

# May - 1813.

May 9<sup>th</sup> John De Witt came to the Church. - Aged 16 years.

May 24<sup>th</sup> George De Witt came to the Church. - Aged 11 years.

June 15<sup>th</sup> Hannah Fairbanks and Semantha Fairbanks came to the Church. Hannah Aged 16 years & Semantha 9 -

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Electa Blanchard came to the Church. Aged 16 years.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Maria De Witt came to the Church. Aged 9 years

December 9<sup>th</sup> Henry De Witt came to the Church. Aged 7 years.

# April - 1814.

April 26<sup>th</sup> Rachel Sampson came to the Church. Aged 16 years.

April 27<sup>th</sup> Joseph Sampson came to the Church. Aged 8 years

June 9<sup>th</sup> - The addition to the Great House was raised.

This summer the underpinning to the old house was renewed.

August 28<sup>th</sup> On Sabbath afternoon, a furious flood of water came down our mountain, carrying with it mud sticks and the like: - The drain filled up with old wood, saw-dust and such like trash, so that the water made its course on the top of the ground; <sup>and making its way through</sup> the east door yard, flowed over a great space about 4 or 6 inches on a level. - - - - - It poured into the east house kitchen very fast thro' the celler windows - It required the exertion of 3 or 4 hands continually with pails and brooms to keep the water from making its way thro' the Kitchen, for the space of about 2 hours. - - - - - The dam at the Trip-hammer was taken down with the torrent the same afternoon, the Carding Machine house and all the machinery in it was swept down stream; but luckily, one of the Machines was suddenly thrown upon the bank by the mighty force of the water

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and the tattered relics of the building. The rest of the machines, house, and all in it, continued rolling and tumbling down stream with tremendous vehemency, in the furious foaming current. The flood continued its rage down to the Gristmill dam, bore that down before it, and passed on with its usual velocity, ready to sweep off whatever was in its course. — After the rain abated, the Brethren turned out to gather up the scattered ruins, which was strung from the beginning of its ruinous career, down to the Turnpike &c. Thus we experienced a serious event, which soon lay in ruins a good profitable part of our property; —

The loss of which was estimated at 10,000 dollars at the lowest calculation.

September 27<sup>th</sup> Began to keep night School.

November 9<sup>th</sup> Raised the Carding Machine House.

November 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Mantle came to the Church

December 20<sup>th</sup> We took forty pair of shoes to the Office, for the Beggars.

## January - 1815.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Began to keep afternoon school.

January 31<sup>st</sup> Finished keeping afternoon school.

March 17<sup>th</sup> Finished keeping night school.

March 30<sup>th</sup> Began to eat in the new Kitchen. — Deal for breakfast.

June 20<sup>th</sup> Raised the second Order's House.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Lucy Blanchard came to the Church.

September 7<sup>th</sup> Esther Bennet went to Waterliet to be an Office Deaconess.

September 18<sup>th</sup> Lucy Clark and Anna Clark came from Waterliet to live at the Church. — (in her return.)

October 14<sup>th</sup> Finished gathering apples below the Mountains.

October 15<sup>th</sup> Began to keep night school.

December 20<sup>th</sup> We took 52 pair of shoes to the Office for the Beggars.

Month.  
Week.

# March 1816.

## Uncommon Weather.

I shall first insert a brief account of the preceding Winter. — In January there came a thaw, and took all the snow away — and it remained without snow all that month — And all February — and we can say to this day, with some exceptions.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of March a very driving snow storm — which fell about 14 inches — but it soon went off — And the weather remains with now and then a flurry of snow, &c.

The weather at times has been so exceeding freezing that the ground froze very deep. — The Carriages to do the Farming business has been chiefly Wheel carriages, because of no snow.

If there could be a full account of the weather, given from January till now, we believe it would be such an account as has not been heard of in our day. — — — March 10<sup>th</sup> We met in our new Meeting room for the first time. — — — Now comes on April.

\*22 2 This day being Monday, & the weather so favorable, we can say this verse.

Once more season has enter'd in,

And we in our duty our work may begin.

23 3 The wind continues N.W. — And we can find the bottom of every dung heap yet; by the ice in the bottom of the heap.

24 4 The weather is more pleasant to-day — but the wind remains N.W. & S. yet.

25 5 The wind still keeps W.; and the ground dries very fast.

26 6 The weather is more comfortable to-day — wind N.W. —

27 7 Considerable pleasant now-a-days — wind N.W.

