

Cyrus W Ives 1907

- Jan 1 Warm and pleseant [standard Cyrus spelling; all other spellings will have "sic" after them] in the morning clouded up and remained so during day. Sick in bed all day with Gripp[e]. Dr Ward of New Boston called to see me left medicine. The warmest New Year for 25 yrs.
- 2 Mild and cloudy, felt a little better got up ab[o]ut 11 o[']clock. Sit up and lay on Lounge awhile Lib came up awhile, did not feel so well during night. Albert Sheets doing the chores.
- 3 Cloudy and rained some made ice on ground and trees in Eve. Sick in bed all day did not get up.
- 4 Rained wind East warm [rewritten over erasure] cooler and windy in Eve from NW, snow all gone and quite muddy on road, felt better got up about 10 AM. Mr Coolidge Mabel Rivers Ruth Nelson called in Eve.
- 5 Cloudy but not cold. I got about the House some did not go out. Lib came up towards night. Harger called.
- 6 Very pleseant in the morning, clouded up signs of rain broke away towards night. Went out doors in afternoon. Pat & Len came about noon stayed 2 hours. G Miller called[.]
- 7 Warm and cloudy ground froze hard in the morning but thawed out and mud[d]y. I am better done most of the chores.
- 8 Warm foggy and very damp, roads muddy rained some in the afternoon. I done my chores. Albert took my yound [sic] Sow to Booths left her.
- 9 Snow squalls from NW and cooler with high winds ground freezing hard towards night. I done my chores and stayed ["t" not crossed] in the House[.]
- 10 Cool but pleseant moderated in afternoon cloudy in the Eve with signs of a storm [written over erasure], done the chores[.] Went to Sheets in afternoon. Magranis called.
- 11 Mild and pleseant for the season, roads rough hubs softened some. Went to Winsted with Butter and Eggs. Eggs 35 cts retail, got some powders of Judson for Molly cow.
- 12 Cloudy wind SE snowed in the forenoon about 3 inches, rained just a little towards night. Went to Booths, Hartland got my Sow.
- 13 Cloudy and mild not snow enough to make slaying [sic], done the chores did not feel able to go to Church. Fred Chapman called in afternoon.
- 14 Mild cloudy wind East snowed a little mixed with rain and hail in the forenoon, did not storm much in afternoon[.] Chored about, drew 2 loads of wood to House in afternoon.
- 15 Cloudy wind NW snow squall in the morning and mild. Cut and drew 2 loads wood to House from near the river[.]
- 16 Cold in the morning some cloudy milder towards night, cloudy in Eve signs of snow. Cut 2 loads wood near the river drew them to House. Expected Hill to chop[.]
- 17 Cold wind NE cloudy com[m]enced snowing about 10 AM, 2 or 3 inches fell. Got a load of wood in forenoon, repaired Harness.
- 18 Mild and cloudy very good sledding[.] Cut and drew 2 loads wood to House. G Miller called in afternoon[.]
- 19 Cloudy wind East Rained made ice in forenoon, foggy in afternoon and warmer thawed during night, done chores went to G Millers in afternoon.
- 20 Warm and thawey [sic] quite sploshey [sic] snow all gone at noon. Wife and I went to Church with slay [sic] hard going when we came home[.]
- 21 Cold and squally very blustering. Wanted to go to Riverton after grain but did not. Done the chores cut a little wood on wood pile[.]
- 22 Cloudy and milder com[m]enced snowing about 9 AM from SE cleared off in Eve about 4 inches fell. Went to Riverton got 4 bags grain with wagon[.]
- 23 A very cold day somewhat windy. Cut a load of wood near the river in forenoon. Carried Wife down to Mr Coolidge Expected to have a Ladies Society but did not[.]

- 24 [Ther] 20 below[.] Very cold all day no wind blowing[.] Done the chores. Went to Sheets in afternoon[.] Mrs Adelia Moody burried [sic][.]
- 25 Cloudy wind East not very cold, snowed by spells all day. Went to Sheets in morning[.] Done the chores. Mr Coolidge called in afternoon[.]
- 26 Cloudy and snowed a little in forenoon wind changed to NW and cleared off in afternoon, a little blustering still and very pleseant in the Eve. Drew 2 loads of wood to House.
- 27 Milder and pleseant in the forenoon cloudy in afternoon signs of a storm. Went to Church Service in the Hall, a very good sized congregation [sic][.]
- 28 Cool and pleseant, signs of a storm towards ["t" not crossed] night[.] Went to Winsted with Butter Eggs and apples. Eggs 33 cts apples 75 cts Bush[.]
- 29 Cool wind south cloudy towards night snowed a little in Eve[.] Started about 9 AM for Riverton got 900 lbs grain, Cotton seed, Hominy feed[.]
- 30 Cool pleseant a little windy at times, drew 2 loads wood to House[.] Carried Wife to Aid So[ciet]y Annual meeting Mrs Decker chosen Pres[ident].
- 31 Cold in the morning moderated, cloudy in afternoon signs of storm. Drew 2 loads wood to House, in forenoon. Went to M Hill in afternoon to see if he would chop for me.
- Feb 1 Mild cloudy snowed a little quite fine, rained a little towards night & Eve made a little ice. Cut wood in forenoon, drew 2 loads in afternoon[.]
- 2 Mild thawed some, cloudy cooler in Eve[.] Cut wood drew 2 loads to House[.]
- 3 Cool and quite windy not so windy towards night. Em & [I] went to Church had Services in Hall, a fair sized congregation[.]
- 4 Cool in the morning moderated, cloudy signs of snow. Cut 3 loads wood drew 4 loads to House.
- 5 Snowed and blew from NE in forenoon wind went down in afternoon but snowed some. Done the chores[.] Rec[eive]d word of Wm Breckenridge Death, 76 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> yrs[.]
- 6 Cold and somewhat blustering. Worked awhile in Ice House cleaning out sawdust, drove to Sheets to get Albert to do chores tomorrow.
- 7 Cold in the morning moderated. Pleseant. Went to Winsted with Butter & Eggs[.] Took noon Troll[e]y to Torrington to attend the funeral of Wm F Breckenridge stayed there all night. S D Smith Mrs J G Spear & Stilman Breckenridge there[.]
- 8 Cloudy in the morning signs of a storm, cleared off about, 9 AM. Dimock & I called on Dr Moore. Took 9:30 Trolley to Winsted, finished delivering got home 4:30. Miller drew Ice for me[.]
- 9 Pleseant and warmer did not thaw much. I packed Ice, about 100 cakes, done the chores[.]
- 10 Cloudy snowed a little cleared off in Eve, wind SW. I went to Church not many out.
- 11 Pleseant in the forenoon squally and very blustering in afternoon. Albert Sheets helped me finish packing Ice in forenoon, worked at covering it in afternoon[.]
- 12 [Ther] 20 [below?][.] Very cold and windy snow flew and drifted no mail Either way[.] Done chores sit in House. Sawed a little wood towards night.
- 13 Cool in the morning moderated, wind SW cloudy in afternoon signs of a storm, clear in Eve. [Rewritten over erasure from here on] Broke roads badly drifted. Miller carried load to Gibbons Hall to caucus. Sheets Decker Frisbie Treat & I went with him[.]
- 14 [Erased and rewritten] Squally and windy in the morning, cleared off, pleseant. Worked in Ice House covering Ice, done chores, thawed some[.]
- 15 Windy in the forenoon blustering Milder in afternoon. Worked in Ice House in forenoon got the Ice nearly covered, put up some apples and Potatoes to take to Winsted[.]
- 16 Mild and cloudy. Took a load, apples and Potatoes to Winsted. Road had not been broke out south of Magranis I turned over had hard time getting through.
- 17 Cool and some what [sic] blustering, grew cold towards night. I went to Church Mrs Nelson rode up with me.

