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## Diary for 09 01 to 10 30, 1883

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1883

Pleasant.

Father and Ulysses  
worked on the well.  
Not got home last  
night but did not get  
many fish.

Venie came over to-  
night and will stay  
here. Grace went down  
with Mary.

Ulysses went to  
the Corner to night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1883

Pleasant.

I went down to S.  
School this morning  
and Class meeting.  
Mr. Smith came out.  
He went over to mother  
is to dinner.

Hattie Lyons and Sim.  
Came down this afternoon.  
Hattie stayed here to  
supper and Sim. stayed  
with Hellington.

Mr. Smith could not  
find his cow to night.  
The boys went to  
the Vestry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1883

Yet a little part of the fore-noon; cold and windy this afternoon. Father and the boys mowed my buck wheat this morning.

They pulled peas this afternoon.

Mother and Olive Linn came in a few minutes.

School commenced to-day - Mrs. Alvira Wilbur teacher.

Mr. Smith hunted for his cow all day but could not find her.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1883

Pleasant, windy.  
Ulysses, Arthur, Elley and I went out to hunt for Mr. Smith's cow. We hunted all the fore-noon but could not find her. Mr. Smith couldn't find her this afternoon.

Clara went out in the fore-noon and it blowed so hard to night that she will stay out all night.

Rev. Mr. Brooks came over to Father's this afternoon and we all went down to meeting this evening.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1883

Rained a little this fore-noon and cleared off this after-noon - cool.  
Mr. James Dunn was taken ill last night coming from meeting but is a little better to night.

Clara got home about 2 o'clock and then went over to mother's and stayed to supper.

Mr. Smith has hunted for his cow all day but has not found her.

Ulysses went to the Corner to night.

Sold Bela Pulley 1/2 doz eggs @ .20 = .80

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1883

Pleasant.

Mr. Smith's cow was found this morning by Joseph Brown, Henry and Horace Carter, who were out hunting for her in Jarvis's pasture.

Father and the boys worked on the well.

Father was helping Aunt Nina part of the day to get her Charley in.

Clara and Mrs. Owen came over to mother's visiting. They called over here a few minutes. Harriet came in in the after-noon.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1883

Pleasant; cloudy to night. Mrs. Smith came out this morning. Sedgie stayed with Clara and I went out where Mr. Smith was building his cellar wall. He has no one to help him haul the rock and it is hard and slow work rolling them in to the cellar. I went to look for their cow but could not find her.

The folks <sup>over to the</sup> other house went up to a Grange picnic in N. C. B. grove. Gov. Frederick Robt was present.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1883

Pleasant.

Clara washed out some yarn and put it to color.

Mother went down to Aunt Mamma's this afternoon.

We had a nice prayer-meeting to the school-house to night. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were out.

Father and Ulysses worked on the well wall.

Another grange meeting last night. For Gov. Robt.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1883

Mr. Smith came out to Sabbath school this morning. Only five to Class-meeting.

Mr. Smith came out a little while this after-noon. Mother and Olive Dunn went out to Mrs. Smith's.

Rained a little this morning.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1883

Pleasant.

We had a chicken-pie for dinner to-day. Father and mother were here to dinner. I went down to the other place this after-noon and helped father pull his beans, and we picked some corn to carry to Eastport. Father hauled me a load of wood. To night, we killed 10 chickens and the boys killed 10.

Mrs. Smith came out this after-noon.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1883

Pleasant, cold.

Ulysses and I started  
for Eastport at about  
four o'clock and got  
home about 12 o'clock

I carried down and  
sold  $19\frac{1}{4}$  lbs chicken  
@ 15 = 1.89. — 7 dozen ears  
of corn @ 10 = .70 and bit  
1 bottle Bellows compound 1.25  
1 gal vinegar 80  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb gin  
gu or 1 lb saleratus .08  $\frac{1}{4}$   
yds calico .06 dinner etc 10  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  gal. crock (stone) .30  
glass jar .15

The boys 10 chickens =  
 $24\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. @ 15

Towards night Ulysses  
carried Clara and mother  
up to Mrs. Swissee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1883

Pleasant.

I stayed out to Mr.  
Smith's last night. I  
helped Ulysses pull  
some beans to-day.

Ulysses started to  
go up to Grove meet-  
ing to night.

Father hauled his  
rock west up that  
he got yesterday.  
Clara Smith brought  
Clara and mother part  
way home to night.  
They got home about  
eight o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1883

Pleasant.

