

# The Journal of Frederick Allen of Westport, Massachusetts 1833-1838

## June, 1833

*Monthly summary: Frederick starts his Journal.*

*Works the family farm in Westport [at 98 Horseneck Road]  
& goes shopping at the Head of Westport & Westport Point.*

**Wednesday, June 5.** This day I commence a journal of my proceedings, weather, etc. Beginning with fair weather, wind SSW. This AM worked on the road till half-past one o'clock in the PM. Then began to hoe corn.

**Thursday, June 6.** Cloudy wind SW. Busy hoing corn. This evening went to a spree to J. Whalons, broke up half-past 10 o'clock.

**Friday, June 7.** All calm and foggy. PM light breezes from SE to NE. Had J. Hitt half day and H. Hitt all day to hoe corn.

**Saturday, June 8.** AM cloudy winds NE, in the PM clear, wind SW tops of the ground dry. T. Hitt all day, H. Hitt half day to hoe, finished weeding corn, sun half an hour high.

**Sunday, June 9.** High winds from the NW and clear. Stayed the evening to A. Wilcox's, company broke up 11 o'clock.

**Monday, June 10.** This morning frost seen in many places, high wind from the NW and W in the PM. Squally with showers, went to mill to A.H.s. Bought half pound of tobacco of T. Almy 10 cents, got the horse shod to L. Giffords. Then went to hoing potatoes.

**Tuesday, June 11.** Very cold for the season, wind NW and a plenty of blue clouds. Hoed till 5 o'clock, then went to harrowing, B. Mosher to help. G. Mosher had the horse in the AM to harrow. Received the "*Working Men's Prefs., Vol. 2, No. 1.*"

**Wednesday, June 12.** Wind NW and some cloudy. AM hoed. PM went to the Head of the river, bought sundries 21 cents. Devol bought 3 lambs 9\$6¢ per head.

**Thursday, June 13.** AM calm and warm, hoed potatoes. PM wind S by E and cloudy, went to the Point, bought a barrel of flour 6\$40¢ and one quarter of a lb. of tobacco 6 cents.

**Friday, June 14.** Last night had a thunder shower. AM wind S and foggy, hoed. PM wind W by S, worked on the road.

**Saturday, June 15.** Wind SW and part of the day cloudy. Worked on the new road by T. Gidley's.

**Sunday, June 16.** Wind NW and dry. Began to take "Iodine". Stayed the evening to R. Lawrence's company, broke up 10 o'clock

**Monday, June 17.** Wind N by W and some cloudy. Hoed till half past 4 in the PM then went to get herbs. Pa brought home from Dartmouth, hurt by an iron bar striking his leg when helping to load a stone. I should have observed that Pa went to work on the Padanaram bridge the day I commenced my Journal.

**Tuesday, June 18.** AM wind NE, in the PM SE. and round to S by W and clear. Whiped and burnt bushes, stuck beans, etc.

**Wednesday, June 19.** Clear and dry, wind NW & round in the PM to WSW. Whiped bushes.

**Thursday, June 20.** Cloudy and some rain, wind S by E. AM had R. Mosher to work, harrowed, sat cabbage plants and whiped bushes. PM went to mill.

**Friday, June 21.** Thick cloudy, wind S by E. AM whiped bushes. PM had R. Mosher whiped bushes till 4 o'clock then went to harrowing. At 7 began to rain.

**Saturday, June 22.** Last night we had a fine rain which lasted till 7 o'clock. This morning wind SE, at 9 wind NW and in the PM wind NE. AM walked about gentleman-like; PM whiped bushes. Pa began to work yesterday.

**Sunday, June 23.** This AM light wind from the south and warm growing weather from N till 3 calm, then a light breeze from the NE. Half past 3 left to carry Pa over to E. Howlands where he boards when to work on the bridge. This evening there was a large company here of young folks, broke up 10 o'clock.

**Monday, June 24.** Cloudy and small rain in the morning, wind NE. Noon E. Afternoon E by S. AM hoed a little stuck beans. Afternoon went over the river, did no work on the farm. Received from N.B. a blind bridle, saddle & breeching harness \$7.50.

**Tuesday, June 25.** About 5 o'clock this morning it began to rain steadily till 2. Wind SE. About 6 o'clock in the PM the wind shifted to NW where it now blows a fresh breeze & quite cool & wet for the season. Did a few chores & thus I spent the day.

**Wednesday, June 26.** Clear this morning & by 10 o'clock rained a smart shower, wind W by N, PM cloudy. Sold to Capt. Baker 6 lambs & 1 old sheep 10.58. Began to hoe potatoes 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Thursday, June 27.** AM showery & most calm. PM wind SW and clear weather. Hoed potatoes slow hoing, the ground being so wet.

**Friday, June 28.** All clear winds NW. PM hazy, the wind hawled round WSW. Had R. Mosher harrowed & hoed.

**Saturday, June 29.** A light breeze to the North this AM. PM wind WSW. Clear & warm, hoed. PM began to ½ hill corn. This evening went to Clayville.

**Sunday, June 30.** Clear weather. AM calm & quite warm. PM wind SW. Spent the evening to L. Cornells company, left 10 o'clock.

## **July, 1833**

*Good summer weather for haying;  
Frederick's father gave him his first watch.*

**Monday, July 1.** Fair weather & a fresh breeze all day from the WSW. The evening saw the moon eclipsed. Hoed corn all this day.

**Tuesday, July 2.** Foggy wind SW. Had G. Mosher & R.M. to help hoe. Finished ½ hilling corn sun 15' high. Pa left work on the bridge.

**Wednesday, July 3.** AM calm and foggy, mended up gaps in wall. Pa helped and will take the care of farming now. PM wind SW and smart showers, went to bed slept till 3 o'clock, the rest of the day idle.

**Thursday, Fourth of July 1833.** This morning calm and warm the rest of the day wind W by S. Made wall till 10 o'clock in the AM. Idle or did nothing till 4, then went a fishing & caught nothing, had a good time a swimming. Small company here this evening.

**Friday, July 5.** Light wind from the north and very drying day, ground a new sythe this morning. Had the headache, didnt do much till PM then whaped bushes. At 7 o'clock Ma arrived from Fall River; left home Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

**Saturday, July 6.** This morning Pa presented to me a watch, the first one that I ever owned. This AM calm, clear & very warm. PM wind SW, drew a load of wood & that is all I have done today. This evening brought home my sythe stick, paid 50¢ for making.

**Sunday, July 7.** Wind SW and foggy. Went a fishing caught ten skups, got home at Noon. PM warm growing weather. Slept or laid abed three hours this AM. Stayed the evening to F. Brownells, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, July 8.** Most of the day fair and quite warm. Wind SE. AM whiped bushes about one hour. PM ground a new sythe. The rest of the day spent in reading and other amusements of my own. Farmers in general has begun to mow.

**Tuesday, July 9.** Showery most all day and warm, light wind westerly. Went a skuping got 2. Whiped some bushes. Just at sunset a most beautiful blue cloud lay in the NW.

**Wednesday, July 10.** AM wind NW in the PM round to W by S and clear. Began to mow ½ past twelve, bees swarmed.

**Thursday, July 11.** Fine hay and corn weather fresh wind SW all day. Mowing and raking today. Sunset in a thick low cloud.

**Friday, July 12.** Wind from WNW to WSW clear and warm, a royal scorching hay day. Mowed and got up hay.

**Saturday, July 13.** Hazy till about 9 o'clock. The rest of the day good hay weather, wind S.W. Mowed some & got up hay. For these 4 days past royal good hay weather. Evening went to ClayVille.

**Sunday, July 14.** This morning calm & foggy. At 10 clear & extreme hot; in the PM wind W by SW towards night foggy & in the evening rained. Mr. A. Upjohn, wife & 2 children made us a visit. Spent the evening to G. Allen's company left ½ past 10.

**Monday, July 15.** Morning foggy at 7, cleared off and a fine hay-day ensued. High wind about W. Morning ground a new sythe then mowed & got up hay. Sun sat in a blue cloud.

**Tuesday, July 16.** High winds from the W & WSW & clear. Mowed, raked & picked hay all day. Had T. Gidley to help.

**Wednesday, July 17.** High winds from NW to SW & good hay weather. Mowed and got up hay, had R. Mosher to help. Bought 5⅛ yards white drilling **gd.**, per yd. 68¾ cents.

**Thursday, July 18.** Rather dull hay weather today, wind from NW to SW & NE & part of the time calm. PM showers all round & sprinkled a little here. Mowed & got up hay. Sat up a hay cap.

**Friday, July 19.** All good hay weather. PM cloudy wind from N to SW blowed fresh part of the time. Mowed, spread, raked & picked hay. Had a hard days work.

**Saturday, July 20.** Thick cloudy all day & light variable winds. AM raked and stacked hay. PM went to bed laid till 4, the rest of day followed my own amusements.

**Sunday, July 21.** Cloudy all day & warm light wind easterly. AM went down to Grand Pa's, got home again by ½ past 12 Noon. The rest of the day stayed at home. Spent the evening to W. White's company, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, July 22.** Morning foggy wind SW by 9 fair weather. PM calm & very warm, thundered but no rain. Mowed, spread, raked, & stacked hay all day till almost dark.

**Tuesday, July 23.** Good hay weather, wind ENE & ESE. Finished mowing 9 o'clock this AM. The rest of the day got up hay.

**Wednesday, July 24.** AM clear, PM clouds with thunder and wind a few drops of rain, wind SW.

**Thursday, July 25.** Wind NE & part of the day cloudy.

**Friday, July 26.** Variable winds and fair weather.

**Saturday, July 27.** Fair weather PM high wind from the SW. The 24, 25, 26 & 27 mowed for J.S. on the J.K. farms.

**Sunday, the twenty-eighth of July, One thousand Eight Hundred & thirty three.** High winds from the NNW and NNE all day. Ground very dry, vegetation suffers for rain. About home the most of the day, at 5 rode over to Capt. H.L. Folks not at home I wanted to see so I came directly home again. *[Ed. note: Frederick's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.]*

**Monday, July 29.** AM clear ◀ N. PM high ◀ SW. Noon mowed oats. PM got up oats for J. Whalen's. Mrs. N. Upjohn came from N.B. today.

**Tuesday, July 30.** AM stiff gales from the SW & small rain. PM between 4 & 5 rained a small shower. Went down to cousin T. Allen and spent most of the day. This evening went to a spree to J.P.

**Wednesday, July 31.** AM ◀ N. PM ◀ SW & clear. Shred and raked oats.

## **August, 1833**

*Frederick goes fishing & buys tobacco;*

*Begins construction of boathouse; Pa buys quantities of flour & molasses.*

**Thursday, August 1.** Clear with fresh gales from the WNW & W. Drawed oats into the barn. Finished getting English grass & grain. This season has been remarkable good for hay makers.

**Friday, August 2.** AM light ◀ from the N, PM SE & cloudy. Did a few chores today, but no hard work.

**Saturday, August 3.** Fair SE. Drawed mud into the barnyard. J.L. made me a jacket of cotton drilling, making 37cents & 5 buttons & a pair of trousers for every day ware.

**Sunday, August 4.** Fog clouds a flying into the NE most all day. Between 6 & 7 began to thunder & rain. Pretty considerable hard & lasted about 5 hours. About home most of the day and evening.

**Monday, August 5.** Light breeze part of the day from the south & warm at N a small shower. AM most idle. PM taped up a stack & drawed dirt into the barn yard. Bought 1 qt. of oil 27 cents.

**Tuesday, August 6.** Most of the day clear S by E. Mowed for J.W. down on the “Old woman’s hill”, so called.

**Wednesday, August 7.** Early this morning rained, the rest of the day fair & warm ◀ SW. Oiled my monkey jacket, picked a load of oats out of the wagon & hoed up dirt to draw into barnyard.

**Thursday, August 8.** NE & fair. Mowed mash this morning till 9 o’clock on C. Neck. Then drew dirt into the barnyard.

**Friday, August 9.** Cloudy all day and rained considerable ◀ NE. AM mowed mash till it rained, at 4 in the PM went a whittle burying.

**Saturday, August 10.** Last night very cool, today clear, lights northerly. This morning drove the oxen to L.G. & got them shod & drew a load of wood. PM raked salt hay.

**Sunday, August 11.** AM most calm, PM fresh gales WSW & some hazy. About home most of the day, helped to make a rake to clear out a channel from D.W.L. Neck to the main channel. Young folks to F.B.

**Monday, August 12.** Fresh gales from the S. All day & fair weather. Drew a load of salt hay of the neck, got it loaded & the ladder broke down, repaired that and got as far as the crossway & there got mired, one wheel chock to the hub, got Col. P.T. & R.L. to help me out, then came home nicely. PM stacked it, had R.I. Mosher to help me. The rest of the day I devoted to rest & reading.

**Tuesday, August 13.** Morning smart rain after that foggy. PM fair & very warm ◀ S by E. Did some chores and walked several miles in a most all directions, but not too much purpose or profit.

**Wednesday, August 14.** Clear weather, fresh breeze W by N. Began to dig a place for me a boat house. At 6 went to the carding-mill at Clayville.

**Thursday, August 15.** Clear. AM calm, PM light breeze from the south.

**Friday, August 16.** Calm all day, hazy & warm. Dug some on my boat house & pulled weeds in the sauce yard.

**Saturday, August 17.** Warm & some cloudy, light. Past night watched with Mr. Pierce, today whiped bushes & did some chores besides.

**Sunday, August 18.** High ◀ NNW & some cloudy & cool. AM went on C. Neck, garded the sheep. Went to B.Gs. Most of the PM to home. Stayed the evening to J. Whalon’s left ½ after 10 o’clock.

**Monday, August 19.** Clear weather light ◀ SW & very smooth sea. Commenced going to the beach, didn't get off our seine, mated the HB & caught 13 bbls. Bought ½ pt of oil 7cents. Pa bought bbls of flour \$6.95 and ten gallons of molasses 36 cents per gal.

**Tuesday, August 20.** Light breeze, ESE & clear. Today brought down my bed & stayed all night, caught 10 bbls. of fish all that was caught today. Pa bought a pair of 4 year old oxen of P. Shearman \$46.

**Wednesday, August 21.** AM calm & clear, PM ◀ SE & some cloudy. Didn't get off today, Towards night came home. Oiled my jacket.

**Thursday, August 22.** Calm, some fog & very warm. In the morning went a cranberrying, lost my knife on the bog. PM got off.

**Friday, August 23.** Fresh gales from the NE & small rain. 49 bbls. all there was caught. In the PM came home.

**Saturday August 24.** Fresh gales NE & clear weather "off" all day & no fish caught by any of the seines.

**Sunday, August 25.** Clear ◀ SW. Ground very dry & streams low. AM went over to the Dr. PM at home. S. I. Gifford came to see me. Spent the evening to a N. Cases company, broke up 16 minutes past 9 o'clock.

**Monday, August 26.** Fresh gales SW & clear weather. No fish caught today. Swaped knives with A. Lawrence, gave 24 cents to boot.

**Tuesday, August 27.** Fresh gale SW & some fog clouds this AM. Came home from the beach. PM went to Clayville, got ¼ lb. of tobacco 5¢. Went to Mr. Giffords and I brought home some rolls.

**Wednesday, August 28.** Winds NE & some cloudy. AM cut stalks and drilled 16 inches. PM dry out a gutter from the channel, towards David's "L. Neck". Today Pa swaped horses with Tim Tripp.

**Thursday, August 29.** This morning frost seen. Today ◀ from NE to SE & some cloudy & no fish today. Had a party of 7 ladies come to see us launch a boat and rowed the ladies to the Hen & Chicks and back again, then went on the Horse Neck a pluming [*i.e. for beach plums*].

**Friday, August 30.** Last night quite a smart shower, today clear ◀ in the morning NW, afternoon SW. No fish today, changed knives with J. Gifford, had 20 cents to boot. Just at sunset got home from the beach.

**Saturday, August 31.** Stiff gales from the SW & cloudy with small rain. Drawed wood, dirt, stones & sea weed.

## September, 1833

*Around Westport – sets seines (nets) & catches a lot of fish;  
Went to a Bible meeting; Dr. Handy treats his sore throat.*

**Sunday, September 1.** High ◀ NW. Cloudy & quite cool. To home all day. Fruits this year quite plenty, such as pears, peaches, and wild cherries; apples in this neighborhood rather scarce. Spent this evening to L. Cornell's very large company. Swaped knives with A.T. Davis at party, left for home half past ten o'clock

**Monday, September 2.** Clear weather & fresh gales NW. Lounged about on the beach most of the day in the PM, went a beach pluming over the ponds & went in a swimming to the little harbour. Saw several small schools of fish, but didn't get off. ¼ lb. of tobacco 4¢.

**Tuesday, September 3.** AM calm & clear, latter parts of the fresh ◀ SW & hazy. Caught 61 bbls of fish today. This evening came home & went to meeting to the school house Mr. H. White speaker 17 years old, talked very well, text "Why will ye die" to be found in the book Ezekiel.

**Wednesday, September 4.** AM rainy ◀ S by E. PM moderate. 12 o'clock got off & took 84 bbls. This evening came home & had a spree here.

**Thursday, September 5.** Fair weather fresh ◀ SW & rough sea. No fish taken today. Swaped knives with E. Gifford gave 10 cents to boot.

**Friday, September 6.** Fresh ◀ SW & clear. Sat our seine 3 times & hauled ashore once, caught no fish, all the rest of the seines took some. The water very thick & riley & fish in small schools & runy.

**Saturday, September 7.** Hazy ◀ NW. PM Sunday under the sun. Great fishing today all the crews busy, caught 219 bbls. Rowed off from the beach to a school of fish with the light boat & got to it the same the HB did, had some words about it, we offered to mate, but they would not & so left the fish to us. The fish run out & were **not sat for**.

**Sunday, September 8.** All rainy, PM cloudy ◀ NE. Stayed to home all this day, fixed a knife. Spent the evening to Greene & Allens left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, September 9.** Wind from NE to SE & cloudy, good fishing today, caught 226 bbls. IB high hook 356 barrels.

**Tuesday, September 10.** Fresh ◀ from NE to SE & the AM rained fast caught 177 barrels. High Hook today.

**Wednesday, September 11.** Clear weather. Winds north west. Took 127½ bbls BB high Hook 130 bbls



**Thursday, September 12.** Most of the day fair and moderate. Just at night took a squall from the NW. Caught 163½ bbls.

**Friday, September 13.** Fresh N clear & quite cool. Took 56 bbls this morning. None of the rest of the seines took any except the “Whites” whom in taking their position for setting for their fish they rowed into the middle of our school while we were setting our seine, which drove the fish out and we had to take up the seine. A very mean piece of business.

**Saturday, September 14.** Last night a smacking white frost. This AM moderate; latter part of the day stiff gales WSW & clear. Took 90 bbls., came home 45 minutes past 7 o'clock.

**Sunday, September 15.** Clear & the AM calm, PM light SW. Stayed to home all this day, did some chores. Spent the evening to A. Wilcox, left ½ past 9.

**Monday, September 16.** Fresh ◀ NW & clear, got no fish today, most all of the seines took some, saw a great many small schools. For three days past had a sneering cold in my head.

**Tuesday, September 17.** Clear AM calm PM ◀ SW. Hard luck today, that is worked hard & no fish hardly did we catch except 18½ bbls. low hooks.

**Wednesday, September 18.** Stiff gales from the S & rainy, took 96 bbls. only one seine more got any it being very rugged weather & water too.

**Thursday, September 19.** Winds S by W & foggy, rough sea & rily water. Mended seine and knit a piece to put into the back of the little seine, tonight came home on account of not being rugged, my throat being soar.

**Friday, September 20.** Fair weather ◀ SW. Helped to draw some small stones. This PM didn't do much. Ma returned home from Barney's Joy, left Tues.

**Saturday, September 21.** Very calm all day & rainy. This PM went over to Dr. Handy's & got some medicine to eat for my throat.

**Sunday, September 22.** Cloudy light NE & cool. About home all this day. Spent the evening to J. Whalon's company, left ¼ past 9 o'clock.

**Monday, September 23.** Most of the day cloudy & wind NE. This PM went a graping, found them very plenty & excellent good.

**Tuesday, September 24.** Fair weather & ◀ NW. Drawed a load of fish from a most down to the “opening”. Gone 7 hours & a ¼.

**Wednesday, September 25.** Wind from NW round to WSW & fair weather. Drawed a load of fish, gone 6 hours, PM spread fish.

**Thursday, September 26.** Clear ◀ NW. Spread some fish. PM went to the Dr.'s.

**Friday, September 27.** Clear, early ◀ SWS at 7½ W & at 3 in the PM NW. At 2 o'clock this morning, left home with Pa and L.H. Took Capt. Tripp's scow from the wharf & went down to the SE part of the great flats & took in 115 heaps of hay, got up to D. Wings shore 8 o'clock, drew it out, two tons by estimation, & carried the scow back to the wharf & got home again 4 o'clock in the PM. Had an invite to go to Providence by J. Allen but declined on account of not having any sort of business.

**Saturday, September 28.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. Spredd hay, stacked fish and gathered apples. This evening went to O. Almy's, ClayVille.

**Sunday, September 29.** Most of the day cloudy ◀ S. Ground dry & streams very low indeed. This AM to home, PM went to meeting to the schoolhouse, meeting held by E. Tripp. Spent the evening to S. Cornells company, left for home three-quarters past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, September 30.** Clear & warm. AM light ◀ westerly. PM nearly calm. Cleared out the cellar, gathered apples & turned hay.

## **October, 1833**

*Busy harvesting corn; buys materials for his dock & Pa buys for his new house; Musters with company in Fairhaven & works on boat house foundation.*

**Tuesday, October 1.** Fresh ◀ ENE & cloudy at 4 in the PM small rain. Sorted potatoes, shelled corn & raked hay.

**Wednesday, October 2.** Wind SE, towards night SW, cloudy all day & some fine rain. PM went to the head of the river to mill. ¼ lb. tobac. 5¢.

**Thursday, October 3.** Fair ◀ SW. Cleared out the crib, spread hay & began to h???

**Friday, October 4.** Fair ◀ NNW. Husked corn & raked & stacked hay.

**Saturday, October 5.** Wind from E round to SW & clear. Went to the head of the river to mill, dug potatoes, husked corn & got the same into the crib & cellar.

**Sunday, October 6.** Cloudy ◀ southerly. Did some chores & to home most of the day. P. Cornell, Jun., married today, had an invite to wedding but declined. Spent the evening to G. Allen's, left for home 10 o'clock.

**Monday, October 7.** Calm, clear & very warm. Finished digging potatoes got them into the celler & sorted them complete.

**Tuesday, October 8.** Wind SE & some rainy by spells, till 5 this PM and then rained stedy till sometime in the night. Did some chores. Had my hair cut.

**Wednesday, October 9.** Fair ◀ NW & warm. Harvested corn.

**Thursday, October 10.** AM calm, cloudy & warm. PM light breeze SW & fair. Busy harvesting. Miss J. P. made me a blue flannel jacket.

**Friday, October 11.** Clear & cooler, than it has been this fall before ◀ NW. Busy harvesting. This evening took up a hive of bees.

**Saturday, October 12.** Cloudy ◀ SE & some small rain in large drops. Went to training all day, had plenty of double quick steps or running company met to C. Whites. Young folks here this evening, left ¼ past 9 o'clock.

**Sunday, October 13.** Last night between 9 & 10 o'clock sat in to blow from the SE and rain, a royal snorter. This AM stiff gales SE squally and a very high tide. PM wind to WNW about home all day. Evening spent in several places.

**Monday, October 14.** Clear & stiff gales WSW. This morning had a fortune letter to tell me a thing or two. 25 cents. Busy husking & cribbing corn. Our company mustered today in Fair Haven under Cap. E. Shearman.

**Tuesday, October 15.** Most of the day calm & cloudy. Busy harvesting.

**Wednesday, October 16.** Wind SW & showery with some thunder. Finished harvesting corn, complete 100 bushels by estimation grewed on 2 acres on the west part of the old barn meadow. Drawed a load of wood.

**Thursday, October 17.** Cloudy, warm & some misty. Just at night a shower.

**Friday, October 18.** Stiff gales WSW & fair. Yesterday cleaned out my gun & got ready to go a gunning ½ past 12 Noon. Started for G.N. Bar, stayed all night. This morning went on the neck & stayed, the tide very poor gunning, not a single fowl killed to the bar today.

**Saturday, October 19.** Light ◀ NW & hazy. PM dug on my boat house.

**Sunday, October 20.** Between 7 & 8 this morning began to rain, light ◀ NE. About home all day. Small company to L. Cornells the eve. left ¾ past 8.

**Monday, October 21.** Stedy rain all yesterday, last night & today. Light breeze NE. Did some little chores for myself.

**Tuesday, October 22.** Rainy last night & most of today, moderate ◀ S & SW. Finished digging my boat house & hav'nt got no boat nether.

**Wednesday, October 23.** Fresh ◀ WSW & clear. AM drawed stones for my BH. Pa helped me. Sent to N.B. by J.W. & bought me a ▲ file 8 cts a small one. [BH = boathouse]

**Thursday, October 24.** Fresh ◀ SSW clear & warm. Drawed stones for BH, 3 loads.

**Friday, October 25.** Fresh ◀ W by S & smokey air. Dug & drew stones for BH, 3 loads.

**Saturday, October 26.** Fresh ◀ most of the day W by S & clear. Did some little chores.

**Sunday, October 27.** Wind S by W & cloudy, rambled round home this AM. PM to home, stayed the evening to F. Brownells left ¾ past 9 o'clock

**Monday, October 28.** AM cloudy, PM fair. Dug stones. ¼ lb. tobacco, 5 cts.

**Tuesday, October 29.** Clear ◀ NW & quite cool. Thrashed for J.W. Howland. Took of P. Potter \$1.25 cts. for a jacket I sold him last July. Took a bad cold today.

**Wednesday, October 30.** Cold & cloudy ◀ NW. Cut & drew a load of wood this PM. O.B. Howland and A.A. Howland from Scipio made us a visit. *[Scipio was/is a Quaker community in the Finger Lakes region of New York State.]*

**Thursday, October 31.** Clear ◀ NNW. Foddered the cattle this morning for the first time this season. PM went to the bridge & took the scow & went to the wharf & took in 16000 of shingles & 3000 ft. of boards & for myself 1,000 of shingles & 229 ft. of boards \$5.75 cts. This evening between 10 & 11 brought up the scow to D. Wings shore & drew up a load of shingles, got home 1 o'clock.

## **November, 1833**

*Goes oystering; works on his boathouse;  
Buys & sells books; surveys a road.*

**Friday, November 1.** AM calm, PM fresh ◀ N by S & clear. Drew lumber.

**Saturday, November 2.** Cloudy & smoky air. WNW. AM went to Uncle G. Allen's stayed until 3 o'clock this PM. This evening went to quilting to A. Jacksons.

**Sunday, November 3.** Clear ◀ N. AM about home, PM went to uncle G. Allen's, stayed the PM & evening. The Scipio girls OKH & AAH leave for home tomorrow morning.

**Monday, November 4.** Cold, clear ◀ N. Drew a load of wood, picked stubble stones & got the apples into the cellar.

**Tuesday, November 5.** Light ◀ N & cold ½ past 11 this AM. Left for Tiverton with Wm. Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin at 3 this PM arrived to Wm. Almys stayed till after tea, then went with William over to G. Almy's, stayed the evening, then went back again, saw Wm's Journal, which is kept very much in the same state as mine, as to remarks on weather.

**Wednesday, November 6.** Early this morning calm, the rest of the day fresh ◀ SW & cloudy. This morning saw and heard the old squaw's & Indians sing merrily, which put me in mind, if I lived on their pleasant shores what sport I might have shooting them & other sorts of

sea fowl. This AM called to Mrs. P. Cory's, one o'clock this PM left for home arrived 4 o'clock, dist. 9 miles.

**Thursday, November 7.** Clear ◀ SW & moderate. Killed & picked geese & chickens.

**Friday, November 8.** Warm & hazy ◀ SW. Went a gunning, shot twice & killed 0. got home ¼ past 11 o'clock. ¼ lb. tobacco, 4 cts. PM did 0, saw a flock of W geese.

**Saturday, November 9.** Stiff gales SW & cloudy. Surveyed the driftway from Dr. H.'s four corners southerly to the road by the wind mills, which took 'till night. *[This refers to today's Drift Road from intersection of Drift & Hix Bridge Road by the Handy House, then south.]*

**Sunday, November 10.** Scarcely a cloud to be seen today ◀ WNW. About home all day, PM wrote off some poetry. Young folks stayed the evening here, left ½ past 9.

**Monday, November 11.** Light ◀ SW clear & warm. Went to Town meeting spent 60 cents. Had a spree to J. Whalon's this evening, company left ¼ past 11 o'clock.

**Tuesday, November 12.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ SW between 3 & 4, in the PM ◀ hauled round to NW & cleared away & cooler. Cut & drew a load of wood.

**Wednesday, November 13.** This morning from one o'clock till daylight a remarkable sparkling & shooting of stars. Today high ◀ WNW & some blue clouds. AM drove the sheep home of the neck, sold *Classical Reader* 67 cents to G.W.H. PM did 0.

**Thursday, November 14.** Fair ◀ South. AM went to AH to mill. PM went to the Point, Bought of P. Allen one graplin 6 ¼ lbs. \$1, one six-pronged cell spear, \$1.04. Paid G.G.H. for 22 No. *Workingmen's Press* 84 cents. Resolved not to ask E. Wing & S. Slade to goe, come or stay anymore, not but what we as good friends as ever.

**Friday, November 15.** Last night quite rainy ◀ SE. This AM very warm & calm, about noon some showers, PM fresh gales SW & cloudy. Had E. Peiroe to help me stone up my boathouse, \$1. PM Pa helped me, did not finish.

**Saturday, November 16.** Some cloudy ◀ SW. AM got out stone for BH. PM went to the Point bought of P. Allen a pair of oyster rakes \$2.75 cents This week their has been a great talk about oysters & I should guess 300 bushels catched averaging from ten to fifteen crafts a day for four days past.

**Sunday, November 17.** Cloudy & cold, some snow flakes ◀ west. Paid S.C. for plank, 8 cents. Had P. Potter to handle my oyster rakes, 25 cents. Stayed the eve. to S.C., left ¼ past 9.

**Monday, November 18.** Moderate weather ◀ WNW & some cloudy. This day went oystering, caught 3¼ bushels. Today Pa killed beef, wt. 671 pounds.

**Tuesday, November 19.** Fresh ◀ NW hazy & cold. Went a oystering caught 2 bushels. Sold oysters \$3.25. Tore off my little finger nail close down to the root on my left hand. Pa bought a barrel of flour \$6.31.

**Wednesday, November 20.** Clear, cold ◀ north. AM went eeling took 3 down. PM cut a load of wood and helped to load it. Bought a plank 40 cents let JWH it same for the ...

**Thursday, November 21.** Last night froze the hardest of any night or day this fall. Today ◀ SE, blue clouds, & chilly. Part of the day went oystering, got between ½ bush. & 3 pecks sold them for 50 cents. Sold my oyster rakes to J. Brightman for \$3.33; my jigg is now out for oystering. Spent 12 cents.

**Friday, November 22.** AM Cloudy & some rain; about midday began to rain stedy ◀ SE. AM went to D. Wing's to mill, rest of the day did 0. Tonight put up the cattle in the barn the first time this season.

**Saturday, November 23.** Yesterday stedy rain from Noon till about 11 o'clock at night, & most of the time very fast. Today no clouds but thick smoky air & fresh ◀ W by N. Drawed 3 loads of stones for my BH. Rest of the day did next to nothing. This evening went to seine meeting to J. Brightman's. Whole number of barrels fish from caught from 19<sup>th</sup> Aug. to the 24<sup>th</sup> September 1833. 1156 ½ bbls. Pa's shair 266 bbls.

**Sunday, November 24.** Wind WNW & smoky air. About home all day. Young folks to John Whites this evening, company left for home half past 9 o'clock.

**Monday, November 25.** This morning from about 4 o'clock till 9 fell one inch of snow & then turned to rain & continued all day ◀ NE. Did some chores for myself.

**Tuesday, November 26.** Wind from NNE to NNW & most of the day small snow, enough to whiten the ground. AM made me a hand sled. PM did 0.

**Wednesday, November 27.** Fair weather & high ◀ West. AM dragged stones & made an abutment. PM picked two geese, bought ¼ lb. of tobacco 6 cents.

**Thursday, November 28.** Clear ◀ NW. AM shelled out a grist of corn & went to mill then made me an eel spear pole & a few other chores. Sold oysters \$2.00.

**Friday, November 29.** Calm all day & hazy. Thrashed oats all day & stacked the straw.

**Saturday, November 30.** Last night about 11 o'clock, until 9 this evening rained quite fast ◀ from E to NE & back to SE. Tinkered upon a saw, most of the day 0.

## **December, 1833**

*Working hard on boathouse & buys a boat.*

**Sunday, December 1.** Cloudy all day from 9 o'clock to 12 rainy light ◀ North. AM to home, PM shacking about the neighbourhood. Swaped knives with Greene Allen had 15 cents, then with A.C. White gave 20 cents to boot. Stayed the evening from half past 7 to 10 o'clock to F. Brownells, then cleared for home.

**Monday, December 2.** Thick cloudy all day ◀ NE. Not much work done by me today. PM received a new Boat delivered to me on D. Wing's shore by B. Gifford.

**Tuesday, December 3.** Thick cloudy all day ◀ NE. Part of the AM stoned up BH. Pa helped me. PM dug stones down to the road to the west of the woods.

**Wednesday, December 4.** Cloudy all day AM foggy ◀ NE. AM cut a load of wood to home & another on C. Neck & drew it home. Then went to mill. [*C. Neck = Cadman's Neck*]

**Thursday, December 5.** Very warm & pleasant & quite calm most of the day. Had J. Whalon to hew timber 4 hours. Pa hewed till we finished, then drew it to the shore & drew home a load of seaweed. This evening went to ClayVille, bought 7¼ lbs. cut nails 58 cents, 1¾ wrought 26 cents, ¼ lb. tobacco 5 cents.

**Friday, December 6.** Fair, N by E & cooler. Had J.W.H. to build my BH. I worked with him.

**Saturday, December 7.** Some cloudy ◀ NNE. Had J.W.H to work on BH, I worked with him. Pa part of the day. I went to the wharf bought 500 singles \$1.62 cents & 60 ft. of boards 69 cents, 2 lb. cut nails from the bridge 16cents.

**Sunday, December 8.** Stiff gales from the East & cloudy. Went to the Point with C. Potter. Paid Barney Wing for my boat \$23.50 cents & 25 cents I gave him for his car. Got home 3 o'clock this PM. Stayed the evening to S. Cornells, left ½ past 8 o'clock.

**Monday, December 9.** Last night about 5 o'clock began to rain, the wind blew from the SE a real hurricane & rained powerfully, part of the time, between 1 & 2, the height of the gale. Blew off two hay caps. Today clear high ◀ West. Repaired the two hay caps & raised them, which took all day.

**Tuesday, December 10.** Part of the day cloudy, high ◀ WNW. Bought of L. Gifford two pair of hinges \$1.00 for BH. Did some chores, busy all day.

**Wednesday, December 11.** Clear weather ◀ NNW. AM went to mill & drew a load of wood. PM did some chores, evening went to ClayVille, bought one padlock 18 cts, 8 cts. Then went to M. Sissons to a spree stayed 1½ hours.

**Thursday, December 12.** Clear weather light ◀ NNW. Had J.W. Howland to work upon BH. I worked with him all day.

**Friday, December 13.** Fair, light ◀ North & keen air. This morning helped J. Whalon kill his hog. Drewed two loads of sea weeds off of C. Neck for J.W.H which makes the balance due him from me for his three days work. Went to mill.

**Saturday, December 14.** Most of the day cloudy ◀ E by N. Did some chores. Had some irons of L. Gifford 4 cents. Pa bought of Joseph Mosher a cow 15 dollars.

**Sunday, December 15.** Last night snowed enough to whiten the ground. Today stiff gales ENE & cloudy to home all day. Two weeks ago today Pa sold J. Mosher a cow & calk \$35. Stayed the evening to G. Allen's left ¼ past 10 o'clock

**Monday, December 16.** Cloudy all day ◀ NE. Killed hogs 2 young & 1 old weight 563 lbs. The rest of the day very busy choreing.

