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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1883

Tuesday.

Foggy all day.
 Clara, Grace, Ulysses,
 Arthur, and I went to
 Eastport. I sold $57\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
 butter @ 20 = \$11.50 and got
 a bbl. of flour for 6.25 etc.
 Mr. Smith went out with
 the steers and got the things.
 Father got his 2 Chester pigs.

SUNDAY 2

Wednesday.

Pleasant and windy.
 I worked for Mr. Smith
 on the barn. Put the rafters
 up etc. — Joseph Dunn
 hauled a load of boards
 for Mr. Smith. — Mr. Smith
 went to Dennyville this fore-
 noon. — Clara washed — Mrs.
 Smith went berrying.

MONDAY 3

Thursday.

Pleasant and windy.
 I worked for Mr. Smith
 on the barn. — Churned
 this morning. — Mrs.
 Smith went to the corner.
 — Mr. Smith hauled some
 boards in from the lane.
 Father came out this ev-
 ening, and brought out a
 mess of cranberries.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1883

Friday.

Pleasant and windy.
 I worked for Mr. Smith
 on the barn. Got the walls
 boarded. — Mr. Allen did
 not come to day. — Mrs.
 Sophronia Ward and Mrs.
 Bertie Leighton came out
 to Mr. Smith's. — Bertie will
 stay here to night.

WEDNESDAY 5

Saturday.

Rained last night. Broken
 cloudy to day. — I went out
 for Mr. Smith on his horse.
 Got all boarded in. Mr. Smith
 went to the corner. — Mrs.
 Ward and Mrs. Leighton went
 home to day. — I wrote
 Mother to night.

THURSDAY 6

Sunday.

Pleasant; warm.
 We staid home all day.
 Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Smith
 were here to dinner. — Will
 Rice and wife came over to
 Mr. Smith's this afternoon.
 Will came over and gave
 him a squash.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1883

Monday. — Pleasant.

I dug on my well this forenoon. Went out to the road this morning and got the pick-ax. Ulysses and I went to the Corner this afternoon. I got the tea-pot fixed. Jos. Dunn hauled Mr. Smith's shingles. — Ulysses and ^{Friday, get the sheep,} Mabel were here to supper. I helped

SATURDAY 8

Tuesday.

Pleasant. — Looks some like a storm to-night.

I worked on my well this forenoon, helped Mr. Smith shingle this afternoon. — Ulysses helped put his oxen on Oak-hill. — We got supper to Mr. Smith's

SUNDAY 9

Wednesday.

Rainy and wet all day. — I went out and ground my ax, and Ulysses and Elly came out with me and sold some holes, etc. — I mowed the weeds in the grove. Mr. Smith shingled some.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1883

Thursday.

Pleasant, windy. — Ulysses helped me dig on my well. — I gathered my squashes and pumpkins to-night. — Churned at noon. — Mr. Smith shingled on his barn. — Father plowed in the "Clover field."

TUESDAY 11

Friday.

Frost.

Pleasant.

Ulysses helped me dig on my well to-day. — Father got his sheep up, & sold them to A. S. Smith. — Mr. Smith finished shingling roof of his barn. — Father plowed in the "Clover field."

WEDNESDAY 12

Saturday

Pleasant, warm.

I dug a few potatoes, and helped Mr. Smith load his hay. — Father plowed in the Clover field. — Ulysses went to the Corner and got some meal, and a gal. of molasses. — Mr. Smith hauled his hay from my barn. — Clara has another very

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1883

Sunday.

Pleasant this forenoon; looks some like rain to night. — Mrs. Smith went to the Vestry to meeting this forenoon. — David Carter and his wife came out this after-noon a little while.

FRIDAY 14

Monday.

Cloudy; broken. Ulysses helped me this forenoon on the well; we struck a ledge, and left off work for a while. We put up a stage, to shingle the front of the barn. — Father finished plowing in the Clover field.

SATURDAY 15

Tuesday.

Pleasant and warm. I finished shingling the front side of the barn and took down part of the stage. — Father went to Eastport. —

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1883

WEDNESDAY.