- 18 Cool in the morning moderated and quite pleseant. Cut wood at House. Mr Coolidge and B F Jones called. Went to G M Millers in Eve.
- 19 Mild and cloudy, snowed a little in afternoon not more than 1 inch. Cut wood at the House in forenoon chored about in afternoon[.]
- 20 [Original entry erased] Cool cloudy in afternoon, signs of a storm[.] Cut wood awhile in forenoon. Went to Church in afternoon helped Miller put up stovepipe[.] Society meeting in Eve. Chose Com[mittee] to repair Church[.]
- 21 [Original entry mostly erased] Cold and somewhat windy grew cold all day. Cut wood at House. We went to Hall to an Oyster Supper, had Entertainment in Church Mrs Nelson went with us.
- 22 [Ther] 19 below[.] Cold all day Ther[mometer] 19 below[.] Carried wife to Hall to help clean up. So cold I did not work done the chores.
- 23 Cold and clear a little warmer in middle of the day. Shoveled snow on south road in forenoon, done the chores[.]
- 24 Cold wind got into SE cloudy and snowed towards night. We went to Church 14 present[.] About 4 inches snow fell.
- 25 Mild in morning windy and very blustering roads drifting badly. Went to Winsted with Eggs Butter and apples. Came back through the Hollow, found Ly Gette boy 2 Horses & 6 calves here, got stalled.
- 26 Cold in the morning moderated some. Got road so Ly Gette got away, helped shovel snow on main and south road, very badly drifted. Got letter from Frank[.]
- 27 Clear and pleseant but cool. Chored about in forenoon. C H Treat & Wife called, brought Buck home. Went to Dickenson's [sic] got some grain in afternoon. Miller called in Eve.
- 28 Cool in the morning pleseant cloudy in afternoon signs of a storm. Went to the Church helped get Pews up into Gallery. Miller & Albert helped. Got out 3 loads manure.
- Mar 1 Mild and pleseant, signs of a storm in Eve. Went to Tolland to Pats. Mrs Nelson Lib and Mrs Ives, went with me.
- 2 Rained in the morning and froze quite slippery walking cleared off in afternoon. Got can Oil to Millers went to Brunks bought a shoat \$8. Got out 5 loads manure spreat [sic] on south lot.
- 3 Cloudy in the morning cleared off mild thawed a little. Wife and I went to Church, Communion Service[.]
- 4 Cool in the moring with a squall of snow cleared off pleseant. Went to Town meeting rode with G Miller he carried Decker, Jones, & Frisbie the old board selectmen Elected[.]
- 5 Cold in the morning and pleseant, moderated cloudy in Eve. Went to Riverton got load of Grain of Wachter, broke Double run slays [sic] coming home.
- 6 Cold in the morning but pleseant thawed a very little, took double run sleigh to Munn to get repaired. Got a shoat at Brunk. Attended Fund and Cong So[ciety] meeting in afternoon[.]
- 7 [Much of original entry erased] Cool in the morning a very pleseant day[.] Went to Sheets & to Nelson in morning. Butc[h]ered Pig, Albert and Mr Nelson helped me took  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to Joe Welch[.]
- 8 Cloudy and snowed a little. Went to Tolland got my Bob slays [sic] at Munns[.] Packed a Bbl apples to send to Carrie to Washington [DC][.]
- 9 Cold in the morning did not thaw much on hills, Water run in streets in Winsted. Went to Winsted carried  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Pig 157 lbs to Dewey 8 cts, took Butter & Eggs, got a Bbl Flour took some apples[.]
- 10 Cloudy and snowed a little, wind NE. Went to Church Mrs Nelson rode down with us[.] Rheumatism came into my right leg in afternoon[.]
- 11 Mild and pleseant thawed a little. Drew 2 loads sawdust from from [sic] Frisbie old mill place put it on the ice, had rheumatism in right leg.

- 12 Cloudy and milder good slaying [sic]. I was quite lame. Em & I went to New Boston to John Northway called to Dr Ward's got some medicine for my Rheumatism, called to Pats.
- 13 Rained a little in the morning cleared off in afternoon[.] Ben Clark came up sold him a mow of hay in Fenn Barn \$80[.] Went to Library meeting with Miller in afterno[o]n[.]
- 14 Rained quite hard awhile in forenoon cleared off in afternoon. I was quite lame lay on lounge in forenoon done chores[.] Miller came up got a little rye Bran. Albert Sheets called[.]
- 15 Mild and pleseant good sap day. My leg in [sic] better worke[d] on wood pile a little. F A Robinson called with John Perkins to see about cutting up wood pile[.]
- 16 Cool in the morning warm during day, sap run. Worked on the wood pile. Mrs Harger and Mrs Sheets called in afternoon[.]
- 17 [Original entry erased] Cool in the morning ground froze quite hard windy for awhile, thawey [sic][.] Went to Church walked quite muddy when came home.
- 18 Very pleseant and warm good sap day. Went to Welchs Store got 2 bbl and pay for Pork. Got out 4 loads manure out of yard.
- 19 Cloudy wind south commenced snowing about 10 AM, rain & sleet with thunder & lightening [sic] in Eve. Got out 3 loads sheep manure[.]
- 20 Very windy and clear a very disagreeable day[.] Went to Millers in morning cut alders down west in blackberry lot in afternoon[.]
- 21 Warm and very pleseant. John Perkins of Blandford cut wood with his Gasoline Engine Milo, Chan, and Albert helped me. Cut it in forenoon, and he went to Sheets in afternoon.
- 22 Cloudy with signs of a storm in the morning cleared off warm. Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter, roads muddy, got hom[e] 7:30 [Sunset 6:12][.]
- 23 Very pleseant and warm[.] Went to Westfield with team, took Trolley to Amherst. Stayed with Frank, all night. Called on Loomis Tiffany, Hadley[.]
- 24 Cool and rawe [sic] East wind hailed and snowed in afternoon. Stayed with Frank. We went to his new home in in [sic] afternoon, looked around.
- 25 Cool in the morning warm and pleseant during day, ground covered with snow. Came home from Amherst by Springfield to Westfield[.]
- 26 [Original entry erased] Warm and pleseant ground frozen in the morning a good sap day. Got out 6 loads of manure on Granger lot[.]
- 27 East wind and cooler in the morning, warm during day with signs of a storm[.] Em, Ruth & I went to Sheets got sugar. Got out 4 loads manure on Granger lot.
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Very warm for the season, a dast [sic] of rain about 11 o[']clock, shower East. Got out manure spread it NW of House[.] William Jones called[.] Mrs Sheets helped paper in afternoon[.]
- 29 [Ther] 80[.] Very warm Ther[mometer] 80 in shade. White washed [sic] the chamber over the sitting room. Cut some wood west on south side of road.
- 30 Cooler and some windy[.] Cut wood on the flat beside road in forenoon[.] Put a feather bed in a Bbl to send to Frank[.] Split wood awhile.
- 31 Cooler and cloudy with signs of a storm ground froze a little[.] Walked to Church. Went to Millers in afternoon. A Mild month[.]
- Apr 1 Snowed from NE a little all day, chilly. Went with Miller to the Church to see about repairs[.] Split wood awhile towards night.
- 2 Cool wind ground froze in morning, pleseant and thawed some. Went to Westfield with team took Trolley to Springfield. Got home at 6 PM.
- 3 Mild and pleseant ground froze in the morning. Split wood at the House. 2 Lambs dropped in the morning[.]
- 4 Very pleseant some signs of a storm towards night[.] Split wood at the House. Pat & Len called Lib came up in afternoon Harger called[.]