**Tuesday, December 17.** Stiff gales E by N & cloudy ½ past 12 N. Began to rain & the ◀ to blow a heavy gale. AM cut a load of wood. The rest of the day busy cautering for myself.

**Wednesday, December 18.** The storm continued last night till about 11 o'clock. AM calm & foggy. PM ◀ NE & rainy. Went to mill & underpinned BH. The remainder of the day did not much of anything.

**Thursday, December 19.** This morning before day snowed enough to whiten the ground. AM ◀ NE & drizzly. PM cloudy & cooler. AM cleared out BH. PM helped to make sausages. The rest of the day did not much.

**Friday, December 20.** Very clear, light air. N & quite warm. AM went eeling took 6 doz., came home, cleaned them out, drewed a load of wood.

**Saturday, December 21.** Very calm, warm & the AM clear PM hazy. Went to the beach & got a pair of broken oars. G.W.H. went with me. Came home & cut up wood to the door. Pa swaped his 4 years old oxen for a pair of 6 years old with Joseph Raynol. Pa had \$1 to boot.

**Sunday, December 22.** AM calm & very rainy. PM cleared away & the ◀ sprang from the NW a pleasant breeze. To home most of the day. Paid H. Hitts 10 cts. Quite a large company to S. Cornells this evening left ¾ past 10.

**Monday, December 23.** Fair weather, light ◀ NNE most of the day. The rest of the day to work for myself. Sold eels 85 cents.

**Tuesday, December 24.** About 4 o'clock this morning began to rain & continued till 12 at N. E by N. PM thick foggy ◀ hauled round to SW. AM did 0. PM gathered Creeping Jenny so called by the Indians, by others Evergreens.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25.** This morning very calm & pleasant, till about 9 o'clock, the rest of the day cloudy & the traveling very muddy ◀ NE. AM gathered Creeping Jenny. PM went to



Clayville, spent 9 cts., 5 of it for tobacco. Evening went to J. Whalon's to a spree, 10 girls & 25 boys, cleared for home 11 o'clock. This evening fell snow enough to whiten the ground.

**Thursday, December 26.** Fair ◀ NW Cut & drew a load of wood & cut it up for the fire. Sold Creeping Jenny \$3.00 This evening saw the moon eclipsed.

**Friday, December 27.** Clear, fresh ◀ NW. AM went to mill, the rest of the day did 0.

**Saturday, December 28.** Most of the day hazy ◀ NW. Thrashed oats & mowed the straw.

**Sunday, December 29.** Fair weather ◀ NW & pleasant. To home all day. Stayed the evening to F. Brownells. Cleared out for home forty-five minutes past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, December 30.** Calm & cloudy all day. AM cut brush. PM Pa helped me draw it.

**Tuesday, December 31.** AM ◀ SE & rainy. PM calm, foggy & warm. Did some chores for myself. Went a frost fishing, caught 18, then went to the Dr.'s & bridge. I now sum up my expenditures from the 1<sup>st</sup> of last June 1833 to this date. Sundries \$ 10.15 cts. Tobacco 54 cts. Boat House \$11.31 cts. Boat \$23.50 cts. Amount of expenditures \$45.51 cts. Received for what I have worked off of the farm & for what I have sold \$18.85 cts. Thus, ends the year of Our Lord 1833.

## 1834

### January, 1834

*Attends local mariners' militia meeting;  
Goes eeling on the ice; cold spell stops work around the farm.*

**Wednesday, January 1.** Very pleasant & clear ◀ NW. AM went to the bridge, spent 15 cts. Most of the PM toe home. Evening the girls & boys in this neighbourhood went to N. Kurbey's. Cleared for home 12 o'clock. Very muddy roads today.

**Thursday, January 2.** AM cloudy. PM rainy ◀ SE. Busy most of the day choring.

**Friday, January 3.** Fair weather ◀ NW. Most of the day busy choring.

**Saturday, January 4.** Fair ◀ NNW & cold. AM did chores. PM went to Clayville, spent 8 cts.

**Sunday, January 5.** This morning from 5 o'clock till 4 this PM fell 2¼ inches of snow ◀ NE. About home all day. Stayed the evening to S. Cornells, left ½ past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, January 6.** Cloudy ◀ NNE & quite cold. Went eeling on the ice caught 7 doz. then went to Clayville for sundry errands.

**Tuesday, January 7.** Last night fell 4 inches of light snow. Today clear, light air NNE. Busy choring. Took 12 cts. This evening fell a little snow.

**Wednesday, January 8.** Moderate ◀ WSW & cloudy. AM went eeling caught 4 doz. PM cleaned eels & split the same. Besides other chores I did.

**Thursday, January 9.** Very clear, pleasant & warm, light air SW. Went eeling caught 9½ dozen, came home, cleaned & split eels. A.C. White helped me.

**Friday, January 10.** Very calm & cloudy all day. Stedy doing chores. Sold eels \$2.96 cents.

**Saturday, January 11.** AM thick cloudy. From 2 o'clock to 7 this PM fell 1½ inches of snow ◀ E by N. AM went to the W.O. Bunn after timber. PM went to C. to choose an ensign. A. Slocum chosen by a majority of one vote. Bought ¼ lbs. of tobacco 5 cents.

**Sunday, January 12.** Rainy, light air northerly. The trees loaded with frozen rain. Stayed to home all day. Evening spent in several places, to home ½ past 8 o'clock.

**Monday, January 13.** High ◀ WNW & clear Most of the day cut brush for the fire.

**Tuesday, January 14.** Clear, light ◀ W by N. Went eeling caught 7½ doz. & cleaned them.

**Wednesday, January 15.** Wind N by W clear & keen air. Dragged stones all day.

**Thursday, January 16.** Clear most of the day, calm latter part ◀ W by W. AM dragged stones. PM coutered for myself. For two or three days past had quite a cold.

**Friday, January 17.** Fresh gales SW & rainy. Busy coutering for myself. Pa swaped with J. Shearman a 2 years old heifer for 4 years old cow, even.

**Saturday, January 18.** Foggy & quite calm & warm. Went eeling caught 3½ doz. Then did 0.

**Sunday, January 19.** Fair, light air SE. About home all day. Evening small rain. Spent the evening to S. Cornells & F. Brownells, cleared for home ½ past 9 o'clock. *[Frederick Brownell (1789-1872) was the father of Hannah C. Brownell, F.A.'s future wife, who was almost 16 at the time.]*

**Monday, January 20.** Wind West & cloudy. For 2 days past very muddy roads. AM did next to nothing. PM worked upon a pair of oars.

**Tuesday, January 21.** Fair weather, fresh ◀ NNW & cold. AM cut wood. PM drewed a load of wood for G. Mosher. Evening went to meeting to the S. house, H. White speaker.

**Wednesday, January 22.** Wind N by W, clear & quite cold. Cut wood. Young folks to S. Cornell's, this evening left for home ¼ past 10 o'clock.

**Thursday, January 23.** Wind NNW clear & very cold. Did nothing.

**Friday, January 24.** Wind NNW clear & Extream cold. Did nothing.

**Saturday, January 25.** Cloudy, light air North & rather more moderate weather. Most of the day cut up wood to the door for the fire.

**Sunday, January 26.** Last night fell 1½ inches of snow. This AM rained ◀ SE. PM ◀ W by N fell 1 inch of snow. To home all day. Spent the evening to S. Cornells. Cleared for home 40 past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, January 27.** Clear ◀ WNW. Sleded wood home, most excellent swamping & quite fair sleighing, first there has been this winter. ¼ lbs. of tobacco 10 cts, Tonquin bean 4.

**Tuesday, January 28.** Clear ◀ WSW. Did some chores. Went to the Head of the river. Bought a neck stock 62½ cts; I paid 12½ cts.

**Wednesday, January 29.** Clear, light ◀ NE. AM sleded brush for J.W. Howlands. PM drewed wood home & cut wood.

**Thursday, Jan. 30.** Sind SE cloudy & thawy. Went to the Point, bought a mast, spreet, & keelpiece 42 cents; one pound of rasins 8 cts.

**Friday, Jan. 31.** AM foggy N. PM nearly clear & calm. Cut wood to the door parts of the day.

## **February, 1834**

*Weather warms as roads get muddy and ice leaves the River;  
Frederick shops in Clayville & New Bedford and works around the farm  
chopping wood and other forestry activities*

**Saturday, February 1.** Cloudy fresh ◀ ENE. Went to mill, the horse fell down & hurt my foot. Did some chores for myself. Evening went to O. Almays, ClayVille.

**Sunday, February 2.** Wind N by W. Clear & very pleasant. About home all day. Charles Potter married today, spent the evening to J. Whites, left 9½ o'clock

**Monday, February 3.** Clear & very pleasant ◀ S. Went a claming, dug 1½ bushels.

**Tuesday, February 4.** Fair weather & moderate breeze SSW & warm. Did 0.

**Wednesday, February 5.** Changeable weather. Went a claming, dug a peck. Rest of day busy.

**Thursday, February 6.** Clear ◀ NNW. AM went to the bridge on an errand. PM did 0. This evening C.P. Jurnegan completes his writing school.

**Friday, February 7.** From about 6 o'clock this morning till 6 this evening, fell 3 inches of light snow ◀ NW. Paid P. Shearman 14 cts. for plaining oars. As for myself, I have not done much worth telling on.

**Saturday, February 8.** Clear AM calm. PM ◀ SW. For 5 days past very muddy roads & now the snow makes hard traveling. Busy most of the day choreing.

**Sunday, February 9.** Cloudy ◀ S & E & thawy. To home all day. Perry Kurby married today. Spent the evening to S. Cornells, cleared for home 10 o'clock.

**Monday, February, 10.** Cloudy ◀ ENE & thawy. AM went to G.M. PM choring.

**Tuesday, February 11.** AM light air N & cloudy, PM nearly clear ◀ SW. Choring for myself.

**Wednesday, February 12.** Clear ◀ N by W & cold. Did a few small chores for myself.

**Thursday, February 13.** AM clear light air N. PM hazy ◀ WSW. Went to N. Bedford, bought 12 yds. drilling \$1.56, one pair of square toed shoes the first I ever had \$1.42. Sundries 32 cts. Arrived home ½ past 7 o'clock this evening.

**Friday, February 14.** Cloudy, light ◀ SWS & some rain. Cut wood & new oak wall. Young folks here this evening, left ½ past 11 o'clock.

**Saturday, February 15.** Thick foggy, small ◀ SSW. Most of the day busy choring.

**Sunday, February 16.** AM cloudy. PM nearly clear ◀ NW. About home all day. Spent the evening to S. Cornells & S. Brownells, left ¼ past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, February 17.** Cloudy all day, AM calm. PM small breeze East. Ice all gone out of the river. Cut and drewed timber.

**Tuesday, February 18.** Very clear & pleasant moderate ◀ SW. Helped to hew timber. John Allen & wife made us a visit.

**Wednesday, February 19.** Cloudy ◀ S by W. Scored in & beat off chips off of timber.

**Thursday, February 20.** Last night rainy. Today not a cloud to be seen. Fresh ◀ East North East. Beat dung. [*Beat dung = breaking up cow pies in the fields to scatter and fertilize.*]

**Friday, February 21.** Very warm & not a cloud, most of the day calm. Just at ◀ S. Scored in & beat off chips off of timber, & drewed timber.

**Saturday, February 22.** Foggy all day, light breeze SSW. Cut & drew timber.

**Sunday, February 23.** Calm & cloudy 12 at N began to rain, small breeze SE. AM went to ER to carry cloth for boat sail. Small company to S.C. left 10¼ o'clock.

**Monday, February 24.** Wind NE & cloudy. AM worked for myself. PM beat dung.

**Tuesday, February 25.** AM snowed & rained steady. PM snow squalls ◀ NE. Frost nearly out of the ground. AM worked for myself. PM drew stones & made wall.

**Wednesday, February 26.** AM ◀ N by E & squalls of snow. PM ◀ NW clear & colder. AM laid a large flat stone over the well, one that I drilled a hole through last winter. PM didn't do much. A sudden occurrence took place today in as much as Stephen Cornell Sr. went into the woods to chopping as well as usual & was brought home a corpse, supposed his exit was occasioned by a fit or ...

**Thursday, February 27.** First part of the day clear, later part hazy ◀ SWS. Went to the saw mill drew home a load of lumber & moved some manure.

**Friday, February 28.** Very pleasant & clear ◀ WSW. Went to S. Cornell's funeral, the rest of the day did 0. Saw a Killdare & heard her sing.

## **March, 1834**

*Frederick works around the farm, doing a lot of stonework, etc.*

*Attends evening religious meetings with minister D. White at schoolhouse.*

**Saturday, March 1.** Light clouds ◀ S. AM got the oxen shod, PM did 0.

**Sunday, March 2.** Last night fell snow enough to make the ground white. This AM rainy ◀ from E to SE, S, SW, W & NW. Afternoon broken clouds. About home all day, spent the evening to G. Allen's, left for home ¼ past 9 o'clock.

**Monday, March 3.** Last night snowed enough to gray the ground. This AM hard blue clouds, PM clear's N. Finished thrashing & winnowed up the oats.

**Tuesday, March 4.** Clear & high ◀ from W to SW. Part of the day worked for myself. The rest of the day busy making wall, etc. Evening went to meeting to the schoolhouse, house very much crowded, H. White ministering.

**Wednesday, March 5.** Very warm & clear in the AM. PM hazy ◀ SW. Did some chores for myself. Bought paint 81 cts., sundries 14 cents.

**Thursday, March 6.** Smokey air & very warm, light ◀ SW. AM did not much. PM dug stones & made wall. Evening went over the river to H. White meeting.

**Friday, March 7.** Very pleasant & clear ◀ NW. PM E by S. Drawed stones & made wall. Evening drawed home my boat.

**Saturday, March 8.** Fresh gales S by W & cloudy, PM rainy, just at night ◀ SW & foggy. AM drawed stones & made wall. PM did not much.

**Sunday, March 9.** High ◀ NW & clear. AM to home, PM went to meeting H. White minister. Stayed the evening to F. Brownells, left 9 o'clock.

**Monday, March 10.** Chilly ◀ SW & clear. AM did not much. PM split stakes.

**Tuesday, March 11.** Most of the day cloudy SW ◀ Painted boats etc. for myself.

**Wednesday, March 12.** Pleasant morning, latter part of the day cloudy & some rain ◀ SSW. Did some chores for myself, the rest of the day did next to 0.

**Thursday, March 13.** High ◀ NNW & clear. AM chored for myself. PM drawed small stones of the corn stubble.

**Friday, March 14.** AM clear, light ◀ N by E. PM ◀ S & hazy. Did some chores.

**Saturday, March 15.** AM snowy, PM cloudy NE. Made one bar post.

**Sunday, March 16.** Clear some parts of the day light ◀ NE. Had S. Read to letter boat & paint etc. 76 cts. I myself to home most of the day, spent the evening to J. Whalon's, left for home 10 minutes past 10 o'clock.

**Monday, March 17.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Drawed & dug stones. Saw 4 flocks of wild geese.

**Tuesday, March 18.** Clear ◀ SE. Drawed rails, wood & stones. Pa swaped horses with Jabez Brownell & sold Thomas Allen 3<sup>rd</sup> one pair of 6 years old oxen \$57½.

**Wednesday, March 19.** AM foggy, PM hazy ◀ SSW. Drawed manure. PM great flight of wild geese.

**Thursday, March 20.** Lowery, towards night foggy ◀ from SW to S. Moved wall & dug trench. Had a real good shot at wild geese, but had no gun this eve. Peppers sung.

**Friday, March 21.** Last night a smart shower with lightning & thunder. Today mostly clear fresh ◀ NW. Drawed dirt & stones, filled trench, etc.

**Saturday, March 22.** Cold & sky's overcast with hard clouds ◀ NW. Drawed wood.

**Sunday, March 23.** AM clear PM hazy, high ◀ from SNW to WSW & chilly. To home all day. Evening spent to home, small company here, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, March 24.** Nearly calm & smoky clouds. Worked upon stones all day.

**Tuesday, March 25.** AM cloudy PM rained very fast ◀ SSE. AM went to see the appraisals of stock from J. Whalon to J.W. Howland & C. & G. King.

**Wednesday, March 26.** Clear ◀ NW. Drewed dirt & stones & made wall. Evening went to the School House to meeting, H. White minister.

**Thursday, March 27.** Clear. AM light air NE. PM ◀ S. Burnt bushes & drewed stones.

**Friday, March 28.** South ◀ & clear. Made wall. Had a pair of thick shoes.

**Saturday, March 29.** Moderate ◀ SSW & clear. AM worked for myself. Part of the PM worked for D. Wing. Received for my work 17 cts.  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. tobacco 15 cts.

**Sunday, March 30.** Clear & cold, high ◀ NNW. AM to home. PM drewed my boat to the shore & went to E. Robinson's after sail, but it was not made. Evening went to meeting the School House, H. White minister.

**Monday, March 31.** Fresh ◀ SSW & clear. Drewed stones & made wall.

## **April, 1834**

*Frederick does spring plowing and digging stones out of fields;  
begins to plant corn. Also does stone work.*

**Tuesday, April 1.** Rainy day, high ◀ SSW. Did nothing most all day.

**Wednesday, April 2.** Last night very dark & foggy. Watched with E. Wing. Today AM fresh ◀ SW & foggy. PM showery. In the AM beat dung. Afternoon did some chores, and went to bunk & slept some.

**Thursday, April 3.** Some hazy ◀ from NE to SE. Drewed stones & made wall.

**Friday, April 4.** Hazy NE ◀ Began to plough old ground.

**Saturday, April 5.** Hazy high ◀ ENE & chilly. Busy ploughing.

**Sunday, April 6.** Hazy ◀ E by N. To home all day. Evening went to meeting to the school house. Henry White minister.

**Monday, April 7.** Mostly clear ◀ about East & quite pleasant. Went to general Town meeting, very stedy times. Saw H. Slocum fiddle, dance & smoke cigar all at the same time, which was the most imposing sight I've seen this long time. Spent 74 cts. Evening had a spree to J. Whalons, good music on the Flute by J. Thompson, left 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  o'clock.

**Tuesday, April 8.** Foggy & small rain ◀ E. Drawed stones, wood, manure & then ploughed till 4 o'clock. Then carried E. Allen home, from there went to see J. Allen, arrived home 8 o'clock this evening.

**Wednesday, April 9.** Some showers & misty ◀ ENE. Had my hair cut, 6 cts. PM ploughed green swards & dug stones after the plough.

**Thursday, April 10.** AM cloudy, PM nearly clear ◀ ENE. Ploughed.

**Friday, April 11.** Very clear. AM calm. PM ◀ S. Ploughed & dug stones.

**Saturday, April 12.** Very clear & warm light air SW. Finished ploughing & digging stones in the pond meadow 6 o'clock this PM.

**Sunday, April 13.** Very warm indeed, ◀ NW & clear. Shacking about home all day. Evening walked out, returned home 8½ o'clock.

**Monday, April 14.** Clear AM ◀ NE. PM ◀ S. Went a gunning to SW Point in the Poyche; Killed one coot & caught two codfish. Got home one o'clock this PM. Then raked stalks & ploughed in oats, till six.

**Tuesday, April 15.** Clear ◀ SSW. AM ploughed in grain, PM held plough and made wall for J. Shalon.

**Wednesday, April 16.** Clear, light breeze S & warm. Made a harrow – bush & raked up corn stalks.

**Thursday, April 17.** Clear light ◀ S. harrowed all day.

**Friday, April 18.** Clear ◀ NE & the ground dry. Drawed stones.

**Saturday, April 19.** AM fair, rest of the day cloudy ◀ SSE. Finished drawing stones off of the pond meadow. 67 loads off of two acres.

**Sunday, April 20.** Last night some rainy. Today, rainy this AM ◀ S. PM partly clear ◀ NE. About home all day. Eve. went to meeting HW minister.

**Monday, April 21.** AM nearly calm & most of the day foggy. PM ◀ S. Drawed off stalks, beat dung, & went to Warren Giffords to raising a barn.

**Tuesday, April 22.** Last night some showers. Today cloudy ◀ NE. AM drawed wood, mashed off my middle finger nail in loading a stick on my right hand. PM ploughed green swards & dug stones to the W. of the wood.

**Wednesday, April 23.** Rainy ◀ ENE. Did O. Evening went to a conference meeting.



**Thursday, April 24.** Last night showery. Today fresh gales NW & light fleecy clouds. Ploughed & dug stones after the plough.

**Friday, April 25.** Cloudy ◀ SW. Drawed stones. Bought 1½ oz. of spung 13½ cts.

**Saturday, April 26.** Fair ◀ from NE to SW. Finished ploughing green sward & drawed off 38 load of stones. Off of both lots where the stones were dug out of the furrows 105 loads full one's. PM furrowed for planting.

**Sunday, April 27.** AM snowed & rained, PM squalls of snow ◀ W. About home all day. Evening went to meeting H. White minister.

**Monday, April 28.** Last night snowy. Today the skye o'recast with hard blue clouds ◀ WNW & cold. Moved manure.

**Tuesday, April 29.** AM cloudy, PM rainy. AM began to plant corn.

**Wednesday, April 30.** AM fair PM showery ◀ S. AM went a gunning to SW Point got 0. Five other boats killed 2 fowl only. Got home 1 o'clock.

## **May, 1834**

*Frederick spends considerable time planting corn and carries sheep to Great Island; also gets sails for his boat and goes sailing.*

**Thursday, May 1.** Clear ◀ from N to NW. W & SW. Busy planting corn.

**Friday, May 2.** AM light air N. RP ◀ S & clear. Busy planting corn.

**Saturday, May 3.** Clear, AM ◀ N by W. PM ◀ S. Finished planting the Pond meadow, Drawed out & put in the hill 28 loads of manure.

**Sunday, May 4.** Last night watched with E. Wing. Today clear, AM ◀ N by E. PM ◀ SSE. To home most of the day. Eve. went to meeting H.W. minister.

**Monday, May 5.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Furrowed & planted corn.

**Tuesday, May 6.** Last night rained very fast & this morning till 8 o'clock. This morning then high ◀ NNW & scud clouds. AM went to E. Robinson's & got my boat sail paid for making \$1.33 cts. PM went to training company met to C. White's Eve. went to a spree to L. Wing's, left 10½ o'clock.

**Wednesday, May 7.** AM cloudy, PM powerful rain ◀ SE. The ground very full of water. AM worked for G. Whalon, most of the PM busy choring.

**Thursday, May 8.** Foggy, fair, cloudy & some rain light breeze SW. Went a gunning to G.N. Bar killed 0. About 60 other gunners their & only 2 or 3 fowl killed while I was their got home 10 o'clock. PM carried some sheep & put them on great Island. The rest of the day did nothing worth mentioning.

**Friday, May 9.** Nearly clear, fresh ◀ from WNW to WSW. Planting corn.

**Saturday, May 10.** Rainy AM ◀ SE, PM NNE. Did 0. ¼ lb of tobacco 5 cts.

**Sunday, May 11.** Very pleasant morning, the rest of the day cloudy ◀ from SW to SSE. AM went a sailing, PM to home, hurd a Cunk Queedle sing. Evening spent to home.

**Monday, May 12.** Last night a thunder shower. AM fair ◀ SW. PM squalls of hale & rain ◀ NW. AM drawed rails on to Beech Island. PM did some chores.

**Tuesday, May 13.** Cold ◀ WNW. & sky o'ercast with blue clouds. Planted corn.

**Wednesday, May 14.** Fair ◀ S by W. AM worked for J. Whalon. PM worked to home.

**Thursday, May 15.** Very cold fresh ◀ NW & some clouds. Drawed manure & planted potatoes. Worked all day with my mittens on.

**Friday, May 16.** Fair, AM ◀ NE, PM ◀ S. Finished planting corn this AM. Should have finished ten days before if the ground had't been so wet. PM worked for J. Whalon planting corn.

**Saturday, May 17.** Clear high ◀ WSW. AM made fence. PM planted some beans, then went to A. Potters & bought leather 14 oz. for oars, paid 30 cents. Plagye (?) dear stuff.

**Sunday, May 18.** Clear ◀ SSW warm & pleasant. About home till 4 o'clock this PM, then went a sailing. E. Wing went with me, landed on Merian's Hill, saw a ship outward bound, returned home 7¼ o'clock. Evening went to meeting, H. White minister.

**Monday, May 19.** Clear ◀ SW. Made fence round Beach Island.

**Tuesday, May 20.** Fair & warm ◀ Easterly. Finished making fence in B.G. PM ploughed, Red cherry trees in full bloom. Eve. young folks here, cleared 11¼ o'clock.

**Wednesday, May 21.** Clear ◀ SW. Worked in the sauce yard & made fence.

**Thursday, May 22.** Fair ◀ Easterly. Planted potatoes till 10 o'clock then went a bassing the rest of the day & caught 0. Several boats off & none got more than 2.

**Friday, May 23.** Cloudy small air E. AM drawed hay into the barn. Afternoon made fence down by the road, the rest of the day did 0.

**Saturday, May 24.** Fair ◀ from S to SW. Planted turnip seeds. Then did 0.

**Sunday, May 25.** Cloudy PM small rain light air ENE. Apple trees in full bloom. To home most of the day & evening.

**Monday, May 26.** Warm ◀ from NE to SE. & cloudy. Worked in the sauce yard, planted over corn & picked up stubble stones.

**Tuesday, May 27.** Wind Easterly & fair. Planted carrot seed, then did 0.

**Wednesday, May 28.** High ◀ East & most of the day cloudy. Went a gunning 6 am, killed two Loons arrived home Noon. PM worked about two hours.

**Thursday, May 29.** AM cloudy, worked on the road. Noon rainy ◀ ENE, did 0.

**Friday, May 30.** Most cloudy ◀ NE & rather cool. Worked on the road.

**Saturday, May 31.** Cloudy ◀ from NE to S by W. Planted parsnip seed, etc.

## **June, 1834**

*Frederick plants beans and potatoes and shears sheep. Finishes first year of diary and writes that nothing "has happened worth telling of".  
Sister holds quilting bee.*

**Sunday, June 1.** Cloudy AM rainy ◀ SE. Last night watched with Edward Wing. To home all the day and evening.

**Monday, June 2.** AM foggy ◀ S, then hauled from S to SW & round to NW blew almost a gale. Noon clear. Planted over corn & planted beans.

**Tuesday, June 3.** High ◀ NW clear & cool. Sheared sheep & planted potatoes in the sauce yard. Finished foddering the cattle for this season.

**Wednesday, June 4.** Clear, moderate ◀ S by W. I harrowed among corn for the first this season, then worked on the road. Wm. W. Cornell surveyor.

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, One thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty-Four.** About 5 o'clock this morning began to rain & continued all day ◀ from ESE to ENE. Drove the sheep into the house on the Neck out of the storm, tonight put up the cattle. It is now one year today since I have penned down my employment, the news of the day, weather, etc. and nothing yet has happened worth telling of, Except I have enjoyed good health, one of the best of heavens blessings.

**Friday, June 6.** Fresh gales NE cloudy & cool. AM did 0. Afternoon went down the neck as far as cousin Thomas Allen's.

**Saturday, June 7.** Warm. High ◀ NE & cloudy N planted over corn. Afternoon worked for J. Whalon picking up stubble stones. ¼ lb. of tobacco 5 cts.

**Sunday, June 8.** Warm & calm in the AM, light ◀ S & clear W. To evening young folks to Green Allens, left 10 ½ o'clock.

**Monday, June 9.** Very warm AM calm, Noon small breeze SSW & muggy air. Harrowed & hoed in the sauce yard. Bees swarmed.

**Tuesday, June 10.** Very warm & some hazy AM ◀ N by E. PM S by W. Harrowed, hoed & did 0. AM my sister had a quilting consisting of 11 young Ladies. Evening they went to J. Whalon's & had a spree cleared 10 ¾ o'clock.

**Wednesday, June 11.** Early this morning had a smart thunder shower commencing with a heavy squall of ◀ W. This AM warm & foggy. Harrowed & brought home the sheep from Great Island. Noon fair & SW, did 0.

**Thursday, June 12.** High ◀ NW & clear. Began to hoe corn for the first.

**Friday, June 13.** Fresh ◀ SW & cloudy. Hoed corn. Had J.P. & C.D.M. to help.

**Saturday, June 14.** Clear ◀ N by W. Finished hoing the P.M. field 6 o'clock this afternoon. This eve. A.C. White make me a visit.

**Sunday, June 15.** Clear light breeze SSW. Eight o'clock this morning left home for Gooseberry neck & three of the neighbouring girls was their & arrived home 3 o'clock this afternoon. Nothing happened worth mentioning. This PM Edward Wing departed this life aged 80 years & 3 months, disease occasioned by a cancer on his face. Evening spent in walking about, to S. Cornells, arrived home 10 o'clock

**Monday, June 16.** All rainy did some chores. AM cloudy ◀ E. Harrowed corn.

**Tuesday, June 17.** Cloudy ◀ SE. AM hoed corn. N Went to E. Wing's funeral.

**Wednesday, June 18.** Rained & some of the day high ◀ SE. Did not much.

**Thursday, June 19.** Fresh ◀ WSW & mostly cloudy. AM went to the Wharf, paid for bolts rope for sail 12½ cts. & got salt. Afternoon hoed & planted 7 rows of potatoes.

**Friday, June 20.** Wind from WNW to WSW & mostly cloudy. Afternoon thunder showers. Hoed corn down by the road, ground wet & heavy.

**Saturday, June 21.** AM clear ◀ NW. Hoed. Afternoon cloudy ◀ SW. Finished corn weeding.

**Sunday, June 22.** Fair ◀ SW. AM went to meeting, Timothy Cole minister. Afternoon about home. Eve. spent to A. Wilcox's, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, June 23.** Very warm & clear. AM calm N light S ◀. Hoed sauce. The last calf sold today, I now have 4 cows to milk most of the time.

**Tuesday, June 24.** Foggy & fresh gales SSW. AM sat cabbage plants. Afternoon did 0.

**Wednesday, June 25.** Fair AM ◀ W. Afternoon WSW. Harrowed corn & hoed potatoes.

**Thursday, June 26.** AM fair ◀ SW harrowed. Afternoon foggy till 4½ o'clock then rained with thunder & lightning. Hoed potatoes.

**Friday, June 27.** Fair ◀ NW. I went a claming. Afternoon whipped bushes & harrowed.

**Saturday, June 28.** Cloudy AM some rainy ◀ SW. Went a fishing out the harbour. J. Whalon & H. Pero with me caught 25 fish altogether. Ar. home 3 o'clock

**Sunday, June 29.** Rainy ◀ about E. About home all day. Evening spent to Charles Whites, cleared nine & three quarters o'clock.

**Monday, June 30.** AM calm & foggy. Afternoon ◀ SE & fair. Whipped bushes & harrowed.

## **July, 1834**

*Frederick worked around the farm, hoeing fields and stacking hay.  
Went shopping at Head of Westport and Paquachuck Point.*

**Tuesday, July 1, 1834.** Cloudy ◀ SSE. Harrowed & whipped bushes.

**Wednesday, July 2, 1834.** Showery & foggy, small breeze SSW. Did 0. Evening went to a spree to Geo. Allen's, good music on the flute by J. Thompson, company broke up 12 o'clock.

**Thursday, July 3.** Last night thunder showers. This AM fresh gales from SW to W & NW. AM nearly calm, & cloudy all day. AM got the horse shod. AM went to N. Bedford. Carried Myra & Nancy Wing. Spent 32 cts. arrived home 7½ this evening.

**Friday, Fourth day of July 1834.** Lowery, warm & most of the day calm. AM light ◀ S. AM walked about. Afternoon dug a gutter from the channel towards D.W. C. Neck [*where F.A. is building his boat house*]. Had six hands to help & had quite a jovial time. No doings to N Bedford today I here.

**Saturday, July 5.** Fair SW. Harrowed & went to mill

**Sunday, July 6.** Warm & foggy light air SW. To home all day. Eve. spent Geo. Allens, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, July 7.** Warm & foggy light air SSW. Began to ½ hill corn.

**Tuesday, July 8.** Very warm & clear. AM ◀ WSW. Bees swarmed. Busy hoeing.

**Wednesday, July 9.** Clear & warm ◀ SW. Finished hoing the P. Meadow field.

**Thursday, July 10.** Morning foggy, then lowery & warm ◀ SW. Busy hoing corn.

**Friday, July 11.** Calm AM rainy, midday cloudy. Went a fishing, L. Hitt went with me, both of us caught 56 Poggies. Afternoon did nothing much.

**Saturday, July 12.** Nearly calm & cloudy. AM hoed. Afternoon went to Head of river spent 5 cts.

**Sunday, July 13.** AM cloudy, afternoon very rainy ◀ E by S. About home all day. Evening spent to Charles Whites, cleared for home 11½ o'clock.

**Monday, July 14.** Last night very stormy & windy, which thrashed down the corn, grain & grass very much. This AM misty, had my hair cut 6 cts & did some chores. Afternoon clear & fresh ◀ WSW all day. Went to Paquechuck Point spent 6 cts.

**Tuesday, July 15.** Fair & fresh gales SWS. Finished ½ hilling corn. Eve. spree here.

**Wednesday, July 16.** Most of the day foggy & warm ◀ SW. AM hoed in the sauce yard. Night read "Alonso & Melesse", a tale.

**Thursday, July 17.** Foggy & lowery, some rain & some sunshine ◀ SW. Whiped bushes.

**Friday, July 18.** AM cloudy hoed potatoes. Midday fair began to Mow wind NE.

**Saturday, July 19.** Clear ◀ EXE. Busy mowing & raking hay in the square meadow.

**Sunday, July 20.** Fair ◀ ESE. Most of the day busy haying. Eve. spent to Wm. Whites left 10¾ o'clock.

**Monday, July 21.** Fair ◀ SSW.

**Tues. July 22.** Clear ◀ N. Bees swarmed. Had J. Whalon.

**Wednesday, July 23.** AM ◀ N. Afternoon ◀ S & clear. Had J. Whalon. Eve. went to J. Whalon's to a spree.

**Thursday, July 24.** Some hazy & calm rather dull hay day.

**Friday, July 25.** AM foggy & calm. Noon clear ◀ SW. Afternoon had Thos. Hitt.

**Saturday, July 26.** Very warm & clear ◀ WSW. Had Thos. Hitt to help hay it. Busy every day this week mowing raking & stacking hay.

**Sunday, July 27.** Very warm & clear ◀ NW. Most of the day busy getting up hay, then I went in a swimming. Eve. spent to C.W. & W. White's to home 10 o'clock.

**Monday, Twenty-Eighth of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty Four.**  
Clear ◀ from N to NE, ESE & S & cloudy. Finished mowing E. Grass 12 o'clock midday. Afternoon got up hay T. Hitt to help. Cut two of my fingers, one with my sythe, the other with my knife. [Frederick's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.]

**Tuesday, July 29.** Cloudy fresh ◀ SW. Eve. shower of rain. AM trimed up some hay. Afternoon went over the river, then went to S. Cornell's on a little spree in company with P. Kurby & A.T. David. From there home & then over to S. Washban's meeting house to wedding but being too late we did not here the marriage ceremony. Arrived home 11 o'clock. Bought a shrect of P. Kurby 10 cts. & Twelve & a half cts. spent ?????

**Wednesday, July 30.** Clear, not a cloud. AM calm. Afternoon ◀ S, spread & stacked hay.

**Thursday, July 31.** Clear ◀ SW. I stacked hay, then mowed for J.W. Howland.

## August, 1834

*Frederick works the farm hoeing turnips and mowing & stacking oats;  
Sails to the Elizabeth Islands in his new boat & visits Nashawena and Naushon;  
Catches a lot of fish west of the Bar.*

**Friday, August 1.** AM ◀ N, afternoon SW & clear. Mowed for J.W.H. on C. & C.W. farm.

**Saturday, August 2.** Lowery ◀ E. Went to mill. Took \$1.50 for mowing. Then did 0.

**Sunday, August 3.** Cloudy ◀ NE. About home all day. Eve. spent to G. Allens, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, August 4.** Wind SW & clear. Mowed oats & hoed turnips.

**Tuesday, August 5.** AM foggy then clear ◀ SW. Whiped bushes & mowed & stacked oats.

**Wednesday, August 6.** Nearly calm, hot hazy air. Last night watched with G.W.H. Finished mowing oats & got some of them in stack.

