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Tuesday, January 1

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The sun shone most of the day but it was hazy. The snow melted considerably on south slopes. I wrote some on a composition. We sawed wood this afternoon. Caught a rabbit today.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

It snowed some again this morning. It has been chilly and cloudy most of the day. I cut wood and sorted brush piles this morning. I read some this afternoon.

Thursday, Jan. 3

The freezing point wasn't reached any time today but snow melted some on southsides. I sorted stove wood from the brush piles this morning. This afternoon I went visiting for a while.

Friday, Jan. 4

Snow melted today but the sun staid under. We sawed soe this morning and I piled brush morning and afternoon.

Saturday, Jan. 5

It was real warm today and a lot of snow melted. Pa went to town this morning and brot back the package from Chicago. I patched rubber boots tonight. The Hills were here awhile this afternoon.

Sunday, Jan. 6

It has rained more or less all day and the snow has nearly disappeared. I spent the morning mending boots. No one went to Sunday School.

Monday, Jan. 7

I sawed wood with Ewart all day. The temperature staid down and is falling tonight. I made some ice cream tonight.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

It was real sharp this morning. Ewart and I cut wood today. I cleaned the cow shed this noon.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

It was warmer during the day than yesterday but the wind blew and it is wild tonight. We cut wood all day.

Thursday, Jan. 10

It was quite windy this morning but quieted down this afternoon. Ewart and I sawed and cut wood again today.

Friday, Jan. 11

It snowed and rained all day and kept us in most of the time. Thunder and lightening came with is this afternoon.

Saturday, Jan. 12

The weather changed suddenly last night and there was a heavy crust this morning. We have been getting wood and reading today.

Sunday, Jan. 13

It was 4 below zero this morning and felt colder. Although the sun shone all day no snow melted and the crust is still stout. Ice still is on the trees. We stayed in today. I wrote to the Churchhills tonight.

Monday, Jan. 14

The crust stayed on the snow all of today. Pa and I sawed two trees down and trimmed them. The sun shone all day but it was cold.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

I have done little but read today. It rained some last night but the snow is still here.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

It was fairly warm all day but the snow didn't melt much. I finished my book this noon. It snowed some this afternoon and evening.

Thursday, Jan. 17

The snow softened up some today but didn't melt much. It was cloudy more or less all day and looked like storm at sunset.

Friday, Jan. 18

Not very warm today but the sun shone all day. I have Billy's horse to look after now.

Saturday, Jan. 19

It barely reached "freezing" today. Pa went to town this morning and was away until night.

Sunday, Jan. 20

There was more snow on the ground this morning. It didn't get very warm today. I took a horseback ride over to Garretts this afternoon.

Monday, Jan. 21

It stayed cold all day but felt comfortable. I made one trip to the woods this morning and got a few sticks of wood. The horse and wagon slipped badly.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

There was another lighter crust on the ice this morning. I drew three small loads of wood this morning. The horse balked several times coming up.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

It was pretty cold all day. I didn't do much today but clean part of the cow shed and cut some bedding. We moved the bee hives this afternoon. I took a horseback ride tonight.

Thursday, Jan. 24

It was pleasant today and warm enuf to make hard going. I went calling instead of working. This morning went to find out about Tom Renshaw's hurt leg. I rode the horse. This afternoon I went to see Leonard. He is getting over the measles.

Friday, Jan. 25

It has been very warm today and the snow softened up considerably but didn't go off much except on south slopes. I drew two loads of wood with the nag this morning. I had Pace's team this afternoon.

Saturday, Jan. 26

It was as warm today as yesterday and the snow melted quite a bit. I cut pine trees in the field that I grubbed for plowing. It rains some tonight.

Sunday, Jan. 27

It was warmer than ever today and the snow settled greatly. It has rained a little since yesterday. I went up to church this morning. The Still's came over for a little while tonight.

Monday, Jan. 28

It has drizzled and been foggy all day. I made another rag doll corn tester this morning. I churned for ma this afternoon. We played dominoes tonight.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

The ice left most of the sun-exposed places today. The brook is up from melted snow. I limbed up some pines and carried off the brush in the south-sloping field this afternoon.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

It rained and froze on everything today. It didn't get very warm at all. The snow and ice is nearly off and the road is muddy. I wrote a war piece this afternoon.

