

1869

July

7/1/69 Fair & cool. Peeled bark. Carried two sheep to R. L. Britton. Called at Savings Bank Called at Mrs. Hall's and got Melodian. Mr.Hart and Abby took tea.

7/2/69 Fair. Commence hoing corn & (???). Willie went for Ellen. Bees swarmed. Mike went home at night.

7/3/69 Fair & warm. Carried wood to Claremont. Called at Mrs. Wert's , Went on the river with the children.

7/4/69 Fair & warm. Attended church service by Mr. Brown. E.R Shedd & wife and A.T. Hayden called.

7/5/69 Fair. Hoed corn. Willie went to Windsor to celebration.

7/6/69 Fair. Commenced haying. Went to Windsor.

7/7/69 Fair. Haying on knolls. Hauled in three loads. Went to M. Harlow's with sukey mare.

7/8/69 AM fair. PM showery mowed 2 acres of grass for Capt. Hammond. Mowed some on hill. Hauled in 2 loads.

7/9/69 Rainy. Made cart body. Mrs. Chandler and daughter from Pomfret, VT called through a shower.

7/10/69 Fair. Finished cultivating corn & potatoes. (?) time helped Capt. Hammond cut hay. Raked and cocked hay. Ellen and Emily went to Claremont. Lazell and Ella Hart spent evening.

7/11/69 Fair. Attended church. Re. Mr. Gorham of (???) preached.

7/12/69 Fair. Haying on hill. Hauled in 3 loads. Mowed & haying for Capt. Hammond. Went to Windsor. Mrs. Jenny spent night. Wilbur Harlow took supper. Ellen & Emily spent evening at Mr. Hart's.

7/13/69 Fair. Haying on hill. Hauled in 2 loads. Mowed 2 hours for Mr. Hart. Ruel Goward and wife took dinner.

7/14/69 Rainy. Morning. haying on hill. Hauled in 2 loads. Capt. Hammond mowed 3 hours. Mowed for Capt. Hammond 3 hours with machine.

7/15/69 Made grindstone frame.. Hoed potatoes. Mrs. Breck & her daughter called. Mrs. Dunsmore spent night.

7/16/69 AM cloudy PM fair. Carried children to school. Went to Windsor. Hauled in 4 loads of hay.

7/17/69 Fair. Finished mowing on hill. Got in 4 loads. Summer school closed. Ellen took 1st music lesson of Bell Rice.

7/18/69 Fair. Attended church services by Mr. Brown. Rev. Ezra Jones and wife were present. Nathan Harris spent the night.

7/19/69 Fair. Finished haying on hill. Nathan left for Hartland. Got in 4 loads 2Loads on hill and 2 loads on meadow. Mowed 2 hours for Capt. Hammond and 2 hours for Mr. Hart.

7/20/69 Fair. Mowed for myself. Mowed 2 hours for Capt. Hammond and 2 hours for Mr. Hart. Got in 4 loads hay for myself and one load for Mr. Sturtevant.

7/21/69 Cloudy. Went to West Claremont. Girls & Willie went respberrying. Aunt Marie & Mavis came here. Got in 2 loads hay.

7/22/69 Fair. Mowed for self. Mowed 4 hours for Mr. Hammond and 2 hours for Mr. Hart. Children went to ride on river.

7/23/69 Fair. Mowed for self. Aunt Maria & Avis visited at Brother George's. Willie went to Windsor.. Frank Nevens took Supper. Hauled in 3 loads of hay.

7/24/69 Cloudy. Mowed orchard. Got in 4 loads of hay. Aunt Maria & Avis went home. Carried Mr. Hart to Windsor.

7/25/69 Fair. Attended church. Mr. Douglas preached. Went to Windsor for Mr. Douglas and carried him home. Was quite unwell through the night.

7/26/69 Cloudy. Hauled in 2 loads of hay in orchard. Was rather unwell through the day.

