

This is a transcription of Alfred Horton Ives' diary for the year 1888, kept by his wife Lucy M Bromley, often referring to herself as "Lou" in her entries. This is an "as is" transcription as much as possible, keeping Lucy's grammatical style with the only editing being a comma here and there to make reading easier. Where I couldn't decipher a word or name, I inserted question marks (?). The Glossary of Characters is a listing of names appearing in the diary, with their relationships and date information I have. The numbers in parenthesis link people to The David Ives Register Report for John Ives.

Howard Jeffrey III, grandson of Stuart B. Ives, Lucy's youngest son.

Alfred Horton Ives 1888 – Alfred H. Ives, Guilford Ctr NY – Kept by Lou

Sunday 1 January

Welcome New Year. This first Sabbath in the new year finds us all at home from church in usual health and enjoying by rest and reading the benefits of a very rainy and unpleasant Sabbath. No services at our church. We celebrated New Years supper at Papa Bromleys yesterday and enjoyed it very much indeed.

Monday 2 January

Father and Alfred to work in the woods, chopping and drawing logs to house. Mother and Millie washing and churning – and Lou trying to be patient and helping what little she can. Weather changing and growing colder. Father, Mother, and Alfred went to church in evening

Tuesday 3 January

This morning Alfred starts for the Auction of Mrs Carharts home property. Father at work in the woods and he after he after he gets back. Alfred bought Pole for carriage or cutter, and some smaller articles. Erv was auctioneer. In the house ironing, baking making kitchen carpet, etc. Father, Millie and Alfred at church in the evening.

Wednesday 4 January

Alfred took large pans out of the milk room this morn. The men both at work in the woods. This afternoon Papa Mama and Edson came down and made us a call. Father, Mother and Alfred went to church in the evening. Snowing some.

Thursday 5 January

A fine day. Alfred gone to Guilford this A.M. with a grist and took Millie to take a music lesson, and also to get Nero shod. Killed the old Gobble turkey this morning consequently had him for dinner. Father at work in the woods all day, and Alfred this P.M. Father Mother and Alfred went to church in the eve.

Friday 6 January

Another beautiful day. The men both very busy at work in the woods while it is nice weather. Mother and Millie putting down new kitchen carpet. A change this P.M. quite rainy. I cut Alfred's hair. Sam down this afternoon. Father Mother and Alfred went to Church in the eve.

Saturday 7 January

Foggy and rainy. Churning this morning. Alfred gone up home to help Papa butcher pigs for market. This afternoon Father, Alfred, and Millie have gone to Preparatory Lecture to the Centre. Mother has sick head ache and Lou not as well. This eve Alfred has gone to Guilford to help make out programs for town S.S. association they met at Grandpas.

Sunday 8 January

Storming this morning. Father, Alfred, and Millie went to church. Mother and Lou at home. This evening the Society of Christian Endeavor met to organize at our church. Alfred as President, after which were the usual services.

Monday 9 January

Colder this morning. Father and Alfred at work in the woods. Mother and Millie washing. Quite quiet in the valley to day, nothing new. Sam called a few minutes. Father went to Guilford in the evening to attend a meeting of the grange.

Tuesday 10 January

Flora's birthday today, 16 years old. First a storm, then a calm, seems to be the proceedings of the weather to day. This afternoon Willie Thompson his sister Ella and her little girl came over and made us a good visit. Father drawing manure all day and Alfred part of the day.

Wednesday 11 January

It is a cold blowy and blustery day. Uncle Lewis in a while this forenoon to see Grandma. Churning, and ironing, and Millie practicing. Father and Alfred cleaning out the barn. Nothing especially interesting to write or nothing new except that the hens laid nine eggs to day.

Thursday 12 January

A beautiful day. Father and Alfred at work in the woods chopping and drawing to the house. Sam and Frank called on their way to Unadilla. Mother was suddenly called over to Augustas' this forenoon, and stayed the rest of the day, and all night. Grandma Hale passed quietly away about noon and is at rest. Father went after Mrs. Hale, & also stayed over all night.

Friday 13 January

Our folks are butchering the beef this morning. Uncle Lewis down here to help. Mother about sick with headache and Millie and Lucy with hard colds. Trying out the tallow this P.M. and the men cutting up beef and weighing it. Papa called in a few minutes this afternoon also Augustas. Weather mild.

Saturday 14 January

Another beautiful day has dawned upon the earth. Grandma Hale's funeral services were held at her old home to day at one o'clock. Our folks all went but Grandma and I. Alfred took our span of colts and carried the hearse. He came down to stay with me, also Frank, while Sam went to the funeral. Mama stoped a little while. Alfred took me for a little ride.

Sunday 15 January

A very rainy damp Sabbath indeed. All at home from church as there are no services at our church. All very quiet in our home to day, no one here and we are all enjoying the day by resting and reading, and also by thinking upon and counting our many blessings.

Monday 16 January

The light of another morning brings a clear sky and bright sunshine. Alfred and I went to Unadilla to see the Dr. Drove our span of colts before the cutter they drive up splendid, drove down in 1 ½ hr. The roads are very smooth most of the way and icy. We went to Grandpa's to dinner and rested there a while. Uncle Chancy there. Father went to Guilford and drew home a lode of ice.

Thursday 19 January

This morning it is very cold and blustering. Father and Alfred are unloading ice and drew one load more from Guilford filling ice house and cleaning up. Alfred took the colts and took Millie over to take a lesson she takes of Miss Loomis, took at Mr Browns to day. Quite good sleighing now except where it drifts in some places.

Friday 20 January

A beautiful morning and without storm or wind. Alfred started for Norwich and I thought I would go up and spend the day with Aunt Elma, between there and Uncle Lewis' we broke the cutter in turning around, so came back and took Fathers and I stayed at home. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Delevan made us a short visit this afternoon.

Saturday 21 January

Ther' 14° below zero It is very cold but clear and pleasant. Father went to Mt Upton to attend a meeting of the Grange. Alfred is drawing manure, churning, seeing to butter, etc. Papa and Mama came down this afternoon and stayed two or three hours. Myrtle, the prodigle kittie returned back to day, after an absence of two winters. My Book came to day as a premium with the Contributor. James Horton came to night and stayed all night with us.

Sunday 22 January

Another beautifully clear cold Sabbath morning. Father, Mother, Alfred, and James have gone to church. Grandma Ives was eighty four years old yesterday. This afternoon Alfred took me for a ride, we went up home and stoped a little while. Father, Alfred, and James went to church in the eve. James Horton here all day, till night.

Monday 23 January

This morning is very cold indeed, but clear and pleasant. Our running water stoped this morning. Our folks butchered six pigs to day for market, their average weight was about eighty-seven, they were nice and fat. Alfred went over to Guilford this P.M. to get cloth to do them up in, and this evening they did them up. At nine o'clock P.M. an oyster supper was served at our home.

Tuesday 24 January

A very cold blustering, March morning. Alfred took the pigs over to the train, will send them to New York – found plenty of snow drifts – got the colts in, and finally the pigs did not go. Father and Mother went up to Mr. Henry White's and made a visit, had a splendid time, roast turkey, etc. Millie and I at home all day.

Wednesday 25 January

Hattie Ferris married to day. This morning it was very cold, but not windy until about noon, then it began to blow and kept increasing all night. Alfred and I went over to Erv's to make a visit and the wind blew so, that we stayed all night – we had a very nice time, I had not been there before in months. Lester was there most all day. Alfred went down after Flora. Mr Dennison's donation to night. Millie took music lesson.

Thursday 26 January

This morning Alfred gets up early and starts for home, leaves me to Viola's. It is a terrible blustering day, the worst we have had. About one o'clock Alfred comes back, and we have an oyster stew, and then the boys go down to Mr. Bunnell's auction a while and then we start for home, and reached here safely, found roads full but no trouble.

Friday 27 January

The wind has somewhat subsided this morning, but still blows hard enough. The water has stoped across the road. Father is at work at the water, boring, etc, most of the forenoon, and in afternoon fixing stove, safe, and chores in general. Alfred drew one load of manure but glad then to come in – we melted over our sugar cakes, this P.M. and Millie and I to work at bed quilts.

Saturday 28 January

This morning the wind is still blowing but not quite so hard I think. The men are choring at work at different things, quite a trouble now to get water for stock. Augustas called. Alfred went to the Centre to break out roads and took two pails of butter to depot – no trains running in any direction. Father went on to Guilford. Will in most of the evening.

Sunday 29 January

This Sabbath morning finds us all well and at home as we are thankful to be – The roads are - filled everywhere after such a terrible blow as we have had. We are all resting, enjoying this day which God has given us in the best way possible. I read to Alfred out of my new Book – Gutenberg and the art of printing. This P.M. Alfred took me for a ride, we went up home and stayed an hour or more. Mercury 20° above zero.

Monday 30 January

This morning is mild, the wind not blowing and it is not very cold. Alfred is up helping Uncle Lewis butcher six pigs for market. Father bringing water from creek to wash and doing other chores and drawing manure the rest of the day. Alfred gone to Centre this P.M. after his cutter and for the second time came home without it. Went to C. & got Topsy shod.

Tuesday 31 January.

The weather this morning acts very much like storm but finally comes off, and is a nice mild winters day. Alfred and I went to Unadilla to see Dr. Parris – found the roads pretty good and had a nice ride. We went to Grandpa's for dinner, and I rested there an hour or so. Uncle Foster and Aunt Libbie were there. We carried a pig down to Grandpa that Alfred got of Uncle Lewis. Very tired at night. Father cleaning out the barn.

Wednesday 1 February

It is a beautiful, clear bright, sunny morning, what might be called a perfect day. Our town Sunday School Association meets today at the M. E. Church at the Centre. Father and Mother went all day – Alfred went after his cutter this morn then went to Guilford after Mr Jones, and at noon came over and got me so I was there this P. M. - got very tired. A good meeting. Millie at home with Grandma.

Thursday 2 February

The weather still continues to be mild and pleasant. Father and Millie start for Binghamton this morning to see Dr. McFarland for Millie's throat and ears. Alfred went to Guilford with grist to be ground so I went up to Aunt Elma's and stayed while he was gone, had not been there before in months – had a real nice time. Alfred drove up after me at night. Father and Millie reached home about nine o'clock and very tired.

Friday 3 February

This morning the weather is mild and pleasant as for some days back. Alfred and I were invited over to Olin Angells to day. we went about noon came home about six o'clock – had a fine time. Merrit Winsons wife and baby, also Vern Miner and Erv and Viola were there. Had turkey for dinner and a good visit. Father went to Guilford this P.M. with grist.

Saturday 4 February

This morning it is storming and seems to be a frozen rain very unpleasant to be out in and the indications are that it will storm more. Father and Alfred went to Guilford after feed and grist – took eggs and got coffee, etc – Mother and Millie very busy doing Saturday's work and Lou about sick did not sit up but very little. No particular news – Otto called to night with the mail.

Sunday 5 February

The weather is not so bad today as we feared – it is foggy and a very damp air. Father, Alfred and Millie went to church this morning. Mother home with Grandma and Lou who did not sit up but little. The roads soft. Mr. Crummond preached at our church morning and evening. This eve the young people had a meeting of Christian Endeavor. Charles Whitemore led. Flora came down to night to see me.

Monday 6 February

Today is a very pleasant day – the sun shines nicely and it is not very cold. Father is bringing water and helping our folks wash. Lou feeling a little better, set up more than yesterday. Alfred went to Guilford with a calf which they dressed this morning and then went on over by Mr. Shepherds to look after pigs. Frank came down this afternoon and made us a short visit.

Tuesday 7 February

It is storming very hard indeed, and all day I think it snowed six inches or more, but is not very cold. Father and Mother were invited over to Mr. Frank Clarks today, they had a nice time – quite a number were there. Alfred is very busy drawing manure on the hill and doing the chores at night. Papa and Mama came down a few minutes this eve to see their girl.

Wednesday 8 February

About seven o'clock this morning Father and Millie started for Binghampton. Millie will have to stay a week or so for her treatment for her throat under Dr. McFarland. Father found her a good boarding place near, and left her in pretty good spirits. He drove to Bainbridge and left his horse there during the day, and reached home about eight o'clock at night. Nothing particularly new at home. It stormed part of the day and is growing colder.

Thursday 9 February

Mother is fifty-five years old today. It is a clear cold but beautiful day. Churning this morning. Father and Mother have gone over to Grandpa Bush's to make a visit. Alfred rode up home and stopped a few minutes to exercise the colts. I stayed home with Grandma except when Alfred was busy with butter, etc – Father wrote to Millie this A.M. I gave Mother a knife for birthday.

Friday 10 February

This morning, mercury stands sixteen (16°) degrees below zero – it is very quiet, no air stirring. Father and Mother have gone to Sam's for a visit. Alfred has gone over to Guilford with a pail of butter when he came back he stopped up home for a few minutes. Lou is home with Grandma, looking after her, and keeping house. Charlie Whitmore came down and spent the evening with us. Alfred doing the chores.

Saturday 11 February

Lou wrote a letter to Millie this morning and Father went over to the Centre to mail it. It is a nice day and good sleighing now – not nearly as cold as yesterday – Erv called here this morning. About noon Alfred and I went up home and stayed till about six P.M. Grandpa and Grandma were over, also Erv and Viola, and Luella. We had a splendid time – quite a family gathering.

Sunday 12 February

Another clear cold but beautiful Sabbath morning has dawned again upon the earth. Father, Mother and Alfred went to church this morning and I stayed home with Grandma. This evening Alfred and I went to Church, also Father – it was a beautiful eve, and it was my first one out this winter. We had a meeting of Christian Endeavor then a sermon after. Lena was leader of the meeting.

Monday 13 February

It is a beautiful day, much warmer than yesterday. I wrote a long letter to Millie this morning. Father is helping wash and other work in the house. Our folks killed two calfs this morning and Alfred took them to Guilford. This P.M. they killed a beef cow. Uncle Lewis down here to help them. Father cut up the tallow. Alfred drove up home to night.

Tuesday 14 February

Another warm sunshiney, winters day. Mer [Mercury] thirty (30) degrees or more above zero. Alfred has gone to Unadilla with the beef which he sold to St John and Emrich @ 4??C he got back home about half past two, cow and hide came to \$29.68. He drove the two colts to gather and bells on both - they looked fine. Father went to Guilford to see if he could hear from Millie but no letter came. Mother about sick with a cold.

Wednesday 15 February

This morning I received a nice long letter from Millie. A very sudden change in the weather, mercury settled about 40° in about twenty hours and very windy. Father and Alfred went over to Gurden Miners auction today – they bought a cow and plow. Erv was auctioneer. I went up home and spent the day. Alfred came up after me at night. Mama cut out Alfred's shirt for me.

Thursday 16 February

This morning it is very cold indeed but still. Mother and Lou about sick with colds! Alfred went to Guilford on errands and went on up to Mr. Miners after plow. Father went over to Lute Parsons after some pigs, he stayed to dinner and made quite a visit – came home and then went back again. We received a letter from Millie to day. Papa came down a few minutes to night. Mr Cornwell very sick. I cut Alfreds hair.

Friday 17 February

This morning Father gets an early start for Binghampton after Millie. It is storming some but not blowy nor cold much warmer than yesterday. Alfred and I were invited over to Merrit Winsors to day. Gurden Miner, wife and little girl were there, also Vern Miner. Erv and Viola were expected but did not come. Father and Millie came home late and tired. Alfred doing the chores. Lou about tired out.

Saturday 18 February

It is a warm mild day. Our folks drew one load of hay from hill and then drew manure. Alfred went this P.M. to town caucus at the centre. Flora came down this forenoon after my white dress for an entertainment. Millie is telling us of her experience while in Binghampton. Lou is just about sick all day, has a hard cold with everything else – but trying to be cheerful. Millie went over to see Mary this afternoon.

Sunday 19 February

This Sabbath it is warm and sunshiny – Father, Mother, Alfred and Millie have gone to morning services – drove the colts. Lou home with - Grandma suffering much pain but counting it as gain. Mama and Flora came down this afternoon to see me, stayed an hour or so. This evening father and Alfred went to church. Augustas led the meeting.

Monday 20 February

This morning it is raining quite hard and seems very damp and chilly. Mother and Millie washing. Mary came over about noon and stayed an hour or so. Our folks butchered six pigs to day for market. Uncle Lewis down here helping – Alfred went to Guilford in the afternoon – took a grist and took Flo over to school. Doing up pigs in the evening then Alfred went up to Uncle Lewis after the mail. Papa bought a new horse to day.