- 5 Rained a little Early in the morning, broken during day and mild. Split wood[.] The sick sheep had 2 Lambs just at night[.]
- 6 Cold in the morning ground froze hard roads rough. Went to Winsted with Eggs & Butter, Eggs at retail 22 cts[.]
- 7 Cool East wind and signs of a storm, cloudy and dark in Eve. Went to Church Text John 6<sup>th</sup> chapter] 67<sup>th</sup> verse], ["Then said Jesus unto the twelve,"] Will ye also go away. Went to prayer meeting in Eve.
- 8 Cloudy and snowed in the forenoon, rained a little in afternoon[.] Chored about, took Em to Hall in after noon [sic] in a sleigh, to Ladies business meeting[.]
- 9 Cloudy and snowed hard in afternoon and Eve, about a foot fell, drew 4 loads wood to House[.] Went to Hargers in afternoon got 2 bbls apples[.]
- 10 Cloudy and squalled a little, mild[.] Chored about in forenoon. Milo to[ok] 3 Bbls apples to Winsted for me, drew 2 loads wood to House and split some.
- 11 Mild and pleseant very good sleighing. Cut wood down west near road. Em & I called on Mr Coolidge in Eve.
- 12 Mild and cloudy thawed some, drew 4 loads wood to House in the forenoon. Split wood in afternoon[.]
- 13 Cloudy and thawey [sic] snow goes off slow. Sawed wood in forenoon helped Charlie Reeves dig out some foxes, west side of old road, got 2 old ones and 5 small young ones. Got news of G H Atkins death.
- 14 Windy and warmer, cool in Eve, snow went off fast. Went to Church in a slay [sic]. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 15 Cold in the morning and windy all day[.] Sawed and chopped wood at House. Ben Jones & Son called towards night.
- 16 Cloudy but mild broken in afternoon cloudy in Eve with flakes of snow. Cut wood at House in forenoon. Went to A H Case in afternoon got some maple sugar[.] Kit calved.
- 17 Cool in the morning [rest of original entry (tomorrow's?) erased and rewritten] with a squall of snow cleared off pleseant[.] Worked on wood pile sawing and splitting.
- 18 Cold in the morning pleseant windy in afternoon, finished sawing wood in forenoon done odd jobs in afternoon[.]
- 19 Cloudy com[m]enced snowing about 9 AM and snowed quite hard nearly all day[.] Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter, Eggs 20, Butter 30 cts.
- 20 Very windy and cool thawed some, hung an axe. A H Case called. Split a little wood. Went to Millers and Frisbie mill[.]
- 21 Cold in the morning ground froze hard, pleseant in Eve. Went to Church and to Prayer meeting in Eve[.]
- 22 Cool in the morning pleseant during day somewhat windy[.] Worked at splitting wood. Magranis called. Ordered some Fertilizer from Boston[.]
- 23 Cloudy and warmer with signs of rain. Went to Riverton got some grain. Split wood awhile.
- 24 Rained Early in the morning and during the latter part of the night, cleared off windy[.] Split wood in the forenoon. Went to Cemetery meeting in afternoon[.]
- 25 Cool in the morning and windy during day. Wheeled and piled wood into wood house.
- 26 Mild and pleseant[.] Wheeled wood into wood house and piled it up. Went to Ladies Society in Eve. Mrs Louise Johnson & Estelle & Porter Frisbie called in Eve.
- 27 Warmer and pleseant[.] Got wood into wood house and piled it up.
- 28 Pleseant in the morning, clouded up signs of rain, foggy in Eve. We went to Church, Text, Go and sin no more.
- 29 Cloudy and mild more broken in afternoon, quite foggy in the morning[.] Took Brunk sow to Booth in forenoon, put up 3 slays [sic] in Fenn barn. Went to PO in Eve called to Millers.

- 30 Cloudy in the morning broke away sun shone a little, cloudy in Eve and foggy. Wheeled wood into wood House. Diah [sic] Harger burried [sic]. A cold month. [In Amherst the 8<sup>th</sup> coldest April since 1836; only 2 colder since.]
- May 'Cool in the morning and cloudy clear in the Evening. Got wood into wood house and piled it[.] Went to Hall to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 2 Cool in the morning cloudy, sun shone out warm awhile in middle of the day, finished getting in the wood, piled up the chunks. Miller called, Lib came up in Eve, with some Butter[.]
- 3 Cool and cloudy, clear in the evening. Went to Winsted with Eggs & Butter Eggs 22 Butter 30. Porter Frisbie rode down with me.
- 4 Cool rained in forenoon, cloudy all day[.] Went to Tolland to Munns got Horse shod[.]
- 5 Cold in the morning ground froze quite hard, warmer in afternoon. We went to Church I went to prayer meeting in Eve.
- 6 Milder cloudy and rained some during day, turned cows & sheep out for first time, made a hot bed sowed sime [sic] Lettuice [sic] & cabbage.
- 7 Cloudy and warmer bushed in some manure in forenoon. Trim[m]ed some apple trees in afternoon[.]
- 8 Cloudy and wet in the morning, broke away warmer, but not clear, trim[m]ed apple trees in fore noon [sic] got out 4 loads manure on Potatoe [sic] piece in afternoon[.]
- 9 Rained in the morning remained cloudy all day. Expected to go to Winste[d][.] Got out 6 loads manure. G Miller & Milo plowed for me in NW corner So lot[.]
- 10 Mild and pleseant during day, grew cold about 4 PM, quite cool in Eve & clear. Went to Winsted with 3 Bbls apples sold to L L Camp, [\$]3 Per B[b]l.
- 11 Cold in the morning rained and snowed so the ground was white Broke away about 10 AM squally in afternoon[.] Got out 5 loads manure on Potato piece.
- 12 [Ther] 28[.] Cold in morning ice  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch thick, cold air all day. We went to Church. I went to Prayer meeting in Eve[.]
- 13 Cool air in the morning pleseant but windy[.] Churned. Grasfted [sic] apple trees in briar lot and some in orchard west of House.
- 14 Very warm in middle of the day, and pleseant[.] Got out 5 loads manure finished the potatoe [sic] piece[.] Got Millers drag, dragged it over. Em went to Tolland with Lib[.]
- 15 Warm and pleseant cloudy in Eve signs of rain. Marked out and planted 6 rows Potatoes the first I planted[.]
- 16 Showers in forenoon hot in middle of day and a shower about 4 PM a good deal of water fell. Chored about in forenoon planted Potatoes awhile in afternoon[.]
- 17 Cloudy and warm. Went to Winsted with Butter and Eggs, took 87 lbs Butter 20 of it Millers.
- 18 Warm and pleseant a fine growing time[.] Worked at planting Potatoes in south lot. Thunder shower in Eve.
- 19 Warm and pleseant with a shower towards night. Went to Church and Prayer meeting in Eve S W Decker led[.]
- 20 Cold and windy[.] I worked at planting Potatoes in south lot road makers working west of House.
- 21 Cold for season water frozen in the morning, finished planting Potatoes in forenoon. A Soule came in afternoon to shear sheep got them up[.]
- 22 Cool but pleseant signs of a storm towards night. Soule finished shearing sheep in forenoon[.] Planted a little sweet corn.
- 23 Cloudy with a sprinkle of rain, cleared off about noon. Sowed 2 Bags Fertilizer on rye. Went to Miller, Em went too took Dinner there planted some Pop corn[.]
- 24 Warm and pleseant[.] Drew manure on NW corner south lot in afternoon, plowed garden in morning. Chapman harrowed awhile, in forenoon. Em & I went to Social in Eve.

