

**Erastus P. Williams' Diary – 1832**  
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**January 1832**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from these words, "But this I say brethren the time is short." About fifty were taken into the church. Truman Billings was published today. A meeting at uncle David's this evening.

5<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Darwin Blake of Bethel hung himself this evening. He had been accused of stealing.

Mother and I went to Williamstown and staid at Jones' tavern.

6<sup>th</sup>: Went to uncle E. Wright's in Berlin this morning; snowed fast all the forenoon, a little rain fell this afternoon. The first that has fallen for more than 6 weeks.

7<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mansfield.

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Snowed all day.

9<sup>th</sup>: Rained fast all night, cleared off with a little snow this morning. Mr. Paige and I went to Stowe. Went to Mr. Cady's this evening.

11<sup>th</sup>: Went to Hardwick and staid at N. Wrights.

12<sup>th</sup>: Cold and very high winds. Went to Concord to Fry's tavern.

13<sup>th</sup>: Went to Brunswick to French's.

14<sup>th</sup>: Went to Columbia N. H to uncle Eleazor Davis's and got there about breakfast time. Warm for some days now.

16<sup>th</sup> Monday: Left uncle E and went to Dalton to Brooks'.

17<sup>h</sup>: Went to Haverhill to Williams.

18<sup>th</sup>: Rained fast all night, went to Hanover to grandpa Davis's.

20<sup>th</sup>: Went to Royalton after an absence of 16 days in which time I have rode about 280 miles. The ice in white river broke up. Mrs. Waldo's woodshed was burnt since I went away.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Mr. Hopkins preached.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Uncle D drawed wood for father.

24<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Ebr. [Ebenezer] Day was buried today.

25<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. E. [probably Elisha Lee Rix] Rix threshing.

27<sup>th</sup>: Threshed corn and carried 20 bushels to Mr. Blodgett and some to Bethel and paid Uncle Nathan what I owed him for the mare I bought of him.

28<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Rix threshing

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Went to Barnard to a quarterly meeting, Mr. Vails rode with me.

30<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Rix threshing, Began to snow Saturday evening and has snowed ever since.

31<sup>st</sup>: It cleared up last night and has been the greatest storm that we have had this winter.

## February 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: I began to work for D. Paige half a month, chopped wood, clear and pleasant.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Stormy, threshed rye.

4<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Paige and I threshed wheat for Mrs. Parker.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Stormy. Mr. Greene was published.

8<sup>th</sup>: Finished threshing at Mrs. Parker's

9<sup>th</sup>: Stormy. Uncle N Davis was buried today. He has been sick more than nine months. He has died last Tuesday. He was 69 years old.

10<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Paige chopping.

11<sup>th</sup>: Very strong south wind with signs of rain, some hail this evening.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Rained most of the night and all day. The snow settled some.

13<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Paige.

15<sup>th</sup>: Went to Hanover.

16<sup>th</sup>: Aunt Phebe was married this evening.

17<sup>th</sup>: Aunt Phebe moved to Orange. I went to Royalton this afternoon.

18<sup>th</sup>: I paid uncle David for an axe I bought of him last month.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Stormy. Mr. Washburn preached at Uncle D's this evening. After meting, I went to Mr. Paige's.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Finished hoping for Mr. Paige. Mr. Flinn and Mr. Townsend came to father's this afternoon.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Snowed fast, all day. I wrote a letter to uncle Eleazor.

25<sup>th</sup>: Worked for E. Parker chopping.

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Clear and warm, I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from these words, "What doest thou here Elijah?"

27<sup>th</sup>: I worked for Mr. Henry chopping.

28<sup>th</sup>: I worked for Mr. Bowman chopping, clear and warm for a few days past.

### March 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: I went to Randolph to a protracted meeting, Mr. Taylor preached, went to Mr. Salisbury's this evening, clear and pleasant.

2<sup>nd</sup>: The meeting closed this evening. Mr. Sessions of Barnard was buried today.

3<sup>rd</sup>: I went to Royalton today. Mrs. Shelly of Randolph was buried. Very warm and pleasant.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Dr. Dennison's child was buried today. Isabell joined the church. Mr. Washburn preached from these words, "For I say unto you, except your righteousness shall exceed the righteous of the pharises ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

5<sup>th</sup>: Snowed fast all day, I went to town meeting, paid a town tax.