7/27/69 AM Fair. Hard showers in PM. Mowed 3 hours for Mr. Hart. Went to J.L. Pagets & J. Hartings. Carried double gun to D. H. Hilliard's to be repaired

7/28/69 Fair Went to Windsor. Saw Mr. Heminway(?). Attended Probate court at Claremont. Settled Ellis Root's estate.

7/29/69 Cloudy & warm. Went to Windsor. Mowed barley. Willie went on the mountain bluebarrying.

7/30/69 Mowed for self. Mowed 3 hours for Mr. Hart. Raked barley. Got in 2 loads of hay.

7/31/69 Fair. Went over to Jarvis Pasture and got oxen. Mowed 2 hours for Mr. Hart. Got in 1 load of hay. Got hay for Mr. Sturtevant on Capt. Hammond's land. Got in 4 loads of barley. Girls went raspberrying. Mike went home in morning. Circus & menagerie at Windsor.

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August

8/1/69 Attended church service & sermon by Mr. Brown. Called with Mrs. B. at Br. George's

8/2/69 Fair. Got in 2 loads barley and 2 loads hay. Mowed with machine. L.M. Smith and T. T. Hayden called.

8/3/69 AM cloudy PM fair. Got in 1 load hay. Mowed for self. Cousin Charles, Wife & (???) from Boston(?) visited, took dinner and supper

8/4/69 Cloudy but no rain. Haying in Meadow. Got in 3 loads. Mr. Jenny(?) from Meriden spent night.

8/5/69 Cloudy & very cool. Haying on meadow. Got in 2 loads. Fred Dunsmore called.

8/6/60 Fair, windy & cool. Haying on meadow. Got in 4 loads. Willie went to Windsor. Brother G. spent day. Mr. (???) spent night.

8/7/69 Windy & cool. Finished haying on meadow. Got in 5 loads. Mrs. Jenney & Mr. Carpenter took dinner. Captain G.G. Hilliard & wife from Northfield (???) spent night. Eclipse of the sun at 5 O'clock PM. Sky clear and we had a fine view of the eclipse

8/8/69 Attended church services and sermon by Mr. Douglas. Mr. Harts children spent evening.

8/9/69 Fair. Carried chickens to Windsor Depot. G.G. Hilliard rode over with me. Mr. Hilliard and wife left for C.W. Smiths. Mr. Woodbury cleaned clock. Mike worked for Capt. Hammond. Lost this diary on the way home. Found by Georgie Boyd and returned by D.H. Chair(?). Went to Charles Kelly's(?) at the request of J. M. Davidson.

8/10/69 Fair & warm. Went t Windsor. Visited with Mrs B. at Ira Savage's. Got in 1 load of hay in corner (???). Finished haying.

8/11/69 Fair & warm. Commenced cutting spring rye. Sold lambs to R.L. Britton. Willie carried lambs to Windsor. Avis, (???), & Alice Hiller & Kate Dean visited. Went on the River. Dressed one sheep.

8/12/69 Fair. Finished cutting rye & commenced cutting oats. John Phillips called. Mr. Benj. Hart & wife spent night.

8/13/69 Fair. Finished cutting oats. Capt. Hammond cradled 3 hours. Finished binding rye and bound some oats. Got in 1 (???) rye. Got in 1 load of hay for J. Sturtevant. Slight shower in afternoon.

8/14/69 Went to Windsor. Carried Bud Shedd. Got the seat on express wagon. Bound some oats. Got in 1 load of rye. Spent evening with Ellen and Emily at Henry A. Weld's.

8/15/69 Rainy day. Remained at home. Called at Mr. Hart's in evening.

8/16/69 Rainy. Threshed barley and unloaded a (???) (???) (???) J.M. Root called. Mr. Britton sent and got five lambs and one turkey.

8/17/69 Cloudy. Went to Claremont. Took dinner at Mrs. Wert's. Took supper at A.J. Pikes. Called to see Bella Cornings. Called at Mrs. Stearns and settled with Mrs. E.C. Maynard. Came home over Punkshire(?) Hills.

