

1885

Diary for 06 27 to 08 31, 1885

Willis Carter

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/willis_carter



Part of the [Education Commons](#), and the [History Commons](#)

Repository Citation

Willis Carter diaries, MS 84, Special Collections Department, Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

This Other is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@UMaine. It has been accepted for inclusion in Willis Carter Diaries by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UMaine. For more information, please contact um.library.technical.services@maine.edu.

Saturday WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1883

Foggy this morning and to-night.
Pleasant and warm. Dry.
I dug on the well, cut
thistles from my beans, and
went out to the "road" and
wheeled in 1½ bush. meal and
some corn, etc. — Mr. Smith
went out to the "road" this
morning. — Elias and Sarah,
Arthur and James, went to the Corner.

Sunday THURSDAY 28

Pleasant. Dry.
Clara was taken sick
this morning, and about 6:30
a little girl arrived. Grand
mother Carter officiated.
Mother will stay out and
take care of her. — Ulysses
and Mabel came out to-morrow
night.

Monday FRIDAY 29

Cloudy; sprinkled some
through the day; commenced
to rain about 6 o'clock to-
night. — I wheeled manure
and planted two rows of
turnips and one of Cabbage,
and put some manure and
leaves into the pig-pen, etc.
transplanted squashes etc.
Mr. Smith went to the Corner, as
did Eliza.

Tuesday SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1883

Rained quite hard about all
last night, and all day.
I have worked round
the barn; fixed the pig-pen,
work-bench, and fixed the
hens in the barn, etc.
Clara and the baby are
comfortable.

Wednesday SUNDAY, JULY 1

Cloudy all day.
I went out to the "road"
this fore-noon and ground my
ax, etc. This after-noon
I went to the Corner and
brought home a heavy load.
Mr. Smith went to Denning's
will this after-noon. — Sed-
die and Elias went down after
their school books.

Thursday MONDAY 2

Cloudy, and broken two or three nights.
I hoed a few potatoes
and commenced to shingle
the front (south) side of the
barn. — Mother had a bad
"spell" with her head. —
I had a very bad "cramp"
in my stomach. — Ulysses
came out to-night.

Friday. TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1883

Wet. Hail shower this afternoon. — I hosed some potatoes this forenoon and went out to help Ulysses, but came back. — Mr. Smith went out with me to go to Lemysville, but did not go. Another had an other "spell" with her head and had to go home.

WEDNESDAY 4

1886. — Saturday 1885

Birth-day of U. S. age 109 yrs. Foggy, Pleasant. — I skinned Clara got up to day. — I shingled on the barn, and went to the corner to night. — Herman hewed timber for Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bosworth, and Mrs. Allie Anthony. — Some out to Mrs. Smith's, and called here. — Mr. Smith's folks and Daniel James went on Oak-Hill to see for my

THURSDAY 5

Sunday

Shower this forenoon. Clara, Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over to dinner. Mr. Benj. Gidley and wife came out to Mr. Smith's and called here. — Harriet came out this afternoon. — Clara is quite smart; so is the baby.

Monday FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1883

Foggy, Pleasant.

I hosed some potatoes and wheeled out some manure for turnips, etc. — Mr. Smith went to Lemysville and piled out the lumber for his barn. I hauled water and Helen washed.

Tuesday SATURDAY 7

Foggy, Pleasant.

I manured out some and planted ten rows of turnips, etc. — Mr. Smith and Herman finished hewing silos for barn.

Mrs. Smith and the children picked straw-berris.

Wednesday SUNDAY 8

Rained about all the forenoon. Quite pleasant this afternoon.

I went out to Father's, and came back and shingled on the barn. Turned to night. — Mrs. Smith sloped the butter up. — Clara has been up about all day, around the house, and is real smart.

Thurs^{day} MONDAY, JULY 9, 1883

Pleasant and warm.

I hoed some potatoes and thinned out mangles. Picked a mess of strawberries. — Josiah

Wilbur hauled the first load of Mr. Smith's barn frame. — Mother and Lizzie came out to-day. Ulysses and Mabel went to East St.