**Thursday, August 7.** AM calm, raked & stacked oats. Afternoon ◀ S & very warm all day. Did 0.

**Friday, August 8.** AM ◀ NNE & clear all day. 9 o'clock this morning left home for Naushaun Island in company with J.A. At 12 midday light air SE. At 5½ o'clock in the afternoon landed on Nashawena Island. Then walked across the Islands & had a fine prospect of the Vineyard Sound & Gay Head, all which was very delightful, then went to Wm. Slocum's & tarried all night. 50¢ paid.

**Saturday, August 9.** This morning took our departure from Nashawena harbour, light ◀ from S to N & clear. In sailing along shore had a fair prospect of Nashawena, Pasque, & Naushon, the lands of all the islands very uneven, being composed of high hills & deep vales & plenty of rocks. At 8½ o'clock arrived at Naushaun harbour, then walked to Mr. P. Gifford's took breakfast & then began our rambles having Mr. J. Howland for a pilot, we first went to the Mansion house, from the cellar to the top of the house, where we had a most beautiful lookout upon the surrounding waters & land, Mr. H. telling us the names of headlands & various other places which the prospect afforded; from there walked to Nunamaset where Mr. Gifford & his men were mowing; then went back to the house & saw all the outhouses, which were worth seeing; then took dinner & leave of our friends & left the Isl. 2½ o'clock in the afternoon ◀ E by N. had a good run off. Arrived home 9 o'clock this evening having had a very agreeable time from the time of my departure.

**Sunday, August 10.** Mostly cloudy ◀ Easterly. To home all day. Eve. went to Capt. W. Snows. Thos. Allen joined with me, left for home 9½ o'clock.

**Monday, August 11.** Quite warm light ◀ SE & lowery. Went to the beach & helped to get things in readiness for fishing.

**Tuesday, August 12.** Nearly clear. AM fresh SW. Went to C. Ville, bought a pair of suspenders 46 cts. The rest of the day did nothing much.

**Wednesday, August 13.** Last night a noble shower of rain & a great deal of lightning & thunder. This AM cloudy. Afternoon clear ◀ from NE to E. In the morning W.G. Slade made me a visit. Afternoon went down to G. Giffords to Arbitration.

**Thursday, August 14.** Fresh ◀ S by E & cloudy. Afternoon drewed a load of wood, then rest of the day slept. Pa sold M. Mosher a cow.

**Friday, August 15.** Fresh ◀ NW & clear. Mended seine, etc.

**Saturday, August 16.** Fresh ◀ NNE & blue clouds. Carried the seine to the beach & tarred her, then went to L. Giffords & got the horse shod.



**Sunday, August 17.** AM clear & calm. Afternoon cloudy ◀ S by W. Ma & me went to cousin J. Allen's who is confined with a lingering illness 5 o'clock. This AM arrived home. Small company here this eve. cleared 12 o'clock.

**Monday, August 18.** Last night rainy. Today clear ◀ N by E. Drawed dirt.

**Tuesday, August 19.** Fresh ◀ NNE. & cloudy. Went to the beach a fishing but we lacked a crew & did not get "off". Strung the little seine, etc.

**Wednesday, August 20.** Fresh ◀ NNE & squally. Caught 237½ bbls. of fish, W of the Bar.

**Thursday, August 21.** Wind N & cloudy. Caught 170¼ bbls. of fish.

**Friday, August 22.** Clear ◀ SW. Caught 140 bbls. to the W of the Bar.

**Saturday, August 23.** Clear & calm then light WSW. Caught 141 bbls. of fish. Yesterday saw a flock of white wings, today saw a loon flying W.

**Sunday, August 24.** Clear ◀ SW. Went a sailing, Myra & N. Wing with me went as far down the river as N. Kurbays, where we took dinner. Arrived home 3½ o'clock this PM. Eve. young folks here, cleared 9 o'clock.

**Monday, August 25.** AM thundered & cloudy then fair ◀ NE. Caught 218 bbls. W of the bar.

**Tuesday, August 26.** Some hazy ◀ WSW. Caught no fish today.

**Wednesday, August 27.** Cloudy ◀ NE. No fish caught today by any of the western seines.

**Thursday, August 28.** Fair light breeze SW. No fish caught today.

**Friday, August 29.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. Took no fish today. The rest 60 bbls.

**Saturday, August 30.** Hazy & fresh ◀ ESE & rugged. No fish taken today. Arrived home from the beach 3½ o'clock afternoon. Then went to C. Ville, had a pair of shoes of B.F. Allen \$2.25. One quarter lb. of tobacco 5 cts.

**Sunday, August 31.** Fair ◀ NE. About home all day. H. Howland made me a visit. Evening spent to S. Cornell's, cleared for home 11 o'clock.

## **September, 1834**

*Frederick sees travelling circus in New Bedford;*

**Monday, September 1.** AM cloudy. Afternoon rainy. Caught no fish. Had my bed brought down & tarried all night for the first time this season.

**Tuesday, September 2.** Cloudy ◀ from N to E. Caught 3 bbls. Tonight came home.

**Wednesday, September 3.** Clear, warm, AM calm. Afternoon ◀ SW. Went to N. Bedford. A.T. Davis with me, saw the Mammoth Zoological Exhibition, consisting of upwards of 100 different zoological subjects. The tent cloths contained 120,000 square feet of canvas. Spent 1\$. Arrived home 7½ o'clock.

**Thursday, September 4.** Morning & evening foggy, then clear, fresh ◀ SW by W. Cut corn stalks & measured the distance from here to my Boat house on D. Wings and Little Neck shore, which I made 1657 steps or about ¾ of a mile. Afternoon at 2½ o'clock left for the beach and at 7 arrived home, having concluded to hang up the seine for a day or two.

**Friday, September 5.** Rainy, warm & nearly calm, did nothing all this day.

**Saturday, September 6.** Very warm & clear, light ◀ Northerly. Went to the beach, sea very rough, didn't get "off", mended the seine. Arrived home 7 o'clock.

**Sunday, September 7.** Hazy, small air E & warm. To home all day. Wm. Almy & his wife & A. Upjohn & wife made us a visit. The neighbouring girls & boys left for the Horseneck on a pluming route. Eve. walked out & returned at 8 o'clock.

**Monday, September 8.** Last night rainy. Today cloudy ◀ SE. No fish, didn't get "off".

**Tuesday, September 9.** Morning foggy High ◀ WSW. Afternoon showers with thunder. Did 0.

**Wednesday, September 10.** Fair & fresh gales from SW to W. Drawed a load of wood & cut stalks.

**Thursday, September 11.** Last night watched with Mercy Allen, who departed this life 9 into aged 79 years. Today clear ◀ NW & cool. Cut & shocked corn stalks. Received one dollar for surveying last Nov.

**Friday, September 12.** Clear high ◀ NW & cool. Went a mashing on C. White's lots. Mowed & raked 56 heaps & sat it on the shore ready for the scow.

**Saturday, September 13.** Last night left home 9 o'clock & took the scow from the wharf, went down as far as the Ship rock & there waited 4 hours for the tide, then put the hay onboard, arrived to D.W. shore 6½ o'clk. this morning. Today clear & light variable ◀. Drawed out the hay, spread it & carried home the scow. G.M & R.M to help.

**Sunday, September 14.** Light ◀ S & clear. To home most of the day. Eve. spent to F.G. left 10¼.

**Monday, September 15.** Clear ◀ WSW. Not seen a school of fish, been "off" all day.

**Tuesday, September 16.** Clear light ◀ WSW. Mated the “Whites” & caught 81 bbls. each.

**Wednesday, September 17.** Hazy ◀ SE. Caught 86½ bbls. W of the Bar. Swaped hats, gave 10¢.

**Thursday, September 18.** Cloudy ◀ SE rough sea. Did’nt get “off”. Evening rain & fog.

**Friday, September 19.** AM calm & foggy. Noon fair. Caught 3½ bbls. of fish.

**Saturday, September 20.** Foggy, calm & warm. Caught 3 bbls. H. Buy’s high hook 5½ bbls.

**Sunday, September 21.** Foggy, light air SSE & warm. To home all day. Uncle George Allen & wife made us a visit. Went a graping. Just at night took up a hive of bees. Evening spent to S. Cornells, cleared 7¾ o’clock.

**Monday, September 22.** AM ◀ WNW. Noon SW clear & warm. Didn’t get off today, no fish.

**Tuesday, September 23.** Cloudy ◀ SE by E. No fish caught. Saw 100 small schools.

**Wednesday, September 24.** Wind NW & cloudy. Not a menhaden caught today.

**Thursday, September 25.** Fair, ◀ SW. Fenced a stack & drilled 14 inches into two rocks.

**Friday, September 26.** Clear, AM calm. Afternoon ◀ S by W. Evening hazy. Fenced a stack & moved stalks.

**Saturday, September 27.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ S. Went to the beach, got off light boat, saw no fish, but Porpoises. Swaped powder horns with J. Fisher & had geography 25¢. Arrived home 6 o’clock this afternoon. Evening fair.

**Sunday, September 28.** Cloudy light ◀ NW. To home most of the day. Eve. spent to J. Whalon, left 9 o’clk.

**Monday, September 29.** Stiff gales NW. Cold & light clouds. Saw some fish but none caught. Went a claming to E. Harbour, Arrived home 7 o’clock.

**Tuesday, September 30.** Last night a smacking frost, the first this fall worth mentioning. This AM calm. Afternoon ◀ SW clear, gathered apples. Just at night took the Horse & wagon & brought Ma from the Dr’s.

## October, 1834

**Wednesday, October 1.** Fresh gales S by W & cloudy. Afternoon some rainy. Went to the beach. In the morning went to the Bar. Killed one Loon, one coot & a tinker. Then put the Seine & warps into the house & arrived home 1½ o'clock, gathered apples till it rained, then picked fowl.

**Thursday, October 2.** Fresh gales WSW & foggy. Noon cleared out the cribs. Afternoon mowed stalks & gathered apples. Eve. went to a quilting to S. Cornell's left 11 o'clock. Tabatha Gifford, wife of Warren Gifford departed this life 12 o'clock this evening, a much-respected member & speaker in the society of Friends - aged 56 years & 5 mos.

**Friday, October 3.** Clear & pleasant light breeze WNW. Gathered apples.

**Saturday, October 4.** Fresh ◀ S & cloudy. Toped stacks, stacked stalks & gathered apples till 3 o'clock this afternoon. Bought 7 oz. tobacco 9 cts.

**Sunday, October 5.** AM cloudy, then clear, high ◀ NW & cool. AM trotting about the neighbourhood. Afternoon went to T. Gifford's funeral, a very large collection of people & ninety-nine carriages. Young folks here this evening, cleared out for home or somewhere else 10 o'clock.

**Monday, October 6.** Clear, light breeze NW. Began to harvest corn & continued it all day. Cut my forefinger, cutting up corn before breakfast.

**Tuesday, October 7.** Fair light ◀ S by W. Morning went to A.H.'s to mill, then to husking.

**Wednesday, October 8.** Fair light ◀ S by W. Busy harvesting corn.

**Thursday, October 9.** AM cloudy. Afternoon very rainy, high ◀ S by W. Went to the beach a fishing, saw none, carried my gun, shot once, arrived home 3 o'clock.

**Friday, October 10.** High ◀ NW clear & cool. AM carried wool to the machine. C.T. bought net bow 8 cts. Afternoon busy husking & cribbing corn.

**Saturday, October 11.** Clear, AM light ◀ NW. Afternoon calm. Busy harvesting, R.M. & H.J. to help.

**Sunday, October 12.** Fair, fresh ◀ SSW. Did some chores, about home all day. Evening spent to F. Brownells, cleared for home 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, October 13.** Some cloudy light ◀ S by W. Went to the beach a fishing, saw several small schools but caught none. Four other seines took 210 bbls. E. of L.H.

**Tuesday, October 14.** Cold, cloudy & high ◀ N by W. Last night rainy. Went to the beach saw no fish but stayed all day & most of the time in the house.

**Wednesday, October 15.** Clear, calm & cool. Finished husking the Pond Meadow field 135 bushels of corn. Paid G. Wing for hat 19 cts. Eve. went to a spree to D. B. left 10 o'clock.

**Thursday, October 16.** Fair & calm all day. Dug potatoes, gathered apples & saw a flock of wild geese.

**Friday, October 17.** Fresh gales SSW & cloudy. Began to harvest the field by the road.

**Saturday, October 18.** Fresh ◀ SSW & smoky air. Busy harvesting corn.

**Sunday, October 19.** Stiff gales S & cloudy. Went a sailing, gone 2 hours, the rest of the day about home. Evening spent to L. Cornells left for home 10 ½ clock.

**Monday, October 20.** Last night rainy & today till 9 ½ o'clock, then cloudy ◀ N by E. & cool. Cut & helped to draw a load of wood, drew rails, shelled corn.

**Tuesday, October 21.** Clear & a cool ◀ NW. Busy harvesting.

**Wednesday, October Oct. 22.** Fresh gales SW & cloudy. Completed harvesting corn 56 bushels on the field by the road & 200 bushels of corn in all good & strong. Also finished digging potatoes, about 35 bushels of the whole. Corn this year generally good crops, Potatoes very small yield & apples fair & large. This evening went to a spree to J. Whalon's company broke up 10 1/6 o'clock.

**Thursday, October 23.** Sind NW clear & cool. AM did chores. Noon went to vandue to Edward Wing's (deceased) estate. bought nothing att tall.

**Friday, October 24.** Clear ◀ NW. Morning went a claming. Then drew seaweed off of C. Neck 2 loads, pt the horse in before the oxen, where he acts unruly.

**Saturday, October 25.** Fresh ◀ N by W clear & cold. Went a fishing & gunning to Warrens point. Caught 10 black & codfish, shot once, killed a Whistling diver. The wind began to blow & I left for home arrived 1½ o'clock. Afternoon - then did some chores.

**Sunday, October 26.** Morn calm, about 7 o'clock snowed some & then rained powerfully all day & evening. Noon stiff gales ESE To home all day Eve. spent to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, October 27.** High ◀ from WNW to WSW & clear. Cut wood, made stakes...

**Tuesday, October 28.** Clear, AM calm & warm. Noon fresh ◀ SWS. Went to the wharf brought 3,000 feet of boards & 10,000 shingles to D. W. shore. Noon drew 3 loads.

**Wednesday, October 29.** Clear ◀ N. Drewed lumber, fenced stacks.

**Thursday, October 30.** Wind ENE & chilly. Went to G N Bar a gunning, shot 5 times killed one shelldrake & a coot, then went to the seine house & got my bed & other things & then started for home arrived 2¼ o'clock afternoon.

**Friday, October 31.** Thick cloudy, light ◀ ENE. Stowed away shingles & stuck up boards, shelled corn & carried it to mill.

## **November, 1834**

**Saturday, November 1.** Cold & cloudy ◀ NE. Noon made cider to J B. & mill.

**Sunday, November 2.** Clear ◀ NE & cool. About home all day. Eve. spent to W. Snow's left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, November 3.** Very pleasant, calm & clear. Busy most of the day choring. Went a fishing, got 56 & today a gunning killed 0.

**Tuesday, November 4.** Fresh ◀ SW & fair. Went to the Spit Handle a fishing, had for my share 11 fish. The wind blew so strong & the sea was so rough, that we left early in the day arrived home three o'clock in the afternoon.

**Wednesday, November 5.** AM fresh ◀ WSW, then flat calm, 11 o'clock began to rain & continued all day. Noon drewed 4 loads of wood for S. Howland from D. Wings shore. Afternoon did O.

**Thursday, November 6.** Fresh ◀ NE & clear. Pulled turnips, cabbages & got the apples into chillen.

**Friday, November 7.** Clear ◀ from N to NW & pleasant. Went a gunning to get Bar killed one shelldrake & a loon. Arrived home one o'clock.

**Saturday, November 8.** Fair, light ◀ NW & warm. Busy choring mostly for myself. Evening went to C.Ville, ½ lb. tobacco 10, sundries 5 cts.

**Sunday, November 9.** Fresh ◀ WSW & clear. Noon went over the river to S.H. Noon to home. Evening to L. Cornells left 9 ¼ o'clock.

**Monday, November 10.** Smoky air ◀ W by S. AM 11 o'clock went to Town meeting had quite regular times, spent 17 cts. got home 5 o'clock. Evening a real spree here 11 girls & 23 boys. Good music on the violin by O Almy & on the flute by J. Thompson Company left 12 o'clock.

**Tuesday, November 11.** This AM calm & rainy. Noon cloudy light – N. Shelled corn cut wood & drewed a load home.

**Wednesday, November 12.** Small ◀ Westerly 7 cloudy. Noon – choring. Afternoon – fug round rocks.

**Thursday, November 13.** Fair light ◀ S. Helped to drill & split rocks for underpinning.

**Friday, November 14.** Cloudy fresh ◀ SW. Helped to drill & split rocks for underpinning.

**Saturday, November 15.** For 4 days past very warm. Today cold & clouds look like snow – NNE. Helped to drill & split rocks for underpinning.

**Sunday, November 16.** Latter part of last night & this morning till 9 o'clock fell 3 inches of snow, then cloudy ◀ NE. To home all day. Cousin Abner Allen made me a visit. One rather odd circumstance I have omitted till now, which happened in this neighbourhood that caused almost a universal talk, which is that, W. White & his daughter-in-law E. White have from this date (July 14, 1834) for about two years past kept company occasionally. I have herd it authenticated, no mistake. Foddered the cattle & put them into the barn for the first time this season. First of the evening spent to home, from 7 to 10 to J. Brownells, then cleared for home.

**Monday, November 17.** Cloudy & chilly. Am nearly calm, then fresh ◀ ENE. Went to mill & started at 10 to goe a gunning, but the wind blew so fresh returned. Noon did O.

**Tuesday, November 18.** Last night from 7 o'clock till 1 this morning stormed & the wind part of the time a gale from the E. then calm & foggy. Pealed & cut apples, then did nothing. Bought 2 lbs. fine shot cts.

**Wednesday, November 19.** Cloudy & squally fresh wind N. Went down river a gunning shot 2 & killed 1 old squaws. Then cut a drawed a load of wood.

**Thursday, November 20.** Fair wind N. Busy choring; most of the time for myself.

**Friday, November 21.** AM fresh wind N & clear, Noon cloudy small wind N. Went to the two mile ledge a gunning abundance of fowl but they were shy of a boat, killed one oldsquaw, returned 1 o'clock, then shelled out a grist of corn & went to mill.

**Saturday, November 22.** Calm & cloudy. Went out the harbour a gunning. Killed one old squaw, arrived home 12½ o'clock. Felt quite vexed because I didn't goe to the Hen & Chickens, where the boats had game enough by there shooting.

**Sunday Nov. 23.** Fair ◀ NW. To home all day. Eve. spent to G. Allen's left 9½.

**Monday, November 24.** AM clear. Afternoon hard cold clouds & fresh ◀ W by S. Went to mill, etc.

**Tuesday, November 25.** Early this morning fell ½ inch of light snow, then cloudy ◀ NNW. Drawed dirt into the hog yards. (The 24<sup>th</sup> I drawed dirt & 25<sup>th</sup> went to mill.)

**Wednesday, November 26.** Clear light ◀ NW. Drawed a load of wood and 4 loads of small stones. Evening J. Brightman & I settled the menhaden fishery bill. While number of fish caught from Aug. 20 to Sept. 20, 1834: 1,081 bbls.; Pa's share 169½ bbls.

**Thursday, November 27.** AM cloudy, afternoon clear ◀ NW & cold. Did not much. Eve. went to a spree to J. White's, had quite an agreeable time, left 11 o'clock.

**Friday, November 28.** Very pleasant, clear & nearly calm. Helped to kill beef, weight 433 pounds. Rest of the day followed my own amusements.

**Saturday, November 29.** Cloudy ◀ S. At 4 in the afternoon began the rain and continued till sometime in the night. Went to the seine house and got some plank.

**Sunday, November 30.** Clear & fresh ◀ from WNW to W. About home all day. Afternoon had a fair prospect of the eclipse of the sun which was ¾ obscured, saw one **sar (star?)**. Evening quite a large party to J. Whalen's, left 9½ o'clock.

## December, 1834

**Monday, December 1.** Hazy light ◀ S by W. Went to the mill and to the shop, spent 6¢. Afternoon drawed wood for G. Mosher.

**Tuesday, December 2.** Warm, calm & rainy. Did 0. Evening picked oakum.

**Wednesday, December 3.** Mostly cloudy, fresh ◀ WNW. Morning helped J. Whalen kill his pigs; then killed 2 to home. Afternoon cut wood. Evening saw sun dog S. of the sun.

**Thursday, December 4.** Clear & fresh ◀ NW. Went to mills. Killed & picked geese, ducks & chickens. Uncle Ebenezer Allen & Rhoda his wife made Mr. Allen & his wife a visit.

**Friday, December 5.** Clear, light breeze W. AM went to the Horse Neck, got a bag of sand & then to the Point bought 500 caps 33 cts., ¼ lb. of tobacco 5¢. Afternoon drawed a load of wood. Bet 9¢ worth of tobacco with G.W.H. that H.H. & R.A. would \_\_\_\_ in one year from this date.

**Saturday, December 6.** Stormy stiff gales from SE to SSW to W and the highest tide since Oct. 13, 1833. Did nothing much of consequence.

**Sunday, December 7.** Very pleasant, warm and clear ◀ W. Trotting about the neighborhood this AM. Afternoon to home. Eve. spent to G. Allen's, left 10 1/6 o'clock.

**Monday, December 8.** Fresh gales from SE to E to SSW and squalls of rain. Chopped sausage meat & yoked the 2 year old steers for the first time.



**Tuesday, December 9.** Clear ◀ NNW. Cut woods, besides other chores.

**Wednesday, December 10.** Clear light ◀ WNW. Cut wood part of the day. Then did chores.

**Thursday, December 11.** Fresh gales W by SW clear. Went a clamming, etc.

**Friday, December 12.** AM clear, PM cloudy, small air NE. Helped to draw a load of wood and load of seaweed. Then busy choring. Received a letter from A.G. White.

**Saturday, December 13.** AM cloudy. From 10 'till 2 o'clock snowed ◀ West. Thrashed oats and shelled corn. The rest of the time busy choring for myself.

**Sunday, December 14.** AM snowed enough to whiten the ground ◀ West. PM clear and severe cold, to home most of the day. Last eve. went to C. Almy's C. Ville. This evening spent to S. Cornells, left for home 7¾ o'clock.

**Monday, December 15.** Last night and this AM extreme cold. PM rather softer weather cloudy ◀ NW. Went to Town meeting, the rest of the day did 0 much.

**Tuesday, December 16.** Cloudy fresh ◀ W & thawy. Went eeling on the ice caught 3 doz.

**Wednesday, December 17.** Wind NE & cloudy. Busy all day doing 0 much.

**Thursday, December 18.** Cloudy ◀ East. Went eeling, caught 8 dozen.

**Friday, December 19.** Cloudy ◀ ENE & chilly. AM caught 4 doz. eels, PM cleaned all.

**Saturday, December 20.** Cloudy ◀ N by W. Split eels and did chores. Evening clear.

**Sunday, December 21.** Clear & very pleasant ◀ NNE. To home all day. Eve spent to A. Cornell, left 9¾.

**Monday, December 22.** Calm, clear & cloudy alternately. Thrashed oats with horses & stacked straw. Bought 7 lbs. of lead 28cts. Sold 31¼ lbs. \$1.25 of eels.

**Tuesday, December 23.** Calm & cloudy. Did 0 much all day.

**Wednesday, December 24.** Calm & cloudy, some snow. Did nothing much.

**Thursday, December 25.** AM fell 1½ inches of snow, PM cloudy ◀ NE. Went to the Bridge, spent 9 cts. Evening spent to J. Whalon's, 30 girls & boys. Left 12¼ o'clock.

**Friday, December 26.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Dragged underpinning stones from D.W. & C.W. ground.

**Saturday, December 27.** AM cloudy, then clear ◀ NNE. Dragged underpinning stones.

**Sunday, December 28.** Fair ◀ NE. To home. Eve spent from 6 to 9 to S.C. & S. Howland's.

**Monday, December 29.** Cloudy. Afternoon drizzly, fresh ◀ ENE. Winnowed oats, etc.

**Tuesday, December 30.** Last night & today fell 6½ inches of snow ◀ ENE. Did some chores. ¼ lb. of tobacco 5¢. Swapped hats with D. Wing, had 33 cts. to boot.

**Wednesday, December 31.** Clear & pleasant, light ◀ WNW. Morning went a sleighing. Afternoon did nothing much. I now make out my bill of expence for the year which is now past. Spent \$15.40, received \$7.23. Tobacco bill 87½ cents. The articles that this money was spent for are to be found in the preceding pages. Thus my time and money goes, to the end of the year.

## 1835

### January, 1835

*Cold month & good sleighing; slaughters hogs; draws wood;  
Goes shopping in New Bedford; picks up thermometer from Dr. Handy;  
Frederick's father plans to build a new house.*

**Thursday, January 1.** Clear & cold ◀ N by W. Left home for N. Bedford but sundry mishaps thwarted me and I returned home, home, home.

**Friday, January 2.** Fair air N by W & real good sleighing. At 10 left for N. Bedford, bought one pair of thick boots \$2.25, one chest lock 60 cts, one fur seal cap \$1.12½, 7 lbs. of lead 26¢, G Travels 17 cts, Sundries 37 cts. The whole amounting to \$4.67½.

**Saturday, January 3.** Fair & very cold ◀ N by E. Drawed wood & put in ax handle.

**Sunday, January 4.** Clear & very cold. Air N. At 10 o'clock AM put on my skates at D.W.'s shore I went to the Lett and then to G. N Bar, scarce saw a soul in the route. At 2 in the PM arrived home, then yoked the steers, etc.

**Monday, January 5.** Clear & cold. About home all day. Eve. spent to F.G.'s, left 10¾ o'clock.

**Tuesday, January 6.** Fell 2 inches of snow. ◀ NE & cold. Drawed 2 loads of wood.

**Wednesday, January 7.** Fair & extreme cold. ◀ N by E. Chored it for myself.

**Thursday, January 8.** Clear & cold ◀ N. Cut & drew wood, & some chores for myself.

**Friday, January 9.** Clear air N. Killed hogs, 2 young, one old, wt. about 775 lbs.

**Saturday, January 10.** Clear ◀ NE. Went to C. Ville bought 5¼ lbs. of lead 21 cts. Got this home.

**Sunday, January 11.** Clear & pleasant ◀ NE. The week past extreme cold & real good sleighing as ever slipped. About home the day & evening.

**Monday, January 12.** Clear & pleasant, air N. Got the oxen shod, etc.

**Tuesday, January 13.** Light ◀ SW & clear. Sleighing done. Busy choring. Afternoon drew 14 lbs. shot for myself. For 10 days past had quite a bad cold.

**Wednesday, January 14.** Cloudy ◀ SE. 3½ PM rained. Fell trees in the woods.

**Thursday, January 15.** Very warm, clear & nearly calm. Cut wood.

**Friday, January 16.** Morning foggy then clear ◀ WSW. AM cut wood, PM did 0 much.

**Saturday, January 17.** Clear & high ◀ W. Did some chores.

**Sunday, January 18.** Hazy ◀ N. About home. Eve. spent to Geo. Allen's, no young folks there.

**Monday, January 19.** Clear and pleasant light ◀ N. Went to Town meeting. This is the third time this district has been called upon to give there votes for Wm. Baylis & N.B. Borden for representatives to congress. Bought tobacco 4 cents. Evening had a spree to J. Whalons, good music on the flute by J. Thompson. Left 11 o'clk.

**Tuesday, January 20.** AM snowed ◀ SW. Afternoon fair & pleasant. Went a gunning to the Hen & Chickens. R. Masher with me, killed one Indian [*a bird*], arrived home 2 o'clk afternoon.

**Wednesday, January 21.** Cloudy ◀ S. Cut timber on S. Kurby's lot part of the day.

**Thursday, January 22.** Last night rainy. This AM cloudy, then clear ◀ West. AM put in a powder horn bottom. PM picked fowls for market.

**Friday, January 23.** Clear & high ◀ W by N. Did 0. Ma told my fortune this morning, which was none of the best but quite the reverse. Lost my jackknife worth \$2.

**Saturday, January 24.** Clear ◀ N. Helped to draw timber from S. Kurby's lot.

**Sunday, January 25.** Cloudy ◀ SE. AM went a skating on the river, 12 other skaters there. PM about home. Evening spent at home.

**Monday, January 26.** Last night very rainy. Today foggy, warm & muddy, light ◀ SW. Did nothing much worth telling.

**Tuesday, January 27.** Hazy & warm. Light ◀ WNW. Beat dung.

**Wednesday, January 28.** Foggy & some rain ◀ SE to NW. Ice all gone out of the river. Did 0. Pa bargained with John Allen to build his house.

**Thursday, January 29.** Clear & pleasant ◀ N by W. Scored into timber & beat off chips. This evening went to Dr. J.H. Handy's & brought home my Thermometer I sent for by him to Boston. Paid \$2.75. Tobacco ¼ lb. 5 cents.

**Friday, January 30.** Rainy, high ◀ from ESE to SSE. Did 0 much.

**Saturday, January 31.** AM stiff gales South and rainy. PM ◀ SW & cloudy. Did 0. Eve. went to C. Ville.

## **February, 1835**

*Construction of new house commences;*

**Sunday, February 1.** Fair ◀ W. About home. Eve. spent to L. Wing's, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, February 2.** Clear and cold. ◀ N by W. Ferenhete 20°. Helped to draw timber.

**Tuesday, February 3.** Fair and cold ◀ N. Fer. 10°. AM helped to draw timber from F. H's lot near Robin Hill. Eve went to a spree to J. Whalon's, left 10¾ o'clock.

**Wednesday, February 4.** Fair and cold ◀ N. Fer. 8° AM, 14° afternoon, 12° evening. Scored and beat off chips and cut bean poles. J. Allen commenced his job of building Pa's house.

**Thursday, February 5.** Clear ◀ W. Fer. 10°. AM Scored and beat off. Miss J. Sowle made me a jacket.

**Friday, February 6.** AM cloudy, afternoon snowed and calm. I hilled out a grist of corn and went to mill. Caught 3 doz. of eels & cleaned them.

**Saturday, February 7.** Yesterday & last night fell 3 inches of snow. Today fair & high ◀ W. Did 0 most of the day. PM shot balls at a mark. Evening went to Pa Almy's. L. Potter with me. Heard J. Hines play on the violin, the best player I ever hurd.

**Sunday, February 8.** Clear, high ◀ W. Cold. Fer. 5° AM, 8° afternoon, 10° evening. To home all day & evening. Andrew Lawrence & Mary Howland married.

**Monday, February 9.** Clear ◀ W. Dragged stones and wood.

**Tuesday, February 10.** Calm AM cloudy. PM clear. Drawed wood. Eve. went to meeting C. Ville.

**Wednesday, February 11.** Fair & calm. AM air WSW. Fer. 2° degree AM, 25° evening. Cut wood. Had my hair cut.

**Thursday, February 12.** Clear ◀ NW. Cleaned up my gun. Then went to the Head of the River on skates G.W.H. with me. Bought ¾ lb. of Tobacco. Arrived home 4 o'clock afternoon. Evening went to a quilting spree to A. Jacksons left 10¾ o'clock.

**Friday, February 13.** Cloudy ◀ SW & thawy. Cut wood for the fire.

**Saturday, February 14.** Cloudy ◀ from W to N. Cut wood & other chores. Eve. had a spree to J. Whalons, quite a large company, left for home 11 o'clock.

**Sunday, February 15.** Cloudy ◀ NE. About home. Eve. Spent to S Cornells left 10 o'clk.

**Monday, February 16.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Drawed oats into the barn and cut wood on C. Neck.

**Tuesday, February 17.** Rainy ◀ NE. Shelled oats most of the day.

**Wednesday, February 18.** Rainy ◀ NE Cloudy. Shelled corn most of the day.

**Thursday, February 19.** Calm, cloudy & thawy. Shot balls at mark & drawed a load of wood.

**Friday, February 20.** Clear light ◀. Helped to cut & draw timber & cut wood for the fire.

**Saturday, February 21.** Fresh ◀ SW and hazy. Cut & drawed. Pa and Ma left for a visit to *[illegible]*.

**Sunday February 22.** Fresh ◀ SW & hazy. Fer. 46°. To home all day. Eve. Spent to S. Cornells, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, February 23.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Ice all gone out of the river. Cut wood for the fire.

**Tuesday, February 24.** Cloudy fresh ◀ NE. AM cut wood. PM went a clamming dug 3 pecks.

**Wednesday, February 25.** Morning snowy, then cloudy. Evening foggy ◀ S. Shelled corn, went to the Wharf after salt. Then gathered wintergreen & beat dung. Last night went to meeting.

**Thursday, February 26.** Fair ◀ WNW. Busy choring. Between 2 & 3 o'clock this afternoon I was beating off chips off of timber & Pa was hewing on another stick, when the ax flew out of my hands and took Pa across his left leg & cut a woeful gash.

**Friday, February 27.** Snowy all day ◀ NE. Busy choring. Fell 6 inches of snow.

**Saturday, February 28.** Clear & cool ◀ NW. Very busy choring.

## **March, 1835**

*126-year old family house & chimney torn down;  
Frederick dug out cellar & took boat for building supplies.*

**Sunday, March 1.** Clear ◀ NW by W. Fer. 2° AM, 18° midday, 16° evening. To home all day. Evening spent to S. Cornells, left 10 o'clock. A party of boys here this evening.

**Monday, March 2.** Clear ◀ NW by W. Fer. down to zero this morning. Then about 21°. AM drew 2 bags to Gidley's mill. PM shelled corn, etc. Tolerable good sleighing. River froze all over, this makes the 3d time this winter.

**Tuesday, March 3.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. Fer. 2° morning, 21° midday, & 13° evening. Went to the bridge, bought a barrel of flour. Shelled corn, etc. Eve. went to meeting, C. Soule minister.

**Wednesday, March 4.** Clear ◀ from NW to NE. Fer. 5° morning, 30° midday & 20° evening. Choring most of the day.

**Thursday, March 5.** Clear & frosty in the morning. AM calm. PM ◀ S & thawy. 3½ o'clock this morning started for Padanaram & drew a load of lumber, arrived home 1¼ o'clock PM.

**Friday, March 6.** Clear, AM calm, PM air S. Chored & caught 3 doz. of eels.

**Saturday, March 7.** Fresh ◀ East. AM cloudy, PM stormy. Did nothing much.

**Sunday, March 8.** Fresh ◀ NE & misty. To home all day. Spent the Eve. To C. Whites left 11¼.

**Monday, March 9.** Windy ENE. AM cloudy, PM fell ½ inch of snow. AM scored & beat off chips. Pa hewed timber, about the first work he has done since I cut his leg.

**Tuesday, March 10.** AM cloudy ◀ ENE. Afternoon snowed powerful fast. AM busy choring.

**Wednesday, March 11.** Yesterday & last night fell 5 inches of snow, the most smothering storm there been for more than a year. This morning cloudy then clear, air NE & warm. Fer. 46°. Did some chores. Eve spree here, left 11¼ o'clock.

**Thursday, March 12.** Clear, calm & warm. Fer. 76° or summer's heat in the sun at midday. Beat off chips, etc. Swaped shoes with G.W.H., had 18¾¢ to boot.

**Friday, March 13.** Morning cloudy then clear, fresh ◀ from NW to WNW & thawy. AM drewed out & spread manure. PM beat off chips off of the last long stick of timber.

**Saturday, March 14.** Clear, air W. Evening cloudy. Didn't do much. Rhoda Wing, wife of Daniel Wing, died 12 o'clock midday after a long lingering illness by a cansor on her side. Aged about 50 years.

**Sunday, March 15.** Fair, Calm then ◀ WSW Went to the Point. Last night watched with Mrs. Wing's corpse. Eve. Spent to F. Brownells, left 9¾ o'clock.

**Monday, March 16.** Morning thunderstorm & rained till midday. PM come foggy, fresh ◀ WSW. Snow all gone except the drifts. Did 0 all most.

**Tuesday, March 17.** Morning showery then clear, high ◀ WNW. Busy picking up & moving furniture, etc. Last eve. Herd a Killdeer sing. This evening at 10 o'clock Merabeth Sherman wife of Thos. S. departed this life aged 61.