Tuesday 21 February

It is much cooler this morning frozen up and seems quite dry. Our folks churning, and Alfred took the jugs to the depot before breakfast. He had quite a severe time getting through, left his horse over to the centre, and he and Father walked over to Town Meeting – Alfred went over again in the evening. It went democratic. Lucie Keeler and Lena and Ella down here this P.M. & evening.

Wednesday 22 February

Father set up with Mr Cornwell last night. It is a nice mild day. Alfred is helping Will R. butched pigs to day. Lucie Keeler here and we are having a nice visit, not a large days work and we are taking it easy and enjoying ourselves by hearing Lewis talk. I am working on shirts – Millie received a letter from Aunt Ella. The roads are now in very bad condition.

Thursday 23 February

This morning it is some cooler but what would be called a fine winters day. Alfred has gone to Guilford with some corn to have ground at the mill. Lucie Keeler flying around and making herself very agreeable. This afternoon Lena came down after her and they went to Guilford to see the Doctor. Father and Alfred went down to Mr Evans auction this P.M.

Friday 24 February

Today it is a bright beautiful day overhead but the roads are in very bad condition in places. Father and Alfred are drawing hay from the hill. This forenoon and this afternoon Alfred went to Guilford after some feed. Lucie Keeler is here, she is ironing for herself. I am at work on Hubby's shirts. This evening we four went over to Augustas to a prayer meeting, young peoples. Ella was leader.

Saturday 25 February

This morning it is very rainy and unpleasant. Mr Cornwell died last night at ten o'clock after a severe sickness. Frankie VanCott came here this morning and he and Alfred went up to John A. Clark's auction stayed all day till most five o'clock – Father went later. Flora came down this P.M. and stayed an hour or so – Lucie Keeler went up to Uncle Lewis with Otto tonight.

Sunday 26 February

It is very bright to day and not rainy, but a very unpleasant south wind. Father is about sick with a severe cold on his lungs so he and I are at home today. Alfred, Mother, Millie, and Frankie VanCott went to morning service. Frank stoped at Uncle Lewis after church. Alfred was the only one who went to evening meeting – Lydia Ensworth was the leader and a first rate good one.

Monday 27 February

It is a clear cold day with but very little snow on the ground and very bad roads – Mr Albert Cornwell is buried today. Our folks all gone to the house but myself. They have a sermon and a prayer on account of Mrs Cornwell who is quite feeble did not go to the church. Mary over this afternoon and eve. Mr Johnson called. Papa and Flo drove down. Alfred went to Guilford and Centre called home.

Tuesday 28 February

It is a very cold windy day. Our folks are washing and Father is helping, bringing water etc. Alfred is working the team, cleaning out the barn and drawing on the hill – Father is about sick with a cold, so helps Alfred load up then comes in the house and rests awhile. No particular new thing occurred today in the valley. All quite as usual – Lou feeling quite badly. Flora I expect is at Sidney trying Regents.

Wednesday 29 February

This morning it is some milder than yesterday – our folks propose a visit first to Mr Smiths, then decide to go to Uncle Chauncey's – start about ten-thirty this morning. They went in a wagon and drove Nero. Alfred is drawing manure on the hill during the day and at night has the chores to do. The roads are better now than they have been as the snow is gradually growing less.

Thursday March 1

Rec'd a letter from Maggie. Surely March has come in like a lamb for it is a beautiful spring morning. We children are keeping home today. Alfred is drawing manure on the hill and did the chores night and morning. Papa came down to night to see about my going to Unadilla with Viola tomorrow. Sam brought Frank down this afternoon then he came down to tea and spent the eve. Father and Mother came home about 7 P.M. – Mother with pink eye. Will Robinson moving to day.

Friday March 2

Two years ago this afternoon I came down to share hubby's home as mine. It is quite a rainy unpleasant day – Our folks are in the house some this forenoon cracking butternuts & Alfred putting in window lights. This afternoon they are drawing hay from the hill. Father took Millie up to Uncle Lewis for a little visit this P.M. Mother and Lou are about sick.

Saturday March 3

It is a stormy blustering March day. Our folks are churning this morning for the second time this week. Father and Alfred went over to Uncle Chancy's after a heifer which Father liked the looks of when over there. Alfred led it home in the storm and wind. Papa and Mama came down and stayed to eat for the first time this winter, and it seemed so good. Alfred up with a cow part of the night.

Sunday 4 March

This morning it is more mild and the wind doesn't blow as hard as yesterday. Father Alfred and Millie have gone to morning service. Mother and Lou at home not well, either of us not able to read. Our folks came home sooner than we expected as they had no Sabbath school. There was no service this evening on account of wind and bad roads.

Monday 5 March

Our folks are washing – Father is helping – It is quite cold but not blowy – Alfred is up helping Uncle Lewis butcher pigs this forenoon. Otto came down after him this morning. Lou is sick, not sitting up but very little. This afternoon Alfred went to Guilford took a grist and brought home a load of feed. Mr Jones came her to night from Augustas – stayed all night.

Tuesday 6 March

It is quite a cold winters day without storm or wind. Father and Alfred went to Guilford with a grist and to do other errands stoped on their way to attend the Society meeting of the church at the Centre. Mr Jones here all day. Mother and Lou about sick. Mr Johnson called to pay Mr Jones his salary. Alfred ready to go after hired girl if so desired.

Wednesday 7 March

It is cold but not severe no wind nor storm. Mr Jones here all day – he is about sick with a hard cold. Alfred went to Guilford this forenoon after the grist, and this afternoon he and Father are drawing hay from the hill. Fate came down this afternoon while Lucie and the girls went to Guilford it was the first time she has been here since in the fall.

Thursday 8 March

It still continues cold but not severe nor blustering. Mr Jones is here all the forenoon, and after dinner he went up to Uncle Lewis. Uncle Henry Bradly came here just before dinner and made us a visit this P.M. Millie went up to Uncle Lewis this afternoon to visit with Anna W. – Hattie C – and Lucie Keeler. I was invited but not well enough to go. Lute Parsons and wife called.

Friday 9 March

It is a beautiful bright, sunshiny day. Alfred went to Unadilla to day about selling beef – Father drawing out manure. This afternoon Hattie Clark came over to make us a visit. Hubie came over to tea and spent the evening. About three o'clock Lena, Ella, Nate, and Lucie Keeler came down and stayed until about five – it was Lucie's farewell visit for the present as she goes to Bainbridge tomorrow.

Saturday 10 March

Another warm and sunshiny day has come and I took a ride for the first in about three weeks. Alfred went to Guilford after a grist and so put a chair in the bobs and took me up home. I stayed till night and Papa brought me down after his new colt. Alfred whitewashed the milk room this afternoon and bought a cow of Johnson @ \$37.20 & sold one to Lamfair at \$30.00.

Sunday 11 March

Quite a change in the weather. It is very windy and acts like storm. Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie have gone to church. Lou at home as usual. After church and dinner Alfred and I rode up home to see how Aunt Semanthe was. (she is sick with one of these head colds) we found her no worse except weaker. There was no service on account of the severe storm.

Monday 12 March

Since about five o'clock last night it has snowed very hard, about ten in. has fallen and to day it is quite blustering. Our folks are washing – Father helping – Alfred is fixing stove pipe and doors in our room, doing chores in general, such as putting balls on cow's horns, skinning calf etc – Father is cracking butternuts - in the house most of the day, It is very severe.

Tuesday 13 March

It was far the worst night we have had this winter, and to day it is terrible, the wind blows very hard and so much snow to blow that roads must be blocked every where, besides the severe cold. Alfred rode Bill (where he did not walk) and went up home, found Aunt S – wanted the Dr, so went to C – found him blocked at Norwich, got some medicine and came home. Augustas and Mary over this afternoon and evening and to tea.

Wednesday 14 March

This morning it is much milder and the wind has subsided. Father is out bleaking out roads this forenoon as well as nearly every one. Father and Mother went up to Aunt Elma's this afternoon and made a visit. Alfred and I went up home to see Aunt Mantie and stayed till about half past three, we found her weaker and rather loosing of this too.

Thursday 15 March

Today it is mild and no wind blowing – Alfred has gone to break out the roads to the Centre which did not get done yesterday. Father, Mother, and Millie have gone up to Mr. Smiths to make a visit. The stoped up home in going each way – found Aunt Mantie about the same – sleeping more through the day. Alfred went to Guilford with Mr Johnson to get check cashed, etc.

Friday 16 March

It still continues to be mild and pleasant. Alfred went to Guilford and I went up home – found Aunt Samantha very low, we watched by her bedside all day expecting to see her breathe her last. Erv and Viola were there, also Mrs. Smith and Frank. I came home about four o'clock, the Dr thought she could live but a few hours. Our folks called on our new neighbors in the morning.

Saturday 17 March

Aunt Mantie passed away about ten minutes after twelve last night – and she is at rest. We feel a great loss but realize she has a great gain. She talked beautifully to us before she died. I went up home about eleven o'clock stayed the rest of the day and all night. Erv & Viola were there, also Frank, and Grandpas folks – Papa and Mama gone to Guilford to see about coffin shroud etc. A sad house I tell you. Alfred came up at night.

Sunday 18 March

Alfred went down home this morning and I stayed all day with our folks – he came back after chores and stayed till night chores then Flo came down with him & he came back, and we stayed all night again. Mrs Cornwell and Leroy called, also Father and Millie. Mrs Hale came up and stayed all night. Augustas is digging the grave today. It is a beautiful sunshiny day. Sad and lonely.

Monday 19 March

A beautiful day has been given us in which to lay our dear Aunt Manti in the ground. Her funeral services were held at the house at eleven o'clock today. Text was "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saint." I came down with Alfred early this morning, & after the funeral I stayed up home all night again. Alfred came up at night. All went to the grave but Ann, Eliza, Aunt Jerusa and myself.

Tuesday 20 March

Up home this morning. Alfred went down early. It is a very dismal rainy day. Papa went to Guilford with a calf – also Alfred went after grist, and several other errands. Mama and I both about sick and tired out. Flora is washing this afternoon. Papa brought me down this afternoon about four o'clock. Alfred put the large pans in the milk room to dry.

Wednesday 21 March

It is a very dark dismal rainy morning. Alfred and I had a visit planned to Erv's to day but think it would be most impossible to get there. The roads are very bad now. John and Otto down here a while. Our folks are commencing their wood pile to day, sawed with the horses quite a little. About three o'clock Alfred took Millie and I over to Augustas and then he came over to tea and spent the evening.

Thursday 22 March

I cut my new dress. Today it is quite an improvement from yesterday, still it is stormy and dismal at times, with changes of sunshine. Alfred went to Milford this forenoon, and Millie rode up as far as Aunt Elma's and played there till about four o'clock then walked down. Our folks are at work at the wood pile sawing and splitting. Burnside came over at night.

Friday 23 March

Burnside commences work this morning, and it seems good to not wait so long for breakfast – they now milk twenty cows. It sure is a beautiful morning – but does not prove to be as nice through the day – it was very cold, storming and blustering. Father is sawing wood, Burnside is splitting and Alfred drew one load of manure on the hill – found it so icy that he stoped. All are quietly at home & busy.

Saturday 24 March

Millie and I are working on my dress. Alfred is sawing wood with the horses. Burnside splitting by the door. It was very stormy this morning but came off quite nice this afternoon, although it still continues cold. Father went to Guilford this afternoon to attend a meeting of the Grange. The roads are now quite bad, much bare ground and ice.

Sunday 25 March

Another beautiful Sabbath day has been given us. It is not nearly as cold and the sun shines very bright. Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie have gone to church – Lou at home. Alfred took me for a ride after dinner – we went up home found the folks gone so rode up to Mr. Smiths and back again. Burnside over home today. Father and Alfred went to meeting in the eve. Mary led. My last sleigh ride.

Monday 26 March

It is much milder to day. Our folks are washing. Father is helping. It began to rain soon after breakfast and rained all day. Burnside and Alfred draw manure a while, then came in the house and stayed most of the day. The choir met here in the evening to practice pieces for Easter. Frank Clark & Hattie, Lena, Ella, Mary, John, and Otto were here.

Tuesday 27 March

It is not raining this morning and the air seems warm and muggy. Alfred went to the Centre with a calf and pail of butter. Father went to Norwich to get some medicine for Millie principally – he went in a wagon. It acts very much like sugaring. Alfred tapped a few trees by the house and sap started quite a little. Burnside went to Guilford was gone four hours or more. I finished my dress to day.

Wednesday 28 March

It is very damp and foggy this morning and rained a part of the time – Mrs Cornwell's auction is to day. Father and Alfred went about ten o'clock and played till four – the things sold well. Alfred took me on up home to stay during the auction. Viola was home, Mama went down to help Mrs C – a while. We went in a wagon but not good going – very muddy in places & drifts in others.

Thursday 29 March

It is pleasant to day – a little sugar snow fell last night. Father and Alfred went up to Mrs Cornwell after the things they bought this morning, then went up to Charlie Manwarings to see about tracking horses. Father and Mother went up home and spent the afternoon and evening – the boys did the chores. I cut out Millie's dress – not feeling as well as usual. The men did not trade horse.

Friday 30 March

This morning it was lowry early, but finally came off and the men got out the buckets and tapped the bush this forenoon. Flora came down about eleven o'clock to see her sister, and stayed the rest of the day and all night. About the same time Henry Parsons came to make us a visit – I never saw him before – our folks did not know him – he stayed all night with us.

Saturday 31 March

This morning it is cooler and lowry – a strong west wind. Alfred and Burnside gathering sap – Father boiling. Alfred went to Guilford after salt and other errands. Henry Parsons went up to Uncle Lewis about two o'clock this afternoon – Alfred took Flo up home about four, just as she was going Mrs Hale came and stayed till dark. Our folks gathered twelve barrels of sap to day and boiled till ten o'clock at night. I cut Alfred's hair.

Sunday 1 April

This is a beautiful Easter morning but clouds up and rains before night. Our folks all went to Church but Grandma and Lou. Easter services at our Church also it was communion. George Touslee died to day at three o'clock – he had the measles & then pneumonia set in, it seems very sad. There were no services this evening on account of the severe rain and roads.

Monday 2 April

It rained all night and it raining this morning. Our folks are washing and churning – Lou helping. Alfred went to Guilford with a calf which they killed this morning, and brought me home another dozen of oranges. Our folks are doing off sugar all the afternoon. Mother, Millie, and Lou are making little cakes – it is very nice. Our folks gathered about twenty barrels of sap & boiled till about nine o'clock.

Tuesday 3 April

It froze quite hard last night and snowed some early but finally came off bright and was a lovely day. Erv and Viola came over and made a visit – it did seem so good – they came at half past ten and stayed till four. Viola gave me a nice tidy which she worked. We are doing off sugar all day, making little cakes and eating. Alfred went to the Centre with butter.

Wednesday 4 April

It is a beautiful day – the sun shines from a perfectly clear sky and the roads are slightly improved. Geord Touslee's funeral was held to day at the Me. Church at twelve o'clock – There was nearly a house full. Father and Millie went and Alfred went and carried the bearers. Ten was "What I do, thou knowest not now but thou shall know here after". Our folks gathering sat after the funeral and bowing.

Thursday 5 April

This morning it is Lowry and acts like rain – about ten o'clock it commences to rain and keeps it up hard all day. Alfred and Burnside gathered sap till it rained, then came in the house and took a knap [sic] – After dinner Alfred went up home after one of Erv's large pans for syrup. Millie and Lou are sewing on Millie's dress. Father boiling at the sap house.

Friday 6 April

It rained hard all night and thundered and lightning till about midnight – Lou was sick all night and all day to day – did not set up but little, have a very hard cold indeed. Father is boiling all day. Alfred and Burnside gathering. Mother doing off sugar and syrup through the day – Millie is crocheting – The boys sawed wood in the afternoon. Our "Ladies Home Journal" came to day for the first.

Saturday 7 April

Got cows to cow house. This morning it is beautiful, and continues to be nice except a strong west wind. All at home to day and no one here. Churning this morn. Burnside cleaning out the barn this forenoon, and he and Alfred sawing wood in the afternoon. Mother doing off syrup and putting it up. Lou is feeling some better trying to sew a little on Millie's dress. At night doing up sugar cakes for Cora & Erastas.

Sunday 8 April

This morning it is very pleasant warm, and sun shiny. The roads are very much improved by the rain and wind. Our folks have all gone to Church but Lou, she is at home counting her blessings. Thought I would take a ride this afternoon, but the wind is rising so did not. No meeting to night. Our folks heard to day that Mert Mills was home from Oswego and was quite sick.

Monday 9 April

This morning we are packing a box of sugar to send to Jessie. Alfred went to Guilford with two pails of butter, sugar, and several gallons of syrup, he got most there and broke his wagon – came back with his team, got the lumber wagon, loaded into that and went on – The roads are terrible muddy & breaking up. Mama, and Flo came down to see me at night. Lou about sick.

