

COPY of the DAILY RECORD  
of  
JAMES COOLEY

January 1, 1850

- Went from home to Springfield to attend Probate Court.
- 2 Received a letter from Hon. W. B. Calhoun, Sec. of the Commonwealth informing that the votes for State Senator had been counted and that there was no choice of Senators in Hampden County - that my name was among the List of Candidates and would probably be chosen and that he wished me to be in Boston as soon as possible.
- 3 At Springfield getting coat, overcoat, vest and pantaloons made at Daniel Strongs. Paid him \$30. for same.
- 4 Started for and arrived at Boston 6 o'clock p.m. Hon. Mr. Hawley of Northampton, Senator elect from Hampshire informed me that I was elected together with Hon. Aaron King of Palmer. Senators of Hampden County and the Sec. of the Commonwealth gave me Official Notice of the same. Took boarding at the United States Hotel at \$6. per week, Board, lodging, room and fine -
- 5 Introduced by Hon. Mr. Hawley to Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, President and Charles Calhoun, Secretary of the Senate. Mr. Hawley announced to the Senate my election and, also, the election of Henry L. Dawes and Nathan Benjamin, Senators from Berkshire and he was appointed a Committee to wait on us to His Exy the Governor and Council to be qualified - which office he performed and returned us to the Senate.
- 6 Attended Church at the Old South with Hon. Mr. Benjamin/
- 8 Hon. Aaron King arrived and I was appointed to conduct him to the Governor and Council to be qualified.
- 9 The President of the Senate proceeded to appoint the different committees on the part of the Senate.

Committee on Probate & Chancery:

Henry L. Dawes,	Berkshire
Wm. H. Wood	Plymouth
James Cooley	Hampden

Joint Committee on Claims

James Cooley	Granville	) Senate
Edward B. Bigelow	Grafton	
Samuel R. Strickland	Springfield	} House
Charles O. Nutter	Boston	
Rila Scott	Bellingham	
Samuel Burbank	Lowell	
Sylvester Dresser	Southbridge	

In consequence of the great number of Petitions presented to the Legislature for the allowance of Claims against the Commonwealth, the above named Committee were in session almost every day during the session of the Legislature and reported on 77 different cases, every one of which were accepted as reported, altho some were very spiritedly debated.

In March a Petition was presented in the Senate by David I. Paul and many other citizens of Millbury in the County of Worcester for the removal of Abraham I. Randall, Esq. from the office of Justice of the Peace for said Worcester County.

The Petition was Committed to:

Henry L. Dawes	}	of the Senate
James Cooley		
John Daggett		
Charles P. Russell	}	of the House
Augustus Storey		
John Branning		
William Barney		
Everett Robinson		
Stillman Simons		
Hart Leavitt	}	

The Examination was Prosecuted by Park of Boston on the part of the Petitioners and by Chandler & Hall on the part of the Responders.

After several serious and tedious sessions of the Committee, and examining nearly one hundred witnesses and Depositions and hearing the very eloquent and learned remarks and speeches of the Council for an against the delinquent, the Committee submitted to the Senate a Printed Report of their opinion in the case. It was unanimously agree to and signed by all the Committee stating that altho all the charges against him were not fully proved, yet enough appeared to satisfy them that he was so far guilty that an Address ought to be made and by said report an address was made to the Executive of the Commonwealth for the removal of said Abraham I. Randall from the Office of Justice of the Peace. The report was presented in the Senate by the Hon. H. L. Dawes, Chairman of the Com. who moved that the same be accepted. On this motion a Debate commended principally by Hon. Pliny Merrick of Worcester in opposition to the Report, principally on the ground that the Committee had reported merely their opinion without the evidence on which their opinion was grounded. Before the question was taken, a subsequent day was assigned when Judge Merrick abandoned the former ground and was about to argue on the Constitutional question, when it was moved to lay the subject on the Table, which was sustained.

- May 3 Not having kept any daily record of events while at Boston, I shall hereonly remark that the Legislature adjourned on Friday 3rd May having attended 119 days and travelled 120 miles. I received \$262. Dollars. My expenses at the Hotel and two travels home and back during the Session amounted to about \$122. dollars. I started in the cars and arrived at Springfield to dinner. Mr. Dawes and his wife and Mr. Hawley came, also, Staid at the Massasoit.
- 4 Started in the cars with Gov. Briggs, Hon. Mr. Owen, Counsellor and Hon. Mr. Benjamin and wife, Mr. Strickland and Mr. Bates and came to Westfield and home with Stephen Spelman with Mr. Strickland and Mr. Bates. Timothy and his family and James had been very sick and James Babe died on the April.
- 5 Raining. Attended Church in the afternoon.
- 6 Cool damp weather
- 7 Went to Springfield with Ansel King to Probate Court. Received severe censuring from Judge Morris. The Law altering the times of holding the Probate Court repealed the old Law so far that he could do no new business on this day.



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May 7

- Returned from Springfield about 5 o'clock p.m. and was taken violently sick with dysentery.
- 8 Still sick
- 9 Feel better and walk out doors tho cause not removed. Called Physician/
- 10 Comfortable - cause not removed
- 11 Same as yesterday
- 12 Took opiate pills and oil. SILLS OF NEW HOUSE LAID THIS DAY by SILAS NOBLE who has taken the house to build by the job.
- 13 Oil operated well this morning - took more medicine - doing well. Corn planted on heater lot. Calvin Rose called to rent Aaron Clark place to his tenant. Cool unpleasant weather.
- 14 Pleasant. HOUSE RAISED. Doct Holcomb called. Called to hire the Clark house. Let him house and garden for 10. dollars and taxes per year. Still sick.
- 15 Notified O. C. Baldwin of the widow of Elisur Robinson's claim of Dower in Land in his possession. Nathaniel Sand ? died in the Poorhouse, aged 82. Doct Holcomb remarked that the sale of the Town Land which I sold a few days ago to Luman S. Coe for \$120. was right. He had presumed that was all it would fetch.
- 16 Rainy morning. Cleared off at noon. James finished his neap stone boat and went to drawing off stone in the side hill lot. He moved from the Tavern House in with me 29 April, 1850.
- 17 Pleasant morning. Some sprinkling of rain. Reuben Smith and Anson and Charles Clark called. They gave Smith a mortgage of the mountain lot and a yoke of bulls for which Smith gave them \$39.50 and a wagon and they gave two notes, one of 40. dollars in six months and one of 45. dollars in eighteen months and agree to discharge the claim on the cattle when the first note is paid.
- 18 Clear and Cold
- 19 Cold morning. Funeral Sermon in the afternoon on the death of James P. Cooley's child. MOVED THE POST OFFICE from BROWN'S STORE this evening it having been kept there since the first of January, last.
- 20 Cool morning. Occupied my office for the first time since January and needed a good fire. Samuel Hamilton called and we spent about all day looking over his Guardian account of the Granger children. Hamilton took dinner. Hard rain all day from 11 a.m. till night
- 21 A little warmer. Sprinkling of rain in the afternoon. W. W. Bacon left a letter from Overseers of House of Industry Boston in reference to their charge for keeping Russell Rose and directed me to answer it which I did and a copy is on file. MILTON B. WHITNEY, HAVING ENTERED MY OFFICE AS A STUDENT at LAW on the 17th of APRIL, RECITED THE FIRST CHAP. of BLACKSTONE.

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May 22nd

Cool and unpleasant. Hard frost last night. Peach trees in bloom, apples not yet blossomed, very wet and unpleasant weather. Sewing Society met at our house. Made deed from Absolom Williams to Charles Bancroft, from Samuel Bancroft to Wm. H. Bancroft and mortgage from W. H. to Williams to secure \$225.dollars.

GainssMarshall gave deed of all his real and personal estate to Lyman Marshall for which Lyman is to support him and his wife comfortably during their several lives and pay them or either \$400. dollars if they want it or call for it and Lyman gave a life lease of the real estate for security of the various stipulations therein named. Rev. Harper Boise called and paid his postage bill. Heard of the death of Stillman Simon, a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman member of the House of Representatives from Athol and Associated with me on the Committee for the trial of Randall.

- 23 Cold and rainy. This is considered a cold and wet and backward spring - many people have not planted their corn.
- 24 Rainy last night. Cleared off pleasant this morning. Finished planting potatoes with Joseph Church's help. Rained 3 p.m. very little.
- 25 Foggy morning - cool, cloudy and rather pleasant.
- 26 Cloudy and misty all day
- 27 Several thunder showers last night. Hard thunder and lightening 3 to 4 o'clock this morning. Clouds breaking away but raining at 7: . Samuel Bancroft executed his will giving his property to his wife and son, Harry O. Bancroft. This was done last Saturday. David Hosford sold 2 h acres on Badluck to Elijah Seymour for 200. dollars and gave bond to Joseph Parsons to sell him his homestead for 350. dollars if paid in two years. James went to Granby.
- 28 Pleasant morning, afternoon cloudy and cool. Thunder but no rain. James went to Springfield.
- 29 Misty all last night. Cloudy forenoon. Warm. Ballplaying. James M. Goodwin sold milk to John . Paid Joseph Church \$2.25 for three days sawing wood.
- 30 Cloudy and misty all day.
- 31 Cloudy and misty all day. Sun shone out a few minutes 10: a.m. Bryan to build chimney. Lyman Hodges child died - 3 years. Began to rain 3 o'clock p.m. Plowed garden. This is called a cold wet backward spring. Rained hard from 4 to 8 o'clock p.m.
- June 1 Cloudy morning. Weather as usual, gloomy and unpleasant. Apples this Inst. beginning to bloom and the ~~ed~~ blowth is full and general. Some who planted their corn several weeks ago are planting it over again.
- 2 Cloudy. Sun shines some - cold.
- 3 Building chimneys in new house. Sun shines, cool. Paid Sanford Strong 13.50 for tinning the roof of the piazza.



