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## Diary for 03 01 to 05 01, 1881

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18 TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1881

Rained all night last night and all day to day, wind about East. Stayed home all day. Ulysses went up after Dr. Lincoln, and he came down in the after-noon. Mother has been quite sick to-day.

Fat. came over in the evening. Mrs. Haynes is going to stay here a while untill Mother gets better.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1881

Stormed some this fore-noon. Father and I went over to the Conner in the forenoon and I sent 2/2 for the Censer; wrote a letter to Isaac and a postal card to Geo. H. Allan. Went down to Uncle Iests in the after-noon and stayed all the evening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1881

Commenced to storm in the night and snowed hard until about noon cleared up a little in the afternoon, wind Easterly, but looked and felt like rain in the evening. Uncle West and Aunt Minna were up here in the afternoon.

We had a candy party in the evening, up to James, Anna's, Ulysses and Wellington went up to Four Corners and got the girls. We had a very good time. Had five pounds of boughten candy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1881

## President Garfield. Inaugurates.

THE TWENTIETH PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES.

### THE NEW CABINET.

SECRETARY OF STATE :- JAMES G. BLAIN.  
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY :- WILLIAM WINDOM.  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR :- SAMUEL R. KIRKWOOD.  
SECRETARY OF WAR :- ROBERT T. LINCOLN.  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY :- WM. H. HUNT.  
POSTMASTER GENERAL :- THOS. W. PAGES.  
ATTORNEY GENERAL :- WAYNE M<sup>r</sup> VEIGH.

Father went over to the corner in the forenoon, and we all cut wood out behind the mountain

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1881

Rained in the fore-noon. Ulysses and I went over to the corner in the fore-noon. Ulysses and I then cut wood in the after-noon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1881

Stayed at home all day. James Conn and his wife and Josiah were here to dinner. Orin Kilbur and wife came over to Mrs. Haynes's toward night and stayed all night. Ulysses and Willington went over to the Vestry in the evening.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1881

Ulysses and I cut wood out back. Father went over to mill in the fore noon and up to Dr. Lincoln's in the evening. He came out back ~~in~~ after dinner and we went up in the "Burnt place" and cut down all the standing Hemlocks. Joanna Ezra was here. To-day

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1881

Pleasant and very warm. I cut wood out back and Ulysses cut out back of the mountain. \* Went over to the corner in the fore noon. Dr. Lincoln came down in the fore noon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1881

Looked like a storm all day, (hazy)  
I cut out Buck and Ulysses out back of the mountain.

\* Went after a girl but did not get any. Went after some medicine in the morning. Got a letter from Isaac. Grandmother came up to-day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1881

Looked like rain in the fore noon. Commenced to rain about 11 o'clock A.M. I cut wood in the fore-noon.

Father went up after a girl and got Clara E. Smith. Rained hard all the rest of the day.

Seven men from Charloft came down and claimants put their horses up in the barn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1881

Rained all day  
to-day. Stayed in the  
house

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1881

Snowed all day.  
Ulysses and I went  
over to the corner in the  
forenoon, in the snow.  
Got an Organ stool.  
Sammy came down and  
got a half bbl. of  
turnips.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1881

Pleasant all day.  
Stayed at home.  
Aunt Jamina came  
out in the afternoon.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1881

Snowed a little in the  
morning. I cut wood out  
back. Ulysses cut out  
behind the mountain.  
\* Went to Pennysville  
in the forenoon.  
Mr. Sprague, Edmunds,  
came up to see Father  
about taking his wood.  
Nat. came over in the  
evening.



TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1881

Cut wood in the forenoon.

Mother was very sick in the afternoon. The Doctor came down and had to give Morphine.

Attended meeting to Jenningsville in the afternoon and evening. Went over to the Corner in the evening. Clara went over to singing school.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1881

Went over to the Corner with Uncle. Cut X wood. Mother better today. Dr. down in the evening. Looked like rain untill evening. Cleared off.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1881

Cut wood out  
back. X Went to the  
corner in the fore-  
noon and cut wood  
in the afternoon.  
Ulysses cut all day  
Pleasant.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1881

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Looked like rain  
in the forenoon but  
cleared up in the  
afternoon. Cut wood  
all day. Father and  
Ulysses cut wood be-  
hind the mountain.  
Ulysses and Clara  
went over to singing-  
school in the evening.  
Ulysses went over and  
got Clara Owen and she  
came over in the afternoon.  
Mary Eliza came up  
to day. Ulysses got  
my book "Heart Offerings".  
Father hauled out  
some wood in the morning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1881

Pleasant and warm all day. I went over to the corner in the morning and got the papers etc. I cut wood after I got back.

