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Friday, FEBRUARY 27, 1883

Cloudy, and spit of snow some this fore-noon; pleasant this after-noon. School closed to-day with the exception of a day or two to make up. This evening we had an Exhibition and the house was comfortably filled. Went through first rate.

WEDNESDAY 28
Saturday

Pleasant and ~~very~~ warm. Clara and I went out to Father's and took the horse and we went up to see Simpson, Lyons, Abbie Brown etc. I got my pay for teaching school \$22. Got home about dark. Mother went over to Clara's and will stay all night.

Thursday, MARCH 1
Sunday

Clouded up and began to snow, snowed a little while, and rains this evening. I went out and got some corn. Eliza Dunn and Mrs. Curtis came out and got dinner to Mrs. Smith's and they and Mrs. and Mr. Smith got supper here.

Monday, MARCH 2, 1883

Rained all night and all this fore-noon; cleared up some towards night.

I went down to the school-house and as there were no scholars there I took my things and came home for good.

Tuesday, SATURDAY 3

Pleasant and quite warm. I began cutting my firewood. Clara washed, scrubbed etc. Grace and Elias went to the river. James came out and got his ax.

Wednesday, SUNDAY 4

Pleasant this morning; Clouded up and commenced to snow about noon; and snowed hard all the after-noon. Clara and I went up to Mrs. Hanson's and stayed till after dinner. Grace went up and will stay a few days. I prayed Allen W. and Father &c.

Thursday, MARCH 5, 1885

Cloudy all day. Moderate.
Fred Carter hauled hay for Mr. Smith.
I went over to the Corner and
sold 3 doz. eggs @ 18- $\frac{1}{4}$ and
got 1 gal. kerosene ¹⁰ Corn-starch ¹⁰
Tapioca. 8 yds calico. 48-2 lbs
bats. 25- thread. 13- Corn. Fixed the
sheep pen. Died.

Abbie E. Brown age 20 yrs

Friday ~~THURSDAY~~ 6

Pleasant and warm.
I cut fire-wood.
Clara has been fixing quilts
etc.

Saturday WEDNESDAY 7

Quite pleasant and cool.
Looks like a storm to night.
Father's folks and Mrs. Smith
all went to Abbie Rogers' funeral;
preaching by Rev. Mr. Whittier.
I went out and got a peck of
beans of Ulysses. I cut fire-
wood. Mr. Smith came home
this afternoon.

Sunday THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1885

Snowed all day.
Bales and Fanny came out
and stayed to Mrs. Smith's
to dinner and came over
here and stayed to supper.

Monday ~~FRIDAY~~ 9

Pleasant and cool.
Mr. Smith went to Lewis-
ville this morning.
I cut fire-wood.
Mrs. Smith and Elias were
here to supper. Clara
had a Corn-starch pudding.

Tuesday SATURDAY 10

Snowed some last night;
squally about all day.
I cut fire-wood. He
went over to Mrs. Smith's
and got supper. She had a
rabbit soup. Grace and
Elias went to the Corner.
Sarah's clothes caught fire
this morning.

~~Wednesday~~, MARCH 11, 1883

Pleasant and cold.
I cut fire-wood; went out
to Father's after supper. He got
a bag of meal and a bag of corn
for me. Grace and Sarah
came over this evening. Mr.
Smith came home from
the mill.

Thursday ~~Monday~~ 12

Pleasant and cold.
Ulysses came out this fore-
noon; brought out our flour,
bag of meal and a bag of Corn. Mr.
Smith got a barrel of flour and a
bag of meal. He hauled 3 loads
of fire-wood. Helen and Mabel came
out with him. Mrs. Laughton and
Charlie came out to Mrs. Smith's called here
Friday

TUESDAY 13

Pleasant and very cold.
I cut fire-wood this fore-
noon. This afternoon I went to
the Corner and paid Herbert Sprague
Int. ²⁶³ on note and hired it (\$70) another
year @ 7%. I bought 3 yds. ¹¹³ mus-
3 yds. ¹¹³ shirting. Clara a pr. of shoes etc.
and paid H. S. Bridges \$3. on % I went
out to Father's towards night.
Clara finished Log-Cabin quilt.

~~Saturday~~ SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1883

Snowed about all day.
Cleared off near night.
I cut a little fire wood, and
went out and ground my ax
and brought in my 1 year heifer
that I bought of Ulysses.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over
and stayed to dinner. Mrs. Smith
made my overalls.