- June 4 Attended Probate Court at Springfield for Samuel Hamilton in his case with the heirs of Samuel Granger. They recovered 1.09 of him. I, also, assisted Erdix to take out Administration on the estate of Alonso Phillips and Guardianship for one of the heirs. They signed sundry papers which I witnessed. I went with James. He purchased his paints and oil at Westfield.
- 5 This is a very fine, pleasant warm day - the first summer-like day this season. James began to paint his house by Mr. Henry - I paid for paints. Asa G. Farnam called for counsel about an Ex against him and Root. Paid 1. John Crocker died yesterday and was buried to-day.
- 6 Pleasant and warm. Dennis Robinson and his mother called and want me to take legal measures to obtain her Dower in her deceased husband's real estate. He engaged to be responsible for my fees. Bot a pig of Magor King.
- 7 Pleasant and warm
- 8 Pleasant and warm. Made deed from Calvin Rose to Elijah W. Loomis Forbes (or Forler) place for 300. dollars. Whitewashed cowhouse. Made pigpen. Elijah Seymour showed me John Crocker's will. Cloudy - thunders at 2 p.m. Began to rain 5 o'clock p.m. and rained a little until 7 o'clock and then cleared off.
- 9 Pleasant and warm. Rev. Mr. Holly preached. Cloudy and portended rain at night - a very little rain about sun set.
- 10 Began to rain at 6 o'clock a.m. Showery all day. James goes to Westfield to get bbl. flour, oil and paints. I paid 15. dolls. Wind N.W. cleared off cold at 3 o'clock p.m.
- 11 Went to Springfield Ct Com. Pleas with Timothy. Very cold all day. Had 2 old actions - Kishiah Farman vs V. Henry and Nelson Hall vs Smith. Presented John Crocker will to Monson Probate Court.
- 12 Came home with Timothy, horse. Warm and comfortable weather. Heard of the death of Henry P. Boise, son of Rep. Harper Boise. Appointed Milton B. Whitney Asst. P.M. He took the oaths and I sent the same to Washington.  
REV. HARPER BOISE HAD A LETTER THIS DAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO  
POSTMARKED 26th APRIL!
- 13 Fine, warm pleasant weather. James hoes corn the first time. J. B. Bancroft calls for a Petition to County Com. for repair of road from Corner to Westfield Line. Made Bill of Sale from King to Edwin Noble of goods - Collinsville.
- 14 Fine pleasant weather. Made mortgage of sundry furniture from Lyman Smith to Mrs. Hardin for 2 notes 100. doll. each 1845 and 1846.
- 15 Levi King says he came to Granville 15 times. Small thunder shower 7 o'clock a.m. Cleared off warm. Bot a grindstone at 5.37 got by Levi Brown at Hartford. Warm and pleasant. Wm. A. Baldwin vs Miner.
- 16 Pleasant weather
- 17 Cool morning. Pleasant and warm. Bot bond of E. F. Miner.
- 18 Warmest Day
- 19 Warm and pleasant. A child of Lyman Hodge buried. Thunder and indication of showers but no rain.
- 20 Warm and pleasant. Thunder showers at 5 o'clock much needed. Cleared off cool at 7 o'clock p.m.

- June 21 Fine pleasant morning. Calvin Moore paid his father's note - 8.94.
- 22 Cool and pleasant. Doct Wright came home yesterday. Levi Buttles barn struck by lightening on the 20 th. Quite cloudy all day. Began to rain about 6 o'clock p.m.
- 23 Began to rain about 2½ o'clock a.m. Fair all day. Hard thunder showers 7 o'clock p.m. Cleared off 9 o'clock.
- 24 Clear and cool.
- 25 Clear and cool. Mowed clover.
- 26 Clear and pleasant.
- 27 Clear and pleasant. Got in two loads clover.
- 28 Rained some all last night and cloudy and some rain all day. Luman Cooley came home.
- 29 Cloudy and very warm. Cate went to bull.
- 30 Pleasant Day. Rev. M. Cooley of Southwick preached.
- July 1 Warm pleasant day. Hard shower at 2 o'clock p.m. Absalon Williams finished topping out the chimnies and set the large iron kettle anew.
- 2 went to Springfield Prob. Ct. for Mrs. Crocker, Ruebin Sizer and others. Cloudy and cold - began to rain a little at 7 o'clock p.m. Rained very little all night.
- 3 Began to rain 4 o'clock a.m. Partly cleared up at noon. James and his wife started at 2½ o'clock for Chicopee. Cloudy and misty. A BELL WAS THIS DAY HUNG IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. No rain but cloudy all day. Doct R. P. Cooley came in town.
- 4 Fine pleasant weather - warm. Ball playing on the Green by a large company.
- 5 A little rain last night. Clear and pleasant morning. James and his wife returned from Springfield - visited at Rufus Barlows with Joseph West, Stephen Spelman, R. Bancroft and their wives.
- 6 Cool pleasant morning. Very hard thunder and incessant and sharp lightening and a considerable shower last night 10, 11 and 12 o'clock. Never saw more constant and continued series of sharp lightening and hard thunder. This year, thus far, has been remarkable for hard thunder. Cleared off cool and pleasant this morning.
- 7 Cool and pleasant. Rev. James Spelman preached in the Church in the forenoon and in the Academy in the afternoon.
- 8 Fine pleasant day. Aaron Clark, Joseph Church, Horton and David Kellogg finished hoeing corn. James shot a pigeon in the garden. Luman Cooley and Doct. R. P. Cooley left here in S. S. Spelman's Stage.
- 9 Fine pleasant cool weather. Began to mow the heater lot. D. Kellogg, Anse Rising and Horton. (King, not Rising) PRESIDENT TAYLOR DIED THIS DAY 11 O'CLOCK P.M.
- 10 Fine pleasant weather. Mowed barn west lot. Got in 4 loads hay from heater lot, D. Kellogg, King and Horton.
- 11 Fine pleasant weather. Got in three loads of hay from west of barn. D. Kellogg, King and Horton. John Hooker called. Mowed 2nd lot.
- 12 Pleasant - warmer - good hay weather. Got in 4 loads - Kellogg, King and Horton.
- 13 Cloudy warm - not very good hay weather. Got in 4 loads hay. Kellogg and King.
- GEN. ZACHARY TAYLOR, PRESIDENT, DIED ON TUESDAY NIGHT AND WE HEARD THE NEWS ON WEDNESDAY!



- July 14 Cloudy. Universalist Meeting in the Academy at the Corner
- 15 Cloudy. Some considerable of a shower in the p.m. Cleared off at 4 o'clock. J. M. Gibbons complained of road to Selectmen.
- 16 Cloudy. Cleared off about 3 o'clock. Ansel and I made a bed of mortar for plastering new house. No rain to-day.
- 17 Warm and cloudy - a little rain and hot sunshine by spells all day. James and I went to Westfield and bought a stove, tea kettle and dish kettles for 5.94 and 3 sheets iron at 12½ per lb. Mr. Bowen and wife - Miss Dickinson and Miss Jane Marks visited us.
- 18 Cloudy and warm. Made out to dry 2 loads of hay and get it in at 2 and 3 o'clock. Began to rain at 5 o'clock p.m.
- 19 Rainy morning. Rained some last night - very hard until 1 or 2 o'clock and by spells all day. L.S.
- 20 Rained some last night and this morning until 7 o'clock and partly cleared off. A.S. took . . . Cloudy & cool afternoon. Great game of ball. Westfield challenged by Granville.
- 21 Warm and pleasant
- 22 Pleasant and hot. Mowing orchard Ansel, D. Kellogg and Horton. Anson Clark and Abs. Williams came to begin plastering house but mortar not ready. Young Smith called to see about his father's Ex to Nelson Hall. Mowed and got in orchard and part of south barn lot - 3 loads.
- 23 Hot and pleasant. Mowed Talcott lot. Absalom Williams and Anson Clark began to plaster new house. Ansel, David and Horton mowing.
- 24 Warm. Went to Springfield and met the " Trial Justices" for the purpose of agreeing on some uniform . . . of practise. Got in hay from Talcott lot - Ansel, David and Horton mowing.
- 25 Very warm day. Mowed . . . lot and got in the hay and finished haying this day. David, Ansel & Horton. Edwin Foot and wife sold their land in North Lane, 3 acres, to E. W. Loomis for 95. dollars.
- 26 Cold and good hay weather.
- 27 Fine pleasant weather. Finished plastering.
- 28 Cloudy. Made a deed this evening for AUGUSTIN HOLCOMB AND WIFE to . . . of Ohio of . . . land 50 . . . for 600. dollars.
- 29 Rained some last night. Thunder showers at 3 and 4 o'clock. Cleared off at 9 o'clock a.m. Very warm afternoon. A. Williams finished plastering house.
- 30 Very warm - cloudy - warmest day this season. James sowed part of his turnips. Thunder and lightening 5 & 6 o'clock p.m.
- 31 Warm and cloudy all day. Fitted ground for turnips. David Strong and wife visited us.
- August 1 Warm and cloudy. Sold the Haskell place to Simon W.P. Haskell for 294.82. Mr. Beach and Mr. Treat called again about his school house tax.
- 2 Raining at 3 & 4 o'clock a.m. Cloudy all day. Boys go a fishing. Kate went to bull 3 times.
- 3 Pleasant
- 4 Pleasant -warm. Sermon on President Taylor's death.

