexter W. Luce of Turner for a grey horse said to be 5 years old.
5. Raking oats. George Nichols worked in P.M. Hauled 8 loads. Sherburn gone to Bridge tonight. Sent \$8.00 to Skowhegan to insure the buildings. Fair weather. Emma carried Mealy home Sick Brought home 2 year old steer from Quimby
6. Mowed seed hay. Fair weather.
7. Sunday. Sherburn, Emma, and Grandmother went to Congregational Church. L. Nichols preached. Fair.
8. Mowing oats in A.M. Got in Seed hay in P.M. Sherburn went to Farmington Sold 5½ doz eggs last week. 22¢ per doz. Fair.
9. Mowed the wheat. Hauled 2 loads. George Nichols finished work today He paid me \$19.50 for mowing. Fair A.M. Showery P.M. Very hot all day. Tupper's barn struck by lightning.
10. Raking oats down the hill. Fair.
11. Hauled 2 loads oats. Led away the red dow 3rd time. Uncle John Skillings and wife here. Fair.

12. Hauled one load wheat and part of another. Shower at four oclock
 13. Finished hauling grain. Sherburn went to bridge. Got a horse sho
Paid 20¢. Grandmother down to Ephraims. Cloudy by spells.
 14. Sunday. Went with Emma and Grandmother to Sawyers Mills church
Turned cattle into field to bait. Fair and cooler.
 15. Unwell tonight. Fixed garden fence. Uncle John here.
 16. Hauled 12 loads dressing. Fair. Paid S.D. Greenlead dollar
to help buy Tupper a barn, he having lost his by lightning.
 17. Hauled 10 loads dressing. Fair.
 18. Hauled 9 loads dressing. Smokey Dry Windy
 19. Hauled 8 loads dressing. Sherburn gone to bridge. Hot and dry.
 20. Pulled and stacked the beans. Had six stacks. Foggy morning.
Sprinkled at noon. Fair at night.
 21. Sunday. Mother and Emma and Sherburn went to church in Madison.
L. Nichols preached. Fair.
 22. Hauled 8 loads dressing. Bought 3 bushel corn of A.G. Nichols
\$1.40 per bus. Sold 5 doz eggs 22 per doz. Sherburn and
Emma gone to Simons to a party. Fair.
 23. Hauled 12 loads dressing, most of it into the orchard. Fair.
 24. Piled up the rocks under the hill. Fair
 25. Hauled 2 loads wood to school house having agreed to furnish the
wood for School repaired pump etc. Sold John Wasson 1 pig
for \$4.00 Cloudy with a little rain at night.
 26. Bought 2 yearlings from J. Quimbys. Find 5.19 due him for
pasturing Sold 2 year old heifer to John Heald for 30.00
Sister Hannah and her husband here. Sherburn gone to bridge.
 27. Went to Farmington Sold 3 pigs Fair and cool
 28. Sunday. Vis. the graveyard over the river with Hannah and
husband. Emma went to church tonight. Also grandmother.
 29. Hauled in the beans Mowed bushes Sold A.G. Nichols 1 pig
 30. Mowing bushes. Lucy and Hannah visited Aunt Hannah.
Epraims child died. Fair weather.
 31. Went to Emden with Hannah and her husband. Fair and cool
- September 1 Attended funeral of Epraims child. Warm.
2. Visited Eli Oliver with Hannah and her husband. Fair. Bought
pair of boots for \$4.50
 3. Sold 1 pig to E. Nichols and 1 to R. Waugh for 4 and 3 dollars.
Bought 3 bus corn of E. Nichols for \$1.25 per bus. Hannah and
husband went home. Sent box to Sherburn by mail carrier Paid 20¢
Cloudy in daytime, fair at night.
 4. Sunday. Attended church Congregational house Madison with
Lucy and Emma. Fair weather. Had a tooth pulled. 25¢.
 5. Fair. Cutting and shocking corn. Mother and Emma went to Anson.
 6. Finished cutting corn. Mother and Grandmother went out to Prebles
Sold 4 doz eggs 22¢ per doz. Clear and cold. E. Dutton paid
\$4.00 for a pig.
 7. Bought barrel flour for \$9.50 Shut up the hogs. Went to bridge
in A.M. Cut bushes in P.M. Fair
 8. Cut bushes in A.M. Hauled in load of corn and one of pumpkin
Fair and cool
 9. Hauling and husking corn Fair
 10. Sent large box to the boys Paid for carring 75¢ Gave my note
to James Wood for \$25.00 borrowing the money. Husking corn. Fair
 11. Sunday Emma and Nora went to church at Sawyers Mills Cool

- September 12, 1870 Harvesting corn Went to Town Meeting Paid Elwin Simons \$50.00 in full of a note given July 1. Cool today. Frost last night.
13. Finished hauling corn. Frosty morning Warmer tonight
14. Cleared out potato bin. Picked out 20 sheep to winter. Dug 19½ bu. potatoes Very warm
15. Dug 25 bu. potatoes Took up the bees Found one old swarm robbed had but little honey hot and dry
16. Husking corn Sold a flock of sheep numbering about 50 for \$2.00 per head. (\$12.00??--I think it is just \$2.00. Hard to read it.)
17. Went to bridge on business for A.G. Nichols in A.M. dug 15½ bu potatoes in P.M. Went over to Georges in evening Cloudy
18. Sunday. Mother and Emma went to Congregational Church Got a letter from Sherburn Cooler
19. -----Hauled 5 load of pumpkins making 8 loads in all. About 1400 pumpkins. Also dug 3 bus potatoes Fair
- September 20. Went to Norridgewock. took the Grand Jurors oath and listened to the charge, when I got a Telegram from Farmington stating that Sherburn was sick. Came home on foot and went immediately to Farmington Found Sherburn sick of Tyfoid fever Sat up with him part of the night. Weather as usual.
21. Came home from Farmington. left Mother there. Still dry and warm.
22. Dug 25 bus potatoes Fair
23. Dug 37 bus potatoes Finished the (grounds?) 125 bus. in all A.G. Nichols worked ¾ day Fair in A.M. Cloudy in P.M.
24. Went to Farmington Found Sherburn a little weaker than before Sat up with him Fair
25. Sunday Came home in P.M.
26. Dug 35 bu. potatoes. Very dry
27. Dug 17 bus potatoes Picked up 15 bus apples Fair

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th

- Went to Farmington September 28 and returned October 15, having been taking care of Sherburn Sick of Tyfoid fever. The fever turned about the first of October and he has since been gaining Slowly and now Sits up a little There has been two rain storms this month The weather otherwise fair.
17. Repairing horse stalls etc. Fair
18. Went to bridge. Repaired barn door hinges etc. Cloudy in A.M. Tremendous gale in P.M.
19. Went to Farmington found Sherburn gaining Fair weather
20. Thresing oats. Rainy day. EARTHQUAKE.
21. Cleaned up 12 bus. oats Went to bridge bought 9 lb. nails 5½cents per lb. Got a letter from Emma and Sherburn. Fair weather
22. Went to bridge. Hired \$50.00 of J.C. Metcalf giving my note Sent to New Sharon for fruit trees by (Garland?) Greenleaf. Went to his place after them. Fair
23. Sunday Went to Farmington Stopped all night Fair
24. Brought Emma and Sherburn home. Paid C.D. (Tucker?) \$12.72 for use of room and paid Dr. Severy \$28.00 Fair.