8/18/69 Fair. Cleaned up 8 bu barley. Bound oats. Went to Jarvis pasture after oxen and cow. Spent evening with girls at Mr. Hart's. G.W. Weld (???) up on evening train.

8/19/69 Fair. Finished binding oats. Got in 2 loads oats. Carried Mr. Hart to Windsor and attended lodge meeting. Mike went home and carried cloth.

8/20/69 Warm & cloudy. Showery. Got in 3 loads oats. Went to Claremont. Consulted E.L. Cushing on Richardson case. Had him appointed Admin. Of Eli Richrdsos Estate. Saw Doctor Barrows. Took tea at Mrs. Werts. Mr. Hurts children and H. A. Welds children spent evening.

8/21/69 Cloudy with slight showers. Went to Windsor. Deposited one hundred dollars in Windsor Savings Bank for Mrs. EleanorA. Maynard. Went to Cornish (???) Saw J. M Davidson. Saw G.W. Weld from (???) Took dinner at Mr. Hastings. Attended lodge meeting. Procured administrators bond for E.L. Cushing as admin of Eli Richardsons estate and mailed the same. Called at Carlos Smith's.

8/22/69 Fair and very pleasant. Attended church. Mr. Douglas preached. Mike went home and returned.

8/23/69 Fair and pleasant. Carried Ellen to Claremont to attend Stevens High School. Got in and threshed peas – 1.2 bushel.

8/24/69 Fair and warm. Cut seed grass and mowed stubble. Hauled 1 load of hay for J. Sturtevant from Mr. Crofs land. Got in 1 load of hay. Gentleman and lady and boy got off cars and went to Mr Hart's. Since learned that it was Mr. Sumner Firth(?) & family from Manassas, Virginia.

8/25/69 AM fair PM Rainy Pitched off 1 load of hay. R.L. Britton and Wm. Guy called. Got down sheep.

8/26/69 Fair & cool. Carried 3 lambs and 12 chickens to Windsor for R.L. Britton. Carried Mrs. B. to Windsor to have teeth filled. Carried Mr Hart to Windsor in evening to attend special lodge meeting. Went three times to Windsor this day.

8/27/69 Fair. Mended fence in Butternut Hollow. Committee to build school house, Mr. P. Hart, Wm E. Chadburn, & Wm. Balloch met at Mr. Hart's.

8/28/69 Cloudy with slight showers. Carried Ellen and Emily to Windsor to have teeth filled. Saw President Grant. G.G. Hilliard & wife came here. E.R. Shedd spent evening.

8/29/69 Fair. Attended church service by Mr. Brown. Philander W. Smith & wife called. Spent evening at Mr. Hart's with Ellen and Emily.

8/30/69 Fair. Visited with Mr. & Mrs. Hilliard at (???) (???) in (???). Carried Ellen to Claremont.

8/31/69 Cool with some showers. Visited at Sylvester Bartlett's with Mr. Hilliard & wife. Called at Mr., Morrison's. Patrick (???) called in evening and bought 1 tub of butter.

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September

9/1/69 Fair. Carried Mrs. Ford to Windsor. Visited with Mrs. B at at Brother G.'s. Took dinner and supper. Went to Windsor in evening and brought home G.W. Weld who spent night.

9/2/69 Cool & showery. Carried G.W. Weld to Claremont. Called on Mrs. J.D. Willard. Took dinner at Mr. Morrissey's. Edward Clark & family spent night. Mr. Hart & wife and (???) Fitz & wife spent evening.

9/3/69 Fair. Slight showers. Divided fence on C. Kelley's line. Willie carried Mr. & Mrs. Clark's family to Windsor. J. M. Davidson took dinner. G.D. (???) and wife called. Willie went for Ellen.