Thursday, Jan. 31

There was a heavy fog almost until noon. It was pleasant after that lifted. I drove up to the store and got cottonseed and shorts this morning. I cut pines afterward. Ewart and I sawed and chopped in the little field this afternoon.

Friday, February 1

It was foggy this morning but lifted rather early. Ewart and I put in a day in the pines. I didn't do many of the chores today. We heard cannon firing off south several times.

Saturday, Feb. 2

There was a heavy mist all day and some rain. The groundhog didn't see his shadow.

Sunday, Feb. 3

It was foggy all the morning but cleared up about noon and the sun shone brightly the rest of the day. I rode up to see Leonard this morning. Wrote two letters today. The cow had a sick spell this afternoon.

Monday, Feb. 4

It has been fair but cold and windy all day. Ewart and I cut wood in the pasture field.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

It was hazy and chilly today. This morning Ewart and I cut trees in the pasture. I got Hiram Pace's team this afternoon and we drew up the rest of the wood from our new clearing.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

It was more comfortable working than yesterday. I have two cut fingers so we sawed more than chopped when I was there.

Thursday, Feb. 7

I went to Hendersonville this morning. It was pretty good walking over but was soft when I came back. It was pleasant all day. I had a physical examination at Dr. Brown's. I saw Mr. and Mrs. Corwin and ate with them.

Friday, Feb. 8

It was pleasant and warm all day but muddy. I took a load of corn stalks up for Mrs. Case and brot back 75 bundles of fodder for us this morning. I sawed with Ewart a little while before noon.

Saturday, Feb. 9

I made a white oak maul and a terrace level today. It rained some this afternoon then it cleared at dark and is cloudy again.

Sunday, Feb. 10

It was not as warm today as yesterday but was pleasant and the roads have dried considerably. They elected me S. S. secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Melton were here to dinner. I went with them and Mr. Hill to help get their car out of the mud.

Monday, Feb. 11

This was a warm and pleasant day. I went over and split the pine logs in our 1/2 acre field. I marked for the first plow furrow too. I went over and got the grade of Mr. Hill's terraces.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

A nice warm day but we had some showers this afternoon. I spent a lot of the day splitting pine wood. The Corwins were here to dinner.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

It was about the same as yesterday without the showers. I got a mule this morning and pa and I plowed in the morning and Ewart and I this afternoon.

Thursday, Feb. 14

It was clear this morning but clouded and showered some this afternoon. I split wood most of the time today.

Friday, Feb. 15

I got the mule this morning and spent the day plowing. It was very warm all day but comfortable.

Saturday, Feb. 16

It drizzled most of the day so I spent the greater part of the time in the house. I took the grist mill apart to inspect it this afternoon.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Quite cool all day and threatened storm this afternoon. I went to Sunday School this morning.

Monday, Feb. 18

It clouded up and cleared off several times during the day and is raining tonight. I drew down a load of horse fodder and middlings this morning. This afternoon I split pine logs.

Tuesday, Feb. 19

It rained by spells all day. I rewrote a piece for the Pioneer today. This afternoon I went over to Marshall's to get a jug of molasses.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

It rained all night but the wind changed this morning and it stopped. I helped Pa saw a little wood this morning. This afternoon I cut a lot of bedding and helped a little in smoothing up the trail. Ma and I went up to Mrs. Foutz's tonight. It is cooling off.

Thursday, Feb. 21

It was quite pleasant today but not very warm. I sent off two letters of inquiry this noon. Mr. Garrett came down this afternoon with a horse to try on our wagon. He and I went after a load of wood in the pasture. Mr. Blackman and his cousin came this afternoon.

Friday, Feb. 22

I burned the last of the brush in the walnut field this morning. I helped Ewart saw up a couple of trees this afternoon. Then I went over to Fruitland to hear the debate.

Saturday, Feb. 23

I stayed at Fruitland until the middle of the forenoon and walked home with Tom. I helped Pa spray some with the lurit[?] this afternoon.