October, 1870

- Oct. 25 Went to Farmington after boxes etc. Also went to bridge. went to (mill?) got horse colars fixed Fair in A.M. Cloudy at night.
26. Ploughing corn ground. A.G. Nichols has plowed 3 days down the hill
27. Spreading manure out back and killed a Sheep in A.M. Plowing above the orchard in P.M. Sold a firkin of butter to A.G. Nichols 53 lbs for 35¢ per lb. Cloudy
28. Breaking up for corn out back with four horses. A.G. Nichols working with his horses. Cold and windy.
29. Breaking up down the hill with same team as yesterday. Nichols and his horses have plowed 5 days. Sold lame cow to A.G. Nichols for \$25.00 Cold
30. Sunday. All at home. Emma Sat up with Chandlers folks last night. Chandlers wife Son and daughter are Sick of Tyfoid fever. Cloudy
31. Snow and rain. Made an eve spout.
- Nov. 1 Breaking up down the hill Fair
2. Work same as yesterday. Very warm.
3. Rainy Went to Bridge got bus corn ground Bought boots for Sherburn. price \$4.50 Paid J.C. Metcalf \$20.00
4. Plowing down the hill in P.M. Frank Dinsmore here last night. Fair
5. Plowing down the hill. Sold W. B. Fletcher one yoke 2 years old steers for \$80.00 also one calf for \$12.00 Weather cloudy
6. Sunday. All at home. Emma and Sherburn visited the sick at Mr. Chandlers Fair weather
7. Breaking up down the hill. Fair. Paid a note given to A.G. Nichols in 1869. Sold him a horse collar for \$1.75
8. Finished plowing. Cloudy in day Snow at night
9. Went to Bridge. Paid J.C. Metcalf \$30.00 on note. Sold a yoke of oxen for \$140.00 Went in search of some steers. Cloudy and rain. Snow gone off.
10. Bought a yoke of steers of An-? Gilman for \$95.00 Fair and cool
11. Plowing for Nichols, self and horses. Fair
12. Same as yesterday. Cloudy.
13. Sunday. All at home. Fair
14. Bought a yearling Steer of Saul Holbrook for \$17.00 Fair in daytime Cloudy at night.
15. Repairing building Breaking steers A little snow last night. Fair today
16. Worked for Nichols banking house. Emma and Sherburn went to Norridgewock. Fair
17. Cutting bushes by the roadside.
18. Sold John Watson the yearling steer bought of Holbrook for \$17.00 Bought yearling steer of Peleg Tupper for 19 dollars Fair in day Cloudy at night Simon paid for pig
19. Went to Bridge. Bought 2 quarts kerosene 10¢ per quart Got horse shod Paid 65¢ Rain last night Cloudy daytime. Snow tonight. The boy Edwin Tupper left today. have paid him \$20.00 worth of clothing.
20. Sunday 2 inches of snow last night Fair today Sprained my knee this morning.
21. Threshing Mach (machine?) Set up in the barn tonight Cloudy in day fair at night

22. Threshed 15 bus wheat and 90 bus oats. Cloudy
23. Threshed 48 bus oats, making 136 which added to 12 bus threshed before 1-8 in all. Paid Tracy and Watson 9 bus oats and \$1.50 in money. Cloudy with some rain. Emma Bixby here last night.
24. THANKSGIVING Day. All at home. Julia Nichols here sewing for Emma. Sherburn went to bridge Bought horse blanket for \$4.00 also 2 qts kerosene on credit 10¢ per qt.
25. Put up wind breaker Took down fence by the road Side Clara and Lucinda Simons here. Also Lucy Beals. Fair and thawy.
26. Sherburn went to bridge got horse shod on credit 80¢ bought lantern on credit for 90¢ Fair
27. Sunday All at home Fair weather Very windy
28. Carried Emma to Norridgewock to teach school. Left her at William A. Withees, School Agent
-----? drove off 48 sheep paying \$96.00 for them the same he bought September 16 Fair and Windy
29. Killed hog A.G. Nichols butcher Clouds with 2 inches Snow
30. Cut up hog in A. M. Cut wood for Nichols in P.M. Fair

December, 1870

1. Chopping wood for Nichols. Fair
2. Chopping for Nichols in A.M. chopping at home in P.M. Got a yearling buck of C.R. Moore and put with the sheep.
3. Went to bridge. got 2 bus wheat ground. got letter from Emma. Mary Day came here. Sold 11 lbs butter for 38¢ bought plate for Nora price 16¢ Fair weather
4. Sunday. Fair in daytime, cloudy at night.
5. Bought hay rack and cart tongue and harrow of Asa Nichols for \$8.00 Sherburn worked for J. Preble. Fair to thawy.
6. Mr. Chandlers wife died yesterday. Worked for J. Preble this forenoon Stormy day. rain and snow.
7. Bought 1 pr. calves of Julia (Julius?) Dutton Paid \$13.00 Made sausage tonight Warm and a little cloudy 6 in. snow fell yesterday Paid James Wood a note given in Sept. for \$25.00
8. Chopping wood. Snowy
9. Threshing for Preble Myself in A.M. Sherburn all day Went after Emma in P.M. Blustering. Moores took away buck.
10. Shelled 1 bus corn carried it to mill got 2 qts. kerosene 10¢ per qt. George and wife and Prudence here visiting in evening. Blustering
11. Sunday. Got another buck of Moores. Sherburn carried Emma back to school Thawy and cloudy.
12. Chopping wood. Prible borrowed the brass kettle Weather same as yesterday
13. Rainy day. Nothing doing. Snow most all gone
14. Chopping wood cloudy with a little rain.
15. Chopping wood windy
16. Chopping wood. Prible worked half a day. Very cold and windy
17. Went to bridge in A.M. Sent \$55.00 to Abby Day to pay a note Sold 5 doz eggs for 30 cents per doz. Bought ½ lb. tea for 58¢ 2 1/2 yds frock cloth for 70 cents per yd. Chopping wood in P.M. Preble worked in P.M. Fair

