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Sunday, March 1, 1896. -

Rainy all day. Home. Mr. Smith came over a little while after dinner. - Snow has gone very fast.

Mon. Mar. 2. -

Rainy, and windy last night. Rained hard about all day and evening. - Fred J. Dunn came out a little while this forenoon. I went out to Father's this afternoon and stayed to supper. I went over to Mr. Smith's this evening.

Tuesday, Mar. 3 -

Dull all day; rains and blows hard this evening.

Carroll and I cut some bushes and fire-wood this forenoon; this afternoon I hauled a load of

hard wood, sawed and split (about 2 or 3 ft) over to the Vetry, and got some meal and some salt. This evening we repacked near a half-barrel of pork; the pickle had soured. - Mrs. Smith came over a little while this afternoon. I brought her over and carried her home.

Wed., Mar. 4 -

Rained, hailed, and blowed hard all of last night. Snowed and blowed this forenoon. Cold. Hailed some this evening. Windy.

We cut some wood this afternoon. I picked over a few potatoes this forenoon.

Thurs. March 5, 1896-

Snowed and blowed hard all last night and to-day.

I picked over a few of father's potatoes this fore-noon. This after-noon I blocked out a stick for a sled roller. Carroll and I went over to the other house this evening.

Friday, Mar. 6 -

I went over to the Head of the Tide this fore-noon. Stella went over to Clara Owen's, with me, to get her dress fixed. We cut some wood this after-noon. I went over after Stella to night and we went to the Vestry to meeting. - Cool-cloudy. Quite pleasant this after-noon.

Sat., March 7, 1896-

Cloudy. Snowed hard all this after-noon and evening, Damp. -

We cut wood a little while.

Father and Sam came out this fore-noon and hauled up two sticks for shed sills for me.

I made a chisel handle and malet this after-noon and Carroll and I went out and ground the chisel. I went over to Mr. Smith's this evening. He has a bad cold.

Sunday, Mar. 8-

Pleasant, moderate. - Stella and I went over to the Vestry to meeting this fore-noon. Father, James and Lizzie went over with their team. Father came back with us. - Clara went over to her brother's with me and when I came from meeting I went in and we stayed to dinner.

Mon. March 9, 1896 -

Pleasant, cold, windy all day.

Carroll and I went to Eastport this fore-noon, started at 6 o'clock and got back at 12:10. - Got one door, 2 windows, frames, etc. and Carroll and Thomas each a suit of clothes. Cut wood this after-noon. - Clara and I went over to the other house this evening.

Father and James went to Eastport. - Mrs. Ges. Antone and Mrs. W^m. Antone came out to Mrs. Smith's, visiting, this fore-noon.

Tues. March 10 -

Pleasant, cold. - Clara and Nina went out to mother's. I carried them out and stayed to dinner. Carroll went after-noon. I cut wood. Clara and I called over to the other house this ^(ing) even

Wed. March 11, 1896 -

Pleasant this fore-noon; clouded up and snowed hard this evening.

I finished my slot-saler this morning; hauled 2 loads of mill-wood up to Lyons's mill for Father; went to Dennyville and got a load of lumber for the house. I took off $1\frac{3}{4}$ tr. of shingles and 1000 laths out to Balch's and we went out and got them this evening in the storm.

Chas. Owen hauled mill-wood for Father too.

Mrs. Antone, Nellie Loughton, Ada Anthony and Bertha Knowlton were here visiting and to dinner.

Mrs. Daniel Loughton, and Mrs. Buckman were to Mrs. Smith's to dinner; She had lots of callers this after-noon. Mrs. Smith is not very well.

Thurs, March 12, 1896-

Snowed all night, hailed, wet.
Wind blowed almost a gale this
afternoon. - We cut some wood,
I went out to father's, and got
some milk, towards night.
Clara has not been very well.
Mrs. Smith has been sick.
"Emma" calved today.

Friday, March 13-

Pleasant, cold. - We cut wood
this forenoon. Arthur and Geo.
Dudley ate their dinner here
today. - This afternoon, Arthur,
Carroll, Estella and I, went down
to the Reformed Baptist Church to the
funeral of Miss Olytie Wilbur who
died Wednesday of quick consumption.
Services by Rev. Mr. Russel, Meth.
Minister, of Edmunds. - Mr. and
Mrs. Allie Anthony were here to supper.