9/4/69 Fair and warm. Carried Emily & Minnie to Windsor. Emily had teeth filled by Dr. Hale. Met the selectmen at Mr. Harlow's. Spent evening at Mr. Hart's.

9/5/69 Fair & Warm. Remained at home. Had sore eye. Mrs. B, Emily, Willie & Minnie went to church. Mr. & Mrs. Hart and Mr. & Mrs. Fitz called. Mr. Brown read service. Mr. Douglas was unwell.

9/6/69 Cloudy & warm. Commenced cutting rowen on hill. R.L Britton called and bought (???) hay. Dressed hogs. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. H.P. Raymond called and made application to fence viewers(?) for D division of fence on Amos Richardson's line. G.W. Weld passed on the morning train on his return to Ills(?).

9/7/69 Warm & showery.. Carried hog to R.L. Britton. Called at brother G's. Worked in shop. Mr Fitz & family left for VA. Winston Hammond spent evening.

9/8/69 Warm & showery. Visited at G.D. (???). Saw Benjamin Dwimmell(?) & wife.

9/9/69 Cool & cloudy, Worked in shop. Mrs. B. visited at Mr. Hayden's. Willie went to Windsor & to Sturtevant's Mill.

9/10/69 Warm showery. Worked in shop .. Went to Claremont for Ellen and put up stove in her room. Found Ellen quite unwell. Mike went home.

9/11/69 Pleasant . Divided fence on line between A. Richardson & H.P. Raymond. Took dinner at Mr. Hasting's, supper at Mr. Raymond's. Called at D.H. Hilliard's.

9/12/69 Warm & Pleasand. Attended church at West Claremont. (???) service in Trinity Church today. Sylvanus (???) called.

9/13/69 Fair and warm. Mowed rowen with machine. Spent evening with Mrs. B at D.N. Morgan's. Met G.D. Kenyon & J. Hastings there and made out the division of fence between H.P Raymond and Amy Richardson. Ellen was so unwell that she did not go back to school today.

9/14/69 Warm & fair. Willie carried Ellen & Mrs. Ford to Claremont. Got in and threshed seed grass. Children had picnic in pasture.

9/15/69 Fair & Warm. Mowed rowen on hill. Got in 3 loads rowen. Mr. A.W. Bartlett from Manchester N..H. spent night. Mr. B was getting information Frank. H. Kingsbury.

9/16/69 Fair & warm. Went to Newport with Mr. Bartlett. Heard the closing portion of the trial of William. N. Kenney. Verdict: Not guilty by reason of insanity. Dinner at Newport House. Paid registrar of deeds for C.M. Blake's Deed .65 & Mr. (???) Deed .65. Rode home from Newport with Simeon M. Chase. Took tea at Mrs. Werts. Wm. N. Kenney was sentenced to state prison for safekeeping

9/17/69 Got in 3 loads of rowen. Willie went to Claremont after Ellen. Mr. J. Jackman came here to spend night. Agent for N.Y. Nursery took dinner. Agent for patent churn called. Mr. Britton got 3 lambs.

9/18/69 Fair. Carried Emily to Windsor to get teeth filled. Willie carried Mr. Jackman to Claremont. Commenced cutting corn. Michael Coil left for home this morning.

9/19/69 Fair and very warm. Remained t home. No services at Trinity church.

9/20/69 Fair & hot. Cut corn. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Louis T. Chase called.

9/21/69 Cloudy & some rain. Cut corn & threshed rye. Went to Claremont depot. My sister Sarah with her son and daughter Jennie & Sarah Maynard came from Templeton(?) Mass and got off the cars at my home.

9/22/69 Cloudy & rain. Carried my sisters children to Claremont to attend town fair. Took tea at Mrs. Werts. The fair was postponed on account of the weather.

9/23/69 Fair Cut some corn. Went to Windsor. Carried my sister, her children and Emily. Willie carried his cousin Jenny. Maynard went to the state prison, called at the old church, and went in the grave yard.