- Sunday, Dec. 13 Cold and windy. Neither sleighing or wagoning The river just frozen over.
19. Wm. Preble and wife here this evening. gave them one dollar towards purchasing a dress for the ministers wife Breaking steers a little today. Fair and pleasant
20. Went to Norridgewock to sit with the Grand Jury Snow this morning Fair in P.M.
21. Fair
22. Came home from Norridgewock. Sherburn went to bridge Sold $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs butter 38¢ per lb. Bought 4 gal Molasses also 70¢ worth sundries Fair. Mary Day has been sick since Sunday.
23. Getting wood into the Shed. Sherburn gone to Norridgewock after Emma Fair
24. Cold as fury Clear
25. All at home in A.M. Sherburn carried Emma off in P.M. Had spareribs for dinner. Clear and cold.
26. Hauling wood in P.M. Sherburn went to School Fair and warmer
27. Went to chopping bee at Chandlers. Arsilla Nichols here in P.M. Fair
28. Hauled 6 loads wood Asa Nichols moved to Madison Fair weather
29. A very cold blustering snow storm. Cleared off at night. Traveling still poor, bare ground and snowdrifts.
30. Hauled 6 loads wood. Very pleasant.
31. Went to Bridge Bought 2 qts. kerosene for 20¢ $\frac{1}{2}$ gross matches 55¢ Sundries 40¢ 3 inches snow last night Pleasant day.

- Jan 1st Sunday. Very pleasant day. Tolerable good sleighing.
2. Stormy day 4 inches snow fell. Hauled 4 loads wood.
 3. Wind blew in night. Piled up snow. Fair today. Hauled 8 loads wood
 4. Broke roads one hour self and oxen. Hauled 6 loads wood Fair
 5. Snow 4 inches. Hauled 3 loads wood. Carried Moores Buck home.
 6. Went to bridge. Sold 10 lbs. butter 25 cents per lb. Cloudy. Sprinkles
 7. Went to Farmington with Mary Day. Sherburn hauled 2 loads wood. Cold
8. Sunday Sunny, clear and cold
 9. Set up stove in cellar. Remarkably cold.
 10. Hauled 6 loads wood. Fair.
 11. Hauled 8 loads wood. Fair daytime, cloudy at night.
 12. Repaired horse sled. Cloudy and moderate.
 13. Went to Bridge. Got horse shoe. Paid 30¢ Bought 2 3/4 yds cloth for pants \$1.33 per yd. 10 yds calico 12¢ per yd. 1 teapot 15¢ 20 cents worth of thread 3 lbs Sugar 14¢ per lb. Got letter from Abby W. Day returning note. Partially cloudy and very warm.
 14. Hauled 2 loads of wood to Blackwells in Madison today to pay blacksmith bills. Sold for \$4.00 per cord. Fair and warm.
15. Sunday. A Regular thaw Cloudy and misty
 16. Repaired stove cover, clothes basket etc. A VERY rainy day.
 17. Rain cleared about midnight and commenced snowing. About 4 inches fell, then cleared off with a blow. Sherburn and Nora gone to Moors to a party this evening.
 18. Choped wood in A.M. went to Bridge in P.M. Got 90¢ worth horse shoeing done. Fair
 19. Hauled 3 load wood to Blackwell and Getchel. Clear and cold.
 20. Hauled 3 loads wood to Blackwells. bought 2 qts. kerosene for 20¢. Also account book & pencil for 46 ¢. Fair
21. Hauled 3 loadswood to the bridge making 3 cords to Blackwell and Getchel for 3 dollars per cord and 1 cord to Blackwell for 4 dollars. A little snow.
22. Sunday. Clear, cold and windy. Snow flies.
 23. Hauled a log to mill from the side of the river. Clear. The coldest day yet.
 24. Hauled 3 logs to mill. Cold with a little snow.
 25. Choped 2 small logs out back. Wind blows. Snow flies. Cold. I am quite lame.
 26. Hauled 1 load logs to mill and 1 load wood to Schoolhouse Clear and cold in A.M. Snow at night.
 27. Hauled 4 loads Wood to School house Snow fell last night Fair today blusters tonight.
 28. Hauled 1 load logs to mill also 1 load wood to School house Hauled home 2 loads boards and joice. The log got from the river side made 230 feet. Worth 1 dollar per hundred feet in the log. Cost of getting the same to mill estimated at two dollars fifty cents. Fair weather.
 29. Sunday Wrote a letter to Mary. Cold, cloudy and a little snow.

- Jan. 30 Choped fir for shingles. Warmer and a little cloudy
 31. Hauled a load of fir to mill. Hauled back 1 load of joice.
 Warm and cloudy in daytime Rain at night
- Feb. 1 Cut and hauled 1 load wood. Sherburn sawed wood at the school
 house A little rain last night Fair and warm today
 2. Hauled 2 loads wood. Sherburn went to Skowhegan. Sold 10 bus
 oats 55 cents per bus. bought 1500 lbs plaster \$7.00 per ton
 Thermometer 50¢ dress coat \$9.00 Almanac 20¢ Cloudy and warm in
 day time fair at night
 3. Sherburn gone to Norridgewock after Emma. Terrible gale last
 night Worst since Oct. 18. Clear and cold today.
 Later: Sherburn bought 4 yds. cloth 12 cents per yd and 5 yds
 14 ¢ per yd 1 piece cloth for handkerchiefs for 15¢
4. Very cold. Temperature at zero at noon. 8 degrees below in morning
 10 at night. Very windy.
- (notice the new thermometer must be their first...no temperature
 readings given previously. B. M.)
5. Sunday All at home in A.M. Carried Emma to Norridgewock in
 P.M. Fair. Temperature 12 below in morning, warmer at night.
 6. Threshing Seed hay Sherburn gone to party at G. Greenleafs.
 Fair Temperature 5 below in morning.
 7. Threshing Seed hay. Sherburn went to mill with 1 bus corn bought
 9 yds calico 12½ cents per yd 1 yd cambrick 35 cents buttons
 and cotton thread 25 ¢ 4 yds cloth at 12 cents Spoons 30 cents
 Fair Temperature at Zero
8. Sherburn went to Skowhegan. Sold 10½ bus oats 65¢ perbu and 6 lbs
 butter 30¢ per lb. bought 1600 lbs plaster \$7.00 per ton
 1 lb. tea 1 dollar 3 lbs Saluratus 12 per lb 3 lbs Sugar 12½
 per lb 1 box blacking 10 cents 1 fish 24 ¢ Cloudy and a very
 little snow.
 9. Snow Storm all day. Quite warm.
10. Threshing Seed hay. Clear and blustering Not very cold
 11. Threshing Seed hay. Sherburn gone to Farmington Went to Bridge
 bought 2 qts keresene 20 cents ½ lb. starch 8 cents Fair
12. Sunday Fair in morning Cold 5 below Zero Cloudy in P.M.
 and warmer Snow at night
 13. Finished threshing Broke Roads 2 hours Self oxen and Sherburn
 A party at Lij Hiltons Sherburn and Nora gone Fair and warm
 14. Cutting fir for logs Sherburn went to Skowhegan Sold 18 bus
 oats 65¢ bus Bought ¼ ton plaster at \$7.50 per ton Also 8 bus
 western corn \$1.12 per bus. Fair weather
 15. Hauled 2 loads of fir logs to mill and 1 load of boards back.
 Pleasant weather
 16. Small snow storm

