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-Wed, April 29, 1896.-

Pleasant, cold, windy.

Moved in the new kitchen.

I finished laying floor in the new part, put up shelf, moved stove, etc.

Mr. Smith got 5 barrels of potatoes (father's) from my cellar.

Sarah has been "cleaning house" she went over to her mother's this evening. Will and Uncle Ira came over to Mr. Smith's tonight.

-Thurs, April 30-

Pleasant, windy, cold.

I hauled a barrel of water and carried Sarah home this fore-noon; got a stove-pipe for the air-tight stove and 500 lbs. of phosphate.

I shingled this after-noon.

-Friday, May 1, 1896-

Pleasant, windy, cold this fore morning; more moderate this after noon. — Clara Owen came over and papered the sitting room. Chas came over with her and stayed till after supper. He put the curtains up in the kitchen and put Clara up some shelves. — Mr. Smith worked for father, planting potatoes in his Clover field. — Grace and Edna came over a little while this evening. — Elias helped Nat. plow. — Commenced Farming — I spread pomace, cultivated, sowed oats (2 1/2 bush) and grass seed on 1/2 acre. Carroll harrowed them after school.

Sat, May 2, 1896 -

Pleasant, warm. - I spread 4 barrels of ashes on my grain, picked rocks, and dragged the piece I plowed some with my and father's horse. - Father finished farming out here. Mr. Smith worked him this fore-noon.

Mr. Smith and Elsie planted a few potatoes this after-noon.

Sunday, May 3 -

Pleasant, warm. - Home all day. - Carroll, Estella and Grace walked over to the Vestry to meeting to night. - Mrs. Mary Etta Carter came up to Mrs. Smith's.

Monday, May 4, 1896 -

Pleasant, cool. Quite a shower this morning. - I carried the children up to school this morning. Carried saw and saw-horse up and Carroll sawed $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of dry soft wood.

Father came out and I plowed till noon. I spread pomace. I went over to the Corner to night Sarah came over to help Clara a few days. - Tom fell down just before we got to the house.

Tues, May 5; -

Rained some through the day. Carroll did not go to school. We hauled water, harrowed and furrowed some. I fixed up some round the house. I went over to the Camp to night.

Wed., May 6, 1896 -

Cloudy, cold. Pleasant towards night
I painted the kitchen floor, made
shelves, etc., fixed off rows for garden.
Sarah washed, etc. Grace came over
and stayed to supper.

- Thurs., May 7 -

Pleasant, windy - I carried Sarah
and Bertha home this morning.
I planted about 2 barrels of
potatoes this after-noon; the boys
helped me after school.

Mrs. R. D. Campbell, agt.
brought my ^{8.00} (4) plum-trees this
after-noon. Elias has my wag-
on tonight to go to Charlotte.

Arbor Day.

- Friday, May 8, 1896 -

Pleasant, quite moderate.

I painted the kitchen floor the
second coat, planted, potatoes, beets,
carrots, parsnips, lettuce, and set
out two of my plum trees.
No school this after-noon.

Mrs. Mahan (Mrs. Robinson) of Pres-
cot came out from mother's
this after-noon. She went back to-
night. - Mrs. Smith came over
this fore-noon.

- Saturday, May 9 -

Quite Pleasant. - Churned, set
out two plum trees and plant-
ed 10 rows of potatoes. Got done
work about 9 o'clock.

Sunday, May 10 - 1896 -
Pleasant and very warm.

Home all day. I went over to Mr. Smith's a few minutes. Father came out a little while this forenoon. - Mrs. Mary Antone came in to Mrs. Smith's.

Monday - May 11 -
Cloudy - cool.

Carroll stayed home from school and helped me. - We finished planting $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of potatoes on pomace and phosphate.
Moved books into the sitting-room.

Tuesday, May 12, 1896 -
Pleasant. - The cultivated, harrowed, furrowed and hauled out a load of manure. Estella did not go to school; she helped her mother wash. She and I went to the Corner this afternoon. I got 5 curtains and $26\frac{1}{4}$ yds cloth to J. S. Lowe's.

Chas. Owen came and his mother came in a little while after supper. - Mr. Smith worked for J. P. Wilbur.

Wed., May 13 -
Pleasant. - Carroll carried the riding wagon over to the blacksmith's shop to get the tires set. - I hauled out manure, harrowed, furrowed, etc., and planted some peas and potatoes.
Clara has not been very well.
Mrs. Smith got home from visiting tonight.

Thursday, May 14, 1896 -
Pleasant, dry. - I planted
peas and potatoes. - Carroll
went over to the Corner and got the
wagon, this morning. - Arthur came
out to night and got his pea-mite.

Friday, May 15 -

Pleasant, dry. - I finished
planting potatoes, (about 14 bushels)
planted peas, beans, corn, etc.

The boys went to the Corner to-
night to get some trout-hooks, etc.