**Wednesday, March 18.** Fair ◀ from NE to SE. Very busy moving things out off the house into the barn, crib & to J. Whalons, where we shall now take up our abodes for a season.

**Thursday, March 19.** Last night fell 3 inches of snow. AM rained fast ◀ East. PM fresh ◀ from S to WNW & N & cooler. Snow all gone that fell last night. AM chored, PM went to Merabeth Sherman's funeral.

**Friday, March 20.** Clear, fresh ◀ from WNW to SW. This AM 7 hands of us pulled down the house which has been built 126 years as near as I can ascertain by tradition. PM cleared off the old stuff.

**Saturday, March 21.** Fair and warm ◀ from SW to NNW. Began to dig celler today clear of stones, etc.

**Sunday, March 22.** Very rainy day with thunder & lightning. ◀ ENE and cool. To home all day and evening.

**Monday, March 23.** Fresh gales WNW & very chilly and squally clouds. Worked part of the day. Evening 3 couples of us went to Miss Hoxie's, the fortune teller, where she told us of fine prospects, etc. We arrived home 10 o'clock.

**Tuesday, March 24.** Fair & fresh ◀ West. Busy digging cellar.

**Wednesday, March 25.** Clear ◀ NNE. Took Tripps scow from the Wharf & went to the Point & took in a load of brick and lumber, B. Gifford with me. Arrived to D. Wings shore sunset. Then drew brick 'till 1 o'clock Thurs AM.

**Thursday, March 26.** Fresh ◀ SE and hazy. Dug cellar 'till 10 o'clock then went to the Point, brought up a scow load of brick & lime, etc. B.G. & H. Pero with me. Had a hard old time of it, arrived home 6 o'clock evening.

**Friday, March 27.** AM cloudy, PM rainy ◀ SW. AM drew brick & lime. Afternoon did 0. There has been rather an uncommon time this March in buying and selling of farms, no less than six has been sold & bought in the compass of 5 miles from here, all 6 of the folks that bought or sold my acquaintances.

**Saturday, March 28.** Fair AM calm PM. ◀ SW. Busy digging cellar.

**Sunday, March 29.** Fresh gales NE cloudy & chilly. To home most of the day. Evening spent to S. Cornells, quite large company there. Left 9½ o'clk.

**Monday, March 30.** A driving snow storm has been falling all day. ◀ NE. Did 0.

**Tuesday, March 31.** Cloudy ◀ NE & squalls of rain. AM dragged stones. PM went to the Head of the River, ¼ lb. tobacco, etc. J. Allen threw the old stone chimney that had braved the Winds & storms of 126 years, the last standing monument of the house. This month has been a real snorter for storms, wind & cold, remarkably so.

## **April, 1835**

*Frederick stoned new cellar & new house is raised.  
Weather cold & ground wet.*

**Wednesday, April 1.** Clear light ◀ N and warm. Began to stone cellar.

**Thursday, April 2.** Fair & calm. Helped to dig & stone cellar.

**Friday, April 3.** Cloudy ◀ E. Helped to dig & stone cellar.

**Saturday, April 4.** Last night powerful rain. Today cloudy ◀ N. Beat dung.

**Sunday, April 5.** Rainy day ◀ NE. The ground very full of water and the season backward. To home all day. Evening spent to F. Brownells, left 10¼ o'clock.



**Monday, April 6.** Cloudy ◀ southerly. Went to General Town Meeting. Very stedy times, business went on smoothly. The same council chosen that has been in for years past. Spent 46 cts. This evening a real spree here, good music on the flute, etc. Company cleared 11 o'clock.

**Tuesday, April 7.** Wind WNW and blue clouds. Helped stone & get on underpinning.

**Wednesday, April 8.** Fair ◀ WNW. Helped to stone and get on underpinning.

**Thursday, April 9.** Smoky ◀ Westerly & warm. Wheeled dirt out of the cellar, etc.

**Friday, April 10.** Calm, fair and quite warm. Dug cellar.

**Saturday, April 11.** Clear, AM calm, PM air SE. Helped to fix the cellar. PM raised the house, all which went together good and nice. This AM P. Hurley raised his house on the other side of the river.

**Sunday, April 12.** Clear ◀ S. To home most of the day. Evening spent to Green Allens, left 11 o'clock.

**Monday, April 13.** Morning cloudy ◀ S. PM rainy. Picked stones off corn stubble, cut stage poles & drewed the same, etc.

**Tuesday, April 14.** High ◀ WNW, squally & cold. Drawed dirt from round the house, on the stones round the pond. Sold P. Potter a coat.

**Wednesday, April 15.** Last night very cold. Today clear, fresh ◀ from NW to W. Busy drawing dirt on the borders of the pond. My faithful old dog Base kicked the bucket this day aged 8¼ years. Pa sold J.W. Howland a Heifer \$22.

**Thursday, April 16.** A real snowstorm, gained 2½ inches on the ground ◀ NE. Went to N. Bedford after Lucy Doty to come & see her mother, who was taken with a fit last night and still remains speechless. Had quite an uncomfortable time a going. Arrived home 4 o'clock. This afternoon spent 16 cents.

**Friday, April 17.** Very cold, froze all day in the shade, high ◀ NW. Moved dirt, chips, manure, timber, hay, stones, etc., etc.

**Saturday, April 18.** Uncommon cold, high ◀ NW & clear. Drawed a load of lumber from Padanaram, gone 9 hours.

**Sunday, April 19.** Cloudy ◀ S. To home all day. Eve. spent to F. Brownells, left 11 o'clk.

**Monday, April 20.** Last night stiff gales SW & small rain. Today foggy & fresh ◀ SW. Began to plough & continued it all day, broke the plough.

**Tuesday, April 21.** Clear high ◀ N in the AM. Afternoon fresh ◀ SW. Got the plough repaired. Drawed off stalks, straw, & drawed in hay into the barn.

**Wednesday, April 22.** AM cloudy, afternoon rainy ◀ SW, evening calm. Pa, H. Pero & me took Tripp's scow, went to the Horse Neck Point at the Harbour & took in a load of sand. Arrived to D.W.'s shore 4½ o'clock. Then drawed home two loads. Last night uncle Ebenezer Allen departed this life after a short illness aged about 67 years, my own aunt's husband.  
[D.W. is David Wing.]

**Thursday, April 23.** Fair fresh ◀ NW. Drawed sand from D. Wing's shore.

**Friday, April 24.** Cold & fresh gales NW. Ploughed old ground.

**Saturday, April 25.** AM cloudy light ◀ SE. 11 o'clock AM began to snow & rain. Began to sow & plough in oats. Afternoon went to the Smiths shop & got 2 month bars, etc.

**Sunday, April 26.** Last night thunder, lightning & powerful rain. Today rainy ◀ NE. To home all day. Evening spent in walking about & to home.

**Monday, April 27.** Clear ◀ E by N. Evening cloudy. Attended mason with brick & max.

**Tuesday, April 28.** AM powerful rain & strong gales ESE. Afternoon the winds blew a hurricane from the S & SW & cloudy. Attended mason 'till the ◀ broke us off.

**Wednesday, April 29.** Fair & some rain. Attended mason. ¼ lb. tobacco 5¢.

**Thursday, April 30.** AM showery & calm. Afternoon fair & warm, air SW. Attended mason. This month as well as March has been remarkable for cold, snow, rain & violent winds. The ground woful wet & the spring exceeding backwards.

## May, 1835

*Cherry & apple trees in bloom at end of month;  
Worked with brick mason*

**Friday, May 1.** Showery & cloudy, calm and warm. Attended mason.

**Saturday, May 2.** Fair & some rain drops ◀ NE. Attended mason.

**Sunday, May 3.** Clear, & the pleasantest day there's been for a long time. Wind NW. To home most of the day. Evening spent to S. Cornells, large company there, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, May 4.** AM calm & cloudy. Afternoon ◀ S by E & rainy. Attended mason.

**Tuesday, May 5.** Last night thunder & lightning. Today misty & cloudy ◀ ENE. AM moved manure. Afternoon went to training, met to Thos. Almy's store, agreeable times, bought ½ pounds of tobacco 8 cts.

**Wednesday, May 6.** Foggy & some rain, light ◀ SE, Ploughed & harrowed in grain. Then went to the Point after paints, oils, nails, etc.

**Thursday, May 7.** Clear ◀ from W to SW. Picked stubble stones & made a harrow bush. Whipped a a great flight of Cormorants across the land here.

**Friday, May 8.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ NW. Harrowed, picked stones.

**Saturday, May 9.** Morning ◀ NE then calm. Afternoon ◀ S by W & cloudy. Went a gunning to SW points, killed 4 loons & 1 gull & caught 12 codfish & a hake. Eve. went to C. Ville, bought a Fishing line 15 fathoms, 25¢ and a shoe brush 11 cts.

**Sunday, May 10.** Mostly cloudy. Morning calm then ◀ NE & SE. To home all day busy choring for myself. Received \$131.27 of N S..... (?). Eve. spent to F.B.

**Monday, May 11.** Clear, morning calm then fresh ◀ SW. Attended mason. I ordered of cloves, etc.

**Tuesday, May 12.** Fair ◀ SW. Attended mason. The widow Sarah Cornell departed this life this afternoon, aged 80 years 1 month & 2 days.

**Wednesday, May 13.** Clear ◀ NE. Attended mason. Bought Daball's *Arithmetic* 30¢.

**Thursday, May 14.** Winds E. AM cloudy, later parts afternoon rainy. Attended mason.

**Friday, May 15.** Last night & this AM rainy ◀ NE & cold. Did 0. Afternoon cloudy ◀ N & cloudy. Begun to plant corn on the E part of the old barn meadow.

**Saturday, May 16.** Fair & cold, fresh gales W. Planted corn, worked most of the day with my jacket and mittens on. The spring remarkable cold & backward.

**Sunday, May 17.** Clear, ◀ W & pleasant. About home most of the day. Evening spent to Wing Howlands company, left 10¾ o'clock.

**Monday, May 18.** Clear & warm ◀ NW & very drying. Attended mason.

**Tuesday, May 19.** Clear ◀ SE to S. Went to the Point, brought to the shore and drewed home 3 loads of brick. Attended mason. Saw and heard a Queedle [*blue jay*] sing, one of my favourite singing birds.

**Wednesday, May 20.** Clear & warm ◀ SW. Eve. great deal of thunder and lightning & small rain. Attended mason & planted corn.

**Thursday, May 21.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ NE. Morning went to the Point for lead for chimney, etc. Then attended mason, planted corn.

**Friday, May 22.** Clear ◀ NE. Attended mason & some other chores.

**Saturday, May 23.** Light clouds ◀ NE. Attended mason 'till 9 o'clock this morn when Mr. Ezra W. Lee taped out the 3<sup>rd</sup> & last stack of chimneys which took 12,000 bricks & 4½ casks

of lime & the mason 18¼ days 7 per day. Then finished planting corn & afternoon planted some same.

**Sunday, May 24.** Clear, morning calm, afternoon ◀ SW. A party of eight of us girls & boys went a sailing this afternoon, landed on the H. Neck & cruised round awhile then returned home. Bought an oval box 10¢. Eve. spent to S. Cornell's, left 10.

**Monday, May 25.** Fair & AM calm, afternoon ◀ SW. Busy planting potatoes.

**Tuesday, May 26.** Clear, calm ◀ NW. Planted potatoes.

**Wednesday, May 27.** AM cloudy, then fair ◀ from NW to SE. Went a gunning and fishing. Killed a gull, caught 10 blackfish & 115 Poggies.

**Thursday, May 28.** AM foggy ◀ NE. Midday fair ◀ SW. Fixed ground for turnips. Eve. went to quilting to C. Giffords, left 10¼ o'clock.

**Friday, May 29.** AM foggy, picked stubble stone. Afternoon showery did nothing much. Cherry trees in full bloom just about now.

**Saturday, May 30.** Fair & warm, light ◀ from NW to N, NW & SE. Finished picking stubble stones. Eve. went to C.V. bought a thin hat 83 cts., ½ lb. tobacco 8 cts., & a pair of thin boots of B.F. Allen 5\$. Square toed, the best I ever had.

**Sunday, May 31.** Fair & warm, AM calm, afternoon ◀ SW. To home all day. Evening spent to Gran. Allens, left 10¼ the clock. Apple tree in full bloom.

## **June, 1835**

*Shelled corn; sheared sheep;*

*Hoed potatoes; masons lathed & plastered Pa's house*

**Monday, June 1.** Lowery & warm ◀ NW. Shelled some corn, etc.

**Tuesday, June 2.** Fresh ◀ SW & clear. Sheared sheep & shelled corn.

**Wednesday, June 3.** Clear ◀ SE. Shelled corn, went to the Point, had my hair cut.

**Thursday, June 4.** Foggy ◀ SW. Began to harrow among corn, finished foddering the cattle for this season. Pa sold the last calf. I now have 4 cows to milk most of the time.

**Friday, June 5.** Foggy ◀ SW. Thunder shower, shelled & planted over corn.

**Saturday, June 6.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. M painted my boat. A planted over corn & shelled corn.

**Sunday, June 7.** Clear ◀ NE to home part of the day. Finished painting my boat. Let Pa \$90 & gave him \$10 to suit my foolish fancy. Evening young folks here, a large number of boys, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, June 8.** Last night white frost. Today clear ◀ SW. Worked on the road.

**Tuesday, June 9.** Fresh ◀ SW & fair. Worked on the roads, D. Wing surveyor.

**Wednesday, June 10.** Clear & warm, light ◀ SW & a shower. A party of 8 of us girls and boys went to Gooseberry neck a gull egging. Took some comfort, some rain & some of the party some seasickness.

**Thursday, June 11.** AM lowery. Afternoon ◀ SW & clear. Evening foggy. Cleaned up the rubbish round the house. Eve went to C.V. bought of B.F. a pair of shoes 92¢.

**Friday, June 12.** Foggy ◀ SSW. Most of the day worked, then did nothing.

**Saturday, June 13.** Last night powerful rain with lightning & thunder. Today mostly foggy & warm air SW. Did some chores.

**Sunday June 14.** Very warm & fair. To home all day. Eve spent to S.C. Left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, June 15.** AM cloudy then fair ◀ NE. Harrowed corn & potatoes.

**Tuesday, June 16.** Clear ◀ S by W. Began to hoe corn for the first. Eve. spree here.

**Wednesday, June 17.** Clear ◀ NW. Evening ▲. Harrowed & hoed corn.

**Thursday, June 18.** Clear ◀ SW. Hoed corn. Pa sold L. Brightman a cow.

**Friday, June 19.** AM clear, finished hoing corn. Afternoon cloudy fresh ◀ S. Went to the Point spent 10¢, paid for the paint \$1.00. Arrived home 7 o'clock.

**Saturday, June 20.** Last night a tremendous squall of wind, rain, thunder & lightning. Today high ◀NW & fair. Did some chores.

**Sunday, June 21.** Fresh ◀ WSW & clear. To home most of the day. This afternoon widow Sara Wing departed this life, aged 86 years, 11 mo. & 21 days. Eve. spent to F. Brownell's, left 10 o'clock. Then waked with S. Wing's corpse.

**Monday, June 22.** Clear fresh ◀ SW. M went to the Head of River & came back by the county roads, where I saw hundreds of Locusts.

**Tuesday, June 23.** Clear morning ◀ N then ▲, evening ◀ S. Midday hoed, Bees swarmed. Afternoon went to S.W. funeral. Received one dollar for shoes.

**Wednesday, June 24.** Clear ◀ SW. Finished hoing potatoes the first time ever. Eve. went to a spree to C. White's, left 11 o'clock.

**Thursday, June 25.** Fair ◀ SW. AM cleared off shavings & burnt them. Afternoon went after a mason. Bought cloth for jacket, trousers & vest \$8.68.

**Friday, June 26.** Warm, lowery & calm. Began to lath, hammered a piece of my thumb off. Then went to The Point & brought up 10,000 laths to David Wing's home.

**Saturday, June 27.** Cloudy & wet ◀ NE. Carried home the craft to the Point that we brought up laths in, etc.

**Sunday, June 28.** Fair ◀ S. To home all day. Eve. spent S. Gill's, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, June 29.** Clear, fresh ◀ WSW. Hoed in the **Sauce** yard. Two masons came on to day to lath & plaster Pa's house.

**Tuesday, June 30.** Fair ◀ W. Dug up docks & whipped a lot of hair to mix with plaster, which made me sick the rest of the day almost.

## **July, 1835**

*Pa's house finished; Frederick attends masons;  
Goes to circus in New Bedford; and, of course, works on the farm.*

**Wednesday, July 1.** Mostly cloudy & cool ◀ N by W. Attended masons.

**Thursday, July 2.** Cloudy ◀ WSW. Attended the masons.

**Friday, July 3.** Fair ◀ WSW. Attended the masons.

**Saturday, July 4.** AM very warm. Afternoon fresh ◀ SW. Evening cooler & fair. Went to N. Bedford, quite regular times, spent \$1.40 & ½ lb. tobacco 10¢.

**Sunday, July 5.** Clear, fresh ◀ SW. Went to two meetings, down to Tripp's Wharf, meetings held under the shady trees by the riverside. A one lady baptized. E. Sherman minister. Eve. spent to F. Brownell's.

**Monday, July 6.** Morning clear ◀ SW. A light rain & ▲. Shuck beans & helped masons.

**Tuesday, July 7.** Clear ◀ SW & ground dry. Harrowed corn & potatoes.

**Wednesday, July 8.** Lowery & warm, light ◀ SW. Began to ½ hill corn and potatoes.

**Thursday, July 9.** Cloudy & small rain air E. Hoed corn & potatoes.

**Friday, July 10.** Cloudy & calm. Midday did chores, afternoon busy hoing corn.

**Saturday, July 11.** Clear AM ◀ N. Afternoon WSW. Finish ½ hilling corn.

**Sunday, July 12.** Fair ◀ from W to S by W. Went a sailing & to Grand Pa's. tarried about 4 hours, arrived home 5 o'clock. Eve. spent to F.B.

**Monday, July 13.** AM foggy then clear & warm ◀ SW. Ma, Mrs. Whalon & me went to N. Bedford to see the caravan of animals, museum & enjoyed myself very well, spent \$1.20. John Allen finished his job of building Pa's house.

**Tuesday, July 14.** AM foggy then fair, fresh ◀ SW. Went to the Point after shingles & bought me a new sythe, ground the same, spotted my new stick, etc.

**Wednesday, July 15.** Foggy ◀ SW. Mowed for Uriah Lipson, bent my new sythe & stick.

**Thursday, July 16.** Last night thunder shower, with gales of wind which broke down the corn. Today cloudy ◀ W. Began to mow to home, cleared out the barn.

**Friday, July 17.** Fair & nearly ▲. Mowed, spread & raked hay.

**Saturday, July 18.** Fair & warm / air N & SW. Mowed, raked and stacked hay.

**Sunday, July 19.** Clear ◀ S. Ground a new sythe, stacked hay, etc. Eve. spent to G. Allens, left 9½.

**Monday, July 20.** AM fair, afternoon cloudy ◀ W by S. Mowed & raked.

**Tuesday, July 21.** Cloudy ◀ SW. AM hoed turnips. Afternoon did 0.

**Wednesday, July 22.** Clear ◀ N. Busy morning. Sold J. H. Gifford a stick.

**Thursday, July 23.** AM ◀ & hot. Afternoon ◀ SW clear. Busy mowing, etc.

**Friday, July 24.** Clear ◀ W by S & warm. Busy mowing, etc.

**Saturday, July 25.** Fair, fresh ◀ SW. Evening cloudy. Mowed & raked hay.

**Sunday, July 26.** Clear ◀ NW & cool. To home most of the day, paid 50¢ for making vest. Eve. spent to F. B. Last night thunder shower.

**Monday, July 27.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. Busy mowing & getting up hay.

**Tuesday July Twenty Eighth, One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five.** Fair, fresh ◀ SE. Finished mowing English grass. Pa moved into his new house although it is not finished yet. [*Frederick's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.*]

**Wednesday, July 29.** Showery ◀ SE. Helped to fix my room in the garrets.

**Thursday, July 30.** Fair ◀ SW & warm. Cleared off shavings, got up hay, etc.

**Friday, July 31.** Fair fresh ◀ SW. Evening cloudy. Midday went a neighbouring, afternoon to Clayville. Bought me a hat 30¢ & ¼ lb. of tobacco 4¢.

## **August, 1835**

*Frederick cleans and landscapes around the new house;  
also works around the farm and goes fishing.*

**Saturday, August 1.** Cloudy, nearly calm & very warm. Cleared off shavings, timber, boards, stones & dirt from round the house.

**Sunday, August 2.** Clear ◀ WNW. To home most of the day. Eve. young folks company to F. Brownell's, left 9¼ o'clock.

**Monday, August 3.** Fair, fresh ◀ SW rainy. Carried the seine to the beach, mended the same, repaired and painted the boats, etc.

**Tuesday, August 4.** Clear, fresh ◀ NW & cool. Busy choring.

**Wednesday, August 5.** Clear fresh ◀ W, evening hazy. Mowed oats, moved & sat up a hay cap, etc. Paid for making pantaloons 38 cents.

**Thursday, August 6.** Cloudy ◀ Easterly. Stacked some oats. Cleared out the well, lathed some in my room.

**Friday, August 7.** Powerful rain, 4 o'clock. A ◀ blew almost a gale NE. Finished lathing my room, most of the day did nothing.

**Saturday, August 8.** Clear, air N. Spread oats, raked & stacked the same. Eve. went to E.W.

**Sunday, August 9.** Clear ◀ SW. To home all day. G. Allen & wife made us a visit. Evening young company to S. Cornell's left for home 10 ¼ o'clock.

**Monday, August 10.** Fair ◀ SW. Mowed & stacked oats. Two masons came on today.

**Tuesday, August 11.** Lowery, warm & nearly ▲. Midday had T.W.M.'s gondola & brought up a load of sand from off the H. Neck. At Noon drew from the same from the shore. This AM E.W. Lee mason cut his thumb nearly off with his hatchet, bone and all.

**Wednesday, August 12.** Cloudy ◀ S & warm. Did some chores.

**Thursday, August 13.** Cloudy fresh ◀ SW. At Noon mixed lime. Afternoon did 0.

**Friday, August 14.** AM foggy then fair ◀ SW. Rained. Afternoon carried home the gondola, then attended masons with mortar.

**Saturday, August 15.** Clear ◀ from NE to E. Evening cloudy. Attended masons.

**Sunday, August 16.** Cloudy ◀ from E to S & W. Evening calm & hot. AM to home. Afternoon went to meeting. C. Sowle & others speakers. Eve. spent to S.C. left 9 o'clock.

**Monday, August 17.** Clear, hot & calm. AM went to ClayVille. Got the horse shod, etc. Then attended the masons with mortar for plaster.



**Tuesday, August 18.** Cloudy ◀ S. Evening showery. Went to the beach a fishing but did not get off though we spent the day on the beach.

**Wednesday, August 19.** Clear ◀ NW. AM attended masons. Afternoon drew dirt for mound.

**Thursday, August 20.** Clear ◀ S by E. Went to the beach a fishing but saw none.

**Friday, August 21.** Last night powerful rain, with lightning & thunder. To-day clear, high < WSW. Saw no fish. Arrived home 2 o'clock then went to Barney's Joy.

**Saturday, August 22.** Fair, fresh ◀ W. Drew seaweed & leveled dirt around the house.

**Sunday, August 23.** Clear, ◀ NW. AM about home. Midday raked salt hay on the C. Neck. Eve. spent to S. Cornell's, quite a large company there, left 10¼ o'clock.

**Monday, August 24.** Clear, AM ▲ & hot. Midday ◀ SW. Caught 5 bbls. fish, 8 bbls. high hook.

**Tuesday, August 25.** Fair, fresh ◀ SSW. Caught no fish today. 14 bbls. high hook.

**Wednesday, August 26.** AM cloudy fresh ◀ S by W. A rainy, laid steps to the back door & leveled some dirt. Afternoon had my hair cut.

**Thursday, August 27.** Clear & warm ◀ N. Laid door steps & drew dirt into the barn yard. This eve. there is a circus to the Head of the River & I made much dependence upon going, but some misunderstanding in the family balked me to hard, so I shall stay to home, home, home.

**Friday, August 28.** A fair, then cloudy fresh ◀ SSE & powerful rain & foggy ◀ SW. Caught no fish although we had a chance, our folks send for the house to get out of the rain, which was quite to bad. 4 other seins caught 5 1/3 lbs.

**Saturday, August 29.** Foggy ◀ SW. No fish caught. Bought me a Tarpawling hat 50¢, sundries 22¢. There was no circus Thurs. night I hear.\

**Sunday, August 30.** Clear, ◀ W. About home. Eve. young folks to F.B. left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, August 31.** Fair fresh ◀ SW. No fish caught today.

## **September, 1835**

### *Frederick fishes*

**Tuesday, September 1.** Clear ◀ N. No fish caught by any of the seins.

**Wednesday, September 2.** AM showery, afternoon fair ◀ NE. Caught 21 bbls. High hook.

**Thursday, September 3.** Clear ◀ SW. Caught 8 bbls. High hook. (?)

**Friday, September 4.** Clear fresh ◀ SW. Caught no fish. 20 lbs. High hook.

**Saturday, September 5.** Clear fresh ◀ SW. AM drew dirt from around the house. Afternoon did nothing. Evening went to C. Ville. Bought  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. tobacco 14¢.

**Sunday, September 6.** Cloudy, fresh ◀ WSW. To home all day. Evening spent F.B.

**Monday, September 7.** Cloudy ◀ W. Ma & I went to the Hd. River. Afternoon heaped seaweed.

**Tuesday, September 8.** Clear AM ▲. Afternoon fresh ◀ SW. No fish caught today.

**Wednesday, September 9.** Clear ◀ NW. No menhaden fish caught today.

**Thursday, September 10.** Fair, fresh gales SW. Caught  $9\frac{1}{2}$  bbls., all that was taken.

**Friday, September 11.** Fair AM ◀ N. PM ◀ S. Drewed seaweed, drilled 29 in rocks, etc.

**Saturday, September 12.** Cloudy, fresh ◀ NE. Drewed seaweed, fenced stack, etc.

**Sunday, September 13.** Cloudy ◀ NE. To home. Eve. spent to S. Cornell's, left  $10\frac{1}{4}$  o'clock.

**Monday, September 14.** Some rain ◀ SW then NW & fair. No fish seen today.

**Tuesday, September 15.** Clear ◀ NE. AM cut stalks. Afternoon went to N. Bedford spent 13 cts.

**Wednesday, September 16.** Last night white frost, the first this season. Today clear wind ENE. Caught  $37\frac{1}{2}$  bbls. which is fair with the rest of the seines.

**Thursday, September 17.** Clear ◀ from SE to S. Caught no fish, 22 lbs. high hook.

**Friday, September 18.** Clear, fresh ◀ SSE. Caught  $22\frac{1}{2}$  bbls. high hook.

**Saturday, September 19.** Clear fresh ◀ East. Didn't get off. Some fish caught, went a plumming.

**Sunday, September 20.** AM ◀ SE & rainy, then fresh ◀ SW & misty. To home all day. Nine ladies and gentlemen were baptized down by Tripp's Wharf. Howard Tripp minister. This evening young folks here the first time since Pa built his house.

**Monday, September 21.** Fair fresh ◀ S. Stacked fish & finished cutting corn stalks.

**Tuesday, September 22.** Clear ◀ SW. Whiped bushes & stacked stalks. Rec'd \$1 of M. Lipson for mowing July 15. Eve. went to a circus, spent 45 cts. Arr. Home  $11\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock.

**Wednesday, September 23.** Clear ◀ SW. Did a much work tilling.

**Thursday, September 24.** Fair ◀ N. Went to the beach a fishing but had no crew.

**Friday, September 25.** Clear fresh ◀ ENE. No fish caught & very few seen.

**Saturday, September 26.** Clear ◀ E. Dug stones in the pasture for wall by woods.

**Sunday, September 27.** Fair & nearly calm. To home most of the day. Pa's seine that he owns in caught 47 bbls. of fish. Evening young folks to F.B, left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, September 28.** Fair ◀ SW. Caught 29½ bbls. 30 high hook. Afternoon a party of 4 ladies came to see us, took the boat & carried them to the Hen & Chick, the sea quite rough & a bad surf breaking on shore, broached too the boat in landing & broke one oar. However all landed safe with the trifling mishap of getting wet feet & the girls some frightened.

**Tuesday, September 29.** Nearly calm, cloudy. Afternoon rainy. Caught 8½ bbls. high hook.

**Wednesday, September 30.** Fresh gales WNW & fair. Caught 42½ bbls. high hook tuna.

## **October, 1835.**

*Frederick lays stone floor in new basement; digs potatoes*

**Thursday, October 1.** Fair & fresh gales from W to WSW & cool. No fish caught. M arrived home. A leveled dirt in the cellar.

**Friday, October 2.** Fair ◀ SW. Leveled dirt in the cellar, brought out stones.

**Saturday, October 3.** Clear AM ▲, afternoon ◀ SW. Worked in the cellar & heaped up sea weed.

**Sunday October 4.** Cloudy ◀ SW. Brought home my thermometer from J. Whalon's where it has been ever since last March. Mer. 61°. Afternoon went to the meeting B. Collins minister & 8 other talkers. Evening spent S. Cornell's, left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, October 5.** AM ▲ & cloudy. Afternoon fair ◀ S. Mer. 72°. Cleared out the crib, etc.

**Tuesday, October 6.** Fresh gales SE & rainy most of the day. Fenced one stack.

**Wednesday, October 7.** AM ▲ & cloudy. Afternoon ◀ SW. Began to dig Potatoes.

**Thursday, October 8.** Clear & nearly ▲. Busy digging potatoes & getting them in.

**Friday, October 9.** Clear ◀ NW. Mer. 60°. Busy potatoeing, sorting the same.

**Saturday, October 10.** Clear ◀ SW. Finished digging potatoes & got them in the cellar. Completed 160 bushels all together. Then gathered apples.

**Sunday, October 11.** Clear ◀ WSW. A went a bassing, caught 7. H.P. with me. Afternoon cloudy ◀ NE. Most of the time to home. Eve. spent to S. Cornell's left 9½ o'clock.

**Monday, October 12.** Clear light ◀ N & S. Busy gathering apples. Some days ago had an invite to goe on Naushaun Island a deer hunting, which commences today; but so much work to do prevented me from going.

**Tuesday, October 13.** Clear ◀ SW. Mer. 63°. Busy gathering apples.

**Wednesday, October 14.** Clear & calm all day. Mer. 66°. Busy gathering apples.

**Thursday, October 15.** Smoky air & ▲. Mer. 68°. Busy gathering apples.

**Friday, October 16.** Clear, air E. Mer. 69°. Went a fishing. Caught 17½ lbs., 22 High Hook.

**Saturday, October 17.** Clear & calm. Mer. 72°. Caught 10 lbs., about 20 lbs. High Hook.

**Sunday, October 18.** Morning ▲ & foggy. Afternoon ◀ S. Mer. 72°. To home all day. Eve. spent to H. Allen's. 9½ o'clock.

**Monday, October 19.** Fair air S. Mer. 73°. Morning drew dirt & stacked fish. Midday began to harvest corn. Last night cousin J. Allen's son Alexander died aged 7½ years.

**Tuesday, October 20.** Fair ◀ SE. Mer. 75°. A M husked corn, midday went to the burial of A. Allen.

**Wednesday, October 21.** Foggy air SE. AM went to C. Ville bought 18 fish hooks, 22¢ & half lb. tobacco 11¢, raisins 10¢ & pad lock for sein house 18 cts. Afternoon husked corn.

**Thursday, October 22.** Calm & foggy, mer. 69°. AM husked. A gathered apples.

**Friday, October 23.** Foggy, air S. Cut up & drew out corn. Dull weather for harvesting, everything being kept by so much constant fog.

**Saturday, October 24.** Early this morning rainy, then cloudy ◀ NE. Did some chores. Bought me a Canipale 20¢. Received a pair of thick shoes.

**Sunday, October 25.** Clear ◀ NNE. Mer. 60°. AM to home, at 2 in the afternoon left to carry Manny Upjohn home to N. Bedford, who has been here a week or more, arrived home 6½ o'clock. Evening to S. Cornell's left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, October 26.** AM ▲. Mer 50°, evening 60°. Clear light ◀ S. Busy harvesting corn.

**Tuesday, October 27.** Clear, light ◀ East. Busy harvesting corn.

**Wednesday, October 28.** Fair ◀ S. Mer. 65° in the shade, which is the place I have tried it all along.

**Thursday, October 29.** Clear ◀ SW. Mer. 70°. Harvested.

**Friday, October 30.** AM ▲ & foggy. AM mer. 80°. Afternoon cloudy ◀ S. Completed harvesting corn, 100 bush. Also finished gathering apples 187 bush, altogether 60 bush cider apples. Corn this year generally fair crop. Potatoes yielded bountifully & apples in great plenty although rather small growth but very fair. Yesterday Cou. J. Allen daughter Osheann died, aged about 6 years.

**Saturday, October 31.** Last night showers. Today fair ◀ NE & cooler. Month remarkable warm & dry. Did no work. Went to the funeral of O. Allen. A. Duvol attended as minister. P.

Cornell and wife came home after meeting & Mrs. Cornell is looking about, espied my thermometer & by some means or another broke it smash. Brought home my Canikin [*drinking vessel*] from C. Ville, paid for painting 25 cts.

## November, 1835

*Slaughters pigs and beef cows; socializes and goes to dance with*

**Sunday, November 1.** Clear ◀ NE. Dug bait for fishing, then to home. Mrs. Amy Jackson received the melancholy news of the deaths of two of her sons Fred and Alex, who sickened & died on their passage from Europe in Aug. & Sept. Evening spent to home & to F. Brownell's left 10½ o'clock.

**Monday, November 2.** Morning mostly cloudy ◀ SE. Left at 2 this morning for fishing in co. with D.W. & E. but the time not looking prosperous, converted the fishing to gunning. Killed one Shag, one coot & a White wing. Arrived home 4 in the afternoon.

**Tuesday, November 3.** Fair ◀ N. Pulled & got in the turnips 50 bush, some weighting 15½ lbs.

**Wednesday, November 4.** Fair & flat calm. Did nothing all day.

**Thursday, November 5.** Cloudy fresh ◀ SW. At 9 this morning left for G.N. Bar. Killed 3 loons.

**Friday, November 6.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Helped to kill 2 hogs wt. 445 lb. & pick 3 geese & other chores.

**Saturday, November 7.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ E. Did 0 much all day.

**Sunday, November 8.** Cloudy & most ▲. About home. Eve. large company to G. Allen left 9¾ o'clock.

**Monday, November 9.** AM rainy. Afternoon cloudy ◀ SW. Went to F. meeting, stedy times as there always is. Spent 53¢. Eve. a regular spree to S. Cornell's, the school house being occupied as the dance hall, though it is often occupied for religious meetings. Company consisting of 10 girls & 15 boys. Broke up the spree 11¾ o'clock.

**Tuesday, November 10.** Clear ◀ NW. Drawed a load of seaweed & 9 men of us pried up a very large flat stone for a door stone, which took about one hour of time.

**Wednesday, November 11.** Powerful rain & fresh gales S. Did nothing much.

**Thursday, November 12.** Fair, strong ◀ W. Chored it. Began to fodder the cattle for the winter.

**Friday, November 13.** Fair & cold ◀ NNW. Moved the apples into the cellar.

**Saturday, November 14.** Fair & cold ◀ N&S. Drawed seaweed & chored for myself.

**Sunday, November 15.** Cloudy ◀ SW. Husked for J. Whalon 2¼ hours. Eve. young folks to F.B. left 10 o'clock.

**Monday, November 16.** Cloudy, fresh gales SW. Began to make cider to E. Gifford's mills.

**Tuesday, November 17.** Cloudy & nearly calm. Busy making cider.

**Wednesday, November 18.** Clear ◀ SW. Finished making cider & got it home 8 lbs. Evening went to meeting H. White & a Mr. Wood ministers. School house much crowded.

**Thursday, November 19.** AM clear & ▲. Afternoon cloudy ◀ SW. Did some chores then went to S. Mills, bought cloth for vest & buttons \$1.18. Paid for other cloths \$1.61.