- Feb. 17 School closed in this district Roads drifted last night
Broke roads 1 hour Self Sherburn and the oxen. Fair & pleasant
18. South East Storm Snow in A.M. rain in P.M. Emma came home
tonight her School closed yesterday having kept 12 weeks
19. Sunday All at home. carried Sherburn to Farmington in P.M. Fair
20. Came home from Farmington in A.M. Went to Mill in P. M. left gris
Fair weather
21. Went to Norridgewock with Emma's Register. Received \$60.00 on her
account for teaching. Also went to Skowhegan with 20½ lbs. butter
Sold for 33 1/3 cents per pound Also sold one plow point for
15¢ Bought 4 gallons molasses 60 cents per gallon 1 box salt
for 38¢ 9 lbs fish 8 cents per lb. 72¢ 14 yds sheeting 15¢
per yd 10 yds print 12 cents per yd. 1 plow point, \$1.00
- Received \$6.00 of Edwin Gray for School wood Clear and cold.
- 22 Shelled 1 bus corn. Tapped boot for Nora Cold 10 below Zero
at sunrise. Very clear.
23. Went to mill hauled home ----of boards. Went with Emma to
Teachers Ins-----in P.M. Fair weather.
24. Went with Emma to Teachers Institute at Sawyers Mill A little clou
25. Went to Farmington with Emma Fair and very warm

Sunday, Feb. 26. Cloudy and warm. Snow going fast.

27. Rain in A.M. Very thawy.

28. Piling wood Clear, cold and windy

- March 1 1871 Sorting potatoes in A. M. piling over wood in P.M.
Cloudy and SunShine alternately. Snow Squalls and wind but not cold
2. Chopping wood. William S. Preble moved to Norridgewock. Cloudy with
sprinkles of snow and rain.
3. Chopping wood. Real April weather Showers and all.
4. Went to Bridge Sold 4 bus oats 68 cents per bus 2 doz eggs
25¢ per doz Bought 3 2/3 bus salt at 70cents per bus. 1 lb ginger
40 cents per lb ½ lb. Coperas for 5 cents 2 spools thread for
10 ¢ Continued spring weather

Sunday, Mar. 5. Nora came home tonight having been gone since Monday
last. Very pleasant sunny day Very bad traveling

6. Went to March meeting Town officers:
Mod. L.S. Wade Clerk, W. Greenlead Selectmen:
1st J.H. Smith 2. C.R. Moore 3. Gardner Greenleaf
Town Agent Thomas T. Buswell Collector of taxes,
Enoch L. Greenleaf who collects of 1½ cents per dollar.
Money raised to defray town charges \$4,000. to repair roads
\$2000. Town Dept. 12,600. School Committee J.V. Greaton (maybe
wrong initials..can't make it out for sure) A.G. Nichols Set off
from School No. 1 and annexed to No. 2. Cloudy and warm.

- March 7. Chopping wood Fair weather
8. Chopping wood Cloudy and warm
9. Went to Bridge got a letter from the children they are well chopping wood in P.M. Cloudy and thawy. Still April weather. Snow most gone. Travelling done on wheels. The season a month earlier than usual.
10. Wm. B. Fletcher broke his waggon near the old Hilton house. Hauled it to Ben Fletchers for him. Nahurn Pinkham Summoned me to attend court at Farmington tuesday next. Foggy, cloudy and warm. Rain at 4 o'clock.
11. Put up the Sleds and fixed the wagon etc. Fair in day, rainy night
12. Sunday Rain most of the day. Quite a rise of water. The ice broken in the river.
13. Cleaned out the colt. Set up a leach. The ice left the river. Fair and warm.
14. Went to Farmington to attend court on account of the Betsey Nichols case. Carried some provisions to the children. Cooler.
15. Came home from Farmington in A.M. Chopping wood in P.M. Fair
16. Sawing wood Cloudy daytime rain and sleet at night
17. Repaired pig pen in A.M. Carried pig to Brackets in P.M.
18. Brought back pig from Brackets in A.M. Went to Bridge in P.M. Sold 5 doz eggs 16¢ per doz. 14 3/4 lbs butter 25¢ lb Bought 3 1/2 yds pant cloth for Sherburn \$1.40 per yd. Got the above cloth at Blanchards paid the eggs and \$3.00 in money, Balancing Book Bought of Wood 2 yds print and 1 ounce thread ----- the balance for the butter being due me. Fair weather
19. Sunday Heard of Sarah Fowls death formally Sarah Dutton Fair windy
20. Chopping wood Cyrus Taylor here in P.M. Fair
21. Went to Norridgewock to attend court Went to Mr. Prebles at night to board Snow and rain
22. Cool and squally
23. Snow squalls in P. M. pleaseant in Am.
24. Cold and cloudy
25. Discharged from the Grand Jury at 11 oclock Received \$13.44 for services this term Paid Jane Prible \$2.00 for board Paid Levi Young \$19.44 for taxes Agreed to pay Cyrus Taylor \$1.00 for taking care of Stock in my absence Cold and windy
26. Sunday Used last hay in big bay Moore came home from Farmington Got a letter from the children All are well
27. Chopped a little in morning Shelled 1 1/2 bus corn in P.M. Snowstorm
28. Went to Bridge to mill Started home with a Small load of Shingle Broke bar out of Sled and left the Shingles Traveling bad. Snow drifts and bare ground Fair weather 2 qts. keresene 10¢ qt
29. Went to Bridge with oxen hauled home 4 thousand shingles Sawed wood in P.M. Pleasant
30. Chopping wood Warm and thawy Snow not all gone
31. Chopping wood Saw the first robin Fair weather