6<sup>th</sup>: Town meeting. Colder toward night. I went to Dustin Bowen's this evening.

9<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Seth Carver was married today.

10<sup>th</sup>: I worked for Mr. Rix chopping

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mr. Muxly [Moxley] preached at our schoolhouse, rained all day.

12<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Uncle David, a thunderstorm this afternoon.

13<sup>th</sup>: I broke flax for father.

15<sup>th</sup>: Went to Thomas Davis', He buried his child yesterday. It died of the whooping cough.

16<sup>th</sup>: I went to R. Waldo's and D. Paige this evening.

17<sup>th</sup>: Snowed and rained all day.

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cold and blistering, the snow fell about a foot deep last night.

20<sup>th</sup>: Uncle David took my mare and agreed to give me one half the colts. The mare shall bring in six years.

21<sup>st</sup>: Went to Capt. Rix's to meeting.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Worked for Samuel Davis chopping.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Went to Middlesex.

24<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mansfield, Mr. Paige moved last week.

27<sup>th</sup>: Stormy, I helped Paige fix his fire place, toward night it began to freeze.

28<sup>th</sup>: Went to Royalton, found good sleighing most of the way, white river cleared of ice last Monday.

29<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Henry mended my boots.

30<sup>th</sup>: Went to Work for Deacon Flinn for six months. \$11 pr month, cut apple trees into stove wood. The snow in many places is three feet deep.

## **April 1832**

1<sup>st</sup>: Cold and blistering. Mr. Taylor preached at Creek school house in Bethel this evening.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Snowed all day, I went to the village this afternoon for Sullivan Waldo.

4<sup>th</sup>: Fast day, I went home cold and blustering. William went to Mr. Flinn's with me this evening.

5<sup>th</sup>: Very cold and windy, I threshed corn.

7<sup>th</sup>: Trimmed apple trees.

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cold but pleasant. I went to the brick school house in Bethel to meeting. Mr. Flinn got his wagon out today.

9<sup>th</sup>: I trimmed apple trees.

10<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Flinn went to Barnard.

12<sup>th</sup>: Began to get out manure.

14<sup>th</sup>: I have been chopping most of the time this week.

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cool and cloudy, I went home.

16<sup>th</sup>: Began to rain about noon and toward night, snowed some.

17<sup>th</sup>: Stormed all day.

18<sup>th</sup>: Chopped wood, cool and cloudy.

19<sup>th</sup>: Stormy.

21<sup>st</sup>: Clear and cool, toward night began to rain.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Cool and windy, I went to Barnard to meeting. Mr. Fay preached from these words, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvations?" Mrs. Tullar's child was buried.

23<sup>rd</sup>: I piled and burnt Apple tree brush.

25<sup>th</sup>: Chopped wood, Mrs. Ainsworth of Bethel was buried today. Mr. Flinn drew timber for Esq. Cleaveland.

26<sup>th</sup>: A thunder shower this afternoon.

27<sup>th</sup>: Began to draw stone.

28<sup>th</sup>: The snow fell about 4 inches this morning. I made fence around the dooryard. Daniel Cleveland was badly hurt by the discharge of a rock, while drawing the primer last Thursday.

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cold and rainy, I went home. Hiram Williams came to Royalton yesterday.

30<sup>th</sup>: I mended fence, cold and stormy. Most of the month past, frogs first made their appearance about a week since, saw swallows today for the first time this spring.

## May 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: I ploughed on the hill. Dudley Dean worked here picking up stone. Mr. Flinn went to Tunbridge.

2<sup>nd</sup>: I drew stone below the road. Mr. Flinn sold a lot of land in Gilead to Mr. Billings of Reading.

4<sup>th</sup>: Cold and rainy, Charles and I ploughed on the hill part of the day.

6<sup>th</sup>: The ground froze hard enough to bear me up last night; clear and cold and windy this morning

Sunday: I went to meeting, Mr. Swift preached at the schoolhouse. Mr. Kimbal preached at the meetinghouse at 5 PM after sermon, Mr. Plumly agent for the Colonization society, gave a short address. He showed a chain which he said was taken from the necks of slaves in Africa, while on their way to the place of embarkation.

8<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Haskell sent for his oxen and I ploughed with the horses alone.

10<sup>th</sup>: Finished ploughing on the hill.

12<sup>th</sup>: Dudley Dean worked here drawing manure.