Sunday, Feb. 24

It got to be very warm today. Mr. Melton gave us one of the finest war sermons yet. I went onto King. Mtn. with David Foutz, Peato and Norman this afternoon.

Monday, Feb. 25

It was warm all day. I cut up and set grape vine stakes and wired them this morning. I spent most of the afternoon making a new maul. The wind blew so that we didn't spray today.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

It was much cooler today and very clear. It was very wind last night and early this morning but quieted down. Pa and I did a little work on the road this afternoon.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Pa and I got up early this morning and went to Bearwallow mountain. We were gone all day. It was not clear enough to see very distinctly. They got the horse today.

Thursday, Feb. 28

Pa and I worked some on the road from here to Dana this morning. We planted some onions and potatoes this afternoon. It was pleasant but desperately smoky all day and very warm. The chain-gang brot a scraper as far as our gate this afternoon.

Friday, March 1

It got warmer today than yesterday. Pa and I spent the morning spraying but the wind blew too hard this afternoon. I worked down the road today as far as the apple tree.

Saturday, March 2

We finished smoothing out the road this morning. We didn't spray because it was windy and threatened storm. It cleared off this afternoon and we spent it spraying.

Sunday, March 3

It was warm and clear today but is some cloudy tonight. I went over to Garrett's tonight to see about a horse to plow with tomorrow.

Monday, March 4

It was nice and warm early this morning but clouded up before noon and rained quite hard. I got Garrett's horse this morning and plowed the field where potatoes grew. It kept on raining after dinner so I had to take the horse back.

Tuesday, March 5

It was clear and very warm all day. I got the horse and plowed all the morning. I brought a light load of wood back when I came from the little field. I quite early this afternoon and took the horse home.

Wednesday, March 6

I walked to Flat Rock and took the train down to Tryon this morning. I found Mr. Slowes spraying apple trees. When I went over to Mr. Connor's I saw Mrs. Nesmith and the boys, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Andrews.

Thursday, March 7

I came home today. I came to Hendersonville on the noon train and stayed in town to have my teeth worked on and a tonsil removed. Mr. Blackman and Mrs. Ashworth went back this afternoon and I came out in the auto.

Friday, March 8

It didn't get very warm today but was pleasant. I didn't do much work. Pa went over to the other orchard this morning and I hoed a few grape vines. This afternoon Ma and I took up some accasias and planted them back of the cabin. I went to a party at Mrs. Foutz's tonight.

Saturday, March 9

It threatened to rain all day but held off well. I didn't do much work today but helped saw up some firewood. Mr. Staten brot out a man to look at the place this morning. I made a little visit tonight.

Sunday, March 10

There was a thunder storm last night and the weather cooled off considerably today with a good wind. I resigned my S. S. office this morning.

Monday, March 11

It froze pretty hard this morning and probably hurt lots of fruit buds. I went to town this morning and had some dental work done and gave the Doctor a look at my throat. I didn't do much of anything this afternoon. It stayed cool all day.

Tuesday, March 12

It threatened to rain all day and sprinkled some this afternoon. I didn't do any work today but this afternoon I went over to Fruitland for a last look and word.

Wednesday, March 13

It has been cloudy and threatening all day but hasn't rained. We have been packing some all day so that I could leav early in the morning. The wind is blowing quite hard tonight.

Thursday, March 14

I have made the first stage of my trip today. I started on the first train after noon from Hendersonville. Hiram pace took my trunk and suitcase over. It has been threatening rain all day but held off.

Friday, March 15

I rode on the train all day and didn't get sick like I used to. I changed cars at Hartford as well as N.H. It was chilly when I got to Springfield. Waited more than an hour for the trolley. Had a long hunt to find the folks.

Saturday, March 16

I tried to help them a little in getting the things in the kitchen straightened around. Went to the village with Alfred tonight. It was comfortable during the day.

Sunday, March 17

It was warmer today. Alfred tore down a shed and made a henhouse from the boards. He tapped some maples this afternoon. I helped carry some wood down today.

Monday, March 18

It was clear and cool today. I sawed some wood for Alfred this morning and carried some water. Went to the car to meet Alfred tonight.