1. Went to mill with 3 bus wheat Broke the waggon Springs Bought some second hand springs of Mr. Towns paid \$3.00 for them Sold the old ones to Blackwell for 75 cents Paid Mr. Towns \$8.40 for Sawing lumber Chopping wood in P.M. Fair
2. Sunday. John Wasson came here this morning to let us know that Hannah Dunphy died last evening. Fair weather.
3. Mr. Moore came to take the valuation: Horse, \$120 Mare \$120 Colt \$50. Oxen \$125. Cows 2 \$70. Three 2-year olds \$100. 2 yearlings \$18. 2 hogs \$25. 20 Sheep \$60. Chopping wood fair weather.
4. Led away white cow. Chopping in P.M. Rainy by spells
5. Chopping wood Paid Cy Taylor one dollar Cold and very windy
6. Went to Bridge Sold 10 lbs butter 25cents per lb Bought one pr. boots for Nora \$2.40 7 yds cloth 15 cents per yd $\frac{1}{4}$ lb spice for 15¢ 1 lb. coffee 25 Chopping wood in P.M. Fair
7. Finished Sawing wood in A.M. Piled in Shed and Split in P.M. Heard frogs sing Warm and cloudy
8. Went to Farmington found the children well Very warm

Sunday, April 9 Charles Taylor came here this morning to stay this summer. Agreed to pay \$4.00 per month commencing May 1, till then he is to work his board Lyman Greaton came here and doctored the colt and pair of yearlings Paid him \$2.00 Fair weather

11. Cleaned out Sheep pen Rainy day
12. Splitting and piling wood Cloudy with sprinkles of rain
13. Finished splitting and piling wood and commenced shingling the hog pen.
14. Shingling hog pen Cloudy by spells Set a hen
15. Finished shingling hog pen Went to Bridge in P.M. Sold $\frac{1}{2}$ bus onions for one dollar fifty cents worth of bees wax Bought 9 yds print 12¢ per yd 2 lbs 20 cents per lb. Sundries (Something left out here)

20¢ also bought of Wood 2 yds bed ticking 30 ¢ per yd 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds factory cloth 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per yd Cloudy with spits of rain

Sunday, April 16 Cloudy and a little rain

17. Repaired cart wheels etc. Rainy by spells.
18. Fencing Fair weather
19. Fencing cow pasture Lucy and Polly went to Simons Sadie & Addie Nichols came here An----Dinsmore drowned herself last Saturday
20. Went to Bridge got horse shod for 50¢ Paid 35 ¢ for repairing boots bought 3 bus wheat for \$6.00 Sorted potatoes in P.M. Rainy
21. Sowing plaster. Charles has been sick today and yesterday. Sent 19 Sacks of potatoes to Skowhegan by Cy Rogers expect to get 68 cents per bus. Fair in daytime, cloudy at night
22. Finished sowing plaster Cloudy all day A smart rain in P.M. Sold 7 doz eggs 14¢ per doz
23. Sunday Nora gone to church Charles Sick Cold and windy
24. Fencing cow pasture Clear
25. Fencing cow pasture. -----hen began to set Fair in AmM. CloudyPM
26. Saw the first swallow Fencing Fair
27. Fencing. Clear. Lucy & Julia went to Bridge. Sold 9 lbs butter 25¢ per lb. bought 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds cloth for pants 1 dollar per yd. The butter and 50¢ paid for cloth.
28. Dull day Splitting rails in A.M. Set a hen
29. Brought home Emma and Sherburn from Farmington Cloudy
30. Sunday All at home Rainy.

1. Fencing down the hill. Fair weather Boys caught 40 little fish
2. Fencing in A.M. Sowed 3 bus wheat in P.M. Fair weather
3. Harrowing Fair
4. Harrowed down by the river in A.M. Rain in P.M.
5. Six inches of snow in the night Hard rain all day Cut 8 barrels potato
6. Fencing Fair weather
7. Sunday All at home Rain in A.M. Cleared off in P.M.
8. Went to Farmington with the children. Clear and very cold Lost 2 lambs
Bought washing machine wringer. Gave \$10.00
9. Fencing north and east of orchard put new hemlock posts on east side.
10. Hauled off roots in A.M. Went to mill in P.M. Got horse shod for
50 cents got 1 bus corn and 1½ bus wheat ground Cold and Showery.
11. Sowed 6 bus oats and peas Subscribed for a map. Fair in A.M. Cloudy
in P.M.
12. Harrowed potato ground in A.M. Planted potatoes in P.M. Fair
13. Planting potatoes one acre and 15 rods down the hill Plowed the garden
Clear and cold
14. Dunday Very cold Ground froze last night
15. Sowed 15 bus oats and one load chaff Fair Made a wash bench
16. Sowed 1 load chaff Finished harrowing down the hill Fair weather
Setout onions
17. Planted potatoes in garden Plowing for oats out back. Lambs done
coming have 14, lost 2 Fair weather
18. Finished plowing out back in A.M. Sowed 5 bus oats and one load chaff
in P.M. Fair
19. Harrowed down potato ground out back in A.M. Planting in P.M. Fair
20. Finished planting potatoes. Turned out colt and yearlings. Mother
went to Bridge bought wash tub for \$1.10 2 doz herring for 48¢
2 yds cloth for 50¢ hat 30¢ Fair
21. Sunday Fair Very warm and dry. Nora gone to church
22. Cut and marked the lambs. Had 9 bucks and 5 ewes. Turned out the cows
and 2 year olds Fencing cow pasture. Fair A.M. Shower in P.M.
23. Finished fencing cow pasture. Fair weather
24. Finished sheep pasture fence. Fair weather)
25. Broke up one half acre for beans. Fair
26. Hauling dressing onto bean ground. Nichols turned his cow into pasture..
27. Hauled dressing in A.M. Planted beans in P.M. Mother went to Farming-
ton. Deacon Dutton here visiting. Fair weather
28. Sunday Cloudy and cold
29. Harrowing bean ground and planting Fair and very hot.
30. Planting beans Very hot through the day. A little shower and a very
high wind at night. Lucy went to mill with one bus corn Bought 11 postage
stamps Nearly 20 lengths fence blown over by the gale.
31. Fencing, planting beans, pop corn, cranberries, cucumbers. Set out
tomatoes Killed woodchuck Cloudy by spells
- June 1. Fencing horse pasture. Poly and Lucy went down to Ephraims. Fair
2. Fencing. Cleaned out cellar Fair and Hot
3. Fencing above the orchard. Trimming apple trees. Washed Sheep
4. Sunday Went with Mother and grandmother to Methodist Church Sawyers
Mills Fair and warm.
5. Trimmed apple trees in A.M. peeled fir in P.M.
6. Worked on road Self and boy Fair