Tuesday 10 April

Today it is rainy and very dark, besides a strong wind that penetrates every where. Lou did not sit up but very little to day – Alfred went up to Mr Woods this morning and bought two calfs of him – He and Burnside gathered seventeen barrels of sap this afternoon, then worked at the wood pile – Mother cutting out shirts for Father, and Millie is sewing.

Wednesday 11 April

This morning Alfred took the colts – rode Nero and went to Guilford after the wagon, he did not get back till about two o'clock – the roads are terrible and it is very damp with some rain. Flora came down about eleven to day to stay awhile, soon after Edson came down after her as our folks had company (Mr and Mrs Mead). Father is boiling sap. Uncle Erv is sick with measles.

Thursday 12 April

To day it is lowry and not very cold except a strong wind. Alfred went to Guilford after grass seed but did not find to suit him so brought home a barrel of sugar – Said Uncle Erv was a little better. He and Burnside gathered nine barrels of sap this afternoon and sawed wood the rest of the time. Lou is a little better and made two plaster paris plates. Mother reading to me this afternoon "The Spring Farm".

Friday 13 April

This morning it is colder and very bright and sunshiny. Father is boiling sap. Millie went over and made Mary a call this forenoon. Herman VanCott came here about noon stayed to dinner and till about four o'clock. We sold him 2 lbs of sugar. In the evening Mrs. Burrows and Hattie Moore were here and stayed till about ten o'clock. We were all very tired indeed.

Saturday 14 April

This morning we found the ground again covered with snow – Our folks gathered a little sap. 6 lbs. This afternoon Papa came down afoot to go to factory meeting and Alfred went down with him, when he came back he stoped a little while – Flo drove down about three o'clock and took Papa home. I sent a plaster paris plaque up to Aunt Elma. Our folks are working at the wood what time they have.

Sunday 15 April

This morning it is cool and snow in the air & look much like more storm. Father Mother, and Alfred went to Church – Millie did not feel very well so stayed home and kept Lou company. We had dinner all ready when they came home so had a nice long rest after wards. There was no service in the evening on account of the roads.

Monday 16 April

This is a perfectly beautiful day. Our folks are washing and churning – Father is helping and boiling sap at the same time. Our folks gatherd twenty eight barrels of sap to day, it runs nicely – the best sap day we have had I think. Alfred went to Guilford with a calf, pail of butter and some syrup. The roads are much better. Millie is ironing this afternoon, did off some molasses.

Tuesday 17 April

It froze last night and is another beautiful day, and a very good sugar day. Father boiled till about two o'clock then worked at the wood, and Burnside all day. Alfred went to work at the wood to finish it and so it was accomplished. Millie went up to see the girls this afternoon, found Lena about sick. Mother is doing off molasses all day.

Wednesday 18 April

This morning brings another very rainy time. Churning and doing off molasses – our folks are gathering up what sap there is – about fourteen lbs. Father is boiling all day – Alfred went to Guilford with butter and to get the team shod, did not get home till Five o'clock. Mother went up to see the girls this afternoon – rode old Pomp, cleared off this P.M. – Our folks boiled till ten o'clock.

Thursday 19 April

It is very pleasant this morning, froze last night, and acts like more sapping. Father went over to the Centre this morning after Aunt Emeline, she came about half past nine. A tin-peddler here to dinner Mother traded with him some. Alfred went down to Mr. Johnsons to look at cows, did not get back till three o'clock – we sugared off this P.M. to have to eat.

Friday 20 April

It is Mama's birthday to day. I wanted to go up home but did not feel well enough. The ground, trees, and every thing is covered with snow this morning, a beautiful sight. Aunt Emeline is here all day. Alfred went to Guilford to take the molasses and get more cans. Grandpa has the measles, but is getting along so far well. Our folks gathered about ten barrels of sap and Father boiled it in.

Saturday 21 April

It is not storming this A.M. but seems like winter again as the ground is all covered with snow. Churning and doing Saturday work – Aunt Emeline is here all day. This afternoon it is storming and blowing, acts like March. No news in particular, all glad to stay in that can. Mother and Lou about sick all day. Mr. Root called to see Alfred.

Sunday 22 April

This morning it is beautiful overhead, but very bad going. Father, Alfred, and Millie went to Church. Aunt Emeline went home when they went to Church. Mother not feeling very well so stayed home with Lou. We had a nice long rest this afternoon, then later had a little visit from Flora – she came down horseback to see her sister. No meeting this evening on account of the roads.

Monday 23 April

Another beautiful morning clear and sunshiny – Our folks washing and churning – Father helping. Burnside cleaning out the barn. Alfred went to Guilford with a pail of butter and brought back an empty pail. Grandpa is getting along well. Our folks gathered about eighteen barrels of sap to day and Father is boiling. I cut Alfreds overalls.

Tuesday 24 April

It froze hard last night and still acts like sapping. Father boiling to day. Alfred is getting out sap wood back in the woods. Burnside splitting wood by the door. Doing off molasses in the house, ironing and work in general. Mama and Flora came down this afternoon and stayed about an hour, had to hurry back on account of Mrs Cornwell going up to night. The roads are much improved.

Wednesday 25 April

This morning it is beautiful clear and sunshiny – Churning and boiling. Alfred went to Guilford with a grist and to get cans. Father and Burnside at work in the woods getting out sap wood. Millie cleaned out the kitchen chambers to day. This P.M. Father cleaned out the stove pipe in kitchen stove and started the water at the house. Water commenced running.

Thursday 26 April

It looks more like summer than it has any time before, warm and sunshiny – Alfred went to Guilford this forenoon after cans and to see the Dr. for Grandma. She fell this morning and hurt her hip quite badly. He came over about 2 P.M. said her wrist was broken & the siatic nerv [sic] in her hip was hurt. Our folks gathered 18 barrels of sap to day and gathered the buckets. Millie went out to Mr. Burrows and made a call.

Friday 27 April

This morning it is fine warm and bright and it does seem so nice. Alfred went to Guilford with a pail of butter and to get cans. The men washed the wooden buckets this forenoon and the tin ones at the house this afternoon. Sam brought Frank down about two o'clock then he came down to tea and spent the evening. Mama called to night.

Saturday 28 April

Summer has surely come as it is so nice and warm. Mother is doing off the last syrup, cleaning up, etc. The men are at work on the hill sowing oats. Alfred came down after the dinner for the men. Flora came down about two o'clock and stayed till seven. Alfred took her up home. We had a nice little visit. The men are very tired at night and Mother as well. Uncle Lewis, Mr Johnson and Augustas called.

Sunday 29 April

This morning it is so nice and pleasant that I thought I would go to Church and Mother would have to stay with Grandma anyway – but we got only part way there and had to come back, it hurt my back so badly so went to bed and had a rest instead. Alfred went to meeting of Christian Endeavor this evening. George Ives called in a few minutes.

Monday 30 April

It still continues to be beautiful weather. The men are at work on the hill sowing oats and grass seed. Alfred comes down after dinner. Churning and washing in doors. Lucy is helping and sewing in the afternoon. Millie is writing to Aunt Ella and Mother reading to Lou. The men finished sowing the piece of oats on the hill to day – It is very warm indeed.

Tuesday 1 May

We had some thunder and lightning last night, and this morning some rain. It is much cooler to day. Alfred and Burnside at work on the hill spreading manure. Father went to Guilford to get the team shod and many other errands. Ironing and churning in the house and Mother cleaning off the shelves in the milk room this P.M.

Wednesday 2 May

This morning it is snowing, and is chilly and damp – seems like winter again. The men are all at work on the hill to day. This afternoon it comes off warmer and Alfred took me up to Uncle Lewis to spend the afternoon – had a splendid time and did not feel any the worse, for it was the first time in six weeks I had been any where. He came after me about 7 P.M.

Thursday 3 May

It is again sunshiny, but quite cool this morning – The men are busily engaged sowing the rest of their oats. Millie is cleaning house – cleaned Mothers bedroom and a part of the parlor bed rooms. Uncle Lewis called this morning. Mrs Hale came over about eleven o'clock, and made a call, and this afternoon May Johnson came over and stayed an hour or so.

Friday 4 May

It is quite cool this A.M. and acts much like storm, a strong south wind – Alfred went to the centre with a pail of butter which was churned and packed this morning a part of it. Millie is finishing the parlor bedrooms this forenoon. This afternoon Millie went to Guilford and got us each a new hat and did many other errands. I went up to Aunt Elma's and stayed while she was gone. Mother about sick with – headache.

Saturday 5 May

This morning it is cloudy and quite cool. Father is on the hill sowing seed – Mother went to Guilford to see the Dr for Grandma and for herself. She went about nine o'clock and came home about four. Millie and I kept house. Alfred went down to Mr Mills this P.M. and Father went to Guilford after a can. Finished sowing seed to day and sowed the peas.

Sunday 6 May

This morning it is another beautiful sunshiny Sabbath morn, but quite a strong wind. Our folks all went to Church but Lucy - Mother and Alfred came home after preaching on account of Grandma. Alfred and I took a rest then after supper we rode up home and stayed about an hour – it had been most seven weeks since I was up there. Alfred went to Church in the evening.

Monday 7 May

Work flies as usual in the house on Monday morn. Washing and churning. Lucy is helping. Alfred went to Guilford with a calf which they killed this morning. Uncle Lewis called Mr Merrill is here at work came this A.M. – Ora Parker is helping him they are fixing the roof to the large barn with cement. Father and Alfred at work in strawberry bed this P.M.

Tuesday 8 May

It is very damp and chilly this morning, acts like rain. Churning and ironing in doors – Lou has another hard cold – Mr Merrill here at work also Ora Parker. Augustas called. About eleven o'clock Alfred and I went up home and made a visit – stayed till 4:30 P.M. the first time Alfred has been up to visit since last fall. When we came home Mrs Hale was here stayed to tea.

Wednesday 9 May

Maggie married to day. Another damp foggy day, it is very chilly and unpleasant. Mr Merrill stayed all night and to breakfast, then went home. Millie is cleaning the pantry to day. Maggie M – and Lester B were married to day at four o'clock at her home. Mother and Millie went to Guilford this afternoon to change Millie's hat. Mr Merrill came back about 2 P.M. and stayed all night.

Thursday 10 May

This morning it is very bright and also very warm, showers in the afternoon. Mr Merrill here at work. About ten o'clock Uncle Foster and Aunt Libbie came and stayed till half past six, had a good visit. Millie cleaned the parlor to day. Burnside at work on the hill fixing ground for potatoes. Alfred went to Guilford this A.M. with grist and a pail of butter. Papa called this morning. Mrs Root called.

Friday 11 May

Our milk went to the factory this morning for the first it seems, and Alfred took Mr Merrill to the Centre this morning after more cement – he is here at work to day. It is cloudy all day and rains a little quite often. The men are at work on the hill planting potatoes. Alfred rolling this forenoon then takes the dinner up to the men. Millie up to Uncle Lewis this P.M., cleaned hall this forenoon.

Saturday 12 May

It rained through the night and is raining at times all through the day. Mr Merrill went home after breakfast on account of weather. Alfred went to Guilford after the grist, saw Maggie, she is at Erv's and brought me home one doz bananas. Churning for the last time and cleaning up. Alfred took a pail of butter to G – Mother about sick, Millie baking some – Grandma is quite low to day.

Sunday 13 May

It is a beautiful Sabbath day, clear and bright. Our folks are all at Church but Mother and I. Uncle Henry and Mrs Hale were married to day at noon, at her home, by Mr Jones. Aunt Emeline came over this afternoon, went home to night. Alfred and I rode up home – Flo came down with us. Uncle Lewis, John, Lena, Ella, Nate were here to night. Mr Jones came and stayed all night.

Monday 14 May

It is beautiful this forenoon but clouds up and rains hard after about two o'clock. Alfred went to Bainbridge after feed, bought of [sic] George. Our folks washing. Lucy is helping. Father and Burnside at work on the hill fixing corn ground. Mr Merrill came this morning, but the rain stops him so much, he could not work after two o'clock, came in the house, so did Father and Burnside. Alfred worked in the barn during the rain.

Tuesday 15 May

Our folks got the cows out to grass to day for the first. It is cold and cloudy all day, rains a little – Father and Burnside at work on the hill, Alfred rolling this forenoon, and this afternoon he plowed with the colts. Mother baking and she and Millie ironing. Lou mending about all day – has another severe cold. Mr Merrill could not work on account of rain so went fishing & back at night.

Wednesday 16 May

Sam and Frank, Augustas and Mary spent the evening here last night. To day it is rainy all day and real chilly. Alfred went to East Guilford with grist and took boots to have Gardner mend. I cut Alfreds hair this forenoon. Father at work in strawberry bed what time he has. Mr Merrill went home this morning on account of rain. Mrs Burrows made us a call to night – stayed about an hour. It cleared off about six P.M.

Thursday 17 May

This morning it is pleasant and quite cool. We tore up the sitting room, expecting to clean it when in the midst of it. The man came to lay over our chimney, so we all went to cleaning out in my room, we tore them all up quite suddenly. Alfred went to Guilford twice after Mother and bricks & this P.M. is helping about the chimney. Mr Merrill is here at work. Father and B. at work on the hill planting corn for the first.

Friday 18 May

Mr Palmer finished off the chimney and plastered two places in our large room this morning went away about nine o'clock. Alfred white washing our bed room, and Mother's sitting room then went and took the men's dinner up to them, about two o'clock it began to rain hard – the men all came down and Alfred white washed our sitting room this afternoon and helped put down carpet. Mr Merrill here working when it don't rain. Uncle Lewis called.

Saturday 19 May

Very damp and chilly as usual, quite foggy this morn. Millie washing windows in my room, and put down my bed room carpet. Just before dinner Uncle John and Aunt Selia came, stayed till about six o'clock. This afternoon Papa and Mama came down stayed to tea, glad to see them. Lou about tired out. Mr James Ives here to tea. Father sold old Bill to day for \$100. Alfred went to East G – after grist.

Sunday 20 May

Today it is again damp and a chilly cold wind. Father Alfred and Millie went to Church. Mother and Lou at home trying to get rested and feel better. Burnside went to Church also. No one here all day and it really gave us a little rest. No services this evening at our Church since the rain and so much the roads are quite bad again. Father reading to us this eve of the General Assembly – 301 lbs of milk to night.

Monday 21 May

It froze last night and is cold but beautiful to day. We think we appreciate nice weather after so much rain. The men are all at work on the hill at the corn – In the house washing and baking bread. Mr Merrill here at work. Mr Stead here to dinner. Laura Norton called to see Grandma. Flo came down on the milk wagon, Papa called to night. Alfred went to Guilford, & after Aunt Emeline to night, she came.

Tuesday 22 May

To day it is beautiful. Mother and Lou baking – Millie and Aunt Emeline are ironing. The men are all at work on the hill, planting corn. Mr Merrill here at work. Alfred took him to the Centre this morning after more cement. About eleven o'clock Grandpa and Grandma VanCott came up and stayed till five thirty, had a good visit. Uncle Lewis down here this morning and to night. Alfred taking down carpet in our room.

Wednesday 23 May

Another beautiful day. Mr Merrill went this morning to Mr Johnsons. This afternoon Nate came down and made us a visit. Mrs Deloran made us a call, also Mamma and Frank came down and made us a visit stayed to tea. The men are all at work on the hill planting corn. Alfred came down after the dinner. Grandpa keeps quite low papering some in my room.

Thursday 24 May

It still continues beautiful. Our men are all on the hill planting corn, they finished the first piece to day – Alfred came down after the dinner. We were alone all day, except Edson called to night with a note for me and one of Aunt Manties memorial cards. Aunt Emeline and Millie went over to the Cemetery and over to see Mary this afternoon. Mother and Lou are about sick. Alfred filled our bed to day.

Friday 25 May

It rained a little through the night and sprinkled some this A.M. Our folks all on the hill planting corn, had quite a shower this afternoon but our folks kept at work through it all. Lou is sick indeed – Aunt Emeline here helping Grandma - keeps just about the same – just breathes that is all – no one here all day, and is quite new for us.

Saturday 26 May

It is raining slightly this morning – Alfred took Jane up home to spend the day as I was not feeling well. Richard Sawyer and Meda were there a visiting, also Frank in the afternoon. Papa brought me home at night, met Alfred by Uncle Lewis'. Our men are at work on the hill planting corn through rain and all. Found Cora Root here when I got home, she has been to Unadilla to see the Dr.