I went over to the  
Corner for Aunt Jim  
and got Mr. Vekler a  
German piano tuner  
and he cleaned and  
tuned her piano and  
melodion. I stayed <sup>5.00</sup> there  
to dinner and then I  
carried him back to Mr  
Hunt's, and I brought  
a bag of meal for Mrs.  
Smith <sup>1.75</sup> and a bag of ca-  
ton seed-meal for my-  
self. <sup>1.75</sup> Ulysses went  
up to Grove meeting to  
night.

Father and Arthur  
went rock-weeding.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1883

Looked like rain  
in the morning; pleasant  
Mother and Arthur  
went up to ~~Charlotte~~  
to Grove meeting  
and will stay all  
night. Father hawl-  
ed his rock-weed up.  
Clara made Chow  
to day.

I went down and  
got a mess of potato  
es and corn.  
Mr. and Mrs. Smith  
came out to night.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1883

Pleasant.

Mr. Chas. Smith came here from Cooper and I hired to teach school in his district for \$2 per month.

Joseph Gunn hauled a load of lumber for Mr. Smith on Nate's wagon and broke the axle.

Adna hauled a load in by Buckman's.

Adna Smith and wife came over to prayer meeting this evening.

Geo. M. Carter and wife came home to stay.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1883

Pleasant.

Mr. Smith came out to S. School this morning. Mrs. Smith and Venie and Mother and Mr. Smith stayed here to dinner.

Uncle Ira and Chas. Brown went to Selma after Sunday school.

Venie started for Capt. Porter's about 3:30.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1883

Dull and damp  
all day. Ulysses and  
I went over to the Cor-  
ner and I got, (Hobart)

8 yds. red flannel 38 = 8.04

5 " cotton " 14 = 70

4 " bleached cotton 12 = 48

1 shirt bosom 12 = 12

2 doz. buttons, 1 spool thread = 09

1/2 lb. tea 30 = 15

2 bags meal 350 = 3.50

7.58

Ulysses got 3 bags of  
meal = 7.50

Clara washed.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1883

Pleasant.

A mink killed one  
of my pullits and  
Ulysses shot him.  
Mother helped Clara  
make my shirts. We  
stayed there to din-  
ner.

Mr. Smith hauled  
down a load of boards  
with Adna's horse.

Mr Brooks preached  
to-night in the school  
house. Very few pres-  
ent.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1883

Pleasant. Warm.  
Father, Arthur, Mr. Smith  
and I (and Ulysses this  
forenoon) worked build-  
ing a bridge across the  
back-field brook. We did  
not get it all done.

Mother and Clara  
went out to Mrs. Smith's  
and father and I went  
out to dinner.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1883

Pleasant.  
Mr. Smith worked for  
Joseph Dunn.

Elias and I worked  
on the bridge this fore-  
noon - putting on rocks.

This afternoon I help-  
ed Ulysses haul in his  
beans, dig and pick up  
to-to-toes, etc.

We got dinner to-  
morrow.

Father, mother and U-  
lysses went to the Ge-

Mrs. Smith came  
out a few minutes.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1883

Pleasant.

Clara and I went down to see Geo. Carter. He had started to come up here, through the woods, but we got a sight at his wife. He came here a few minutes after we got home.

Ulysses thrashed out some beans.

Father dug potatoes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1883

Ulysses and Mrs. Smith went over to the Corner this morning and they carried over and sold for us--

8 1/2 doz. eggs @ .20 = 1.70

7 1/4 lbs butter @ .25 = 1.94

and bought

1 lb butter salted = .25

2 spools thread @ .05 = .10

1 gal. kerosene = .14

4 lbs. sugar @ .10 = .40

1 bag meal = 1.30

writing paper = .12

1 bottle mailage = .10

Mr. B. L. Smith came afternoon about 4 o'clock.

He started, and got up to Bethel, then to the store and got up to the store and stayed at night.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1883

Pleasant, Cool.

Mr. Smith and I started for Cooper about 5:15 this morning, and got to his house about 8:30. It has been very smoky here all day, the fire burned quite near the house. The people had to drive their cattle from the pasture for fear the fire would run over the grass in the pasture and field.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1883

Pleasant in the forenoon; looked like rain all night. Commenced to rain about 4 o'clock.

This morning Mr. Richards carried me over to Prof. Richards and he examined me and gave me a certificate, and I commenced school this morning. Only ten scholars in the district to go to school. Mr. Smith and James Dodge fit fire to-day but the rain will probably stop it.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1883

Pleasant and windy.

I wrote a letter home and shall send it down to the W. Pembroke office by a Mr. James Dodge, who is going to the fair.

All the scholars were present to-day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1883

## ~ Fair ~

Pleasant; cold and windy this morning, calm to night. No one went to the fair from here except Mr. James Dodge. He took my letter. He had Mr. Smith's horse. Mr. S. pegged my slipper, to-day, and fixed his boot.