28 8 More pleasant —

29 2 Pleasant weather continues —

30 3 The wind continues N.W. — but the weather is considerable warm now-a-days. —

\* N.B. From April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> the wind has been N.W. and S. and very cold.

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- 1 11 Afternoon very heavy thunder, but not much rain fell - wind N.W.
- 2 5 Some rain fell last night - wind N.W. and very thick smoky air.
- 3 6 The wind still continues N.W. and N. and the air is very thick and smoky - and it has been so for some time.
- 11 7 This is the warmest day we have had this year, with a gentle breeze from the N.W. - till about  $\frac{1}{2}$  after 4 this afternoon - then a strong gust from the S.E. - and so continues, which is the first E. wind, for nearly 4 weeks past.
- 5 8 The E. wind spoken of above was of short duration; - about 5 o'clock P.M. the wind turned into the N.W. again, and brought up a very heavy thunder shower & rained bountifully - the water fell  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, which makes things alive again.
- 6 2 Considerable pleasant to-day, but very wet.
- 7 3 A little shower this morning  $\frac{1}{8}$  of rain; quite comfortable weather.
- 8 11 This A.M. some flurries of snow - P.M. cold rain: - Dismal kind of weather, to-day, the wind N.W. and cold black clouds spread over the sun about all day.
- 9 5 This morning looks dubious! the N.W. wind very high - some small seeds of rain fell night. {a storm soon.
- 10 6 The weather is some warmer, but the N.W. wind continues yet, and it looks very likely for
- 11 7 A.M. some rain - P.M. very heavy thunder; - The rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch to-day.
- 12 8 Heavy weather - the rain that fell last night and to-day is about 1 inch.
- 13 2 This morning looks precarious - but as the day passed, the clouds went off and left a good warm sun.
- 14 3 A very unexpected snow storm this morning about 5 o'clock, and continued all day with snow and rain - so the snow and rain together is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch.
- 15 4 The soft ground is hard enough to bear a person this morning, and considerable ice is to be found on the Ponds.
- 16 5 The weather remains as cold as ever - frost last night - and the weather looks as much like winter now, as any thing I can think of.
- 17 6 Cold weather, cold weather, is the cry.

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- 18 7 It froze quite hard last night - And what do you think of the weather now -  
As the saying is.
- 19 F. It is not quite so cold as it has been.
- 20 2 Considerable warm to-day - Now it feels more like spring.
- 21 3 Some warmer to-day, with a small shower, which makes things grow.
- 22 4 The weather grows warmer - and fine showers begins to fall; - the rain that  
fell last night and to-day, is  $\frac{1}{4}$  an inch.
- 23 5 It rained all this A.M. - the rain that fell is  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch.
- 24 6 This day comes in clear - tho' wet and cool, and some ice may be found.
- 25 7 This is a tedious day - cold and cloudy - wind N.E.
- 26 F. Tremendous Weather; - The wind blew last night as tho' it would take  
every thing before it - From yesterday morning, till to-day noon, the  
rain fell  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.
- 27 2 It was expected last night there was a going to be some good weather,  
but to our great disappointment the weather grows wet and cold -  
cloudy all day; - the rain last night and to-day is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch.
- 28 3 This day comes in clear and warm, and remains so till about 3 o'clock in  
the P.M. - and about 4 the N.W. began to rise, and the great black clouds  
came rolling along which soon surrounded us, and the weather grew  
cold very fast - But what it will bring, I don't know.
- 29 4 The old May storm spoken of above, turned to be a strange sort of a  
storm - it rained as we may say Brimstone, a kind of yellow Sulphur, so  
that it washed in heaps so as to discovered; - The weather grew colder all  
last night, and this morning the ice may be found  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick -  
The weather is clear and cold all <sup>day</sup> - so that Mittings were not a miss.
- 30 5 Cold weather continues - Some frost last night - Clear and cold all  
day, and the N.W. wind very high.
- 31 6 Very good weather to-day - Warm and pleasant.

No. 11.