Sunday. ~~Thursday~~ 15

Pleasant; windy. Looks like
a storm towards night.
Father, Mother and James came
out and stayed to dinner and
supper.

Monday ~~Friday~~ 16

Rained and blowed about
all last night and this morn-
ing. Cleared off and has been
pleasant all day. Clara and
Mrs. Smith knotted a comfortable
this fore-noon and Clara washed
this afternoon. I cut wood
" " I hurt my eye
with a chip.

~~Tuesday~~ MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1883

Snowed some this morning; cleared off pleasant. I cut fire-wood. Clara churned and Grace ironed for her. Mrs. Smith and Grace went over to Mrs. Langton's this evening.

~~Wednesday~~ TUESDAY 18

Pleasant and quite cold. I cut fire-wood. Mr. Smith brought my bench-horn this morning; he is quite lame. Clara scrubbed etc. Ulysses and Mabel went to Easton. He got me a stove-back. Elias and I went out after supper and ground our axes.

~~Thursday~~ WEDNESDAY 19

Commenced to snow last night and snowed and blowed hard all day. Cold.

I tapped and patched one boot and sewed Clara's "Households" this evening. Cleared off this evening.

~~Friday~~ THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1883

Pleasant and cool. Snow deep. I cut some wood. I yoked my team this afternoon. I wrote an order for seeds this evening to J. H. Atlee Burpee & Co.

~~Saturday~~ FRIDAY 21

Quite pleasant; cold and windy.

I cut some wood. Grace will stay over here to night.

~~Sunday~~ THURSDAY 22

Pleasant and quite cold. Father came out and stayed to dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over and stayed a little while and we went over and stayed to supper and the evening.

~~Monday~~ FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1883

Sent for seed.
Quite pleasant; cool.
Looks some like a storm.

Mr. Smith and I went
to the Corner and I sold
4 1/2 doz. eggs @ 15¢ - .67 and
got some things. Elias helped

me haul up some wood.
Mrs. Smith and Grace came
over after supper.

SATURDAY 24
Tuesday

Pleasant; cold this morn-
ing. Mr. Smith started
for Dennyville this fore-
noon, but meeting Mrs. Sin-
coln's team after Grace, he
came back and he and I
and Elias went clomping
and had a good chowder
over there to night.

SUNDAY 25

Thursday Wednesday

Soft; snowed a little pleasant
to night. I cut wood this
forenoon, and hauled some up
this afternoon with my steers.

Mrs. Smith went to the Corner
this forenoon and got me a let-
ter from Isaac. They all
came over to night to clom-
chowder

~~Thursday~~ FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1883

Pleasant and quite warm
I cut wood this forenoon
and we hauled with both yokes
of steers - 3 loads for me and 1
for Mr. Smith. Clara went
out to Chabel's. Mr. Smith
went to Dennyville this fore-
noon. Arthur caught a raccoon.
He came out to night.

SUNDAY 27

C²⁵ and James's Birthday

Snowed a little this morn-
ing; wind blowed hard, clumpy
S. W. Snow settled fast.

I cut a little wood.
Clara and Sarah scrubbed.
Mr. Smith went to Corner
got a letter from Venie.

Saturday WEDNESDAY 28

Pleasant; warm and Spring
like - snow melted fast.
I cut wood this fore-
noon. Ulysses and I went
over to the Corner and I
got some things -

Sunday ~~THURSDAY~~, MARCH 29, 1883

Snowed about all day; cleared off pleasant towards night. Mrs. Smith and Elias went out to Mrs. Rosworth's. - Father came out a little while to night and Mr. Smith came over after supper.

Monday ~~FRIDAY~~ 30

Town Meeting.

Pleasant; Cool. Mr. Smith and I went to "town-meeting"; got back about 6 o'clock. Town excepted road. - Geo. W. Basworth started West. - Mrs. Geo. Dudley's baby died today. - Clara went over to her mother's and they washed. - Bought 40 yds factory @ 7c 2.80 - 5 spools thread 17c

Tuesday ~~SATURDAY~~ 31

Snowed some this forenoon. Has looked like rain this afternoon; rains this evening.

