

Erastus P. Williams' Diary – 1833
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January 1833

1st: Warm and rainy. The river broke up and cleared of ice today. I crossed on the ice a few minutes before it started. Went to Foxs and bought some leather. freemen's meeting this afternoon. Went to singing school this eve.

2nd: Worked for Mr. S threshing and cleaning oats.

3rd: Worked for Mr. Ross chopping, warm and cloudy.

4th: Worked for Mr. Safford chopping and drawing.

6th Sunday: Clear, warm and windy. Elder Fay and others were published.

7th: Chopped wood for Parker half a day.

8th: Worked for Mr. Safford, went to singing school this afternoon and evening.

10th: Warm and pleasant. I chopped for S.

11th: Very cold and blustering. Very warm last evening until about 9 when the wind changed to the Northwest and blew harder and colder all night and most of the day. Today Mr. Safford finished threshing rye.

12th: Mr. S went to the village with a load of wood. Mr. Walter Chafee of Barre was found dead on his door stone last night.

13th Sunday: The weather has moderated a little. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached.

14th: Cold and blustering. I worked for S.

15th: Very cold. I broke my axe. Went to singing school.

16th: Went to Mr. Paul's. went to Mr. Clap this evening. Capt. Day and wife were there.

17th: Chopped and drew wood for Safford.

18th: Lewis Clap and I went to Hanover.

19th: The coldest day this winter. I went to the college this afternoon.

20th Sunday: Went to Ennfield to a shaker meeting, their proceedings were new and novel to me. They commenced their worship with a short address to the brethren who were all standing. The men facing the women. They then sung a few hymns all singing and keep

time with their hands. Then danced awhile and took their seats when two of their elders address the world's people exhorting them to "come out from the wood and live as they did." They then sung and danced as before and closed with "labour" by forming three deep and dancing in a circle round their singers who stood in the middle of the floor. after meeting I went back to Hanover. Alda Smith came to grandpa's this evening. Warm and cloudy.

21st: Went to Royalton, got home time enough to go to singing school, this evening warm and pleasant.

23rd: Worked for Mr. Safford chopping and drawing wood.

25th: Snowed fast all day. I made a sled.

26th: Cold and blustering. I went to uncle David's this evening.

27th Sunday: The weather a little more moderate. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from James 2:23 "Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness." This is the third discourse he has preached from this text, this winter. Alba Marshall was published today.

29th: I worked for Mr. S part of the day. went to singing school this evening. A Jackson convention at the meeting house his afternoon.

February 1833

1st: I went to Middlesex and paid up the note I have to Robert Andrew last fall, clear and very cold.

2nd: Went to Royalton and got home about 3.

3rd Sunday: Wealthy Clap was published.

4th: Went to work for Mr. S and broke my axe. Wealthy Clapp was married to Mr. Dolebier [Dolbear]. I went to singing school this evening. Very cold for some days past.

5th: Went to Lyman's and got a new axe. Warmer with signs of a storm.

6th: Snowed all day, I went home.

7th: Cold and blustering. I went to uncle D and staid all night.

8th: Went to Mr. Safford's to work and broke my axe, this is the third I have had of Lyman this winter and they all failed. I carried it back and he crossed out my account. Then I went to Mr. Eb. Rix and bought an axe of him.

9th: Mr. S broke his sled and went to Rix's and bought a new runner

10th Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. Curtis preached from Proverbs 3:13 – 17th.

11th: I worked for Mr. Safford chopping.

12th: Went to singing school this afternoon.

13th: Snowed fast since yesterday morning.

14th: Cold and blustering. I braided a whiplash.

15th: Mr. S broke a road to the woods today.

17th Sunday: I went to Barnard to a quarterly meeting. Mr. Holt preached from Col 1st 28th in the course of his remarks. He told of a minister who in his sermon told his audience if they did not repent they would go to that place, which his delicacy forbade him to name before so polite an audience, “now, says he “I would cry hell and damnation an hour before I would make such a speech as that.” Warm and pleasant for a few more days. John Waldow [Waldo] buried a child a week ago; this is the first death I have heard of this year.

18th: Worked for Mr. Safford chopping.

19th: Went to singing school this afternoon. Mr. P. Chaffee died today.

23rd: Warm and pleasant all the week. I worked for Mr. S all the week till 3 this afternoon. I went home and Isabel and I went to Patten Davis this evening. I went to singing school to East Bethel. uncle David not home from Potsdam NY. He has been gone three weeks, very pleasant the week past.