9/24/69 Fair. Mrs. B & sister Sarah went to Andrew Pike's and to Mrs. Wert's. Brought home Ellen. Finished cutting corn. Peddler Carpenter took dinner. Additional note written in different handwriting – undecipherable.

9/25/69 Cloudy PM fair Went to Jarvis pasture. Visited with Mrs. B. at L.T. Chase's. Were invited to visit at Henry B. Chase's on Thursday Oct 7 in forenoon.

9/26/69 Very rainy. Remained at home. No service in Trinity Church. Ellen's 20th birthday

9/27/69 Fair & cool. Carried Ellen to Claremont . (???) and (???) came here and spent night. Went on the river.

9/28/69 Fair and quite cool. Attended wedding of Hester Dean and John Jones at Union Church. Went on the hill gunning. Took tea with Mrs. B and sister Sarah at brother George's.

9/29/69 Fair and warm. Carried sister Sarah and children to Claremont depot. Called with Mrs. B at Rev H. S. Smith's. Took tea at Mr. Wm. Ellis'.

9/30/69 Fair Went to Mr. Read's and got a few shingles. Patched house & hog house. Went to P.M. Smiths.

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October

10/1/69 Fair & Warm Got in corn fodder for J. Sturtevant. Got in one load corn. Cousin Raller(?) Barber(?) from Dartmouth College came here and spent night. Willie went after Ellen.

10/2/69 Fair & pleasant. Mended fence on Mr. Hart's line. William R. Weld & Rodney Bartlett called. Willie went to West Claremont mill.

10/3/69 Very rainy. Remained at home. Rain continued through the night. No services in Trinity Church.

10/4/69` Raining Put (???) on wheelbarrow. Rain fell in torrents most of the day. Great damage done to corn. bridges etc. Great wash out in Rail Road near M.G.P Crof's. Went up as far as the school house to look at the highway.

10/5/69 Fair Worked on highway. Willie started for Claremont with Ellen but found the road impassable and came back.

10/6/69 Fair Worked on highway in forenoon. Got in pumpkins. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Got two pigs from Capt. Hammond. Weight 40 lbs.

10/7/69 Fair and pleasant. Visited with Mrs. B. at H.S. Chase's. Went to Windsor. Invited to visit at H.C. Freeman's Nov. 4th

10/8/69 Fair. Dug potatoes in garden. Worked wet corn in meadow. Willie went for Ellen. Mr. Clark took tea.

10/9/69 Fair. Mended fence on highway. Got in one load of corn. Worked wet con. Gen G.W. Balloch came here, took dinner & tea. Carried him to Windsor in the evening.

10/10/69 Fair. Children went to West Claremont to church. Took supper with Mrs. B. at brother George's. General Balloch spent the night with us.

10/11/69 Fair. Picked grapes. Pulled out flood wood & dug potatoes. Gen. Balloch carried Ellen to Claremont. Finished husking wet corn. Willie went gunning with General Balloch.

10/12/69 AM fair PM rainy. dug potatoes. Willie went to Windsor. J.M. Root & Mr. Sull(?) called.

10/13/69 Very rainy. General Balloch spent the day here. Worked in shop. Went to West Claremont mill (???) Mr. Barker.

10/14/69 Fair. Dug potatoes. Carried General Balloch to Windsor.

10/15/69 Fair. PM cloudy, rain in evening. Dug potatoes. Willie went to Claremont & brought home Ellen & cousin John West & wife.

10/16/69 Windy. Hauled in 3 loads corn & 1 load (???) pumpkins. Willie went to West Claremont mill.

10/17/69 Fair & pleasant. Remained at home. Called in evening with J. W. West at Brothers Gr's.

10/18/69 Fair. Hauled in 1 load pumpkins & got out 4 loads manure. Repaired highway near Mr. Crof's(?).