TUESDAY 10

Friday. — Father's Birthday, 52nd

Shower this morning and sun after^{5 P.M.} noon. Pleasant.

I worked for Father planting turnips to the Holland place. — Mr. Wilbur got one load of lumber home and another to the lane.

Saturday WEDNESDAY 11

Pleasant. — I helped Father today. — This afternoon I picked a mess of peas, thinned out mangles etc. — Mabel came out about noon. Ulysses went to the Corner towards night. Both were here to supper. Mr. Smith got 1 load. Helen went out home a little while to night.

Sunday THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1883

Pleasant.

We stayed home all day. Helen and Mrs. Smith went over to the Vestry to Meeting, this fore-noon.

FRIDAY 13

Monday.

Pleasant and warm. I hoed potatoes, and planted turnips, on pomace. Mr. Smith commenced ~~haying~~ ^{working} in the Lincoln field. Carroll has not been very well today.

6

SATURDAY 14

Tuesday

Pleasant, warm. I hoed potatoes this morning, and went to the Corner this fore-noon and sold ⁴⁴ 44[¢] eggs, and got 4¹⁵ 15[¢] lbs. sugar and box of butter salt. — I finished planting ruta-bagas on phosphate this afternoon. — Helen went home and Lizzie came out.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1883

Pleasant - Broken clouds
Hoed potatoes, and
Ulysses and I fixed
fence this afternoon.
Mrs. Smith went over
to the Corner with Bales's
horse.

Corroll is quite sick

2 yrs.

Thursday MONDAY 16 Corroll's Birthday

Pleasant, warm.

I hoed potatoes and weed-
ed amongst my beets, etc.
Got a mass of gooseberries
to night - Aunt Jannina
and the two girls came
out to day. - Grace came
home to day, sick not very
well.

Friday TUESDAY 17

Pleasant.

I hoed potatoes and
thinned my parsnips, etc.
Sarah and Lizzie went
to the Corner.

Saturday WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1883

Pleasant, warm.
I hoed potatoes, Car-
ried Mr. Smith's cow
out at noon and ground
my scythe. Carried my
cows "Susie" to night.
Lizzie and Sarah pick-
ed some gooseberries to
sell.

Sunday THURSDAY 19

Pleasant and warm.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith went
up to Adna's, with Bales's
horse. - Clara went over
and stayed with Grace
and I went out to Fa-
ther's and stayed to din-
ner. - Carried cow, "Betsey",
to night.

Monday FRIDAY 20

Pleasant and warm.

I mowed a little this
fore-noon, and went out
to Father's and got a bag of
meal with my steers. I
made a yard for the pig
and put him under the
barn, this afternoon. - Lizzie
and Beulah went over to the Cor-
ner and each sold 2 qts. goose-ber-
ries. 16¢, 17¢

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1883

Tuesday.

Dull and wet all day. — I hoed potatoes, corn, etc. — Lizzie, Sarah and Elias went to the Corner this afternoon —

SUNDAY 22

Wednesday.

Pleasant this forenoon, big shower this afternoon.

I mowed some this forenoon, and fixed the barn some this afternoon. — Mrs. Smith went down to Eliza Dunn's.

MONDAY 23

Thursday.

Pleasant.

I mowed some this forenoon. Went out and ground my scythe at noon. Mr. Smith and Elias helped me get in a load of hay to-night, with my steers. He churned this morning.

Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1883

Pleasant. Looks some like rain to-night.

I mowed, hoed potatoes and hauled in two loads of hay to-night, with the steers. — Father came out after supper. — Mr. Smith finished haying to Lemmyville and went over to see J. P. Wicks.

WEDNESDAY 25

Saturday

Rained some this forenoon; cleared off place out and very warm.

I went to the Corner with Father and Mother this forenoon. Mother got two teeth ¹⁰⁰hauled.

I chinked some this afternoon. Mr. Smith went out to-night and got a load of raxters. I went out and got my molasses.