Sat, March 14-1896-

Pleasant, cold. - Father and James
helped me haul 2 sticks of pine this
morning. - Carroll and Thomas went out
to father's this morning and got some butter-
milk. We hauled 8 loads of wood.
Carroll and I went over to the
P.O. this evening. Lem. Dudley walk-
ed over and came back with us.

I got a sample bottle of Peruviana
to take for my lame back.

Stella will stay over with Edna to-
night. - Arthur and Geo. Dudley
ate their dinner here.

Sunday, March 15-

Pleasant, cold. - Clara and I called
over to the other house this fore-
noon. - Carroll, Estella, Thomas and
I went to the Vestry this afternoon.
Mabel Owen came out from mother's

this fore-noon and went over with us. Clara and I went out to see James before he goes away in the morning.

Monday, Mar. 16 -

Cloudy, Snowe this evening.

I cut wood. Carroll and Thomas went over to Harvey Sprague's this fore-noon. We hauled up 5 loads of wood. Arthur helped me.

Mary and the children came up today. They went home after supper.

Sem. Dudley carried James to Calais en route for Bucksport to his school.

Tues, Mar. 17 -

Snowed all of last night, hailed and snowed most of today. Clara and I went over to the

other house" visiting; put my horse in the barn and took dinner with them. I lathed some between the studding.

Wed., March 18 -

Pleasant, moderate. - I cut wood, hauled up 1 load. -

Mother came out with father on the sled this fore-noon; I carried her home this afternoon.

Father came up to dinner.

Helen and Lizzie came out with Sem. on the sled, this afternoon. Sem. put the horse up here tonight and they all stayed to supper, and the evening. Mr. Smith went to the corner this afternoon.

— Thursday, March 19, 1896 —

Cloudy; Snowed hard this after-noon, turned to rain towards night. Wind blows hard. — We cut wood this fore-noon, hauled 2 loads. — I lathed some. — Mrs. Almira Curtis came over from Mrs. Smith's this fore-noon. I carried her over there after supper and then went to the Corner. Stella went out to mother's this fore-noon. — Father, Arthur, and Chas. Owen are putting their ice in father's ice-house.

Friday, Mar. 20 —

Rained last night and blowed almost a gale all of last night and to-day. Broken. — I separated my pigs, repaired tie-up floor, lathed, etc. — Carroll went out to Father's with Alden Owens. — Mr. Smith got a sack of hay over here to-night.

Saturday, March 21, 1896 —

Pleasant, cool wind. Pleasant evening.

I went to the Corner this fore-noon. Fixed my saw, went out to father's and got an angus, groomed Camoll's ax, hauled up a couple of sticks, etc.

Sunday, March 22.

Pleasant, moderate —

I went down to see Andrew and Chas Brown this after-noon. They seem to be improving some. Roscoe Ward came over a while this after-noon. — Lots of callers to Mrs. Smith's to-day. — We called over there this evening. —

Quite an earthquake shock this evening. We were coming from the other house; the children were alone.

Monday, March 23, 1896.

Cloudy, Cold. - I cut and hauled in a stick of timber for sill this forenoon. Commenced sawing and cutting my fire-wood at the door.

Tues., March 24-

Pleasant - I hauled in a stick of timber this forenoon - I went out to the road via Fred Dinnis this after-noon; cut some wood and went over to the Camp to night. Carroll and Thomas went down to Arthurs after dinner.

Wed., March 25-

Cloudy; windy. - I cut wood. Carroll sawed. - Carroll and I went over to meeting this evening.

Mrs. Benj. Ductley and Mrs. Harmon Carter and Mrs. Harriet Carter were over to Mrs. Smith's - Clara went over this after-noon.

Thurs., March 26-1896.

Carroll went over to J. P. Wilkins with our team and helped his grandfather Smith get a load of hay.

We cut and sawed wood.

Carroll, Estella, Thomas and I went over to the Vestry to a lecture by Mrs. Bridges, Subject: Woman's Apptitude. She talked about 15 minutes and "played out," dismissed the audience and went home. "Daisy" calved to night.