24th Sunday: Snowed all day but not fast, staid at Patten’s last night. Went to meeting this afternoon. Mr. Leavett preached from Romans 15-7th, “Wherefore receive ye one another as Christ also hath receive us to the glory of God.”

25th: Cold and blustering. Daniel Davis and I went to school this afternoon. I went to singing school this evening. A collection was taken to defray the expense of lamp oil used in school this winter.

26th: The day of temperance meeting, throughout the united states. I went to Royalton. Mr. Webber delivered an address. meeting in every district in town in the evening. Mr. A Kent came to our district this evening. More than 150 have joined the Royalton Temperance Society today and evening. Father and Mother went to Middlesex. Very cold and windy and stormy.

27th: Eliza Williams is 18 years old today. I worked for Mr. Safford. I had my shoulder hurt by a falling stick. Continues cold and windy.

28th: Great singing school at Royalton this afternoon. The schools of Barnard and Bethel met here and sung all the afternoon and evening. There were about 200 scholars that sung besides a good many spectators.

March 1833

1st: I went to East Bethel and bought a hat and vest pattern of Patten Davis.

2nd: Cold and blustering the severest blow we have had this winter. The snow is drifted very bad. I braided a whiplash. Have worked but one day this week.

3rd Sunday: Cold and blustering. I shoveled out the road.

4th: Father got home from Mansfield. He has been on the road three days. For four days past it has been the most drifting time that has been known for some years past in this state. The roads are blocked up everywhere.

5th: Town meeting. continued cold but not so windy.

6th: Adjourned meeting, I engaged to work for J. Safford for 6 months at \$11 per month.

7th: Worked for Mr. Safford chopping, Mr. Hatch drew wood for him to his mother.

10th Sunday: Warm and pleasant for a few days past. I went to meeting, Mr. Kimball preached from Matthew 2nd 11th. Mr. Duren led his scholars into the singers seat. Uncle Thomas came to father and brought a receipt from Mr. Trussell for \$10 which he paid Trussell for me Feb 16th.

11th: Worked for Mr. Safford chopping. Went to singing meeting. Five Choristers were chosen. Esq. A. Sprague was chosen first this evening.

12th: Rained most of the day. I chopped for S.

13th: Cold and windy. Mr. Duren finished his school this evening. Daniel Davis was married today.

15th: Mr. Safford and I worked for Mr. Hatch.

17th Sunday: I went to meeting this afternoon. Mr. W preached from Col 3rd 16th. Father and mother got home from Hanover and Lebanon last night. They went last Wednesday.

18th: Worked for Mr. Safford.

20th: Rainy all day. I settled with Mr. S. He paid me. \$9.50 being the balance in our accounts. I went to Uncle Davis this evening between 8 and 9. Mr. Hatch came and told us that Calvin Rix had hung himself. We immediately went down there and found it to be so. Mr. Hatch and I went to the village and found a justice. From there, I went to Mr.

Bosworth's for a sheriff. I then went back to Mr. Rix's. A coroner's inquest was held on the body who brought in a verdict of self murder. the neighbours went home about 2 AM. Lewis Clapp and J set up with the corpse the rest of the night. he had been unwell for a week past, but appeared rational all the time. It is supposed that the cause of this unhappy affair was trouble of mind brought on in the first place by strong drink. He has been an unhappy looking person for two or three years past.

22nd: Calvin Rix was buried today. Mr. Washburn preached. The funeral was attended at the meeting house. After service, Mr. Safford and I went to East Bethel. The river cleared of ice last night.

24th Sunday: Warm and pleasant. I went to meeting. Mr. Shepard, missionary to the Ohio preached. His subject was the situation of the inhabitants of the valley of the Mississippi. James M. Culver was published.

25th: I began to work for Truman H. Safford. I have engaged to him for six months for 11 dollars per month and training days. Split rails.

25th: A son of Mr. G smith died of the canker rash. J and I split rails.

30th: Cold and windy for a few days past. I went home this afternoon, sick with the mumps. another child of Mr. Smith's has died of the rash.

31st Sunday: Warm and pleasant.

April 1833

1st: Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. Paul Smith, died of the consumption.

4th: James sugared off forty seven pounds of sugar. Rained most of the time last night.

6th: The girls and I went to Mr. Davis'. He sugared off one hundred and fifty weight of sugar. I have been at home a week laid up with the mumps.

7th Sunday: Warm and pleasant. The snow is mostly gone, a few men have begun to plough and sow rye. I saw frogs yesterday, the first I have seen this spring.