# JUNE - 1810.

- 1 7 The weather is quite warm and pleasant today.
- 2 8 More pleasant.
- 3 2 This morning the Ministry sets off for the Eastward - the weather is very favorable - brisk N.W. winds, and cool.
- 4 3 Clear this morning, and the E. wind high and cool - cloudy and some Thunder before noon, but no rain.
- 5 4 The rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch last <sup>night</sup> - Clear and warm today.
- 6 5 Last night the rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch - This morning looks dubious, the N.W. wind whistles about our ears at a merry rate - Altho' yesterday, a suitable degree of linen clothes were burdensome, Today woollen clothes and Surtouts were not a miss, and a good fire besides.
- 7 6 This day comes in with as melancholy appearance as has been known for these many years - the ice was found this morning nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick; - The birds quit their young and sought their refuge from the inclemency of the weather as they do in the winter season, and their young perished in the nest, altho' so large that they were feathered.
- 8 7 The same melancholy story continues - When we awoke this morning, the N.W. wind was whistling around our buildings as it does in January, - but the frost was not quite so hard, as it was last night; - But as the sun arose, it grew colder, and a thick cloudy air collected until it covered the Atmosphere smooth like a snowy day - and about 9 o'clock A.M. it began to snow, and snowed about an hour - and then the clouds broke with a heavy N.W. wind, which has been very high some time.
- 9 8 The N.W. wind continues high and cold yet; - This morning about 3 o'clock the Brethren was called up to cover the green vegetables from being devoured with the frost. And as the sun rose, the wind rose with it, and the cold increased - Yet after the sun was up some ways, it took off the frost - The weather remains clear and cold all day.

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10 2 Cold continues — This morning we slept till the common hour, and when we awoke the same whistling wind was to be heard; — but when we came to go out, we found it was not quite so cold as it had been, but before the sun arose it froze considerable — the vegetables were all stiff with the frost, and a great black frost covering the surface. The sensations of our minds was considerably wrought upon, to see the sun rise in its highest course for the summer, and look down at our feet; — There was the grass buckled down under the frozen element, and a great black frost spreading itself over the top of it — and ice to be found frequently. We looked around, and could see all our domestic affairs brought round as they commonly are, about this time in the year — Our Sheep was striped of their fleeces, and now had to go back and forth from one corner of the field to the other, to keep themselves warm.

All vegetables had to be covered, and what was not, froze, and had to be planted again: — Birds of different denominations gathered round our beautiful habitations — here they was gathered under our wing for protection — Sit and sung on our buildings, and <sup>on</sup> almost every bough near by: — Built their nests, raise their young within, and near by our buildings, and felt themselves in Paradise; — Now have to quit their desired habitations, and leave their young offspring to the inclemency of the weather, and seek their refuge some where from the driving wind and snow. —

The countenance of the Atmosphere and all things around, carries an aspect of desolation, and a gloomy melancholy appearance. For four days back this has been the Case. —

11 3 One more day of desolation to be spoken of: — Yesterday the vegetables was uncovered, expecting favorable weather, but to our disappointment; — this morning we behold the uncovered vegetables all shrivelled up with the frost: — So now the most of the vegetables that

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was uncovered, had to be planted again. Yet the weather feels more favorable; the south wind blew all day, which we have not experienced for some considerable number of days before.—

- 12 4 Now it appears that the frozen weather is about over at present. There was a little rain last night with some thunder. Warm to-day.
- 13 5 Warm and pleasant— and a gentle rain begins to fall to night.
- 14 6 The rain fell  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch last <sup>night</sup> & this morning— warm weather.
- 15 7 Last night the rain fell  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.— Forenoon very warm— P. M. looks likely for rain— the E. wind high.
- 16 8 Cloudy all day.
- 17 2 Cloudy weather continues, and not much rain.
- 18 3 This morning about 3 o'clock, David Meacham, Richard Bowser, and George DeWitt set off for Hudson, with Two Ox teams— Pretty pleasant.
- 19 4 Yesterday & last night the rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch. Extrem warm to-day.
- 20 5 Clear and cool.
- 21 6 The weather is quite warm, and the 2 Ox teams returned from Hudson, with 2 Hhd. of molasses and a Cask of Rice.
- 22 7 This day is warm and comfortable.
- 23 8 Warm and Dry.
- 24 2 Very warm to-day— P. M. a Thunder shower; rain fell  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch.
- 25 3 About 8 o'clock A. M. it began to rain, and continued till about 11 o'clock P. M.— The rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.
- 26 4 Poor Weather.—
- 27 5 Very dull weather, cloudy and easterly winds.—
- 28 6 Considerable warm, but pretty wet.
- 29 7 The weather has grown quite cool since yesterday;— and it feels more like May than the last of June.
- 30 8 This morning feels tedious, the weather is cold enough for to wear Surtouts— and frost found in some places.

Note. Raised the Cider House, the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.