10/19/69 Cloudy & squally. Went with Mrs. B, Emily & Minnie to Claremont to attend dedication of the Soldiers monument . Oration by dr. J.B. Upham of Boston. Called at Mr. Morrisons & at Mrs. Wests. Cousin J. West & wife visited at brother Gr's and spent the night there.

10/20/69 Fair. Brother G. wife spent the day.. Mended fence on meadow. Minnie spent the day at Mr. Dunsmore's. Cousin John & Willie went gunning.

10/21/69 Fair. Went to Windsor. Sent 3 tubs of butter to Gen G.W. Balloch in Washington D.C. Got in 3 loads of corn.

10/22/69 Willie carried cousin John & wife to Claremont, and brought home Ellen. Got in 4 loads corn and 1 load pumpkins.

10/23/69 AM cloudy PM rainy. Finished getting in corn, 3 loads. Hauled one load corn fodder from Brother G's for G. Sturtevant. Husked corn. Mr. Hart was taken suddenly very sick. Mr. Caswell called.

10/24/69 Fair Remained at home. No services in Trinity church.

10/25/69 Carried Ellen to Claremont and left buggy at Mr. Ball's to be repaired. Finished digging potatoes and got in pumpkins. Bought two pairs boots at Mr. Dickinson's.

10/26/69 Fair. George Rich & Mr. Smith came with threshing machine and threshed all day.

10/27/69 Finished threshing. Got in remainder of pumpkins and dug beets.

- 10/28/69 Snowy. Husked and worked(?) corn. Wm E. Chadburn called.
- 10/29/69 Snowy. Husked corn. Went for Ellen and brought home buggy.
- 10/30/69 Fair. Commissioned on J. B. Willard's estate from 10 to 12 O'clock. Worked on aqueduct for Wm. Chadburn. Set up stove at Br. G's.
- 10/31/69 Fair. Remained at home.

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November

- 11/1/69** Fair. Packed away pumpkins and got soft wood into shed. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.
- 11/2/69** Fair. Hauled out manure. Mrs. Ford spent day sewing.
- 11/3/69** Fair. Hauled manure. Mrs. Ford spent day sewing'
- 11/4/69** Fair & pleasant. Visited with Mrs. B and Minnie at H.C. Freeman's.
- 11/5/69** Cloudy with light rain. Hauled manure. Willie went hunting and went after Ellen.
- 11/6/69** Fair. The twenty-fifth anniversary of our marriage. Hauled manure. Went to Windsor and to L.T. Chase's after apples.
- 11/7/69** Fair. Carried Ellen to Claremont.
- 11/8/69** Fair and squally. Went to J. M. Roots and bought 3 turkeys. Picked out sheep. Hauled wood from meadow. Dennis Noyts(?) and wife took dinner.
- 11/9/69** Fair & windy. Carried 3 tubs butter to Windsor, sent by express to G.W. Balloch, Washington D.C.. Attended town meeting to vote on the question of establishing a State Police in certain cases. Vote: yeas 11 nays 38. Went to G..D. (???) and got apples for cider. Took dinner and supper there. Called at brother G's.
- 11/10/69** Fair. Commenced plowing green sword. E.R. Shedd & wife and W.C. Hart & wife spent evening.
- 11/11/69** Fair Plowed green sword. Had Mr. Hart's oxen ½ day. Willie went to N.C. Sturtevant's mill and to J. M. Root's after turkeys.
- 11/12/69** Fair. Dressed poultry. Willie went after Ellen.
- 11/13/69** Fair. Carried poultry to Windsor. Mrs. G.W. Balloch went with me. Plowed greensword.
- 11/14/69** Fair. Remained at home. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Cousin Sarah J. Houston of (???) died aged 15 years.

11/15/69 Fair. Went with oxen to help Erastus Read haul logs in E. Shedd's pasture. Plowed. Bought map of U.S. off peddler.

11/16/69 Fair. Hauled wood from meadow. Carried beans to Windsor. Witnessed J.H. Crews will. Winslow Hammond spent evening.