8th: Rained all day. I braided a whiplash.

9th: Went to deacon Flinn's, clear and pleasant.

10th: Fast day. I went Mr. Tuller's sugar place. Lewis Kent was buried today. He died of a consumption.

11th: I went back to Truman Safford's. Have been gone for 9 days, sick with the Mumps. Mended fence on the bank of the river and sowed oats. Clear and cold.

12th: Cool and rainy. I mended fence.

13th: About an inch of snow fell last night. Cold, cloudy, and windy. I mended fence on the bank.

14th Sunday: Old Mr. Washburn preached at Mr. Wheat's schoolhouse. I went to hear him.

15th: Sowed a bushel of hay seed.

16th: Isaac Hatch and I watched with Deacon Tuller last night. I mended fence today.

17th: The snow fell two or three inches last night. I drew rails.

19th: R Waldow [Waldo] took a barn down.

20th: I mended fence on the flat above the barn. Warm and pleasant since the snow.

21st Sunday: I went to meeting part of the day. Went to Mr. Parkhurst's and got an eyestone to get some dirt out of my eye. Warm and pleasant.

23rd: A smart shower of rain, hail, and snow with some thunder; frosty nights and pleasant days.

25th: Mrs. Alden Noble died this morning. She has left a child a fortnight old.

27th: Clear and pleasant but cool. I have been mending fence all the week past.

28th Sunday: I went to meeting. Mrs. Nobles funeral sermon was preached. Mr. W's text was, "There was a garden and in the garden a new sculpture." Mr. MacNeil and others were published. I wrote to Adeline.

May 1833

1st: Clear and cool with high wind. Cool for some time past although the snow has been of some grass does not start much yet, and leaves on some few trees are just beginning to open. No Swallows have made their appearance yet.

3rd: Some frost for a few mornings past. I finished mending fence. Have been mending fence all the time. I have been here except the first week. Truman finished drawing manure.

4th: I ploughed on the flat below the road. Warmer with a strong south wind. Cloudy toward night.

5th Sunday: Mary Clap and Sylvesta Day were taken into the church today. warm and pleasant. A light shower this morning. There has been no rain for 12 days before. The ground is very dry and the river low.

7th: Freeman's and town meeting. I went down the town voted to give 1400 dollars for the bridge. My mare died last Sunday night, she was worth about 100 dollars. Very warm and dry. A child of Mr. Ira Haven's died today.

8th: Finished ploughing on the flat below the road. J transplanted teasle. A smart thunder shower with hail and a strong wind. Mr. P. Woodbury of Bethel died. He has been sick most of the winter past. e was rising of 80 years old and lived and died in full belief of the doctrine of universalism. he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all that knew him.

9th: Ploughed the garden.

10th: Truman began to plant corn. The ground is very dry; warm with a very strong southeastern wind.

11th: Rained moderately all day. I planted corn.

12th Sunday: Rained very hard this morning. The river rises fast. It is 3 ft higher than it was yesterday. Mr. Washburn preached at Mr. Marshall's schoolhouse this evening. His text was, "How shall I place you among the children?" I went home last night. Isabel has finished my coat and vest.

13th: Began to plough greensward on the hill. The river is up full bank.

16th: It has rained most of the time since last Saturday morning. The river is higher than it has been this spring before; the storm is over. Very warm and pleasant. Every thing grows fast. Ploughed on the hill.

18th: Very warm. Corn that was planted last week is up. ploughed on the hill part of the day.

19th Sunday: Warm. A smart shower about noon. Went to meeting. Mr. Wilde preached Mr. Bachus went to our schoolhouse to a singing meeting this evening.

20th: Daniel Woodbury Jr. died this morning with the consumption or inflammation on the lungs. He has been sick about a month. He was just six days older than I am. He has been a member of the church in this town for a number of years.

24th: I took a short excursion on Military business - have warned forty eight. Finished ploughing yesterday. Truman planted potatoes.

25th: Washed sheep. Windy with signs of rain.

26th Sunday: Rained hard all night. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn presented the claims of the Tract Society. Mr. Bullard preached at the schoolhouse near Mr. Marshall's this evening. After meeting, G.A. [George Adams] and I went up "the road".

27th: Finished planting.

28th: Made fence on the bank between the upper and lower flats.

29th: Esq. Paige's widow was buried today. I went to uncle David's and got the oxen bled. Cool for some days past.

30th: Sheared sheep part of the day. C. Clap's barn was raised this afternoon.