- 25 Warm and pleseant some signs of rain towards night, drew manure on a piece I want to plant corn on in south lot[.]
- 26 Rained a little during day and cooler. Went to Church but few out, no prayer meeting in Eve.
- 27 Cloudy and foggy with showers in afternoon. Got out 3 loads manure. H Ripley left Pair steers here for Howd he and C Murphy came after them[.]
- 28 Cold for the season and windy. Carried Em and Mrs Nelson to Ladies room to repair Church cushions. Went to Dickensons [sic] Granville got 3 Bags grain.
- 29 Cold in the morning ground froze  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch milder during day, dragged over corn ground and marked out part of it, took 10 bush Hen manure down[.]
- 30 Warmer to day [sic], cloudy towards night, planted corn in south lot, used Hen manure and Fert[ilizer] in hill.
- 31 Cloudy and broken in the morning, a thunder shower in Winsted at 11 o'clock, Hailed some here. Went to Winsted ["t" not crossed] with Butter and Eggs. G Miller came up helped milk[.] A cold month. [In Amherst the 3<sup>rd</sup> coldest May since 1836; 2 colder since. April plus May also 3<sup>rd</sup> coldest since 1836; only 1917 colder since.]
- Jun 1 Warmer and pleseant cloudy towards night with signs of rain[.] Planted 10 rows corn in N West corner south lot.
  - 2 Cold and rained hard all day, done chores and read[.]
  - 3 Cloudy and warmer ground very wet. Chored about in the forenoon[.] Knocked manure on the Granger lot in the afternoon.
  - 4 Warm and pleseant in forenoon, cloudy wind south in afternoon signs of rain. Planted some Potatoes and corn[.] Carried Wife to the Hall to work on cushions for Church.
  - 5 Rained moderately all day, and quite hard towards night, broke away when sun set. Churned fixed Harness. Went to Millers just at night.
  - 6 Cloudy and a little warmer. Went to G Millers in the morning to see Lib she is sick, planted a few Potatoes in afternoon.
  - 7 Warm and pleseant[.] Planted some corn in south lot near road, finished the piece[.]
  - 8 Warmer and pleseant[.] Planted, [sic] some beans and cabbage seed. Put up some twine on corn piece, stuck some squash seed, cut a few brush, fixed fence north in forenoon[.]
  - 9 Pleseant and cooler[.] Drove cows north, left 2 of them up there[.] Went to Church & Prayer meeting[.] Pat & Len came over to Millers[.]
  - 10 Warm some what [sic] cloudy a light shower about 4 o'clock. Planted Potatoes and Pole Beans in garden, and a few Peas.
  - 11 Warmer but cloudy in the morning cleared off, drew some hog manure in south lot planted some Winter Squash Seed. Sowed some beets & Parsnips. Whitewashed the Kitchen.
  - 12 Warm and pleseant[.] Churned in the morning white washed [sic] the sitting room, burned some brush beside road East of House. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
  - 13 Warm and pleseant[.] Went to Mr Coolidge got some drier and painted the sitting room[.] Magranis called paid the Society note[.]
  - 14 Cloudy rained Early in the morning looked some like rain during day[.] Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter Mrs Stancliff rode down with me.
  - 15 Warm and pleseant[.] Started to take cow to D Barnes, his Bull gone[.] Took Sow to T Booths left her. Sent 2 Pigs on Stage to NH Cook in morning[.]
  - 16 Warm and pleseant[.] Went to Church, and up to Cemetery after service. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
  - 17 Very warm with a shower north of us in afternoon. Went to Booth got the sow. Got a load of sawdust at Frisbie mill.
  - 18 Very warm and pleseant helped work and ball the Butter in the morning[.] Got 2 loads sheep manure out of stable put it in hog pen[.]

- 19 Very warm with a hard thunder shower Early in the morning finished cleaning out sheep stable. Went to Frisbie old mill got a load of Boards. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 20 A little cloudy and quite warm with a light shower in Evening[.] Churned in morning[.] Went to Frisbie old mill got load boards. Chored about[.]
- 21 Warm and pleseant[.] Went to Westfield carried my wool shipped it to Agawam. Em went with me went up to Frank Amherst [sic]. I took supper with Ladies So[ciety].
- 22 Very warm with a shower in afternoon north and south of us a few drops here, hoed in the garden in forenoon. Chored about in afternoon. Churned in Eve.
- 23 Warm and pleseant quite hot in morning no air stirring, done up chores went to Church had a Dedication Service some over from Tolland[.]
- 24 Warm and pleseant[.] Cultivated the corn and Potatoes in forenoon, hoed awhile in afternoon. Em came home William came with her.
- 25 Hot with a shower in afternoon, hoed in garden awhile, and corn. Mrs Hodges & Mrs J P Hall came spent the day visited with them.
- 26 Very warm with a light shower in afternoon. Went to Westfield got Burton Cooley got 2 Screen Doors[.]
- 27 Cool and windy all day. Albert Sheets came down we went to Cemetery, we helped B Jones, C H Treat Mr Coolidge mow it. Dressed 7 Hens to take to Winsted[.]
- 28 Cool in the morning warm in middle of day. Went to Winsted with Eggs Butter and some Hens.
- 29 Cloudy with signs of rain, it rained all night[.] Geo W Treat helped me hoe Potatoes.
- 30 Cool rained a little in the morning cleared off, some cloudy all day. Burton and I went to Church. Pat & Len came over to Church, called a few minutes[.]
- Jul 1 [First entry erased] Warm and pleseant cultivated corn and Potatoes and hoed some.
- 2 [First entry erased] Hot cloudy with light showers. Hoed corn and Potatoes in south lot. A J Soule called.
- 3 Cooler somewhat cloudy pleseant in afternoon finished hoeing. Put Sow acroos [sic] road, mowed a little around well. Got out maching [sic] mowed a little. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 4 Cool in morning and quite so in Eve, good hay day. Mowed a piece north of House, left it spread, took William and Burton to top of Ore Hill in Eve to see the fire works [sic] we got quite cool.
- 5 Warm and pleseant good hay day. Mowed awhile in House lot raked and got in 5 small loads in afternoon Albert helped me.
- 6 Very warm with a shower about 4 PM. Finished mowing a piece NW of House in forenoon raked what I mowed yesterday got in 2 loads Albert Sheets helped me.
- 7 Cloudy and hot, with a light shower in afternoon. Went to Church Burton & William went with me. Fred Decker & family there. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 8 Warm and pleseant a good hay day, helped Albert Sheets hoe Potatoes in fore noon [sic] he helped me get in 3 loads hay in afternoon. Miller Teddered a piece for me.
- 9 Warm and pleseant a good hay day, finished mowing the House lot and mowed the orchard in afternoon, did not get in any.
- 10 Warm and pleseant hay dried well. Mowed around the apple trees raked some before dinner. Got in 2 small loads, raked the orchard mowed some north of orchard.
- 11 Rained in the morning awhile and in afternoon[.] Cocked up 40 heaps hay in orchard some in win[d]row[.] Went to Munn got Horse shod, the boys went with me. Went to Millers.
- 12 Cloudy rained quite hard awhile in morning and a shower about 1 PM, cleared off. Went to Winsted, William went with me, took Butter & Eggs 30 cts[.]
- 13 Pleseant a good hay day[.] Worked in garden awhile opened the hay in orchard, raked and got in 4 loads cleaned up. Albert helped me in afternoon.



- 14 Warm a good hay day. The boys and I went to Church, Text, Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.
- 15 Cloudy and foggy in the morning broke away towards noon, hot, hoed in garden awhile, got Betsey and calf from [sic] north lot. Plowed out the corn and Potatoes. W Eaton stayed ["t" not crossed] all night[.]
- 16 Foggy in morning some broken not much of a hay day. Put Paris green on Potatoes. Mowed some for Sheets on his back lot.
- 17 Cloudy and somewhat broken very warm with a shower towards night[.] Fixed mower pulled weeds out of corn. Mowed a piece north of orchard.
- 18 Very Hot, with showers at the north. Mowed with Horse awhile in forenoon for Sheets helped him get in, in afternoon. Will Eaton worked for him in afternoon[.]
- 19 Warm a good hay day[.] Eaton worked for me mowed a piece south of road in morning got in 2 loads north of orchard & 3 south of road[.]
- 20 Cloudy and warm with a shower in Evening with sharp lightening [sic]. Will mowed in SE corner south lot, did not dry. I chored about, dressed 4 chick[en]s took them to Mrs Russell & another lady[.]
- 21 Cool and pleseant, a fine day. Burton & I went to Church, had an Excellent Sermon, text Luke 17<sup>th</sup> chapter] 21<sup>st</sup> verse] ["Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."]. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve.
- 22 Cool in morning, warmer, before noon, clouded up rained a little, cloudy all afternoon. Will & I helped mow the Parsonage lot & some in south lot in forenoon, he mowed some in afternoon.
- 23 Cooler somewhat cloudy a fair hay day, finished mowing south lot in forenoon, Will mowed in Granger lot, got in 2 loads[.] Spread hay at Parsonage.
- 24 Warm some foggy in the morning cloudy in forenoon, clear in afternoon with a light shower in Eve. Mowed old lane, raked in south lot got in 5 loads finished south lot.
- 25 Warm a good hay day signs of a storm towards night. Got in 3 loads from south lot, finished it[.] Mowed some in Granger lot got one load left out a load in win[d]row[.] Dr Emrich here leld [sic] meeting in Eve I went.
- 26 Cloudy and muggy a shower in morning and another in afternoon sun shone some. Went to P Newton Telephoned to Winsted tried to sell a calf[.] Will mowed in afternoon[.]
- 27 Very windy all day & it blew last night cool and pleseant. Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter, Eggs 30 cts, got some scythes. Will mowed on Granger lot raked and cocked it.
- 28 Cool and pleseant. [Rest is erased and rewritten] We all went to Church a good sermon text Josh[ua] 24<sup>th</sup> chapter] 15<sup>th</sup> verse], ["And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord,"] Choose you this day whom ye will serve ["whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose lands ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."], an Excellent Sermon.
- 29 Clear and pleseant a good Hay day clouded up about 6 PM signs of rain, finished mowing Granger lot got in 4 big loads left out 22 big heaps.
- 30 Warm and pleseant a good hay day. Mowed the little sheep lot got 1 load got 2 from Granger lot finished home place[.]
- 31 A little cloudy in morning broke away a good hay day. I mowed a part of the corner lot on Fenn place got in 3 loads[.] Will mowed around the barn and yard left it in swath.
- Aug 1 Warm somewhat cloudy sun shone a little, grew damp in afternoon. Mowed awhile south of Barn on Fenn place, finished mowing corner got in 1 load, and mowed by hand.
- 2 Warm with a shower of rain and hail about 1:30[.] Mowed on Fenn place East of hen houses, got in 1 load the rest of it is spread out. Mowed some after show[e]r killed 4 chick[en]s & a calf.