11/17/69 Stormy. Hail & rain. Went to Claremont for Ellen. Term closed.

11/18/69 Fair & windy. Thanksgiving Day. Brother George & wife spent day. Got back lamb from Mr. (???). Spent evening at Mr Reads with Ellen & Emily.

11/19/69 Pleasant. Willie went to mill and hauled wood from H.A. Welds for brother G. S.N. Bartlett and wife took dinner and spent the afternoon.

11/20/69 AM Rainy PM fair. Moved corn fodder from shed into barn. Willie went to mill. Repaired shed.

11/21/69 Fair & pleasant. Spent afternoon with Mrs. B. & Minnie at brother G's and took supper there. Winslow Hammond spent evening.

11/22/69 Fair& pleasant. Piled wood on meadow. Repaired bridge on wood road. Filled straw beds. Went to Windsor in evening with Willie.

11/23/69 Showery & warm. Bought 2 pigs of A..T. Hayden. J.M. Root called. Willie went to mill.

11/24/69 AM snowy. PM fair & cold. Repaired woods road. Went with Mrs. B to Windsor. E.R. Shedd spent evening.

11/25/69 Cold & windy. Built fence in sheep yard. Repaired aqueduct at E.R. Shedd's.

11/26/69 Fair. Helped J. Sturtevant dress his pig. Cleaned out horse shed and put in 2 loads of dirt. Willie went to mill. (???) R. Clark called to see Emily.

11/27/69 Fair. Dressed 10 sheep for M. Root. Put 3 loads dirt in horse shed. S.A.G. Mower called and bought fat hog @ 13 cts lb. Willie went to Windsor and got N. Harris. Edna Pope called. (???) Hart spent evening.

11/28/69 Fair. Remained at home. Wrote letter to Gen. G.W. Balloch.

11/29/69 Fair. Carted dirt into sheep shed. Dist. School commenced. Newell teacher. Nathan spent eve at Mrs. Haydens

11/30/69 Rainy. Worked about barn. Hauled out 5 loads manure. Nathan went to Windsor and got horse shod. Willie went to mill in evening. Nathan & Ellen spent evening at Mr. Hart's. Winslow Hammond spent evening.

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December

12/1/69 Fair. Hauled out 10 loads manure. Brother George called. Nathan & Ellen spent evening at Mrs. Hammonds.

12/2/69 Fair. Dressed fat hog. Piled Hemlock bark on woods. Nathan went down to his brothers. Mrs. Ford spent day sewing.

12/3/69 Fair. Carried hog to S.A.G. Mown. Weight 431 lbs. Called at Bro Georges and repaired stove. Mrs. Ford spent day. Winslow Hammond and sister spent eve. Willie went to mill. Cut sausage meat for Mrs. Sturtevant in evening.

12/4/69 Cold, snowy & windy. Went to Claremont. Carried wood to Mrs. Werts for Ellen. Nathan came back from Claremont and went to Windsor, Came back in evening. (???) Hart & Mr. Newell the teacher spent evening. Mrs. Ford spent day sewing.

12/5/69 Pleasant. Got sheep from pasture. Mr. Dunsmore drove my yearling bull & heifer to my barn. Called at Mr. Pope's(?) and Mr. Calls in Eve. Albert Hayden spent eve.

12/6/69 Severe snow storm. Nathan carried Ellen to Claremont. Term commenced. Bought rooster of S. Wilder. 7 pounds at 18 per lb. Nathan went to Windsor. Packed away mowing machine (???) and got out sleds and sleighs.

12/7/69 Fair. Sawed Hemlock logs in woods with N. Harris.

12.8/69 Fair. Finished sawing logs in woods. Nathan went to Windsor in eve. Willie went to mill. River frozen over.

12/9/69 Fair. Carried Willie to Windsor to have clothes cut. Willie carried Nathan to Claremont Bridge to take the stage for Proctorsville on his way to Berlin N.Y. Paid S. Wilder for rooster \$1.25. Got rooster from Mr. Hayden's.