In the evening Clara Smith went over to Washington Hall to the exercises of the "Graduating Class." Had a very pleasant time and got home about 12 o'clock. Seven girls and two boys graduated from the Pembroke High School. Ulysses and Wellington went over. Ulysses and Father cut wood.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 1881

Commenced to snow quite early in the morning and later turned into rain, and "kept it up," about all day. I stayed at home all day. Nat. and Charles Brown came up a while this afternoon. Father went down the road this forenoon. Ulysses went up to Hard Scrabble. in the evening.

Sent after 100 cards last night.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1881

Rainy and wet about all day. Cleared up towards night. Ulysses and I and Elly went clamming in the forenoon. Father and Ulysses cut wood in the afternoon. I got some dirt to plant my tomato trees in. Paid Father \$10.00 Deborah came down in the evening.

David, Wellington, Joseph Dunn. evening.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1881

Pleasant and warm. Cut wood out Back. Went over to singing school in the evening. \* Cut wood. Roads very muddy.

Clamb chowder and dance to Albert Hollands this evening.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1881

Hauled two stringers across the back field brook and hauled out some wood in the fore noon. Ulysses helped me. Cut wood in the after noon. Bert, Allan and Nat. were here in the evening.

\* Hauled wood out in the fore noon and cut in the after noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1881

Went over to the Corner in the morning. Got a postal card from Isaac.

Cut wood all day.

\* Hauled wood in the fore noon; cut after dinner.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1881

Hauled the cedar bottoms etc. from off the potato-ground, and hauled out two loads of wood, in the forenoon. Cut, in the afternoon. Went over to singing-school in the evening.

Sent to Hill & Co, Augusta, Me. for a magazine outfit, consisting of 20 chromo pictures etc. for Arthur. - 40

\* Cut wood.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1881

Hauled wood in the forenoon, and did not much in the after-noon. Kenie E. Smith came down in the after-noon. Andrew was here a little while in the after-noon. Ulysses and I went over to State a little while in the evening. Eddie Brown and John Carter and Henry came up in the evening.

\* Hauled wood in the forenoon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1881

Went up to Mr. Francis Anton's funeral in the afternoon.

Brs. R. P. Gardner preached the sermon. He was buried up near Eliza Farley's. The house was quite full.

In the evening Clara and I went over to the Vestry, to meeting. I lost the scarf which Mother gave me for a Christmas present, out of the way, on (while turning the horse, I think). Borrowed a lantern of Mrs. Wilder and went right back, but could not find it

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1881

## Town Meeting.

In the Annual "Town Meeting" to-day the Fusionists were again victorious and elected the following officers

Moderator, - E. K. Smart.  
Town Clerk, - Dennis Collins  
1<sup>st</sup> Select-man, - Joseph Wilder Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> " " John W. Higgins.  
3<sup>d</sup> " " Joseph M. Swell.  
3<sup>d</sup> S.S. Committee, - Joseph Wilder Jr.  
Auditor of accounts, - B. Rogers.

### Money Raised.

Town High School - \$250.00  
Highways & Bridges - (cash) 200.00  
" " " (work) 1000.00

Tax to be collected within the fiscal year or no pay

Tax Collector, - Wm Wilbur. @ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1881

Did not feel very well and so did not go in the woods.

Wrote a letter to Isaac. Went to Singing School in the evening.

The school closed to-night, but will probably be another term of five nights. Wellington and Ulysses were over and went to the Four Corners. Mrs. Olive <sup>Sunn</sup> and Ida were over.

\* Cut wood all day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1881

Joseph Brown and Emel came up in the morning after their yoke and we hunted over an hour after it but could not

found it at night. I cut wood and cedar  
\* but wood and cedar  
Looked like a storm towards night and in the evening.



THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1881

Snowed all day;  
must have snowed about  
all <sup>last</sup> night. Snowed about  
x six inches.

We sat in the house  
about all day.