Sunday THURSDAY 26

Pleasant and quite warm. — He went out to Mother's and stayed to dinner and supper. — Ulysses and Isabel and Charles ^{my} and Clara were there.

Monday ~~FRIDAY~~, JULY 27, 1883

Pleasant and warm.

Mr. Smith and I commenced to hay in "Summer's meat ov." — Ulysses went to the Corner this morning.

Tuesday

~~SATURDAY~~ 28

Dull and warm.

Mr. Wilder hauled in three loads of hay, two for him-self and one for us. — Grace and Sarah went to the Corner.

Wednesday ~~SUNDAY~~ 29

Foggy this fore-noon. Cleared up pleasant. We finished mowing the "meadow." Mr. Wilder got in two loads of hay.

Thursday ~~MONDAY~~, JULY 30, 1883

Foggy this morning, cleared up pleasant. He did not work our hay and I helped Ulysses. He hauled in two loads. Mr. Smith went to Den-nyville, this afternoon. Ulysses and I went down to Mr. Robinson to go to Eastport.

Friday ~~TUESDAY~~ 31

Foggy this fore-noon, pleasant this afternoon. We went to Eastport and got some "clothes" etc. Got home about 4 o'clock. Mr. Smith finished the hay in the "meadow" today.

Saturday ~~WEDNESDAY~~, AUGUST 1

Cloudy and foggy this fore-noon, pleasant this afternoon. — I worked for Father — haying. Got in two loads. — Helen went over to Clara's. — Grace went up to Admair's. — Mrs. Smith and Chas. and Sarah got about a peck of blue-berris, or saddle-buck.

Sunday THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 1883

Pleasant.
Father, Mother, Ulysses,
Mabel, and Madison Owen
were here to dinner.
— I went over to Mrs.
Smith's to supper.
Considerable hay went
in to-day.

FRIDAY 3

Monday.

Orrin and Mabel must have been in morning.

Pleasant; wind East.
I worked for Father hay-
ing to the Holland place.
Got in five loads.
Kenie came down from
Calais, for a few days, with
Mrs. Cone and family. — Isaac
Childer came down to see
Mr. Smith.

SATURDAY 4

Tuesday
Dormant

Orrin, Mabel and Benj Kelly

Looked like rain all
day. Commenced in earnest
to-ward night.
I thinned cabbage, beets,
etc. — Mr. Smith worked
for Mr. Isaac Childer,
haying. — Mrs. Smith and
Kenie came over to dinner.
They went out to the road this
afternoon a few minutes.

Wednesday SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1883

Mr. Smith sent to Quincyville.

Heavy rain and wind
last night. Grain etc.
flattened. Cleared up this
fore-noon. Very hot and pleasant.
Set out 55 cabbage plants.
Shingled. Turned. We went
over to Mr. Smith's to supper.
Grace came home this fore-noon.
(Mrs. Smith and I came west to the corner.)
and Lachie Bell came over with her

MONDAY 6

Thursday. My Birthday - 27 yrs

Pleasant, warm.
Arthur helped me hay to-day
and Father helped me this fore-
noon. — Ulysses and El-
ley went to Eastport and
sold 5½ lbs. butter for us.
Orrin Wilbur and Benj. Kelly
were drowned of Eliza Dunn's
last night, night before last.

Tuesday 7

Pleasant and warm.
Father, Ulysses, Arthur
and Elley worked for me
haying. Got the grass all
cut down and I loads
of hay now. — Kenie went
over to the Corner to start
for Calais to-morrow.
Mr. Smith sawed father
to-day.

20
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1883

Thursday,

Pleasant. — I cut the young bushes etc. front of the barn. — Clara and I went out to the road to go to Dr. Shehan's but did not go. — Geo. E. Wilder came in, and I ordered 6 apple-trees, (C.O.D.) — Mrs. Smith ^{(Sarah went to the Corner,} went blue-berrying. — Elias and

WEDNESDAY 15/1

Friday,

Pleasant. Cloudy to night. I moved Mr. Smith's oats this forenoon. Pulled peas etc. — Mr. Smith got home from Great Falls this forenoon. He and I went out to the road to night. — Clara washed and went blue-berrying.