Tuesday, March 19

Left Nellie's this morning and waited for a train at Springfield until afternoon. Did some trading at the Besse store while waiting. Got to Brattleboro at six and got a room right away.

Wednesday, March 20

I took a long walk up to Mr. Sweeton's at West Brattleboro this morning. I saw him at his office on returning. Went up to the O. O. and the free library this afternoon. The sun shone but it was quite brisk today. Two jobs are in sight.

Thursday, March 21

I got no definite word about work today. Mr. Sweeton brought me a letter from home this morning. This forenoon I went across the bridge into N. H. and took quite a walk into the country that way.

Friday, March 22

I bought some books this morning and read one thru and another halfway. Hung around Mr. Sweeton's office half the afternoon to see a man about working for him but found out nothing definite at last.

Saturday, March 23

I waited around this morning for a message from Mr. Perry. I started out this afternoon right after dinner. The Wilmington stage driver took my luggage and I walked up to Marlboro. I beat him by nearly an hour. It was very windy today and the sky was clear.

Sunday, March 24

Went to Marlboro after my suitcase this morning. Helped gather sap this afternoon and fed the cattle.

Monday, March 25

Spent most of the day lugging sap, putting out buckets and doing chores.

Tuesday, March 26

It was pretty cool today but the sap ran some. I carried some sap and split wood this morning after chores. Did some chopping and chores this afternoon.

Wednesday, March 27

After chores this morning I went to the woods and chopped. The snow is heaped way up there. This afternoon I chopped some and then helped tap trees. I helped wash the evaporator tonight.

Thursday, March 28

It was a little warmer today and the sap ran pretty well. I carried more buckets this morning and then drove spouts. Mr. Perry drove the oxen around to break some of the roads this afternoon.

Friday, March 29

Nothing today but chores and carrying sap. Mr. Gibbs came over with his team and we gathered over 40 gallons. The man came to boil too. It was very warm today and the sap ran fast.

Saturday, March 30

We gathered sap today but had to wait around because everything was full. I helped buzz a little wood this forenoon. Tonight I did most of the chores and milked all but one cow. It threatened to rain this morning but blew over.

Sunday, March 31

I got a chance to write two letters this morning. We had to draw some wood for firing this afternoon. We gathered up two tubfulls of sap before night.

Monday, April 1

Helped gather sap and chopped a little wood today. It didn't freeze much last night and the sap came slow today. I did all the milking tonight and all the chores except feeding hogs and horses. The day was pleasant all thru.

Tuesday, April 2

It was spring-like again today. Mr. Perry went to Brattleboro this morning and I had all the night chores to do. I chopped in the woods some.

Wednesday, April 3

We had an early dinner and went to the woods to chop some today. It rained and drove us up. The weather is cooler tonight and instead of rain there is some snow.

Thursday, April 4

It was pretty cool this morning and is quite wintry tonight. Sap ran fast for awhile this afternoon. I emptied sap pails this morning. Chopped wood and drove sap spouts this afternoon.

Friday, April 5

It was cold and windy all day. Some sap ran from newly tapped trees. We tapped a lot more today.

Saturday, April 6

The sap ran well today and we spent the afternoon gathering. Some full buckets are out yet. The lower bush is all tapped now.

Sunday, April 7

This was another Sunday spent gathering sap. The pails in the south sugar lot were good and full and we didn't get over them entirely. We spent some time getting that sugar house in running order.

Monday, April 8

We gathered up what sap was left today and Mr. Perry is boiling tonight. I had all the chores to do. It has threatened to rain all day and is sprinkling some tonight.

Tuesday, April 9

No sap ran today. It was stormy all day and is icy tonight. The sap is all boiled out at the old sugar house.

Wednesday, April 10

There was ice all over everything this morning and it was cold. The ice didn't leave the trees until the middle of the afternoon. I cut some wood and emptied sap buckets. Mr. Perry boiled all day and cleaned up all the sap.

Thursday, April 11

Mr. Perry went to Brattleboro today and I chopped wood when I wasn't doing chores. Started chores early this afternoon and got thru rather early. A cold wind has blown all day and is at it tonight.

Friday, April 12

It snowed and was chilly all day. There are nearly 6 inches on snow on the ground. We did chores and gave Ben a lesson in walking by drawing a load of hay to Mr. Blanchard and one to the horse barn.