- 3 Warm and pleseant, a good hay day. Went to Westfield with a veal calf, 117 lbs 11 cts. William my Grandson went with me, he went home to Amherst. I got home and got in 2 loads hay from Fenn place. Eaton & Alber[t] Sheets worked[.]
- 4 Rained in the morning Early cleared off at, 8, [sic] AM. Burton & I went to Church, Text Matt[hew] 21<sup>st</sup> chapter] 28<sup>th</sup> verse], Go work in my vineyard to day [sic].
- 5 Pleseant in the forenoon[n] a little hazy in afternoon a good hay day. Mowed on Fenn lot got in 5 loads, drew one home. Albert, & Eaton worked.
- 6 Rained very Early in the morning cloudy and muggy in forenoon broken in afternoon[.] Eaton mowed all day[.] I chored about, mowed awhile in afternoon[.]
- 7 Warm and pleseant, a good hay day, finished mowing the Fenn lot, got in 4 loads left out 2 load. Wm Eaton & Albert Sheets helped me.
- 8 Warm and pleseant, a good hay day. Got in 2 loads hay in the morning on the Fenn place, Will & Albert helped get it in, mowed a little beside road. Went to Millers in Eve.
- 9 Warm and hazy in morning clear in afternoon. Picked some huckeleberries [sic] on north lot chored about some.
- 10 Very warm and pleseant[.] Went to Winsted with Eggs & Butter & <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Bush Berries[.] Arial Frost came stayed all night.
- 11 Hot, and clear. We went to Church, Mr Coolidge preached his farewell Sermon Text Romans 11<sup>th</sup> chapter] 1<sup>st</sup> verse] ["I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."]. Pat & Len came to Church, A Frost here[.] I went to meeting in Eve, service in Church. Text, Not having seen yet, I love.
- 12 [Ther] 98[.] Very warm Hazy in the west in afternoon signs of showers in Eve. Cradled a part of the rye. Arial Frost went away in morning[.]
- 13 Cooler with showers south of here, clear in afternoon finished cutting rye in the forenoon. Picked Huceleberries [sic] on north lot in afternoon[.]
- 14 Cooler and windy but pleseant. Picked berries on north lot. Worked at raking and binding rye awhile[.] Mr Coolidge & Wife drove in yard to say good Bye, in Eve.
- 15 Warm and pleseant finished binding the rye and got it in in 3 small loads. Went berrying awhile in afternoon.
- 16 Warm and pleseant raked over the rye piece got the scatterings into barn, drew a little load of hay from Fenn barn went berry[in]g awhile.
- 17 Cloudy and rained a little in the morning cleared off in afternoon a little shower in Eve. Went on north lot to see cow May. Mowed side road East. Went down street in Eve, with a fowl.
- 18 Cooler and pleseant[.] Went to Church Rev Scoot [sic] from So Wiltiamstown [sic] preached as a candidate. Gilbert & Lib called Em rode to Sheets and around to Deckers with them[.]
- 19 Cool in the morning warm during day, ground very dry. Cleaned out the Spring in pasture threshed the rye scattings cut brush beside wall East side orchard[.]
- 20 Very warm and dry Springs and wells low[.] Cut brush south side old lane.
- 21 Cloudy with signs of rain had a light shower about noon but not Enough to lay the dust. We went a berrying on north lot[.] Brunk Sow had 6 Pigs[.]
- 22 Cool in morning, warm in middle of day. Went to Riverton got some grain Burton Cooley went with me[.]
- 23 Cooler and cloudy with signs of a much needed rain. Cut brush beside and top of wall East side of house lot, dressed 2 chick[en]s.
- 24 Rained Early in the morning, ground quite wet, did not rain much during day, foggy and damp. Went to Winsted with Eggs & Butter Eggs 35 cts.
- 25 Cooler and pleseant quite windy. Done chores turned cows north, and looked for cow, May, did not find her. No preaching at Church[.]

- 26 Cool and quite windy[.] [Short erasure] I went on north lot looked for cow May found her on Brunks meadow, drove her home cut brush awhile[.]
- 27 Cool in the morning cloudy some signs of rain, cloudy in Eve a few drops water fell. Mrs Deming Eva Smith & Len came over took dinner. Cut brush awhile.
- 28 Cool in the morning very dry. Cut brush in forenoon near old lane. We all went on north lot berrying.
- 29 Cool in the morning and quite windy. Cut brush awhile north of old Lane in forenoon cut some in south lot in afternoon.
- 30 Cloudy with signs of rain, sprinkled a little in afternoon, burned some brush East side of orchard, in forenoon[.] Cut brush in south lot in afternoon.
- 31 Cool and pleseant. Cut brush west side of orchard lot. Miller called[.] Abner Fenn came in afternoon we went on north lot got a few berries he spent the night[.]
- Sep 1 Cool all day and in Eve quite cool. Went to Church Abner went with me. Rev Mr Chapin of New Salem preached as a candidate, had a service in Eve.
- 2 Cool rained some had a thunder shower in Eve rained quite hard. Visited with Abner. <sup>d[itt]o</sup> J Alden Wife and 2 children took tea with us, they were stopping at Mr Nelson's[.]
- 3 Cloudy and warm but not rainey [sic][.] Chored about in forenoon. Miller came up, went down there got some grain. Cleaned out the creamery.
- 4 Warm rained Early in the morning, showery in forenoon, broken in the afternoon, threshed rye, part of the day[.] Ruth Nelson & Mabel Rivers called in Eve.
- 5 Cloudy and showery broken in afternoon and hot, showery in Eve, finished threshing rye.
- 6 Warm and pleseant[.] Went up to Cemetery helped Ben Jones mow the old yard, in forenoon. Cut some corn butchered a calf[.]
- 7 Cooler and pleseant hazy in afternoon signs of storm. Went to Winsted with Butter Eggs and a veal. Eggs 35 Butter 30, veal 11 cts. Rev Chapin stayed with us, all night[.]
- 8 Cool with signs of rain, cloudy in Eve. Rev Chapin preached came back from Tolland stayed with us all night[.]
- 9 Cloudy signs of rain rained a little during night. Went to Tolland got Horse shod, in forenoon. Got up the sheep[.]
- 10 Cloudy and damp signs of rain, took Buck to Deckers, went to C D Treats got fanning mill, drew up some corn to feed cows.
- 11 Cloudy and damp cleared off about 11, had a hard shower about 2 PM, repaired the wagon Platform[.]
- 12 Mild and pleseant[.] Burton and I went to Blandford to the Fair, Albert Sheets went with us[.]
- 13 Warm and pleseant[.] Put a bottom onto platform and set the wagon in Potatoe [sic] piece dug awhile in afternoon. Frank came about 6 PM drove down[.]
- 14 Warm and pleseant quite hot in middle of the day, dug Potatoes in forenoon, unloaded in afternoon, drew up a little corn to feed. Visited with Frank[.]
- 15 Warm and pleseant drove cows onto north lot. Frank went up with me, we called to Hargers. Mrs Parsons and Sarah Will Curtis and Mother drove out about noon[.]
- 16 Warm and pleseant hot in middle of day[.] Churned in the morning dug 2 rows Potatoes East of corn. Went and looked at sheep with Frank. He got back from Tolland about noon[.]
- 17 Cooler cloudy in morning with a sprinkle of rain and a bow in the west. Went down to the Church in the morning with Frank, he went home, dug a few Potatoes[.]
- 18 Cloudy and cool rained a very little in afternoon[.] Churned in the morning dug Potatoes the rest of the day. Mr Cooledge [sic] called in Eve[.]
- 19 Cloudy in the morning with signs of rain cleared off warm. Went to Carl Osbornes W[est] H[artland] got a Bbl of Flour \$6.50 dug Potatoes in afternoon[.] Cattle Show at New Boston[.]
- 20 Warm and cloudy in the morning with signs of rain cleared off, dug Potatoes awhile in forenoon, got up and butchered 2 Lambs[.] Went to Sheets in Eve to a Social[.]