Sunday 27 May

To day it is quite pleasant. Father, Alfred, and Millie, went to Church in the morning – then at one o'clock Father Mother and Alfred went to Mrs L. Huchinson's funeral, services held at her home. Sam and Frank here to dinner, then Alfred took me for a ride, got as far as Aunt Elma's, met Erv and Viola, so stopped there and saw them. Meda brought me down – Alfred and Millie went to Church in eve.

Monday 28 May

This morning it is Lowry and rains quite a little before noon. The men are planting corn on the hill. In doors washing and baking, just got colored clothes hung out and had to get them in on account of rain. Lou not feeling well at all. Grandma is very low, did not seem as if she could live till night, takes no nourishment and sleeps all the time – Aunt Emeline here, is knitting on my holder for me – etc.

Tuesday 29 May

This morning Lucy was surprised by Flora coming down after her & took her up home, and at night Papa and Mama brought me back – it is a beautiful day and I enjoyed it so much. Alfred is plowing on side hill. Father and B -, at work on the hill. Alfred had to go to Guilford to get Nero shod in the middle of the day. Uncle Lewis down in the morn, Lena & Ella in the evening.

Wednesday 30 May

Decoration Day – Burnside has gone on an excursion to Albany. Alfred is plowing on side hill with the colts. Father draging the piece below. Mary came over this forenoon and stayed about two hours – came to see if she could help. Grandma is very low, does not seem as if she could live till night. This afternoon Millie went over to Mr Johnsons to see Louise – stayed to tea. Aunt Emeline here – Lou about sick. It is quite pleasant.

Thursday 31 May

Grandma Ives passed away this morning at six o'clock. She is through and at rest. Mr Pearsoll here to lay her out this A.M., and with shroud and chairs this P.M. Mary came over to see if she could help. Uncle Lewis here. Alfred went to Sidney to tell the friends – John to Nine ah & Bainbridge. I went up home about eleven when Father went to G – and stayed till night. Flo brought me home. It is a beautiful day.

Friday 1 June

To day we are all very busy baking bread, pies, & doughnuts – cleaning, etc. Aunt Emeline is here. Mr Pearsoll came over. Papa and Mama came down this afternoon, stayed two hours. Mrs Burrows called this P.M. Uncle Hial Parsons came about noon to day. Alfred went to Guilford, after Mr Jones but he did not come. Lena came down to night and took Aunt Emeline over to the Centre after her black dress, Ella & Nate came down and went back with Lena.

Saturday 2 June

Grandma's funeral services here to day at eleven o'clock. It was beautiful till about four P.M. when it rained hard. There were many here, about a house full. Mr Jones preached or talked. Chester Ives & wife, Erastus Ives & wife, Mrs Ireland, Mrs Gillmore, Uncle Hial, Mr Jones & Aunt Emeline here to E besides the family. Papa here this afternoon, all are visiting & all are tired all night.

Sunday 3 June

This morning it is cool and beautiful. We all went to church which was quite remarkable. Uncle Hial is the only one here to night. Aunt Emaline stayed over to her home – Alfred and I rode up by Guilford after Church, stoped in to see Grandpa and went to see Viola (she is sick) with neuralgia quite severe. I feel very sorry for her – Miss Root came down to night on milk wagon Alfred & Burnside went to church in the evening.

Monday 4 June

Another cool but beautiful day – quite a hard frost last night. Uncle Hial went up to Uncle Lewis' this morning, so we are al 8one our men are at work fixing & planting for corn, on the side hill. In doors washing, baking, etc. Sold Uncle Hial eight pounds of sugar @ 8 ¢ – Mother and Millie are straightening Grandma's bedroom this afternoon. Lou is sewing some –

Tuesday 5 June

It is another beautiful day, nice to work or play – Ironing and helping in doors, Lou about sick, has another hard cold for comfort – The men are very busy at planting corn on the side hill. Alfred took a calf to the Centre this morning – All took a rest this afternoon in doors. No one here except – Flo rode down to night on milk wagon to see how the folks were. Mending this afternoon.

Wednesday 6 June

This morning it is clear and beautiful. Millie started for Binghampton at seven o'clock, to see Dr McFarland, she will stay a few days. Alfred took her to Bainbridge – he came back about noon. This afternoon he is plowing for sowed corn. Finished the corn planting to day. We had quite a severe thunder and hail storm to night. Father and Burnside are ashing corn on the hill – 314 lbs of milk to night.

Thursday 7 June

To day it is dull and lowry, seems quite smoky. Mother baking bread, pies, etc. Lucy helping, feels better to day – Burnside plowing on hill – Father working around the house at odd bits of work. Alfred drawing manure and taking the banking away from the house this afternoon. Mother and I all alone and enjoying the quiet and rest. Father went up to Uncle Lewis to choir practice. Alfred went to the factory & Burnside to Guilford.

Friday 8 June

It is truly a perfect day beautiful with sun & cool all day. Our men are at work on the road to day using the scraper with four teams. Uncle Chauncy and Aunt Ella called this forenoon, they went up to Sams and after dinner he came down after Mother, she stayed till most eight o'clock. Lou all alone, got tea, etc – Frank Clark & Hattie here to night to practice for childrens play.

Saturday 9 June

Another beautiful day indeed and all nature seems to rejoice, after a long winter. Augustas called this morn. The men are at work on the road again to day – Father and Alfred sowed corn this afternoon on the hill. Mama and Mrs Cornwell came down this afternoon and made a call. Mother and I resting and taking a bath, and I wrote a letter to Millie this P.M. The men washed the wagons at night.

Sunday 10 June

It was cloudy this morning and had a slight shower before Church time but has been a very warm day indeed. Father, Mother, Alfred, and I all went to Church. Childrens Day was observed in our Church, we had birds, flowers, recitations etc , a very pleasant time. Flora drove down to night to see her sister, stayed an hour or so. Father & Alfred went to Church in the eve.

Monday 11 June

It was beautiful this morning but soon clouds up and is cool, with a strong wind all day. The men washed sheep this forenoon, and worked at the corn this afternoon, cultivating, etc. Mother washed and did much beside, Lou helped all was in her power, but is not far from being sick – Mother and Lou alone and all quiet on Potomac. Alfred went up to Uncle Lewis to see dress maker for Lou.

Tuesday 12 June

This morning it is beautiful clear and cool, and Alfred thought best to go to Unadilla, we started 7:30 & got to Grandmas 9:30 went directly to see the Dr, found him started for New Berlin so could not see him, did some trading, went to Grandpas for dinner, spent the P.M. there & stayed all night. Spent the eve waiting for Dr but did not see him, very tired. At home. Aunt E over and settled up Grandma's business. Uncle L down – Father went to Guilford.

Wednesday 13 June

This morning met the Dr at eight o'clock at his office, and from there went on to Uncle Chauncey's, reached there about ten o'clock, quite surprised them. It is a beautiful day, and we had a nice ride Lou not feeling very well – Uncle L, Fred – and Alfred off all day looking at horses, cows, etc. Aunt Ella and I visiting at a rapid rate. Expected sure to have gone home to night, but Alfred thought best to stay, so did. Dr Paid \$44.00.

Thursday 14 June

This morning we find ourselves at Uncle Chancy's – It rained all the forenoon so did not come home till afternoon when it was very warm – we reached home about four o'clock, and it really seemed good, but we had a nice visit all around, all seemed glad to see us. We found Mother still alone and about sick with head ache has had it two days. It looks quite showery.

Friday 15 June

It is pleasant in the forenoon and no rain in the afternoon but much thunder and very hard. It is quite hot to day brushing clothes and straightening, mending, etc. Father went way over west after lumber, brought home a load for bin in barn. Alfred is cultivating corn on the hill with horse. Mother made molasses cookies and we just enjoy being alone and doing as we are a mind to.

Saturday 16 June

Papa called this morning to see his girl – glad to see him. Father went over beyond Uncle Chancey to see about trading old Pomp off for a colt, but did not as he wanted \$76 brot money – on his way back he went to Sidney to Aunt Libbies where he found Millie and brought her home. She is telling of her trip and showing her new things. Flo came down to night & stayed an hour or so. Alfred cultivating corn.

Sunday 17 June

It is a beautiful Sabbath morning. Father, Mother, Alfred and I all went to Church, also Millie – We had a good sermon, "Looest Thou Me" was the tell, - Alfred and I came home after preaching – it is very warm in the middle of the day. Flo came down this afternoon and stayed an hour or so. Alfred went to young peoples meeting in the evening – Maud Butts was leader –

Monday 18 June

Another Beautiful June day cool in morning but very warm in the afternoon. Our folks are washing – Papa called this morning. Alfred cultivating corn in forenoon with hero and in the afternoon with Topsy. Father is digging live for ever most of the day and choring the rest of the time. We in the house all took a rest this P.M. John Ives down in the evening.

Tuesday 19 June

This morning it is again beautiful cool in morning but very warm in afternoon. Father and Mother started for Unadilla about 7:30 A.M. They spent the day there and reached home again at 9:30 P.M. – did some trading, visited etc. Mama and Flo came down and stayed about two hours this afternoon. We had a tin peddler here to dinner. Burnside piling up wood. Alfred cultivating potatos working road etc. 10 P.M. to night.

Wednesday 20 June

It is another very warm day indeed. Our folks have begun haying, mowed the yard, back and front and some in the road side – Papa and Mama called this morning on their way to Sidney. Mr and Mrs William Seeley came about nine o'clock this morning and stayed till four, and made us a visit, of which they have long talked. Lena came down this afternoon & made a call.

Thursday 21 June

It is a very warm day – indeed. Ther stands at 93° in shade – the warmest we have had. Our men are working at the potatoes on the hill this forenoon, and cured and drew in the hay from yards this afternoon besides other choring. Millie went up and spent the afternoon with Ettie, visited her school and her at Aunt Elinas. Mrs Root down here to night on milk wagon. We had ice cream for dinner & it went good. Finished my dress.

Friday 22 June

We had a little rain in the night, but it is a very warm day indeed, equal to yesterday. About ten o'clock Erv and Viola came over and made us a visit, we had a nice time – a good visit, they stayed till about six P.M. We had ice cream for dinner. Father went to Guilford this forenoon, brought my bed down from home that was Aunt Manties. Alfred cultivating corn in forenoon. Jim Mills called this afternoon.

Saturday 23 June

Our extremely warm weather continues to stay with us. It is very hot. Millie went up to Sam's this morning about 7:30 – rode old Pomp she stayed till clear night, & had a nice time. Burnside is away on an excursion to Sylvan Beach. Father and Alfred are at work at the corn this forenoon – did not go back on the hill after dinner as it looked so showery, we had but little rain. Ice cream for dinner.

Sunday 24 June

It is very warm again to day. Lou not feeling as well as usual so did not go to church. Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie all went. Alfred did not stay only to preaching – We all had a rest this afternoon. We have considerable thunder but no rain – very hot – Father Mother and Alfred went to church in the evening. There is preaching in our church to night.

Monday 25 June

Lou is twenty one years old to day. I received from my Hubby a very nice gold pin, from Mother a handsome drinking cup, and from Millie an elegant white fan. I cut Millies light calico dress to day and I also cut my Hubby hair – washing and baking in the house. Father Alfred and Burnside all at work at the corn on the hill – It is much cooler than it has been last week – Farewell birthday till another year.

Tuesday 26 June

It still continues to be much cooler and tries to rain a little this morning but did not much. Mother and I went to Guilford – drove Pomp. I went to see Grandpa, he is not as well. Mother went to stores and to Grandpas to dinner, did not get home till five P.M. Saw Viola a few min she went to Sherburne to night. Our men working at corn this P.M. Alfred & B. went to Neid Lingers raising this P.M. Killed two pigs to night to sell to Sidney.

Wednesday 27 June

Received a card from Aunt Alma. This morning it is beautiful just cool enough for comfort. Father went to Sidney with pork this forenoon, sold it at \$7. per hundred – Alfred & Burnside working at the corn all day – Father at his bin this afternoon. Mother went up to Uncle Lewis and spent the afternoon, she rode old Pomp and in the evening she went out and called on Mrs Bloom. Millie and I are at work on her dress & trying to finish it this week.

Thursday 28 June

This morning it is quite cool and cloudy – soon it began to rain and rained quite hard all day – it was just what we very much needed. About four o'clock Alfred and I went up home and stayed till eight. Mary Burlison was there. Flo took her home. Millie and I sewing on her dress. Father and Alfred sheared the sheep – (twenty-five) to day. Burnside choring it. A & I had a feast on Edson's water melon.

Friday 29 June

It was quite cool to day a chilly air and seemed so damp. Our folks butchered a veal calf this morning. Father is at work at his bin for grain in the barn. Burnside drawing gravel for drive way to grade it better. Alfred went all the afternoon to Neidlingers raising again. Finished Millie's dress this forenoon. Lou about sick but trying to brave up as usual. Frank and Etta down here to night for a call. Alfred went to Guilford in the evening bought 2 qts strawberries @ 10¢.

Saturday 30 June

Early this morning it looks much like rain but finally came off nice. Father and Millie started for Norwich about eight o'clock, reached home at 6:30 – Millie has a new top ring, hammock, etc – she set for her picture to day. Alfred went to Rockwells Mills with the wool, he sold it to him for 31 ct. He reached home about two o'clock. To night we had a powerful shower of several hours duration.

Sunday 1 July

It is quite cool to day – quite a strong wind but sunshiny, Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie all went to Church. Lucy stayed home all alone. Alfred came home after the preaching service. Lou made two strawberry short cakes for dinner and got it all ready to take up. We had water melon morning and night, also oranges and bananas. Alfred only went to Church in the evening – election of officers for the Society of Christian Endeavor.

Monday 2 July

It still continues cool but it is beautiful indeed. Our folks are washing and the men commenced haying this morning in burying around meadow. Papa called this morning a few minutes. It was a splendid hay day our folks drew three loads of hay – five more out – Flo came down to night stayed an hour or so – Alfred went after Flora Dormans to night, got five qts straw berries at 90¢.

Tuesday 3 July

It is another splendid hay day to day, Father mowing on hill and getting in from both places. Flora Dorman is here cutting my flannel wrapper, she also cut my Mother's new gingham dress, she got along very nicely, we like her much. Alfred took her to Guilford to night and brought Mama home with him. Grandpa is much worse. Millie is ironing and sewing – Mother baking, etc. Lou is sewing quite warm.

Wednesday 4 July

It is very warm indeed – it looked showery but did not rain any – Our folks are hurrying in haying as usual – working on the hill, drew in one load after milking. Burnside went to Guilford. We had ice cream for dinner and three strawberry short cakes for supper. No one here all day. Millie went out and called on Mrs Burrows this afternoon. Lou sewing on her dress. Maud Bulls married to day.

Thursday 5 July

This morning it clouds up and soon begins to rain. Our folks finished up the scatterings this morning. Mrs Jones came about eight o'clock A.M. Alfred went to Guilford to get Nero shod this forenoon, and this afternoon he went and took Mr Jones up to Sams and went on over to Eb's – and got eleven quarts of strawberries @ 10¢. Father went to Sidney this P.M. on business, worked on bin in barn this A.M. not much rain but lowry.

Friday 6 July

Another good had day but not so extremely warm. Our folks finished the lot on hill and mowed considerable down here – all home and quiet to day – I finished my flannel wrapper and made short-cake for dinner, etc. Millie swinging in hammock this afternoon. Mother reading and made shortcake for tea. Lena, Ella, and Matt were down here in the evening & made a call.

Saturday 7 July

It is very warm again to day – Alfred is mowing this forenoon in meadow by barn. Father working at his bin in the forenoon and all are busy and hurrying this afternoon, getting it in and cleaned up – it has been a remarkable hay weather week – our folks are almost half through. Cora Root came down to night on the milk wagon. Flo drove over a minute on her way back from the factory. Millie went down & see Hattie Meade this afternoon.

Sunday 8 July

It is in every way a perfect Sabbath day – not so extremely warm, just right for comfort. Our folks all went to Church. I intended to go but heard Grandpa was not so well so I went and stayed with him while Alfred went to Church. He was some better to day – I called at Mrs Burlisons a minute and saw Maggie – Alfred Father and Millie went to Church in the evening. Mother and Lou at home.

Monday 9 July

This morning we were awakened by the welcome sound of rain, but it only lasted till about seven o'clock A.M. Father is working at his bin. Alfred went to Guilford with a grist, after salt etc. got home about three o'clock. Grandpa is not nearly as well to day. This afternoon Alfred is mowing out back of pig pen. No new thing in particular happened. Lou about sick after her ride, sewing a little.

Tuesday 10 July

It is a beautiful day and a grand good hay day – Father had to go with a load of cheese to the Centre this A.M. Alfred mowing out west of the house, and got in till about nine o'clock all but the scatterings – Papa drove over this morning. Mother and Millie put on a comfortable to day up stairs. Lena came down and made a visit this afternoon, stayed to tea. Lou carrying drink.