**Friday, November 20.** Cloudy & wetting ◀ S. Chored it. Pa bought a cow of M. Smith & swapped horses with a Mr. Butterworth of Fall River.

**Saturday, November 21.** Clear ◀ NW. Went to mill & helped to lay a hearth stone.

**Sunday, November 22.** Cloudy ◀ N & cool. To home all day. Eve. young folks to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, November 23.** Last night & this morning fell 4 inches snow, first this season. A rainy ◀ ENE. Killed one beeve [*beef cow*] wt. 622 lbs. Put the cattle into the barn.

**Tuesday, November 24.** Cloudy ◀ N & cold. Picked geese & fowls, etc. for market.

**Wednesday, November 25.** Clear ◀ N. Finished a **charyir** that I've worked upon at times, etc.

**Thursday, November 26.** Fair ◀ W. Helped to kill one hog wt. 304 lbs. & 2 pigs for J. Whalon.

**Friday, November 27.** Cloudy & cold ◀ NE. Went to the Point, bought a bbl. flour \$6 & for myself ½ quir [*a measure of*] paper 11¢ & ½ lb. tobacco 11¢. This morning a sorry accident happened. Ma in a spell of dizziness fell down the garret stairs & hurt her very much, although it is a wonder of wonders the fall had not broke her bones or killed her.

**Saturday, November 28.** Cloudy air N. Chored about ½ the day, rest did nothing.

**Sunday, November 29.** Fair ◀ NW & cold. To home all day & ½ the time busy choring.

**Monday, November 30.** AM cloudy. Afternoon fell 2½ inches light snow ◀ NE. Cut some wood, etc.

## **December, 1835**

*Draws wood, stack hay; extremely cold;  
Sums money spent; "thus has gone another year".*

**Tuesday, December 1.** Clear, air N. Chored. Received of J. Brown \$29.24.

**Wednesday, December 2.** Clear & cold, fresh ◀ NW. Drawed a load of wood. Rest of the day busy coming, going to mill. Paid G.W.H. 9¢ that he won of me Dec. 5, 1834.

**Thursday, December 3.** Clear, light ◀ N. Went to C. Ville spent 6¢.

**Friday, December 4.** Cloudy ◀ W by SW & thawy. For 11 days past stedy cold, river froze over & ground covered with snow. Drawed wood, etc.

**Saturday, December 5.** Snow mostly gone. Today cloudy, NW. Went to C. Ville. Bought A geographical view of the world, \$1. Paid for a handkerchief 15¢, Sundries 3¢. Pa sold & drove off a beeve to H. Snow, weight 595 pounds.

**Sunday, December 6.** Cloudy & cold ◀ NW. To home all day. Eve. large com. to F.B. left 10¾ o'clock.

**Monday, December 7.** Clear & cold fresh ◀ NW. Began & finished thrashing oats. 3 hours to do.

**Tuesday, December 8.** Fair, fresh ◀ WNW. Stacked the oat straw.

**Wednesday, December 9.** Cloudy ◀ from W to SW. Winnowed the oats & got them in. 75 bush.

**Thursday, December 10.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. Drawed wood for G.M. from S.S. lots. Rec'd 18¢ for each.

**Friday, December 11.** Clear & ▲. Drawed a load of wood, went to CV of errands, etc.

**Saturday, December 12.** Early this A fell 1¼ in show, then rainy ◀ NE. Did naught.

**Sunday, December 13.** Cloudy ◀ NE & thawy. About home, shot balls at mark. Eve. com. here.

**Monday, December 14.** AM ▲ & cloudy, afternoon squalls of snow & rain ◀ W. Cut wood.

**Tuesday, December 15.** Squally & strong ◀ W. Went eeling caught 18⅓ dozen & worked hard too.

**Wednesday, December 16.** Fair & extreme cold ◀ WNW. Went to N. Bedford, J. Whalon with me, had rather an uncomfortable time it being so severe cold. Bought some trifles 50¢.

**Thursday, December 17.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. AM chored for myself. Afternoon cut wood.

**Friday, December 18.** Cloudy & most calm & rather softer weather. Cut wood.

**Saturday, December 19.** Fell 1½ in. snow then cloudy & ▲. Chored it some.

**Sunday, December 20.** Foggy & ▲. Snow all gone. To home most of the day. Afternoon me & three more of us shot balls at Bread, I killed 8 pans & shot 16 times, dist. 4-8 yds. 2 cents a shot, which was better than either of the others did.

**Monday, December 21.** Cloudy, thawy & nearly calm. AM chored, afternoon cut wood.

**Tuesday, December 22.** Fair, light ◀ NW. Morning busy choring. Afternoon got the oxen shod.

**Wednesday, December 23.** Clear ◀ W. Morning cleaned my gun. Afternoon cut wood. Bt. 2 lbs. lead 8¢.

**Thursday, December 24.** Clear ◀ SW. AM busy choring for myself. Afternoon drewed wood. Sold eels 80¢.

**Friday, December 25.** Rainy ◀ SW & muddy traveling. Went to C. Ville, plenty of shooting geese, turkeys & ring. Spent 62 cts. & some powder & balls. Eve. small com. to J. Whalon's.

**Saturday, December 26.** Rainy day & nearly calm & very muddy roads. Did nothing.

**Sunday, December 27.** Fair, fresh ◀ NW. About home. Eve. spent to home, small company here left 11¼ o'clock.

**Monday, December 28.** Cloudy fresh ◀ W. Did nothing. Uncle Ebeney Allen & wife made Pa & Ma a visit. Eve. Myra and me went to Uncle Christian Palmers & staid till 10½ o'clock.

**Tuesday, December 29.** Cloudy light ◀ SE & thawy. Cut wood.

**Wednesday, December 30.** Cloudy & misty ◀ NE & thawy. Did nothing much worth telling.

**Thursday, December 31, 1835.** Clear & pleasant ◀ N. Followed my own amusements most of the day. Now I make out & sum up my bills of expence for another year that has rolled away & gone. Spent \$38.88 for articles named in the preceding pages. Tobacco 5¼ pounds \$1.02. Received one dollar for one day mowing. Thus has gone another year.

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## January, 1836

*Frederick socializes with friends; skates on the frozen River;  
Looks over a navigation book; notes marriages among Westporters.*

**Friday, January 1.** Clear light ◀ SW. Went to the bridge, where about 8 or 10 of us had some sport shooting at a ring. Spent 40¢ besides powder & balls. Eve. spent to L. Brownells in a company of about 30 girls and boys.

**Saturday, January 2.** Clear ◀ West. Cut & drewed a load of wood, etc.



**Sunday, January 3.** Clear ◀ N. AM to home. Midday went to Mrs. A. Jacksons to hear the funeral sermon preached by A. Devol in remembrance of her two sons, Fred & Alex who died at sea in August & September last. Plenty of company here, even young folks here, and spent the eve. to J. H. Handies & then to home.

**Monday, January 4.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Drawed wood, Pa helped me.

**Tuesday, January 5.** Last night and today rainy ◀ NE. Finished reading 2 vol. F. Mildmay "Romanie". This day Abraham Kurbey and his wife both buried in one grave, the latter deceased Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and former Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> aged about 60 years.

**Wednesday, January 6.** Cloudy and squalls of snow. ◀ NE cut wood to the door. Sold C. Reader 58¢ to S.B.

**Thursday, January 7.** Cloudy fresh ◀ ENE. Dragged stones for wall.

**Friday, January 8.** Cloudy fresh ◀ NE. Cut and drawed a load of wood. Bought cloth 20¢.

**Saturday, January 9.** Rainy fresh gales ENE. Ice gone out of the river. Did nothing. J. Sowle made me a vest, paid for making 37½¢. Cloth making, etc. \$1.75½.

**Sunday, January 10.** Last night strong gales & rainy. Today strong ◀ NE and rainy. To home all day most of the time choring for myself. Eve. went to S. Cornells, left 8½ o'clock.

**Monday, January 11.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Cut wood to the door.

**Tuesday, January 12.** Fair again once more ◀ NW. Went eeling caught 3½ dozen.

**Wednesday, January 13.** Clear, air N and very warm. Had my hair cut. Went to C. Ville on several errands. Bought ½ lb. tobacco 12¢, sundries 8¢. Evening went to meeting at Mr. Phillips, minister appeared deeply engaged but made no impression on my sin bound heart, his preachment didn't, than a song.

**Thursday, January 14.** Clear ◀ WNW. Drawed a load of wood & cut it up & stowed it away.

**Friday, January 15.** Clear ◀ NW & colder. Drawed a load of wood, cut it and put it in woodhouse.

**Saturday, January 16.** Fair ◀ NW & cold. Repaired my cap & shacked about the neighbourhood.

**Sunday, January 17.** AM cloudy, Midday snowy ◀ NE. Went a skating on the River. Eve. young folks to S. Cornell.

**Monday, January 18.** Most of the day snowy ◀ NE fell 4 inches. Did nothing much.

**Tuesday, January 19.** Pleasant & clear ◀ NW. Looked over Moore's *Practical Navigator*.

**Wednesday, January 20.** Clear ◀ N. Drawed two loads of wood. Eve. A.C.W. made me a visit.

**Thursday, January 21.** Clouds ◀ S. Cut wood to the door, etc. Eve. party to A. Shermans I hear.

**Friday, January 22.** Rainy ◀ SW. Shelled corn. Snow all gone. For 3 days past fair sleighing.

**Saturday, January 23.** Clear ◀ N. Waited upon Ma & Myra to the Head of River & to S. Mills, spent 2¢.

**Sunday, January 24.** Fair N ◀ Went a skating on the river. Midday to home. Eve. young folks here.

**Monday, January 25.** Last night & today snow & rain and then snow again. ◀ NE Did some chores.

**Tuesday, January 26.** Clear ◀ W. Run of errands. Cut some wood, etc.

**Wednesday, January 27.** Clear & pleasant, ◀ NW Went of errands.

**Thursday, January 28.** Clear & cold ◀ W. Went to mill, etc. Heard that F.C & G.C. and R.A. & J.A. all of Westport entered marriage.

**Friday, January 29.** Clear & cold. ◀ N. Did 0. Most sick with a cold, headache & strepmenta.

**Saturday, January 30.** Fair & ◀ SW. Drawed and cut up a load of wood.

**Sunday, January 31.** Rainy day & night from ESE to NE. So home all day and evening.

## **February 1836**

*Frederick takes sleigh to Head of Westport & skates on frozen Westport River; repairs fishing nets that he calls "seines."*

**Monday, February 1.** Last night fell 2 inches snow, today fair ◀ N & good sleighing. AM did 0. Afternoon went to Head of River in a sleigh. Bought cloth & trimmings for pantaloons \$5.97 & sundries 78¢.

**Tuesday, February 2.** Clear & very cold. ◀ NW. Did 0.

**Wednesday, February 3.** Clear ◀ NW. Drawed and cut up a load of wood.

**Thursday, February 4.** Cloudy & cold ◀ Northerly with some snowfall. Mr. S. Gifford left this eve., came Tues. Feb. 2.

**Friday, February 5.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. Busy choring. Midday drew wood. Pa & Ma arrived this evening from G. Allens & others. Left Tuesday evening. Received my thermometer from Dr. Handy.

**Saturday, February 6.** Clear ◀ WNW. Cut & stowed away wood, etc.

**Sunday, February 7.** Cloudy & warmer, midday ◀ E. To home most of the day. For six days past remarkable cold, river frozen hard enough from the harbour wharf to bear it to Head, a thing very seldom. Eve. young folks here and I tie tie.

**Monday, February 8.** Last night & today a snorter of a rain storm. ◀ ESE. Made me a small whet stone. The week past prime good sleighing & wheeling too.

**Tuesday, February 9.** Fair fresh ◀ WSW. Went to the beach on skates & to the S. House.

**Wednesday, February 10.** Clear ◀ W by N. Made me an inkstand. Mr. C. Sowle & J. Philips ordained by the Baptists at elder H. Tripps meeting house at Head of River.

**Thursday, February 11.** Clear ◀ NW. Morning went to E. Howland's. J. Sowle cut me a pair of trousers 8¢. Then put my skates on at D.W.'s shore and went to cousin F. Allen's, then to Grand Pa's then back to F's & took dinner. Then we skated to J. Lawrence's then to N. Kurbey, then to the shore, and on skates again & to A. Davis's to Bridge, from there to J. W. Howland's & took tea, then to D.W.'s shore again, off skates and went to S. Howland's & spent the eve. in company with F.A., G.W.H., R.M., & F.W.B. and from there home, having enjoyed a pleasant day in skating & visiting agreeable company.

**Friday, February 12.** Cloudy air E. Drewed a load of wood. Eve. our seine company met here & settled the last season's fishing bills. Whole number bbls. caught or time spent in taking them from Aug. 18, 1835 to Oct. 17, 1835 – 249. Pa's share 37½ bbls. and now they have concluded to buy 160 lbs. twine to repair the old seine.

**Saturday, February 13.** Rainy, ◀ E. Made me an image face out of pine.

**Sunday, February 14.** Cloudy & cold ◀ NW. Made seine needles, etc. John Allen & Content Wilcox married today, whew. Eve. spent to F. Brownells.

**Monday, February 15.** Cloudy & cold. ◀ NW. Began to knit seine.

**Tuesday, February 16.** Clear & cold. ◀ N. Busy knitting seine.

**Wednesday, February 17.** Small snow. ◀ N. Busy knitting.

**Thursday, February 18.** Clear, ◀N. Knit seine. Cousin J. Allen & his wife left here from off a visit.

**Friday, February 19.** Hazy & ◀ W. Mer. AM 30" Evening 19". Went to Head of River on skates, bought ½ lb. tobacco 12¢, gone 3 hours from home, then busy knitting. Today herd a great deal of fun made of J.A. & C.W.A. wedding, sending for cider.

**Saturday, February 20.** Last night fell 2 inches snow. AM rainy, midday foggy. ◀ NE. Knit the 6 preceding days, extreme cold weather. Topped of knitting 6 skins.

**Sunday, February 21.** AM rainy, midday cloudy, light ◀ Northerly & thawy. About home. H. Howland & R. Allen married today, **whisco he the ton** of the town and she the flower of this vicinity.

**Monday, February 22.** Clear & pleasant air N. Mer. 45". Busy knitting seine.

**Tuesday, February 23.** Cloudy air E. Drawed a load of wood, then busy knitting.

**Wednesday, February 24.** Foggy, ◀ SE. Finished knitting of skeins of 24 threaded cotton twine, weight 18¼ lbs. which has kept me busy for 9 days past.

**Thursday, February 25.** Last night rainy. Today clear high ◀ WNW. Made a small broom.

**Friday, February 26.** AM cloudy & ◀. Cut wood. Midday snowed. ◀ ENE. Did nothing.

**Saturday, February 27.** Yesterday & last night fell 3 in. snow. Today clear ◀ N. Most of the day spent to uncle Geo. Allen's, took dinner there & had a good visit.

**Sunday, February 28.** Clear ◀ NW. To home all day. Eve. spent to S. Cornells.

**Monday, February 29.** AM cloudy, midday snowy, ◀ E. Went to see **Mose** S. Gifford, he left here Feb. 4 being pretty wild then & is now confined but appears to enjoy himself, tolerable fair in reading, singing & dancing.

## **March 1836**

*Frederick attends a baptism in the River and  
hangs up his ice skates for the season.*

**Tuesday, March 1.** Rainy & foggy, fresh ◀ SW. Did nothing of consequence.

**Wednesday, March 2.** Last night rain, thunder & lightening. Today cold high ◀ NW. Paid Miss J. Sowle for making pantaloons 42¢. Went to N. Bedford, bought a razor 50¢, sundries 44¢. Besides I've partly bargained or rather Uncle G. Allen for me to chore, take care of the horse & cow & and so on.

**Thursday, March 3.** Clear high ◀ W. AM went a skating on the River. Midday picked fowls.

**Friday, March 4.** Clear & pleasant ◀ SSW. Did 0. Pa has been to N. Bedford, bought a puppy dog. Besides he went to P. Barneys & stopped the bargain that I contracted Wednesday so here I content myself to home sweet home.

**Saturday, March 5.** Clear fresh ◀ NW. Cut and drewed wood. Pa paid me \$3.60 sum for knitting.

**Sunday, March 6.** Cloudy ◀ SE. AM went a skating. Midday to home. Eve. spent to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, March 7.** Fair ◀ WSW. Went to Tiverton to G. Almy's and took dinner then to Wm. Almys & stayed a while. Did some business with G. At 9 o'clock arrived home. G.W.H. is with me. Spent 28¢ bought ½ lb. tobacco 12¢.

**Tuesday, March 8 – party.** Mostly cloudy ◀ SW. Cut up wood. Eve. party of 5 girls and 8 boys here.

**Wednesday, March 9.** Fair & ▲. Cut up wood and stowed it away. Bought a cake of soap 6¢.

**Thursday, March 10.** Foggy ◀ SE. Cut and drewed a load of wood and cut it up.

**Friday, March 11.** Last night powerful rain & ◀. Today fresh gales W & clear. Made me an iron fastened dung beater, etc. Eve. went to meeting, C. Sowle minister.

**Saturday, March 12.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. cut wood. Eve. Myra & me went to **N.K.**

**Sunday, March 13.** Fair ◀ S. AM went to T. Allens AM to home. Eve. to S. Cornells.

**Monday, March 14.** Foggy ◀ SW. Cousin T. Allen & I went to Barney Jay a visiting.

**Tuesday, March 15.** Clear ◀ NW. Today left Uncle Ebenezer's where we stayed last night & went to Johns. Midday went to see James who is confined with a lingering illness, besides he has lost the power of speaking with a voice, & has been so for 10 mos., part being not able to talk only by a whisper. Eve. came home, had a fair visit.

**Wednesday, March 16.** Clear ◀ SW. Helped to draw and cut up a load of wood. This AM Benj. Negus died aged about 76 years. He was a revolutionary pensioner.

**Thursday, March 17.** Foggy ◀ SW & muddy traveling. Did nothing.

**Friday, March 18.** Clear ◀ NW. did some chores, cut some wood, etc.

**Saturday, March 19.** Clear AM ▲. Midday ◀ S. Evening cloudy. Dragged stones for wall.

**Sunday, March 20.** Clear air NW. Went to meeting to 6 Kalle, a very great collection of people. Meeting held in B. Cummings barn by Elder G. Sowle. After service two ladies and three gentlemen were baptized, not a shiver nor a muscle appeared to move on account of the coldness of the water. Eve. company here & I two.

**Monday, March 21.** Clear ◀ SW. Cut wood most of the day. Eve. had a spree to J. Wo.

**Tuesday, March 22.** AM cloudy. Cut wood. Midday snow like great guns. ◀ ENE. Blacked my boots and scoured up my skates and hung them up for the season.

**Wednesday, March 23.** Yesterday & last night fell 9 inches of snow. Today clear ◀ NW. Did 0 work.

**Thursday, March 24.** Fair ◀ S. AM did 0. Midday went to our new neighbours S. Brightman & helped to set up and stow away furniture. Saw a flock of wild geese.

**Friday, March 25.** Clear, ◀ NE. Went to the appraisal of stock on Mrs. A. White's Farm, from M. Lipson to S. Brightman. Received from my service 50¢.

**Saturday, March 26.** Clear, ◀ NE. Drawed & cut up wood & stowed it away. Saw & heard a Killdare sing, one of my favorite birds of passage and besides it is a sign winter has broke, which has been a very remarkable cold and long one too.

**Sunday, March 27.** Fair, strong ◀ WSW. To home most of the day. Eve. spent to Pa Cornell's.

**Monday, March 28.** Fair & warm, ◀ AM E. Began to farm it for the rate. Drawed out manure.

**Tuesday, March 29.** Cloudy, ◀ E. Dragged stones and spread manure.

**Wednesday, March 30.** Fair, ◀ E by S. AM drawed manure J. Howland. Midday picked stubble stones.

**Thursday, March 31.** Clear ◀ SW. Dragged stones AM. Picked stubble stones.

## **April 1836**

*Frederick builds a stone wall, and Pa finds lost sheep.  
Attends Town Meeting.*

**Friday, April 1.** Clear ◀ SW. Picked stubble stones.

**Saturday, April 2.** Cloudy, air S. Beat dung.

**Sunday, April 3.** Very pleasant & clear. ◀ S. To home most of the day. Evening spent to Mrs. Garnetts.

**Monday, April 4.** Foggy, cloudy and nearly ▲. Went to town meeting, very stedy times. The same old counsel chosen that has served for years past. I run a race with E. Kirby for a dollar. Spent 83¢. Eve. had a spree to P.P.s. Left 18½ o'clock.

**Tuesday, April 5.** Clear, NE. Dug trench, went to L. Giffords, got bar sharpened. Cut 70 widths.

**Wednesday, April 6.** Cloudy & cold, ◀ NW. Midday squalls of snow. Trimmed orchard.

**Thursday, April 7.** Clear, midday S. Trimmed orchard.

**Friday, April 8.** Clear, ◀ SW. Trimmed orchard. Great flights of wild geese. Eve. went to C. Ville.

**Saturday, April 9.** Foggy and ◀ SW. Picked stubble stones. Eve. went to the Bridge. Whew.

**Sunday, April 10.** Foggy & showers, fresh ◀ SW. About home, had my hair cut. Eve. come to J.W.s

**Monday, April 11.** Clear, ◀ NE. AM dug trench. Midday looked for sheep. ¼ lb. tobacco 6¢.

**Tuesday, April 12.** Clear & very cold for the season. ◀ N. Dug trench.

**Wednesday, April 13.** AM cloudy. ◀ S. Drawed stones. Midday snowed like great guns. Did 0.

**Thursday, April 14.** Last night rained. ◀ blew a gale. Today fair ◀ WNW. Beat dung.

**Friday, April 15.** AM cloudy. Made wall. Midday snowed, ◀ E. Went to mill. This midday Pa found his sheep and drove him home, which stayed away *[since]* Tuesday, April 5.

**Saturday, April 16.** Fair, ◀ E. Drawed stones and made wall. Paid for cloth 42¢.

**Sunday, April 17.** Fair, ◀ S. About home. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornell's & Stu.

**Monday, April 18.** Fair, fresh, ◀ S. Drawed stones and made walls. Eve. went to B. Joy. E. Allen.

**Tuesday, April 19.** Cloudy, ◀ NE. Drawed a load of hay into the barn, drawed and spread manure, moved old lumber, etc. etc.

**Wednesday, April 20.** Clear, ◀ E. Picked stubble stones.

**Thursday, April 21.** Fair & very warm. AM I began to plow old ground and tilled it all day.

**Friday, April 22.** Last night rain with thunder & lightning. Today fair & strong gales NW and cold. AM went to N. Bedford, bought a pair of shoes \$1.75, a pair of gloves \$1, a nice stock \$1.25 & housekeeping, etc. 31¢. Afternoon picked stubble stones.

**Saturday, April 23.** Cloudy, fresh, S by E. AM picked stones. Midday ploughed. Evening went to the bridge.

**Sunday, April 24.** AM cloudy then clear. ◀ NW. AM went to E. Allen's got a chaise. Midday a gathering here & Williams Weeks & Myra E. Allen after a courtship of four weeks jumped over the broomstick this afternoon. Then took a ride a small distance.

**Monday, April 25.** Clear ◀ NW. AM ploughed hill awhile, then lounged about 'till 2 o'clock this afternoon. Then we 4 couple of us left for J. Weeks's Cape Street Dartmouth and spent the afternoon & night. No remarks worth mentioning upon anything I saw.

**Tuesday, April 26.** Morning squalls of rain then fair, fresh ◀ SW. At 10 o'clock, left for home. Midday carried home the chaise \$1.25. The junket is now over & I am very glad. My sentiments reflecting the relation Myra has formed may be found in another place with more propriety.

**Wednesday, April 27.** Clear, fresh ◀ NW. Got the plough sharpened. Midday began to plough green sward in the B. meadow. [*sward = portion of ground covered with green grass.*]

**Thursday, April 28.** Fair AM. Afternoon ◀ S. Went a gunning the Hens & Chickens bar. 24 boats of us there and I got 10 coots and 2 white wings, which was a fair, fair. Arrived home 3 o'clock and then picked stubble stones & then helped pick fowls.

**Friday, April 29.** AM showery. Midday foggy ◀ S. Ploughed green swards

**Saturday, April 30.** Fair, ◀ NE. Ploughed green swards, sold sea fowls 50¢.

## **May, 1836**

*Frederick works on the farm; plants corn & potatoes, plus beets & parsnips;  
Goes gunning for birds but has little luck; Pa sells cow.*

**Sunday, May 1.** Clear, ◀ SW. AM to home. Midday over the river. Eve. to Mrs. Cornell's.

**Monday, May 2.** Clear, ◀ SW. Moved and dug over manure.

**Tuesday, May 3.** Clear & warm, ◀ SW. Midday finished ploughing sward. Afternoon went to C. Ville to training, plenty of wine to drink, had a fair time. Bought 1 lb. tobacco 24¢.



**Wednesday, May 4.** Clear ◀ N by W. Furrowed for planting. Pa bought me a new hoe.

**Thursday, May 5.** Clear AM, ◀ SW. Began to plant corn & busy at it all day.

**Friday, May 6.** Clear midday, ◀ South. Busy planting corn all day.

**Saturday, May 7.** AM cloudy. ◀ S. Planted corn. Midday ◀ SE & rained. Turned into the hay, mowed and slept.

**Sunday, May 8.** Fair ◀ E. Around home all day. Saw & heard a Cunk Quelle sing. Nine or 10 ladies & gentlemen baptized at C. Ville by elder C. Sowle. Eve. spent to J.W. & home.

**Monday, May 9.** Clear, ◀ E. Finished planting the barn meadow, etc.

**Tuesday, May 10.** Clear ◀ SW. Picked stubble stones. Yesterday, Pa sold H. Snow a cow for \$30 & today drove her to him at Padanaram. *[Ed. note: \$30 = \$820 in 2019 money.]*

**Wednesday, May 11.** Lowery & warm, ◀ SW. Ploughed & blasted rocks & drewed off the same.

**Thursday, May 12.** Clear ◀ SW. Ploughed old ground.

**Friday, May 13.** AM foggy ◀ S & very warm. Afternoon ◀ NE. Finished ploughing, furrowed the ground. Then finished planting corn & began to plant potatoes.

**Saturday, May 14.** Clear AM ◀ NE. Afternoon busy planting potatoes. Morning white frost.

**Sunday, May 15.** Clear ◀ SW. Morning finished planting potatoes. So home afternoon looked over B. Isb. for a cow till I found her. Eve. spent to B. Giffords.

**Monday, May 16.** Clear ◀ SW. Made up a gap in the wall, killed and picked fowls.

**Tuesday, May 17.** Fair ◀ SW. Evening showers. Went to mill, picked stubble stones.

**Wednesday, May 18.** Fair and very warm, ◀ S. Made a beet & parsnip bed and planted out.

**Thursday, May 19.** Clear ◀ W&S. Planted beet seeds, potatoes. Knit herring nets for H. J. & dug baits for fishing.

**Friday, May 20.** Blue smoke air ◀ SE. Went gunning & fishing, killed one loon & caught 6 rock bass, 12 black fish & 90 scup. Afternoon dried fish, etc.

**Saturday, May 21.** Morning foggy, the clear ◀ S. Planted sauce. Afternoon did 0.

**Sunday, May 22.** Fair ◀ NE. To home all day. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornells.

**Monday, May 23.** Most of the day cloudy ◀ NE. Did 0. Pa went to G. N. Bara, killed 0.

**Tuesday, May 24.** Cloudy ◀ ENE. Went gunning to G. N. Bara, had two shots at loons but got nothing although several were killed. Afternoon finished picking stubble stones.

**Wednesday, May 25.** Last night rained. Today cloudy ◀ NE. AA shacked over to J.W. Howland, saw G.W. Wing leave family & home on account of his wife experiencing religion.

**Thursday, May 26.** Cloudy & cold ◀ NE. Mer. 58°. Helped J. Whalon plough 2 hours. Rest of the day did nothing. Last night the last of 5 goslings was carried off by a fox.

**Friday, May 27.** Cloudy ◀ E. Dug trench, drew stones & made a short piece of wall by the well.

**Saturday, May 28.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Planted over corn, etc. G.W. Wing has returned home again I hear.

**Sunday, May 29.** Cloudy ◀ NE. About home all day. Evening spent to F. Brownells.

**Monday, May 30.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Mer. 55°. Did 0. Apple trees in full bloom & very full too, though many fear the weather is & has been so cold that it will blast the fruit.

**Tuesday, May 31.** Fair & cold ◀ ENE. Planted over corn, did some chores & went to mill.

## **June, 1836**

*Works on the farm, kills & dresses a pig; plants corn.  
Some hunting & target practice; Reads Burns's Works.*

**Wednesday, June 1.** Nearly clear ◀ ESE. Helped to kill & dress a hog. Then worked on the road for Cornelius White; received 50¢ for the same.

**Thursday, June 2.** Fair ◀ E. A brought home two pigs from S.H. Then worked on the road for S. Brightman & he is for me in exchange. Pa sold the dog Base he bought last March.

**Friday, June 3.** Cloudy ◀ E by N. Worked 2½ hours for J. Whalon, besides some chores.

**Saturday, June 4.** Cloudy ◀ ENE & some rain. Did 0 but to shack about the neighbourhood. Pa sold A. Giffords a cow & calf \$44; now I have 3 cows to milk only.

**Sunday, June 5.** Cloudy most of the day ◀ NE. About home. Eve. spent to J. Whalons.

**Monday, June 6.** Some rainy ◀ E. AM read *Burns's Works*. Afternoon made some fence. Received the New Bedford Gazette & Courier, Vol. 2, No. 49.

**Tuesday, June 7.** Foggy & very warm ◀ SSE. AM H. Pero & me went a shooting birds, killed 3 a piece, then shot at mark & I won 9¢. Afternoon began to harrow among the corn.

**Wednesday, June 8.** Mostly cloudy, AM ▲. Afternoon ◀ South & warm. It has been 17 days now since the wind blew from the East. Went outside a-fishing, caught 47 Tautog. H. Pero with me. Spent as much time shotting birds, etc. as in fishing almost.

**Thursday, June 9.** Clear ◀ SW and a fine growing time. Worked on the road.

**Friday, June 10.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. Worked on the road, D. Wing Surveyor.

**Saturday, June 11.** Foggy ◀ S. Planted over corn, sheered sheep, and worked out the tax on the road.

**Sunday, June 12.** Clear ◀ SW. To home all day. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornells.

**Monday, June 13.** Clear ◀ from NE to SE. Harrowed and planted over corn, etc.

**Tuesday, June 14.** Cloudy ◀ E. Began to hoe corn and continued it all day.

**Wednesday, June 15.** Clear fresh ◀ N by W. Busy hoing corn the first time over.

**Thursday, June 16.** Clear ◀ South. Busy hoing.

**Friday, June 17.** Morning clear & very hot. Afternoon showers which were very much needed.

**Saturday, June 18.** Cloudy & ▲. Morning finished hoing the barn meadow fields. Afternoon to L. Almys & auction C. Ville. Bought 0. No bargains I didn't see sold, it consisted shop articles.

**Sunday, June 19.** Fair & hot. Mer. 80°. AM ◀ N, afternoon SW. Went a sailing and to Grand Pa E. Wing with me. Evening spent to Mrs. Cornells; me & A. Brownell had a 2 way scuffle, he got whaped, spraint his knee bad.

**Monday, June 20.** AM rainy, afternoon cloudy ◀ NE. Did some chores.

**Tuesday, June 21.** Rainy ◀ NE. AM went to H. Pero's. Afternoon made that image of a horse on this book.

**Wednesday, June 22.** Cloudy ◀ NE. AM choired. Afternoon cut up apple tree limbs. W.W. with me caught cover.

**Thursday, June 23.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Went a fishing out the harbor.

**Saturday, June 25.** Rainy ◀ ENE. Made me a whip stock. Mrs. Whalon present me three greening apples.

**Sunday, June 26.** Cloudy ◀ E. AM 3 of us shot at mark, I won 12¢. Afternoon went to meeting, no minister, then to Dr. H took tea.

**Tuesday, June 28.** Smoky air ◀ SE. Finished hoing potatoes the first time.

**Wednesday, June 29.** Fair & ▲. Topped off hoing corn & potatoes the first time.

**Thursday, June 30.** Fair ◀ S. Began to harrow over the corn again.

## **July, 1836**

*Busy on the farm, working corn & potatoes.*

*Finished painting boat. W. Week sails on a whaling voyage.*

**Friday, July 1.** Smokey air & ▲. Mer. 80. Harrowed, washed the horse wagon. Afternoon went to C. Ville.

**Saturday, July 2.** Smokey air ◀ SW. Gave M. F. to C. Did 0 much.

**Sunday, July 3.** Fair ◀ S. About home all day. P. Potter paid me \$5 due since April 14, 1835.

**Monday, July 4, 1836.** Foggy ◀ S. Mer. 77°. Went to see J. Allen. Afternoon to home. Gave 12½¢.

**Tuesday, July 5.** Foggy & clear ◀ SW. Planted one bush potatoes when the corn was in.

**Wednesday, July 6.** Clear ◀ WSW. Harrowed & hoed potatoes.

**Thursday, July 7.** Clear ◀ SW. Mer. 82°. Harrowed & hoed. Grand pa, Uncle Geo. Allen & his wife here in the afternoon.

**Friday, July 8.** Clear ◀ SW. Mer. 85°. AM did 0. Afternoon went to the Point after paints 2¢.

**Saturday, July 9.** Foggy ◀ S. AM finished ½ hilling potatoes. Went to auction to Almy's & Co. C. Ville. Bought four pickers for 18¢, sold two of the same for 22¢.

**Sunday, July 10.** Foggy ◀ SW. Afternoon rained some. Shacking about the neighbourhood. Eve. came to Mrs. Cornell.

**Monday, July 11.** Cloudy AM some rain ◀ NE. Began to half hill corn.

**Tuesday, July 12.** Cloudy ◀ ENE. Busy hoing corn.

**Wednesday, July 13.** Cloudy ◀ E. Finished ½ hilling the barn meadow field.

**Thursday, July 14.** Muggy ◀ ESE. Harrowed and whipped bushes. W. Weeks sailed on a whaling voyage.

**Friday, July 15.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Night rained. Whiped bushes.

**Saturday, July 16.** Cloudy fresh gales NE. Went a skuping, P.P. with me. Both of us caught 0, it being very poor fishing.

**Sunday, July 17.** Clear fresh gales NW. Partly painted my boat. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornell's.

**Monday, July 18.** Clear ◀ N&S. Whiped bushes and finished painting my boat.

**Tuesday, July 19.** Clear ◀ W. Began to mow & finished hoing corn 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**Wednesday, July 20.** Fair ◀ W. Mowed some, packed the roof of the barn, etc.

**Thursday, July 21.** AM fair, afternoon cloudy ◀ SW. Finished mowing the Pond meadow & raked it up.

**Friday, July 22.** Last night a shower. This AM cloudy. Carried the paint to F.W. He paid for what I used 58¢. Spent 2¢. Afternoon clear ◀ N. Spread some hay, etc. This morning Capt. F. Tripp departed this life aged about 67 years.

**Saturday, July 23.** Clear ◀ E. Spread, made & got into the barn what grass that's mowed.

**Sunday, July 24.** Cloudy ◀ SSW. Went to Capt. F. Tripp's funeral. The rest of the day spent to home. Evening spent to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, July 25.** AM showers, did nothing. Afternoon fair ◀ E'y. Whiped bushes.

**Tuesday, July 26.** AM rainy. Helped J.W. grind a new sythe. Mr. W. presented me 25¢. Afternoon went a fishing, caught one, which was common fair with the rest.

**Wednesday, July 27.** AM foggy, then clear. Afternoon S ◀. Whiped bushes & mowed.

**Thursday, July Twenty Eighth, One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six.** AM foggy. Afternoon fair ◀ S. Mowed & raked hay in the Long meadow. Fitted a H cap. [*Frederick's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday.*]

**Friday, July 29.** Cloudy ◀ S by E. Finishes mowing the So. meadow & whipped bushes.

**Saturday, July 30.** AM showers. Afternoon fair ◀ SW. AM did 0. Afternoon did hay an hour or two.

**Sunday, July 31.** Clear ◀ E'y by S'y. Busy getting up hay nearly all day in the S. meadow. Mrs. Charlotte Brownell, wife of F.B., departed this life aged 44 after a sickness of 7 months. Evening spent to L. Wings.