Mr. Dodge did not get back to night.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1883

## Fair

Pleasant, windy.

About eight o'clock this morning Mr. Smith and I made up our minds to go to the fair. We were bothered about getting a wagon and did not get started till 10 o'clock. We got to the fair-ground about noon. I went over to the "Gardner House" with a doctor and he sounded my lungs, then I walked way home and stayed about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour and then walked back to the fair-ground. We started for home about

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1883

Looked like rain in the morning.

Mr. Smith got part of his oats in.

Nothing of importance happened to day. I stayed to the school-house to my dinner.

(Yesterday)

five; thirty (5<sup>30</sup>) and came up to Mr. Lyons's and went in there and got our supper. We did not get home till 10:30.

I bought, 2 boxes of traps @ 25<sup>c</sup> = .50;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. powder 12<sup>c</sup> fine comb 10<sup>c</sup>; pocket comb 5<sup>c</sup>.  
I carried one box of traps

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1883

Pleasant, looks  
like rain to night.

I had a school to-  
day to make up for  
"fair" day. James Lodge  
and I went out in the  
morning after a par-  
tridge, but found  
none.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1883

Rained part of  
last night and this fore-  
noon. I stayed at  
home all day. James  
Lodge went home  
down to No 14.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1883

Pleasant; Cold.

I commenced "Census Script Book" #2 today.

Mr. Smith sold a lamb to a Mr. Stord of Medysbury for 2.40. He killed it.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1883

Pleasant in the morning, clouded up and commenced to rain about 2.30 P.M. and rained hard the rest of the afternoon and evening. Snowed about 5 o'clock.

Mr. Smith killed a lamb this morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1883

Cloudy in the morning; cleared off pleasant untill about 6 o'clock when it clouded up very quickly and rained hard for a little while.

I took the gun and went out a few minutes after school but saw nothing to fire at.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1883

Pleasant in the morning; flying clouds with occasionally a few spits of snow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1883

Cold all day; sput some  
of snow. Broken clouds  
passing over.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1883

Pleasant, warm in the  
middle of the day.

I went out gunning in  
the fore-noon and only  
saw one partridge, I fired  
at her but did not kill  
her. I went down to the  
pond in the after noon  
but got nothing.

The Rich boys helped  
Mr. Smith this after  
noon get in and mow down  
oats, etc. They took the  
horse "Sam" to go to H.  
exander to mow.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1883

Pleasant and warm  
all day. I was around  
home all day.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1883

Pleasant and warm  
I went out a few minutes  
before school and  
shot one partridge and  
fired at another.

I carried two notices  
up to school for Haskell  
Smith, for Ireland's fall  
to work on the road.

Mr. Haskell Smith went  
to Muddy Bimps today  
and brought me a letter  
from Clara and Annie  
Big Jim and little Jim  
Rodge came up this evening.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1883

Pleasant; hazy. quite warm. I put some pieces in my scrap-book. (#2)

Mr. W. W. Rich, supervisor, - came in this fore-noon.

Mr. Smith got a crew to dig his Potatoes; they commenced to dig and Ireland's folks came down and forbid them digging a potato; they scarged and drove them off. Mr. S. and Samuel Rich went to Pennysville. They got back about 7 o'clock. I had a letter to send but he forgot it.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1883

Pleasant.  
Mr. Smith went to Miltown, and got 24¢ for butter, 20¢ for eggs and gave 1.45 for meal 1.75 for fine feed. He got home about 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1883

Cloudy most of the day.

Rev. Mr. Brooks came from Pembroke to see me. He got here about 2:35 o'clock, P. M. He stayed about 10 minutes and went right back.

A Mr. Hatten came to Mr. Smith's after his sheep but could find only part of them.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1883

Looked like rain commenced to rain in the evening but did not rain much.

Mr. Samuel Rich came down to night, and will stay all night and go down to Howard Lyonses tomorrow and get his horse he bought a few days ago. We helped Mr. Smith get his sheep up to night.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1883

Looked like rain in the morning; partly cleared up about noon; rained part of the afternoon.

I went down to Mr. Howard Symms this forenoon with Mr. Rich and walked home. Got home at noon.

Ulysses went over to the corner to night and sold for us 6 lbs. butter 15¢ and got 2 bags of meal 15¢ - 3¢.

I went down to the school-house, but there was no meeting.

Venie came over in the evening with Silas Symms.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1883

Rained hard last night and most all day to day. Mr. Smith came out in the forenoon and stayed to dinner and Mrs. Smith came out a little while after dinner. Ulysses brought me to Cooper this afternoon and will stay all night. We started at 3 o'clock and got to Mr. Smith's about 6 o'clock.