Wednesday 11 July

Another beautiful day and I think our men are improving them. Father is mowing in the orchard – Alfred sold two pair of steers for \$130 to day – rec'd \$2 on them. About four o'clock it began to look much like rain, & it did not, not till eight when we had a powerful shower. Our folks finally got the hay all in but the scatterings. Viola was to have a lawn party to night for which much work had been done, quite a disappointment.

Thursday 12 July

To day it is quite cool with a very strong west wind, quite a change in the weather. Our folks are mowing and getting in some, what is day. Mother is about sick with headache and cold. Lou is buttonhole stitching Mothers comfortable etc. etc. To night we had a call from Aunt Mary Hale Bradley, she brought a little boy with her that she is keeping. All at home and no one else called.

Friday 13 July

Not quite so strong a wind to day but it is very chilly and unpleasant to be out. Alfred mowed all the forenoon and getting in this afternoon at work in meadow by the large barn. Lou about sick – finished Mother's comfortable to day. Millie sewing on under waists. Grandma VanCott and Lena called this afternoon – Millie went over and called on Mary to night. Burnside to Guilford as usual.

Saturday 14 July

It is a beautifully pleasant day to day, clear and lovely – Alfred mowing in forenoon and getting in this P.M. Burnside to Sidney this A.M. It is one of the best hay days this year and a fine day to work, not so very hot, they drew in ten loads. After dinner Millie went up to Cora Pools and made a visit, stayed to tea and rode down with him when he went to the factory. After 7 P.M. when the men finished.

Sunday 15 July

To day it is equally pleasant with yesterday – Alfred was so anxious that I should go to Church with him that I finally went – stayed only to preaching then went up to Guilford and saw the Dr, went on and see Grandpa a minute – he is failing fast I think and then come over home and stayed to dinner and till four o'clock & to night the tiredest girl you ever saw – Alfred only went to Church in the evening.

Monday 16 July

It still continues beautiful. Alfred went over to Albert Hovey's this forenoon after a pig which he had bought. He took Millie to the train and started for Casinovia to stay a week or so. Mother is washing and doing most every thing. Lou about sick and I must say discouraged. The men cleaned up down here only about an hours work of scatterings. Flora is sick to day did not get up till after noon.

Tuesday 17 July

To day it is warmer, too much so for comfort, but it is a splendid hay day – Our folks finished up down here and are working on the hill. Mother is ironing and doing work in general – late when the men came to dinner so a short afternoon glad to have a rest too, which we both took. No one here every one I think improving the good hay weather – almost nine o'clock when the men get around at night.

Wednesday 18 July

Still haying is the song but it will not last long – another beautiful day and a splendid hay day. Our men are all at work on the hill, and they finished haying to night I am glad to say. All tired, and late, but rejoicing over haying through. Mother and I are alone, no one here but those on business. Lou is making collars and mending. Not feeling very well.

Thursday 19 July

This morning it is raining gently but we appreciate every sprinkle. Burnside off for a holiday. Alfred went to Guilford after feed, so he set a chair in the wagon and I went up home – had a nice time. Hubby came up after me at night – we had a powerful shower at night and also some wind which blew down trees in places. Burnside traded horses to day – Papa picked about thirty qts of berries for the first –

Friday 20 July

It is Lowry this morning but comes off and is quite a bright day finally – Alfred went up home this morning to help Papa pick berries and stayed till four o'clock, brought home six qts of black and white – and three of red raspberries. Flo came home with him and stayed all night, had short cake for supper. Two men here to dinner putting Grandma's name on the monument.

Saturday 21 July

Foggy this morning but comes off very bright and warm. Flo is here all day, she expected to go home at night so Alfred took her up, but Mama said she might come back so she did. We had a nice time. Our folks went to Guilford in the afternoon and left us alone, we took a knap. Alfred dragging in barley with colts and washed his wagon at night. Cora Root came down on the milk wagon. Mother picking berries.

Sunday 22 July

It is truly beautiful to day clear and lovely, and not too warm. Our folks all went to Church but Flo and I, she stayed home with me and gave Alfred a chance to stay to Sabbath School. We read, played the piano etc – so the time went off rapidly. Alfred took Flo up home to night when he started for Church. Father went with him this evening.

Monday 23 July

A bright rainbow this morning and cloudy this forenoon but a pleasant P.M. Mother washing after which she made molasses cookies while Lou got the dinner. This P.M. she and Father are berrying in our berry patch till supper time. Lou made biscuits and shortcake for supper – is feeling extra well for her. Alfred is up home picking berries all day. We canned thirteen qts to night.

Tuesday 24 July

To day it is beautifully pleasant all day and every thing looks fresh after a nice shower last night. Mother made bread and pies this forenoon and this afternoon she and Father went to the funeral of Mrs Christiana Switzer which was at one o'clock. About two P.M. Alfred went up home after red raspberries and I went with him, were gone about two hours.

Wednesday 25 July

It is another nice day, not such excessive heat – just right. Mother and Lou both are about sick – Alfred went over on South Hill after red raspberries, but got only about two qts – was gone all the forenoon. He and Father picked these around the house this P.M. so to night we canned seven cans more. Alfred working on straw berry patch this P.M. James Horton & Hattie Clark and Mary Hale made us a call to night. "O Dear Me"

Thursday 26 July

It is still beautiful weather clear and lovely and quite warm to day. Burnside is away for a few days helping C. Manwaring in haying – Alfred went to Guilford about eleven to do several errands, got a quantity of fresh beef and a basket of cherries which gave Mother and I work for the afternoon, received a letter from Millie saying she was not coming home till Mon. The men working in garden and berry patch.

Friday 27 July

Early this morning it is lowry but comes off with but little rain – quite warm. Mother baking bread and doing work in general – Lou is helping all she can. Alfred is working on straw berry patch, and Father in the garden. This afternoon Mama and Mrs Dr Rhodes from Norwich came down and made us a call – stayed about two hours – we enjoyed it very much. Mother picking berries after supper.

Saturday 28 July

It was very foggy early and proved to be a very nice day – quite warm though. Alfred up home picking red raspberries this forenoon – he got about three quarts. This P.M. the men both are choring around the house. Mary Hale called this after noon, stayed an hour or so. And to night strange to say Papa and Mama came down to see their girl and stayed about two hours – brought 4 qts berries which Mother canned.

Sunday 29 July

It is warm and muggy to day – acts like showers. Father and Alfred only went to Church in the morning. Mother is about sick, and Lou did not dare try it to day. Burnside back home this morning. His two sisters made us a call this after noon, one from Elkland and one from Unadilla, and to night Alfred and I went to young peoples meeting – he was leader – we had a splendid meeting.

Monday 30 July

Not washing at our house this morning – It is still very warm and dry – we all wish for a fine shower. Father picking peas etc – and then went after Millie on the noon mail, she came, and it seems good to have her home again. Burnside away to day on a picnic. Alfred is picking up stones and fixing fence on the hill. Had the old rooster for dinner.

Tuesday 31 July

This morning it is very warm indeed and every thing very dry. Alfred went to the Centre with a calf this A.M. Papa drove over a few minutes to see Lou. Mother and Millie washing and a very large one indeed. This P.M. Alfred went up home after red raspberries so Lou went with him to see Flo, she is sick. We had a lovely shower about 3 P.M. and another at 7 P.M., we feel very thankful for we so much needed it.

Wednesday 1 Aug

It seems quite warm and muggy this A.M. although we know every thing is refreshed. Mother baking bread and pies and she and Millie ironing. All tired and glad to rest this afternoon. Lou sewing some on Mother's dress and mending. Father is fifty-seven years old to day. Mother gave him a nice tie – Ella and Mate were down to night. Our running water stoped to night.

Thursday 2 Aug

A beautiful day indeed, much cooler and this is agreeable to all. Burnside and Alfred are working at the water – started it a little about half past nine. Father and Mother started for Uncle John Van Cotts for a visit. Alfred drew sap wood in the afternoon. Lou did not sit up but very little in the afternoon. Oh it needs so much patience. God grant I may so live that he will be pleased to own me.

Friday 3 Aug

Another beautiful day – Alfred and Burnside commenced cutting the vats to day so they were at work on the hill, and Millie and I kept the house. Lou did not sit up but very little – suffered much – but thankful it is no worse. Frank came down to make us a visit but as it was, went on. Edson drove over to night with a note from Mama.

Saturday 4 Aug

A splendid refreshing shower this morning from 4:30 A.M. till 6:30, but it seems terribly hot and muggy after. Lou is feeling much better to day, able to help much. Alfred and Burnside are at work at the grain on the hill. After dinner Edson brought Flo down to stay all night with us as Papa and Mama were away too. Looked for our folks to night but another heavy shower at night prevented them.

Sunday 5 Aug

It is very hot and the air seems so oppressive – it looks very showery this A.M. – Alfred and Millie went to Church but came home before Sabbath School. Flo and I at home resting, reading, preparing dinner, etc. We had three heavy showers this afternoon which we needed so much. Father and Mother came home at half past six. No services at our Church to night.

Monday 6 Aug

(17) It seems like August (11) weather in every sense of the word – very hot. Our folks are washing. Alfred went up home after red raspberries and took Flo up, she is feeling much better. Papa drove over this morning and made us a call. Father went to Mt Upton this after noon with fat pork which they sold. Alfred and B – are working at the grain in P.M. Mercury stands above 90° in the shade.

Tuesday 7 Aug

Weather still continues very hot – the air seems so bad no one can feel well – Millie ironing, Mother baking pies and cookies. Lou doing work that she can the best. Alfred went to the Centre this A.M. with a calf and lamb. While gone Father bought thirty four lbs of beef of Herman VC. The men all at work at the grain, Alfred and B- doing the cradleing. Lou has a severe head ache.

Wednesday 8 Aug

It is a terribly hot day. Were it not for the wind which is stirring it would seem more than we can endure. Lou has a terrible nervous head ache all day long – This afternoon Aunt Emily Mills, Helen Mills, and Mama were here to made us a visit – we enjoyed it best we could with heat and headache. The men are all at work on the hill at the grain – they are hurrying as it is all ripe enough – showers all around.

Thursday 9 Aug

It seems equally hot with yesterday – a very welcome little breeze is a comfort to me. Papa drove over this morning. The men all at work at the grain back on the hill. After dinner Mother and I took old Pomp and she took me up home then came back to Aunt Elma's and made a visit, and then came up after me again found Mama & Flo alone. Brought back some berries.

Friday 10 Aug

It is much cooler to day, just comfortable and it seems so good. The men are all at work at the oats – finishing cutting. Papa and Edson are down here helping. Charlie Manwaring called this A.M. Mr Harrington, a machine agent here from 10:30 A.M. till 2 P.M., here to dinner this afternoon. Frank came down and made us a visit, also Mate – All here to tea and stayed till dark – quite a day of callers and company – with one peddler.

Saturday 11 Aug

To day it is quite cool and damp – very cloudy and acts like rain. Papa made us a call this morning – We finally had but little rain, nothing to speak of. Alfred fixing his wagon wheels this forenoon and the men are all binding oats in the afternoon. Mother took old Pomp after dinner and went up home after berries, got three qts of each, black rasp and black berries.

Sunday 12 Aug

It was one of the rainiest nights I ever knew and rains hard by spells to day – quite chilly. Mr Jones did not come to Guilford to day so we are all at home – all day. Father read us two good sermons in morning then had music and rest. The dinner and rest again – and to night Papa makes us a call and Edson brought us a nice basket of peaches which we tried to do our duty toward.

Monday 13 Aug

Much rain through the night again and some to day – it is quite cool. Our folks are washing. About ten o'clock Alfred went to Bainbridge after feed of George, did not get back until five o'clock – got nearly a ton of feed and had a damp time. Papa came down this P.M. and left us sixteen baskets of as nice black berries as I ever saw. We canned some of them and dried the rest.

Tuesday 14 Aug

This morning it has come off just beautiful – bright and clear for camp meeting, our folks all went this A.M. Alfred went to Guilford to get Nero shod so I went with him – went to Grandpa's and saw the Dr there – came back by Centre and saw Cora and Dot. This afternoon Alfred and Millie went up home and picked over twenty qts of black berries, back by half past three. Mary Hale over for a visit in afternoon.

Wednesday 15 Aug

It is pleasant to day – acts like rain in the afternoon but did not. Alfred went up home in forenoon and helped Edson cradle oats, and bound, at home with Father and B – in afternoon. Ours all cut and bound. Mate and Millie went up and made Mary Touslee a visit this afternoon, did not get home till seven o'clock. Found her sad indeed. Mother and I home mending, resting, etc. – put up 12 qts peaches this A.M.

Thursday 16 Aug

We had a heavy shower this morning which lasted two hours or more. Alfred is varnishing the carriage this forenoon. After which he went up home and picked berries all the rest of the day – came down to dinner. After dinner another very heavy shower prevented them from shiping as they hoped to do. He brought down eighteen qts – eight of which we will dry for Mama. Millie went over to Augustas to night for a call.

Friday 17 Aug

Rain and then more rain seem to be the proceeding of the weather. Some of the time it falls powerfully. I cut Alfred's hair directly after breakfast. Edson here to eat with us this morning. Alfred washing and oiling the double harness in A.M. Alfred went up home to pick berries but the heavy rain this P.M. prevented much picking. Cora Brown & Dot also Aunt Emeline came to night.

Saturday 18 Aug

To day Cora, Dot, and Aunt Emeline are spending the day with us – It passed off quite quickly being busy with work, and much visiting thrown in, to gather with the dividing up of Grandma's things. Dot was with Alfred up home all the forenoon picking berries etc. while he was up there all the afternoon working at the oats. It being the first pleasant day in some time our men were hurried about oats. Alfred took them to the Centre at night.

Sunday 19 Aug

It is a beautiful Sabbath day, perfect in every sense. Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie all went to Church. Lou thought it too pleasant to stay at home and did not dare to go to Church so went up and stayed with Aunt Elma and Frank while Alfred was gone – then he took me for a longer ride – had the colts before the carriage. Father Alfred and Millie went in the evening.

Monday 20 Aug

It still continues beautiful and the men are making the most of it drawing in oats. Washing as usual in the house. After drawing one load of oats this morning Alfred went up home and picked berries and cradled till noon. This P.M. all at work at home and hurrying as it looks a little like rain. About five o'clock Andi Brown, Cora and Dot called on us, they stayed about fifteen minutes. Came from J. Foby's

Tuesday 21 Aug

It is cloudy in the morning but the rain holds off until about four o'clock after which time it rains steadily. Alfred and Burnside drew oats the most of the day – got them most all in. Father working around the house choring this forenoon, and this P.M. went to Guilford. It rained very hard in the evening and we had a fire in the room and Hubby read to me – a pleasant time.

Wednesday 22 Aug

It is misting and very damp and chilly all this forenoon, seems like a fall day. We all set down and sewed in forenoon. Alfred went over to R. Bush's to look at a cow but did not purchase finally. In the afternoon he went to Mr. Lamphires for the same purpose, traded cows with him. Mama came just before dinner from Camp meeting with John Ives, stayed till about three o'clock and Mother took her up and picked ten quarts of blackberries & brought home.

Thursday 23 Aug

It has come off after the rain just beautiful everything bright and fresh. Alfred went early to change his cows with Lamphires, got home and his breakfast about 9:30 then went after feed to the Centre which George had sent there for them in a car, drew one load in forenoon and two in afternoon, most three tons in all. To night just as we were eating supper Grandpa & Grandma VanCott came & stayed all night.

Friday 24 Aug

It is perfectly beautiful to day, cool and lovely – The Chenango County Farmers Picnic was held at Guilford to day – We all attended – Grandpa and Grandma went with us, took basket lunch although Alfred and I went up to Erv's to dinner, there was a crowd there – many from Norwich. I went to Grandpa's and rested me often, so stood it quite well, saw many I was glad – to Father to Augustas in evening. Uncle Henry called.

Saturday 25 Aug

It is equally nice with yesterday I think. Alfred is up home helping Papa about his oats all day long – Father and Burnside are trying to get out stones from a new quarry on our hill – did not succeed very well – they finished drawing the oats to day, two loads. Lou finished Hubby a vest. Mother walked up to Uncle Lewis after supper and stayed an hour or so.

Sunday 26 Aug

It is a beautiful Sabbath day with a warm sun but a cooling breeze. Father, Mother, Alfred, and Millie went to Church. Lou rode up as far as Aunt Elma's with Hubby and stayed there while he was gone to Church – after which we rode up home but found the folks all away so did not stay. A nice rest in the afternoon and in the evening Alfred went to Church all alone.