## **August, 1836**

*Worked on the farm, harvests hay & oats but complains about yields.*

*Also poor fishing.*

**Monday, August 1.** Fair ◀ SW. Mowed & raked the east meadow.

**Tuesday, August 2.** Clear ◀ NE & S. Finished mowing the Crib meadow. Went to Mrs. C. Brownell's funeral, then got up hay.

**Wednesday, August 3.** Fair ◀ S. Mowed & got up hay in the old barn meadow.

**Thursday, August 4.** Fair ◀ Westerly. Mowed & got up hay.

**Friday, August 5.** Fair ◀ S'y. Mowed none but spread & got hay into stack.

**Saturday, August 6.** Rainy day ◀ SE. Did nothing.

**Sunday, August 7.** Clear ◀ SW. Went to Grand Pa's Uncle George & Thos. & took dinner. Evening spent to Mrs. Cornells.

**Monday, August 8.** Fair ◀ WSW. Finished mowing the old barn meadow & raked hay.

**Tuesday, August 9.** Morning rainy ◀ NE. Swaped a knife for a pencil case with W.W. Handy, silver one. Afternoon clear, finished mowing the square meadow which ma has a finish of E. Grass. Evening had an agreeable spree to J. White's, left 11½ o'clock.

**Wednesday, August 10.** Mostly cloudy ◀ SE. Completely getting up & staking Hay & mowed oats.

**Thursday, August 11.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Whiped bushes & drewed a load of oats into the barn.

**Friday, August 12.** Cloudy ◀ NE. AM did 0. Afternoon went a fishing, G. Mosher with me, both of us caught 13 skup & tautog. Very poor fishing in the River all this season.

**Saturday, August 13.** Fair AM ◀ N. Afternoon I helped repair the boats for fishing to Turtle Hills.

**Sunday, August 14.** Squally, fresh ◀ SW. To home all day. Eve. came to Mrs. Cornell's.

**Monday, August 15.** Cloudy, some rain & ◀. AM finished repairing the boats. Afternoon got in the last of the oats. Now we have completed grass & grain. The summer has been very bad for hay makers and about here but little more than half crops of grass.

**Tuesday, August 16.** Clear ◀ NE, SW & NW. Mowed for J. Whalen on Merians Hill.

**Wednesday, August 17.** Clear & ▲. Mowed & stacked hay for J.W. on the Hills, rec'd. \$2 for the same.

**Thursday, August 18.** Clear ◀ S. Mowed & raked mash on Cadman Neck.

**Friday, August 19.** Rainy ◀ SE. Afternoon foggy. Did nothing.

**Saturday, August 20.** Clear ◀ Ny. AM went to L. Gifford's, came home & had a frolic whipping the horse to make him goe in the wagon. In 1½ hours he thought best to goe. Afternoon raked the mash on C. Neck.

**Sunday, August 21.** Clear ◀ SW. To home all day. Eve. came to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, August 22.** Clear ◀ NW. Hoed turnips & drewed home & stacked the hay.

**Tuesday, August 23.** Cloudy ◀ Ny. Mowed 3 acres on W.W.C. & Co. & the Horse Neck.

**Wednesday, August 24.** Clear ◀ N & Sy. Continued seining for menhaden, caught none.

**Thursday, August 25.** Clear ◀ SW. Raked & brought off the Let the hay mowed Tuesday.

**Friday, August 26.** Cloudy ◀ SW. Drawed home & stacked the hay brought home from the H.N.

**Saturday, August 27.** Fair ◀ S. Drawed out mud for manure.

**Sunday, August 28.** Fair & warm, afternoon ◀ SW. To home all day. Evening J. Thompson made me a visit.

**Monday, August 29.** Cloudy ◀ SW. No fish caught by any of the seines.

**Tuesday, August 30.** Morning shower, afternoon cloudy ◀ SW. Evening ◀ NW.

**Wednesday, August 31.** Clear, fresh ◀ SW. Not a menhaden seen and not a seine off.

## **September, 1836**

*Around Westport; poor fishing;  
Day trip out to the Hens & Chickens rocks.*

**Thursday, September 1.** Fair, fresh ◀ SW. AM went to Head of the River, bought one pound of tobacco 25¢, olive oil 12½¢, sundries 3¢. Rec'd. of J.H.G. one dollar for sythe.

**Friday, September 2.** Clear ◀ NW. Whipped bushes. Pa paid me 17¢ for whip lash.

**Saturday, September 3.** Cloudy, fresh ◀ S. Not a menhaden seen. Caught a few tautog.  
*[Menhaden = Atlantic fish used for its oils and as fertilizer.]*

**Sunday, September 4.** Clear ◀ SW. AM to home. Afternoon went sailing with E. Wing. Came to Mrs. C.'s eve.

**Monday, September 5.** AM cloudy, drawed mud & brought Myra home from the Dr. Handy's where she has had the measles. Afternoon showers ◀ NE. Did nothing.

**Tuesday, September 6.** Clear ◀ NE. Not a menhaden run. Arrived home 4 o'clock.

**Wednesday, September 7.** Last night a killing white frost. Today clear, strange ◀ E. Went to set the seine & caught 8 bbls. of skup, very large and fat too. One seine took 30 bbls. menhaden.

**Thursday, September 8.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Mated the HB's & caught 16 bbls. each.

**Friday, September 9.** Clear fresh ◀ WSW. Caught 94 bbls. High hook "today."

**Saturday, September 10.** Cloudy fresh ◀ NE. No fish in the afternoon. Afternoon came home. Sold G.W. Holland a pair of shoes that I bought Aug. 30, 1834.

**Sunday, September 11.** AM cloudy. Afternoon showery ◀ SE. AM helped to get a door stone in S. Slades swamp but it would not answer. Afternoon to home. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornell's.

**Monday, September 12.** Foggy & ▲. Caught 62 bbls. a fair with the rest, not high or low hook.

**Tuesday, September 13.** Fair air Sy. Caught no fish, 3 seines none, 3 five bbls. each & one 59 bbls.

**Wednesday, September 14.** Fair ◀ Sy. Caught no fish. Two seines caught 12½ bbls. each.

**Thursday, September 15.** Fair strong ◀ NE. Not a menhaden caught today.

**Friday, September 16.** Fair ◀ E. Mated the HS's & caught nothing & worked hard setting our seines & taking up, etc. Some caught by other seines. Thos. Allen raised his house.

**Saturday, September 17.** Misty ◀ S. No fish caught. Arrived home from the beach 3 o'clock.

**Sunday, September 18.** Clear & warm ◀ S. To home all day. Paid 60¢ for 15 of N. Bedford Gazette & Courier. Eve. company to Mrs. Cornell's. Not S ▲.

**Monday, September 19.** Morning foggy then clear ◀ SW. No fish caught so we didn't get off. Bet 9d with J. Brightman & took the same 12½¢.

**Tuesday, September 20.** Clear ◀ WSW. Evening NW. A party of 4 girls & 7 boys of us left for the H. Neck & the pleasure of sailing went out the harbour & stretched out for S of the Hens & Chickens, the put about & run in for the H. Neck when we landed 12 o'clk midday. Had an agreeable time although it being rather fatiguing to cross the vallies & climb the hills of sand. One or two little incidents occurred to mar the pleasures of the day a trifling, some of party being seasick & two more took passage home by land. However, I believe we nearly all enjoyed ourselves very well. Arr. to the depot at dusk of evening, spent 37¢.

**Wednesday, September 21.** Cloudy ◀ Sy. Drawed mud out of the pond hole NE of the house.

**Thursday, September 22.** AM clear, afternoon ◀ SW & cloudy. Caught 51 bbls. all that any took of runs.

**Friday, September 23.** Cloudy ▲ & some rain. Plenty of fish but none caught the being to oily.

**Saturday, September 24.** Cloudy ▲ & very smooth air. No fish caught, saw a great many too.

**Sunday, September 25.** Clear, fresh ◀ NW. To home most of the day. Eve. came to F. Brownell's.

**Monday, September 26.** Clear, strong ◀ WNW. No fish caught today and not many seen.

**Tuesday, September 27.** Squally & fresh gales from S to W. Drawed mud and cleared out the well in the Pond Meadow. Eve. went to quilting spree to C. White's company consisting of 4 girls & 4 boys, had an agreeable time. G.W.H. paid \$1.75 for shoes last Sep. 10.



**Wednesday, September 28.** Cloudy ◀ NE & colder. AM drew mud. Afternoon cut some stalks, etc. Drove the cattle off the farm to water, something Pa says he never had to do before & he has lived here 31 years last spring, it being a very remarkable dry time. There being not more than one barrel of good water on the farm.

**Thursday, September 29.** Home rainy ◀ NE. Mer. 53°. Did nothing all the liv long day.

**Friday, September 30.** Last night a smaking white frost. Today clear AM ▲, afternoon ◀ SW. Cut stalks & finished drawing where we had taken 200 loads at least in the pond pasture.

## **October, 1836**

*Harvest time - Frederick gathers apples, digs potatoes, got pumpkins in cellar;  
Failed fishing trip due to rough seas.*

**Saturday, October 1.** Cloudy ◀ S. Cut some stalks and carried out the field.

**Sunday, October 2.** Squally, fresh ◀ S. AM 10 left for sailing, went to A. Lawrence's, then nearly home to my boat house, when I fell in with P. Potter in his boat that his Catty bought & I had a "dowell" with him & out sailed him fairly though no great distance. At ¼ past 4 arrived home. Eve. to Mrs. Cornell's and had tea.

**Monday, October 3.** Clear ◀ NE. AM finished dragging apple tree limbs out of the orchard that I cut off last spring. PM pulled weeds in the potato field.

**Tuesday, October 4.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Heaped seaweed & finished pulling weeds among the potatoes. This morning Mrs. Alice White after an illness of 3 days died, aged about 70 years.

**Wednesday, October 5.** Rainy ◀ Ey & Sy. Shilled corn. Took up the last & only hive of bees.

**Thursday, October 6.** Fleecy clouds, ◀ Wy & cold. Last night watched with Mrs. A. White's corpse & this AM went to her funeral, C. Soule minister. Afternoon did nothing just about.

**Friday, October 7.** Clear ◀ W. Began to gather apples and continued all day. C'Ville spent 6¢.

**Saturday, October 8.** Clear AM ▲. Afternoon ◀ Wy. Gathered apples and began to dig potatoes. Eve. went to D. Almy.

**Sunday, October 9.** Fair, morning ◀ N, then ▲. Went to the beach. Afternoon to home. Eve. came to J. Whalon's.

**Monday, October 10.** Clear ◀ Ny. Dug potatoes & got them in.

**Tuesday, October 11.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Dug potatoes.

**Wednesday, October 12.** Rainy ◀ NE. Afternoon fresh gales SW. Had my hair cut 6¼¢. Did 0 all day.

**Thursday, October 13.** Clear ◀ Wy. AM dug potatoes. Afternoon gathered apples.

**Friday, October 14.** Clear ◀ Wy. Nearly finished digging potatoes, 150 bushels altogether.

**Saturday, October 15.** Clear ◀ Sy. Cut up & drew out corn & began to husk.

**Sunday, October 16.** AM fair, afternoon squally ◀ S. To home most of the day. Eve. came to Mrs. Cornell's until 11.

**Monday, October 17.** Clear, fresh ◀ SW. Cleaned out the crib and husk corn.

**Tuesday, October 18.** Clear ◀ NW. AM husked and stacked stalks. Afternoon went to C. Ville, bought a cotton fishing line 32¢, bent on hooks, dug bait etc. for fishing.

**Wednesday, October 19.** Cloudy, strong ◀ S. Left to goe a fishing, but the winds blew so hard & the sea was so rough that I did not get on the ground as well as many other crafts. Spent 6¼¢. Arrived home 2 o'clock afternoon and did nothing.

**Thursday, October 20.** Squally ◀ S. Finished gathering apples, 40 bushels altogether.

**Friday, October 21.** Fair ◀ WNW & cold. Heaped seaweed and dug bait for fishing. Pa bought of D. Brownell a pair of 5 years old oxen girt 6 feet 4 inches for \$75.

**Saturday, October 22.** Clear ◀ W. Morning left to goe a fishing again, but the ◀ blew so & the sea was so rough we didn't launch. Returned home, got in the beets, went to mill, etc.

**Sunday, October 23.** Clear ◀ WSW. Morning went to mill, then H. Pero & me shot at mark. I won 9¢, then rest of the day to home. Eve. spent to F. Brownell's.

**Monday, October 24.** Fair ◀ SW. Spread mud in the Pond meadows.

**Tuesday, October 25.** Clear ◀ N & cold, froze all day in the shade. Cut up and drew out corn, got the pumpkins into the cellar 4 loads and cabbages too.

**Wednesday, October 26.** Clear ◀ NW & very cold. Husked corn.

**Thursday, October 27.** Clear air NW. Drove the sheep home off C. Neck & husked corn.

**Friday, October 28.** Clear air Wy. Cut up, drew out, husked corn & picked fowls.

**Saturday, October 29.** Clear ◀ NW. Husked and cribbed corn.

**Sunday, October 30.** Clear ◀ NW. To home all day. Wm. Allen paid me 50¢ for ball burr he had in August. Eve. spent to Luthan Wing's.

**Monday, October 31.** Clear ◀ NE & E. Cut up & drew out corn and got in F. turnips 11 bushels. Eve. went to meeting H. White minister & several other speakers.

## **November, 1836**

*Harvest continues – poor corn crop;  
Made 1½ barrels of cider; worked on stone walls; studied arithmetic.*

**Tuesday, November 1.** Clear & ▲ all day. Husked corn.

**Wednesday, November 2.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Busy harvesting. At 4 in the afternoon began to rain.

**Thursday, November 3.** Last night & most of today rainy. ◀ NE. Did some chores.

**Friday, November 4.** Cloudy & ▲. Morning did 0. Afternoon went to F.B.'s son aged 9 mo. funeral, C. Sowle minister.

**Saturday, November 5.** Cloudy air Ny. Finished harvesting corn 76 bushels good, 20 bad. Corn this year very small crop & the early frosts made a great proportion of it hog corn. Scarce a farmer in the neighborhood had a good sound crop.

**Sunday, November 6.** Fair air Ny. To home all day. Eve. spent to B. Gifford's. Saw three flocks of wild geese.

**Monday, November 7.** Clear AM ▲. Afternoon air SW. Dragged stones for wall & chored. Afternoon tobacco 6¢.

**Tuesday, November 8.** Cloudy & flat ▲. Dragged stones. Jedediah Allen died today aged 80.

**Wednesday, November 9.** Clear ◀ NE. Made 1½ bbls. cider to E. Giffords & got it home.

**Thursday, November 10.** Cloudy ◀ Sy. Did 0. Eve. went to meeting, J. Phillips minister & others.

**Friday, November 11.** Cloudy ◀ S by E. Went to mill, rest of the day did 0.

**Saturday, November 12.** Rainy day ◀ SE. Did 0.

**Sunday, November 13.** Clear wind NW. To home all day. Eve. spent to Mrs. Cornell's.

**Monday, November 14.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Went to Town meeting. Spent 72¢. Eve. spree to P. Pattison.

**Tuesday, November 15.** Last night & today rainy ◀ NE. Did nothing much.

**Wednesday, November 16.** Fair & ◀ SW. Spread mud and fenced stacks, and eve. spent to F. Allen, took tea.

**Thursday, November 17.** Squally ◀ N. Tore down and built up wall. Evening went to a conference.

**Friday, November 18.** Clear ◀ N. Drawed seaweed and went to S. Allen after salt.

**Saturday, November 19.** Clear air Ny. Went out the harbour gunning, killed nothing.  $\frac{1}{4}$  H Cob 6  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Sunday, November 20.** Cloudy and stay to home most of the day. Evening spent to F.B.'s.

**Monday, November 21.** Rainy day ◀ SE. Cyphered from Daboll's *Arithmatick*. [Ed. note: Nathan Daboll was a Connecticut teacher whose math book was widely used in Frederick's time.]

**Tuesday, November 22.** Clear ◀ Wy. Killed one hog, weight 397 lbs. Sold the same \$13 per cut.

**Wednesday, November 23.** Morning squall of snow ◀ W & fair. Led an ox to N. Bedford, this was parted as good a pair of oxen as ever rolled a wheel. Weight 982 lbs. Bought a bottle of ink 20 ¢, writing copies 25¢, Tonquin bean 4¢, & sundries 7¢. Eve. stayed to meeting awhile, C. Sowle minister.

**Thursday, November 24.** Fair ◀ NW. Got some laurel.

**Friday, November 25.** Clear ◀ NW. Neighbourd.

**Saturday, November 26.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. Midday drawed stones, afternoon settled with Pa for work.

**Sunday, November 27.** Clear ◀ NW. To home Eve. To meeting W. Tripp minister & others.

**Monday, November 28.** Clear air NW. Caught 1½ doz. eels through the ice. Then did 0.

**Tuesday, November 29.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Cut & drawed a load of wood.

**Wednesday, November 30.** Fair ◀ W. Drawed a load of seaweed & went to mill. Pa drove off the last of the ox.

## **December, 1836**

*Slaughtered pig; made sausage.*

**Thursday, December 1.** Cloudy. Drawed a load of seaweed.

**Friday, December 2.** Clear & ▲. Drawed seaweed, afternoon to C. Ville, bought a  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of tobacco 12¢, sum 7¢ upon ma wanted.

**Saturday, December 3.** Clear ◀ NW. Drawed seaweed & fixed up my skates.

**Sunday, December 4.** Pleasant ◀ WSW. To home. Eve. to meeting C. Sowle minister then to J.Ws.

**Monday, December 5.** Cloudy ◀ SW. Drawed seaweed & a load of wood.

**Tuesday, December 6.** Cloudy ◀ NW. Did nothing. Eve. Went to meeting J. Phillips minister & 13 other speakers.

**Wednesday, December 7.** Cloudy & ▲. Cut wood & drawed the same. H. Howland died aged 24 & Elizabeth Gifford, wife of Wilbour, aged about 68 years.

**Thursday, December 8.** Pleasant air Wy. Made and put in an ax handle & ground the ax.

**Friday, December 9.** Pleasant ◀ SW. Went to Grand Pa's and took dinner & to George's and spent the day.

**Saturday, December 10.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Busy choring. Weight of the last ox 900 lbs. sold at \$7 per cut.

**Sunday, December 11.** Very pleasant ◀ Wy. To home. Eve. to meeting C.S. minister and 19 other speakers.

**Monday, December 12.** Cloudy ◀ W. AM cast 62 balls. Afternoon Gid. Smythe here. I did nothing.

**Tuesday, December 13.** Could ◀ SE. AM cut some wood. Afternoon did nothing much.

**Wednesday, December 14.** Last night rainy. Today fresh gales W by S & squally. Did some chores for myself mostly.

**Thursday, December 15.** Clear ◀ W. Went to C. Ville, spoke to B.S.A. for boats. Evening to meeting, J. P. minister.

**Friday, December 16.** Clear ◀ NW. Cut wood, etc.

**Saturday, December 17.** Fresh gales SW and rainy. Did 0 much.

**Sunday, December 18.** Clear ◀ NW. To home all day. Eve. to meeting, 16 or 17 speakers, Elder J. Phillips.

**Monday, December 19.** Clear & ▲. Killed a pig wt. 226 pounds. Rest of the day busy choring.

**Tuesday, December 20.** Clear ◀ S. Drawed seaweed. Afternoon W. Graff & I shot at mark.

**Wednesday, December 21.** Powerful storm & gale of ◀ SE. Cleaned out my gun & other chores. Tonight put the cattle up in the barn for the first time.

**Thursday, December 22.** Clear ◀ NW. Busy choring & H. Pero and me shot balls at mark. I won 8 cts. Eve. to meeting, J. P. minister.

**Friday, December 23.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Went to C. Ville of errands, spent 11¢. Finished reading *History of the United States*. Rest of time busy choring.

**Saturday, December 24.** Pleasant air S. Made an ax handle. Then did 0 at most.

**Sunday, December 25, 1836.** Cloudy & misty ◀ Sy. To home most of the day. Eve. spent to F.B.'s.

**Monday, December 26.** Rainy day ◀ S, evening NW. H. Pero & me shot at mark. I won 12½¢.

**Tuesday, December 27.** Last night fell 2 in. snow. Today clear & ◀ NW. Chopped sausage meats & rest of the day busy choring. Eve. went to a prayer meeting.

**Wednesday, December 28.** Cloudy & N.E. & small snow. Did a much. Uncle E. Allen & wife made us a visit.

**Thursday, December, 29.** Fair, air Ny. Went to C. V. & got the horse shad then did 0.

**Friday, December 30.** Clear & cold ◀ N by W. Pack by mitten complete & did other chores.

**Saturday, December 31.** Clear & cold N. A min 0° to 14°. Went to the Head of the river on skates. Skating good, spent 4¢. Money spent for articles the year passed mentioned in the preceding pages \$20.35 & for tobacco \$1.16. Thus, I have penned down another year.

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### January, 1837

*Snowy & cold month in Westport; Frederick works around the farm,  
Cuts wood, thrashes oats; goes ice skating; mentions scrimshanting;  
women baptized at the Bridge.*

**Sunday, January 1.** Snowy, rainy & foggy ◀ S. To home all day. Eve to meeting, C. Sowle minister.

**Monday, January 2.** Small snow, ◀ NW. Went to C. Ville. Paid B.F.A. for boots \$3.67 & brought them home. I found out soles 33¢, bought one stick of blacking 10¢, sundries 2¢.

**Tuesday, January 3.** Small snow ◀ NW & cold. Did some chores, part of afternoon went skating.

**Wednesday, January 4.** Clear. Went to J. Werner's, got ½ bbl. flour, rest of day busy choring.

**Thursday, January 5.** Cloudy. A few small chores today. Eve to meeting J.P. minister.

**Friday, January 6.** Squalls of snow N.W. At 11½ o'clock. J. Allen. I left for C. Cadman's, took dinner there. Left for J. Kirby's then took tea & stayed all night.

**Saturday, January 7.** Fair & strong NW. At 11½ o'clock, left for home to draw wood.

**Sunday, January 8.** Clear & NNW. To home all day. Eve. to meeting, most of meeting C. Sowle minister and others.

**Monday, January 9.** Clear NW. Cut in the woods wood & to the door.

**Tuesday, January 10.** Cloudy. Busy cutting up & storing in the wood house.

**Wednesday, January 11.** Clear NW busy cutting wood & storing.

**Thursday, January 12.** Clear, fresh ◀ WNW. Put on my skates at D.W.s shore and went to Jep Gifford and from there the length of Allen's Pond, cous. James Allen who is fair and gone in a consumption, stayed and took dinner. Arrived home at 4 o'clock. Eve. to meeting C.L. Minister.

**Friday, January 13.** Clear & N by W. Cut upward. Sold P. Butts and eel spear and pole.

**Saturday, January 14.** Clear & N by W and cold. Drawed wood.

**Sunday, January 15.** Clear & NWN. A mon. 5 degrees. A H 18 degrees. To home all day. Eve. Spent to F.B.

**Monday, January 16.** Clear & N.W. Cut wood. Sold C. Palmer 1 pair rubbers 50c. And one pair old boots 58c.

**Tuesday, January 17.** Clear & NW. Cut up wood, thrashed oats. Sold J. Mosher a pair old boots.

**Wednesday, January 18.** Clear & NW. Went to Fall River, bought ½ lb. tobacco 12c.

**Thursday January 19.** Clear & NW. Thrashed & cut wood. Eve. went to meeting. J.P.Minister.

**Friday, January 20.** Clear, air NY cut wood & helped J.W. load hay. Then did (Rev. G.N.Gleig

**Saturday, January 21.** AM fell 2½ in. snow. Midday rained ◀ ENE. Finished reading 1st Nat. History of Bible by Rev. G. R. Gleig.

**Sunday, January 22.** Snowy ◀ NW. Went to meeting, and after two ladies were baptized by C.S. at the bridge.

**Monday, January 23.** Clear ◀ NW. Cut logs to the door, etc.

**Tuesday. January 24.** Fair ◀ Wy. AM cut brush in the woods. Midday did some scrimshanting. Evening spent to home.

**Wednesday, January 25.** Last night fell 1 inch of snow. Clear ◀ NW. Busy thrashing oats. Evening a very remarkable northern light. Sometimes the heavens looked red as blood.

**Thursday, January 26.** Cloudy ◀ N. Busy cutting wood. Eve. went to C.V. & to D. Almys, spent 3¢.

**Friday, January 27.** Very pleasant, ◀ SW. AM did nothing. Midday about the same.

**Saturday, January 28.** AM fell 2 inches snow, ◀ SE. Midday cloudy ◀ NW. Did nothing much.

**Sunday, January 29.** Clear, ◀ WSW. To home all day. Evening spent to F. Brownells in as large a company as I have spent a Sunday since Sun. Oct. 30, 1836. ▲

**Monday, January 30.** Cloudy ▲ & thawy. Drawed wood in the AM. Afternoon cut up some of the same.

**Tuesday, January 31.** Rainy day ◀ NE. Did some chores about the house.

## February, 1837

*Frederick buys & reads navigation book;  
notes good sleighing weather in Westport.*

**Wednesday, February 1.** Foggy ◀ SE & very muddy. Did 0.

**Thursday, February 2.** Clear ◀ WNW. Busy cutting wood & storing it. Eve. to meeting of J. Philips minister & the only speaker.

**Friday, February 3.** Clear ◀ NW & cold. Mer. Morning 16°. Busy thrashing oats most of the day.

**Saturday, February 4.** Fair ◀ Wy. Went to Barney's Joy Point a clamming, G. Allen & Wm. Allen with me. The beach being frozen we got about 1½ pick apiece only. Then went to Cousin J. Allen's & took dinner, tarried there until 3½ o'clock in the afternoon, then left for home. Called to J. Allen & to N. Hurley's & arrived home 6 o'clock having spent the day agreeably.

**Sunday, February 5.** Fell 1½ inches snow, ◀ NE. To home all day. Sold E. Palmer Navigation book 41¢. Eve. to F.B.'s.

**Monday, February 6.** Cloudy & ▲. Went to C. Ville of sundry errands. Bought for myself a Knife 40 cts, 4 harps 8¢, sundries 6¢. Rest of the day did 0.

**Tuesday, February 7.** Foggy ◀ SW & thawy. Swaped away my new knife. Cousin A. Allen made me a visit who has just returned from whaling.

**Wednesday, February 8.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Did 0 mostly.



**Thursday, February 9.** ◀ NE. Last night fell 2½ in. snow. Today fair ◀ NE. Winnowed up the oats & got them into the crib.

**Friday, February 10.** Clear ◀ NW. Went to C.V. Bought B.F. Allen a pair of shoes \$1.75 and a doz. buttons.

**Saturday, February 11.** Went to Head of the River, White Oak Runn & part of the day to home.

**Sunday, February 12.** Clear ◀ SW & thawy. To home most of the day. Eve. spent to S. Howlands. ▲ 10 boys of us to L. Brownell's.

**Monday, February 13.** Clear, High ◀ NW. Mer. 20° midday, 8° evening. Did some chores.

**Tuesday, February 14.** AM clear. Morning mer. 0° & midday hazy ◀ WSW mer. 24°. Went to mill, etc. Eve. a party of 6 Girls.

**Wednesday, February 15.** AM rainy, afternoon foggy ◀ SW. Shacking about the neighbourhood most of the day. Last night cousin James Allen departed this life, age 42 years 11 months.

**Thursday, February 16.** Cloudy ◀ ENE and muddy. Shacking about the neighbourhood.

**Friday, February 17.** Last night & today stormy. Fell 2 in snow ◀ NE. Went to J. Allen's funeral, after that to Geo. Allen's and took dinner and staid 'till night.

**Saturday, February 18.** Clear ◀ NW. AM studied navigation. Midday to F. B. Allen auction. Spent 15¢.

**Sunday, February 19.** Clear ◀ Wy. Went to F. Slades, then to home. Eve. spent F. Brownells.

**Monday, February 20.** Fair ◀ SW & thawy. For 2 days past good sleighing, the first and only has been this winter. Went to H'd of the River to H.D. Howlands (deceased) auction. Bought *Bowditch's Navigator* \$1.05, Penny Magazine \$1.20 at auction & ½ lb. tobacco 12¢. Sundries 26¢.

**Tuesday, February 21.** Snow & mist all day ◀ NE. Helped to draw a stack of salt hay from W. W. Cornell's, then drew a load of wood, then studied my *Navigator* I bought yesterday, etc.

**Wednesday, February 22.** Clear ◀ NW. Cut up a load of brush & attended company.

**Thursday, February 23.** Morning cloudy. Drew a load of wood. Then fell 2 in. snow. Then rained powerfully ◀ E. Midday studied Nav.

**Friday, February 24.** Cloudy ◀ Ny. Last night, thunder & lightening. Busy cutting up brush & storing.

**Saturday, February 25.** Clear ◀ W. Cut brush & studied Navigation & etc. & so on.

**Sunday, February 26.** Clear ◀ W. To home all day. Eve. company of boys to Mrs. Cornells.

**Monday, February 27.** Cloudy & rainy ◀ E. Drawed woods.

**Tuesday, February 28.** AM snowy, clear. Busy cyphering.

## **March, 1837**

*Frederick prepares to go whaling; buys a sea chest; studies navigation;  
Signs up on the Brig Mexico for every 65<sup>th</sup> barrel.*

**Wednesday, March 1, 1837.** Clear & cold ◀ NW. Went to N. Bedford, settled for the Gazette & courier 86¢, sundries \$1.50. Left N.B. for Padanaram. Went to Capt. S. Howlands & tarried all night.

**Thursday, March 2.** Clear NW. a took breakfast to Capt. H's at 10 left for home. Afternoon cut up wood. Eve. spent to George Allen.

**Friday March 3.** Clear ◀ NW, cut up wood.

**Saturday, March 4.** Clear ◀ N. Cut & drawed woods.

**Sunday, March 5.** Cloudy ◀ SE. Some snow. To home most of the day. J. Mosher paid me 25¢ for old boots sold Jan 17, 1837. Eve. Spent to S. Howlands to home 8 o'clock.

**Monday, March 6.** Clear morning ◀ N, afternoon S. I went a claming with J. Whalon to the "Old Pond", I dug 5 pecks of as good fat clams as ever found. At 6 afternoon arrived home.

**Tuesday, March 7.** Clear ◀ SE. Cut up & stowed wood.

**Wednesday, March 8.** Cloudy ◀ E. Went to mill.

**Thursday, March 9.** Rainy day ◀ SE. Shacking about and to home, did 0 of consequence.

**Friday, March 10.** Rainy day ◀ NE. Read some & did 0 some.

**Saturday, March 11.** Clear ◀ N. Shacking about all day, haven't earnt a cent.

**Sunday, March 12.** Clear ◀ S. To home all day. Heard a Killdare sing one of my favourites.

**Monday, March 13.** Squalls of rain ◀ S. AM did 0. Afternoon studied navigation.

**Tuesday, March 14.** Clear fresh WNW. Went to the Point had some talk about going a-whaling. Spent 13¢.

**Wednesday, March 15.** Fair ◀ E. Did 0.

**Thursday, March 16.** Clear ◀ WNW. Shacking about. Evening. Went to S. Brightman's to an inquiry meeting by C. Sowle where every one of us saint & sinner were interrogated about their religion. As for poor me, I had more & of course had a short story to tell.

**Friday, March 17.** Fair ◀ S. Morning went to C. Ville. Afternoon did 0.

**Saturday, March 18.** Fair fresh ◀ S. Cyphered some in navigation, my mind quite uneasy.

**Sunday, March 19.** Clear fresh ◀ WNW. To home most of the day. Eve. to Mrs. Cornells.

**Monday, March 20.** Cloudy ◀ WNW. Morning drewed of stone heaps. Afternoon went to C. Ville to election of officers and the militia company, Williams Allen. Capt. instead of Ebenezer Shearman discharged, and J. Brightman Lieutenant.

**Tuesday, March 21.** Cloudy, fresh ◀ E. Went to the Point and shipped to go a Whaling in the Brig Mexico for every 65<sup>th</sup> barrel. Rest of the day did 0.

**Wednesday, March 22.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Went to Head of River bought some fit outs for whaling.

**Thursday, March 23.** Rainy day ◀ NE. Made a laurel dye and colored cloth.

**Friday, March 24.** Clear ◀ NE. Went to C. Ville in morning, returned home. Then sold Elijah Robinson my boat and appurtenances belonging to her for \$23. Bought a cyphering slate of J. Allen for 33¢. Brought home my sea chest.

**Saturday, March 25.** Clear & pleasant ◀ SW. Went to the Point bought shaving box. Afternoon painted my chest & beat dung. Let P. Potter my boat house for one year for 66¢.

**Sunday, March 26.** Clear ◀ N. Evening S. To home all day. Eve. to F. Brownells.

**Monday, March 27.** Cloudy ◀ SE. AM drewed out manure. Afternoon handled a knife. ¼ lb. tobacco 6¼¢.

**Tuesday, March 28.** Fair ◀ SE. Had my hair cut 6¼¢. Then busy **coutering** for myself.

**Wednesday, March 29.** Clear ◀ NW. Beat mud & manure.

**Thursday, March 30.** Clear ◀ NW. AM busy tinkering. M.G.W. Howland made me a visit. Afternoon went to A. Willcox, J.W. Howlands & to the bridge and then home.

**Friday, March 31.** AM fair, afternoon cloudy ◀ SE. Afternoon went to the Point, got some fit outs. Afternoon over to J.W. Howlands, A. Willcox then home at 4. Shot at a flock of wild geese. Thus has marched off.

## **April, 1837**

*Buys articles for voyage, including 5 lbs. of tobacco;  
Ships out of Westport on the Brig Mexico;  
Sails south, encountering strong gales.*

**Saturday, April 1, 1837.** Morning rainy ◀ SE. Afternoon fair ◀ NW. Most of the day **coutering**.

**Sunday, April 2.** April - clear ◀ NW. To home. Eve. spent to F.B.'s.

**Monday, April 3.** Fair ◀ SW. Went to General Town meeting. The same old town council chosen that have served for years & years. Spent 8 cents.

**Tuesday, April 4.** Fair ◀ NW. Most of the day busy writing. Afternoon fell some wood. Eve. to S.G.

**Wednesday, April 5.** Fair ◀ Ny drew out manure, sold my music book 66¢.

**Thursday, April 6.** Clear ◀ NW. Went to N. Bedford, got me a protection & other articles for my intended voyage. 5 lbs. tobacco \$1.25.

**Friday, April 7.** AM clear, afternoon cloudy ◀ S. Coutered some. Afternoon picked stones, sold my penny magazines \$1.50.

**Saturday, April 8.** AM lightening thunder and powerful rain, then foggy ◀ Sy. Fixed some things, went to the Point, got some articles. Eve. bet 25¢ with H. Pero and won the same.

**Sunday, April 9.** Cloudy, strong ◀ W. To home all day. G. Smith and his wife here. Eve. to F.B.'s

**Monday, April 10.** Cloudy ◀ NW. Carried my bed sack aboard. 1 lb. tobacco 25¢. Rest of the day busy. Mrs. L. Whalen presents me a junk bottle of elderberry syrup & Nancy Wing with 2 fine sweet cakes for my intended voyage.

**Tuesday, April 11.** Clear ◀ N. Began to plough green sward & continued it all day.

**Wednesday, April 12.** Clear ◀ NW. Busy ploughing all day

**Thursday, April 13.** Clear ◀ S by W. AM ploughed old grounds. Afternoon went over the river.

**Friday, April 14.** Fair ◀ NWy. AM drew off stones. Afternoon cut 78 widths, then busy choring.

**Saturday, April 15.** Clear ◀ Wy. Carried my chest aboard the Mexico. Afternoon ploughed.

**Sunday, April 16.** Cloudy, afternoon rainy. To home most of the day. Went to the school house to meeting but no minister came. Eve. spent to F. Brownell's.

**Monday, April 17.** Fair, fresh ◀ W. Ploughed in grain in the barn meadow

**Tuesday, April 18.** Showery & variable ◀. Come on board the Mexico down to the turn of the channel by the harbor.

**Wednesday, April 19.** AM onboard. Afternoon went up to the Point and helped to grind whale irons.

**Thursday, April 20.** I got up our anchor to sail, but got aground and laid on the sandbar until evening then caged her off.