Venie went down to work for Alice Laughlin yesterday.

Uncle Ira brought the Farm and Fireside and the letter that I wrote to Clara last week.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1883

Cleared off last night; wind <sup>blow</sup>blowed hard and it came off cold; cloudy; windy; and quite cold today. My ses started for home about 8 o'clock. I went up to the school house with him.

Mr. Sullivan, a peddler, came across the <sup>road</sup> from Charlotte and got cast away. His horse got cut very badly and he had to haul his "cast" in with Mr. Haskell Smiths oxen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1883

Clear and cold. About five o'clock to night, Mr. Fisher (Dr.) Buck and Dan Griffin came up from Eastport to stay a few days gunning. They brought a few boxes of sardines. In the evening a party, who are camping on the river — Messrs. Nutt, Hamner, and Fiddie of Eastport and Aaron Hobart of Danversville — came up to the house and stayed a spell and then they went to the river to pitch their tent. Mr. Smith let Mr. Sullivan have his horse, same.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1883

Pleasant and cold.

Messrs. Buck and Griffith hunted for partridge all day and found none, untill about five o'clock Mr. Buck went down by the spring and shot two.

In the evening we had a lunch of smoked herring and sardines.

I ate my first sardines this morning for breakfast and liked it very well.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1883

Pleasant and warm.

Messrs. Buck and Griffith gunned all this forenoon and got a rabbit.

Griffith got one partridge in the afternoon.

Griffith and I went down to the pond after school after some ducks but they flew.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1883

Looked like rain all day. Messrs Buck and Griffith started for home this morning. I let school out before three o'clock this afternoon and went down home. I had Mr. Smith's horse "Dick" and Mr. Yeaton's wagon.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1883

Commenced to rain about 2 o'clock this afternoon. I went to the Corner and bought for Mr. Smith 1 bag corn meal <sup>1.35</sup> and 1 bag cotton seed meal <sup>1.70</sup> of Mr. Levi, and one bag corn meal for myself. Father and Ulysses went over with their horse. Ulysses drove my team home from Mr. Bucknape's and I went across to Mr. Smith's. He has his house fixed up pretty well.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1883

Cold and windy.  
I took Mr. Smith's team  
and Clara and I went  
down to "Clark's Side"  
school-house to "Quarterly  
meeting". Bro. Day of  
Calais took the place of  
Presiding Elder, Sibley.  
Mrs. Bosworth and I  
were baptised and I  
was taken into the  
Church. He is to baptise  
Alic Laughton  
this afternoon.  
Clara and Charles came  
over to Father's.  
I started for Cooper  
at 2:30 and got up there  
about 6:15.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1883

Pleasant and cool.  
Mr. Smith dug po-  
ta-toes.  
My tooth ached  
all night before last  
and some yesterday.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1883

Pleasant, and quite warm in the middle of the day.

I started to carry Mr. Yeaton's wagon home this morning and met Lincoln coming after it, and Mr. Smith's buck. We went down to Mr. Haskell Smith and drove part of his sheep up, but he was not with them. I did not find him. I took up to school with Lincoln.

Mr. Smith finished digging his potatoes.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1883

Commenced to rain about noon.

Mr. Bridges of Medley Camp came down to Mr. Smith's and got his sheep.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1883

Rained all day.  
Roads are very muddy.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1883

Rained about all  
day.  
Mr. Yeaton brought  
Mr. Smith's winnowing machine  
home and got his truck.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1883

Pleasant and quite warm. Mr. and Mrs. Smith took a ride up the road this forenoon. I cut out some pieces for my scrap-book but did not get a piece put in. This afternoon I helped Mr. Smith cut some wood in the woods, and sawed some to the dock, and then we went down to Mr. Haskell Smith's and got some red oak roots and some partridge clover. Mr. Smith shingled my hair and shaved me this morning.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1883

Pleasant, and quite warm. I stayed home all day. Mr. Haskell S. came up and got shaved and his mustache dyed. James Lodge came up in the afternoon.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1883

Commenced to rain about 11:30 this forenoon, and rained hard all day. I did not bring my overcoat and Lincoln. Yeaton lent me his rubber coat. Mr. Smith went to Pennysville and it rained so hard that he did not come home to-night. After I got home from school I sawed the night's wood and milked the cows. Mr. Smith took two letters to mail for me:— one for Clara and one for Isaac. I sent for three pounds of sugar, to make me some squib (medicine).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1883

Rained hard part of the forenoon; cleared off squally. I sawed and split wood enough to last today, and milked before school. Mr. Smith got home about 1:15 this afternoon. He got me three pounds of sugar (30¢). To-night I went down the road and got some pine bark and partridge clover to make some medicine.