# July 1816

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- 1 2 This month comes in on Monday, and the weather is some warmer.
- 2 3 The weather is quite warm and pleasant today.
- 3 4 More pleasant.—
- 4 5 It appears as tho' the weather was growing colder again—
- 5 6 Quite cool today— Woolen clothes were not a miss—
- 6 7 Cold weather for the time of year— and the N.W. wind very high.
- 7 8 Quite cold; it is the coldest weather that ever I saw, for the time of year.
- 8 2 This morning is so cold, that the countenance of all things looks desolate. Afternoon not quite so cold.
- 9 3 Cold weather continues— This morning the ice was found, as thick as a Knife blade.
- 10 4 The weather is some warmer to-day— But the ground is as dry as an old pitch-pine plain.
- 11 5 The weather remains warm and dry.
- 12 6 Warm and dry.
- 13 7 The Ministry returned from the Eastward to-day— Middling pleasant weather, and brisk E. winds.—
- 14 8 The drouth increases—
- 15 2 I believe I'll have it dry and warm; and dry it is.
- 16 3 Dry weather continues—
- 17 4 A little rain last night. This morning is pretty warm, and continued so thro' the forenoon.— Afternoon, a tremendous thunder shower and wind; the rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch. After the rain you could feel two distinct airs as plain as you could feel ice, in warm water; and before night it grew cold quite fast.—
- 18 5 Last night and this morning was very cold for the time of year; but about 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the clouds went off, and the sun broke forth with usual brightness.
- 19 6 Considerable warm, and pleasant to-day—

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- 16 4<sup>th</sup>
- 20 7 The weather to-day, is pretty warm and comfortable.
- 21 8 Some rain fell last night. Pleasant weather to-day.
- 22 2 This summer past, appears very remarkable; the weather at times has been very cold;— and after a rain storm, it was generally followed with cold and very uncomfortable weather;— But now I am in hopes the most of the cold weather is over. — The weather has been warm and dry to-day.
- 23 3 The weather is very dry; there has not been but  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch of rain for 3 weeks back.
- 24 11 The drouth increases; and every thing suffers for want of rain.
- 25 5 Rainy all the latter part of the <sup>day</sup>, and continued for some time in the forenoon. — The rain fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an Inch.
- 26 6 The weather is somewhat cool to-day.
- 27 7 The weather is pretty warm and pleasant, which makes things look more like living again.
- 28 8 The rain that fell last night and to-day, is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch. The weather is some cooler.
- 29 2 The weather is cool, and some rain.
- 30 3 Forenoon considerable warm. Afternoon some cloudy.
- 31 11 This day being the last of the Month, and the weather quite favorable, we feel very willing to bid it farewell.

# August 1850.

- 1 5 Very pleasant weather, now-a-days.
- 2 6 This is as good a summers day as ever was, but the ground is as dry as Ashes.
- 3 7 The weather is warm, and dry as ever.
- 4 7. Very stormy, and rainy; E. wind very high.
- 5 2 The rain that fell yesterday and last night, is about  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an inch. Cloudy to-day.
- 6 3 Very pleasant weather, warm and dry.
- 7 4 Pleasant weather.
- 8 5 In the morning some appearance of rain, but as the sun rose, the appearance of rain vanished.
- 9 6 Great appearance of rain, but none comes.
- 10 7 Very hot, but the ground is as dry as need to be.
- 11 3. Drouth continues.
- 12 2 Dry weather continues;— There has been great appearance of rain yesterday and to-day, and a little sprinkling came, but none worth a mentioning.
- 13 3 The weather to-day, looks as dry as ever.
- 14 4 The weather remains Dry.
- 15 5 This morning, very foggy;— Afternoon, the rain fell  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch.
- 16 6 Very hot to-day.
- 17 7 Extreme hot weather now-a-days.—
- 18 3. The weather remains very warm, and Dry.
- 19 2 A little rain towards night, and some thunder:— E. wind.
- 20 3 This morning the wind is N.W., and very heavy clouds pass and repass, and about 9 o'clock, a small shower with some thunder; the rain fell  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch. After the rain, the N.W. wind rose to a great extent, and by 2 o'clock in the P.M. it was tremendous;— and it remained so, the rest part of the day— and the cold increased.
- 21 4 This morning is quite cold; but it did not freeze, as I know of; and a good reason for it; because the N.W. wind was so high, that the frost could not get any hold. — The latter part of the day, not quite so cold.
- 22 5 Well, the N.W. wind did not keep off the frost last night, altho it did the night before. The weather to-day is somewhat cool.