- June 7. Sheared 12 sheep Henry sheared 4 Sprinkle of rain
8. Finished shearing Done up the wool Had 87 lbs. Average 4 7/20 per fleece. Mother went to Bridge. Got \$3.24 worth of goods on credit at Blackwells. Got one pr. shoes on cr. at woods \$2.40 Fair
9. Peeled fir and poplar. Robed a crows nest. Led away red cow. Sold the wool to J. C. Metcalf for 52 cents per lb. Received \$5.00 Fair
10. Put wood in schoolhouse Burnt chopping Peeled poplar Fair
11. Sunday Partially cloudy through the day. Splendid shower at night
12. Rain till 4 oclock P.M. Fencing round chopping Cloudy and showery
13. Planting & fencing the chopping Cloudy and Showery by spells.
14. Hoing beans and mowing brakes Fairweather
15. Hoing beans and preparing to build barn floor bridge. Fair
16. Hauling rocks for bridge Fair with showers
17. Hauling rocks went to mill got 2 shoes set on horse for 30 cents
Lucy gone to Farmington Fair
- Sunday, June 18. Lucy came home from Farmington Cloudy
19. Finished the barn floor bridge Partially cloudy
20. Hoed garden Dropped plaster and Led away red heifer Cloudy
21. Cultivated a little Hoed a little and cut bushes a little
Clear and very cold. Nora gone to Moses Bradby's. (Bradbury's?)
22. Cutting bushes A little cloudy
23. Cutting bushes. Went to Bridge Paid for mending shoe (either paid "no cents" or "10 cents.") Fair
24. Cutting bushes Fair weather
25. Sunday Polly, Lucy and Henry went to Quartily meeting at Sawyers Mills Bees swarmed Fair
26. Hoeing potatoes Fair
27. Work same as yesterday Weather Ditto
28. Work the same. A little cloudy. Aunt Hannah Dinsmore here.
Set a hen
29. Went to Bridge got 2 shoes set on horse for 30 cents. Received of Metcalf -----for wool. Also \$6.00 for potatoes. Sold about 3/4 bus beans for 2.20 Bought 4 gal molasses for 55 cents per gallon. Hoing potatoes in P.M. Fair. The women went down to Ephraims. Led away red cow.
30. Finished hoing potatoes. Fair.
- July 1. Went to Farmington Brought home Sherburn and Emma. Fair
2. Sunday. All at home. Cloudy at night
3. Went to Bridge. Bought 1,000 shingles for \$2.00 (?) 1 window frame for 8.00 12 lbs nails and a codfish for about \$1.20.
4. Went to Skowhegan with wool to card. Paid 77 (or 99) cents. Bought grindstone for \$2.50 Fair and dry.
5. Shingling gable end of barn. Still dry.
6. Finished Shingling on barn. No change of weather. Martha Piper here on a visit. Bees swarmed.
7. Preparing carts for haying Made grindstone bench Dry
8. Getting ready for haying. Dry.
9. Sunday. Polly, Emma, and Henry went to Bridge to meeting. McCown preached. Great Drouth. Prospect for hay and grain is alarming. Panic among the people.

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- July 10. Commenced haying Mowed and raked orchard and piece south of house. Fair
11. Hauled the hay mowed yesterday 2 loads Fair in A.M. Cloudy P.M.
12. Sherburn mowed for Nichols yesterday and today Mowed the road above the wheat. Hot. Showers in some places but none here.
13. Sherburn mowed for Nichols. Broke Pitman rod. Went to Bridge Got it mended. Worked for Nichols in P.M. Very hot.
14. Mowed the flat north of the house. Hauled in 4 loads. Nichols worked today. Julia and Fifield (?) Martha Piper with two girls and Mrs. Pratt here visiting Fair weather.
15. Mowed part of long ridge Bad luck again Pitman rod broke Cost of repairing both times 60¢ paid 55¢ hauled 2 loads Hot
16. Sunday. All at home. No change of weather
17. Hauled 4 loads. Showery but none for us.
18. Hauled 5 loads Very small shower Mowed the long land side of the woods.
19. Lowery but not much rain Mowed and raked about 2 acres
20. Dull in A.M. with a little rain. Fair in P.M. Wed (?) the burnt land corn mowed a little
21. Finished haying Hauled 5 loads making 22 loads in all about 11 tons the Smallest crop cut since 1842. The hay crop in Maine has been the least ever known.
22. Beautiful Showers Cloudy all day
23. Sunday All at home Fair weather
24. Haying for Nichols. Fair weather
25. Haying for Nichols. Fair weather
26. Cloudy and dull with rain in A.M.
27. Got a load of hay down by the river. Fair in A.M. Showery at night
28. Mowing brakes. Cattle got in Randals field Fair weather
29. Bated the cattle in wood lot. Cloudy through the day, a little rain at night. Sherburn worked for Prible 3/4 day
- Sunday
- July 30 Drove the cattle out back to feed. Fine rain last night. Fair today.
- 31 Fine rain last night Showers today Cutting few bushes
- August 1. Dull weather & Some rain Went to Bridge Got 1½ bus corn ground for hog Bought barrel flour for \$9.00 Simons and wife here visiting
2. Burnt off brush piles by the road side hauled rails for Nichols to fix line fence etc. Emma gone to Athens with Julia Fair day Settled with A.G. Nichols. Due him one days work. Due me \$15.00 for mowing.
3. Hauled 1 load brakes helped Nichols repair line fence Emma came home. Fair
4. Went to Wm. Pribles on business for George Nichols. He mowed oats for me in A.M. Raked oats in P.M. Fair with shower at night.
5. Heavy showers in morning Fair in P.M. mowed wheat. Lucy went to Bridge with 1½ bus corn for hog. Bought 11 yds cloth for \$1.46
6. Sunday. All at home. Wm. Dinsmore buried today. Fair
7. Hauled in 2 loads wheat Fair and warm
8. Hauled 1 load oats Mowed the oats out back Cloudy