- 21 Hot with a thunder shower towards night. Went to Winsted with Butter Eggs and 2 Lambs sold to Fancher & Son 82 lbs 14 cts. Stopped on way home to Mr Howds rained all the way home from there[.]
  - 22 Cloudy with signs of rain, done chores took cows on north lot. Em & I drove to Pease, Hall & Hayes place, in afternoon[.]
  - 23 Rained quite hard nearly all day and quite hard from 4 till 7 in Eve. Went to Frisbies mill near Deckers got a load of saw dust [sic]. Cleaned up rye 12 bushels, chored about[.]
  - 24 Cool and a little windy some signs of a frost[.] Churned in the morning cut some corn in afternoon, very good corn.
  - 25 Cool in the morning but no frost. Cut corn in forenoon, dug Potatoes in the afternoon[.]
  - 26 Pleseant but cooler wind SW cool in Eve signs of frost, dug Potatoes all day a fair yield.
  - 27 Cool in the morning and cloudy rained a little in afternoon a little frost in morning[.] Went to PO paid my tax dug a few Potatoes in afternoon[.]
  - 28 Cloudy wind NE rained a little during day and quite hard in Eve. Cleaned out slaughter barn in forenoon. Went to Mr Magranis with Wife & Burton[.]
  - 29 Rained hard from NE till noon, and cold, rained some in afternoon and Evening, did not turn out the cows until afternoon read and done chores no preaching[.]
  - 30 Cloudy and cool in the morning, warmer and broken in afternoon, drew out 6 loads manure from hog pen spread it on mowing south of old lane[.]
- Oct 1
- Mild for the season[.] Chored about in forenoon. Put old Sow in Pen, dug Potatoes in afternoon[.]
  - 2 Mild Warm and pleseant[.] Dug Potatoes in south lot. Went to Millers in the morning got some Ice. Drew Potatoes on Barn floor[.]
  - 3 Mild and pleseant signs of rain in Eve. Went to E Hartland to Cattle Show, Wife and Burton Cooley went with me.
  - 4 Rained from 2 o[']clock in the morning till nearly noon Broken in afternoon and pleseant in Eve. Got up sheep butchered 2 Lambs in afternoon. A Newton called[.] Went to Ladies Soc[iety] in Eve[.]
  - 5 Mild and pleseant with a light shower in Eve. Went to Winsted with Eggs Butter Potatoes & 2 Lambs got home about 8 in Eve [Sunset ~5:36].
  - 6 Cool and somewhat windy. We all went to Church, Rev Cook of Boston preached.
  - 7 Warm and pleseant. Went to Millers got some ice fixed a little fence, dug Potatoes awhile left them in the field. Signs of rain towards night[.]
  - 8 Cold <sup>and windy</sup> rained hard the latter part of the night and in the morning broke away towards noon, fixed the wire next [to] the north road, dug potatoes in afternoon. Harry Hakes came.
  - 9 Cool in the morning with a heavy frost ground froze, warm during day unloaded Potatoes dug some. Harry went to Tolland in afternoon[.]
  - 10 Mild and pleseant. Harry started back via Westfield Emeline & Burton rode in with him. I took 4 Bushel Potatoes to Mrs Parsons. We done some trading got home 7:30 in Eve.
  - 11 Cool in the morning some cloudy, thunder shower in Eve. Picked apples in west pasture. Wm Eaton came took Dinner and stayed all night[.]
  - 12 Warm and very pleseant[.] Picked apples in west pasture, some nice Baldwin[s][.] Eaton took Horse went to Chandler got his trunk[.]
  - 13 Cool and frosty in the morning, pleseant during day. Done chores and read, no service in Church. The remains of Mrs Mary Bates of Chester brought to this Cemetery and burried [sic][.]
  - 14 Cool in the morning and pleseant during day[.] Wife & I went to Westfield to F A Rich Jefferson St packed crockery sent to Carrie, in Washington got home 7:30[.]
  - 15 Cool and some windy finished picking apples in west pasture picked some beside road near Fenn place. Mrs Gibbs came stayed all night[.]

- 16 Warm and very pleseant. Picked a few apples in Fenn place, fixed up the wire beside road turned cows into Fenn mowing, dug a few Potato[es] in afternoon[.]
  - 17 Cool but pleseant. Went to Millers got some ice, finished digging Potato[e]s had about 85 bushel of eating ones, put up 2 bush, to take to Winsted. Got in 2 loads corn[.]
  - 18 Pleseant for the season cool towards night. Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter, took 2 Bust [sic] Potatoes 85 cts. Got home about 7 PM.
  - 19 Cool but pleseant signs of a storm in Eve[.] Got in 5 loads corn picked the beans in garden. Eaton came got his trunk[.]
  - 20 Cool snowed in the morning turned to rain, did not storm much, snowed in Eve. Alden Fenn called, he came last night with the Nelsons[.] Done chores[.]
  - 21 Cold and very windy ground covered with snow or ice water froze  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Picked apples in young orchard they were frozen in the morning[.]
  - 22 Cold in the morning a cold night, very pleseant and warmer towards night and in Eve. Picked up apples in young orchard put them in the cellar.
  - 23 Mild and cloudy showery west of us wind rose about 3 PM cleared off. Got out 4 loads manure spread it on Granger lot, burned the Potatoes tops in afternoon.
  - 24 Mild and somewhat windy. Dressed 8 Chickens in forenoon, husked corn in afternoon. Mr Coolidge called, going to Tolland[.] Mrs Decker & Mrs Frisbie called[.]
  - 25 Cool and somewhat windy with signs of rain, black in NW. Went to Winsted with 10 Bush Potatoes to Mrs Fard [Ford?], 85 cts Bush.
  - 26 Mild and pleseant some windy, threshed out the Beans, and chored about in forenoon[.] Got in the rest of the corn in afternoon.
  - 27 Cloudy wind SE commenced raining about 3 PM. Done chores salted sheep and read.
  - 28 Warmer and rained all day and night, a large amount of water fell. Husked corn part of the day. Went to Deckers got my Buck put him in with sheep[.]
  - 29 Rained hard Early in the morning and some till noon wind west cleared off in afternoon cool and very windy husked corn. Killed and dressed 3 hens[.] Got letters from Frank & Carrie[.]
  - 30 Cold in the morning and windy, pleseant in Eve. Churned. Went to Frisbies mill got a load of sawdust put it under Church shed. Put up 5 Bbls apples. Went to Chicken Pie Supper[.]
  - 31 Cold in the morning froze hard. Pleseant during day, took 5 Bbls apples to Riverton to go to Meriden, to H H Fenn. A cool month[.] [In Amherst the 10<sup>th</sup> coolest October since 1836; only one, 1925, has been cooler since.]
- Nov 1 Warm and very pleseant. Got some ice at G Millers. Went to the old mill got a length of shafting. Chored about in afternoon. Butchered 2 Lambs for Albert Sheets.
- 2 Cloudy and foggy in morning wind SE comme[n]ced raining about 9 AM, rained very hard in Eve, husked corn.
  - 3 Cloudy and broken light showers towards night. We all went to Church. Spencer from Amherst preached a good Sermon, All things work togethe[r] for good to them that love God.
  - 4 Cool and windy. Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter carried 2 Lambs for Albert Sheets. Horse taken lame had Dr Judson see him, called it rheumatism. Stayed all night at Deweys.
  - 5 Cold in the morning and frosty cloudy signs of rain. Horse better got some Powders of Judson came home got here 2 PM.
  - 6 Cloudy wind NE rained hard all day and night[.] Albert came down in morning. I husked corn. G Miller came up paid him for his Butter.
  - 7 Cloudy rained a little in the forenoon broke away cooler & windy, husked corn braaded [sic] up some carried it into corn house. Went to Sheets.
  - 8 Cool and a little windy husked the Pop Corn 4 Bush finished husking the field corn had 40 bush, good corn
  - 9 Mild and very pleseant[.] Made a Hog box, dressed a hen. Chas Moody called to see about Cooleys stove[.] Mrs Hodges called to buy a Pig[.]