Forrest Carter and I went over to Mr. Clummers Childer's and got a load of hay (200 lbs.) for Mr. Smith this forenoon. - Elias and I hauled wood, for me, this afternoon. - Mrs. Smith went to Mrs. Dudley's baby's funeral. - Mr. Smith has the tooth-ach. He dug the baby's grave.

Wednesday, APRIL 1, 1883
Full Fools Day.

Pleasant and warm. Snow melted fast. - I churned. We went out this forenoon. I cut wood for Ulysses this afternoon. Clara went to mother's. Ulysses brought us out, and a bag of meal and 1 of corn ^{1.35} with the ^{1.50} ram. - I got part of my seeds of J. Tillinghast.

MONDAY 2

Thursday

Off taken
Pleasant, and quite warm. Clouded up towards night and looks like rain. J. E. Jr. commenced work for me today for a short time @ \$3.00 per week. Mr. Smith went to Dennigsville this forenoon. Mrs. Smith started for "Four Corners" with, but it was too hard and came back.

TUESDAY 3

Friday

Wet and drizzly all day. - We cut wood in the swamp. - Father came out and we put a rail across the brook. - I helped Mr. Smith haul a load a load of wood this forenoon. - Siggie will stay with Sarah to night, and Eliza will stay over here with Eliza.

Saturday ~~WEDNESDAY~~, APRIL 4, 1883

Misty; and rainy all day.
Rained hard this evening.

I went to the Corner this forenoon. — I planted some tomato, cabbage and lettuce seed, in a box, this afternoon. — Mr. Smith went to Remysville to work in the mill.

Sent town reports to Verne and Ben.

Sunday ~~THURSDAY~~ 5

Easter.

Cloudy; warm, pleasant towards night.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over and stayed to dinner. Clara had a Tapioca pudding. Elley came out to night.

Monday ~~FRIDAY~~ 6

Stormy and wet about all day. — Elley and I cut two stumps down this morning. — We hauled 13 loads of wood with both yoke of steers. Elias helped me. — Mr. Smith went to work in the mill and came home to night. — Mrs. Bosworth came out to Mrs. Smith's.

Tuesday ~~SATURDAY~~, APRIL 7, 1883

Isaac's Birthday 25th

Pleasant and warm.

Snow melted fast. — Elley cut wood. — Clara and I went up to Deborah's but, she being gone, we went up to Fanny's and she shingled my hair; she stayed to dinner and then came home. — Mr. Smith got me a box of herring.

SUNDAY 8

Wednesday ~~WEDNESDAY~~

Rainy and wet all day. — We hauled out four loads ^{of wood} with my steers alone, this forenoon. — I filed the saw. — Elley made a saw-horse. — This afternoon we went out and ground our axes and cut down a stub. — Clara scrubbed. Elias went to the Corner.

Thursday ~~MONDAY~~ 9

Pleasant; windy; cold. We cut wood in the swamp. Father and Charles Owen went to Ingachias. — Arthur went to the Corner. — I went over to Mr. Smith's this evening. Clara finished a shirt for me.

Puttlingmill
Friday TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1883

Pleasant and quite warm.
He hauled out our wood
this morning, (9 loads) then
cut wood. — Mr. Smith went
to Dennyville. — Mrs. Smith
went up to Adna's. — Uncle
Hagen came over here. — Fa-
ther and Chas. got home from
Inachias. — Made letter-holder this morn.

Saturday WEDNESDAY 11

Quite pleasant.
Cut wood in the swamp.
I went over to the Corner
this afternoon and gave in my
valuation; — gave the keys to Mr. Hunt;
— Carried A. Happy ~~Thomson~~ over
to Mr. Hunt's to get framed; — Sent
for "Antony Book"; — sold 3 doz eggs.
Clara went out to Mother's.
I did not get home till dark.

Sunday THURSDAY 12

Pleasant and quite warm.
I went down to Aunt
Minnie's and stayed to din-
ner. — Mrs. Smith and Chas.
went down to Benj. and
Lay's. — Mr. Smith went out
to Fanny's and got his hair
shingled. Elley came out at
night.

Moradon Friday, APRIL 13, 1883

Venice's Birth-day. — 20.
Injured about all day.
Elley went out home and
set some hens and came back
to night. — I commenced to cut
my fence up into rails, and
blocks etc. — Mr. Smith went
to Dennyville. — Mrs. Smith
and Chas. went to the Corner.