Pleasant.

I went out to Father's this morning and ground my scythe, and mowed my barley. — Mrs. Smith went to the Corner. — Mr. Smith worked on his barn and tore his shed down. — Churnal to night.

MONDAY 17

Thursday.

Pleasant and warm.

I helped Father to lay-mow buckwheat and barley. Mr. Smith and Ulysses, commenced digging potatoes. — Mrs. Smith went out to Mrs. Bosworth. — Clara washed.

TUESDAY 18

Friday.

Looks some like rain; pleasant tonight. — I have not felt very well to day; cleared a piece in the swamp. — Mrs. Smith and Grace went up to Mrs. Page. — Mr. Smith went to Dennyville, this forenoon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1883

Saturday

Pleasant; warm; Shower
this afternoon, pleasant
to night. — I dug some
potatoes, raked some barley.
We went over to Mrs. Smith's
to supper. Had a chicken soup.
— Clara and Grace went
out to Father's to night.
Herman came out to Mr. Smith's.

THURSDAY 20

Sunday.

Broken Clouds; windy.
Clara, Mrs. Smith and I
went over to the Vestry
to meeting, this fore-noon.
Clara and I stayed to Clara
Quinn's to dinner. — Grace
and Sarah went over to meet-
ing this evening. Mr. Smith
went over to Will Rice's.

FRIDAY 21

Monday. Cold.

Broken Clouds, Windy.
I dug a few potatoes, and
raked up and Father and
James helped me get my
barley in. — Herman came
in to Mr. Smith's and got some
barrels etc. — Mr. Smith worked
for Geo. W. Allan. — Mrs. Smith
went over to Mrs. Madison Quinn's
to a quilting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1883

Tuesday.

Line Gale.

Broken Clouds; very windy.
I dug potatoes. Clara
was here. — Mr. Smith
worked for Mr. Allan. — Il-
lyse finished digging. — Mrs.
Smith and Elias went down to
Effie's. —

SUNDAY 23

Wednesday

Rained hard last night,
and this morning, Cloudy
and windy to day. — I dug
potatoes, made a bed-stud for
Carroll, took down stage poles,
and got ready to thrash etc.
Clara commenced knitting double
mittens. — The boys came out
gunning. — School to night.

MONDAY 24

Thursday

Cloudy and windy.
Churned this morning;
thrashed barley this fore-
noon; went to the Corner
this afternoon; went out
to the road this evening.
Mr. Smith worked for G. W. Allan.
I sent to New York for a
gun for Elley.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1883

Friday.

Frost

Pleasant, and Cold, this morning. Mild. — I dug potatoes, and pulled my beans, etc. — Mr. Smith worked for Geo. W. Allen. — Mrs. Smith, Elias, and Sarah went up to Adna's. — Clara spun four skeins of yarn.

WEDNESDAY 26

Saturday.

Pleasant. — I dug potatoes, and Elias and I went out to Father's at noon and got straw for beds. — Mr. Smith worked for G. W. Allen. — Clara has spun and colored yarn.

THURSDAY 27

Sunday.

Pleasant. Mild.

We went over to Mr. Smiths to dinner, and stayed most of the afternoon. — Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Josiah Dunn, came over here to supper.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1883

Monday.

Foggy this fore-noon, pleasant and warm this afternoon. — I helped Ulysses kill his hog. — Got home 2:20. Dug potatoes. — Clara went over to Clara Owen's to get her dress fixed. ^{Elias went York} up to G. W. Allen's after hog meal, and

SATURDAY 29

Tuesday.

Pleasant. — Mild. I dug potatoes this fore-noon; dug potatoes for Father this afternoon. Clara came out to harvest with her yarn. Mr. Smith worked for Mr. G. W. Allen.

SUNDAY 30

Wednesday.

Fair! — Pleasant.

I dug a few potatoes, and cut a few bushes, and went gunning a little while. Clara washed, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Elias went to the Fair. Vernie came down from Calais and got home about 2:30 o'clock. — We went over to supper.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1883

Thursday.