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- 23 6 The weather is some warmer today, But remarkably Damp.
- 24 7 Very good weather for this year.
- 25 8 Almost a frost last night;— But to our astonishment, it appears that one musical part of the Creation is no more, that the strange cold weather has put an end to their existance— And their gabbling songs is no more to be heard, which never before was known since our remembrance. These songsters are what we call Apple-harvies, there has not one of them been heard this year— altho' almost one month is elapsed since the common time of their coming, and depended upon, as the singing of Birds in the spring &c.
- 26 2 The rain fell  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch today; Quite clear towards night.
- 27 3 The weather feels more like the fall of the year to-day than it does like summer, and cold black clouds that darken the atmosphere;— but no rain worth mentioning— & it feels cold enough for frost to-night.
- 28 4 This morning, cold and cloudy— it is as cold as it is some times in November, and fogs as plenty.
- 29 5 A very hard frost last night; but I hope it will be the last one we shall have this Month— for the weather is some warmer to-day and the wind southward.
- 30 6 All things looks melancholy; nothing seems to come forward in ripening, for the Drouth has been extremely heavy thro' the season.
- 31 7 It feels awful to take a view of this season;— to reflect back and consider; when the ground was all parching up with the drouth, and all vegetables famishing for want of rain— And after a shower then consequently a frost would follow, or a spell of cold weather, so that the ground was not much better for it.

# September 1856.

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| 1   | F. | Cold weather, some frost last night, and quite cool to-day - wind N.W.                                                 |
| 2   | 2  | Some rain to-day - and the Apple-harvest is come.                                                                      |
| 7   | 7  | The weather has been very dry since Tuesday.                                                                           |
| 12  | 5  | Very stormy to-day - the rain fell $\frac{1}{8}$ of an Inch - wind N.E.                                                |
| 13  | 6  | The cold N.E. storm continues, the rain since yesterday is 1 inch. The weather is cold, and the storm is not over yet. |
| 15  | F. | Since the last account the rain has fell $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch.                                                     |
| 16  | 2  | The storm is about over, and the weather is some warmer to-day                                                         |
| 18  | 4  | The weather yesterday and to-day has been quite pleasant.                                                              |
| 19  | 5  | Pretty good weather to-day, but some cloudy.                                                                           |
| 24  | 3  | For 3 days past the weather has been quite comfortable.                                                                |
| 29  | F. | The weather is very dry and smoky now-a-days, and the frost has been pretty heavy, 4 nights agoing.                    |
| 30  | 2  | There was not any frost last night, but the weather remains dry.                                                       |

# October 1856.

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| 5  | 7 | The weather has been quite comfortable for some time past.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 15 | 3 | Finished picking apples. - The weather is quite warm & pleasant.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 16 | 4 | The Mechanics and Farmers dug 700 bushels of potatoes to-day. We have about 1050 bushels in the whole.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17 | 5 | It appears as tho' we have been blest with good weather to gather our apples and potatoes; Last night and this forenoon the rain fell $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. This P.M. about 3 o'clock it began to snow, and continued till about 1 o'clock the next morning. |
| 26 | 7 | It has rained a little every day since the 21 <sup>st</sup> & some days quite cool, or cold                                                                                                                                                                |
| 29 | 3 | For 3 days past its been quite clear and pleasant.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 31 | 5 | Some rain last night, and the S.E. wind quite high - Today is pleasant                                                                                                                                                                                     |

# November 1856.

No. 48.

- 1 6 The weather is quite comfortable, and brisk winds from the N.W.
- 3 6 The weather since the last account has been quite uncomfortable.
- 16 7 We put up our crooked stove-pipe. The weather has considerable comfortable some part of the time, and some snow.
- 21 5 This morning, feels more like the fall of the year, as it is;— and the wind has got into the N.W. and the weather is very chilly.
- 25 2 The weather has been cold and cloudy, and some snow.
- 26 3 The weather is some warmer, and the ice and snow begins to thaw quite fast— Almost every day the wind has been S., S.W. and N.—
- 29 6 Forenoon cold and cloudy— P.M. sets in for a storm from the S.E.
- 30 7 This morning we found the storm had abated, and the weather moderated considerable. Cloudy today, but not very cold.