Tuesday SATURDAY 14

Pleasant and warm.
He cut the old fence into
rails etc. — Arthur and
James cut wood down by
the "Billy's" spring. — Mr. Smith
sawed wood for Plummer
Kilder. — Clara and Mrs.
Smith washed.

Wednesday SUNDAY 15

Pleasant and warm.
He finished cutting rails.
Elley went down to Exe's
after an ax and did
not get any. — Maria
Brown was up to Mother's
visiting. — Mr. Smith
sawed wood for Mr. Kil-
der.

Mr. Jones the wrapped fence.

Monday, APRIL 16, 1883

Set The "Tight Hen"

Pleasant and warm.
I went down to Herman's and borrowed his auger and Elley and I fenced; went out and ground our axes after supper. — Mother came out this morning and will stay to night. — Mrs. Smith went to the Corner.

Friday ~~Tuesday~~ 17

Pleasant; cool; windy.
Ulysses came out with his gun and we hawled rails about all day. — Mother went home this morning. — Mr. Smith went to Denysville this fore-noon

Saturday ~~Wednesday~~ 18

Pleasant. — Fenced; put up 12 panels. — Mr. Smith worked for Plummer Childer. He got some "mangle wuzgle" seed, poultry book, etc. for me. Helen came out this morning, and will stay all night. — Grace came home from Mrs. Lincoln's.

Sunday ~~Thursday~~, APRIL 19, 1883

Pleasant and warm.
I went over and shaded Mr. Smith. — Father came out a little while. Will Rice and wife came over a little while this after noon.

Monday ~~Friday~~ 20

1 bell flower 6¢ 1/2 bag and 1/2

Pleasant and warm.
Elley and I fenced — put up 9 panels. — I went out to Ulysses's this morning, and sent to the Corner for some things by him. — Mr. Smith fenced. — I burnt some brush to night 500 phosphate of A. E. Levy @ 25¢

Tuesday ~~Saturday~~ 21

Pleasant and warm.
He put up 6 panels of fence. — Mr. Smith went to Denysville. — Mrs. Smith went out to Mabel's this fore-noon. — Chas. Owen and Clara came over; Chas. stayed to supper and Clara will stay all night. — Paid Herman \$5 for working pole tax (1884)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1883

Sprinkled some this morning;
 Looked like rain all day.
 He fencd this forenoon; Ulysses and
 I went to Town Meeting this after-
 noon. Town voted to settle the
 "Owen" trouble, on payment of
 \$550. by Mrs. James Owen. I got a
 garden rake and hoe, ⁶⁵ paid Mr. Hatch
 for flour and meal, ⁴⁰ 1 gal molasses. ⁴⁵
 Clara Owen went out to Fathens this morn.

Thursday MONDAY 23

Fast Day.

Pleasant and warm.
 Elly and I fencd. He fin-
 ished work for me, at
 present, and went home to-
 night. Mrs. Smith went
 to the Corner. Clara scrub-
 bed. — Cooked the last of our
 pig for dinner.

Friday TUESDAY 24

Pleasant and warm.
 Ulysses came out and work-
 ed for me to-day; we plow-
 ed, and furrowed six rows
 and chugged out for peas etc.
 Mabel and Florence (her sister)
 came out with him. Clara
 and Mabel went over to Mrs.
 Smith's this afternoon. Mr.
 and Mrs. Smith came over here a
 little while this evening.

Saturday WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1883

Pleasant and warm.
 I went out to Fathens this
 morning and got some peas;
 I planted 1 pint "Bliss's American
 Wonder," 1 qt. "Dwarf Champion" and
 some field "hears." — He went over
 to Mrs. Smith's and got some chowder
 for dinner.
 At a special Town Meeting today
 the town was voted to raise \$50 for
 a free high school.

THURSDAY 26

Smelary

Pleasant; rains to night.
 He went over to Chas. Owens
 this afternoon and Mrs. Smith
 came over and we all went down
 to the Vestry to meeting, this
 evening. Got home soon after
 nine o'clock. — Minister preached
 to young ladies.

Sunday FRIDAY 27

Ground covered with snow
 this morning; cleared up this
 afternoon. — Mr. Smith and I
 went to the Corner this fore-
 noon. This afternoon we
 went up to Duncansville with
 Ulysses and I bargained for
 a cow from Mr. Raymond
 Gardner for \$5. — 1/2 down; 1/2 next
 fall and 1/2 next Spring.