Fair!! - Pleasant, warm.

Clara, Annie, Grace and I went to the fair. - All of father's folks went. - Had a very good time. Quite a large gathering of people and a good exhibition of different things in the hall. Myssus - 530 Father 175

TUESDAY 2

Friday.

Pleasant this afternoon foggy this forenoon. Warm. I dug potatoes and churned etc. Elley got his gun last night and brought it out this morning. Cost 6.00 - Express & postage etc. 12 = 7.12 I sent to New York for it.

WEDNESDAY 3

Saturday.

Misty and wet. Rained towards night and this evening. - I split wood, got plank of Mr. Smith for cellar stairs, went out to the road, etc. - Mr. Smith went over to the Corner this forenoon. - Mrs. went down to Effie's this afternoon.

Thunders and lightnings 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1883

Sunday.

Dull and wet all day. We stayed home. - Mr. Smith and Elias went up to Acton's - James Dunn came out a little while. Clara Owen and Helen came over this afternoon, and stayed to supper.

FRIDAY 5

Sunday.

Pleasant and windy. I dug potatoes. Elias helped me some towards night. - Mr. Smith worked for Mr. G. McEllen. Thrashing machine there - Grocer went to the Corner. - Myssus hauled his potatoes to Levee. Lizzie came out this afternoon.

SATURDAY 6

Tuesday

Pleasant and quite warm. Clouded up and rained to night. - I dug potatoes. - Clara washed and ironed. - Mrs. Smith and Grace went down to Effie's this afternoon. Grace went out to Mrs. Bosworth's to night. - Clara Owen came over a few minutes to night.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1883

Wednesday.

Rainy and wet all day.
~~Snowed~~ this afternoon.
I worked on the cellar ~~st~~
stairs. Got them about done.
Father and Ulysses came
out a little while.
Mr. Smith helped Nat. with
thrashing-machine. — Clara
has not been very well.

MONDAY 8

Thursday.

Cold last night and this
morning. Quite pleasant today.
Clouded up to night. — I fin-
ished my cellar stairs etc.
this forenoon. Went over to
the corner and came back to C.H.
Cummings and helped him raise his
barn. — Estella has been
sick all day. Mrs. Smith went over
to Clara Cummings to TUESDAY 9 a quilting.

Friday.

Cloudy, Windy, Cold.
I went to Calais after
mother (from broodstock) and
bike to frogs. She started
from Calais 5:20 and got
home 9:15. I got home
about 11 o'clock. — Estella
has been better today.
Grace stays here to-night.
Mr. Smith worked for Dr. Allen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1883

Saturday.

Pleasant and not very
cold. — I dug potatoes,
churned, lugged the beans
in the barn etc. — Mr. Smith
went to Danversville this fore-
noon. Put bushes. — Elias went
to the Corner. — Mrs. Smith went
out to the road.

THURSDAY 11

Sunday

Pleasant, Cold.

I went out with Fa-
ther this forenoon and
stayed to dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith came
over this evening. —
Grace went out to Mrs.
Bosworth's.

FRIDAY 12

Monday

Pleasant and Cold.

I finished digging po-
tatoes, about 60 bush.
in all. Pulled mangels
this afternoon. Elias
helped today. — Mr. Smith
went to Charlotte to work
for Fremont Sprague.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1883

Sunday.

Pleasant. Cold this morning. — Elias worked for me to-day. He pulled turnips, beets and mangels. — Mother, Helen and Mrs. Antone were here to dinner. — Mrs. Smith and Edna went out to Mrs. Bosworths.

SUNDAY 14

Wednesday.

Rained hard about all day. — I have worked in the cellar about all day — picking over potatoes etc. Mrs. Smith came over and stayed most all day. — Mr. Smith came home from Charlotte to night.

MONDAY 15

Thursday.

Cloudy this fore-noon; Clear off pleasant and warm, this after-noon. — I went to the Corner this fore-noon. Put some potatoes in bins etc and went over to Chas. Haywards ^{gunlaw} old this afternoon. — Mr. Smith went up to Charlotte again this morning with Fred Carter.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1883

Friday.