Saturday, April 13

It snowed quite a bit today and was chilly this morning. It moderated some this afternoon but is cold tonight. We paddled around in the snow doing chores most of the time.

Sunday, April 14

We had a big sap run today and were busy gathering it up most of the time. It was real warm and half of the snow went off.

Monday, April 15

It was good and warm all day and this sap run is nearly thru. I spent the day chopping wood and gathering sap. I did all the chores tonight and began late.

Tuesday, April 16

We tried to clean up the sap today but Gbbs was too slow. It was pleasant all day and got about to summer heat.

Wednesday, April 17

It was warm and summery and the grass grew fast. The sky was hazy all day and it rained some tonight. I chopped wood and Gibbs drew wood and cleaned up the sap. Mr. Perry is finishing the boiling at the power place tonight.

Thursday, April 18

It showered, misted and sleeted all day and was chilly. I helped Gibbs a little in getting some wood for the sugar house.

Friday, April 19

We got up late this morning and it took me till noon to get the chores done. We got all of the sap buckets in before night and all the sap is boiled up. It was cold but the sun shone all day. Sent a lot of sugar today.

Saturday, April 20

It was quite comfortable today. It threatened storm this afternoon. I milked two fresh cows tonight and fed their calves. I spent some time pulling sap spouts today.

Sunday, April 21

It was chilly and stormy all day but we had nothing but chores. The Vet came up to see Ben's ankle this morning.

Monday, April 22

It was cool and showery today. This afternoon we went down to the sugarhouse and washed buckets. The wind is blowing a gale tonight.

Tuesday, April 23

We did up the chores early this morning and washed buckets the rest of the day. Everything is washed and packed away at the upper sugar house. It has looked showery all day but we didn't get any.

Wednesday, April 24

We finished washing buckets and things, turned over the pans and took down the make stack at the lower sugar house today. It has been chilly and windy all day.

Thursday, April 25

I helped with morning chores and then we went to Warren's mill and saw Mr. Buffum. He took me to see his farm on Green river. The sun shone brightly all day but it wasn't very warm.

Friday, April 26

Had a good long walk today. I started out from Marlboro quite early this morning. Got to Newfane and had a hair cut, bought a loaf of bread for dinner and started on. I had an auto ride from beyond W. Townsend to Wardsboro Sta.

Saturday, April 27

Went in an auto today to look at 2 farms. One is beyond consideration and the other looked pretty good distance to RR being the worst trouble. I walked to see another this afternoon. It's on a good road but not enough tillable land.

Sunday, April 28

It was frosty at Jamaica this morning but the sun soon drove it away. I walked all of the way back to Marlboro today. Got here quite a little before dark. I didn't get my ride at all this time.

Monday, April 29

After about 4 hours of sleep I got up early this morning and walked to Brattleboro to take the train for Randolph. We were 2 hours late because of a freight wreck. I walked to Randolph Center, saw the Greens a few minutes and came to the hotel.

Tuesday, April 30

I spent the day looking around and seeing folks that I knew. This afternoon I went to Randolph to send a telegram. On the way down I stopped to look at the farm just the other side of Sunset Hill.

Wednesday, May 1

Spent most of the time today gadding around and seeing people I know. It was drizzly and damp all day and is quite cool tonight.

Thursday, May 2

It was pretty showery and rather chilly today. I spent a lot of the day at the Center and saw part of a baseball game this afternoon. The Commencement exercises tonight were excellent and there was a good large crowd out.

Friday, May 3

I went to Alumni and V. A. S. meetings this morning. Robert took me to Everett Edron's for dinner and then I came home with him. We all went to a Red Cross social and auction at East Brookfield tonight.

Saturday, May 4

It was pleasant today but windy and rather cool. I merely played the part of a visitor all day. We had ice cream this noon.

Sunday, May 5

I stayed at Trask's until noon and then Robert took me to the Center. I talked with Mr. Adams about his farm and took the early morning train toward home.

Monday, May 6

I reached Brattleboro early and waited around until the banks opened to get a draft cashed. Started for the South this afternoon.