**Friday, April 21, 1837.** Clear ◀ Ny. Weighed & sailed on our intended voyage, which God grant may be prosperous one. At night land out of sight. I belong to the starboard watch and pull at the midship oar in the Captain's boat.

**Saturday, April 22.** Caught two black fish.

**Sunday, April 23.** Caught 1 black fish.

**Monday, April 24.** Last night and today strong gales at NE and rain. Lost our waist boat. The first gale we had and the first I even experienced at sea.

**Tuesday, April 25.** [No journal entry]

**Wednesday, April 26.** [No journal entry]

**Thursday, April 27.** [No journal entry]

**Friday, April 28.** [No journal entry]

**Saturday, April 29.** [No journal entry]

**Sunday, April 30.** [No journal entry]

## **May, 1837**

*Cruising the Bahamas; caught first whale.*

**Monday, May 1, 1837.** [No journal entry]

**Tuesday, May 2.** [No journal entry]

**Wednesday, May 3.** [No journal entry]

**Thursday, May 4.** Calm AM. My trick aloft discovered a large tortoise which came along side & our men grafted him onboard, judged him to weigh 200 lbs.

**Wednesday, May 5.** [No journal entry]

**Thursday, May 6.** [No journal entry]

**Sunday, May 7.** Fell in with the bark Dr. Franklin, Westport. Capt. J. Davis, he the Capt. & his boats crew came on board of us.

**Monday, May 8.** This day raised whales. Lowered & pulled for them. Our boat has the good luck to kill one & one of Dr. Franklin's another.

**Tuesday, May 9.** Braised whale, lowered & pulled for them but no use.

**Wednesday, May 10.** Saw plenty of whales. Lowered twice for them, had a severe pull, got nothing.

**Thursday, May 11.** AM lowered for whales, had a long pull but could not come near them. PM lowered again. Whales in all directions. Capt. J. Davis struck one which stove his boat

and we being near him mated and killed the whale and brought him along the side, our Capt. and Job both said he fought the worse they ever saw one. Bought a pair of shoes for 25 cents.

**Friday, May 12.** Busy cutting in whale. The sharks as thick as flies around in August, hundreds and hundreds of them.

**Saturday, May 13.** Rough sea. Busy boiling out blubber, our Capt. discharged his steward for one of our foremost hands for 58 bbls.

**Sunday, May 14.** Fresh SE and rainy. Finished boiling oil both whales

**Monday, May 15.** Stowed down oil and put 3 casks onboard the Dr. Franklin for home. Got a waist boat of Capt. Job to replace ours that was lost.

**Tuesday, May 16.** Rough sea. Unbent the main topsail and mended it.

**Wednesday, May 17.** Busy mending the boat we had of the Dr. Franklin. Spoke the Brig Delights N. Bedford, Sampson 5½ mo. out, 90 bbls. oil.

**Thursday, May 18.** Finished mending the boat.

**Friday, May 19.** Painted the boat. Spoke the Brig. Juno N. Bedford, Ma. 5 mo. out, 25 bbls. Evening the D. Franklin starboard boat came onboard and gammed 'till 10 at night, spent the time in singing songs, dancing etc. in real sailor stile I s'pose it would be called. The Dr. Franklin leaves for home tomorrow with 730 bbls. 11 mo. out.

**Saturday, May 20.** To work upon rigging. Evening brig Juno's starboard boat came onboard us, brought 18 small coconuts. Diversions of the evening about the same as last night.

**Sunday, May 21.** No work today except watches aloft. C. Tripp one of the larboard watch stood his trick today, for 2 weeks past he's been sick & unable to do his duty.

**Monday, May 22.** Letting up rigging. PM broke out our cheese and found it nearly ½ spoiled. 450 lbs. put up for & now its rotten.

**Tuesday, May 23.** Making spun yarn.

**Wednesday, May 24.** Fresh gales, Ey & rough sea. Picked up oaheum, plattets, sinnets.

**Thursday, May 25.** Fresh gales Ey & rain & the sea so rough no work done.

**Friday, May 26.** AM squally, made & shorten sail after. PM made spun yarn.

**Saturday, May 27.** Brattled down riggin. Afternoon made the Bahama Keys beaning. L. dist. 3 or 4 leagues. Fine weather and smooth sea, all hands in good health and mince pies for supper.

**Sunday, May 28.** Smooth sea to home here all the Sunday and evenings too.

**Monday, May 29.** Fresh ◀ E & rough. I made spun yarn. At 4 in the afternoon raised black fish lowered for them. I killed two, one to a boat; I got the blubber offer.

**Tuesday, May 30.** Boiled out our black fish blubber, caught a dolphin.

**Wednesday, May 31.** Fresh ◀ NE & rough. AM saw a merchant ship to windward steering E. Did nothing much today.

## **June, 1837**

*Leaving Bahamas after five weeks; taking the Gulf Stream across the Atlantic;  
Very rough seas as they sailed from the Southern Ground to the Western  
Ground.*

**Thursday, June 1.** Mast A raised black fish, lowered & pulled for them but could not fasten. Sold J.E. knife sheath for 12½ cts.

**Friday, June 2.** Made spun yarn. At AM discovered something to windward. PM lowered the masts boat & pulled to it & found it to be a log Spanish cedar, caught one log fish by the side of it.

**Saturday, June 3.** Yesterday & today nearly calm. Fixed rigging after sunset. Raised black fish but too late in the day. Eat up the last of my cakes.

**Sunday, June 4.** Fresh breezes SW and off we go. NE for the southern ground having cruised for 5 weeks on the Bahama grounds. Between the parallels of 27 degrees by 30 degrees N latitude & 77 degrees by 79 degrees W. Longitude PM caught a porpoise.

**Monday, June 5.** Winds W. And off we go. Across the Gulf stream. Hands plotting

**Tuesday, June 6.** Sailing across the Gulf stream northerly. Wrote two letters. Afternoon caught two black fish. One to a boat and peeled off the blubber.

**Wednesday, June 7.** AM fell in with the schooner Herald, New York and sent my letters with several aboard, all for Westport, which I just had time to seal and write the persons home as they were called for. Boiled out our blubber, etc.

**Thursday, June 8.** We are now cruising on the southern ground. Saw thousands of porpoises but no whales. Bought ½ a lottery ticket 12½ cts & drew a fiddle, the only prize, which the owner drew again.

**Friday, June 9.** Cloudy & strong gales NW. All lowered for B's fish but caught none.

**Saturday, June 10.** Cloudy, real gales NE & rough sea, lay too under **clare rufeds** main topsails & fore & mainstay sails, boats on the upper cranes. This day a day of confusion, as most all hands making lotteries of knives, cloths, books, etc. I spend 5 cents & swaped a book I bought Dec. 5, 1835 for a new **B'k silk J. Co.**

**Sunday, June 11.** Gale continues & very cold ◀ NE. Lay too all these 24 hours, sea rough. Afternoon broke out breads & water & stowed our blackfish oils.

**Monday, June 12.** Moderate light ◀ NE & cold. Plaited sinnet. Evening spent 6¢ in a lottery ticket & drew 0.

**Tuesday, June 13.** Cloudy ◀ SW & a great swell from the NE. Lowered for blackfish but could not come up with them. The hardest standing aloft today I've had there being such a head beat sea.

**Wednesday, June 14.** Squally ◀ Sy. We are now sailing from the Southern Ground to the Western Ground so-called, course ESE.

**Thursday, June 15.** Squalls of rain & strong ◀ SWy. Course E by S.

**Friday, June 16.** Real gale of wind Wy & a tremendous sea. About 1 o'clock this morning, the larboard watch on deck the Brig rolled so deep she carried away their second waist boat with all her craft & a new pair of duck trousers for one I had washed & and put into her dry. All went in a moment. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time all hands have been called. AM the ◀ shifted N till now, send afternoon lay too. In Latitude 37°05'N & longitude 60°57' West.

**Saturday, June 17.** Light breeze S & great swells, course E.

**Sunday, June 18.** Smacking breeze S & squalls of rain and rough sea, course E by S.

**Monday, June 19.** Squalls of rain ◀ W, course E. rough sea.

**Tuesday, June 20.** Fair ◀ NWW, course E by S, sea still rough.

**Wednesday, June 21.** AM ▲, afternoon ◀ ESE, course ENE. Unbent & mended the fore top sail and bent it again. One of the starboard watch, J. Earle sick and left his duty, with the **TOC.**

**Thursday, June 22.** Fine breeze SE, course E. Broke out water.

**Friday, June 23.** Wind S & clear, course E by S. Raised finback whales.

**Saturday, June 24.** Breeze SSW & very smooth sea. Course ESE. Caught a small turtle. To work upon rigging.

**Sunday, June 25.** Cloudy ◀ WSW. Smooth sea. Lat. 38°16N. Long. 42°00'W. Course E by S.

**Monday, June 26.** Clear warm & very smooth sea. We are now cruising grounds for whales but none to be seen. Unbent & mended main topsail.

**Tuesday, June 27.** AM moderate, afternoon fresh ◀ SW & rainy. AM plaited sinnet.

**Wednesday, June 28.** Cloudy ◀ SW & NW. Sold our cook W. Pratt a book 30¢.

**Thursday, June 29.** Fresh ◀ SW. All hands busy **plating gaskets.**

**Friday, June 30.** Fresh gales SW. Lay too all day. Scrimshawing began today by most all hands. Swaped a book for a box and gave 5 cts.

## **July, 1837**



*In the western whaling grounds; celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup> with grog;*

**Saturday, July 1.** Light ◀ SW & cloudy. Not much done today.

**Sunday, July 2.** AM light ◀ SW. Afternoon strong breezes SSW & foggy. Lat. 39°13'N, Long. 37°40'W.

**Monday, July 3.** Morning squalls of rain, thunder & lightning & rugged. Latter part of these 24 hours moderate. No whales seen & not much work done.

**Tuesday, July 4, 1837.** AM ▲ cloudy & cool. Midday ◀ SW & squalls of rain. At noon raised whales in Lat. 39°15'N, Long. 37°40'W. Lowered & chased them 2 hours but could not come up with them, saw them breach out of water, which was the most grand sight I ever saw. Got onboard at 8 in the evening. Saw one sail. All hands had 2 drinks of grog, thus passed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1837.

**Wednesday, July 5.** Clear, the pleasantest day we have had for a long time. ◀ N by W. All hands busy picking oakum & looking for whales. Made 14¢.

**Thursday, July 6.** This morning by 4 o'clock just as all hands were called raised, whales close alongside the Brig. Lowered & chased them. Our boat steerer had a good chance to fasten, but mixed irons, we continued the chase for about 12 miles from the Brig & it being calm we had to pull the whole distance back to the Brig. In returning we caught a turtle, got onboard at 8 o'clock, then light ◀ SSW & fair.

**Friday, July 7.** Fair ◀ SW. AM raised Black fish, lowered & got 4 fish, 2 to a boat, heeled them & boiled out the blubber which made 6 bbls. Afternoon spoke the Admiral Lake London from Barbados, bound home at 4 o'clock. Afternoon raised whales but did not lower because we could not keep the course of them nor sight of them. [Ed. note: blackfish = pilot whale]

**Saturday, July 8.** Fresh gales WSW & cloudy, rough sea. Lay too all day, scrimshanting carried on today. Spent 16 by lottery tickets.

**Sunday, July 9.** Fair, light ◀ SW. Latitude 34°19' N Long. 38°17'W.

**Monday, July 10.** Morning fresh ◀ SW. Fell in with & went onboard the Charleston packet, Ellis New Bedford 2 mos. out 50 bbls. oil. At 10 o'clock AM have too with a brisk gale WSW & wetting all hands scrimshanting.

**Tuesday, July 11.** Gale continues with some rain & rough seas ◀ WSW. Lay too till 12 hr. AM gale abates, made sail & stood S by W. Sold F. Head my *Practical Navigator* for \$3.00, is to pay me when the voyage is up. At 5 o'clock afternoon I raised 2 large whales, lowered & had a rigged pull for it. Got so mean our boat stern stood up but too late. The mates boat got a turtle. Latitude 39°34'N. Longitude 38°10'West. Nice.

**Wednesday, July 12.** Fair ◀ W by S. Broke out for bread, water, molasses, beans.

**Thursday, July 13.** Fresh ◀ SW rough sea & cloudy. AM raised black fish, lowered the mates boat, killed one & coming along side they lost it. At 12 hr. the ship South Carolina,

Smyth of Dartmouth 13 days out. At 1 o'clock afternoon raised whales & lowered, the mate fastened first & we soon after, our whale run partly to windward 'till we fell in with the Capt. of the S.C. boat. The whale running fast, the sea rough & our mates boat had long been out of sight, our Capt., mates the Capt. of the S.C. & as soon as possible we left to look for the mate, at 6 o'clock afternoon, both board of us came onboard, the mate held on 4 hours & then the whale took his line with two irons, one lance & a drag. Latitude 39°4'N, Longitude 38°W.

**Friday, July 14.** Look ENE & fair. Busy repairing boats & craft today.

**Saturday, July 15.** Strong & ESE & rainy. AM lay too, AM made sails, Not much done.

**Sunday, July 16.** Misty, fresh, rough sea. At 4 the Capt. of the S. Carolina came onboard of us & our mate went aboard the S. Carolina. J. Earle stood his watch today for 25 days, past he has been sick. Latitude 39°13', Longitude 38°.

**Monday, July 17.** Fair & W. Got our oil aboard from the S. Carolina that we killed in company on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Twenty three bbls & stored it.

**Tuesday, July 18.** Fair ◀ W & smooth sea. Fell in with & brought alongside a stick of pine timber 22 ft. long 15 in. square & took it in for damage at 8. Raised black fish, lowered our boat, got 2 and the mates one, boiled out the blubber, which made us 4 bbls. Night caught a small Porpoise.

**Wednesday, July 19.** Fair ◀ Sy & Wy. Unbent the foresail & mended & bent it again.

**Thursday, July 20.** Fair ◀ SW good weather & no whales. Afternoon spoke the S. Carolina Smyth again, his Longitude 36°15'W & ours 38° West.

**Friday, July 21.** Last night lightening, thunder & powerful rain. Today fair ◀ Ny. Evening seven of us went in a swimming. Lat. 38°29'N, Long. 38°39'W.

**Saturday, July 22.** Clear & almost calm. To work upon rigging.

**Sunday, July 23.** Clear & fresh ◀ NW. At 9 o'clock AM I spoke the bark Chevalier ... of Salem 14 days out, bound to the South Atlantic a whaling & at 11 o'clock AM spoke the Brig. Sarah, Mayhew of Rochester 4 months out 80 bbls. oil. The Capt. came aboard of us a gamming. Lat. 38°55'.

**Monday, July 24.** Cloudy, foggy & W, calm. Raised a whale, lowered & pulled 2 miles, but did not see him again. After we left the Brig after we got aboard our Capt. threw his hat overboard to have better luck for time to come he said.

**Tuesday, July 25.** Fair, & W. I raised black fish, lowered & chased them. 1 ½ hours, got fast twice but got none. AM calm & cloudy,

**Wednesday, July 26.** AM rainy, light ◀ SW at 4. Afternoon fell in with the Sarah, Mayhew of Rochester, our starboard boat went onboard of her a gamming & me too went

**Thursday, July 27.** Cloudy & foggy ◀ NNW. No remarks today.

**Friday, July 28.** Clear NW. Not much work done. I saw a ship to windward cutting in a whale. Latitude 39 degrees 2' N. Longitude 38 degrees 31' West,

**Saturday, July 29.** Clear ◀ S foggy. No remarks.

**Sunday, July 30.** Fair ◀ W by S & warm. At noon fell in with & caught 3 dolphin, 5 **oliver cores** & 3 log fish. AM fell in with & the Capt. of the Brig. Sarah, Rochester came onboard of us. Lat. 39 degrees 20'. Long. 39 degrees 18'W.

**Monday, July 31.** Clear ◀ W by S. Our compass on this ground this is 18° Westerly, variation on their abouts. Saw three sail to windward.

## **August, 1837**

*Active whaling in the Atlantic. Arrives in the Azores and sails off of Flores, Faial, Pico St. George & Terceira.*

**Tuesday, August 1, 1837.** Cloudy WNW, some squally. AM raised black fish twice & lowered twice but got nothing, saw several sails.

**Wednesday, August 2.** Clear ◀ WNW. AM I raised black, lowered & got to each boat & peeled off the blubber. I fell in with & went onboard of the Brig. America Hutchinson of New Bedford, 8 months out 50 bbls of oil.

**Thursday, August 3.** Fair NW. Boiled out our blubber which made 4½ bbls. oil. Evening caught a dolphin.

**Friday, August 4.** Clear, warm, all calm. AM light breeze SW Broke out for bread & water & stowed our black fish oils. Yesterday & today 3 sails in sight.

**Saturday, August 5.** Clear & warm S by E. AM caught a small turtle, the last & all the potatoes cooked for dinner today. Some work done on rigging.

**Sunday, August 6.** Clear, light, S at noon raised a sail & at 5 came up with & the starboard board went onboard of the brig. Mattapoisset, Southworth of Rochester 4 mos. Out 250 bbls. Oil & an 20 barrels whale alongside killed this morning got from her 6 buckets of potatoes & two Junks of mahogany. We caught 2 dolphins. Lat. 38 degrees 50' N. Long 38 degrees 4'.

**Monday, August 7.** Fair & low several sails bounds W. Paid 5c. to the cook for

**Tuesday, August 8.** Clear & E. No remarks today (washing shirt

Wednesday, August 9. Clear fresh from SE to L. Law several sails of merchant must

**Thursday, August 10.** Squally of rain & strong SSE & rough sea, lay too all day, scrimshanting carried on by all hands & the cook. Latitude 38° 25' N. Long. 38°W.

**Friday, August 11.** Fair & SSW, moderate weather. No remarks.

**Saturday, August 12.** AM squalls of wind & powerful rain, thunder & lightning. Fresh SW & fair, some scrimshanting this

**Sunday, August 13.** Fresh gales WSW & rain, lay too all day sent down fore & main top gallant of very rough sea. Latitude 39°15', Long. 37°00'.

**Monday, August 14.** Cloudy N & great swells. A fall in with the Sarah Louisa, Lamford of N. Bedford 8 mos. out 200 bbls. oil. Capt. S & our Capt. gammed all day but none of either crew. Unbent the jib & benta.

**Tuesday, August 15.** Squally N & cool. Some work done on rigging (new one.

**Wednesday, August 16.** Clear N. I fell in with & went on board of the bark Popmun, met Nickinson of Falmouth, 7½ mo. out 550 bbls. oil bound home. I spoke brig Delight Lanford, N. Bedford, 8 mo. out 150 bbls. oil at 4 o'clock. To the larboards boat went aboard a gamming. Lat. 39° 20' N, Longitude 35° 12' W. [*Larboards is the opposite of starboards, i.e., port side.*]

**Thursday, August 17.** Fair, strong W & rough sea. Course E & running for the Isles.

**Friday, Aug. 18.** Fair W at 8 o'clock this A made Flores, one of the Western Islands in Lat. 39°26'W, Long. 31°07'W bearing E distance 50 miles. I spoke the brig Rising States Cuffe of N. Bedford 28 days out 10 bbls. of Fishoil, officers & all the crew darkies. At 5 I spoke ship Paladium, New London 14 days out bound to the cast cape whaling, starboard boat went aboard not, I caught a noble turtle.

**Saturday, August 19.** Smoky air ◀ Wy. Afternoon I stood along the south side of Flores & had a tolerable prospect of her lofty hills, her yellow wheat fields & dark green vineyards. Unbent the fore & main topsails & bent better ones not new. Also, unbent & a new topsail.

**Sunday, August 20.** Strong ◀ SW & squally. AM lay too. Afternoon made sail & fell in with the brigs Sarah & the Mattapoissett, both of Rochester. I had a regular gamm all round, stuck it out 'till dark. Sailing along side of Flores.

**Monday, August 2.** Fair, strong ◀SSW, Run from Flores to Fayal course SE dist. 120 miles made Fayal 5 o'clock. Rough sea & a brisk run today.

**Tuesday, August 22.** Fair ◀ SW at 2 o'clock this afternoon the Capt. & all the starboard watch of us went ashore at the Town of Fayal & cruised round 'till night, spying wonders & drinking grog & as for myself got pretty hot & the rest nothing to brag of. Spent \$1.12 got on board at dark & as I see & heard so much, I shan't begin to describe anything, except we all got aboard safe without the least accident so far.

**Wednesday, August 23.** Last night squalls of ◀ rain, thunder & light. Today squally ◀ NW. This morning Fayal, Pico St. Georges, Gracious & Terceira all in sight. Saw two water spouts this AM 1½ miles to seaward.

**Thursday, August 24.** Squalls of rain, fresh N and rough sea. I saw plenty of gramproes & porpoises, but no whales.

**Friday, August 25.** Last night & today fresh gales W & rain & rough sea. Banging rain Terceira.

**Saturday, August 26.** Fresh W & of rain squalls of rain cruising round the island of Terceira at 4 o'clock. At the starboard boat went aboard of the Mattapoissett, Southworth a gamming & his mate came aboard of us which is called a regular gam not

**Sunday, August 27.** Cloudy & fresh ◀ SW. Laying along the lee side of the island of Terceira. Morning spoke brig Fanton, Collins of Fall River 3 mo. out not a whale. A.M. spoke brig Delight Lanford of N. Bedford and got a boat from her she being bound home 9 mo. out 150 bbls. oil. Gammed all the A.M. with her. Our crew sent four letters home by her. The reason I didn't write was I had nothing particular to write & not hearing a word from home I shan't trouble myself to write until I do. They having several chances to write me.

**Monday, August 28.** A fair, AM squally ◀ Westerly. Broke out for bread & water at 4 AM spoke of the starboard boat came on board as Brig Troy, Heart of Bristol, 6 mo. out and 100 bbls.

**Tuesday, August 29.** Fair WNW. Caught a Porpoise. No other remarks.

**Wednesday, August 30.** The fairest day and smoothest sea we have had since we made the islands. AM spoke brig Juno Sowle of Westport 3½ mo. out 100 bbls. oil. Had a prospect of the town of Villa da Praya on the isl. of Graciosa in lat. 39° 02'N long. 27° 40'W. Knotted yarns and made spun yarn.

**Thursday, August 31.** Clear, light ◀SE AM run in near the north end of the island of Fayal (*Faial in modern Portuguese*), to trade with the Portuguese egges, etc. but none came off to us as we did not go ashore to them. Made spun yarn & painted the larboard (*i.e., port side*) boat.

## **September, 1837**

### *Whaling in the Azores*

**Friday, September 1.** Clear fine breeze SE. Knotted yarns for spun yarn.      the starboard boat went aboard brig Lagrange, Daggett of Rochester 4¼ mo. out 220 bbls. oil.

**Saturday, September 2.** Fair, fresh ◀ NE Cruising round Fayal. All went aboard of the S. L. Sanford; a Mr. Gilmore gave me a pipe. AM gammed aboard brig Annawan (Capt.) Snow of Rochester 38 days out 3 bbls. oil. Had a real fine time & company enough; their being our Capt., Mayhew, Daggett & Snow & their boats crews; good music on the violin, pipe & drum & dancing in abundance, even all the Capts. Except our danced, an old darky beat on the drums which was about as good a play as any of the sports we had got aboard 7½ o'clock this evening.

**Sun. Sep. 3.** Clear, light ◀ SE course N.W. At 4 o'clock AM spoke brig Brian Wing of Rochester 4⅓ mo. out 80 bbls. raised black fish and lowered but nether boat.

**Mon. Sep 4.** Clear, light ◀ Southerly & warm. At 2 AM spoke brig Love / of us got fast to um. Reb, Manter of N. Bedford 4⅓ mo. out 120 bbls. oil. Made spun yarn.

**Tues. Sep. 5.** Fair, ◀ S. Made and finished spun yarn. Spoke brig Amity. Whitehaven two months ago she had a gale of(f) Cape Hatteras & carried away her mainmast beside other damages. Jury mast. A sorry looking craft.

**Wed. Sep 6.** Cloudy, ◀ S by W. Cruising NE of Flores. AM raised black fish. Lowered & the starboard boat got one, and the larboard nothing. Pecked the blubber and boiled it out, made us 2 bbls. of oil. Our ship keeper P. Hoxsie got the Portuguese ladies fever at Fayal, Aug. 22. All the rest of the starboard watch well yet. / looking fishes

**Thursday, September 7.** Fresh ◀ NE and squalled of rain. Raised a sulphur bottom whale, a huge.

**Friday, September 8.** Fair ◀ NE and part of the day calm. Run along the SW side of Pico and had a fair prospect of his lofty summit, a bank of clouds laying along its sides which almost always havens about it.

**Saturday, September 9.** Fair ◀ Northerly. Run from the Westward through between Pico, Point de Espartel & Fayal, had a most enchanting prospect of the town of Fayal, her white houses, high steeples, lofty hills and green fields, the ship lying off the harbor at this time & small lateen sailboats cutting to & fro.

**Sunday, September 10 – at sea off Fayal.** Clear ◀ Westerly and rough sea, run from Fayal toward Terceira at 4 AM fell in with & the starboard went aboard of brig June, Macomber of New Bedford 9 months out 100 bbls. oil. / in sight

**Monday, September 11 - at sea off Terceira.** Strong ◀ WNW and fair. Cruising off Terceira, six sails of whalemens.

**Tuesday, September 12 – at sea off Terceira.** Cloudy strong ◀ WNW & rough sea. Off the East side of Terceira, six other brigs on the same ground. AM spoke brig. Gov. Hopkins, Simmons of Bristol RI 30 days out. Bought of our Capt. an ivory spool stand. Turned with him toward payment the \$3 due me from F. Head for Bowditch's Navigator I sold him July 11, 1837. My Capt. owes me \$1, payable when the voyage is up. The stands of ivory by way of trade cost me \$2.05.

**Wednesday, September 13 – at sea off Terceira.** Clear ◀ Northerly & Westerly. Off Terceira, I fell in with & went on board of the Bark President, Hathaway of Westport 2½ mo. out 220 bbls. oil. Besides seeing 2 or 3 I was acquainted with I received two letters one from Mip HCM & the other from N. Howland, my old school mate & much respected friend, but not a word from my parents or sister.

**Thursday, September 14 – at sea.** Fair weather, light ◀ NE. Bound to Fayal. Mended the old fore top.

**Friday, September 15 – at sea.** Pleasant gales and fair. At 10 AM fell in with the brig Thos. Winslow, Seabury of Westport 3 mo. out 100 bbls. Gammed with her all day. Was quite disappointed in not finding a letter there for me. AM spoke brig Le Baron, Rogers of Rochester 6 weeks out 230 bbls. of oil. Off NE of Fayal.

**Saturday, September 16 – docked at Fayal.** Last night and this AM strong ◀ NW. AM strong gales SW. AM the Capt. & larboard watch went ashore to the town of Fayal, & by what they said, had a high time, one got shut up ashore, three completely drunk & some of the rest not. Came aboard 4 AM. [Sent] dawn main topgallant yard. Powerful squall of rain.

**Sunday, September 17 – at Fayal.** Rainy strong ◀ SW & rough sea. Lay to all day. Capt. Davis says it is the galeist season thus far he has ever experienced on this cruising ground.

**Monday, September 18 – at Fayal.** The gale past and fair. ◀ NNW. Run for Fayal having been drove off in the late gale. Broke out of bread & water.

**Tuesday, September 19 – sailed from Fayal.** All fair fresh. ◀ WNW. Went into Fayal and got 30 bushels of potatoes for our winter store. AM strong gales NNW & rough sea. AM spoke brig Agate, Cornell of N. Bedford 9 mo. out 30 bbls. oil. Zo rain. We are now bound off for Cape Pelanco (?) on the E (?) coast of Africa in Lat. 20°55' N. Long. 17°10' W.

**Wednesday, September 20 – at sea.** Last night the gale abated. Today Fair ◀ Northerly. Course S by E.

**Thursday, September 21 – at sea off St. Michaels.** Fair, light ◀ Westerly. Run along the N. side of St. Michaels one of the largest and most uneven of all the Western Isles. It counted 147 hills at one view from aloft. Lat 37°54' N. Long. 25°58' W. Mended all main topsails.

**Friday, September 22 – at sea to Canary Islands.** Pleasant gales NNW & fair. Course S by E. Netted up potatoes.

**Saturday, September 23 – at sea.** Strong ◀ NE & cloudy. Course S by E. (in the Fore Castle)

**Sunday, September 24 – at sea.** Fair light wind ◀ NNE. Course S. Lat. 32°40' N. Long. 21°10' N.

**Monday, September 25 – at sea.** Pleasant gales W by N smooth sea & fair. Course S by W.

**Tuesday, September 26 – arrived at Palma.** Clear ◀ WNW SSE, AM made Palma one of the Canary Islands in Lat. 28°39' N. Long. 17°50' W bearing ESE dist(ance) 14 leagues. Mended jibs.

**Wednesday, September 27.** Clear, breeze NW. Course SSW. Made spun yarn.

**Thursday, September 28.** Calm & clear & very warm. Turned in the fore-rigging & bent it etc.

**Friday, September 29.** Last night & today calm. Finished the fore rigging. Swaped a knife with OM for a jacket. /bent again the foresail.

**Saturday, September 30.** Last night calm wind. Today breeze ENE & clear. Unbent, mended & bent again the foresail.

## **October, 1837**

*Whaling off the Canary Islands; sailing for Cape Verde;  
Sailed off of Salt, St. Vincent, & Brava Islands.*

**Sunday, October 1.** Clear, light breeze NE. Course SSW. Lat. 25°49' N. Long. 18°59' W.

**Monday, October 2.** Cloudy, ◀NE. Course S by W. At noon Lat. 23°43' N. We are now this ( ? ) in the Torrid Zone. Tonight took in sail & hove too, the 2<sup>nd</sup> night we lay too since we left the Western Isla. No work done today.

**Tuesday, October 3.** Cloudy, ◀ NE. Course S. At 10 o'clock AM came into green water. We are now fairly in the NE Trade winds, Lat. 22°17' N. No work.

**Wednesday, October 4.** Fair, fresh ◀ NE. Course SE. Broke out for wood & water.

**Thursday, October 5.** Clear, ◀ NE. Midday raised black fish, lowered & had a strong pull but could not come up with them. After sunset raised black fish again close alongside, lowered, the Mate got fast, but neither of us got anything. Lat. 21°06' N. Long. 18°07' W.

**Friday, October 6 – off Canary Islands.** Clear, fresh ◀ NE & rough sea. At 8 o'clock this morning (Lat.21°06'N. Long. 18°07'W raised B[lackfish], lowered, the starboard boat got 3, the larboard 2, in coming alongside lost one. The Mate broke both gunnels of his boat holding on to the fish. Got aboard at noon. Had a real good time. Midday peeled the fish. I raised Finback & sulpher bottom whales.

**Saturday, October 7 – Canary Islands → Cape Verde.** Fair, but misty, strong ◀ NE rough sea. Lat. 20 °53' N. Long. 18°30'W. Boiled out our blubber, made 4 bbls. Raised black fish, but the sea was so rough didn't lower. Repaired the boat etc. At 4 o'clock midday we leave Cape Blanco for the Cape Verde Islands. Course WSW.

**Sunday, October 8 – at sea.** Clear, course SW by W ◀ NE. Lat. 19°15' N. Long. 20°12' West.

**Monday, October 9 – at sea.** Smoky air ◀ NE. Course WSW. For 10 days past or nights heavy seas. Broke out meat, fitted the starboard anchor for casting etc.

**Tuesday, October 10 – to Cape Verde, off Salt Island.** Thick smoky air, ◀ NE. At 12 noon made Salt Island in Lat. 16° \_\_'. Long. 22°56' W. one of Cape Verd Islands. At sunset fell in with the D. Franklin, Davis of Westport 40 days out one B[lackfish]. Went aboard &



gammed till 10 at night. Expected a letter from home but found none.

**Wednesday, October 11 – off Salt Island.** Fair, ◀ wind NNE. At 10 AM our Capt. & Capt. Davis of bark D.F. [D. Franklin] left for the shore on W. side of Salt Island in their boats, but before we got there the D.F. raised a Whale, so we tacked & came aboard, got our craft & put off for the whale he going to windward, we chased him 3 hours & then gave it up. At 4 midday went aboard the D.F. & gammed till 10 at night, had a fine time & good company. Fell in with Capt. Mayhew, had done nothing since we spoke him last.

**Thursday, October 12 – on Salt Island and departure.** Clear, ◀ NE. This AM our Capt. Davis & Mayhew went ashore on the west side of Salt Island for hogs, goats etc. but the Governor being on the other side of the isle, none of them got anything. Saw about 300 goats, some hogs & jackasses, a few miserable huts & inhabitants. The isle is a barren a looking place as ever I saw. Midday all three of the vessels put away for St. Vincent. Fine weather & smooth sea.

**Friday, October 13 – arrive St. Vincent.** Smoky air ◀ NE. Course WNW. At 4 midday came to an anchor in St. Vincent harbour in Lat. 16°59' N. Long. 25°06' W for wood & water. Ground 3 old axes for cutting wood. At 9 o'clock this eve saw the moon totally eclipsed.

**Saturday, October 14 – at St. Vincent.** Fair, strong ◀ NE. This morning went ashore to the village, then went to cutting wood. The trees are small, the wood looks like sycamore & the leaves like cedar. At 12 hr. a French sloop of war came to an anchor.

**Sunday, October 15 – at St. Vincent.** Clear, strong ◀ NE. Eight o'clock this morning all hands, except the Capt. & me, went ashore to the Town in this harbour & stayed till dark, [.]. They had a tiresome day I think by what I hear, six got hot (?) & more or less played with the Portuguese - - - As for myself I think I have enjoyed myself much better aboard. Midday I had 2 Scots. sailors to see me.

**Monday, October 16 – at St. Vincent.** Fair, ◀ NE. Morning went to Town, then cut wood & got it aboard, the Portuguese jacked it to the beach. Part of the crew too worked aboard cleaning & painting the brig. I. Earle who has been off duty for 27 days past with the p(?) for getting about drunk yesterday, now has to do his duty.

**Tuesday, October 17 – sailed toward Brava.** Fair, light ◀ENE. Got the rest of our wood aboard, which made 3 boat loads, the water was so bad we didn't get any. Midday went to Town the Capt. got 6 pigs, & at 3 o'clock midday weighed & sailed, course S by W for Brava. The island of St. Vincent is as barren & the most uneven land I ever saw.

**Wednesday, October 18 – at sea.** Wind WSW. Course S by W. Unbent, the fore, main & trysails / saw and bent old ones, also, mainsail & bent a brand new one.

**Thursday, October 19 – sailed past Brava.** Last night showers, [.]. Today clear, wind

N.E. Course S. by W. at sunset past just W of Brava Isle in Lat. 14°50' N. Long. 24°43' W. Repaired the stern boat. Eve. the Sarah, Mayhews boat came aboard & had a spree fiddling, fluting & dancing.

**Friday, October 20 – at sea.** Fresh ◀ E. & fair course S. Painted the boat.

**Saturday, October 21 – at sea.** Clear, wind E.N.E. Course S by E. & a bad sea. No remarks.

**Sunday, October 22 – at sea.** Fair, ◀ ENE. Course S by E. Latitude 9°26' N. Long. 22°27' W.

**Monday, October 23 – at sea.** Squalls of rain ◀ S & E. Broke out for bread. Four sails in sight.

**Tuesday, October 24 - at sea.** Nearly calm clear & warm & so it has been for 10 days past & so I expect it will be as long as we are in so low latitude. Painted the starboard boat etc.

**Wednesday, October 25.** Light, shifting ◀ & squalls of rain.

**Thursday, October 26.** Calm, cloudy & some rain. At 4 midday the starboard boat went a gamming aboard the Sarah, Mayhew of Rochester. Not I.

**Friday, October 27.** Calm, cloudy. Rainy sunshine & windy & warm. Made two air sails, one for the forecastle & the other aft. Midday three sail[s] in sight. But no Whales.

**Saturday, October 28.** Squalls of rain, ◀ Easterly. AM fell in with the D. Franklin & got 22 bbls of fresh water from her. I had a gam. The Capt. and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> mates of the D.F. & Capt. Mayhew of the Sarah & some of their crew was aboard of us, & quite an agreeable time we had.