August 9

- Mowing and raking oats. Went to caucus at night Fair
10. Cutting oats Hauled in 3 loads Fair in daytime, cloudy at night
 11. Hauled 2 loads oats. Fair and warm
 12. Cutting oats and peas. Fair and hot. Mother went to Bridge. Bought 2 3/4 yds. pant cloth for \$.25 per yd 7 yds drilling, 25 ¢ pr. yd. 1 pr. booth \$4.00 and suspenders, 35 ¢
 13. Sunday All at home. Mother and Emma went Bridge to Church Fair
 14. Hauled 1 load oats and peas finished graining Cut and hauled load of Swap (?) hay off Geroge Nichols. Fair
 15. Took the lambs off the sheep. Butchered yearling Steer. Sherburn got mare Shod for 60¢ Fair today
 16. Dull day Not much rain dug 5 pecks onions A.G. Nichols moved to Madison.
 17. Went to Skowhegan Sold 1 bus onions for \$1.50 50 lbs old iron for 40¢ one Steers hide for 1.40 one horse hide for 75¢ cents. bought 10 bus corn 88 cents per bus. Got 4 bus of the corn ground. Fair weather.
 18. Watched cattle in the field in A.M. Hauled 8 loads dressing in P.M. Fair and cool
 19. Hauled 8 load dressing. Sherburn got Waggon wheel repaired Cost about one dollar Fair

August 20, Sunday. All at home. Fair

- 21 Sherburn and Lucy Started for Penobscot and Aroostook. Emma went to get a tooth pulled. Hauled 8 loads dressing Cloudy
22. Sold red cow to Peter Rogers for \$17.00 he pays the money when he returns from Brighton Hauled 8 loads dressing Fair and hot
23. Hauled 7 loads dressing fair
24. Hauled 4 loads dressing. Cloudy in morning, clear and hot in day, then thunder with hail rain and wind at night. Out after lambs caught in shower. Stopped in Pribles barn. One square glass broke.
25. Repaired fences picked up apples and sold 1 1/2 bus apples for \$1.00 per bus.
26. Looked after the lambs. pulled beans etc. Fair. Cloudy at night
27. Sunday Rained all night and nearly all day. Bids fair to be another rainy night.
28. Cleared off in night. Fair today. Stopped in the house with lame ankle. boy pull beans
29. Ankle still lame. Went to Bridge got 1 bus corn ground got a letter from Sherburn Stacked beans Cloudy
30. Cloudy and rainy
31. Hauled 1 load dressing. Cooler

- Sept 1. Cutting up corn fodder Wrote to mother Pared apples Fair day. Commenced feeding the hens 3 pints corn a day
2. Hauled in fodder hauled in beans got 2 bus. corn ground for hog.
 3. Sunday Wrote to Mother Very warm pleasant day
 4. Cleaned up barn yard. Fair
 5. Hauled 2 loads dressing Finished hauling. Dug 11 bus potatoes Swapped yearlings with Rogers got \$3.00 to boot. Fair weather
 6. Went to caucus. Ed gray was nominated by 47 to 45 for M.W. Frederick and 1 ----- Fair weather

- Sept. 7 Picked up apples Spread manure etc. Shower morning Cooler
 8. Hauled in corn fodder Plowed a little with steers Fair
 9 Plowed a little on oat ground out back First frost Fair and cool
 10 Sunday A little cloudy
 11 Went to election Ed Gray was chosen Representative Got a letter
 from Sherburn He has sold the horse waggon and harness for \$150.00
 and Mother is coming home in the cars Thursday Fair weather
- 12 Dug 12 bus. potatoes Fair
 13 Dug 23 bus potatoes Fair Lent Ben Fletcher 1 bunch fir shingles
 14 Dug 14 bus. potatoes Brought Mother home from Skowhegan Fair cool
 15 Dug 16 bus. potatoes Fair
 16 Dull day Rather unwell Shut up buck lamb
 17 Sunday A little showery Fair at night
- 18 Dug 14 bus. potatoes Fair weather
 19 Went to Skowhegan Bought 6 bus corn 88¢ per bus 4 bus. meal for
 hog 85¢ per bus. \$1.00 worth of sugar. Dug 10 bus. potatoes. Cloud
 20. Dug--bus potatoes Cloudy Finished digging down the hill. 109
 bus. in all 90 bus large 19 small
 21 Dug 24 bus. potatoes 200 large & 4 small Clear and cool
 22 Dug 31 bus potatoes 27 large and 4 small Fair Big frost last nig
 23 Dug 28 bus potatoes 25 large 3 small Hard frost in morning Fair
- 24 Sunday Sprinkle in A.M. Fair in P.M.
 25 Dug 33 bus potatoes 29 large and 4 small Fair day
 26 Finished digging potatoes 24 bus. 20 large 4 small
 Fair in A.M. Cloudy in P.M. Rain in evening
 27 Whole number of bus 260 large 220 small 40
 Dull in A.M. Fair P.M. Picked up apples Probably raised about
 15 bus. Received a letter from Sherburn
28. Gathering nuts Picked up 21 bus A.G. Nichols plowed with
 Ephraims and my horse Fair weather
- 29 Picked up 30 bus oilnuts Nichols plowed on the flat Fair & cool
 30 Hauled in potatoes & (tops?) Nichols plowed Fair
- Sunday, Oct. 1 Sherburn came home Grandmother went to Bridge to See
 Aunt Hannah Fair
 2 Went to Bridge Bought 4½ galls of molasses 60¢ per gall.
 2 qts kerosene 40¢ per gall. Settled with Wood. Paid him \$5.60
 in all Cloudy Plowed in P.M.
 3 Worked for Nichols Self, Sherburn & Henry Cloudy
 4 Worked for Nichols Self & Henry Sherburn began work for Prible
 Emma went to New Portland Showery
 5 Watched the cattle in field and plowed a little Caught a
 partridge in trap Very pleasant
 6 Finished plowing out back. Fair in A.M. cloudy in P.M. Rain at night
 7 Went to Bridge in A.M. bought 57¢ worth of yarn. Went to cattle
 show at Sawyers Mills in P.M. boys plow down the hill fair
- 8 Sunday Emma went to church at the Bridge Fair weather
 9 Plowing down the hill Sherburn out to Pribles Fair and warm
 10 Plowing Very warm