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Warm and pleasant for a few days past, the buds on maple trees are just beginning to open. I went to meeting Mr. Avery preached from these words, "And he spoke a parable unto them to this end that man ought always to pray and not faint." I went home after meeting; Mr. Carey died this morning, she has been sick with a cancer and has been supported by the town for some time.

14<sup>th</sup>: D. Dean worked here. Mr. Finn ploughed for Esq. Cleveland.

16<sup>th</sup>: Finished drawing manure.

17<sup>th</sup>: I planted the garden. Mr. Ketcham broke his arm this evening, he was driving a cart loaded with potatoes, he made a misstep and fell and the wheel passed over his arm.

18<sup>th</sup>: Planted corn, very warm for some days past.

19<sup>th</sup>: Rained most of the day, I harrowed on the hill part of the day; went to Mr. Paul's and bought ten bushels of potatoes to Ketcham.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Rained all night, cold and cloudy this morning. Mr. Kimbal preached at the meeting house this evening.

21<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Clap [Clapp] and I mended fence on the line, I planted corn this PM

22<sup>nd</sup>: Capt. Waller and I mended fence on the line. Mr. Dunham child died.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Finished planting corn.

24<sup>th</sup>: Very cold for some days past, snowed most of the forenoon, I drew fencing timber.

25<sup>th</sup>: This morning the snow was 3 inches deep, Mr. Babbit of Bethel died last night.

26<sup>th</sup>: Stockbridge hills were white with snow today noon, I mended fence around the garden, continues cold and stormy.

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to hear Hovey Stevens preach, he preached at Mr. Joyner's this evening. Cool and showery this afternoon.

28<sup>th</sup>: I sheared 6 sheep this morning, Mr. Flinn started for Massachusetts this morning, he has gone to move a family down. Harvey Dunham died this morning.

29<sup>th</sup>: Began to lay wall on the hill.

30<sup>th</sup>: Rained all day. I sheared sheep.

31<sup>st</sup>: I laid wall on the hill, very cold for the season, there has been but few warm days this spring. Apple trees are just blowing.

## June 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: I sheared sheep.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Finished shearing and marked the sheep. I have sheared 54 sheep this week.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Cold and cloudy.

4<sup>th</sup>: Laid wall on the hill.

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: Annual training day; our company was not warned out. I went home and to the village. Cold and rainy.

8<sup>th</sup>: Laid wall on the hill.

9<sup>th</sup>: I washed sheep for Esq. Cleveland. Mr. Flinn got home today.

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cool and cloudy. Rained all night. Mr. Mower from Lebanon preached at the meeting house. I went to hear him this afternoon. His text was, "If God be for us who can be against us."

16<sup>th</sup>: Very warm and pleasant for some days past. The warmest weather we have had this spring, showery this afternoon. I have been laying wall all the week.

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Barnard to meeting. Mr. Fay preached from these words, "What think ye of Christ."

18<sup>th</sup>: The news reached Bethel that the Cholera is raging in Whitehall.

19<sup>th</sup>: Finished the wall on the hill and mended the fence around the orchard.

20<sup>th</sup>: Began to hoe corn. Father and mother got home from Mansfield and brought the news that Adeline has a son.

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Barnard to meeting. Mr. Spear preached. Mr. Washburn preached at uncle D's this evening. My mare foaled today.

25<sup>th</sup>: Finished weeding corn, Mr. Flinn went to Montpelier.

26<sup>th</sup>: I m 23 years old today, I have been hoeing in the garden. Very warm and dry for a week past. The ground is getting very dry.

27<sup>th</sup>: A thunder shower this morning. Rained most of the forenoon. I set out Cabbages.

28<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Flinn got home. I dug stone.

29<sup>th</sup>: I worked on the road.

30<sup>th</sup>: Drawed wood.

## July 1832

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: I went to Stockbridge to a protracted meeting, Mr. Suddard preached.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Went to Barnard to a temperance meeting. Mr. Tailor delivered an address. 63 persons joined the society today. Samuel Wilson Jr. of Bethel died. It is supposed of the cholera.

3<sup>rd</sup>: I hoed potatoes. Very warm.

4<sup>th</sup>: Went to Royalton to a temperance meeting; the Windsor County society met. Dr. Tailor addressed the people.

5<sup>th</sup>: Began to mow, very warm and dry for some days past.