12/10/69 Fair & cold. Went to Windsor. Moved small pigs into horse shed. Willie went after Ellen.

12/11/69 Fair & very pleasant Went to Windsor & had oxen shod. Willie & the girls helped to clean the church. Mr. Hart took Mr. (???) back from here.

12/12/69 Warm & (???) Mr. Newell our teacher came here to board. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Called at Mr. Lulls(?) in eve.

12.13/69 Fair. Called a brother G's. Helped Mr. Lull(?) dress two hogs. Had Mr. Lull(?) & G. Sturtevant to help me dress cow. Sold 17 pelts to A.J. Hayden t .75 each. Called at Mr. Lulls(?) in evening.

12/14/69 Fair. Went to Windsor. Carried 1 (?) beef to Mr. Carr & 1 (?) beef to W.H. Beitman. Willie & the teacher went to mill in eve.

12/15/69 Fair. Cut out and salted 2 (???) of beef. Mrs. Ford finished sewing. Called at Brother G's.

12/16/69 Fair Eve. Rain. Hauled out and piled Hemlock logs in woods. Brought down 1 load of bark. A.T. Hayden called and got pelts.

12.17/69 Fair & warm. Hauled out logs and brought down one load of bark. L.T. Chase and wife & Amada Hall spent Eve. Willie went for Ellen with wagon.

12/18/69 Cloudy. Eve rainy. Attended special town meeting to elect W. Collector. Franklin D. Nevens was chosen. Took dinner at Mr. Hasting's. Went to Windsor. Called at Mr. Hammond's in eve.

12/19/69 Fair. Remained at home. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont. Called at Mr. Hart's in eve with Mr. Newell.

12/20/69 Fair. Went to Claremont.. Took dinner at G.W. Bartlett's and got gander. Called at H.G. Freeman's and got goose. Willie & Emily spent eve t Judge Putnam's winding wreaths for the church.

12/21/69 Fir. Chopped in woods. Hauled down 2 loads of bark.

12/22/69 Rainy. Got mortar at Mr. Harts. Put on plaster in kitchen. Worked butter. Willie went to mill.

12/23/69 Fair. Chopped Hemlock in woods. Hauled down one load of wood. Sold the 3 year old steer to Mr. Bailey of N. Charlestown for \$150.00.

12/24/69 Fair. Cut Hemlock in woods. Willie carried tub of butter to Windsor and sent it to Gen. G. W. Balloch at Washinton D.C.. Willie went for Ellen. Willie, Ellen & Emily spent eve at MR. Hart's. I went to Windsor in eve called at Brother G's..

12/25/69 Fair. Christmas day. Finished cutting Hemlock in woods. Hauled down one load of wood. Amos Richardson called. Spent (???) with Mrs. B. at Brother G's.

12/26/69 Showery & warm. Attended Trinity Church service & sermon by Mr. Douglas, the first service since inside of the church was repaired and painted. Willie carried Ellen to Claremont.

12/27/69 Fair & warm. Remained about home. Called at Mrs. Hayden's. District school again commenced. Mr. Davis of Meriden teacher.

12/28/69 Warm with showers. Went to Mr. Hayden's to see weight of pork for Brother G. Went to Brother G's and carried in pork. G. Hart called. B.T. Carpenter upset load near my house this morning and took my two horse wagon to take his load to (???)

12/29/69 Fair & warm. Went to Windsor. Attended Rep. caucus at town home. Was chosen President of the Rep. Club for the ensuing year. Willie & Emilie spent evening at Mr. Harris.

12/30/69 Fair & warm. Moved corn fodder for J. Sturtevant. Spent eve. At Judge Putnam's with children.

12/31/69 Fair & pleasant. Called at Brother G's and cut out pork. Called at Capt J.M Crof's & took acknowledgement of 3 deeds. Went to Claremont for Ellen. Heard Miss Anna Dickenson lecture.