June 1833

1st: Began to hoe corn. Truman got the wagon tire set. I went to D. Bowers' this afternoon and found him planting corn.

2nd Sunday: Rainy. Mr. Davis preached in town today and at Mr. Marshall's schoolhouse this evening.

3rd: Mr. Hunters child died today. I hoed corn. very cold for a few mornings past. Some frost on the hills but none to damage anything.

4th: Tuesday Training and inspection day. Chose C. Davis Capt., D. Bowen 1st and E. Davis 2nd Lieut. Clear and pleasant but cool.

7th: I worked on the road. Mr. E.G. Cotton broke his leg. He was at work on Mr. Clap's barn.

9th Sunday: Geo. Adams and I went to Bethel to meeting. Mr. Palmer, a Universalist preached.

11th: Mrs. Safford and Charlotte came home today. They have been to Norwich visiting. Finished hoeing on the flat and began on the hill. Very cold and windy for some time past. Some frost has been found three or four mornings this month. Corn is backward and small.

12th: A little warmer with a smart shower this afternoon. I hoed on the hill.

14th: Finished weeding corn. Planted 8 bushels of potatoes where the crows had pulled the corn.

15th: Worked for Mr. Rix ploughing for buckwheat. The warmest day we have had for a month past. Mrs. Fox was thrown out of a wagon and broke her jaw in two places.

16th Sunday: Clear and pleasant. A heavy shower in the night. Mr. Mark preached at our meetinghouse. Mr. Muxley [Moxley] at sons near father's.

17th: Capt. Rix's barn was partly raised this afternoon. Warm and pleasant.

18th: I chopped stove wood part of the day. Laid wall around the woodhouse this afternoon. Capt. Bachus's child died.

21st: Worked for Mr. Rix hoeing. Mrs. Fox died this morning of the wounds she received when thrown out of a wagon. A few days since she has not spoken since she was hurt.

22nd: Mrs. Fox was buried today. Mr. Garfield preached. I settled with uncle David about the mare. Mr. Brigham's trial was concluded about 12 tonight. This is the third day of the trial. I went home this evening.

23rd Sunday: Very warm for a few days past. I went to Broadbrook to a quarterly meeting. Mr. Kimbal preached. His text was, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth." Mr. Ashley and two others were baptized.

24th: Cloudy with frequent showers. Began to half hill corn. Chopt part of the day. James took my colt to Mr. Parkers to pasture.

25th: Rained fast all day. I fixed the threshold of the door.

26th: I chopt part of the day. Mr. Henry's child was buried this afternoon. She was taken Saturday night with the canker rash and died last night. Mr. Washburn preached the funeral sermon

"January 24 years old today

"How hast thou borne me on thy wings,
Inexorable time?
How rapid are thy wanderings
Through life bewildered chime
It seemeth me but as yesterday
I climbed my mother's knee
And on her bosom calmly lay,
Or prattled there in glee,"

Truman and Mr. Rice went to Strafford.

27th: Hoed corn on the flat below the garden.

29th: Worked on the road, wharfing the bank.

30th Sunday: Went to meeting. Mr. Bascom preached. Very warm and pleasant.

July 1833

1st: I hoed part of the day. A remarkable thunder storm this afternoon. the lightning struck on two places near.

3rd: Mr. Pinney's child was buried. Rainy.

4th: Began to hoe potatoes on the hill.

6th: I wrote a letter to Lawrenceville. Went home this evening. Mr. Muxley [Moxley] has taken home the long disputed boy. Very warm and pleasant.

7th Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Matthew 7th, 11th Communion Day a collection was taken for the colonization society. Mr. Washburn preached at Mr. Marshall's schoolhouse this evening. Miss P. was thrown from a wagon this evening.

8th: Hoed potatoes on the hill. Very warm.

10th: Mr. Fox began to draw stone for the butment on the other shore.

11th: Mrs. Tullar's child was buried. A thunderstorm this afternoon. I hoed on the hill.

12th: Chopped stone wood. Went home this evening.

13th: Hoed beans this afternoon. T.S. and E. went to Mr. Lee's visiting. Mr. Chaplin died of the lung fever. One week ago he was well and smart.

14th Sunday: A thunderstorm last night cleared off. Warm and pleasant. T.'s bees swarmed this morning. went to meeting. Mr. Hopkins, from Montpelier, preached. His text was Luke 19-13th. A heavy thundershower this afternoon.

15th: Finished hoeing beans. Chopped stove wood this afternoon. Cool and showery.