7<sup>th</sup>: A heavy thunder shower last night. Mr. Hurlbert preached at R. Flinn's schoolhouse. I went to hear him.

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cool and cloudy, I went home.

10<sup>th</sup>: Went to the village and bought a sythe of Mr. Fowler for father.

12<sup>th</sup>: Went to Patten Davis

13<sup>th</sup>: Went back to Mr. Flinn's this morning. I have been gone from there four days sick. It has rained most of the time this week, I sheared lambs today.

14<sup>th</sup>: Finished shearing lambs. P. Salisbury and others came here yesterday and I stopped to visit with them. Mr. Flinn sowed Turnip seed, got in two loads of hay.

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cool and foggy this morning. Clear and cool all day. I went to Barnard to meeting. Mr. Fay preached his farewell sermon. His text in the forenoon was, "And behold there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the Lion ." in the afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4 c [chap.] 67 & 8 verse. Mr Kimball preached at Bethel.

16<sup>th</sup>: Father is 54 years old today. I began to halfhill corn. Mr. Flinn carried Mario Shepard home.

18<sup>th</sup>: Finished hoeing corn.

19<sup>th</sup>: Began to shingle the shed Mr. Flinn went to Randolph visiting.

21<sup>st</sup>: Finished shingling the shed, rainy.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Cool and cloudy. I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. Washburn's text was, "For the promise is unto you, and your children." Father went to Hanover to work last week.

28<sup>th</sup>: Got in 6 loads of hay, have been haying all the week and have got but 14 loads in.

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Barnard to meeting. Elder Dow preached.

30<sup>th</sup>: Went to George Flinn's to work. M has taken some grass to cut upon [illegible].

## **August 1832**

4<sup>th</sup>: Have been to G. Flinn's to work all the week. Finished our job there and went home this evening. Have had good hay weather all the week.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went home, rained very hard most of the afternoon.

9<sup>th</sup>: Made fence below the barn.

10<sup>th</sup>: Moved in the hollow below the house. lowery weather for some days past.

11<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Robinson haying. built a stack this afternoon. Henriett came home from Mansfield. She has been gone about 5 months.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Eccl. 9<sup>th</sup> 10.

14<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Flinn finished haying. I worked for Mr. Robinson.

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16<sup>th</sup>: Fixed a well sweep in the forenoon and went to Bethel in the afternoon. A great caravan of animals were exhibited and among others a zebra unicorn and hyena.

17<sup>th</sup>: Began to pull flax, Mr. Flinn has taken Esq. Cleveland's to pull, rot and get out for one half.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Rained very fast all day.

20<sup>th</sup>: Finished pulling flax, a caravan of animals were exhibited at Bethel.

21<sup>st</sup>: Began to mow on the Huntinton lot, Mr. Flinn has taken a piece of grass to cut on share.

23<sup>rd</sup>: A heavy thundershower with hail this afternoon. Deacon Billings was buried.

26<sup>th</sup>: I went to Bethel to meeting. Mr. Hurlbutt preached: went home this evening.

27<sup>th</sup>: Finished haying.

28<sup>th</sup>: Went to village and got a drag and began to drain stone north of the orchard.

30<sup>th</sup>: The Flinn went to Woodstock to a protracted meeting, I layed wall.

### **September 1832**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mr. Flinn got home from Woodstock. I laid wall.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting Mr. Washburn preached from these words, "Man giveth up the ghost, and where is he." Curtis Cleveland and 3 others were taken into the church.

4<sup>th</sup>: Rained fast all the forenoon. Went to town meeting this afternoon.

5<sup>th</sup>: James came to work for me at Mr. Flinn's. Began to lay the cellar wall, Esq. Paige died week before last.

8<sup>th</sup>: Drawed peas for Mr. Ketcham this afternoon.

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting, a man from NY preached.

Deacon Royce was buried today. ‘

10<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Flinn went to Plymouth. I mowed rowen and laid wall.

12<sup>th</sup>: Drawed stone above the orchard.

13<sup>th</sup>: Threshed flax. James reaped oats.

15<sup>th</sup>: I bound corn and laid wall.

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. Marsh preached his text was 1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> very warm again, last week we two frosts, corn leaves were cut a good deal.

17<sup>th</sup>: Finished laying wall north of the orchard. I have laid a string above 50 rods long this summer. D. Davis and I went to Bethel this evening.