Calculated to have  
gone to singing school  
to night but it was  
too bad, weather.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1881

Hauled out three  
loads of manure. Roads  
all bare in places by  
night. Sun out bright  
and snow went fast.  
x Helped me in the  
forenoon and went  
down the road in  
the after-noon. Ulysses  
went over to the Con-  
ner in the forenoon  
and got the "outfit"  
for "Pleasant Home."

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1881

Cut wood all day.  
Mr. Watson, a tin ped-  
ler stoped here to  
dinner.

\* Cutting wood out in  
the pasture.

Arthur got two  
subscribers, - Mrs. Bos-  
worth, and Deborah.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 1881

Cold and windy.  
Carried Clara Smith  
home in the morning,  
and stayed all day  
and she came down  
to the Vestry at night.  
I got home about 8:30  
in the evening. Ulysses  
and Wellington went up  
to Lyonses in the after-  
noon and to the Vestry  
in the evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1881

Still Cold.

Hauled what cordwood I had cut in the woods, out, and most of the firewood, in the forenoon. Cut wood in the afternoon. \* Hauled rails from the burnt piece in the forenoon, and sawed rails and split out stakes etc. in the afternoon, from the pile in the Glover field. Arthur went canvassing all day and only got one subscriber.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1881

Pleasant but cool.

I went to the Corner with the horse and wagon, in the forenoon. Carried over some butter and eggs and got some meal, tea etc.

Got my wood measured. There was  $8\frac{3}{4}$  cords @ \$2.25 - \$19.70 and I paid .30 in money making \$20.00. Bought a watch key, .30 and a feather duster, 12. \* Father and Ulysses hauled rails and sawed and split fence stuff. Ulysses and Hallington went to the four Corner meeting this evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1881

Waked out back in  
the fore noon.

Pleasant and quite  
warm.

✱ Cutting and  
hawling rails,

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1881

Went down to Edmunds  
to see about getting a  
school next Fall, but  
did not find out much  
about it. Roads mud-  
dy except on the county  
road where it is quite  
good.

✱ Cut and hauled  
rails.

Arthur went to Ed-  
munds with me and  
got four subscribers  
for his paper, Happy Home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1881

Pleasant and warm and the snow "runs" to-day. I hauled wood and rails in the fore noon and went over to the corner in the after noon. Sent an order off ten subscribers away to day for Arthur. Got my supper to Egrais.

\* Cut and hauled cedars. Ulysses and Wellington went to the chopping - he to Capt Geo. Dudley's in the after noon, and then went over to singing school in the evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1881

Pleasant and warm. Hauled a few rails in the fore noon, and cut the bushes, near the fence to give room to build it over, in the after-noon  
\* Cut and hauled rails untill about four o'clock P. M. and then came in and went to the corner.

John Carter and Wellington were here a little while in the evening.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1881

Pleasant and warm.  
Went down to Uncle  
Wests in the fore-noon  
and stayed till af-  
ter dinner. Ulysses,  
Wellington and I went  
over to the Vestry in  
the evening.

\* Down the road all day  
Charles and Clara  
came over a little  
while in the after-  
noon.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1881

Pleasant, wind S. E.  
Cut bushes away  
from the fence round  
the back field, and  
removed the old brush  
etc. from the fence, to  
give a chance to build  
it over. Ulysses cut brush  
for Father and set  
a brush pile on fire  
and burnt his coat  
up. \* Went down to  
Eastport with Mr. Rice.  
Joseph Dunn came down  
a few minutes in the  
evening.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1881

Ulysses and I went out back and boared a few bottoms and made a few stakes etc. for a fence.

Went over to singing school, it being the last evening of this term. Three Italians played - two on a violin and one on a harp. Had a first rate time.

Went over to the corner and got a ~~tray~~ of homage, which he brought from Eastport yesterday. Looked like rain.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1881

Father hired Josiah Dunn, for a month (for \$5.00) and sent him out back to help me, while he and Ulysses worked on the fence between his pasture and Joseph Dunn's. Josiah and I ~~just~~ started a fence round my field while and cut bushes etc. Looked very much like rain.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1881

Snowed a little last night and rained some all day to-day. Father and I went to the corner in the forenoon and did not get back until after two o'clock P.M.

Ulysses and Josiah pitched over the manure underneath the barn. Uncle Samuel was here to supper.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1881

Snowed and rained all day last night, and all night to day.

Father and Josiah worked up stairs, lathing, most all day; the rest of us did not do much of any thing.