- August 5 Foggy in the morning and cloudy and warm all day. Timothy lost a fine fat boy last night. Died probably by the heat. He completed the census of the East Parish on the 2nd and commenced the West Parish this day. Mrs. Robinson, her son and two Mr. Clarks went and made demand of her dower of Ezra Baldwin, Olsen C. Baldwin and Lyman Wheeler.
- 6 Fine pleasant hay day. Thunder and a little rain at 7: o'clock p.m. Harvested barley.
- 7 Pleasant good hay weather. A little rain at 6 o'clock p.m.
- 8 Cool - good hay weather. Mrs. King and daughter visited us. Miss Nancy Rising came home. Stephen H. King bought Mr. Seymour's Blacksmith Shop and seeded the ground. Harvested oats.
- 9 Pleasant - good hay weather.
- 10 Pleasant - good weather. Mrs. Cook and sister called.
- 11 Cool and pleasant. Rev. Mr. Smith preached.
- 12 Finished the Memories of Class of 1792 and delivered the manuscript to Doct Cooley. James went to Westfield after paints and door trimmings. Gave Electa Crocker's notice to E. Seymour. Wm R began to work.
- 13 Cloudy. Began to rain 4 o'clock. Henry began to paint.
- 14 Mr. Gould and wife from Brighton, N.Y. called and took tea with us. Cloudy, poor hay weather.
- 15 Cloudy - rain.
- 16 Cloudy - a little sun
- 17 Clear, cold and high wind
- 18 Fine, pleasant, cool
- 19 Cloudy, cool
- 20 Cloudy. Very little rain 4 o'clock p.m.
- 21 Fine, pleasant, good hay weather. Got mortar in my eye.
- 22 Fine, pleasant weather. James and Mrs. Cooley went to Springfield.
- 23 Cloudy. Mr. Haskell finished making door-yard fence. Lyman Hodge began to dig well at new house this day at 2 o'clock p.m. David Kellogg is with him.
- 24 Fine, pleasant weather
- 25 Did not go to Church to-day. Began to rain 4 o'clock a.m. and continued hard until 6 o'clock p.m. Silas Noble finished his work on my house yesterday, 24th Aug. for which I him (no amount given)
- 26 Pleasant weather - showery
- 27 Cold. James carried me to Springfield Probate Court. Broke home china for new house. (or chairs for new house)
- 28 Fine pleasant weather. Lyman Hodge and David Kellogg finished digging and stoning my well which is feet deep for which I paid them \$17.50.
- 29 Fine pleasant day. Finished getting in oats. James carried two loads of apples to Westfield for Boston
- 30 Pleasant weather. James sent 2 loads of apples to Boston.
- 31 Cool. Rev. Mr. Little of Granville, Ohio arrived here. James brot him from Westfield.



- Sept. 1 Somewhat rainy. Rev. Mr. Little preached an excellent sermon in the forenoon on the perserverance of the Saints. I think I never heard a more forcible and convincing discourse on that subject.
- 2 Mr. Little left for home. Wet and rainy. Showers all day. MR. WHITNEY BEGAN HIS SCHOOL.
- 3 A very powerful rain all last night. Raining this morning.
- 4 Cloudy, pleasant. James taken sick.
- 5 Cloudy - pleasant. Ansel goes to Westfield with apples for Boston. James some better.
- 6 Showery last night - cloudy this morning. Benjamin Tryon died this morning at 4 o'clock age 74.
- 7 Mr Tryon buried this day. Showery
- 8 The Gibson Family sung in the Church.
- 9 Cool and pleasant. Took the depositions of Dock Cooley, Rev. and Mrs. Hinsdale and Rev. Mr. Gibson to be used at the S T Ct in Berkshire Co. in case Samuel Tibbels vs (sentence I cannot read) J. M. Rewey, Monterey came for the Depositions.
- 10 Warm and pleasant
- 11 Forenoon warm - afternoon cool.
- 12 Cool, high wind. Cradled Buckwheat.
- 13 Cool, hing wind. Made a fire in the office for the first time this season. James bought one tree of apples of W. W. Bacon for one dollar to-day.
- 14 Not quite so cold to-day. David Kellogg took the job of covering the bottom of my cellar with stone at 8. dils - finished to-day. My eye which was very badly injured by lime mortar on the 21st of Aug. last is now so far recovered that I can see to write pretty well. I feel very THANKFUL for the same, and I have had thoughts that I should never recover my sight. MOVED INTO MY NEW HOUSE TO SLEEP THIS NIGHT.
- 15 Pleasant. Doct Cooley absent. John Seymour read a sermon in the morning and I in the afternoon
- 16 Fine pleasant weather.
- 17 Pleasant, cool, some frost this morning. Attended Probate Ct. at Westfield. T.M.Cooley went to Rochester. I carried him to Westfield.
- 18 Pleasant and warm. Got in and threshed buckwheat. Made hen house at new house.
- 19 Pleasant. Mr. Rexford died this day.
- 20 Pleasant and warm. Some rain last night. William Tryon died. About 400 head of cattle passed here this day from York State.
- 21 John Thomas sold his mill and land yesterday to Eli for \$550. dollars and Eli mortgaged the same to James M. Goodwin.

21	Fine pleasant weather. Paid James and my tax	22.49
	2 polls out	1.16
		21.33
	Town order	8.59
		12.74

12.74 Pd John Phelps

Mr. Rexford buried this day.

Mr. Tryon buried this day.

David Hosford sold his Church place to Edwin B. Rose of Holyoke for 650. dollars and took a mortgage for security.

- Sept. 22 Fine pleasant weather. S.M. Barlow at Church and his mother. L. S. Coe attended Church.
- 23 Fine pleasant warm weather.
- 24 Fine pleasant warm weather. Jonathan B. Bancroft, Rufus H. Barlow and Volney Stow set off the Dower of Electa Crocker, widow of John Crocker. Miss Martha Gibbons died.
- 25 Fine pleasant weather - corn ripens fast. We have plenty of peaches, a tolerable supply of apples, potatoes are decaying very much and the crop is small. Ours are pretty good - some what rotten - not much. About 100 more cattle passed here.
- 26 Morning rainy - damp all day. Lyman Root called on me. Miss Gibbons buried this day.
- 27 Cloudy and damp. Hard thunder shower 8 to 9 o'clock in a.m.
- 28 Clear and pleasant morning - a very little rain about 6 o'clock a.m. Cleared off warm and pleasant. Benjamin Coit of Norwich called on me and got a Writ against Seymour Hale of Tolland for trespass in taking a pair of oxen from him which he had of Jesse Hall to settle for for stealing his oxen - paid me 2. dollars.
- 29 Cool but pleasant. The funeral of John Holcomb who married a daughter of Carlos Gibbons was buried this day in the South East Burial ground.
- 30 Fine pleasant cool weather. Suit Beach vs Johnson and Hamilton vs Johnson tried this day. Judge for Pltf. in both cases.
- 31 Warm and Pleasant
- Oct. 1 Pleasant and warm. Called about exchanging horses with Samuel Spelman.
- 2 Rainy. Cleared off 4 o'clock p.m. with a hail storm.
- 3 Cold and very high wind. No frost.
- 4 Clear and pleasant.
- 5 Clear and pleasant. Paid David Kellogg and Lyman Hodge 5.50 for getting and placing 3 step stones to my new house.
- 6 Cool and pleasant.
- 7 Cool and pleasant. T.M. Cooley returned from Rochester this day 3 o'clock p.m.
- 8 Went to Westfield with James and to Springfield Court - the cars. Very cold last night.
- 9 Came home in cars to Westfield - home with Stephen Spelman. Fine pleasant weather. Settled Roger S. Moore for the Hodge place. Paid him 60. dolls. and gave him my note for 100 dolls in 6 months at the Hampden House. Int (two works can't bead)
- 10 Fair and very pleasant. The Benevolent Association of Ministers convened here at 4 o'clock p.m. Rev. Doct Osgood and Deac. Chapin, his Delegate, Rev. - Mrs. Williams and Rev. Mr. Strong lodged at my house.
- 11 The Association convened at the Church. The several Treasurers made their reports. Adjourned at 12½ o'clock and dined by invitation of the Ladies Sewing Society at the Academy Hall. 64 Gentlemen and ladies of the Association dined and most of the young ladies and gentlemen in the Parish assisted in waiting on the tables. After dinner, the Ladies and gentlemen of the Parish took seats and dined bountifully upon the remnants and there was still a large quantity of meats, bread and the like. At four o'clock the Association adjourned and all the company cleared out. The day was foggy and cloudy but warm and comfortable.