- 10 Rained a little in the forenoon cloudy all day. Burton & I went to Church, Ruth Nelson went with us. Rev Silas Sargent from Halifax preached as a candidate.
- 11 Cloudy and broken, cool. Went to Tolland got Horse shod in forenoon. Went to Goodniss to get him to plow. Got 3 bags cotton seed at Millers[.]
- 12 Cool chilly air, feels like snow. Pleseant[.] Went to Winsted with 9 bush Potatoes for L S Humphrey, took Dinner there, bought 2 B[arred] R[ock] roosters of Wilson for G Miller[.]
- 13 Cold in the morning cloudy in afternoon cleared off bright moonlight. Went to Boot[h]s with Sow brought her back. Went to M Nelsons to a Social in Eve.
- 14 Cold with a squall of snow in morning milder in afternoon[.] Got up sheep. Butchered a Lamb. Got out 2 loads manure in afternoon[.]
- 15 Cold in the morning warmer in afternoon[.] Went to Winsted with Butter and Eggs, got back 6:30 PM.
- 16 Cold in the morning with some signs of storm Clear and pleseant in Eve. Got out 5 loads manure, burn[e]d some brush on Granger lot. Rev Sargent came stayed with us all night[.]
- 17 Cool but pleseant[.] We all went to Church[.] Rev Sargant [sic] preached as a candidate, stayed with us. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve[.]
- 18 Cloudy looked like rain all day, rained a little in Eve. Got out 7 loads manure north of House spread on mowing.
- 19 Warmer thawed so roads quite muddy[.] Charlie Chapman came up and plowed turf north of Barn. Went to Granville got 42 Gallons cider made[.]
- 20 Rained a little cold in the morning, warmer towards night, laid pipe in drain, put floor in Horse Stall. Miller came up[.]
- 21 Cool in the morning but pleseant warmer towards night, roads very rough put up 5 bags Potato[e]s and a Bbl apples. W Bates & Fred Stevens came after Pigs[.]
- 22 Warm somewhat cloudy in afternoon. Plowed where I had corn sowed on 2 bush rye dragged it in worked till after dark [Sunset 4:34][.]
- 23 Mild pleseant in forenoon, cloudy in afternoon. Went to Winsted Burton Cooley went with me, took 5 Bush Potato[e]s & Bbl apples, got home 7:30[.]
- 24  
Cool NE wind snowed in afternoon & Eve. Done chores, read. Got up the sheep in afternoon.
- 25 Cloudy wind East in morning, got into West, thawed some ground covered with snow, helped Sheets get up Soules sheep[.] Plastered around cellar door[.]
- 26  
Pleseant in the morning cloudy and snow squall in afternoon, good slaying [sic] in morning. Albert came dow[n] got Soules sheep & my Buck. I went to Millers and Welch store got K Oil[.]
- 27 Cool in morning cloudy during day. Dressed 2 Hens went to Frisbies mill got a load sawdust. Covered the Barn drain tile. Decker called. Went up to Sheets and into his East woods[.]
- 28 Mild and pleseant thawed some. Got out 4 loads manure in forenoon on sled. Thanksgiving day had Chicken Pie and Indian baked Pudding[.]
- 29 Mild and pleseant[.] Went to Winsted with Eggs and Butter, hard going started at 7 AM got back at 7 PM.
- 30 Cool in the morning pleseant during day[.] Went to Frisbie mill got a load of sawdust Burton went with me, fixed stable doors put in some window glass in hen house.
- Dec 1 Cool cloudy East wind signs of a storm. We went to Church Mr Sargeant [sic] preached.
- 2  
Cloudy snowed a little in the morning cleared off, cool in Eve. Cut wood on Sheets on Fenn lot.
- 3 Mild and very pleseant, signs of a storm in Eve. Cut wood on Sheets Fenn lot, Fred Hunt helped me.
- 4 Snowed in forenoon wind NE broken in afternoon some squal[l]y put 2 wagons in Fenn Barn. Magranis called drew 2 loads wood from Fenn lot. Mr Aldrich & Ruth Nelson called in Eve.

- 5 Cold in the morning somewhat windy, a little warmer in afternoon drew 6 loads wood from Fenn lot to House[.]
- 6 Cloudy with signs of a storm not very cold, drew 2 loads wood put a shoe on sled in forenoon, drew 3 load in afternoon[.]
- 7 Warm and pleseant, thawed some, drew 4 loads of wood snow thawed off so I quit put a shoe on sled. Burtons [7<sup>th</sup>] birthday. Harriet Sheets came down stayed awhile with him[.]
- 8 Warm and pleseant[.] I went to Church Burton did not feel well enough to go. Went to Prayer meeting in Eve, Ruth rode down with me.
- 9 Warm thawed so roads quite muddy. Got out 6 loads manure out of manure shed, spread it on mowing NW of House[.]
- 10 Rained hard in the forenoon and moderately in afternoon, not very cold. Cleaned out the Hen House, in the forenoon[.] Chored about in afternoon[.]
- 11 Cooler cloudy ground thawed out, froze towards night. Went to Millers in morning got some ice. Cut wood in afternoon on Sheets, Fenn lot.
- 12 Cool and windy with light squalls of snow took Sow to North Club, no good. Sawed wood awhile at House.
- 13 Cold in the morning clear and pleseant, signs of a storm in Eve. Cut wood in forenoon on the Fenn lot, took young Sow to Booths brought he[r] back.
- 14 Cool wind NE and cloudy, commenced snowing about 9 AM wind blew hard, all day. Cut wood awhile in morning, done the chores[.]
- 15 Mild and cloudy snowed a little quite damp, 10 or 12 inches on ground. Got out the slay [sic] went to Church Ruth went with us.
- 16 Mild and cloudy wind west somewhat windy. Went to Winsted with Butter and Eggs, with a slay [sic], road not very good to W Hartland[.]
- 17 Mild and pleseant[.] Drew 4 loads wood from Fenn lot to House, very good sledding[.]
- 18 Mild and pleseant some signs of a storm in Eve. Went to Millers got bag Bran & 1 of cotton seed, drew 5 loads wood from Fenn lot. Went to Millers in Eve to Prayer meeting[.]
- 19 Cold in the morning pleseant during day good slaying [sic], drew wood from Fenn lot to House[.]
- 20 Cool with signs of a storm towards night, cloudy in Eve, drew 4 loads wood from Fenn lot. Ladies Society held here, a pleseant time 25 present.
- 21 Mild and pleseant, thawed a little[.] Chored about went to Millers got some grain[.]
- 22 Mild and pleseant, good sleighing. We all went to Church. I went to Prayer meeting in the Eve, a bright moonlight Eve [Full moon on 19<sup>th</sup>, rises 7:10 PM]. Wrote to Carrie in the Eve.
- 23 Rained quite hard in the forenoon and some in afternoon, clear in Eve. Churned done chores.
- 24 Cool and windy but not frozen, hard trave[l]ing ["t" not crossed][.] Went to store and to Frisb[ie] mill got a load of sawdust[.] Sawed wood awhile in afternoon.
- 25 Mild and plesea[n]t, cloudy towards night signs of a storm clear in Eve. Chopped wood in Fenn woods in forenoon, had baked Hen for dinner. Got partly re[a]dy to go to Winsted tomorro[w][.]
- 26 Mild and pleseant froze a a [sic] little[.] Went to Winsted with Butter, went with wagon, good slaying [sic] part of the way. Sick all night with teeth ache did not sleep much.
- 27 Pleseant in the morning cloudy in afternoon signs of a storm clear in Eve, done part of the Chores in morning, went to bed did not sit up all day. Albert done chores. An[n]ual meeting and rool [sic] call Cong[regational] Society[.]
- 28 Warm and pleseant in morning did not freeze rained about noon awhile cleared off roads muddy, felt better sit up nearly all day. Mr Nelson called. Alber[t] done chores.
- 29 Mild and pleseant thawed some. I felt better so was able to do the chores. B F Jones called.