Monday 27 Aug

It seemed quite cloudy early, but came off beautiful. Washing in doors as usual. George Ives made us a call this forenoon. He sings I shall be a double man in about a week from this. Father and Burnside are chopping out in the orchard and Alfred is drawing the wood to the sap house with the colts. It grows quite cool toward night, almost enough for frost.

Tuesday 28 Aug

To day it is again beautiful. Father and Mother went to Norwich to trade some and get presents for George. Hiram Humphry called in forenoon. Vet Humphry and Marion Parsons were here to dinner, the later stayed till after two and visited us girls – before he went, Flo, Edith and Bessie Frisbee made us a call, stayed about an hour – then a agent. Soon Mary Hale came and stayed till supper time. Alfred went to the Centre at night.

Wednesday 29 Aug

It is quite cool, but beautiful, seems like fall weather – Aunt Lucretia Ives was buried to day – her funeral services were held at the M.E. Church, Guilford, at one o'clock to day. Father and Mother went, also Alfred – back about three o'clock. Mr Jones here after that time and all night. We put up six cans of peaches this forenoon besides baking bread and pies. Also finished mending.

Thursday 30 Aug

It is very pleasant to day. Papa called this morning. Mr Jones here all day and all night again. About nine o'clock Millie took old Pomp and went to Guilford to do some errands. I went with her as far as up home. Flo is quite sick – had the Dr to day. She came back about 1 P.M. so we both stayed till about four then came home, brought back four buckets of berries. Our men cleaning up the old trees in orchard.

Friday 31 Aug

Seems not quite so pleasant to day as yesterday. Mr Jones went away this morn. Father went up to Uncle Lew to see if he could ascertain the way to So Britian. About eleven o'clock Uncle Chancey and Aunt Ella came to make us a visit. The men did not go back on the hill in afternoon all visiting and having a nice time. Peaches for supper & water melon in eve.

Saturday 1 Sep

We had a rainy night and it rains some to day – Alfred had to go to Sidney with a heifer which he sold to Mr Birdsell, went early did not get back till three o'clock, walked both ways. Uncle C and Aunt Ella here to day, did not go home till four o'clock. Dressed two fowls in forenoon also vegetables and made apple dumplings & all visiting at a fast rate and all tired when night comes. Our first Fall day.

Sunday 2 Sep

It is a beautiful Sabbath day indeed. The story is as usual All at church but Lou, and I feel that I would appreciate it to go – I rode up home to stay with Flo to day but found her so much better than she had gone to Church so I came back and stayed with Aunt Elma – then after Church Alfred and I went up Home to dinner. Alfred and Father went in the evening.

Monday 3 Sep

It seems just right for comfort to day just enough heat and cool, but signs of rain. Father went to Guilford in the forenoon – Our folks washing. Alfred on the hill to work. Also Burnside all day – Mother trying to rest this afternoon and she and Father are packing sachels etc, to gather with putting up lunch for their trip to Connecticut. All retire early. John Ives called in eve –

Tuesday 4 Sep

Alfred took Father and Mother to Guilford to take the 2 A.M. night train for West Winstead where they will stop over a day on their way to Con – So Millie and I are house keepers for a few days. It is a beautiful day, lovely for riding, but at night it clouds up. The boys are at work on the hill all day fixing fence, etc. Millie ironing – Lou made three pumpkin pies, mending in afternoon.

Wednesday 5 Sep

George Ives & Lucie K married to night. Flo here this morning and till about two P.M. We are very busy and visiting every minute. It is a beautiful cool day with quite a strong breeze. The boys are at work on the hill fixing fence and picking up stones. Just after dinner Millie went over to Guilford after Mamie Jones – she came home with her. I went up to Uncle Lewis and stayed while they were gone. Our folks I expect are attending wedding to night.

Thursday 6 Sep

Last night we experienced our first frost which was quite hard , and is quite cool but lovely to day. Mamie Jones is here. We girls are busy as bees in forenoon and after dinner Millie and Mamie took old Pomp and went over to Frank Clarks to tea – she stoped to Uncle Lewis when they came home. Alfred went to Guilford and I went up to Franks & stayed. Lou received book from Mattie Meaker.

Friday 7 Sep

It still continues very beautiful but I think is fixing for rain. Alfred went to Bainbridge this morning did not get back till about two P.M. Flora went with him, came back and stoped till night when the girls took her up home – Mamie came down just after dinner – is here the rest of the day excepting a call which she made down to Mr Johnsons. Received a letter from our folks. Alfred bought a cow of D. Johnson for \$30, all very tired indeed –

Saturday 8 Sep

It rained all night and the most of the day, is very dark and damp – We girls baking and we put up seven cans of peaches which Alfred bought yesterday to Bainbridge. Mamie is here all day, she helped pare peaches, read, played, etc. Alfred on the hill all the forenoon seeing to cattle, etc. – just at night it stoped raining and seemed much warmer I think –

Sunday 9 Sep

It is not raining to day is pleasant and quite warm. Mamie and Millie took old Pomp and went to Church – Mamie did not come back with her – went to Mr Shepherds. My dear Hubby stayed home from Church with me as I did not feel able to ride any where. We rested, read, and enjoyed ourselves much to gather. Alfred intended to go in the evening but was delayed until it was too late so did not go –

Monday 10 Sep

It is quite warm to day and pleasant. Lou about sick, did not keep up all day, did not wash, Millie is washing windows and the paint in the kitchen – Alfred to a factory meeting until eleven o'clock. Papa called to see me a minute this A.M. and Mama came down this afternoon for an hour or so. Alfred went to Guilford to night after our folks they came, glad to get home.

Tuesday 11 Sep

It is pleasant but not bright and sunshiny, quite warm. Our folks are washing to day – and Mother is telling us of her visit, wedding, trip, etc. Father, Alfred, and Burnside are all cutting up corn, commenced to day on the side hill – the frost has injured it much. Mother went up home this after noon after black berries, she got five quarts – found Mama gone to Guilford. Lou out doors this P.M.

Wednesday 12 Sep

It is quite warm and summery to day but a little to strong a wind to be nice. Alfred went to Guilford this morning, and cutting corn the rest of the day, also the other men, took their dinner, are at work on the hill. George and Mate came down this afternoon after dishes, silver, knives, forks, spoons etc. – and in the evening George and his bride Lucie, also his sister Lydia Keeler were here.

Thursday 13 Sep

It seems more like fall to day quite cool and cloudy some of the time. Uncle Lewis' girls make a reception for their brother George & sister Lucie to day from three to ten P.M. Alfred went and took our folks about four, but soon came back after me, and I finally went and stayed till ten P.M. there were twenty five there & we had a splendid time & a lovely supper. Uncle Chancey & Aunt Ella, also Mr Jones were here over night.

Friday 14 Sep

It is one of the loveliest days I ever witnessed, perfect – Uncle C – and Aunt E here till half past ten A.M. then went to the girls. Mamie Jones came this afternoon & stayed the rest of the day. Lydia Keeler called. Mr Jones here through the day. Millie, Mamie, and Lydia, went for a ride this P.M. to Guilford and else where – Hubby took me for a ride, it was so pleasant – he went to South Hill, Bainbridge on business.

Saturday 15 Sep

It is a lovely day to day in the sun, but a chilly south wind in the shade – The three Sabbath Schools united and held a picnic to day in Charlie Manwarings groove. We had an early dinner, then all went. I stayed in the carriage and enjoyed it best I could. Alfred took Mamie to the train this A.M. to go home. Mr Jones here over night also and till about ten o'clock. George and Lucie to the picnic – went to Bainbridge to night –

Sunday 16 Sep

The south wind continues to blow hard and it is chilly until about five P.M. when it began to rain and did it's best at it till dark – Our folks all went to Church in the morning and I went up and stayed with Aunt Elma. It is very nice for me & she seems to enjoy it. Alfred did not stay to Sunday School so we had a nice rest, no services in the evening –

Monday 17 Sep

The sun comes out this morning and it seems very sultry and warm. Our folks are washing. Alfred went this forenoon to draw lumber for Mr Fletcher who was burned out some time ago – Father is laying wall on the hill. Alfred finally drew all day it was five P.M. when he came home and he was wet as could be as it has rained very hard since two o'clock. Burnside is away on a spree I think as we saw him last Sat Eve

Tuesday 18 Sep

To day it is first bright then cloudy but we had no rain. Alfred and I went over to Violas after talking of it all summer. We got there at half past ten and came away at four. Found Viola about sick & washing but glad to see us. The boys went up to the head of the lake. Burnside came back to day and took his colt and said he did not wish to work longer – so good bye Burnside.

Wednesday 19 Sep

It is very foggy the most of the forenoon but comes off warm and pleasant. Papa called this morning. About eleven o'clock Grandpa and Grandma VanCott came and stayed till three P.M. – brought us some tomatoes. Just as they were going Lena, Ella and Mate came down – they stayed till tea and till after six o'clock – had a nice time. Alfred went to Unadilla after our winters honey, and on other business. Otto called –

Thursday 20 Sep

It is pleasant to day, warm and nice, with the exception of a lively little shower this P.M. that lasted about half an hour. The Gilbert threshers came here at two thirty P.M. to day – they threshed out eighty bushels after setting up the machine. Augustas is helping our folks in Burnside's place. Millie went after the cows – it was very late when they got through the chores.

Friday 21 Sep

It is cooler to day, cloudy and a strong west wind. The threshers are here and are hurrying as usual – In doors we are waiting on the men, first of all mending bags, and Millie went over to Mr Johnsons after Jed, also after the cows. Augustas is here helping. Papa called this morning, and D Johnson this noon, they threshed two hundred and eighty two bushels of oats out to day, late about the chores –

Saturday 22 Sep

N?? at four thirty and hard at it but we finished a good job indeed – the threshers left after tea to night all through 472 bu of oats and 60 of barley. Quite a good day for it, cool but not so pleasant for other things, a strong wind and damp. Augustas is here helping also Jed & Burnside came this afternoon and picked up all his clothes – he seemed quite sober –

Sunday 23 Sep

It is cloudy to day but too cool to rain. Our folks all went to Church as usual. I went up and stayed with Aunt Elma while Alfred went to Church but as he was about sick with a cold did not stay to Sabbath School, so we rode up home found Papa and Mama there so stoped an hour or so, came down to dinner. Flo came down to night on the milk wagon and went to young peoples meeting with Alfred.

Monday 24 Sep

To day it is lovely – bright and sunshiny but a little cool. Our folks washing large on account of threshing clothes. Father and Alfred are at work on the hill digging the potatoes. Alfred came down after the dinner and they eat on the hill – they dug all day for ten bushels and those were very small – a poor crop this year. Alfred is about sick with a very hard cold on his lungs.

Tuesday 25 Sep

It is not so lovely to day – it seems more like fall weather cool and cloudy. Father and Alfred are digging potatoes as yesterday – took dinner on the hill. Ironing in doors and doing a variety of work, mending, canning, etc. Millie went out to call on Mrs Barrows but found her out doors to work so came back home. Lydia Keeler came down and made us a call this afternoon. Our folks came down to night with 13 bu of potatoes –

Wednesday 26 Sep

It is a lovely fall day to day. Mother is just sick with a cold and Lou is not far from it – we both gave it up & went to bed. This afternoon Lucie Ives, Lydia Keeler, Ella and Mate, Louise and May Johnson and Mary Hale were here made a visit and stayed to tea. Lucie and Lydia stayed all night – Lucie is about sick with a cold. The men finished digging potatoes –

Thursday 27 Sep

To day it is very cool, seems like fall weather indeed. Mother and I feel some better than yesterday – Lucie and Lydia are here to day – Lydia went up to see the girls this forenoon and both of them this afternoon and Lena came back with them and stayed to tea and till after seven when they all went. Our folks are picking apples to day in the road side and on the hill –

Friday 28 Sep

It is very cool to day, much more so than yesterday – Alfred and Father went to Norwich to day to hear Warner Miller speak – he spoke this P.M. and our folks came home to chores about six, felt well paid for a cold ride – Augustas helped them milk. Mary over to go home with him. Mother took me up home to spend the day but found Mama was going away so came back home..

Saturday 29 Sep

It is a beautiful but cool day – sun shines splendidly. Alfred went to Guilford with a grist and to get Topsy shod also several other errands – Father went to Sidney on business. Alfred did not get back till two P.M. after which time they picked apples. Luella Smith and Flora were invited to visit with Lydia Keeler this afternoon – they came but Lydia went by to Bainbridge – we had a good visit with them just the same –

Sunday 30 Sep

The weather continues about as it has for a few days chilly and unpleasant – Father and Mother went to Church also Alfred – I went to Guilford and spent the time with Grandpa – that Alfred was at preaching service then we called on the Dr and came home – Millie did not go to day on account of a cold. Mr Hiram Whiting came home with our folks & stayed all night. Alfred went in the evening –

Monday 1 Oct

October commences with a very dark rainy day indeed. Our folks are washing – Mr Hiram Whiting is here all day and all night again. Lou about sick – Alfred hurt his hand to day very badly with a pitch fork – we were much worried about him for some time dear boy, he suffered much for a few hours – but thankful he came out of it so well – milked eight cows to night with left hand mostly –

Tuesday 2 Oct

It came off bright in the morning but did not last, soon rained again – Mr Hiram Whiting went up to see the girls for a call this forenoon, but back here to dinner – after which he went to Mr D Johnsons – Alfred went to Guilford this forenoon after flour which he bought some time ago – 2 barrels – it is rapidly advancing – Mr Ed Arms here to pay a note – I cut Alfreds hair this P.M.

Wednesday 3 Oct

To day occurred our first snow storm – it snowed hard at times all day – and is very chilly. Father and Mother went all day long to clean Church, as this was the day set for that. Millie did the ironing Lou paring apples to dry, getting dinner, etc – Feeling better to day – this afternoon we did the mending then worked at little quilts. Alfred is drawing pumpkins with the team, no one here all day –

Thursday 4 Oct

It is very damp and chilly to day, rains a part of the time. Father and Alfred drew corn from the hill in the forenoon, and husked it out in the afternoon as it rained, so they could not work out doors. Mama came down this afternoon and stayed to tea for a wonder – Lou is about sick – Oh how I long for health – God only knows. Alfreds hand better.

Friday 5 Oct

It is the fairest day of the week so far – quite pleasant but a strong wind. I intended to have gone up to Sams to day but Frank came down here in the morning and stayed all day. Sam came down to tea and stayed till 10:30 P.M. Papa called this morning. Mr Lyman Wariner and wife came to night and over night with us. The men drew corn to day from the hill. A hard day for Lou –

Saturday 6 Oct

It is raining all the time to day, a damp unpleasant day. Alfred is husking corn. Father and Mother are devoting their time to Mr and Mrs Wariner – they looked and waited all day for it to stop raining for they expected to go home to day – so sang and played much of the time and had it pan off as pleasantly as possible – Lou is just about sick cannot use eyes & very nervous.

Sunday 7 Oct

It has stoped raining but is quite cool and muddy – Father Mother and Millie went to Church. Mr and Mrs Wariner went home after breakfast – they live on Franklin a long cold ride. Alfred took me up to Aunt Elma's to stay during service, but found they had company so went on up home found them all gone, went on to Violas for the ride and found them away – came back home & Hubby stayed with me – he went in the Eve – George Ives here in evening –

Monday 8 Oct

Weather much the same as yesterday, cool and everything soaked with water. Our folks are washing as usual. Father and Alfred are back on the hill gathering apples – It comes around much colder in the afternoon and was a cold windy night. No one here to day and each and all doing his or her duties and Lou helping in the little duties all she can, paring apples for drying, etc.

Tuesday 9 Oct

This morning at six o'clock Henry Ives house burned up – they saved all the contents but lost the house. Charlie Ives was burned quite badly – there is a very strong west wind and it is cold besides. – Father and Alfred drawing pumpkins and gathering apples in Johnson lot – Millie is ironing. Mother and Lou dressed three hens and did work in general. The men gathered the things from the garden that were left to night. Thankful for a home.

Wednesday 10 Oct

To day is the twenty seventh anniversary of Papa and Mama's married life, also our town S. S. Association was held at the M. E. Church, Guilford. It is a beautiful day indeed bright and sun shiny only a strong wind. Father Mother and Millie attended the meeting all day. Hubby stayed home with Lou and was very busy gathering apples, pumpkins, butter nuts, etc. Lou house keeping to day –

Thursday 11 Oct

It was lovely this morning but clouded up and acts very much like rain all the afternoon. After dinner Alfred took me to Sams and I spent the afternoon there. Mother came after just about dark. She and Millie went over to Augustas this afternoon and made a call – found Mary sick – D Johnson came home to night with his bride or future wife. Our men very hurried, drawing in corn from hill. Drew the last pumpkins to day – 26 large to Acts.