Friday, March 27-

Dull-windy-cold.

I went out to father's this forenoon; worked in the new house part of the time. Went over to the "other house" this evening.

Sat., March 28, 1896 -
 Pleasant-cool-windy.

I and Carroll cut and sawed wood and cut a few bushes. We went to the Corner this evening with Mr. Smith's horse.

Mrs. Smith has been worse than usual to-day; Clara went over this afternoon. - Mr. Smith's cow calved to-day.

Estella went over to Clara Owen and to the Vestry to practice for Easter Concert.

Sun., Mar. 29 -

Pleasant. - Carroll, Thomas, Stella and I went over to the Vestry to meeting this forenoon. Clara and I went over to the "other house" this evening. - Mrs. Mary Etta Carter and Nellie B. Davis were up to Mrs. Smith's

Monday, March 30, 1896 -
 Cloudy-dull-wet.

- Town Meeting -

I went over to town meeting and Clara ^{and Thomas} went up to Sarah's with me. Sarah and Bertha came over with us this afternoon.

I was defeated on the S. S. Com. by Herb. Sprague by 2 or 3 votes on the second ballot, and Everett Lighton was defeated by S. W. Smith by 1 vote on the second ballot.

Earl Bridges was elected as 2nd Selectman, defeating Clifton Laughlin. Very quiet meeting

- Tues, March 31, 1896 -
Pleasant - Moderate and very windy.

I went over to the Brick-yard and got 200 bricks ⁽²⁴⁰⁾ this fore-noon. Carroll went with me. We sawed wood this after noon. This evening I went over to the Camp, and Carroll went over too. We went to the S. A. S. entertainment in Commercial Hall. (My Photograph Album)

Elias and Grace got home this after-noon from Lowell.

- Wed, April 1 -

Fair - Cool - moderate -

We went over and got 2 or more brick this fore-noon. - Cut wood.

Stella went over to Clara Owen's and to the Vestry to practice for the concert.

I hauled some water to night.

Soldered the wash-borler this evening.

- Thurs, April 2, 1896 -
Dull - raw - cool -

I went up to Fred Wilder's and got 2 barrels of sand. Arthur went too. - Carol sawed wood. I cut and split some this after-noon. - I went over to the other house this evening. Elias went to the Corner and got Grace's trunk.

- Friday, April 3 -

Snowed through last night and about all of to-day. - Carroll and Thomas went claming. I went out to Father's, this fore-noon and ground the broad ax. Lathered some and picked over potatoes.

Sat., April 4, 1896 -

Snowed some last night, and lightly this fore-noon.

I bought $\frac{3}{4}$ tone of hay of father and hauled in two little loads.

Cut wood. - I went over to the Lodge, I. O. F., this evening. The boys went claming.

Sun., April 5 -

Pleasant Cool -

Barroll and I walked over to the Vestry to meeting this after-noon.

Mon., April 6 -

I went to the Corna and got some meal. Cut wood. Barroll sawed

Tues., April 7, 1896 -

Dull, windy-cold.

Chas. Owen came in and worked for me. We put in two windows, tore the entry away from the kitchen and put the door up in the new part, etc. Alden brought his father over this morning, and Clara came over this after-noon and stayed till after supper. I went over with them tonight and went to the Camp. We had a luncheon of coffee, crackers and cheese.

Wed., April 8 -

Pleasant-cool. - I worked in the house this fore-noon - Mr. Smith helped me kill my pig. - I went to the Corn and got a barrel of flour (Pillsbury's Best) Rev. Mr. Gahan came in to Mrs. Smith's - Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Owen. We went over to Mr. Smith's this evening.

- Thurs, April 9, 1896 -

Pleasant. I hewed & sleepers and fitted them etc., My back has been very bad today. Clara was well, etc.

Friday, April 10 -

Pleasant, moderate.

I finished putting the sleepers in the new house, laid some floor, etc. Clara and I called over to the "other house" this evening.

Saturday, Apr. 11 -

Moderate. - I put on "corner boards" and shingled some.