- 30 Cloudy and foggy rained awhile in the morning, wind changed to the west broken, a shower in Eve, and very windy, done chores went to Millers. Went to School House in Eve, had a Xmas tree and Exercises by Children[.]
- 31 Very windy and cool snow squalled a little in morning milder towards night. Done the Chores, sawed a little wood in afternoon. Got a letter from Carrie[.]

[Memoranda] April 16, Dr to A H Case[.] To 75<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lbs sugar [ @ ] 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> [cts] = [\$]9.44 [plus] 1 Gallon Syrup [\$]1.00[.] Paid \$10.44[.]

[Memoranda] Expenses for Haying[.] Wm Eaton 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day [\$]25.75[.] Albert Sheets [\$]9.00[.] [Total = \$]34.75[.]

[Memoramda] Chas A Sheets Dr[.] July 16<sup>[th]</sup> To 4 Hours mowing with Horse; 18<sup>[th]</sup> To 5 Hours work with Horse = to = 18 Hours work. Paid[.] W. Eaton <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day Paid[.]

1908 Turned Nan ~~Pat to Millers Aug 10<sup>th</sup> Due May 10<sup>th</sup> '09~~ Oct 30<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Turned Kit to Millers Bull ~~Sept 12<sup>[th]</sup> '08 Oct 23<sup>[rd]</sup> '08~~ Sept 22<sup>[nd]</sup> '08[.] Took Sow to Booth ~~Aug 21<sup>[st]</sup> 1908 Due Dec 8<sup>[th]</sup> '08~~ Took Sow to Booths Nov 23<sup>[rd]</sup> '08 Due March 15<sup>[th]</sup> '09[.]

[Memoranda] Took Granny to Nelsons March 11<sup>[th]</sup> Due Dec 11<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Took Mollie to Nelson May 15<sup>[th]</sup>, Due Feb 15<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Turned Alice ~~July 8 Aug 19<sup>[th]</sup>~~, Due May 19<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Turned Kit to Magranis July 28<sup>[th]</sup>, Sept 17<sup>[th]</sup> & Oct 27<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Due July 27<sup>[th]</sup>[.] BPO[.] Turned Nan [at?] Pat Aug 25<sup>[th]</sup> and Sept 14<sup>[th]</sup> = Due June 14<sup>[th]</sup>[.] Turned May Nov 19<sup>[th]</sup>. Turned Maria Dec 13<sup>[th]</sup> Due Sept 13<sup>[th]</sup> '08[.]

[Memoranda] Took Sow to Booths Jan 11<sup>[th]</sup> Due to Pig May 3<sup>[rd]</sup>[.] Paid[.] Took Brunk Sow to

Booths April 29<sup>[th]</sup>, Due Aug 19<sup>[th]</sup>. Took Sow to Booths due Oct 6<sup>[th]</sup> '07. Took Brunk Sow to

Booths Nov 13<sup>[th]</sup>, Due March 6<sup>[th]</sup>, '08[.] Took young Sow to Booths Dec 13<sup>[th]</sup>, Due April 3<sup>[rd]</sup> '08[.]

[Pocket in back of diary contents:]

Freight Bill New York, New Haven & Hartford RR Co. Sears Roebuck 1 Cutter ctd [?], 1 Pr shafts upd [?] [\$]4.74. Jan 2, 1904.

Receipt for Litchfield County Leader, March 13, 1904 to March 13, 1905. \$1.00. Citizen Printing Co.

Received of Cyrus W Ives Administrator of Emoline [sic] O Ives estate \$113.33 Frank T Ives Amherst Mass July 16, 1915 & Carrie M Cooley Granville Mass July 20, 1915.

Receipt from Carrie Estate of E O Ives W Granville Mass Aug 14, 1914 \$822.13.

[Clipping] Massachusetts. Massachusetts rises in Barrett Wendell's backyard, and flows thence in an Easterly direction through Harvard college [sic] football field, and empties into the Back bay. It is bounded on the north by the Transcendental Aesthetic, on the east by the Atlantic Monthly, on the south by Charles Eliot Norton, and on the west by the Chicago university [sic]. Massachusetts is the only State in the Union where a man can be a religious infidel and retain the respect of everyone. Massachusetts is noted for pie, pugilism and peripatetics. It seceded from Mary Baker Eddy some years ago, and is now only a limited beanery, with no claims on anyone.

[contd] Massachusetts has for its trademark the Masasachusetts face, known all over the world.

A man with a Massachusetts face is welcome wherever there is a text-book. Massachusetts raises beliefs, cranks, and old maids. When a man visits Massachusetts he can steer clear of beliefs, can learn to avoid cranks, but the old maids will get him if he doesn't watch out.

Massachusetts is the only state of mind we have. It is divided into two parts - Boston and the overflow. When you are born in Boston, a physician call[s] and presents you with a college degree, after which you are fully equipped to live in New York and look down on the barbarians of that gambling district.



[Clipping] For the Commercial Advertiser. January. By Jennie Joy. Another year is born to us! At the close of a calm, holy, Sabbath day, the old year went wearily to her death. Tears were shed as the day of her departure drew near, for, from her glorious natal hour, until the robes were whitened and prepared for her burial, had she [sic] been to us what no other year had ever been. Who can measure the worth of the dear, kind friends who had gathered around us at her bidding, or form a just estimate of the value of the countless blessings which her hand had so lavishly scattered at our feet? To her had we breathed our hopes, whispered our fears, confided our secrets with no apprehensions of betrayal, and ever found her faithful. And so we watched with her until the last, while stars, like bright sentinals stepped forth to guard the few remaining hours of her existence [sic] from the hostile invasion of warring elements; and the winds of heaven chanted a low requiem for the pale, cold, dying year, passing slowly away.

At the last breath of the old, lo! a new bright year came forth, anointed with the oil of joy, clad in the garments of praise and thanksgiving.

It is the beginning of another chapter in the great book which God Himself is writing, a chapter of three hundred and sixty-five pages which you and I, reader, must read, some of us in the soft, mild, roseate glow of youth's glad morning, some in the brilliant light of the meridian sun, and others in the cool, grey, subdued shades of life's decline. In joy and gladness, or pain and weariness, as God willeth.

But whether the leaves shall be turned in light or darkness, it were better not to mar the Heaven-executed volume by useless tears or vain regrets; but to strive to find on every leaf the finger-marks of the Creator, and in every line some sweet lesson of patience, trust and love, which may hallow and brighten each page of the chapter as it unrolls before us.

And shall we not endeavor to make this chapter purer and better than any previous one, more worthy to be placed in the high archives of Heaven when all is finished? And it were expedient for us to remember that it is not only deeds and words that are recorded within the ponderous cover of God's book, but also the thoughts that spring up in the soul without utterance - sinful, unholy reflections, thoughts we would blush to speak, which help to make up this volume of our lives. Let us guard well these secret channels of thought, checking the foul, turbid waters at the fountain head, lest they flow forth and defile the chaste pages we fain would preserve unsullied, spotless.

And may we hope that when the great volume of our lives is completed, and "The End" finishes the last chapter; when we stand before the tribunal of high Heaven to review its written pages, we may find that the tears of penitence have washed out many a blot, the blood of a Crucified Redeemer cleansed it from all stain.