Friday 12 Oct

It rained in the night and to day is one of our dismal cloudy rainy days – Father and Alfred are picking up chesnuts in forenoon – got about one bushel – came down to dinner at two P.M. then went back in the rain and gathered one half bu more. Millie and Lou are trying to sew a little to day. Cora Root came down in the evening and stayed while he went to Guilford –

Saturday 13 Oct

To day it is rainy again as usual, just pores in the afternoon. Alfred went to Gu- with his chestnuts for the 11.19 train and I went up home – intended to come back after dinner, but Flo came home from Guilford so I stayed with her till four P.M. Mama went to see Hattie about her dress. Alfred came up after me and we brought down over a bushel of grapes, they are preparing to take a trip to Aunt Lina's.

Sunday 14 Oct

No change in the weather – all we can see is rain and mud. Our folks all went to Church and I went up and stayed with Aunt Elma, no Sabbath School, so few out. John Ives and Lucie Ives came down after Church. A little later Lydia Keeler and about four P.M. George came. All here to spend the afternoon and eve and all but John all night. No services in the evening –

Monday 15 Oct

To day it is pleasant and we all appreciate it – George went away at ten o'clock this forenoon – Hubby took me for a ride up as far as the school house, then he and Lucie Ives went to Sidney – he had to go on business so she went for the ride, got home at three P.M. He then went on the hill after corn so Lydia and Millie went up after some chestnuts, both here all night – we cared for our grapes to day – made wine sauce & jelly –

Tuesday 16 Oct

Rainy and very damp again to day – so muddy and unpleasant. Lucie and Lydia here this morning, they went up to the girls in the forenoon. Our folks are washing to day as they did not yesterday on account of company. Alfred drew a load of cheese this A.M. Edson called, Lydia came back before dinner and spent the rest of the day and night. Alfred went to G – in the eve with key to trunk –

Wednesday 17 Oct

Papa, Mama, and Flora started for New York City at two A.M. this morning – It rained very hard indeed all the forenoon – came off in the P.M. Lydia stayed with us till after dinner then went up to the girls, it is very muddy. Our men husked corn in the forenoon and gathered apples in the afternoon from the hill. Millie ironing – Mother baking Lou doing such work as she can sewing some. We are left alone again to night –

Thursday 18 Oct

It is cloudy and cool but the sun tries hard to shine. Mother and Millie are cleaning milkroom – Alfred took out the large pans this morning. He is plowing on the hill by the barn this forenoon, and both are gathering apples in the orchard in the afternoon. Mr Nash from Norwich came and tuned our piano this P.M. Lydia Keeler called on us to night –

Friday 19 Oct

To day is one of our very rainy day – it just comes right down hard all day especially in the afternoon. Millie cleaning cup board in the kitchen. Mother is a painting chairs up stairs – Lou helping about work in general. Lydia K came down in time to take dinner with us and stayed till 4:30 P.M. She and Millie waited about an hour with wraps on for it to stop raining to get the girls to tea, but gave it up. The men are husking –

Saturday 20 Oct

The sun shone out for very few minutes early, but it soon clouded up as usual. Millie is cleaning the pantry to day – Mother baking bread and dressing fowls. Alfred is plowing with the colts on the hill – Father is gathering apples, he went to the Centre at night after sweet potatoes but did not get them. I heard from Flo to night. Millie up to the girls to spend the afternoon & stay to tea –

Sunday 21 Oct

To day it is cold, cloudy and storming some most of the time. I did not think best to ride so Hubby stayed at home with me all day, and it did not seem long with him at home. Father Mother and Millie went in the morning and no one in the evening – Alfred and I had a rest and had dinner all ready when our folks came home. He read to me some and the day passed off pleasantly – thankful for my blessings

Monday 22 Oct

This morning the sun is really shining and it seems some milder. Father went to Guilford early to get Pomp shod. Alfred went to factory and then to plowing on the hill. Mother and Millie are washing. This afternoon our folks butchered four hogs for sending to the city. John Ives helped them and they worked till ten o'clock doing them up. Lydia Keeler called on us to night.

Tuesday 23 Oct

It is raining hard all day as usual – I think we ought to be used to it by this time. Alfred went to the Centre with pork this morning then on to Guilford after some feed – he got the sweet potatoes to day. As soon as he came back he went to East Guilford after his boots, back after one o'clock, did not rain so hard in the afternoon so the men gathered the rest of the chestnuts. Millie is ironing. Mother baking & Lou helping in her way –

Wednesday 24 Oct

It rained very hard indeed until about nine o'clock it stopped and seemed colder, the west wind blows terribly – I was very much surprised at eleven o'clock by seeing Viola and Erv come through the mud and wind but suffice to say I was glad to see them – they went home at four o'clock and the visit was only too short. Father and Alfred are heading up apples to send to New York.

Thursday 25 Oct

We are all rejoicing in a beautiful clear sunny day, without a bit of rain – Alfred went to the Centre this A.M. with eight and one half barrels of apples, sent to Oliver had team weighed – Nero 1060 and Topsy just 1000. They are drawing corn from the hill and side hill rest of the day – Millie is cleaning up stairs. Mother walked out this afternoon – went up and see the girls did not stay to tea got back at six o'clock –

Friday 26 Oct

It is another nice day and the roads are drying up fast not quite so lovely as yesterday but no rain. Mother is cleaning the parlor to day – Mother is taking up oil clothes in kitchen. Alfred is plowing – Mother took Pomp this P.M. and went to Guilford to do some errands. Lena went with her. Papa, Mama and Flo came home to night from New York – reached G – at 6 P.M. The men gathered apples in afternoon –

Saturday 27 Oct

To day it is raining again very hard in morning at times all day – very dark. Our folks are husking when it poores and gathering apples when it does not – they finished their apples to day – Mother baking and painting the oil clothes in afternoon. Millie and Lou are sewing quite a little – I felt anxious to go up home and see our folks but did not dare as the roads are, and as I was feeling – so stayed home

Sunday 28 Oct

It is a very rainy Sabbath indeed – seems some of the time as if a second deluge was coming. Father, Alfred and Millie went to Church in the old big carriage – Mother is sick a bed with head ache, Lou not feeling very good. Amelia Ives went to Church with them. Mother set up only long enough to have her bed made. The milk went this morning for the last. Strained in buckets to night at home.

Monday 29 Oct

There is a very strong west wind blowing and it is quite cold – rains enough to be unpleasant. Mother and Millie washing. Father and Alfred are husking corn in the barn – Alfred went to the Centre after dinner after the mail and went on to Guilford – did several errands – back home and drove up to E. Hutchinsons looking after pork. Ours sold at 8½ & T? in the city. Papa called this afternoon, brought back the trunk & told me of their trip somewhat –

Tuesday 30 Oct

It does not rain to day but is quite cool and very unpleasant, very muddy – Mother and Millie are ironing. The men are husking in the forenoon and Alfred plowed in the afternoon – Mother took Pomp and went over and saw Mrs Fletcher, we picked up a bundle of things, fruit, pork, etc – and sent her – she was much pleased. Mama came down this P.M. stayed till six o'clock -

Wednesday 31 Oct

To day is the pleasantist day we have had in a long time, sun shines and it is nice. Millie cleaning Mother's bed room. Alfred is plowing on the side hill below sap bush. Father and Mother went to Sidney to Uncle Fosters and made a visit. She found Aunt Libbie about sick – they got home a little after five. No one here to day Millie and I are sewing some in the afternoon – Papa took Edson home today.

Thursday 1 November

It is equally pleasant with yesterday, warm and lovely. Alfred took the colts and took me over to Guilford to see the Dr – we found him at home – we left home at nine o'clock and got back at half past eleven. I had a nice ride called up home both ways. This afternoon Frank and Amelia Ives came down and made us a visit, stayed to tea and Amelia all night. Our folks finished getting in corn.

Friday 2 November

It still continues warm and lovely and everyone seems to appreciate it. We cleaned this morning, Millie cleaned the front hall. Alfred is plowing with the colts on the side hill. Father is opening the drain back of the house – Millie took old Pomp and took Amelia over to John Tobys – gone from 2:30 till 5 P.M. I went up and called on Cora Root while she was gone – was never in the house before – had a pleasant call.

Saturday 3 Nov

To day again is one of our very rainy dark muddy days. Churned this morning again. Millie cleaned out the middle back room ready to paper, also took up the carpet in the kitchen. Mother is baking – The men are husking corn in the barn. Alfred went up to D Bradleys to look at cows and hearing of E Smiths auction – went on and was gone till five o'clock. Burnside came to night & our men settled with him –

Sunday 4 Nov

It is our marriage anniversary to day – three years ago to night was the happy time for us. It is a beautiful day all day clear and delightful – I went up home and stayed with Papa and Mama while Alfred was gone to Church then he came back there and stayed till chore time. He went to Church in the eve – and I stayed up home till after evening service then came down home. Enjoyed quite a day with Papa & Mama.

Monday 5 Nov

It is very nice and pleasant all day to day – Mother and Millie washing. Father is working at the ditch back of the house – Alfreds to Rockdale to see about selling our milk, back at noon stoped at Burrs and bought some plank. He plowed in the afternoon – Millie went up to see the girls this afternoon – rode old Pomp. Lucie is there now for the last time –

Tuesday 6 Nov

Election! The great day of the year. Churning this morning. Alfred plowed in forenoon and Father worked at the ditch, then in the P.M. both to Guilford to vote for Harrison and Morton. It did not rain any but is cloudy all day – Mother went up to see the girls while they were gone to Guilford. Alfred stoped and did Papa's chores. Flo came down after dinner and stayed all night with us as there was no school to day.

Wednesday 7 Nov

Alfred went early this morn after Mr Batherson and took Flo over to school. When he came back he took me up to the girls to spend the day. Lucie is there and Lydia came at noon, all sewing. I had a nice time but tired so much going on. Mr B – papered Grandma's bed room, tore off and replastered the kitchen, a good job done – Harrison for President but not sure of Governor. Too bad

Thursday 8 Nov

To day is again one of our very rainy days. Alfred is in the house at work all the forenoon, he white washed the kitchen over twice and helped Millie put down the carpet in the middle room – he tried to plow after dinner but it rained so he could not so he came in and changed my bed room suit into the middle bed room, slept there to night for the first. Father is husking corn, washed the paint in the kitchen.

Friday 9 Nov

The weather still continues dark and cloudy – rains a part of the time. Mother is blacking stove and washing windows and Millie cleaning paint and papered a part of the kitchen. Lydia Keeler called this forenoon. Alfred went to Guilford to get colts shod, back at 1:30 P.M. David Hill for Governor again – Augustas, Mary and Mary Horton spent the evening with us till half past nine.

Saturday 10 Nov

The weather is as usual dark and rainy and just a little bit muddy. Lydia Keeler called on us this forenoon. Millie finished papering the kitchen to day – it looks very nice. Mother is about sick. The men are husking corn in the barn – Augustas helped them about it all day, as the corn was hurting. We had a thunder shower this afternoon with quantities of rain. All very tired at night & thankful for a home.

Sunday 11 Nov

It is very much colder to day and the wind blows terribly. Father, Mother, and Alfred went to Church – Millie thought best to stay in so she and I stayed home to gather we rested, read a little, and kept warm, expected company to dinner but did not have. Lydia K – came down after dinner and spent the night with us. No services this evening on account of wind.

Monday 12 Nov

Sister Viola is twenty five years old to day. It is a cloudy, cold, and very windy day. Lydia is here this morning went up to the girls about nine o'clock – Lucie went to Bainbridge to day to stay – Father is husking corn and Alfred is plowing way back on the hill. Mother and Millie washed as usual. Lou working as she can and at whatever she can. Millie put up shade in our bedroom, etc etc –

Tuesday 13 Nov

I am happy to say there is a change in the weather. It is bright and lovely and all trying to get all of it possible. Ironing as usual, then Millie took up carpet in my spare bed room, washed the windows in bed rooms, etc. Alfred took the lambs to the Centre to Hall this A.M. He and Father got out logs for pump logs and he plowed the rest of the time. John spent the evening with us.

Wednesday 14 Nov

This is what might be called a perfect day, clear and beautiful. Alfred went to Mr St Johns to see about his finding pump logs and got some plank at Burrs coming back. Father and Mother went to Unadilla to Grandpas – back at six o'clock – they had a lovely day and the roads are much improved – Alfred plowed in the afternoon back on the hill with the colts – Millie put down carpet in my bed room & we sewed some.

Thursday 15 Nov

In strong contrast with yesterday this is I think the rainiest day of the season, it just pours right down all day and is so dark and muddy. No one seen out only in case of necessity. Our men husked corn all day, except when doing chores. Mother and Millie papering boxes, comb-cases etc. Lou is suffering much pain and it seemed like a long lonesome day to me.

Friday 16 Nov

It rained hard in the morning but about ten A.M. turned into snow and snowed hard the rest of the day – Father went to the Centre this A.M. with two pails of butter. Papa and Mama came down about eleven o'clock and stayed till three P.M., it did seem so good to have them come to dinner – wish they could have stayed longer. Alfred plowed in forenoon and Father husked corn. We gave our folks an invite to Thanksgiving.

Saturday 17 Nov

It is a cold blowy day and grows cold toward night – it snows most of the time. Alfred plowed in the forenoon. Father went to East Guilford to meet Uncle Chancey to change sheep with him and Millie went down to see Hattie Meade about her dress, while he was gone. Alfred went over to Ervs farm after two calfs which he bought in the afternoon & did chores the rest of the time –

Sunday 18 Nov

Once again we have a beautiful Sabbath day – clear and quite sharp air but lovely. Father Mother Alfred and Millie all went to Church. Lou stayed home alone but Alfred came home before Sabbath School so the time did not seem so long to day – They brought the news that sister Flo was to commence teaching school up in our district tomorrow – the teacher who was teaching failed on a certificate. No services this evening –

Monday 19 Nov

A change in the weather – to day it is again very rainy dark and muddy. Mother and Millie are washing – Alfred is helping Win Burrows butcher seven pigs – is out there all the forenoon – Father is husking corn in barn. Alfred did not get back till two o'clock, then soon night no new thing in particular to chronicle. Flo commenced teaching school to day in our district with five scholars.

Tuesday 20 Nov

It is much colder to day and does not rain – quite bright. Father is plowing all day way back on the hill, took his dinner. Alfred went to Guilford with grist did not get home till three o'clock, purchased groceries of several kinds at the Centre. Mother and Millie are at work all day putting down carpet in the kitchen, new oil cloths with tins etc. Kitchen all clean. Flo came down from school and stayed all night –

Wednesday 21 Nov

It is still more beautiful to day and still colder. Flo went to school this morning. Father and Alfred both are getting out manure this A.M. and Father is plowing on hill this afternoon while Alfred is banking the house, etc – Millie ironing and this afternoon she went down to D Johnsons for a call – stoped to Augustas. Lou not feeling as well as common but hopes to feel better –

Thursday 22 Nov

The sun shines out very nicely although it does not warm up enough to thaw any – Alfred went to the Centre this morning with a pail of butter and from there went on to George Angells to look at a colt, back at 11:30 A.M. – Had dinner then he went over to Mr St Johns after the pump logs which he took there to be bored. Father drawing manure all day. Mother and Millie cleaning windows and sweeping in the sitting room -

Friday 23 Nov

It still continues very nice weather – bright but does not thaw any. Lou watching the roads to ride out but they do not soften. Our men are drawing out manure all day. Millie washed paint in the sitting room and finished cleaning house to day. In the afternoon she went over to see Mary stayed till about dark. Mate came down & finally stayed all night it got so dark –

Saturday 24 Nov

It is much milder to day than it has been in some time so that it thawed some. Mate went home early this morn, before breakfast. Alfred went to Guilford with grist this forenoon, back at noon. Churned this forenoon – after dinner Alfred took me for a ride – I went up to Aunt Elma's and stayed till after four o'clock. Mama came down there to see me – was coming on but found me – Flo brought me home.

Sunday 25 Nov

It is colder to day and acts very much like storm. I went up and stayed with Aunt Elma again to day as it did not hurt me yesterday – think it did me good. Cora Root came and kept us company – All the rest went to Church. Had a good dinner and later a good rest. It is snowing hard this afternoon surely acts as if winter had come.

Monday 26 Nov

Millie is twenty three years old to day. She and Mother are washing. We have several inches of snow on the ground and it is storming the most of the day, a frozen rain. Alfred is drawing manure on the hill all day from the pig pen – Father is husking corn, and doing chores in general – Millie and Mother are pressing out dresses which have been ripped up in the afternoon. No one here.