17th: Mr. A. Davis was buried today. He has been blind a year or two past. The immediate cause of his death was the eruption of a blood vessel in his head.

19th: Mr. Cleveland buried a child.

20th: Have been chopping wood most of the week. Have chopped about 40 cords this summer. Charlotte and Louisa came home from Vershire.

21st Sunday: Very warm and dry with thin flying clouds. I went to meeting. Mr. Herlbutt from west Randolph preached. His text was, "Hallelujah for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Mr. Collamer lectured at the academy.

22nd: I ground two new sythes this morning.

23rd: Drawed in three loads of hay. the first we have got in this year.

24th: Mr. Muxley's [moxley's] child died this morning.

27th: We have drawed in 12 loads of hay this week. Esq. Francis' child died last night. She has been sick a number of weeks with the canker rash. 25 persons have died in this town this year. Very warm and clear. A heavy thundershower this evening.

28th Sunday: Very cool and windy with flying clouds. A great change in the weather last night. Mr. Francis' child was buried today.

29th: Drawed in one load of hay and loaded the second and the cart tongue broke.

30th: Rained hard all night and forenoon today. I made a cart tongue.

31st: I put in the tongue and mended the body. I began to reap rye. L. Bowen worked here.

August 1833

1st: Finished reaping rye.

3rd: Bound the rye and drawed one load and stacked the remainder. It has been very sickly in town for two months past and a great many are sick now. Two have died this week making the number of deaths in town this year up to this date: 28 being double the number of deaths in town last year.

4th Sunday: Very warm and sultry. A thunderstorm this afternoon. I went to meeting. Mr. Whiting preached from Matthew 7th, 21st. Mr. W. preached at the brick schoolhouse this evening. After meeting, I went home.

6th: A heavy thunder shower this afternoon.

8th: L. Bowen worked here. Got in four loads of hay. Cloudy with signs of rain toward night.

9th: Rained hard this morning. The river rose fast.

10th: L. Bowen worked here, drawed three loads of hay.

11th Sunday: Clear and warm. I went to meeting. Mr. Williston preached from these words, "Will a man rob God?" A singing meeting at our schoolhouse this evening.

12th: Finished haying. Have cut 30 loads this year.

13th: T. and J. cradled 5 acres of oats. Rained most of the time last night.

14th: Finished drawing in rye.

15th: Worked for Mr. Fox on the bridge.

16th: Bound oats part of the day.

17th: Began to plough east of the barn. Mr. Fox laid the foundation for the butment on this shore. Capt. Bartlett began to frame the bridge.

18th Sunday: Oscar Henry took up his bees this evening.

19th: Finished binding oats.

20th: Truman started for commencement. I drew in oats.

22nd: Finished ploughing. orked for Coit Parkhurst this afternoon. I came home from Hanover.

23rd: Threshed rye. Very warm for some days past.

24th: Sowed rye east of the barn. Mr. Peter Hutchinson died this week.

25th Sunday: Mr. Francis' child died this morning. I went to meeting. Mr. Kellogg preached from these words, "yet one thing thou lackest."

26th: I chopped wood this forenoon. The great Menagerie was exhibited this afternoon. I went in. A very large collection of people came to see the animals. Some say more than ever assembled in town on any occasion before.

28th: Drawed mill logs. I worked for Mr. Hatch, haying.

31st: Drawed logs to the mill. Truman went to the village on listing business. There has been three deaths in town this week. Two of the canker rash and one found senseless and almost dead in the road. His skull fractured and one leg broke. is name was Woodbury. He died this evening.

September 1833

1st Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Psalms 85th4, 5 6&7th verses. I received a letter from Perlman.

2nd: I drawed logs to the sawmill part of the day. Killed and dressed a sheep this morning, the first I ever dressed.

3rd: Freeman's meeting. Esq. Sprague was elected representative by a majority of 53.

4th: Rainy, I hopped barrels.

5th: Truman Hopson and I dug potatoes for Mr. Rix this afternoon. Very warm and showery.

6th: I worked for Mr. Hatch cradling and binding oats. Truman worked here this afternoon.

7th: I drew logs to the sawmill. T. worked for H. father and mother got home from Mansfield last Wednesday. They had been gone a week. Uncle Thomas got home from Lawrenceville last Saturday.

8th Sunday: I went to Broad Brook to meeting. Mr. Stevens preached.

9th: Finished drawing logs. Truman worked for H.

10th: Began to plough the bank below the garden. Went meeting this afternoon. A state convention commenced today.