Sat. May 16 -

Hauled water - I went down the
"pond" with Carroll and Thomas this
forenoon, fishing. Carroll got 2 trout.
I planted sweet corn and hauled
away banking.

Sunday, May 17, 1896 -

Pleasant, warm. - Home.
Clara and I started to go down
to see Elora Haynes. We went
in to Mr. Smith's a little while.
I went out to farther's a lit-
tle while after supper.
Capt. and Mrs. Slaughter came
in to Mr. Smith's.

Monday, May 18 -

Looked some like rain this
forenoon; sprinkled some. Pleasant
and hot this after-noon.

As Elias went over to Will's after
Grace. - Nina went to school.

I took the banking away from
the house and put it on the
road. Cleaned the hen pen out, etc.

Tues, May 19, 1896. —

Showered lightly part of the afternoon. Windy to night.

I fenced part of this forenoon. I walled up part of my cellar ~~way~~ this afternoon. I went to the Corner to night but did not stay to the Camp. Will and Sarah came over to Mr. Smith's; they went over with me to night. — S Will shingled my fair. —

Mr. Smith fixed his barn door.

Wednesday, May 20.

Pleasant-cool. — I fenced, plowed, hauled manure, cut alders, etc. Grace was here to dinner.

Thurs, May 21, 1896.

Pleasant, cool. — Father came out this morning before we were up. I helped father plow this forenoon and he came out and helped me this afternoon. I planted some corn, squashes and peanuts.

Friday, May 22 —

Cloudy - Pleasant - sprinkled - pleasant - light shower. — I went to the Corner this morning, Mr. Smith and I plowed ditches along our road and shoveled part of them out this afternoon. Clara has not felt very well to day.

Grace started for Lowell. She went to Eastport in the stage.

- Saturday, May 23, 1896 -
Pleasant, windy. - I finished
planting corn, harrowed and fur-
rowed for beans, worked on
our road, scrubbed for Clara, and
burnt brush in the pasture.

Estella went down to Mary's
and Nina went out to Mother's
this after-noon. - Clara washed
this fore-noon. - Carroll has
not felt very well.

Sunday, May 24 -

Pleasant - Home all day.
A fire was set in Keenan's
back lot and got into and
burnt part of my fence on the
"Wheat piece". Father and Fred Carter
helped me tend it.

Monday, May 25, 1896 -
Pleasant, cold this morning.
Mr. Smith, Elias, ^{and} Father helped
me build my fence where it was
burnt yesterday. Another piece of
my fence burnt this afternoon.
I tended the fire about all day,
Father came out and helped me.
Carroll did not go to school,
but is better.

Tues., May 26 -

Looked like a storm. Wet some
this after-noon. Cold.

I put up my fence that burnt
yesterday, went out to Father's and
sewed my shoe, cut wood, etc.
Clara washed.

Wed., May 27, 1896 -

Pleasant this afternoon; cloudy this forenoon. - I shingled some, went out and got mother. (she will stay all night.) hauled manure for beans, and went to the Corner to night.

Thurs., May 28 -

Pleasant, cold this morning. I carried mother home this morning. Planted beans.

Big fire back of Tom Bosworth's barn. But for the help of a crowd his buildings would probably have been burned. Will Morgan and Elias were there.

Sam. Dudley brought us out a mess of alwives this evening. He caught them in his weir.

Friday, May 29, 1896 -

Rainy and wet all day. I carried the children to school this morning.

Shingled Jim's and Lewis's hair. I chored round the house and pitched over some manure.

Sat., May 30 -

- Memorial Day -

I could not go to Decoration to-day. I planted beans. We plowed part of a piece for cucumbers and squashes.

Estella and Edna went to Decoration this after-noon; Edna stayed over to the evening exercises.

Sunday, May 31-1896-
Quite pleasant this morning
clouded up and rained hard
this after-noon.

My little heifer has been
missing since morning. we could
not find her.

Monday, June 1-
Pleasant - I went out on
the road this morning but no
one had seen my heifer.
Mr. Smith found her on Birch Hill
with a calf. -

Carroll stayed home from school.
We plowed some this after-noon.

I went to the Corner and got the
horse's shoes set. Sarah, Will and
Bertha came over to Mrs. Smith's.

Tues, June 2, 1896-
Pleasant. - I went to Eastport
this fore-noon; started at 4:45
o'clock and got back at 11:30.

Mr. Smith and I went out to
the road after dinner. I got a
sack of hay for my heifer. I fur-
rowed, etc. -

Sarah washed for Clara this fore-
noon. Will and Mr. Smith came
over this evening.

Wed, June 3-
Pleasant-warm - I planted
beans, etc.

Clara was taken sick about
supper time; I went after Mrs. Antone
and then for the doctor. (Rogers) I
brought the doctor over and carried
him home. A boy - Earnest H
was born at 9:30.