- Oct. 12 A little rain last night, Cloudy and warm all day. Administrated the oath to Elijah Seymour as appraiser of the estate of Benjamin Trion Dec.
- 13 Cool and pleasant. Rev. David B. Coe preached this day - morning sermon without notes - afternoon sermon written. Very eloquent and very pungent. A Missionary discourse in the evening. Martin Buell and wife at Church.
- 14 Cool and pleasant.
- 15 Very pleasant. Cyrus Osborne was brot before me on complaint of Susan E. Clark on father of a child with which she is pregnant and her recog for his appearance on the first Monday of December next Ct of Common Pleas to answer to said complaint.
- 16 Very warm and pleasant. Cattle Show West Granville. Charles Phelps died this morning aged 69.
- 17 Pleasant and warm. Attended the funeral of Charles Phelps at the Baptist Church - sermon by Doct Cooley.
- 18 Cloudy all day and some rain. Set out cherry trees and one plum tree in the door yard east of my house. Set out two plum trees in the south part of the door yard yesterday.
- 19 Warm pleasant weather
- 20 Cool. This evening Mr. Alexander called on me and directed me to employ W. G. Bates as Council with me in his case with Samuel Spelman. He also told me I might let the house he lately occupied to Mr. King the Blacksmith when he comes.  
(Elijah?)
- 21 Cool. High wind. ELIZA Parsons came to our house this evening.
- 22 Warm and pleasant. Mr. from Meridan, Ct. set 6 window springs in my new house at 20 cts. apiece.
- 23 Warm and pleasant
- 24 Cloudy and warm. Eliza Parsons went home with Ansel King. This is Anse King's last days work for James this season. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Cooley visited.
- 25 Warm and pleasant. Began to rain at night.
- 26 Rainy all day. Warm rain.
- 27 Cleared off early this morning. Pleasant.
- 28 Cold last night. Pleasant and cool. Mrs. Charles Phelps left John Phelps lease with me last week to get him to acknowledge and get recorded. I showed it to him this morning and asked him to acknowledge it. He asked me who brought it here. Said it might lay for the present.
- 29 Pleasant - cold morning.
- 30 Fine pleasant weather.
- 31 Fine pleasant weather. Digging turnips. Crop good.
- Nov. 1 Fine pleasant weather.
- 2 D"
- 3 D"
- 4 D" Finished digging turnips. 130 bushels raised in the little orchard.
- 5 Attended Probate Court at Springfield. Warm and pleasant Cloudy and very dark in the evening. Very difficult to find the road home.

- Nov. 6 Cool and pleasant
- 7 Cool and pleasant. Called on E. C. Spelman and went with him to see the place where Solon Spelman is to work. A most romantic place and made more so by his labor. Made a mortgage from Wm. L. Howd to Wm. E. Barnes to secure 400. dollars int. and cost on my debt against D. Howd, Frost and Alanson Hubbard - 1 yok oxen - 10 cows - young steers and heifer - hay in two barns.
- 8 Cool and cloudy. Made mortgage for \$161.49 from W. L. Howd to John Phelon on hay in 2 barns, 10 tons more or less, 2 wagons and harnesses. Mrs. Thomas Gillett called on Hudsons buildings. Cloudy and misty - appearance of rain. Signs of rain for several days past.
- 9 Clear, cold and dry. James sold his 2 fat hogs to Capt. W. Parsons for 1 2year old heifer and 2 steer calves. Stephen H. King took possession - he hired it last summer. Gibbons, another daughter of James H. Gibbons died - 17/
- 10 Miss Gibbons buried this day. Funeral at Baptist Church, Mr. Felton preached. Cool pleasant. Mr. Scott of Hartland preached.
- 11 Fine pleasant weather. Town meeting in the West Parish. Votes for Gov. George W. Briggs  
Lt. Gov. Reed  
Mem. of Congress
- State Senators Edwin B. Gillett  
Gad O. Bliss  
Erasamus D. Beach (first names missing)  
Mosely
- 12 Fine pleasant weather. James bought a yoke of year old steers of Levi T. Spelman for dollars. Doct. Holcomb made a writ in my office in his name as Town Treasurer against Lucius Gibbons and myself on his bonds to the Town as Constable and Collector of Taxes.
- 13 Remarkable warm and pleasant weather
- 14 Remarkable warm and pleasant weather
- 15 Similar weather. Went with Levi Brown and H. Cooley and took possession of the Eggleston farm. Men are at work at the wall and fence in front of the North Burying ground. Levi Buttles and wife visited us this evening.
- 16 Pleasant and warm. Cloudy and foggy. I paid 5 dollars cash towards building the Burying ground fence and painted all that was finished of the same this day. Deac. Strickland bot the Hubbard place of Elijah Seymour.
- 17 Rained all last night. Cloudy and some rain to-day
- 18 First snow fall 4 o'clock this morning - 2 inches - cleared off 7 o'clock. Speckled rooster stolen Friday night or Saturday. Snow all went off before night. Made deed from Alpheus Bancroft (?) to Roderick Pomeroy of place where his father lives and he mortgaged it to the for 150. dollars. The rooster which I supposed was stolen came home this afternoon. Where he went I cannot conjecture. It is not safe nor just to be suspicious that property is stolen and charge the theft upon innocent neighbors unless the evidence of the crime is exceedingly strong.
- 19 Clear and cold. James went to Springfield with apples, eggs, etc. and bought a cutting machine for fodder at 5. dls.



- Nov. 20 Fine pleasant warm day. Notified the Selectmen of Susan C. Clark 21 Pleasant a.m. Grows cold toward evening
- 22 Pleasant morning - grows cold toward evening. Henry Bancroft came into Town about this time.
- 23 Not so cold - pleasant. Aaron Clark called and said he understood I had taken possession of the place on which he lived. I told him I had and asked him if it was right and he said it was. Said he should go away this winter to teaming or chopping. Rev. Mr. Maynard called for letters.
- 24 Cold and pleasant. Rev. Mr. Maynard a Clergyman and agent to get subscriptions for the "INDEPENDENT" preached all day. His discourse was on the Dec . He gave two superior Sermons and put the Doctrine of the Divine D beyond all question. He lives in Castleton, Vermont and directed me to forward his letters to Sandisfield.
- 25 Clear cold and pleasant. Ground froze hard. Gave Mr. Maynard a "Granville Jubilee."
- 26 Eli Clark of Tolland was prosecuted for Asslt & Battery by Levi Clark. He pleaded guilty. Witnesses examined - fined 5. dollars - Cost \$15. all paid and settled. The parties thus submitted all matters between them except Book owed to myself and T. M. Cooley 2nd and we awarded 20 dolls to Levi Clark which was paid and all seemed satisfied.
- 26 Cloudy and sleet
- 27 Cloudy
- 28 Cloudy and somewhat rainy. Thanksgiving Day. Few people at Church. Invited to Doct Starkweathers to supper at 4 o'clock p.m. Had roast turkey - chicken - chicken pie - oysters - Pudding - whortleberry, apple and pumpkin pie, all served well cooked and in good style. Warm and muddy.
- 29 Rainy forenoon. Warm and muddy. Edwin Shelby married to Miss King last night. Hard shower this evening.
- 30 Cleared off pleasant. Joel D. Harger and wife called. Note against Olson C. Baldwin \$17.44. His wife paid me 6. dollars and I gave it up to her amounting to \$11.44.
- Dec. 1 Fine pleasant warm day.
- 2 Went to Westfield with Spelman and to Springfield in the cars. Cold and some flakes of snow. Attended Lyceum at Hampden Hall at the invitation of Hon. John Mill. A/ Mr. Taverner recited Poetry from Hood and Ingoldsoy . It was a most miserable , lean affair altho 1200 persons were present.
- 3 Attended Probate Court for Rueben Sizer . Wet and muddy.
- 4 Fine - pleasant. All mud - Came to Westfield in cars. Home with Spelman. M. B. WHITNEY BEGAN HIS SCHOOL.
- 5 Rained considerable last night. Cloudy, warm and very muddy. SAMUEL M. COOLEY AND ALMINA TILLOTSON MARRIED DECEMBER 3, 1850. Saw G.P. Bronson at the Hampden House. He professes to restore sight in cases of perfect blindness in old or young persons - price from 5 to 50 dolls.