- October 11 Killed the hog Weight about 300 lbs. Cloudy
 12 Very heavy rain last night and today. Quite freshet Cut up and salted the pork
 13 Sherburn went to Bridge & hired the Bridge for \$1.50 (to teach??) Paid .50 for repairing boots. Plowing down the hill. Emma gone to George Nichols. Boys husking for Prible this evening. Elwin Simons & Sisters here this eve. Bridge over Colebrook carried away by freshet yesterday. Fair weather today.
- 14 Husked corn for Prible. Boys plowed down the hill Fair weather
 15 Sunday Partially cloudy Windy at night
 15 Plowing. Henry over to (Warners?) Sick Fair weather
 17 Plowing and hauling off fencing stuff Fair
 18 Engaged a school for Emma in the Corson District. \$4.00 per week Bought the lot of land formerly owned by Robert Nichols of James Prible for eighteen hundred dollars, giving a mortgage with my notes & bonds. George -----plowing down the hill Cloudy
 19 Hauling off potato tops from Nichols Bought a hat for Henry Cloudy
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- Nov. 5 Sunday Clear and very cold
 6 Killed 19 chickens Went to town meeting called to decide the bridge question. Fair Ground frozen hard
 7 Sherburn went to Bridge. got horse shod all around. Sold 47½ lbs poultry 15 ¢ lb. Bought barrel flour for \$9.00 Got an over coat cut for 85 cents. Emma and S. went down to Simons to sing tonight.
 8 Cut a few firs by the roadside for shingles. First Snow Squall
 9 Chopping wood Fair and cooler
 10 Chopping wood Cloudy and warmer
 11 Repairing horse sled. Snow fell last night. Commenced feeding cattle
 12 Sunday Very windy last night Pleasant today
 13 Engaged Henry Taylor one year for \$30.00 and two months School. Let George Nichols ten sheep for 4 years 1 lb of wool per head per year Chopping wood Fair
 14 Chopping wood Fair in A.M. Cloudy at night
 15 Dull day Rain and Snow Made an oxbow
 16 Still storming Snow and rain Elwin Simons & Sisters here tonight
 17 Harnessed the colt to the horse sled for first time. Fair weather Snow 7 inches deep
 18 Hauling fir logs for shingles and boards. Sent a letter to Gardner Beals in regard to Sewing machine Fair and warmer
- 19 Sunday All at home Very pleasant
 20 Went to town meeting on the bridge question. Bought 14 bus potatoes 25¢ per bus Amount to \$3.50 one grindstone for \$1.50 of James Prible in part payment of \$15.00 due me for allowing him to haul off his fodder from back lot Cloudy
 21 Hauled home watering trough Went to rehearsal for concert in P.M. Still cloudy and thawy.
 22 Went to Bridge bought 1 gallon kerosene for 40¢ Went to old folks concert in evening Cloudy with a little snow in A.M. Fair P.M.
 23. Nothing doing. S. & E. down to E. Nichols Got sore finger Fair
 24 Threshing wheat with flail S. & E. gone to George Nichols Cloudy
 25 Threshing wheat Very pleasant

- † Sunday, November 26 All at home Warmer and a little cloudy
 27 Cleaned the wheat Addie Bixby here tonight Windy
 28 Threshed for Prible in P.M. Self & Sherburn G. Nichols and wife
 here this eve Very cold
 29 Loafing on account of sore finger. Very cold. Mercury 2 below zero
 30 Thanksgiving Had Spareribs for dinner Still cold
 Dec 1. Sherburn went to Livermore to teach school Self & Emma went to
 Old folks concert at the Dinsmore meeting house Very cold
 2. Self and Henry Threshed for Jim Preble till 2 oclock Weather same
 3 Sunday Warmer and more pleasant
 4 Rainy day Shelled 1 bus corn
 5 Went to mill Very cold and blustering The roads very slippery
 Florus Nichols stuck a pin in his shoulder last Sunday night. Two
 Doctors failed to get it out
 6 Threshing oats Still cold and windy
 7 Threshing and taking down fence by the roadside a little snow in A.M.
 8 Threshing Pleasant Abner Hilton died this morning 4 oclock
 9 Got a letter from Sherburn He is all right Pleasant in A.M. Windy P.M.
 10 Sunday Attended Abner Hilton's funeral. Partially cloudy. Carried
 Emma to her School in the Corson District
 11 Threshing oats Moderate weather
 12 Threshing A little Snow in morning, then fair through the day
 13 Threshing Mercury at zero
 14 Threshing Lucy went to Bridge Sold 7 lbs. butter 28 cents per lb
 Bought 1 pr. boots for \$1.85 one package envelopes 12 cents. one box
 -----A very moderate Snowstorm
 15 Finished threshing Very pleasant day
 16 Cleaned up 56 bus oats and 3 bus oats & peas, 59 in all. A letter from
 Sherburn Still pleasant
 17 Sunday Still pleasant
 18 Helped wash and carried home winnowing mill Cloudy A.M. Snow P.M.
 19 Nearly 1 foot of snow fell last night. Cleared off in night.
 20 Hauled 2 small loads wood from down the hill Fair
 21 Terrible cold and blustering Mercury 10 below zero
 22 Breaking roads Went to Corsons after Emma Fair much warmer
 23 Built fire in cellar Got letter from our Sherburn Snow and rain
 24 Sunday Cleared off in night Fair today
 25 Hauled 3 loads wood Very warm pleasant day
 26 Got a letter from Sherburn Carried Emma to Corsons Warm and cloudy
 27 Snow in morning Blow in P.M. Roads drifted Colder
 28 Breaking roads Fair weather
 29 Cloudy in A.M. Fair in P.M. Madea hay (scale?) in sheep barn
 30 Wrote a letter to Annie Gah---- Cloudy in A.M. Fair in P.M.
 31 Cloudy and a little snow Sunday

Stock sold in 1871--1 horse, 75. 1 cow, 17. 1 yearling, 8. \$100.
 Let out 10 sheep, 1 lb wool per head. Stock raised--14 lambs
 Valuation: in 1871 \$688. Town Tax \$48.48
 Potatoes raised 260 bus apples, 15 bus beans 1 bus wheat 4 bus
 oats 59 bus oilnuts 50 bus Eggs 88 doz \$16.07 Butter Sold -----
 Paid for flour, \$18.00 Paid for boots and shoes, \$18.75
 Paid for horse shoeing, \$4.75

(copied to best of my ability from journal kept 1870-1871 by J.....Day
 who lived on road between Anson and Starks in house occupied this February,
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