THURSDAY 16/2

Saturday.

Rained this morning; pleasant after dinner; big shower to night. — I fixed the traps this forenoon. Clara and I and Estella went over to the Corner to see Dr. Shehan. Clara wanted to get her teeth fixed but did not. Got back to Father's just before the shower, (5 o'clock)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1883

Monday.

Pleasant. Warm. I went to Calais to carry Mother to the train en route for Arrowstock. Got home about 8:30 to night. — I called to see Jennie. — I stayed out to Father's last night. Clara came out to meet me to night.

SATURDAY 18

Tuesday,

Rained some this morning; broken through the day. I worked amongst my turnips etc. ^{on Oak Hill} went with Father and Eliza to hunt for the sheep. Mrs. Smith has not been very well to day. — She went over there to dinner. — The boys got about 10 barrels of herring in the air.

SUNDAY 19

Wednesday.

Dull and foggy. Sun. came out some this afternoon. I worked in my turnips this forenoon. Father and the boys helped me get in my oats this afternoon. — Miss Lucia Woodworth, and Mrs. Bryant came over to Mrs. Smith's. Addie came over here.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1883

Friday.

Foggy and wet this forenoon; pleasant and cool in the afternoon. — I went out to the road this forenoon and this afternoon I got Charles Quinn's horse and went up to Chas. Sparks and got Clara and the children.

TUESDAY 21

Saturday

Pleasant; cool.

I weeded out turnips, turned my oats etc.

Clara Brown and Helen came out a few minutes. — Mother came out this afternoon and Father came out after supper. Mrs. Smith went to the Corner. Mr. Smith got home to night.

WEDNESDAY 22

Sunday.

Pleasant.

Mrs. Smith went to the Vestry to Quarterly Meeting, this forenoon, and Mr. Smith came over here to dinner. We had some squash etc. for dinner. Mrs. Smith will stay over here to night.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1883

Sunday.

Pleasant, warm.

He stayed home all day. Sizzie came out and stayed all day. — Mrs. Smith went over to go to meeting, but there was none. — G. H. Allen came out to Mr. Smith's. — Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over after supper.

FRIDAY 24

Monday

Dull, foggy, cloudy, and rainy to night. — I helped Mr. Smith hawl, hushaw this forenoon. He put it in my barn. — Father got a load of oats from the "what-price". — I got the sheep from "Cot Hill" to night. — Grace came home from

SATURDAY 25

Tuesday.

Dull, all day.

I took the stable down from the barn etc, this forenoon. Worked for Mr. Smith this afternoon.

Chas. H. Allen commenced framing Mr. Smith's barn. — Clara and Sarah went blue-berrying.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1883

Wednesday.

Pleasant. — I worked for Mr. Smith this forenoon and helped Father get his grain in this afternoon. Clara and Sarah went blue-berrying. — Grandmother came up to Father to-day. — Mr. Allan went home and got in his barley.

MONDAY 27

Thursday.

Pleasant, windy. I went out and helped Father unload a load of oats. — Helped Mr. Smith about one half a day. — Mr. Smith and I went over to the Corner this evening. — Father mowed Chas. Owen's oats.

TUESDAY 28

Friday

Pleasant. — Frost last night. I worked for Mr. Smith, framing. — Clara and Mrs. Smith went blue-berrying this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1883

Saturday.

Rained some this morning; pleasant. — I worked for Mr. Smith framing. His barn was raised this afternoon, except the rafters. — Father was here to supper.

THURSDAY 30

Sunday.

Quite pleasant; this forenoon; rained some this afternoon. — Clara and I went down on Saddleback a little while this afternoon. — Mr. Smith went up to Adna's. — Mrs. Smith went to the Vestry to meetings.

7

FRIDAY 31

Monday.

Rainy all day. Rained hard this afternoon. Clara up to night. — I sawed wood, cleared the cellar etc. Went out to the road to night. — Mr. Smith went to Dennyville and Embroes.