- Dec. 5 He resides in Boston at the Marlboro Hotel. Misty and muddy all day.
- 6 Cleared off warm and very pleasant this morning. Clouds up at noon and begins to snow at 1½ o'clock.
- 7 Snow and sleet all night. Crust this morning - snow 4" deep. ground all mud - sleighs go some to-day.
- 8 Hard crust - very cold and high wind. Pretty good sleighing. a gentleman from Boston preached in favor of the Tract Soc.
- 9 Clear and cold - pretty good sleighing. Cloudy afternoon. Jonthn B. Bancroft made a note payable to his wife at his decease of 500. dollars in consideration of that sum he had of her at their marriage.
- 10 Very slippery - hard crust - cold.
- 11 Very slippery - begins to snow at 9 o'clock a.m. Snowed a little which makes the sleighing some better.
- 12 Cool and pleasant
- 13 Very cold. Coldest day this season. Pretty good sleighing here - snow 3 inches deep and very hard.
- 14 Pleasant and not quite so cold.
- 15 Good sleighing. Wife of Calvin Wells died - 64.
- 16 Cloudy comfortable weather.
- 17 Rainy this morning. Snow and hail last night - all sposh. Go to Westfield to Probate Court in sleigh with Timothy. Clears off about 8 o'clock a.m. Pretty good sleighing to Westfield. Freezes up hard at night.
- 18 Very cold - hard snow 3 or 4 inches deep. Good sleighing. Probate Court Westfield 17 Dec. 1850  
     \$50 dolls allowed Mrs. Benj Tryon  
     200 " " Mrs. W. W. Tryon  
     Elected Public Guardian of Eliza Peebles but have to sell land.
- 19 Beginning to snow about noon. Wife of James H. Gibbons died. Calvin Rose gave his note to Zebediah Clap for 150 dolls. on demand with int.
- 20 Cleared off last night. Fine pleasant morning - snow about 6"
- 21 Fine sleighing
- 22 Good sleighing. Began to snow 6 o'clock p.m.
- 23 Snowed and hailed all night and some to-day - cleared off 4 o'clock p.m. Snow 8 or 9 inches deep and very solid. Agreed to buy my wood of Charles Barnard at 2.25 per cord. 2 and 3 feet hard wood and soft wood at less than . Paid Bronson 6.50 for bbl. flour.
- 24 Cleared off very cold. Coldest night - thermometer 5 degrees below zero this morning. Solid body of snow.
- 25 A very little more snow and not quite so cold.
- 26 Clear comfortable weather
- 27 Clear and pleasant
- 28 Cloudy-thaws aome. Mrs. Cooley goes to Hartland to see Franklin B. Cooley who is sick at Watson Gibbons.
- 29 Snowed last night and blowed and some drifted this morning. Timothy goes to Hartland and brings back Mrs. Cooley. Lucius Gibbons married to widow Betsy Gillett this morning in the Church by Doct Cooley
- 30 Very cold and clear. Snow blew last night and some drifted a.m.
- 31 Very cold - good sleighing.



- Jany. 1 This is a cold day - Snow about 12 or 14 inches deep - very solid, good sleighing. Attended Donation Party at Doct Cooley's. A great collection and a very agreeable visit. Paid him 10 Dolls.
- 2 A little snow last night - cold. James killed his 2 hogs.
- 3 Very pleasant morning - not so cold - windy about noon.
- 4 Began to snow 5 o'clock a.m. Mr. Howd paid me in full of my note and int. against Alanson Hubbard estate 361.01  
Cost 6.85  
367.86
- 5 Cool and good sleighing.
- 6 Pleasant - not so cold - appearance of thaw but it does not happen.
- 7 Cloudy. Went to Springfield Prob. Ct. with Timothy.
- 8 Clear and cold - no thaw yet.
- 9 Cloudy - began to rain at 11 o'clock a.m. Rained some all day.
- 10 Cleared off pleasant
- 11 Pleasant - thaws a very little
- 12 Pleasant - not much thaw
- 13 Pleasant
- 14 The following names compose Mr. Whitney's School this winter:
- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Stephen Seymour    | Ellen L. Cooley  |
| Chapin Brown       | Clarissa Seymour |
| Bela Brown         | Margaret Barlow  |
| Jared S. Granger   | Delia Clark      |
| Simon H.P. Haskell | Maria Clark      |
| Samuel Stocking    | Almira Hayes     |
| Charles Barnard    | Almira Emmons    |
| Samuel Ellis       | Francis Whitney  |
| Emerson Catley     | Ellen Seymour    |
| Eli Cross          | Deborah Gibbons  |
| Marcus Spelman     | Rose             |
| Emerson Spelman    | James Seymour    |
| Edwin Seymour      | Otis Tillotson   |
| Marshall Stow      | Luman Spelman    |
- Jared S. Granger aboved mentioned has been a soldier in the War with Mexico and is now preparing for the ministry and bids fair to be something of a man.
- Bot half a ream of paper of John N. Dow of Cabotville for \$1.00 - dr for Doct Cooley at \$1.25
- 15 S hores & Luman Spelman hurt themselves going down the mountain on a load of straw. Fine pleasant morning.
- 16 Warm and pleasant. Much more so than it has been for 6 or 8 weeks. The snow which is now condensed into a very solid body begins to thaw. William S hores who overset his sleigh load of straw on the 14 inst. has injured his head so bad that Doct Holcomb thinks not prudent to trepan - it is said he cannot live. Rev. Mr. Buckingham and Henry Robinson, delegate from Springfield, and Rev. Mr. Perry and delegate from Agawam made a visit to our Church and Congregation this day and evening. Sermons and exhortations were delivered by the Minister and Delegates.
- 17 Warm. Snow has thawed much and the snow in the road much worn. William Shores died last night. Begins to freeze towards night.

- Jany 18 Clear, cold and pleasant.
- 19 Very cold. Rev. Mr. Steele, Missionary at Borneo, preached and gave a history of the Mission and a description of the place and people. He is the only Missionary now there - he means to return soon. The people are composed of Malays and . The Malays rule and the are servants. They are like our native Indians.
- 20 Some rain and sleet in the forenoon- cleared off warm noon.
- 21 Went to Springfield with Timothy to attend the Criminal Ct. Never see better sleighing.
- 22 Came home in cars to Westfield and home with Stephen Spelman, Wm E. Barnes, a sick Representative from Boston, Mr. Beckwith and another gentleman. Mr. Beckwith lectured at the Academy Hall this evening on Amusements . Never heard a better lecture. Hall crowded.
- 23 Fine warm and pleasant - thaws some. Doct Holcomb called on the subject of Chapman Winchell, exchange of oxen with Wm. A. Baldwin.
- 24 Very pleasant - fine sleighing. Attended a splendid wedding party at Doct Cooley's. Samuel M. Cooley and Almira Tillotson having been married several weeks ago.
- 25 Very pleasant - fine sleighing.
- 26 Fine pleasant weather. Rev. Mr. Bruce (of School memory) preached.
- 27 Cloudy and pleasant.
- 28 Cool. Thawed very little. Wm A. Baldwin settled Timothy's suit - paid a Bank note, State Bank Rhode Island No. 1734. W. W. Hopkins which he exchanged, solemnly denying that he paid it to me or ever saw it. In conversation he told me that Andrew Belden cut his water pipe and stole from his Cider Mill 1 , 1 , and several other articles and pulled the plug and let out a barrel of cider. I asked him if it was certain Belden done it. He said it could not be anybody else. Began to rain at 7 o'clock p.m. Rained hard at 7 o'clock next morning.
- 29 Rained hard at 7 o'clock a.m. High wind and snow at 10 o'clock - cleared off cold and windy at 11 o'clock a.m. Anson Clark called and he wanted to settle my of the Stiles place. Mrs. Miller died at Deac Seymours and he dug the grave and got her coffin before she was dead!!
- 30 Exceeding cold and windy - thermometer 8° below Zero. Miss Eggleston called. Great Sewing Society at Alphas Bancroft - 70 attended. Had a canary bird of Doct Stark-weather - paid him 2 dollars for same.
- 31 Very cold and windy. Cannot, with all the fire I can make in my stove, keep my office warm. This is the COLD FRIDAY. Coldest day this season.
- Febry 1 A little more pleasant
- 2 Snow - a little pleasant
- 3 Fine pleasant weather. Sent a notification to West Springfield to notify them of Sylvester Bagg and requested his removal signed by W. W. Bacon and J. F. M . Settled with Charles B. Clark. He paid me 10 dolls. for the note, costs, deeds - Recording 1 deed all settled except the wood which Charles says he cut by direction of his father. Paid up my note to Eliza Barlow \$306.47 and glad to get out of her clutches.



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- Fine pleasant weather - thaws some.  
Chapman S. Winchell called on me and said that he had requested Doct. Holcomb to pay a part of his note in the spring and remainder in the fall and he said the Doct. agreed to it.
- 5 Cloudy and snowy this evening. Many Ladies attend the Lyceum.
- 6 Snowed some last night. Cloudy and snowy this morning.
- 7 Cold and good sleighing. Silas Rose wife who died at Springfield and a young child of Elihu Stow who died at Collinsville were buried here.
- 8 Cold and good sleighing. Gowdy and Samuel M. Cooley went this week to Pittsfield to commence the grocery business.
- 9 Not so cold
- 10 Began to rain about 5 o'clock a.m. -rainy some all day.
- 11 Warm and some rain in the a.m. Cleared off 9 o'clock a.m.
- 12 Froze hard last night. Snow pretty much gone in the road.
- 13 Daughter born to James P. Cooley 4 o'clock a.m. (this daughter was Nellie Cooley who married Henry Hiers and was the mother of Ralph G. Hiers and grandmother of Herbert A. and Ralph H. Hiers)
- 13 Pleasant cold morning
- 14 Warm. Snow thawed considerable all day
- 15 Began to rain last night and has rained more or less all day. T. M. Good and R. Bates called.
- 16 Cleared off cool -snow all gone - little ice, not much.
- 17 Cool and pleasant. Luman Gorham sold his place to Orville Noble for 750. dolls. Samuel M. Cooley and Porter E. Gowdy established themselves at Pittsfield about the 12 or 15 Feb. 1851
- 18 Pleasant
- 19 Pleasant. P.O. Dept. sent to L. Smith.
- 20 Cloudy and some rain. Lucius Hitchcock called.
- 21 Rained some last night - raining all day.
- 22 Rained some and very unpleasant last night. Cleared off warm and pleasant this morning
- 23 Fine pleasant weather
- 24 Cloudy, warm April weather - ground bare - frost mostly out of the ground. Signed Lyman Smith P.O. Paper. 67 inhabitants in the Village. Stephen Spelman deeded A. G. Smith place to Timothy A. Smith and took his mortgage for 108. dolls. Timothy A. Smith gave his father and mother a life lease of the same. Timothy got Carleton Strongs money John Stiles which he had stolen.
- 25 Fine pleasant weather
- 26 Fine pleasant and warm. Made a Writ for Peter Smith - Judah R. Twinning vs Cyrus Cowdrey this p.m. 2 dolls.
- 27 Fine pleasant weather. T. C. Tillotson sold Salem P. Rose 20 acres of wood on Badluck for 160. dolls.
- 28 Rained some last night. Rainy and warm. Cleared off at noon.