The boys have been sawing wood, sapping and setting traps for crows, etc. Clara went over to her mother's this evening - Grace and Edna came over with and spent the evening.

- Sunday April 12 - 1896 -

Quite Pleasant. I carried Stella over to the Union Church to practice for the concert to-night. Thomas went with me we went up to the Iron Works to meeting. Will Morgan came in to Mr. Smith's with us.

Carroll, Stella and I went over to the Union Church to an Easter concert this evening. Grace, Edna and Elsie went too. - Silas Lyons and Aunt Betsey came in to Mrs. Smith's today.

Monday, April 13 -

Rained some last night and this morning. Showery through the day. I picked up potatoes, shingled, etc.

Tuesday, April 14-'96.
 Cloudy - windy - cold - misty to night.

I shingled some, laid some floor, etc. Went over to the Corner after supper.

Wed., April 15 -

Pleasant - warm - I shingled, etc.

Went over to the Head of the Tide towards night; got my line - hair ¹²⁵ ⁴⁰ lead - lock - knobs - bits - straw ¹⁰⁰ ²⁰ ⁵⁰ ¹⁵ ⁴⁰ (2 beds) of William Wilder and sent away for some garden seeds - Allie Anthony came in this morning and I sold him a ^{5.00} Veal Calf.

Thurs., April 16 -

Showery this forenoon. Pleasant - moderate. Helped empt and fill bed, etc. Laid floor went to Dennyville this after-noon and got some lumber.

Friday - April 17 - 1896 -
 Dull. Chas. Owen worked on my house. - Father came out to wards night and stayed to supper. The boys went to the Corner this morning and got some nails, etc.

Sat., April 18 -

Pleasant - Chas. Owen worked for me; finished putting in the outside door, slacked line, etc. Sarah and Will came in today.

Sunday, April 19 -

Dull - Home. Clara and I over to Mrs. Smith's and stayed to dinner. - Mrs. Bridges delivered her lecture "Woman's Appetite" this evening in the Vestry. We did not go over. Clara has not been very well today.

Monday, April, 20, '96.

Pleasant, windy. - Chas. Owen worked for me; commenced the chimney. The boys went to the Corner for some nails, etc. Mabel Owen came over with them. The boys went out to father's and got his ladder.

Tuesday, April 21 -

Pleasant, warm.

Chas. worked for me; about finished the chimney. I shingled, etc. I went over to the Camp to-night. Clara has not been very well.

Father has been hauling pumace from Lyons, Bros.

Wed., April 22, 1896 -

Pleasant-cool-

Chas. worked for me; finished round chimney, plastered, whitewashed, etc.

I hauled pumace from Harv. Lyons this fore-noon. Father hauled his, got dinner here.

Thurs., April 23 -

Pleasant, cool- I hauled water this morning; went up to Lyonsis and got a barrel of pumace for myself and one for father; finished shingling the front of the house, etc.

Sold a veal calf to Allie Anthony^{50¢}. Mrs. Harriet Carter came out here to-day visiting. Stella went out to mother's.

Friday April 24, 1896 -
Pleasant, cool - I shingled on
the house. - Mother and Helen
came out (round the road) with the
team; stayed all day. Father and
Sam. spread pomace and cultivated
in the clover field; they were here
to dinner.

Mrs. Deborah Anthony came out
to Mrs. Smith's to-day. Called here to-
night.

Sat., Apr. 25 -

Pleasant. - Chas. Owen work-
ed for me, plastered between the studs
etc. - I sowed grass-seed for fa-
ther, lathed, took out sink, etc.

Mr. Smithed worked for father in
the clover field - sowed oats, etc.

Sunday, April 26, 1896 -
Pleasant, cool. Home all day.
Carroll and 'Stella went to church
this after-noon.

Monday, April 27 -
Pleasant - cold. -

I worked on my house - put
the sink up in the kitchen and
laid some floor, etc.

I went over to the Corner
trough, got oats, grass-seed,
etc. Sarah came over with me
to help Clara clean house.

Tues. April 28.

bull-Pleasant. - Warm Cold. - I went to
Dennysville and got some boards.
Father hauled some hay out for me
I laid floor, etc. Sarah cleaned house.