12th: The convention closed today. This has been the largest convention ever held in the state. More than 150 ministers have attended. There has been but two sermons. The rest of the time was taken up with reports and addresses yesterday. A contribution amounting to 1300 dollars was taken today. Another amounting to 625 dollars, both for "charitable purposes". Deacon Fowler was thrown from a carriage and had three ribs broken and badly hurt.

13th: Ploughed on the ridge part of the day, dug potatoes this afternoon, warm and pleasant.

14th: Worked for Mr. Rix haying.

15th Sunday: I went to meeting. Mr. W. and Mr. Smith from St. Albans preached. Mr. Hascal and Mr. Freeman each buried a child last week. Swells the number of deaths in town this year to thirty six.

18th: Finished ploughing the ridge.

19th: Cut bushes on the bank in the upper flat.

20th: Drew logs into the sawmill part of the day. Capt. Davis came with order to warn the company for training. He brought the company records and law book to me.

21st: Yesterday I made out the order for warning and distributed them and came home last night about 10 o'clock. Today I have been warning my section. Finished and got home about 4 P.M. Finished cutting bushels in the upper meadow.

22nd Sunday: Warm and pleasant. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached, the drift of his discourse in town he said that not more than 400 persons in town professed religion

and not more than 600 attended meeting on the Sabbath leaving more than half of the inhabitants as Sabbath breakers and the like he concluded with an exhortation to Christians to live more devoted and set better examples before the world, and requested them to meet and consult what shall be done to promote the cause of religion. His text was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Mr. H. Clap and I went to father's this evening and from there to Mr. Pinney's. Solon Cummings of Bethel was published.

23rd: Began to dig potatoes on the hill.

24th: Worked for Mr. Fox filling the butment on this shore. 5 carts and 2 scrapers were going most of the time.

25th: Cut corn below the garden.

26th: Training Day. I have done a hard days work and get no pay for it except the laugh of sober minded folks and the privilege of helping pay for 7 gallons of rum and wine that our company have dranked today. Oh! Temperance! Where hast thou fled?

27th: Went to Randolph to camp meeting.

28th: Bound corn. The camp meeting broke up this morning. Last night Esq. Bartlett finished the bridge across white river, near Mr. Fox. He has been 6 weeks building it and receives \$900 for doing the wood work. This is the first bridge of the kind on white river and it is believed to be the stoutest.

29th Sunday: Cloudy with a strong south wind.

30th: Esq. Bartlett's men left town and have gone to Charleston to work on a bridge. Two of them. Mr. Bardwell and Clap boarded here. They left last night. Mr. Marshall began to work on the barn. I stacked corn. Father went to Hanover.

October 1833

1st: I drew stone for the butment wall. A very strong south wind that makes the sand fly merrily. My eyes, ears, and nose and mouth have been almost filled more than once.

2nd: Rained fast most of the night and all of the forenoon. The river is higher than it has been for two months past. I went to the sawmill and got a load of boards this afternoon.

3rd: Truman drew stone for Fox. I worked with Mr. Marshall on the barn.

5th: Went to the sawmill this morning after boards. finished cutting corn on the hill.

6th Sunday: Cool and cloudy this morning. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Isaiah 58th 13 and 14th verses. I went on the horseback and crossed the new bridge. Last night the first wagon crossed.

7th: Finished binding corn. Truman went to the village and sold his cheese.

8th: Finished drawing clabboards from the mill.

9th: Rainy, I threshed rye.

10th: Mr. Marshall worked here shingling the barn.

11th: Mr. Marshall finished clabboarding the barn. I finished stacking corn.

12th: I went into the woods east of Mrs. Parkers and got a load of shingles. Worked on the barn this afternoon. Today I have finished my six months work. Have lost 15 1/3 days and have worked half a day over. Have agreed to work for T. a fortnight. A very hard frost last night. Cold, windy, cloudy. Today rainy and windy this evening. Uncle Silas Williams staid at Grandpas last Wednesday on his way to Winchendon, Mass.

13th Sunday: Rained fast all day. George Adams and I went to Mr. Pinney's this evening. Cold and windy.

14th: Began to husk corn, cold and windy.

18th: Finished husking on the flat. I went to Mrs. Polly Safford's this evening.

19th: Aunt Mary is 48 years old today. I worked on the road. Went home this evening. Henriet and Ryland got home from Mansfield last Thursday.

20th Sunday: Cold and cloudy about noon. The snow began to fall. I went to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Romans 2nd 4th.