- March 1 Pleasant. Timothy M. Cooley 2 and Levi Brown bot Hosford Mill place at 100. dolls.
- 2 Pleasant weather. B. C. Dickinson paid his note 318.60 dated about 20 March 1843 - annual Int.
- 3 Pleasant
- 4 Do
- 5 Very pleasant and warm. I trimmed some of Timothy's apple trees.
- 6 Fine pleasant weather. Made Samuel Spelman's will.
- 7 Pleasant and warm. Made mortgage deed from W. H. Johnson to David Hosford for 1000. dolls.
- 8 Began to snow last night and driving snow this morning. On Thursday eveing, 6th inst. Mr. Treat and other young men of Tolland having before challenged the young men of East Granville to meet them in debate in West Granville - question to be Debated, "WHICH IS THE MOST FAVORABLE FOR CIVIL LIBERTY, RELIGION OR SCIENCE." Tolland chose the part of Science. Debaters, Treat and Moore and Whitney, Buell and Isreal Granger for East Granville. J. M. Goodwin, A. S. Curtiss and F. Baker, Judges. Decided in favor of East Granville.
- 9 Snowed some last night - about 3 or 4 inches on the ground this morning. Clear and windy. Orsamus Gibbons died last night at 6 o'clock aged 24.
- 10 West to Westfield with Spelman in a sleigh. To Springfield in cars to Court. Orsamus Gibbons buried.
- 11 Cool and pleasant
- 12 Home to Westfield in cars, from thence by Spelman. Snow all gone. M. B. WHITNEY CLOSED HIS SCHOOL. EXHIBITION in THE CHURCH AT EVENING. HOUSE CROWDED - ALL WENT OFF WELL.
- 13 Cool and cloudy - cleared off.
- 14 Fine pleasant weather. Aaron Clark agreed to buy a little wood from the farm on which he lives.
- 15 Cooler
- 16 Some sleet and snow -- cloudy, unpleasant. Rev. Mr. Ballantine preached.
- 17 Cloudy, sleet and a little snow on the ground. Snowy and blowy all night.
- 18 Some snow and wind all night and all day with intervals of clear weather. Snow 3 or 4 inches. Brooks called to have me subscribe for Mexico \$3.00.
- 19 Pretty fair weather, pretty good sledding. Logs go rapidly off from Bad Luck.
- 20 Cold. Some snow left.
- 21 Fine pleasant weather - snow pretty well gone. Deac. William Seymour died this day at 5 o'clock p.m. age 56. Deac. Seymour was one of the best and most useful men in Town. He was a very efficient officer in the Church, a constant attendant at Church on the Sabbath and at all Conferences and other religious meetings - a very hard laboring man - economical in all his affairs - a first rate farmer - a liberal giver to all benevolent and charitable objects and dies universally lamented.
- 22 Fine pleasant weather. Mrs. Abigail Gillett, wife of Thomas Gillett died. James sow pigged.



- March 23 Fine pleasant weather - very muddy.  
Deac. Wm. Seymour buried.
- 24 Began to snow about 2 o'clock this morning - cleared off at 10 a.m. Snow 4 inches deep. Warm sun - snow mostly gone.
- 25 Fine pleasant weather
- 26 Cold last night. Fine pleasant day. T. C. Tillotson sold 25 acres on Badluck to S. P. Rose for 140. dolls and took a mortgage deed.
- 27 Very pleasant. Samuel Bancroft deeded 1/2 of the Felton place to his wife
- 28 Fine pleasant weather. Began to pile up wood in the cellar.
- 29 Indorsed Martin K. Bates and James M. Goodwin NOTE TO RAMPDEN BANK 400. DOLLS AT 4 MONTHS.
- 30 Fine pleasant weather
- 31 Fine pleasant weather. Luman Gorham bought the Spelman place of Elishur Miner at 675. dolls. Wm. H. Bancroft gave mortgage deed of his Badluck land to Loring H. Barlow for 200. dolls. and a deed of all the wood and timber thereon for 140. dolls.
- April 1 Warm and pleasant
- 2 Rainy some all day. Hard rain in the evening, cleared off 11:
- 3 Cleared off pleasant this morning. Alfred Hamilton sold his place to Fred A. Ripley for 2100. dolls. paid him -  
Bates notes 430. dolls  
cash 20.  
Cash had of me 650.  
Amos Osborn note 1000.  
Secured by mortgage of his two farms 1100.00
- 4 Pleasant. Mrs. Cooley went to Springfield with Timothy. Had a rooster of C. Rice. Timothy raised an addition to his barn.
- 5 Fine pleasant weather. Set out 2 cherry trees at the east end of the house.
- 6 Began to rain last night 8 o'clock. Hard rain at 6 & 7 o'clock this morning. Cloudy all day.
- 7 Pleasant and cool. Town Meeting for member of Congress - called at 9 o'clock a.m. - supposed to be illegal. John L. Goodwin votes Henry W. Bishop votes.  
Annual Town Meeting was opened at about 11 o'clock, Vincent Holcomb chosen Moderator as he by 1 vote majority.  
James Cooley 127 votes- G.C. Holcomb 77 for Town Clerk.  
W. W. Bacon - Elishur Brown and Joseph F. Miner chosen Selectmen. When commencing voting for Assessor it was ascertained that an Irishman had voted illegally altho his name was on the list placed there by Doct Holcomb by order of the Selectmen. After much talk and a great fuss, Holcomb declared he was not a legal Moderator and the Meeting was dissolved.
- 8 Warm and pleasant - some cool wind. Olsen C. Baldwin called on Mrs. Robinsons business. Set out strawberry plants north side of garden.
- 9 Warm and pleasant. Mrs. Robinson called on her business with Olsen C. Baldwin.

- April 10 Fast Day. Pleasant  
 11 Clear and cold. Lost an iron crank roller in the well.  
 12 Cold. Ground froze hard last night  
 13 Cool and pleasant  
 14 Cool and pleasant. Wife of Justus Rose died last night at 7 o'clock. Went up to Mrs. Peebles, Barnes place, to sell it but she had not got her bond signed and I adjourned to Friday week at 10 o'clock a.m. and they are to give me notice if it is not signed.
- 15 Cloudy and rained a little all day. Expected to go to Tolland and attend an Ecclesiastical Council but Doct Cooley did not like to go. Justus Rose wife buried.
- 16 Cold north east storm. Wind very high at night - not much rain. Mrs. Robinson called to do her business with Olsen C. Baldwin but he did not come.
- 17 Cold, windy, snow flakes.  
 18 Windy and cool  
 20 Began to snow about 2 o'clock a.m. and snowed some all day. Thaws all day. Snow 12 or 14 inches deep.  
 21 Cleared off last night about 6 o'clock. Clear to-day and wet. Snow thaws all day. Lucius Gibbons and Sarah Ann Gibbons settled.  
 22 Cold wind. Snow thaws some.  
 23 Warm and pleasant - snow all gone at noon. Luman S. Coe took a bond from his son Samuel to pay him 60. dolls. a year during the life of Henry A. Coe. Another of his sons paid him the same for the same time.
- 24 Warm and pleasant
- 25 Pleasant - rather windy and cool. Went to Olsen C. Baldwin and Ezra C. Baldwin to set off Mrs. Patty Robinsons Dower. Ezra C. Baldwin paid 8. dolls. in full. Elijah Seymour, Rufus H. Barlow and Volney Stow Committee set off about 7 acres of Olsen C. Baldwin's Land for her Dower. W. N.(?) Bacon going to Lake Superior.
- 26 Pleasant  
 27 Cool cloudy  
 28 Cool, cloudy  
 29 Pleasant, cool. Appraised the Estate of Deac. Wm. Seymour.  
 30 Cool and pleasant.
- May 1 Cool clear morning. Cloudy and began to rain at 1 o'clock p.m. and rained most of the afternoon.  
 2 Colder. Ground froze last night.  
 3 Do Do Do  
 4 Cool and cloudy  
 5 Cold rain last night. Cold rain, snow, sleet, mud and every thing uncomfortable all day.  
 6 Cleared off last night, cool to-day. Charles B. Bancroft mortgaged his place to David Hosford for 150. dolls. which he wanted to pay for Tirzah Parson's land.  
 7 Cool and cloudy  
 8 Pleasant. Planted a piece of potatoes east of my house.