Thurs, June 4, 1890 -
 Pleasant warm. Thunder shown this
 after-noon. - I finished planting
 field beans, and planted some
 pole beans, etc. Clara has
 been quite comfortable.
 Helen has been quite sick
 for a few days.

Friday, June 5.
 Pleasant - Mr. Smith and
 I worked on our road most
 all day. - I set out a few 20
 tomato plants to night.

Mrs. Bucknam and Mrs. Knowl-
 ton came in here and Mrs. Smith

Sat, June 6, 1890 -
 Cloudy this fore-noon. Pleasant.
 I finished planting pole beans,
 cucumbers, squash, setting to-
 matoes, (40 in all) and planting
 beets. I set out 9 tomato
 plants for Mr. Smith.
 Dr. Rogers called in to-day.
 The boys went fishing.
 Clara is quite comfortable.

Sunday, June 7 -
 Pleasant -
 Estella and Edna went to
 Sunday School and to meeting
 in the Vestry. - Clara is quite
 comfortable.

Monday, June 8, 1896-

Pleasant. - Mr. Smith and I worked on our road this fore noon. I helped father plow this after noon. - Mother is pretty sick with a pain in her head. Helen is some better. Father and I went over and got Clara Owen towards night.

Tuesday - June 9-

Rained hard about all day. I cleaned up the cellar.

Wed., June 10. - Clouded,

Showery. - Father went to Eastport. Clara's cow (2 yrs) calved to-day. I cut some wood etc.

Fred Dunn and I plowed along the road part of the P. M.

Thurs., June 11, 1896-

Showery. - Father came out and hewed a stick of timber.

I cut some wood.

Clara set up a few minutes yesterday.

- Friday, June 12-

Showery. - I split wood. Father went to Calais to meet James on his way home from Buxport.

Sat., June 13-

Pleasant. - Father came out and hewed some sticks for sills. - I shingled some. Carroll, Stella and Thomas went over to a band concert.

Sunday, June 14, 1896 -
 Pleasant. ~~Conant, Thomas and I~~
 went down to Arthur's ^{this P.M.} but
 they were all gone.

Monday, June 15 -
 Raining all day. - I carried
 the children to school and went
 after them tonight. I sprain-
 ed my foot this afternoon
 while after the horse.

Tuesday, June 16 -
 Pleasant. - I split some
 wood this forenoon and went
 up to the school-house and
 sawed wood this afternoon.
 I went over to the Camp tonight.
 Frank C. Conant went in,

Wed, June 17, 1896 -
 Pleasant and hot. Father
 came out and helped me
 split wood. - I carried
 Mrs. Mary Antone home tonight
 Got my Cow, Daisy, from Mr.
 Metzger's barn and carried her out
 to father's.

Thurs, June 18.
 Pleasant, warm. -
 Mr. Smith and I worked
 our tax (part) today.
 Stella will stay home and
 help her mother.
 Mrs. Smith went to the Corner
 Mrs. Adiram Wilder came in
 with Mrs. Smith and both called
 over here this afternoon.

Friday, June 18, 1896-

Pleasant, warm. Mr. Smith

and I finished our road tax this forenoon; I worked with my team. Chores round and hoed in the garden this after-noon.

The children went to a school picnic in Mr. Ephraim Dudley's pasture.

- Sat, June 20 -

Pleasant and very warm.

I churned and printed the butter; cultivated potatoes, etc.

Mr. Smith went to the Corner.

Sunday, June 21, 1896-

Pleasant. Heavy thunder shower this evening. - Home all day.

Monday, June 22.

Big thunder shower this after-noon. - I helped father plow part of the after-noon. Heman came up this forenoon.

Tuesday, June 23

Pleasant. - Father came out and helped me break up the rough piece below the grove. - Clara does not feel very well this after-noon. Sarah came over today, and was here this after-noon.

Silas Lyons came in this evening.

Channah.

Wed, June 24, 1896-

Pleasant. - I went to the Corn
this fore-noon; hoed potatoes
and in the garden. Clara
is some better.

Thurs, June 25-

Pleasant. - I borrowed Geo.
Antone's spring-tooth harrow and
harrowed the piece we plowed
yesterday. I got the harrow
from Mr. Anthony's and carried
it back to my lot. - My cow
Daisy got out to my lot.

Friday, June 26

Raining this after-noon.
I carried my cow, Daisy out to
father's this morning; worked in the
garden. Helped Clara up stairs.

- Saturday, June 27, 1896-

Pleasant, warm. - I planted a
few turnips in the garden,
hoed peas, etc. This after-noon, I
went out and got father's cul-
tivator and we cultivated po-
tatoes, and hoed some.

Sunday, June 28,

Pleasant. - Canoll went
over to Sunday School and stay-
ed to Mrs. Knowlton's to dinner and
went to meeting this after-noon.
Estella and I went over to meeting
this after-noon. Mr. Ed. Anthony
came over this fore-noon.

Father brought out some
fresh Alviner.