Tuesday 27 Nov

It stormed all day a sort of a fine mist, is not very cold. We are all busy at cake making all the forenoon. Alfred is drawing manure and Father is husking corn. After dinner Alfred, Millie, and I went up to Sam's, we stayed till after five P.M. – came home to tea, had a nice visit. Frank made me a present. The roads are somewhat improved by the snow –

Wednesday 28 Nov

No particular change in the weather – it is damp and misting most of the time – Millie ironing some – Mother baking, dressing turkey etc – Churned this morning – In the afternoon Father and Millie went to Guilford – he to do errands and she to get dress lining etc – Alfred is drawing manure on the hill. Jimmie Austin came to night and stayed all night – He Father, Millie and Alfred went to the Sociable at Augustas in the eve –

Thursday 29 Nov

Thanksgiving Day to day – My Papa, Mama, Sisters Flo, Viola, and Erv – to gather with Uncle Erv, and Grandma and Mr Johns were here to celebrate Thanksgiving and eat turkey with us – It was truly a happy Thanksgiving Day for all of us and all enjoyed it very much – Father Mother Alfred and Erv went to Church. Dinner at two P.M. – Quite a good day but damp. Erv and Viola stayed all night –

Friday 30 Nov

It is mild to day and not storming. Erv and Viola went home about ten o'clock A.M. Alfred went to Guilford at that time to get the team shod, he did not get home till three o'clock – he and Erv went to buy pigs, then he took dinner with Viola. Mr Jones is here all day, reading etc. Father is digging at the pump logs to find a leak – does not succeed very well – Lou is lying abed most of time getting rested –

Saturday 1 Dec

Winter weather has surely begun with the winter months more snow and growing colder. The men butchered a pig that weighed (22 lbs) dressed – this morning, then all day both worked at the water – took up the pump logs across the road and put in new ones, dug filled in, etc. Mr Jones is here all day again. Mother is about sick with headache. Lou is feeling better than yesterday.

Sunday 2 Dec

It is a beautiful day, with remarkably good wheeling for the time of year. Our folks all went to Church including Mr Jones of course – I went up and stayed with Aunt Elma -Alfred went around by Guilford saw the Dr and brought Flo home with him – then he took me for a ride up home and back again. Otto called this afternoon. Alfred went to young peoples meeting in the evening –

Monday 3 Dec

Indications of a snow storm. Washing in doors first on the progame. Our folks butchered ten pigs to day. Win Burrows helped them – here to dinner – finished at two P.M. ready for dinner she came down after him while he was eating – they did them up in the evening, they weighed an average of 87 lbs. Hattie Meade called to night to see about sewing here this week –

Tuesday 4 Dec

Quite a little snow fell during the night and early this morn but finally came off fine. Father and Alfred took to the Centre this A.M., 1 pail butter, 2 calfs, 7 lambs and 10 dressed pigs – they bought 4 lambs and brought home with them. About ten o'clock Alfred took me up home and I stayed all day, and all night. Alfred came up and stayed all night – had a fine time in the evening –

Wednesday 5 Dec

This morning finds me up home – Alfred went down early. Papa took me for a ride this forenoon up as far as Mr Smiths. Flo to school. Mama and I are sewing on my little garments and having a nice time. It is a lovely day indeed and splendid wheeling. I finally stayed all night again and of course Alfred came in the eve & stayed with Lou.

Thursday 6 Dec

When Papa took Flo to school, he brought me on down home. Alfred went early. We looked for Hattie to come to sew but she finally did not. It is a good winter's day but not so fine as yesterday. Lou sewing some and resting up. We heard to day of Lena Brown's death – it seems very sad indeed. She died with diphtheria. Flo came down to night and stayed all night. A good time in the eve.

Friday 7 Dec

Alfred took Flo up to school and I went along for a ride – It is just a lovely day so clear and warm. Hattie Meade is here sewing on Millie's dress. Fred is working out to Mr Burrows. Alfred is drawing manure in the forenoon, and he helped Augustas butcher his beef in the afternoon. Frank came down to see Hattie about cutting over her cloak –

Saturday 8 Dec

It still continues very nice weather, but acts some like storm. Hubby stoped his work and took Lou for a ride this morn (dear boy) He is very busy drawing out manure. Father went over to Mr Blinco's and hired his son Henry, to work for us another summer, \$120 for seven months – It snowed very hard in the afternoon – looked for Hattie to come and sew, but she did not –

Sunday 9 Dec

The trees and everything are laden with snow and the ground covered to the depth of a foot or more – It stormed hard till noon. Father and Mother only went to Church in morn, they also went to Union Services at Methodist Church in eve. Hubby took me for a ride up home the P.M. my first sleigh ride. Millie went up to the girls while we were gone (Maggie has a boy)

Monday 10 Dec

It is very mild winter weather with no storm – Washing in doors first this morn. Our folks butchered four hogs again to day – Wm Burrows helped them, then they brought two of his down here and did unto them likewise – Alfred took Mother over to see Grandma Johnson this afternoon. Father & Millie went to Uncle Lewis to choir practice at night.

Tuesday 11 Dec

Up at 4:30 A.M. this morn. It is a lovely winters day and splendid sleighing – Hubby took me for a ride early this morn up as far as Mr Smiths – brought Flo down to school, then Lou back again. Hattie is sewing here to day again on Millie's dress, most finished it. Fred Meade here to tea, and in the eve waiting for her to finish – Papa & Mama down – Father went to Guilford –

Wednesday 12 Dec

It is quite blustering and cold to day. Father is husking corn all day in the barn. Alfred is drawing manure back on the hill. Frank came down this morn and stayed all day – Sam came down to tea and spent the evening, had a good visit. Frank is knitting, Lou is sewing a little, also Mother and Millie. It is I think the coldest day we have had this far this winter –

Thursday 13 Dec

It is quite cold but still it is not severe – a good winters day. Our men commenced working in the woods to day for the first cutting and drawing to the house in logs. Millie finished ironing. Mother made mince pies. About nine o'clock Mary Hale came over, stayed till most noon – she stayed while Augustas went to Guilford. No one here in the afternoon –

Friday 14 Dec

It is a regular winters day – blustering indeed – Father and Alfred are at work in the woods chopping and drawing to the house. Alfred worked Nero and Topsy together to day – Uncle Lewis brought Lena down this morning and she stayed all day – he came down after her at night. We were quite surprised but had a real good visit with her – Millie is doing crazy work,

Saturday 15 Dec

It is very bright and a lovely day in every sense. The men are working at the wood pile the same as yesterday. No one here except Fred Meade called and Leroy in the evening. I wrote a letter to Cora to day. After supper Hubby and I took a ride – we went up home and stayed an hour or so – it was a lovely evening & we had a fine ride –

Sunday 16 Dec

It is a very nice day indeed, but not quite so fine as yesterday – Our folks all went to Church but Alfred and I – About noon we started for a ride, we went to South Hill school house and back – then up to Mr Smiths and back – out to Wins and up to Mrs Cornwells and home again – it is splendid sleighing but I fear it will not last long – Alfred and Millie went to Church in the evening.

Monday 17 Dec

It rained all night and is very damp and foggy all day – snow is going off very rapidly. Our running water stoped so the men all working at that the most of the day – found some leaks. I cut Hubbys hair this forenoon – Washing in doors as usual. We expected the choir to meet here to night to practice for Christmas but it rained so hard no one came –

Tuesday 18 Dec

It rained nearly all night but is colder and frozen up to day – it is very icy indeed. Father is husking corn – Alfred went to Guilford about ten o'clock, back at 1:30 P.M., did some errands, went to see the Dr, etc. – Mama came down this afternoon and stayed while Papa went down to Mr Mills, which was about two hours. Mother is making mittens for the men. Alfred drew manure in the afternoon.

Wednesday 19 Dec

It is colder, and is snowing quite hard. Sleighing is coming again I guess. Father and Alfred are working at the wood again to day. Father cutting and Alfred drawing with the colts. Millie is ironing. No one here – all home and busy and happy – In the eve Alfred took Millie also Flo to a Sociable up to Mr Smiths. Millie stayed all night with Flo –

Thursday 20 Dec

It is a lovely winters day cold, but not severe or blustering. Alfred took a start to go to have his teeth tended to, and also to attend the Farmers Institute – He walked to the Centre, took the train up – did not get home till 8:30 P.M. Flo brought Millie down home at noon, she was to Aunt Elma's and school this forenoon. This P.M. she went over to Augustas to practice on her organ. Flo there to tea & brought Millie home.

Friday 21 Dec

It is snowing very hard but it is not cold or severe. The men are working at the water again this forenoon as it stoped through the night. Churned this morning – Father and Alfred working at wood in the afternoon. To night the choir, composed of Frank Clark and Hattie, Lena, Ella, Mate, and Otto, Sam, Frank and Susan, Luella & Frank Smiths & John Mills, & his wife were here.

Saturday 22 Dec

Sold Pomp to day \$100. Ther' at zero this morning – the coldest night we have had. Mother has a head ache to day. The men are at work at the wood – quite anxious to get it up before deep snow comes. Just before noon Papa, Mama & Flo came down & gave me a Christmas surprise indeed. Papa & Mama brought me a large rocker & a beautiful paper holder. Flo a sachet bag, dusting bag & match safe. In the eve Father & Mother went up to Sams –

Sunday 23 Dec

It is beautiful overhead to day and quite good wheeling. I had more Christmas this morning, oranges, lemons & grapes from Frank. Mother is just sick all day with headache. Father, Alfred, and Millie went to Church – Uncle Chancey and Aunt Ella came home from Church with our folks – were here to dinner and stayed till five o'clock. Father and Millie went to Church in the evening –

Monday 24 Dec

The weather to day is beautiful. Lou was sick in the night – the Dr came at 3 A.M. stayed till about 7 – feeling better to day. Alfred went to Guilford in the forenoon & he & Millie to the Centre in the P.M. We received a Christmas Box from Grandma V,C. containing as follows. Father a pair of slippers, Mother a pair of cuff buttons & pins and a Xmas card. Alfred, a neck tie, Millie a pair of slippers, & Lou a pair of vases. Father helping get the tree & trim the Church. Mama came down to see how Lou was.

Tuesday 25 Dec

All are enjoying a Merry Christmas with a beautiful day. Lou is feeling better only quite weak. The men are making a full day working at the wood. Mother and Millie are washing. Cora Root called. Lou was presented this morn with the book "Ben Hur" from her S.S. class of six young ladies & a bag of candy. Flo and Roswell came down to night stayed two hours or more. John Ives down in the evening.

Wednesday 26 Dec

It is warm so we have the doors open and the snow is almost gone. Father went to the Centre to help clean out the Church. We churned this A.M. also ironing and making cookies. Father and Alfred went to Sidney just noon on a horse trade mainly, with the other business secondary, they did not get home till six P.M. most decided on a horse of George Gregory – Lou trying to piece out cover for her new rocking chair –

Thursday 27 Dec

It began raining in the night and rained hard most of the time till three, when it turned to snow & snowed very hard the rest of the day – Father and Alfred went to Sidney again and bought the horse, (6 yrs old) – paid \$120. for it, drove it home and led Nero behind. We like it well. It is terrible muddy going now. Lou finished covering her rocking chair to day & Mother painting oil cloths.

Friday 28 Dec

We have four or five inches of snow on the ground and find it to be some colder – We are butchering for our own eating to day. Three hogs. Augustas helped our folks and then they killed one of his over here. Papa and Mama came down this afternoon stayed an hour or so. Papa bought the pig of Augustas. Mary called in just a minute – A man came here to night going to C. Blooms and finally stayed all night here. All very tired –

Saturday 29 Dec

To day is a busy day at our house – Baking, churning making sausage, cleaning up grease, as usual Hubby cut the sausage meat with our new machine – it went just fine. Father fixing hams, etc, in the forenoon and in the afternoon they drew out manure with the new horse and Nero. It is very mild winter weather with but very little snow on the ground now –

Sunday 30 Dec

This our last Sabbath of the year is in every respect, as far as weather goes, a perfect one – the roads are very rough, mud, frozen up. Father, Mother, and Millie went to Church, and rode after their new horse – Alfred stayed home with his Lou – was going in the evening to young peoples meeting, but did not as I did not feel well. We had reading and singing at home and the eve passed off pleasantly –

Monday 31 Dec

It is storming some to day a frozen rain, and it looks as though we would get more. Our folks washing also took out windows in kitchen and sitting room & washed them. Alfred is plowing all day – Father finished husking corn in forenoon and went to Mr Humphreys & paid taxes in P.M. Mary Hale and Cora Root made us a short visit this afternoon – did not stay to tea. Farewell old year. Farewell –

Glossary of Characters

- Lou – Lucy Mae Bromley Ives; 25 Jun 1867 – 27 Jun 1932; Author of this diary
- Alfred – Lucy’s husband; Alfred H. Ives (2019); 29 Dec 1863 – 9 Nov 1952; Also referred to as “Hubby”
- Mama – Lucy’s mother; Louisa C. Bush; 20 Apr 1842 – 1922
- Papa – Lucy’s father; Elnathan Bromley; 15 Sep 1837 – 1909
- Mother – Alfred’s mother; Alaline VanCott; 9 Feb 1833 – 25 Sep 1914
- Father – Alfred’s father; Rufus S. Ives (1186); 1 Aug 1831 – 11 Nov 1907
- Millie – Alfred’s sister; Mildred Jane Ives; 26 Nov 1865 – 1952
- Flora – Lucy’s younger sister; Flora S. Bromley; 10 Jan 1872 - ?
- Uncle Lewis – Probably Lewis A. Ives (1188); 26 Apr 1828 – 30 Jan 1910; Rufus’ brother
- Augustas – Possibly Samuel Augustus Hale who’s son would later marry Lucy’s daughter, Ada L. Ives
- Grandma Hale – Possibly Samuel Augustas Hale’s grandmother
- Aunt Elma – Possibly Emaline P. Ives (1187); 16 Jul 1826 – 15 Apr 1907; Rufus’ sister
- Grandma Ives – Probably Roxalena Parsons Ives; 21 Jan 1804 – 31 May 1888; Rufus’ mother -
- Viola – Probably Clara Viola Bromley; 12 Nov 1863 - ?; Lucy’s older sister
- Mr. Bunnell – (26 Jan entry) Possibly Arthur H. Bunnell; 17 Oct 1852 - ?
- Grandpa – (31 Jan entry) Possibly David Bush (1816 – 1889); Lucy’s maternal grandfather
- Grandpa Bush – (9 Feb entry) Probably David Bush, see above.
- Uncle Foster and Aunt Libbie – No I.D.
- Grandma – (1 Feb entry) Possibly Lucy A.; 1815 – 1910; Lucy’s maternal grandmother
- Otto – Possibly Otto L. Ives (2020); 26 Jul 1870 – 1961; Alfred’s first cousin
- Lucie Keeler – Apr 1861 - ?; Married George A. Ives, Alfred’s cousin, 5 Sep 1888
- Frankie VanCott – Probably Franklin VanCott; 25 Oct 1875 - ?; Alfred’s maternal 1st cousin.
- Sam – Possibly Samuel A Ives (2024); 4 Dec 1853 – 30 Jul 1926 – Lewis’ son
- Uncle Chancy – Possibly Chauncy VanCott; ? – 1923; Spelling?; Alfred’s maternal 1st cousin, not Uncle
- Lena (Ives) – 1859 – 1943; Dau of Lewis Ives and Mary A. VanCott
- Ella (Ives) – 1862 – 1929; Dau of Lewis Ives and Mary A. VanCott

Memoranda

“While blind and erring is thy sight,
His wisdom see & judges right,
So trust and rest.” Lou

“Fleeing, O Rock of Ages
Fleeing to thee,
Calmly I meet the tempests,
Of Life’s rough sea:
No billows of temptation
Lean me o’erwhelm –
Christ the immortal pilot
Controls the helm”

“Fiercely the roaring billows,
My bark may toss,
And sunken reefs may threaten
Danger and loss;
The lighthouse on the headland
Gleams o’er the sea
And wind & wave but drew me
Nearer to thee.”

“So I go on not knowing; I would not if I might; I would rather walk in the dark with God than go alone in the light. I would rather walk with him by faith – than walk alone by sight – “

Lou Ives -

Memoranda.

About Baby

7½ mo old when he cut his first tooth –

Cut 6 in a short time

Less than 10½ mo old when he walked alone

Stood by a chair at 9 mo

Weighed 22½ lbs when 1 year old –

Less than before – run his flesh off

Added note; Believe this entry to be about Rufus E. Ives; 26 Jan 1889 – 24 Mar 1911. Lucy's first child, she was pregnant with Rufus during much of the 1888 year of this diary.