- May 9 Pleasant. Intentions of Marriage between Carleton S. Brown and Caroline S. Bancroft this day. Thunder shower.
- 10 Warm and pleasant. wife of Thaddeus Whitney died aged 56, formerly Polly Pratt of opium memory.
- 11 Cool, cloudy. Carleton S. Brown and Caroline S. Bancroft married in the Church this morning by Doct Cooley. Rainy this morning.
- 12 Cloudy, misty all day - warm. Peach and plum trees begin to bloom.
- 13 Cleared off about 9 o'clock a.m. Very warm. went to Hartland to take on Deac. Seymour estate.
- 14 warm morning, clear and grew cold all day.
- 15 Clear and warm. Ruben Sizer sold his place to Horace Warfield for 350. dolls.
- 16 Clear and cool. Settled with Sizer this day. He paid me 205. dolls. Plowed the garden. Selectmen settled the Suit Susan C. Clark vs Cyrus Osborne for Bastardy. He paid \$75. and 10. dolls cost - 85. in the whole.
- 17 Cloudy and cool. Went to Tariffville with Ruben Noble, James H. Andrews and T. M. Cooley 2nd to appraise the estate of Deac. Wm. Seymour. Rained some coming home and part of the p.m.
- 18 Pleasant cool. Doct Barlow at meeting here this afternoon.
- 19 Cool
- 20 Cloudy, appearance of rain. Went to Springfield. Cleared off cool. Criminal court. Justin Wilson, the new appointed Sheriff, took his seat - told me he should be glad to reappoint Timothy as Deputy but did not like to do it at present. Susan Clark attended Court. Her case was settled last week. Hard shower this evening.
- 21 Cleared off pleasant. Came home from Springfield.
- 22 Cool and pleasant.
- 23 Hard rain last night and some thunder and lightening - broken clouds this morning. Very warm morning. Went to Mr. Noble's - cold wind in the afternoon.
- 24 Very cold. Went to Hartland and returned the Inventory of Deac. Seymour's Estate to T. E. Williams Judge of Probate. Called at Jesse Millers and warmed me and gave him the assignment of John F. Smith's mortgage on the place. David Hosford sold his Kelly place to Rueben Sizer for .
- 25 Pleasant weather. Rev. Mr. of Hartland preached. Harvey Sanders and his wife came to town yesterday and were at Meeting to-day.
- 26 Warm and pleasant. Town Meeting in West Parish for choice of representative to Congress. Goodrich 57 - Bishop 44 votes.
- 27 Warm and pleasant. Harvey Rose came in Town about this time - (on the 25th inst. at night.) Mrs. Electa Crocker leased her land to Watson Crocker for 35. dolls. per ann. she to have what apples and wood she wants. She, also, retains her part of the house and the Morgan garden and some other land.

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- May 28 It rained last night and cleared off warm and pleasant this morning - fine growing time - grass is very forward - blossoms off. The boys celebrated the old election as usual by playing ball.
- 29 Cloudy and cool - went to Blandford and attended a Reference between Henry S. Cook and Anthony Sizer before N. T. Leonard, Esq. Some rain in the afternoon - raining all night.
- 30 Cloudy and cool
- 31 Cloudy and cool
- June 1 Cloudy, misty and cool. Rev. Mr.                      preached in behalf of foreign missions.
- 2 Rained a little last night. Married Saml Flight to S. Jane Smith ( Smith is the only name that I can be sure of.) last night about 9 o'clock.                      told me this morning that he gave Stephen Spelman a letter to Bates and Gillett with money in it and paid the Postage and directed him to leave it at this office.
- 3 Attended Probate Court Springfield. Retired Mrs. Peebles Bond                      for sale of land and took Administration on Dea. William Seymour Estate and returned inventory . Cold. Wore my overcoat thence and back and cold enough at that.
- 4 Cold wind. Made Deed from Elsey M. Parsons, Hannah C. Parsons and Myron C. Parsons to Samuel Curtiss of their farm for 2500. dolls. and they gave a Bond that Myron Parsons should sign the Deed when he became of age 15 of Nov. 1852.
- 5 Cool
- 6 Warm and pleasant. Went to Westfield to attend the organization of the Westfield Bank
- 7 Raining. Samuel Rose, Eli Brown and Lucius Gibbons at my office all day settling the Suit - Town vs Gibbons. The Town owed Gibbons.
- 8 Cool - cold and cloudy - rain in the evening
- 9 Rainy night and morning.
- 10 Cool. Went to Springfield to Court with Ralph Brown. The Suit of                      vs Doherty for Seducing his Daughter on Trial - a hard case for Doherty who is a childish looking fellow and a Catholic Priest.
- 11 Pleasant. Came to Westfield in the cars. Home with Stephen Spelman. Harriet Cooley and                      Church came also.
- 12 Cool wind. Continuing to raise the saw mill at Hosfords old place by Brown and Cooley. Went to Doct. Holcomb and back again. IT APPEARS THAT THE YOUNG LADIES ARE ASSUMING WHAT THEY DENOMINATE THE BLOOMER DRESS - SHORT SKIRTS AND PANTALNETS. IT MAKES A GREAT BLUSTER AMONG THE STALD LADIES. SAWMILL RAISED.
- 13 Cool and pleasant. Doct. Holcomb called. Mr. White, Israel Parsons and Eliza Parsons came nere.
- 14 Cool and pleasant. It is considered cold weather. Have had fire in my office nearly every day this spring. Made a quit-claim deed yesterday from George T. King to Edmund M. King of all his right in Real and Personal estate for 200. THE BLOOMER DRESS IS NAMED FROM MRS. BLOOMER, EDITOR OF A PAPER CALLED THE LILLY IN WHICH SHE ADVOCATES THAT STYLE OF DRESS FOR LADIES.



- June 15 Cool. Chester White, Israel Parsons and Eliza Parsons called on me. Also, Cotton M. Cooley his wife and child.
- 16 Colder and a little rain in the afternoon. Went to Deac. Seymour with Guardian papers.
- 17 Cool and pleasant
- 18 Warmer than usual. Pleasant. Mrs. Parsons, widow of Oliver Parsons was killed this day by being upset in a wagon near James Nobles in Westfield - aged 69 years.
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- 19 The corpse of Mrs. Parsons brought to her house this morning. Cool.
- 20 Cool but comfortable. Mrs. Clarissa Parsons buried this day.
- 21 Warmest day this season. Set out some small hemlock in my dooryard. Called at Kings Blacksmiths Shop. Chapman Williams there. Stephen said Lucius Gibbons might harm him if he would come after him. Chapman said he was 18 years and 6 months old. Levi said Lucius had been there and said he should prosecute them if they kept him. Mr. Wright, son of Spencer Wright, Granville, Ohio came here this day.
- 22 Warm and comfortable.
- 23 Foggy and warm. Mr. Wright staid with me last night and started for home this morning. Trial between Benjamin Root and Leroy J. Root for Assault and Battery. 5.dolls. fine and cost. Lyman Cowdry employed me to obtain damages from Westfield for killing Mrs. Parsons and injury done to his wife and wagon. Notified the Selectmen of Westfield that heirs of Mrs. Parsons claimed damages.
- 24 Cool
- 25 Pleasant.
- 26 Cool morning - warm day - thunder shower 4 o'clock p.m. Very rapid and hard thunder and lightening. The ground had become dry and this good shower was needed. Mrs. Cooley and James, wife and child visited the Holcombs. A mourning-dove, very tame and familiar, was about our house most part of the forenoon.
- 27 Warm and pleasant. Mrs. Eli Frost called on me with her brother and Eli Beach to make complaint agst. her husband for abuse.
- 28 Warm and pleasant. Eli Frost and Esther Frost, his wife, made an agreement in writing to divide their property and live separate or together as they pleased.
- 29 Very warm and pleasant
- 30 Hot and pleasant.

- July 1 Warm morning and pleasant. Set out for Springfield to Probate Ct. on Wm. Seymour Estate. 8 o'clock began to rain hard - showery all the forenoon - very hot in the middle of the day - cool at 6 o'clock. MILTON B. WHITNEY ENTERED MY OFFICE AS A STUDENT.
- 2 Cool morning - warm day. James got in his clover. Some people begin to mow this week. Mrs. Eunice Rice called to complain of Alvin W. Rice - Comfort Clark with her.
- 3 Cool
- 4 Rainy morning - cleared off at noon. GREAT CELEBRATION AND MENAGERIE AT SPRINGFIELD. JENNY LIND, THE GREAT SWEDISH SINGER SUNG AT SPRINGFIELD, NORTHAMPTON, AND HARTFORD THIS WEEK. SHE RECEIVES THE MOST UNBOUNDED APPLAUSE IN THE PLACES WHERE SHE SINGS. SHE RECEIVED 2600 Dolls. IN ONE EVENING AT SPRINGFIELD.

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son of Dr. Vincent Holcomb. Doct O.C. Holcomb called and made known his intention coming from the corners on to the Hill to locate himself as a Physician.