**Sunday, October 29.** Clear, light ◀ E. Course S. Our Capt. & Capt. Mayhew went aboard the D.F. to dine upon roast pig but none of either of the crews, stayed till 8 this eve. Latitude 4°53'N. longitude 22°0'W.

**Monday, October 30.** Last night & today, thunder lightening & rain, ◀ Ey. Our Capt. & Capt. Davis went aboard the Sarah to dine upon roast pig. None of either crew.

**Tuesday, October 31.** Squalls of rain night & day with thunder & lightening, small ◀ E'ly. No remarks.

## **November, 1837**

*Sails across the southern Atlantic Ocean to the Abrahlos Banks off Brazil;  
sends letter to “Miss H.C.B.” on homeward-bound ship;  
kills and processes a whale.*

**Wednesday, November 1.** Squalls as usual. Picked oakum.

**Thursday, November 2.** Last night, rain. Today fair, good ◀ SSE. Picked oakum. Small ◀ E'ly. No remarks.

**Friday, November 3.** Fair, fresh ◀ SE. Course SW by S. Latitude 8°59'N. Long. 23°35'W.

**Saturday, November 4.** Fair, fresh ◀ SSE. Course SW. Rough sea. Latitude 0°48' South, Longitude 25°00'W. Some talk about Neptune's coming to see his boys but he no come.

**Sunday, November 5.** Clear ◀ SSE. Course SW. Lat. 2°21' S. Long. 26°07'W. Killed a pig & had the Capt. & his mate of the D. Franklin to dine. This morning saw the Magellan [*Magellan*] Clouds. The north star we run in 8 °N latitude.

**Monday, November 6.** Clear ◀ SE, course SW by S. No remarks.

**Tuesday, November 7.** Clear ◀ ESE. Course SW by W. Eve. the Capt. & larboard watch went aboard the D. Franklin.

**Wednesday, November 8.** Clear ◀ E by S. Course W.S.W. Lat. 6°56'S. Long. 30°05'W.

**Thursday, November 9.** Fair & pleasant weather. Course WSW ◀ E. For 5 days past scrimshanting has been carried on by all hands, the lathe has been turning most all the time, but the tarboo [*taboo*] is now put on for a season.

**Friday, November 10.** Clear ◀ ESE. Course W.S.W. No scrimshanting on deck.

**Sat. Nov. 11.** Clear, wind E. & warm. Course W.S.W. At 5 in the afternoon raised black fish, lowered & chaced them but got nothing. The mate of the D. Franklin got one.

**Sunday, November 12.** Clear, fine ◀ E by N. Course WSW & W. Latitude 11°01'S. Long. 36°12'W. So we sail along the coast of Brazil, for the Abrohlos banks to cruise for sperm Whale. This morning fell in with the Ship Erie Dennis of Newport, 20 mo. out, from New Zealand bound home with 3300 bbls. oil. Put aboard of her a letter, I wrote the most of Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> to Miss H.C.B. Five others sent by crew.

**Monday, November 13.** Clear ◀ E. Course WSW. 8 o'clock this morning made the land on the coast of Brazil. Eve. Capt. D. of the D. Franklin & boats crew came aboard & gamed till 9 o'clock. I learnt a tune of one of the crew.

**Tuesday, November 14.** Clear, ◀ Ey. Co. SWy. A.M. sailed by in sight of the entrance of the harbour of St. Salvador in lat. 13°01'S. long. 38°32' W. Saw several Polacca's & Catamaran sail or fish boats.

**Wednesday, November 15.** Clear, ◀ NE. Co. SE'y. The Capt. had a bit of a row with the cook for scrimshanting on deck.

**Thursday, November 16.** Fair ◀ NE. In latitude 17°05' S, long. 36°38'W. AM. fell in with bark Winslow, Gifford N. Bedford 3 mos. out 200 bbls. oil. Our Capt., the larboard boats crew & Capt. G. gammed with the D. F. till 3 midday when the Winslow raised Whales. Then every man to his own craft [*drew picture of pointing hand*]. The D. Franklin boats & ours won nothing but the Winslow got an 80 barrel Whale. No luck to us yet.

**Friday, November 17.** Last night took in sail, lay too & stood quarter watches, whale watches nearly all the time since we left the Western Islands till now. Today Fair ◀ NE. We have kept company with the D. Frank. most all the time since we fell in with her at Salt Isle till today.

**Saturday, November 18.** Cloudy, strong wind N.E. & rough sea. Broke out bread & meat. At 4 midday raised Whales, lowered & the Capts. boat steerer stood up to dart but too late. Just at sunset the Mate fastened & both boats soon sat him to spouting thick blood. Got him alongside 11½ o'clock at night & in 15 minutes after in a squall parted the fast & lost him. Judged he would make 90 barrels. Latitude 17°56'S. Longitude 36°43'W.

**Sunday, November 19.** Powerful rain & squalls of ◀ NE rough sea. At 12 o'clock noon raised our dead Whale & got him alongside again at 4 in the afternoon. Having had a very tedious day of it making & taking in sail, pulling & hauling all day long & as wet as water too. Just so much for the Abrohlos Banks.

**Monday, November 20.** Some cloudy, fresh gales NE. & very rough sea. Morning got up our cutting gear, but the sea was so bad we parted some of it & then we pulled off what we could on one side by hand & cut from him at 10 AM. Then began to fit for boiling. Midday boiled between squalls.

**Tuesday, November 21.** Last night ▲, then ◀ S & rainy. Boiled bluber & today finished & turned up 15 bbls. oil. Strong ◀S & rainy mucky weather.

**Wednesday, November 22.** Cloudy, strong ◀ S & very rough sea. Lay too all day. Morning killed a pig & had a fine dinner. Two sails in sight.

**Thursday, November 23.** Cloudy & rough sea ◀ SSE. Stowed down our oil & other work. At 6 1/12 o'clock in afternoon raised Whales, the Mate lowered & got a mast to them when we lowered, the Mate fastened, but our Capt. killed the Whale. Got him alongside complete 9½ o'clock evening. Lat. 17°25' S. Long. 37°West.

**Friday, November 24.** Fair, ◀ ESE & rough sea. Cut in our whale, had rather bad luck in parting the gear, etc. Tonight began to boil junk or head.

**Saturday, November 25.** Fair day & smoother sea, midday bailed the case, then to boiling.

**Sunday, November 26.** Beautiful day & smooth sea, light wind E. Busy boiling blubber. Not a sail in sight. Latitude 17°12'S. Longitude 37°00'W.

**Monday, November 27.** Fair & smooth sea, air NE. Finished boiling. Midday went to striking oil below or stowing it below.

**Tuesday, November 28.** Some showery ◀ NNE. Finished striking down oil. 80 bbls. sperm oil this fair. Then cleaned off decks; & at 2 o'clock this midday the Capt. raised another Whale, both boats lowered but the Mate had the chance & we got him along side 8 o'clock this Eve. The whale cracked his boat when he struck him but not bad. Thus far good luck.  
Latitude 18°05'S. Longitude 37°80'W.

**Wednesday, November 29.** Fair ◀ NNE. Cut in our Whale, stranded one fall & broke a blubber hook, then bailed the case which took from 4 in AM till 9½ o'clock in the evening & worked hard too.

**Thursday, November 30.** Fair ◀ NE. Busy boiling blubber. I may observe that now we have only 6 hours out of 24 below, the try works being kept hot all time.

## **December, 1837**

*Cruising around Abrohlos Bank off Brazil;*

*Catching whales and processes them though with difficulty due to rough seas;*

*Celebrated Christmas with fresh-killed pig.*

**Friday, December 1.** Rainy & most calm, busy boiling blubber, The decks nasty, slippery & wet & crew too.

**Saturday, December 2.** Last night & this morning rainy ◀ NNE. Boiled blubber till it was so far spoiled we could boil no more, having had to cool down the works 3 times, put the rest into casks to drane out on account of the rane. Calculated the Whale would made 75 bbls. oil if we could have saved it. We shall now turn up 54 bbls.

**Sunday, December 3.** Fair ◀ N & rough sea. Stowed down oil till 10 o'clock AM then raised a Whale, lowered & the starboard boat fastened & killed him & got him alongside 12 ½ Noon then finished striking down oil & began to cut in the whale, the first time we hooked on the hook slipped out & came against the Mate who stood in the main chain & hurt his arm badly, thus have we laboured all this day. Afternoon two sails in sight. Latitude 17°28'S. Longitude 36°45'West.

**Monday, December 4.** Cloudy, ◀ Ny & rough. AM cut in the body of the Whale. Midday the wind blew so & the sea was so rough went to boiling.

**Tuesday, December 5.** Yesterday midday raised Whales off deck, but we had other business enough & at night powerful squalls of wind, rain, lightening & thunder. Today squalls of rain wind Ny. Busy boiling, although very slow, the sea was so rough we could not boil the pots more than half full.

**Wednesday, December 6.** Cloudy ◀ N. Finished boiling, midday began to strike down oil till it rained. Cut away the head of the Whale because it was spoiled, the sea being so rough could not get it in before. Caught a dolphin.

**Thursday, December 7.** Last night & today, very rainy & hard squalls of wind N. All hands busy washing there clothes. Caught 2 dolphins.

**Friday, December 8.** Fair day ◀ NE. Finished striking down oil. The last whale made us 47 bbls. Then cleaned off decks, broke out meat & molasses.

**Saturday, December 9.** Pleasant day, light ◀ NNE. At 6½ o'clock this morning raised Whales, lowered & the mate got one, got him alongside 11 o'clock A.M. Midday cut in the body & tonight to boiling. Lat. 17°46' S. Long. 37°15'W.

**Sunday, December 10.** Calm & hot. AM cut in the junk & bailed the case. Midday busy boiling blubber. Caught a dolphin. Lat. 17°46'S. Long. 37°15'W.

**Monday, December 11.** Fair ◀ E. Busy boiling. Saw a sail to windward, boiling.

**Tuesday, December 12.** Last night finished boiling & turned up 75 bbls. Today busy breaking out & stowing down oil. Caught a dolphin.

**Wednesday, December 13.** Fair ◀ Ny. Finished stowing down oil 73 bbls. & washed off decks. Caught a dolphin.

**Thursday, December 14.** Cloudy, fresh ◀ Ny. Spoke barks Dr. Franklin, Davis of Westport 200 bbls., Sarah, Mayhew, Rochester 250 bbls. & bark Champion, Sowle, Westport 3 mo. out 170 bbls. oil & 100 bbls. whale cutting in Lat. 17°S. Long. 37°W.

**Friday, December 15.** Rainy, ◀ NNW & rough sea. No remarks.

**Saturday, December 16.** Rainy ◀ NE & rugged sea & weather. No remarks.

**Sun. Dec. 17.** Cloudy & rainy ◀ NNE. Lat. 17°25'S. Long. 36°50' W.

**Mon. Dec. 18.** Cloudy ◀ NNE & smooth sea. Fell in with the D. Frank. Midday Capt. & boat crew except me gammed with her till night, got from her 3 bbls. of meat, 2 of beef & one of pork.

**Tuesday, December 19.** Cloudy, squalls of rain, fair, calm & ◀ Ny. This morning Capt. raised Whales in my watch aloft; the only time anything has been raised in my loft except by myself but once & then only black fish; lowered & we got fast, the Whale parted the line & we lost him. Afternoon spoke ship Louisiana, Standish, N. York from Richmond bound to Rio, cargo flour, oat & corn meal. Eve. starboard boat went aboard brig Thos. Winslow, Seabury, Westport, 230 bbls. oil & a 90 bbls. Whale along they killed today. Several other sails in sight.

**Wednesday, December 20.** Squalls of rain as usual, otherwise, ◀ NE. Made scrubbing brushes. Eve. Capt. Gifford of bark Winslow & boats crew came aboard who holds 600 bbls. 5 mos. out. Several sails in sight, most are all Whalemens.

**Thursday, December 21.** Cloudy ◀ NE. Fixing whale craft & etc.

**Friday, December 22.** Cloudy ◀ NE. At 10 AM. raised Whales, lowered & the Capt's boat fastened, split off the chocks of the boat & then the whale stowed us stern foremost. The line got half a turn round the Capt's leg & bruised it some, however at 12½ o'clock got him along & this midday busy cutting him in. Midday Sowle of Champion came aboard. Tonight boiling.

**Saturday, December 23.** Clear ◀ ENE. Finished cutting in the Whale, broke a cutting pull & some other mishaps. Then to boiling.

**Sunday, December 24.** AM fair, midday squalls of rain ◀ ENE. Busy boiling.

**Monday, December 25.** Last night rainy, cooled down twice. Today most clear, ◀ E by N. Finished boiling & began to stow down oil. Eve. Rodgers of LeBaron, Rochester & boats crew gamed with us. Lat. 17°41' Long. 37°.

**Tuesday, December 26.** Fair ◀ E by N. Finished stowing oil 67 bbls. & cleaned off decks, etc. Eve. Mayhew of brig Sarah & boats crew came aboard of us & gamed. They hold 341 bbls. Caught a dolphin.

**Wednesday, December 27.** All sorts of weather, clear, cloudy, rainy, squalls of wind, calm, smooth sea & rough. No other remarks except caught a dolphin.

**Thursday, December 28.** About the same as yesterday. Saw several sails, one of them boiling.

**Friday, December 29.** Calm & rainy. Four sails in sight.

**Saturday, December 30.** Cloudy & some rainy ◀ NE. Spoke the D. Frank. who had just finished boiling out a 90 bbls. whale. Bent better foretopsail & foresail etc. Caught a dolphin.

**Sunday, December 31.** AM calm & hot. Midday rainy, air Sy. Scraped off the moss of the brig. Saw 4 water spouts not far off. Morning killed the last pig out of 5 & had a fine dinner. Eve. fell in with Brig Elizabeth Sowle of Westport, 4 mo. out 100 bbls. oil. Several of the crew had letters from home, but not one for me. Thus have I penned down the incidents of another year. Lat. 17°30' Long. 37°W.

## 1838

### January, 1838

*Celebrates New Years' Day with four-boat gamming;  
Whaling off the coast of Brazil;*

**Monday, January 1. Brig. Mexico, Abrohlos Banks.** Cloudy & rainy ◀ Ny. Capt. Davis of D. Franklin, Manter of Brig. Laurel of N. Bedford, 8 mo. out 400 bbls. & Mayhew of Brig. Sarah & boats crews came aboard here to dinner & gammed till night. Had quite an agreeable time, singing, fluting, fiddling & dancing.

**Tuesday, January 2.** Squalls of rain, ◀ N. Other ways sunny. No remarks.

**Wednesday, January 3.** Nearly clear, fresh ◀ N. No remarks.

**Thursday, January 4.** No rain, ◀ N. Picked ocum & plaited sinnet, eve. rain.

**Friday, January 5.** Clear, fresh ◀ N by E. Plaited sinnet. 4 sails insight. Evening starboard boat went a gaming aboard the D. Franklin, not I.

**Saturday, January 6.** AM. calm & hot. Midday breeze E. Bark Winslow, Gifford, this midday raised a Whale & we seeing their maneuvers lowered & had a long tedious pull being off 5 hours, the D. Frank's boats were in the fray. However, the whale run too fast & to leeward too for the best of us, all gave up the chace.

**Sunday, January 7.** Clear ◀ E by S & rough sea. Spoke brigs Thos. Winslow & Elizabeth both of Westport. No news worth writing. Latitude 17°25'S. Longitude ....

**Monday, January 8.** Fair, except squalls of ◀ & rain, ◀ E by S. Six sails insight.

**Tuesday, January 9.** Clear, light ◀ E'y. Broke out bread & bent better main topsail  
Midday  
& eve. had a gam with Champion & quite agreeable time.

**Wednesday, January 10.** Fair ◀ E'y & some squalls of rain. No remarks.



**Thursday, January 11.** Fresh ◀ E'y & rough sea. AM spoke Brig Sarah. No news.

**Friday, January 12.** Cloudy & rough sea, ◀ E'y. No remarks.

**Saturday, January 13.** Fair day ◀ Ey. At 4½ o'clock midday raised a Whale, lowered but didn't see him while we were off, saw him again just at sunset but too late & too far off to lower again.

**Sunday, January 14.** Clear ◀ N & E'y. Midday saw Brig Thos. Winslow with a whale alongside and at 5 1/6 o'clock midday raised a Whale about 5 miles to windward, saw him at only one rising. Eve. went aboard brig Sarah who has got a large whale alongside she killed today. Lat. 17°50'. Long. 37°25'W.

**Monday, January 15.** Squally & rough sea, fresh ◀ NNE. No remarks.

**Tuesday, January 16.** Clear, fresh ◀ N by E. & rough sea. Midday gammed with barque President, Hathaway of Westport, 7 mo. out 420 bbls. oil. Not a first rate gam.

**Wednesday, January 17.** Hazy ◀ NNE & rough sea. Evening 4 sails in sight.

**Thursday, January 18.** Fair ◀ NE. Fixed the bowsprit rigging. 2 sails in sight.

**Friday, January 19.** Clear ◀ E'y. Made thumb line. Saw English Brig Meanwell, London steering SSW. Midday gammed with barque Champion & brig Sarah, had a fair gam, got aboard the Mexico 9 o'clock eve.

**Saturday, January 20.** Clear ◀ NE. Caught a porpoise. Midday came up with & went aboard of brig Laurel, Manter, N. Bedford, who had just killed & got alongside a large whale, which will fill her up. Carried letters aboard of her for home.

**Sunday, January 21.** Clear, light ◀ NE. Our Capt. gave us our protections which he has kept ever since he cleared out. Lat. 17°33'S. Long. 37°.

**Monday, January 22.** Fair ◀ NE. Had down main-top gallant sail & repaired the rigging, new bent the sail & sent it up again, etc.

**Tuesday, January 23.** Clear ◀ E'y. Broke out for molasses, beans etc. Ripped up an old fore sail, etc. Three sail in sight.

**Wednesday, January 24.** Clear ◀ E'y. Busy plaiting sinnet. Let J. Wing have \$6.00 to buy a spool stand of the Capt. to stop his dreaming me for mine. He the Capt. telling Wing he should have it for \$6 cash not thinking he could get it, however he let him have it.

**Thursday, January 25.** Fair ◀ NNE. Plaited sinnet. Saw a lump or porcupine fish.

**Friday, January 26.** Some squally ◀ ENE. Platted sinnet. Midday 2 sails in sight.

**Saturday, January 27.** Squalls of wind & rain ◀ ENE. One sail in sight.

**Sunday, January 28.** Fair ◀ ENE & rough sea. Not a sail in sight. Lat. 17°30'S. Long. 37°20' W.

**Monday, January 29.** Squally & rough sea ◀ ENE. Midday saw a snow rigged brig NNW. Broke out for wood & water.

**Tuesday, January 30.** Fair ◀ E. Today at noon the sun exactly overhead, & the declination 17°43' S was took for the latitude. No other remarks.

**Wednesday, January 31.** Squalls of rain ◀ E'y. Today at noon the sun was 30 miles to the North of us. AM fell in with brig Sarah, Mayhew, Our Capt. gammed with her till midday & then Capt. Mayhew came aboard of us & stayed till 9 o'clock at night. Also bark Winslow, Gifford fell in with us & gamed till 9 at night he being just out from Cabbage Isle where he went for refreshments. Some of the crew having the scurvy neither of the sails got any oil since we spoke them last. Fair gam.

## February, 1838

*The Mexico leaves the Abrohlos Banks, sails north through the Equator, passes Cape St. Augustine off Brazil, heading for the West Indies.*

**Thursday, February 1.** Light ◀ N & E'y & squalls of rain. No remarks.

**Friday, February 2.** Clear ◀ NE. AM fixed the bowsprit rigging. Midday fell in with barque President & had a gam, she has seen no whales since we saw her last. 2 other sails in sight. Doughnuts for supper, the first I've seen.

**Saturday, February 3.** Good weather ◀ NE. Two sails in sight. No remarks.

**Sunday, February 4.** Two smart squalls of wind & rain, then fair ◀ NE. Midday fell in

with brig Le Baron, 330 bbls. oil. Capt. & boats crew came aboard of us, had an agreeable gam or visit. Latitude 17°31'S.

**Monday, February 5.** Good weather ◀ N & E'y. Repaired old main topsail.

**Tuesday, February 6.** Strong squalls of wind & rain ◀ Ny & E'y. This morning J. Earle fell & hurt himself, as he is now off duty.

**Wednesday, February 7.** Some squally ◀ N'y & E'y & rough. Tonight we carry sail to clear out from the Abrohlos Banks, the most squally place I ever saw by all odds.

**Thursday, February 8.** Fair ◀ E'y. Lat. 16°55' S. Hurrah says our Capt. This morning off we'll goe for the West Indies, having cruised between the parallels of 16°45'S & 18°30'S. Lat. & 36° & 37°30' W. longitude for 2 mo. 22 days & took 336 bbls. of sperm oil. Began to graft block straps. One sail in sight.

**Friday, February 9.** Fair ◀ ESE. Course NE. Finished mending the old topsail, broke out wood, water, bread & apples.

**Saturday, February 10.** Squally ◀ N'y & E'y. Grafted block straps, etc.

**Sunday February 11.** Clear, light ◀ N'y & E'y. Saw one sail. Latitude 12°25'S. Long. 33°09'W. We are now to the north of the sun again.

**Monday, February 12.** Light ◀ E'y & fair. Turned in the main rigging. Tonight we stand whole watches. J. Earle came on duty today.

**Tuesday, February 13.** Clear, light ◀ E'y. To work turning in main rigging. Midday a brig passed to leeward of us, had the appearance of an armed vessel.

**Wednesday, February 14.** Clear, small ◀ NE. This morning made Cape St. Augustine bearing N. Saw nine cattamaran fish boats on floats. To work on the rigging.

**Thursday, February 15.** Clear ◀ NE, beating by the Cape. Finished the main rigging

**Friday, February 16.** Clear, light ◀ E by S. Latitude 8°07'S. Long. 34°44'W. We are now past Cape St. Augustine whose lat. is 8°29'S, long. 34°51'W. Sat up stays & made spun yarn. At 5 o'clock midday raised a Whale, lowered & chaced him till after sunset, saw him at only two risings.

**Saturday, February 17.** Clear, fine ◀ SE. Course N by W. Fining rigging. Midday one sail in sight.

**Sunday, February 18.** Clear ◀ SE. Course N by W & N. Latitude 3°59'S, Long. 34°33'W. Saw four sails & several flocks of gulls with black heads & brown backs, other

ways similar to our bass gulls.

**Monday, February 19.** Clear, nearly calm & hot. Turned in the fore & main topmasts rigging.

**Tuesday, February 20.** Last night & today squally ◀ E & large swells. Course NNW. Rattled down fore & main top mast rigging & broke out wood & water. Saw one sail, steering W. Lat. 0°39' S, Long. 37°54' W.

**Wednesday, February 21.** Rough sea, strong ◀ E. Cloudy & some rain. Course NW by N. So off we goe now to the north of the equator again.

**Thursday, February 22.** These 24 hours cloudy, rain, rough sea ◀ E. Took in & mag sails often.

**Friday, February 23.** More than ½ these 24 hours powerful rain lightening & thunder & rough sea ◀ ENE. Course NW by N. Lat. 3°56' N, Long. 42°.

**Saturday, February 24.** Fair, strong ◀ NE & rough sea. Course NW by N.

**Sunday, February 25.** Fog clouds, strong ◀ NE & rough. Course NW. Lat. 7°41' N, Long. 46° 18' W.

**Monday, February 26.** Clear ◀ NE. Course NW by W. Last night saw the north star about half an hour high. We have now laid the Magalan Clouds.

**Tuesday, February 27.** Clear ◀ NE. Course WNW, lighter wind & smoother sea. Worked upon rigging & broke out wood & water. The last 48 hours we have run 384 miles, the greatest run for the time.

**Wednesday, February 28.** Clear, light ◀ E. by S. Course WNW. Unbent, mended & bent the main topsail. Then worked upon rigging.

## March, 1838

*Cruising the Caribbean off Martinique, Dominica, Guadalupe, Monserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, Crab Island (Vieques) & Porto Rico; Docked two days at St. Thomas;*

*Whaling in the Bahamas*

**Thursday, March 1, 1838.** Clear ◀ E'y by S. Course WNW. Tarred rigging etc.

**Friday, March 2.** Clear ◀ E by N. Course W by N. Tarred rigging etc.

**Saturday, March 3.** Fair ◀ E'y & bad sea. At one midday made Martinique one of the Windward Islands in Lat. 14°24'N. Long. 60°56'W. At 5 o'clock midday raised finback Whales. Tonight took in sail & stood quarter watches. This morning saw a brig steering N.

**Sunday, March 4.** Fair ◀ E'y & very smooth sea. AM raised Black fish, lowered & chased them, but they were so wild we could not come up with them. Midday caught a dolphin. We are now off the West side of Dominica in Lat. 15°14'N, Long. 61°28'W. The isle is very uneven, composed of high hills & deep vallies & covered with green vegetation. Saw several vessels at anchor on the West or lee side.

**Monday, March 5.** Clear AM ◀ NNE. Midday nearly calm. Sat up stays. Now off west of Guadeloupe Lat. 16°20'N. Long. 61°56' W. Saw 4 sails. J. Wind has gave back to the Capt. his spool stand & to me the \$6 again.

**Tuesday, March 6.** Some cloudy, fresh ◀ NNE. Midday raised hump back Whale, lowered & gave him chace but no use. Several sails in sight.

**Wednesday, March 7.** Squally ◀ NNE. Midday Mate & his boats crew went ashore & got a little fruit & vegetables consisting of 7 sorts. Let Mr. Phillips \$1.00.

**Thursday, March 8.** Fresh gales NE & fair. Midday saw thousands of haglets [*seabirds*]

**Friday, March 9.** Showery ◀ NE. Broke out bread & scraped the outside of the brig. Midday Mate went aboard of an American schooner Tropic & got some newspapers. She was bound to Martinique, cargo lumber.

**Saturday, March 10.** Clear, fine ◀ ENE. For 4 days past we have been under the lee of Guadeloupe. This morning left & steered NW ½W. Passed by in plane sight of Monserrat, Nevis & St. Kitts & came up with St. Ustalia. We are now bound to St. Thomas in Lat. 16°22'N, Long. 64°55'W. Busy scraping & cleaning the gearing of the old craft. J. Earl off duty again.

**Sunday, March 11.** Clear ◀ ENE. Midday raised Whales in sight of the island of St. Thomas, lowered & the starboard boat struck & killed one; the Mate did nothing. Got him alongside at sunset both boats of us had a hand full.

**Monday, March 12.** Clear ◀ E'y & S'y. Cut in our whale jaw & all, then to boiling & I to mincing blubber. Midday raised Whales but too far to windward to lower for. Saw a buoy, lowered & found a large can attached to it with three beautiful fish in it, weigh about lbs. apiece.

**Tuesday, March 13.** Last night finished boiling & turned up 23 bbls. of sperm oil. Today fair ◀ W'y, busy cleaning etc. & at 8 o'clock this evening came to an anchor in the harbour of St. Thomas. Saw a large number of sails.

**Wednesday, March 14.** Clear, light ◀. This morning the starboard watch went ashore to the Town of St. Thomas on liberty & I had cruising enough about the Town & climbing the high hills, from where I counted 68 sails in the harbour. There appears to be a great deal of business carried on here. One of the watch got drunk & one hot. Came aboard at sunset. Spent \$1.32. Lent T. Gifford 50 cts. & J. Wing one dollar.

**Thursday, March 15.** Clear. Today the larboard watch went ashore on liberty; our watch got aft 7 casks of water, one of bread, 2 of meat etc. Spent 40¢. Put J. Earle onboard barque Jasper, Shockly, N. Bedford bound home, he being sick. At 5 in the afternoon got under weigh & went to sea ◀ NNE. All hands sober, except Mr. Phillips who got drunk aboard.

**Friday, March 16.** Clear ◀ NE. At 5½ o'clock in the afternoon came to anchor at the SW part of Crab Island in Lat. 18° 10'N, Long. 65°30'W. In company with brig Sarah, evening had a fair gam aboard of her. Stowed down our last pair of oil which made us 24 bbls.

**Saturday, March 17.** Clear ◀ SE. Cut & got aboard 3 boat loads of wood. The isle almost all covered with wood of various sorts. I shot a Pelican, measured 7 feet from the peak of one wing to the other, bill 11½ inches long, the greatest exploit of the day. Sarah's crew were a wooding here also. Gathered a few eye stones & 5 prickly ash canes.

**Sunday, March 18.** Clear ◀ SE. 9½ o'clock AM weighed & sailed from Crab Island for the Bahama banks to cruise for Whales.

**Monday, March 19.** Clear ◀ E'y. Sent down, mended & sent up again the fore topsail. Midday spoke Brig R. Bruce, Bradford, E. Haddam, CT. 6 mo. out 90 bbls. oil Eve. went aboard of her a gamming.

**Tuesday, March 20.** Clear ◀ E'y. Cleaned & painted the bulwarks.

**Wednesday, March 21.** Clear, ◀E'y. Raised Humpback Whales but didn't lower.

**Thursday, March 22.** Fair fresh ◀ ESE & rough sea. Three sails in sight.

**Friday, March 23.** Fair ◀ Ey then calm. Finished painting bulwarks. For five days past been cruising about the S & W side of Porto Rico. Tonight rainy, stand whole watches. Now for the Bahamas. Course N by W.

**Saturday, March 24.** Cloudy & rough sea ◀ E'y course N by W. Mid-morning a brig showing Spanish colours spoke us, had very much the appearance of a pirate.

**Sunday, March 25.** Rainy & rugged ◀ SSE. Course N by W. F. Head quite a profane swearer, says from this date he means to leave it off entirely.

**Monday, March 26.** Last night & today strong wind E. & N.E. tough squalls, heavy rain & great sea. AM all hands called to take in sail. Morning one ship in sight.

**Tuesday, March 27.** Very rough sea & some squalls of rain ◀NE. Course NW.

**Wednesday, March 28.** Clear, light ◀ N by E & quite smooth sea again. Course NNW.

**Thursday, March 29.** Fair, fresh ◀ WSW & cold. Unbent the old & bent a better trysail. Midday 2 sails in sight. Course WNW.

**Friday, March 30.** Smoky air ◀ SW. Course W by N. Saw 4 sails.

**Saturday, March 31.** Smoky air SW by W. Course NW by W. Grafted block straps etc. O.M. & the cook had a squabble, the Capt. parted them.

## **April, 1838**

*Arriving in Caribbean; catches whales & fills ship with oil; sees moon eclipse; Homeward bound - passes Block Island, visits Newport RI, arrives in Westport.*

**Sunday, April 1.** Smoky air, wind SW. Course NW by N. No remarks. Lat. 28°20' N. Long. 75°50'W.

**Monday, April 2.** Smoky air ◀ SW. Midday raised Finback whales. Broke out water. Tonight took in sail & stand quarter watches.

**Tuesday, April 3.** Fair ◀ NE. Course SW by S. Caught a Porpoise.

**Wednesday, April 4.** Fair ◀ E'y, course SW. Found both main topmast back stays stranded, knotted, served & set them again, which took all day.

**Thursday, April 5.** Fair ◀ N by E. This day arrived on our cruising ground. At 7 o'clock AM raised Whales, lowered & chased them 2½ hours, when they run us out of sight. Saw 3 large tortoises, grafted 3 of them but couldn't save them. Midday raised Whales again, lowered & the Mate fastened & killed one. We a pulling after them, full split, that's all we did. Got him alongside 4 in afternoon. Lat.

**Friday, April 6.** Fair ◀ Ny & Ey. Cut in our Whale & then to boiling, no accidents happened thus far. 2 sails in sight. Caught a dolphin.

**Saturday, April 7.** Fair ◀ Sy & Ey. These 24 hours busy boiling & at night finished, turned up 45 bbls. Saw 2 sails & caught 2 dolphins.

**Sunday, April 8.** Fair, strong breezes S. & rough sea. Stowed down oil 43 bbls. Raised

Whales off deck, twice, lowered once but didn't see them after. Saw 8 sails, 7 of them ships all bound Northerly.

**Monday, April 9.** Cloudy & some rain ◀ Wy. Cleaned off decks. Caught a dolphin. Saw 2 sails & this evening my watch on deck, saw the moon eclipsed.

**Tuesday, April 10.** Calm, cloudy, some rain & thunder. No remarks.

**Wednesday, April 11.** Clear, light ◀ Sy & smooth sea. At 9½ o'clock AM raised Whales, lowered & the larboard boat, soon fastened. The whale cracked the boat when he struck him, but soon killed him. We a chacing another tough drag, fastened once but the iron drew; however after rowing 4 hours hard pull we got fast again & killed him, which was a larger whale than the Mates. Got them both along side 4½ o'clock afternoon. Then to cutting in & tonight to boiling. Lat. ... Long. ...

**Thursday, April 12.** Fresh ◀ N. Rough sea & fair. AM cut in the bodies of our whales, Midday to boiling blubber. Saw 2 sails.

**Friday, April 13.** Fair ◀ NEy. First 12 hours boiled, then cut in one junk & boiled 2 cases. It is now 23 hours since we had a watch below.

**Saturday, April 14.** Clear & calm. These 24 hours hard at boiling & stowing down oil. Hove in the last junk or head. Very smooth sea.

**Sunday, April 15.** Clear, AM flat calm, afternoon light ◀ SSE. This AM finished boiling then to stowing down oil, both Whales made us 106 bbls. which fills all our casks, having stowed down 589 bbls. sperm besides blackfish oil. At 5 o'clock afternoon made sail for home. Course steered NE by N. Latitude 28°22'N. Longitude 79°35'W. Very smooth sea.

**Monday, April 16.** Clear ◀ SSW. Course NNE. Finished stowing down oil. Began & finished ratling down fore & main rigging. Capt. paid me \$1 due since Feb. 1837.

**Tuesday, April 17.** Clear ◀ SW. Course NNE. Cleaned off decks, tarred down lower rigging fore & aft. etc. etc. Saw 2 sails.

**Wednesday, April 18.** Fair, fresh gales SS by W & rough sea. Midday sent down fore & main top-gallant yards. Course NE by N. Lat. 33°30'N. Long. 76°16' W.

**Thursday, April 19.** Last night the hardest gale of wind we have had the voyage SW. Today fresh ◀ WNW & some rainy in the AM. Midday very cold. In the gale a bbl. of slush fished away & made awful works on deck & with the rigging. Saw one sail.

**Friday, April 20.** These 24 hours cold ◀ N. Saw one sail & a 1000 Porpoises.

**Saturday, April 21.** Very cold with squalls of snow ◀ N. Lat. 37°N, Long. 72°40' W.



Unbent main topsail which was split & bent another, very tedious.

**Sunday, April 22.** Clear & pleasant gales WSW. Course N by E. Lat. 38°N, Long. 72° 46' W.

**Monday, April 23.** Last night at 12 the wind came out NNE where it now blows. Today at noon Block Island bore N, distance 120 miles, very cold.

**Tuesday, April 24.** This morning at 9 o'clock began to snow & continued it 15 hours & steady & fast too, brisk wind E by N & cold enough, good snowballing on deck. At 6 o'clock midday sounded & found 50 fathoms water. [*1 fathom = 2 yards*] Saw one loon & black fish.

**Wednesday, April 25.** Clear & cold light wind E by N. Snow on deck all day, stacked the anchors for casting. Montauk Point bears NE dist. 50 miles. Saw 5 sails.

**Thursday, April 26.** These 24 hours have part cloudy, latter part cold & rainy ◀ ESE. At 4 AM made Block Island light. At 2 midday came to anchor in New Port [*Newport RI*] harbour. Evening went ashore to the town spent \$1.25 for trifles, at 9½ o'clock came aboard, two of our company some groggy.

**Friday, April 27.** Fair day ◀ SW. Ashore most all day & evening, rambling from the S. to N. end of the Town spying wonders. Spent 75 cents.

**Saturday, April 28.** Cloudy & flat calm. AM went ashore, midday aboard & evening ashore again. Spent 65 cents. Heard my Grandmother Allen was not living. Yesterday 2<sup>nd</sup> mate went home & today the Captain.

**Sunday, April 29.** Last night lightening, thunder & rain. Today light ◀ NE & S & fair. This morning got underway in Newport harbour and at 2 o'clock afternoon came to anchor in Westport harbour and at 3½ o'clock afternoon returned home after an absence of one year & eleven days.