18<sup>th</sup>: I began to reap oats.

21<sup>st</sup>: Fast day. I went to meeting this forenoon. Mr. Hulbutt preached from Hebrews 11<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, began to rain about noon.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Rained most of the night.

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting.

24<sup>th</sup>: Finished reaping oats.

25<sup>th</sup>: Rained all the forenoon, I cut up corn this afternoon, went to school meeting this evening, voted to build a new school house this fall.

27<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Flinn went to Waitsfield to move Mr. Fairbank, I finished cutting corn.

29<sup>th</sup>: I dug potatoes round the corn field, finished my 6 months at Mr. Flinn's. Have lost 9 days this summer. 4 days I have been sick. A son of Deacon Royce died this week.

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Bethel Church to meeting. Mr. Sabine preached a conference at Mr. Paul's this evening.

## October 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: Rained hard all day.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Henriett and I went to JJ Davis's today, showery this morning.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Went to J. Billings, I brought my chest home from Mr. Flinn's.

4<sup>th</sup>: I worked for Edgar Henry digging potatoes, showery all day, Adeline came from Middlesex.

6<sup>th</sup>: Made a till to my chest.

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. Tracy preached from these words, "Go ye and preach the gospel to every creature."

8<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mr. Wheats to a prayer meeting last night, settled with Mr. Flinn this morning, I borrowed twenty dollars of Calvin Davis, went to Mrs. Parkers this evening.

9<sup>th</sup>: For the first time in my life, I slung my pack on my back and started for NY, went to JJ Davis and staid all night.

10<sup>th</sup>: Went to Middlesex, it began to rain about noon and till dark. I paid 60 cents for a dinner and ride from Brookfield to Montpelier. H and J Wms [Williams] overtook me in Montpelier.

11<sup>th</sup>: Election Day, I went to Montpelier, went to Berlin this evening. Very muddy walking.

12<sup>th</sup>: Went to Middlesex.

13<sup>th</sup>: Picked corn with Ira.

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cold and windy, some snow fell. I went to Mr. Smith's this evening.

15<sup>th</sup>: Picked butternuts with uncle J, this forenoon went to Plainfield in the afternoon. Mr. Bancroft's child fell into a tub of hot water and scalded to death, clear and cold this evening. Clear and cold this evening.

16<sup>th</sup>: Froze hard last night. Mr. Thatcher's child died of canker rash [scarlet fever], I went to Middlesex.

17<sup>th</sup>: Ira and I went to Burlington. Staid at Brown's

18<sup>th</sup>: Rained most of the day. Took the steam boat and went to Plattsburg. Paid 87 cent for our passage, went to Dixon's in Chazy.

19<sup>th</sup>: Heard a wolf howl this morning, the first I ever heard. went to Eggleston in Chatauguay.

20<sup>th</sup>: Went to Lawrenceville to cousin Perlman's.

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Perlman caught a deer in a trap last night.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Husked corn for Mr. Perlman.

23<sup>rd</sup>: Went to Potsdam to E. Paige's.

24<sup>th</sup>: Went to Elisha Howard's, went to Dr. Smith and staid all night.

25<sup>th</sup>: Went back to Lawrence, clear and pleasant.

26<sup>th</sup>: Cut underbush and day potatoes for P.

27<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mr. Ladd's, cold and stormy.

29<sup>th</sup>: I bought Robert Andrew's farm consisting of 25 acres of lot. No 24 on road No 4 in Lawrenceville NY. Paid him \$10 down, a gave a note for \$50 in March. Next bought an axe of JJ Sanders and paid him 1.50 for it.

30<sup>th</sup>: Took possession of my farm in the presence of James Perlman and Ira H. Wms. I threshed 6 shock of wheat in Collins barn. P Finished digging potatoes and began to chop for ashes in the swamp east of the house.

## November 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: Rainy, Ira and I went to Dea. [Deacon] Newtins and winnowed some wheat.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Began to log on the follow.

5<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Perlman killed a deer. This is the third he has killed since I have been here, I sowed a bushel of wheat.

6<sup>th</sup>: Finished harrowing in wheat, cold and windy, some snow.

7<sup>th</sup>: Cold and windy, the ground is covered with snow, I went a hunting and saw two deers but killed nothing.

8<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Perlman.

10<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Perlman drawed a load of hay. I cut underbrush for P.