Tuesday, May 7

I travelled all last night without stop except to change in New York and kept going all day too. We met a number of troop trains between Washington and Salisbury.

Wednesday, May 8

I got to Olville this morning and came out in a rain that just started up after I left Asheville. I surprised the folks in great style and Ma didn't know me at first. The papers of the place were made out this afternoon.

Thursday, May 9

I sent a telegram to W. E. Adams this morning. The packing up went fast today.

Friday, May 10

There was lots of packing done today. I kept out of the way most of the time. It threatened to rain several times.

Saturday, May 11

It threatened quite a bit and did rain some this afternoon. There was nothing much but pack today. Mr. Fansler bot most of the tools and the bee hives.

Sunday, May 12

It was showery all day. We all went to church this morning and the folks took dinner with Mrs. Foutz.

Monday, May 13

It rained hard all night and kept showering thru the day so that things are well soaked now. Shannon came down and worked today. I helped shake rugs and sort out papers.

Tuesday, May 14

It was clear and pleasant all day for a change. Mr. Fansler had a small army here grubbing and brushing all day.

Wednesday, May 15

I started for the North today and Ma went down to Tryon. Eula took us to Oliville and David took the trunk and some other things. It was pleasant when we started but I ran into a light rain toward Salisbury.

Thursday, May 16

I got to Brattleboro tonight and have taken a room at Edward's again. Tried to phone Perry but the line is out of fix. I travelled steadily today and got along faster than on the down trip.

Friday, May 17

I left Brattleboro early this morning and came up to Perry's by way of the Buffum place. Had an auto ride most of the way. I came at the right time to do the chores while Mr. Perry was in town.

Saturday, May 18

This was one of the warmest days yet here. It was pleasant all day. I got up late this morning. We sawed up old apple trees this morning. This afternoon I trimmed limber from them while Mr. Perry plowed.

Sunday, May 19

It was good and warm all day and the sun shone most of the time. I helped with chores morning and night and took a walk thru the woods and fields and back by the road this afternoon.

Monday, May 20

I finished cutting up an old apple tree and burned the brush this morning. This afternoon a neighbor and I scattered phosphate and planted some potatoes. It threatened to shower some this afternoon but it didn't tho it stayed real warm.

Tuesday, May 21

We finished planting potatoes this morning. This afternoon I went to Brattleboro with Mr. Perry. It showered quite a lot. I got a room for the folks tonight and met them at the station.

Wednesday, May 22

It rained so last night that I stayed down street until this morning. I walked up and got home about noon. It showered so that I didn't get started early. Pa came with me to a place that is for sale. I burned brush this afternoon.

Thursday, May 23

The wind changed and it cleared off today. It is quite cool tonight. We drew manure today with half a team. The new horse is sick with colic and something else. I started a letter to Mr. Green this morning.

Friday, May 24

The sun shone brightly but it was quite comfortably cool working in the field today. Mozart and I drew manure all day while Mr. Perry piled pasture fence. Our horse was better today.

Saturday, May 25

We finished putting manure on the potato piece this morning and Mr. Perry plowed half of it this afternoon. It was warm enough and the sun shone quite a bit today. It is raining tonight.

Sunday, May 26

It was pleasant and comfortable today but threatened to rain some this afternoon. I went to Brattleboro and ate dinner with the folks. We walked out past a place to see what it looked like.

Monday, May 27

It was warm and muggy today and looked like the start of a drizzle part of the time. The sun came out this afternoon. Mr. Perry finished plowing the potato piece today and I carried ashes out of the cellar to put on it. Chopped wood this morning.

Tuesday, May 28

Mozart and I did some planting in on the upper potato piece this morning. This afternoon we planted potatoes on the piece south of the road. It was hot and muggy and threatened rain several times. We had a light shower this morning.

Wednesday, May 29

It started out warm and nice this morning but clouded up and got to be damp and cooler. This afternoon it drizzled some. We planted potatoes all day.

Thursday, May 30

It was foggy and chilly all day. I saw a hog butchered this morning. I held him to be stuck and helped some in other things. Mr. and Mrs. Cook and their son and daughter-in-law and kids were her to dinner. We drew out several loads of manure this afternoon.