21st: Drawed in corn fodder. Went to Mr. Flinn's this evening.

22nd: Rained all day. I went home and got six bushels of apples for Mrs. Safford.

23rd: Went to Mr. Kibbee's this evening and pared apples. Mr. Adams folks went.

24th: Drawed corn off the hill. Went to school meeting this evening. Sharlottte and Emeline went to Woodstock.

25th: Finished paring apples for Mrs. Safford. E and L. Adams and Mr. Church were here.

26th: Dug potatoes on the hill.

27th Sunday: Cool and cloudy. I went to meeting. Mr. Collamer read a couple of sermons.

28th: Dug potatoes on the hill.

29th: Ryland worked here digging potatoes. Mr. Ashley dropt dead while at work.

30th: Cold and snowy. Picked apples.

31st: Made a new cart tongue and drew in a load of corn. Settled with Safford and took his note for 7.30. Went to the village this evening.

November 1833

1st: Went home this morning. Clear and cold, but pleasant and warmer toward night. Very cold and windy for a few day past. Went to Safford's this evening.

2nd: Went to Ennfield, N.H. and staid with the Shakers. Clear and pleasant but cold.

3rd Sunday: Cold and windy, I went to a Shakers Meeting. Went to Orange this evening.

4th: Very cold and windy. A pond in O. that covers nearly 20 acres is froze over 2 inches thick. I went to Grafton.

5th: Went to Hanover. Aunt Nancy is 33 years old today.

6th: Went to the College plane and subscribed for the People's Magazine and paid \$1 for it and took the back way.

7th: Went home. clear and pleasant, more moderate.

9th: Went to Bethel and agreed to work for Geo Flinn for \$10 per month. Rainy last night.

10th Sunday: I went to Broadbrook to meeting. A protracted meeting commences there today. Pleasant but windy.

11th: Dug potatoes for Mr. Rix. The potatoes are nearly three fourths frozen and spoilt. We dug about 100 bushels. Isabel went to Mr. Storr's this evening.

12th: Went to Royalton and got a horse hide and paid Lincoln 67 cents for tanning one half of it. bought a ton of hay of Mr. Ketcham and gave him up his note. Cold, windy, and rainy.

13th: Went to Bethel and bought cloth for a pair of shirts of Patten Davis.

14th: Went a hunting. Went to Safford's this evening. went to the village and bought a lamp for Isabel and paid 25 cents for it.

15th: Cool and cloudy, rainy this afternoon. I wrote two letters today.

16th: I settled with Mr. Rix and Mr. Henry.

17th Sunday: Cool and cloudy. I went to meeting. Mr. Denison preached from these words, "Occupy till I come" and "Thy sins are forgiven thee." A prayer meeting at our schoolhouse this evening.

18th: I worked for Mr. Hatch threshing. Cold, windy, and stormy.

19th: The ground is froze hard and covered with snow. I worked for Mr. Hatch.

20th: I went to the village and bought a pair of gloves of Warren. Cold, and windy. The ground is frozen hard. I went to Geo Flinn this evening.

21st: Went to Randolph after a couple of tailoresses for Mr. Flinn. I commenced my winter's work this morning. Mr. Borage and I cut and set posts for a barnyard fence. He settled with Mr. Flinn Clear and very cold for the season.

22nd: Snowed fast all day. I worked on the barn fixing the stables and steps.

23rd: Finished the barnyard fence. The snow melts fast. The snow is about 4 inches this evening and it has settled nearly half.

24th Sunday: I went to the Church to meeting. Mr. Zebine preached from the two last verses of the 139th Psalm.

25th: Snowed all day. I went to the village and got a horse shod.

27th: Mr. Flinn killed hogs. John Mosely helped us. Cold and blustering.

30th: Snowed fast all day. The snow is almost a foot deep. Very moderate tonight. I began to thrash oats for Mr. Flinn.

December 1833

1st: Snowed all night. Very warm and misty today. Mr. Flinn and wife went to meeting this afternoon. I have not been on account of the toothache and ague in my face. I have had the toothache above a week with but very little cessation of pain but not quite so hard sometimes as at others about a fortnight since. I had it slightly for one day. This was the first time I ever had it but now it has followed me a week steady. My head aches, my jaws and teeth ache, and I have a bad cold to boot. All of which combined make me feel sick, cross, lazy, shiftless, homesick, and impatient and but for the hope of getting better soon I would go home tonight.

2nd: Began to draw wood.