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. Erwin preached from these words, "Woven thou art loosed from thine infirmities." After meeting went to Mr. Ladd's. Went to a prayer meeting this evening. On my way home, saw a curious ball of fire in the air. It had a tail about 20 feet long. It floated along in the air a short distance when it bust and flew to atoms and disappeared.

12<sup>th</sup>: Worked on the fallow logging.

13<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Perlman laid his chimney.

14<sup>th</sup>: Cold and blistering. P. built a hovel.

15<sup>th</sup>: Mr. P made a planheap for ashes west of his clearing.

16<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Perlman logging, went to Mr. Andrew's this evening.

17<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mr. Trussell's with P. Andrew this morning and agreed with him for a contract for the lot I bought of Andrew interest to commence this day commission of \$10 to be paid in March next.

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Rained most of the day.

19<sup>th</sup>: I went a hunting. Mr. Perlman finished drawing ashes. I settled with Perlman this evening and bought a deerskin of him due me on settlement, 47 cents.

20<sup>th</sup>: Cold and stormy. The snow fell about an inch deep. I went to the village.

21<sup>st</sup>: Clear and pleasant. The ground froze hard last night. Ira and I again shouldered our packs and started for home. We stoped at Mr. Andrew's and exchanged notes, went to Duane to Hatch's.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Warm and cloudy called at Mr. Lampson, took dinner, went to the Dutchman.

23<sup>rd</sup>: The snow fell about three inches last night. I went to the lake and took the boat at 3 PM. Landed at Burlington at 5 and had a rough passage the wind being high went to Brown's.

24<sup>th</sup>: Went to Middlesex and got to uncles at 4. The snow here is 7 inches deep.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Cold and cloudy. Went to Esq. Carpenters this evening.

26<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mr. Goss this evening.

27<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mansfield, warm and misty.

28<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Paige finished his chimney.

29<sup>th</sup>: Went to Middlesex to Mr. Barnet's this evening.

30<sup>th</sup>: Went to Berlin, snowed fast all day.

## December 1832

1<sup>st</sup>: Went to Northfield and took the stage and rode to Royalton to JJ Davis. Snowed fast all day & cleared off cold this evening.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: I went home this evening.

3<sup>rd</sup>: worked for uncle Davis killing hogs.

5<sup>th</sup>: Went to Mr. Bowman's and carried a letter.

6<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day. I went to JJ Davis and bought a pair of gloves.

7<sup>th</sup>: Chopped cord wood for Mr. Davis. Mr. Baxter died at Pierce's tavern this evening.

8<sup>th</sup>: Rained all day. James went to Woodstock.

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Rainy.

10<sup>th</sup>: Lewis Clap chopped for me at Mr. Davis'

12<sup>th</sup>: Stormy, I went to Mr. Storrs'

13<sup>th</sup>: Went to the village to a singing school.

14<sup>th</sup>: Chopped for Mr. Davis.

15<sup>th</sup>: [Chopped wood] For Clap

17<sup>th</sup>: I threshed oats for Mr. Rix

18<sup>th</sup>: Went to singing school this evening. Yesterday the snow fell 18 inches.

19<sup>th</sup>: Worked for Mr. Safford.

20<sup>th</sup>: Mr. S. killed hogs, very cold.

21<sup>st</sup>: Drawed a load of wood to Mrs. Safford, bought a singing book of Lyman.

22<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Safford sold his pork to Austin.

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached, I went to singing school this evening.

24<sup>th</sup>: Drawed wood in the forenoon, went to singing school this afternoon and evening.

25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas day, very cold for some days past but milder today. I went home this evening with Henriett. Mr. Safford paid father for his sheep.

26<sup>th</sup>: I broke my axe and carried it back and got a new one.

27<sup>th</sup>: Stormy. I went to Mr. Ketcham's.

28<sup>th</sup>: Cold and very blistering. Mr. S and J threshed oats, went to singing school this evening.

29<sup>th</sup>: I worked for Mr. Ross chopping.

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Clear and cold. Went to Oscar Henry's this evening. D. Davis was there.

31<sup>st</sup>: Warm and rainy. I went to singing school this eve. Very cold for a month past. The ground has been covered with snow since the 20<sup>th</sup> of last month and some of the time more than 2 ft deep; the greatest fall of snow at one time this winter was about 18 inches, the river has been frozen over for a few days but no heavy teams have crossed.