Nat. was over in the evening. James Dunn was here to dinner.



SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1881

Ulysses and I went  
over to the corner in  
the morning and I came  
home with Uncle West  
and got my dinner there.  
Father and Ulysses and Jo-  
siak went out and cut  
wood in the afternoon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1881

Went up to —  
in the after-noon.  
Ulysses went to the Vis-  
try in the evening.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1881

Isiah, Ulysses and I  
fenced out back. Put up  
eleven panels of fence  
\* Went to the corner

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1881

Isiah and I went  
out back and cut alders  
and cedars. \* Fenced out  
by Joseph Dunn's line.  
Put up 11 panels. I  
wrote to Isaac in the  
evening. Ulysses and  
Wellington went up  
to the Four Corners,  
in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1881

Went over to the corner and bought 1018 pounds of phosphate @  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cts. per pound, - \$25.38 Interest to be paid after 30 days. Father has 400 pounds and I have the rest.

Bought two sets of brasses for my steers horns, - .24 and one lock for the school house door in the Watt district. \* Finished fencing the "Joseph Cunin" line. Ulysses and Wellington went to the corner to night,

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1881

## Fast Day.

All hands went out fencing. I cut cedar and the rest of them fenced. I went over to the corner after dinner and got the Christmas for Arthur.

I went over to Charles Haywards after supper to see about having that school next Fall. Promised it to me if they have a male <sup>cr.</sup> track. Father went with me.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 1881

Cut rails and Father put up fences.  
In the evening Ulysses and I went over to the corner and Father walked down round and then he went to see the Committee and then came home with me.

Applicants for school were examined in High School room today.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1881

I hauled rails in the forenoon and in the afternoon I went up to fix the lock on the school-house door. (Watt district)  
Clara E. Smith came over this forenoon and she and Deborah came down in the afternoon. She stayed all night.  
\* Fenced all day.  
Chas. and Clara came over a little while about noon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1881

Stayed home all day. After supper I carried Miss Smith home and then she got ready and I carried her down to the Clark District where she is going to teach school this Summer.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1881

I helped Father today. He cultivated all day with his steers and I hauled manure <sup>(18 loads)</sup> with mine. (Out on the oat piece as long the lane) After supper he helped me plough my garden piece down by the shore.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1881

I helped Father.  
Hauled 19 loads of  
manure. Cultivated,  
harrowed etc. and  
sowed five (5) bushels  
of oats. Rained hard  
just before we fin-  
ished up. Wind blowed  
pretty hard all day.  
Nat. came over in  
the evening.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1881

Went up to Joseph  
Dunn's in the morn-  
ing and got four bar-  
rels of early rose po-  
tatoes, part pay ment  
for what he owes  
me. Went over to the bon-  
ner with the horse  
and mother went over  
to Clara's. We all went  
out back to sow my  
oats but it was  
too wet and we came  
back and picked  
rockwood on the shore  
I fixed the ground  
and planted a few  
parsnips. Went to  
Cennysville and got  
his wheat (seed)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1881

Looked like rain  
all the fore noon and  
cleared off very soon,  
in the after noon.  
Pulled rockwell in  
the fore noon and  
we all went out and  
fenced on the line  
between us and Mad-  
ison Owen. He fenced to  
I took my oxen.

Clara Smith came  
down a few minutes  
in the evening

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1881

Rained a little  
all through the day  
from 11 o'clock A. M.  
Sowed oats for Father  
in the fore noon. Father  
and Josiah helped Mrs.  
Owen on the line. In  
the after noon I did  
nothing and the rest  
of them sowed a few  
oats and finished  
the piece in the corner.  
We sowed four bush  
els in all. Clara  
Smith came down  
in the after-noon.  
Grandmother came  
up and stayed all  
day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1881

Josiah helped me  
fence out back.  
Finished the fence  
round the "oat piece"  
all except the sheep  
holes. Left the steers  
chained while we  
came in to dinner  
and they got loose  
and went home.

Ulysses brought them  
out toward night.  
Plowed toward  
the shore, and sowed  
2 bushels of oats.

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1881

Pleasant and warm.  
Cool in the evening.  
I went up to Mr.  
Smiths in the after-  
noon and went down  
to the vestry in the  
evening. Uncle Vest  
and Aunt Jamina came  
up in the afternoon  
and stayed till af-  
ter supper.