4th: Drawed wood. Very moderate weather for a few days past. The snow settles fast. Sleighing has been very good for a few days past, but will be poor soon if this weather holds a few days longer.

5th: Thanksgiving Day. I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. Washburn preached from Isaiah 1st 13 and 14 the verses. D. Fuller was buried today. Mr. Garfield preached his

funeral sermon at Bethel meeting house. His text was Isaiah 1st, 5th. I went to father's and staid all night.

6th: Went back to Mr. Flinn's this evening. Colder with signs of snow.

7th: Drawed wood. Mr. Flinn got home from Gen Lilley's. He went there yesterday. Mrs. F's cousins from Lymphous came here and staid all night.

8th Sunday: I went to Church to meeting, Mr. Zebine preached.

9th: The snow fell about 11 inches last night and very soft and heavy snow too. I drawed two loads of wood. Asa Flinn killed hogs. Mrs. Flinn went up to help them.

10th: Mr. Flinn and wife went a visiting and staid all night. I drawed wood.

14th: Cold and clear for a week past. I have drawed 14 loads of wood this week. Went to Royalton this evening. Safford has gone to Lancaster.

15th Sunday: Very cold and freezing last night and this morning. I went to Royalton to meeting. Mr. C. Wright from Montpelier preached from Col. 8th and Isaiah 45th 22nd. went to fathers and took supper and then went back to Mr. Flinn's. Very cold this evening but not so cold as last evening.

16th: I have done nothing but chores today. Went to Mr. Moosely's this evening with Mr. Flinn and wife; Mr. Zebine and wife and daughter were there.

17th: Warmer with signs of a storm. Mr. Flinn and wife and I went to Paul Flinn this evening. Miss. Colby and Mary Flinn were there.

18th: Snowed fast all night and all day. The wind has blowed most of the time. This is the most blustering storm we have had this winter. I threshed oats.

19th: Clear, cool, and pleasant. I threshed oats. Mr. Flinn and wife went Gen. Lilley's. I have had the toothache this afternoon and evening and it makes me feel quite cross.

20th: My tooth ached hard all night. This morning I went to Randolph and Dr. Bradford extracted it for me. This is the first tooth I ever had drawed. It was not so painful a job as I expected. This afternoon I finished threshing Mr. Flinn's oats. Mr. Mosely and his wife and others came here this evening.

21st: Cleaned oats. Warmer with signs of a thaw. Very cold for some days past. The snow is about 18 inches deep, very hard and stiff.

22nd Sunday: Cloudy. I went to Bethel. Mr. Whiting preached. I went home with Abigail at noon. Went back again and got to the schoolhouse just as the meeting closed.

23rd: I cut and drawed a milllog to the house. Mr. Flinn went to Gen. Lillleys and loaded his sleigh for Boston.

24th: Snowed fast all day. I mended the hand sled. went to the church to Illumination this evening, but few persons attended an account of the storm.

25th: Christmas Day. Mr. Flinn went to the village. I drew wood. Sold Mr. Flinn's sheep.

26th: Mr. Flinn started for Boston. I drew logs. The snow is above 2 feet deep in the woods and very solid which makes it very hard work for the team to get round and break roads. Fox's bridge in Royalton cracked and settled about two feet a few days since the load of snow on it was the cause of its settling. A total eclipse of the moon this evening but the clouds prevented our seeing it. Marshall Finley and sister and C. C. Flinn and three of his sisters came here this evening. Nancy Flinn staid all night.

27th: Cold and blustering. I drew a millog to the house this forenoon and got set with it in the afternoon. I put a shorter yoke on the oxen and they work better for it. Mrs. F and Nancy went to Mr. Moseley's this afternoon.

29th Sunday: Cool but more moderate than it has been for some days past. I went to Church to meeting. Mr. Zebine preached from Isa 35 last and Luke 15:18 and 19th verses. Mr. M Finley and Miss ____ went to Randolph to meeting. I suppose they went back soon after I came home from meeting. I hope they had a good ride.

30th: Moderate weather with signs of a storm. I cut and drew wood.

31st: Warm and pleasant. The top of the snow is quite soft and moist. There has been about 4 feet of snow this winter but it has settled more than half. Has thawed but very little since Thanksgiving. This afternoon the eaves run some. There has been 38 deaths in Royalton this year. One by suicide. One was thrown from a wagon an injured so that she died in a few days and more than half of the remainder died with the canker rash. There has been no death that I have heard of since Dea. Tullar. He died about four weeks since last year. There were but 4 deaths in town. I drew two loads of wood today. This ends my writing from this year.