- July 5 Cool and somewhat cloudy - some hay that was mowed before the rain was got in to-day. Very little haying done yet. Grass seems to be very good.
- 6 Cloudy - cool
- 7 Cloudy and cool forenoon - clear and hot in the afternoon. 2 gentlemen of Ellington, Ct and 2 of Otis at my office. The Otis men bought land and gave 800. dolls. Pd 150 - gave notes of 100. dolls at 90 days at the Housatonic Bank. 4 notes of 100 and 1 of 150 payable successively to 7 of July 1856. They took the deed home for their wives to sign and were to send it back. Doct. Holcomb called and brought old record books.
- 8 Cloudy morning. Cleared off warm and Timothy and James got in some hay, Cloudy and cold toward night. Dr. C. C. Holcomb called.
- 9 Began to rain this morning at 4 o'clock - small shower - Showered at 9 o'clock - cloudy all day.
- 10 Hard shower at 4 o'clock this morning. Cloudy and Sunshiny - thunder shower at 3 o'clock p.m.
- 11 Tolerable hay weather. James got in some hay.
- 12 Fine good hay weather. James got in 4 loads hay.
- 13 Pleasant weather. Rev. Mr. from Feeding Hills preached. HEARD OF THE DEATH OF ORSON HIGLEY (?) BY SUICIDE. HE CUT HIS OWN THROAT L DAY LAST WEEK. HE WAS A MISERABLE INTEMPERATE MAN. HE MARRIED SUSANNA GRISWOLD WHO WAS SUSANNA PARSONS, SISTER TO MY WIFE. HE LEAVES 3 VERY FINE CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST WIFE AND 4 BY HIS PRESENT WIFE.
- 14 Fine weather for haying. James gets in all the hay he mowed on Saturday. Timothy mown his home lot. error
- 15 Fine pleasant cool hayweather. (James got in home lot hay.) Timothy got in Home lot hay. (James got in six loads hay. I painted the Burying yard fence and whitewashed the outside railing - This is the North Burying ground,
- 16 Cloudy morning. Nobody dares to mow - Cleared off this afternoon. Chandler R. Ransom of Boston and young Mr. R of Westfield called to urge the election of Samuel H. Wall y as Governor and DANIEL WEBSTER AS PRESIDENT.
- 17 Hard thunder shower last night at 10 o'clock. Cleared off this morning very warm. West to Westfield and was qualified before Hon. M , James Fowler and W. G. Bates as Justice of the Peace. Commission expires 7 Jan'y 1858. Very warm - James gets in the hay at the heater lot. Mr. Wilcox put up a lightening conductor on James' barn 30 feet long - needle of silver and platina 1 foot long. Paid \$4.75.
- 18 Fine hayweather. James finishes haying. Warm but not so hot as yesterday.
- 19 Warm - showery all day - hot.
- 20 Pleasant. I.B. Spelman and his wife called this evening
- 21 Warm and fine hay weather.
- 22 Warm and fine hay weather. Attended Prob. Ct. in Hartland before T.E. Williams, Judge of Probate, on Deacon Wm Seymour Estate. Judge Pratt of Detroit and W. W. Bacon called and executed deeds of Mineral Lands at Lake Superior.
- 23 A small shower this morning.
- 24 Warm and pleasant. James reaps rye.



- July 25 Warm and pleasant. James reaps rye - gets in his rye - sows his turnips and reaps his barley. Simon Haskell sets out this morning (Friday!) for Illinois to locate his land warrant of 160 acres which I got for him. He borrowed, as is supposed, about \$ 60. dolls. of his friend in Pieru and packed up all his tools and some furniture and had a large double wagon load of trumpery which Ralph Brown carried to the Depot at Westfield for him. He bought a barrell of flour and a load of hay for his family and stock. He started about 8 o'clock this morning. Shower and very severe lightening this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.
- 26 Warm and pleasant. James got in all his barley and rye. A little rain at night.
- 27 Cool and pleasant. Sprinkling of rain 6 o'clock p.m.
- 28 Fine pleasant morning. People who have not finished, now go into it with energy but it clouds up in the afternoon and a hard shower at night.
- 29 Cool and showery all day. Poor encouragement for hay makers. Mr. Parmalee, who married Miss Bates, from Louisville, Ky and 3 children called - a man of considerable intelligence.
- 30 Cool and cloudy
- 31 Cool and cloudy. Poor encouragement for haymakers.
- Aug. 1 Cold and cloudy. Had a fire in my office every day. Henry Parmalee, wife and 3 children from Louisville, Ky. visited us.
- 2 Pleasant and good hayweather
- 3 Fine pleasant warm day
- 4 Cloudy and misty. Raised my hen house. James cradled his oats.
- 5 Cloudy, clears off pleasant at noon.
- 6 Cloudy, hard shower last night.
- 7 A child of I. Wesley Barnes, 11 yrs, a girl, died at Mrs. Hamilton's. James got in his oats in good order.
- 8 Warm. Phoebe Barnes - 12 years old.
- 9 A little rain last night - cloudy - cleared off warm at 10 o'clock a.m. Lyman and Henry (or Harry) Hodge cleaned out my well for which I paid them one dollar. MRS. LAURA DUNNING OF MICHIGAN, FORMERLY LAURA STILES, CALLED AT MY OFFICE FOR HER SHARE OF HER GRANDMOTHER'S PENSION of 11. SHE WAS MUCH VEXED WITH ME AND APPEARED GREATLY EXCITED. I TOLD HER THERE WERE MANY HEIRS AND THE DIVIDEND WOULD BE SMALL AND WHILE MAKING A COMPUTATION OF THE AMOUNT I WAS TO PAY HER, SHE CAME AT ME VERY FURIOUSLY - STRUCK ME WITH BOTH HARD FISTS IN MY FACE - PULLED MY EARS AND HAIR. I BROKE FROM HER EMBRACE WITH DIFFICULTY AND SHE TOOK HER SEAT - SNATCHED A PRISM OF A LAMP (GLASS) AND THREW IT VIOLENTLY AGAINST THE STOVE AND BROKE IT INTO VERY FINE PIECES. I FINALLY GAVE HER 2 DOLLS. FOR HER AND HER SISTER IN MICHIGAN - AND SHE DEPARTED WITH HER SISTER LOOMIS, MAKING A GREAT UPROAR. MRS. LOOMIS SAID SHE WAS SUBJECT TO FITS.
- \* Died this day Mrs. Edith Bancroft - 2nd wife of Lemuel Bancroft - aged 56. A very powerful thunder shower this afternoon at 5 & 6 o'clock. Very vivid lightening and some hail. Cleared off cool and pleasant at 7 o'clock.
- 10 Cool and pleasant. Attended the funeral of Mrs. Edith Bancroft 8 o'clock a.m.

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- Aug. 11 Cold and pleasant. I. B. Wolfe who came here on Wednesday last left this morning for New York. His address in care of W. H. Wolfe, 17 South St. New York.  
Mr. Parmelee and his family who have been here 2 weeks from Louisville, Ky. left for New Bedford. Eli Beach called here on the way to Springfield to attend as a witness in his brothers case in conversation respecting a matter some months ago before the Probate Court between the heirs of Samuel Granger and Samuel Hamilton, their Guardian said that Esq. Hamilton took a false oath in that case. He had perjured himself and he would perjure himself any time for a dollar. He was a lying, perjured old Knave - all which he repeated many times.
- 12 Cloudy and foggy morning. Cleared off warm and pleasant. Took 2 five doll. Mina Bank Bills of A. W. Henry. Mr. Brockway called. Went to Seymours. Mr. Collins, Guardian of Caroline Seymour called.
- 13 Very warm and pleasant - prospect of a shower but none comes. Rcd V. Holcombs Land Certificate for 40 acres No. 13933.
- 14 Pleasant weather. Doct. Holcomb called - gave him his Land (Certificate - error) WARRENT.
- 15 Cold night and morning. Cool and pleasant. Maj. Bancroft gave me 1/4 of a fat young pig for which I thanked him very much altho I never eat pig. Never liked it - my wife is fond of it. Elijah Seymour paid his note to Deac. Seymours Estate.
- 16 Pleasant. Went to Samuel Bancrofts and made his will for the 2nd time. He gave all his property to his son, Harry O. Bancroft (or Harvey) and a Legacy of 1. doll. to each of his remaining children.
- 17 Cold wet rainy day.
- 18 Rained considerable last night. Cleared off cool this a.m.
- 19 Cool and pleasant. Lydia Gowdy sold 30 acres land to Stephen M. Oatly for 400. took mortgage for 325. payable annually until Nov. 1857.
- 20 Pleasant, cool. Some prospect of rain - none comes.
- 21 Somewhat cloudy - cool.
- 22 Began to rain 6 1/2 o'clock a.m. Some thunder and lightening. Cleared off cloudy at noon - Cloudy and showery toward night. Misses Elizabeth and Abbey Lloyd called.
- 23 Several thunder showers last night. Clear and pleasant this morning. Died last night, Mrs. Polly Clark, 86. Died this day at 2 o'clock p.m. Miss Louisa Chester - 54.
- 24 Fine pleasant day. Mrs. Polly Clark and Miss Louisa Chester buried this day.
- 25 Fine pleasant day. Thomas D. Clark and Brael M. Graham called to see the will of Mrs. Polly Clark.
- 26 Very cold. Attended Probate Ct. Springfield and presented Mrs. Clarks will etc.
- 27 VERY SICK IN THE MORNING. Attended at Mrs. William Seymours to the distribution of the Real Estate . Spelman and son and of Ohio and Ellen Cooley arrived this day.
- 28 Cool and pleasant



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Aug. 29 Very warm. About as warm as any day this summer. Leve Brown and T. M. Cooley 2nd finished their SAWMILL this day morning. Work done by Messrs. Clemons of Connecticut.

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Copied from the Diary of the Hon. James Cooley by Avola B. Hiers. He was Ralph H. Hiers' great-great-grandfather. Items of historical interest or family interest are CAPITALIZED. Most of the parenthesis contain my comments altho some are, obviously, Mr. Cooley's. Many blank spaces are left as I may be able to interpret some of the penmanship later.

Later.. October 18, 1975 - with the help of Helena Duris I have filled in some of the names. However, many of the blanks were left by Mr. Cooley.