Pleasant and warm. I went out to Father's this fore-noon to carry the children out, (with the steers) Clara and Mrs. Smith went out visiting. Stayed to dinner. This after noon, Elias and I got in my beets, turnips etc. got Vol. 1K of Census ten.

WEDNESDAY 17

Saturday

Pleasant and quite warm. Elias and I pulled beets parsnips etc and put them in the cellar. — He went out to Fannie's to meet Mr. Smith with apples from Charlotte.

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THURSDAY 18

Sunday.

Pleasant and warm. He went over to Mrs. Smith's to dinner. — Mrs. Smith went out to Mrs. Bosworths this after-noon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1883

Monday.

Cloudy all day, Sprinkled a little this morning. I helped Ulysses, Ed, Elia, Ulysses, "Bob", Robinson, and I, went up and got Mr. Geo. Allan's boat. He killed 6 coosters this evening. Mrs. Smith helped dress them etc.

SATURDAY 20

Tuesday.

Looked some like a storm this morning. Cleared off pleasant. — Ulysses, Elley, Helen, Clara and I went down to East port, in Geo. Allan's boat. Had a first rate time. — Mr. Smith went to Charlotte after apples with Father's horse.

SUNDAY 21

Wednesday.

Cloudy. — I mowed thistles and barley. Went over to the Corner and played with Simpson for my boots and 25. To Dr. J. J. Lane. — Mr. Smith, Elley, Arthur and I helped Chas. H. Owen put the rafters on his barn. — Mrs. Smith went to the corner. Grace went out to the creek.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1883

Thursday.

Rained hard last night. Cleared off this fore-noon; plowed ant. — Churned. Hauled up some wood with the steers. Cleared off some old stuff and burnt it etc. — Mr. Smith went out to the road and down to Herman's and got his plow.

TUESDAY 23

Friday.

Pleasant and warm. I cut bushes, logs, etc. Clara and Sarah went out to Harriette. — Mrs. Smith went down to Effie's. — Mr. Smith plowed and cut bushes. — Clara got her cloth from Harriette.

WEDNESDAY 24

Saturday.

Pleasant.

I cut bushes and cleared the grove. Went out to Father's at noon. — Mr. Smith "fixed up" round the house. — Mrs. Smith and Grace went to the Corner. Lizzie came out to night. Clara and I went over home a few minutes this evening.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1883

Sunday.

Pleasant; cool this morning, warm during the day. — Mrs. Smith and I went over to the Vestry this forenoon, to meeting. Clara and I went down to see Ezra Carter, and aunt Sally. — Father and Mother went over to Clara's.

FRIDAY 26

Monday.

Pleasant and warm. I cut wood, below the grove. — Clara washed etc. — Mr. Smith went to the Corner this afternoon. — Mrs. Bosworth came out a little while.

SATURDAY 27

Tuesday

Wind South. Flying clouds this forenoon. Pleasant this afternoon. Clouded up to night. — I helped Mr. Smith plow this forenoon. Cut bushes, below the grove. — Ulysses and Elley came out this evening. — Mr. and Mrs. Smith came over this evening. — Mr. Smith cut bushes and dug much.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1883

Wednesday

Pleasant Cloudy; looked like rain all day. — I burnt some piles, cut some wood, sawed wood and Mr. Smith and I went up to Mr. Allen's after a plow but did not get it. — Mrs. Smith went to the Corner. — Got 11 a.m.

MONDAY 29

Thursday.

Cloudy; commenced to rain this evening. — I killed my "Cooper" sheep, went to the Corner with Ulysses, cut some wood to the door, went down to Herman's and borrowed his gun, and went over to Mr. Smith's this evening with Clara. — Mrs. Smith went out to Harriette.

TUESDAY 30

Friday.

Rainy and wet all day. I went out to the road this forenoon. — Elley came out with me and we cleaned our guns up and varnished them. — I churned. — George came over and helped Clara sew, and will stay all night.