# December 1856.

- 11 11 The weather has been quite cold ever since this month came in, — and today E.D. John Farrington, Moses Mixer, and Henry Youngs, went to Pittsfield, to cut pipe-sticks, (as they call them) and they got cold ears. I'll warrant you. Moses said he never suffered so much with the cold, a day in his life.
- 9 2 About 10 o'clock in the forenoon it began to snow, and continued till about 10 o'clock in the afternoon. The snow fell about 6 inches deep.
- 11 11 This morning looks dubious — and towards noon it began to snow and continued some time in the afternoon. Then the wind turned into the S.E. and began to rain, so the snow and rain together makes it very sloppy.
- 21 7 We have been chopping up old Pine roots for three day past, and today was the coldest day I've experienced since I have worked out. — Today, we had good wheat pudding, and baked pork and pease for dinner, and I tho't it was most delicious — But my fingers was so cold, I could not make it go to my satisfaction.

# January 1857.

11. 4.

The weather has been warm and comfortable for 3 days back.

3 6

14 7

Rainy all day - wind S.E.

5 8

The weather is cold today.

8 4

The weather has been quite comfortable, and some snow.

9 5

Clear and warm, and the snow is almost gone.

10 6

Forenoon some snow - but quite warm for the time of year.

15 4

The weather has been cold and some cloudy these 5 days past.

16 5

A stormy day - The snow fell about 4 In. on a level.

17 6

A tremendous storm which lasted nearly 4 hours with sharp lightning and very heavy thunder and an awful wind. It was said that a great number of trees were struck in the Town of Pittsfield, and one in particular which stood near a house, was stove to atoms, and the windows of the house broken. This dreadful storm spread forty or fifty miles in circumference.

## July.

4 6

The new wash-house was raised. - Very good weather.

## October.

6 2

I moved from the N.E. room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> loft, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> loft in the S.E. room. And Daniel Boler, went down to take my place.

13 2

Began to pick winter apples.

21 6

Finished gathering apples. - The weather very pleasant.

27 2

Stephen Munson and Richard Bowser set out on a journey for the western country. - The weather some cloudy, but not cold.

## November.

6 3

Began to still in the new wash-house.

8 7

On Saturday afternoon about 7 o'clock, a fire broke out in Albany on the south side of Washington Street, which consumed twenty-one buildings.

10 2

Stephen Munson and Richard Bowser returned from the Westport.

17 2

Washed in the new wash-house for the first time.

26 4

Moved the old wash-house from the E. side the road to the west, on the north side the lane leading to the west, and about 12 feet west the water-post.

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December 1817

No. Wk.

- 1 2 A general forenoon School commenced in the north shop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Loft.  
8 2 Daniel Boler came in the Shoe-making shop to work. Aged 13 years.  
His stature 5 feet, heft 93 pounds.  
23 3 Killed Hogs— 18 in number, and average about 300 pounds.  
26 6 I worked at the saw-mill.  
29 2 Josephus Seely came to the Church. His stature 4 feet 2 inches, heft 60 lbs.

January 1818

- 2 6 I worked on the Mountain Chopping Wood.  
February,  
21 7 I worked on the Mountain chopping Wood.  
March,  
10 3 I went to Troy with Nicholas Bennet and 2 Sisters.  
11 4 We returned home again.  
13 6 I worked at the saw-mill.  
17 3 I worked out about 3 hours in the P.M. splitting blocks.  
18 4 I began to work out in the morning and continued the week thro—  
April,  
2 5 I went out to work, and continued till about 10 o'clock, and I should continued all day, but the snow come so furious that we was all obliged to quit work. — The snow came impetuously till about 3 o'clock P.M., and turned to rain and continued all night.  
7 3 Selah Draper came from the Office to live in the Family.  
9 5 There has been one continued storm <sup>from</sup> the first of April until now, and the sun thickly veild, so that it has not been seen more than twenty minutes for 8 days. — From the 5<sup>th</sup> till the 9<sup>th</sup> it appears as tho the four winds have been engaged in collecting the mists from the regions, and consolidating them into a tremendous snow storm. The snow began to fall about 3 o'clock in the mornig, and continued till after 6 in the P.M.



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April - 1819.

No. 11.

- 14 3 Worked piling wood -
- 15 4 Worked piling, splitting, and chopping up old wood.
- 16 5 We made Black-ball.
- 17 6 This afternoon is spent in getting butternut twigs for coloring.
- 18 7 Worked at the Saw-mill, sawing Boards. —
- 27 2 Worked in the Garden setting out seed onions.

May.

- 24 7 Worked in the swamp drilling rocks for the north family's new house underpinning.
- 29 6 Worked nearly knee deep in the mud and water in the swamp holding the scraper, and plow, &c.
- 30 7 Worked in the swamp planting potatoes, and hoing out the drains which was plowed and scraped out yesterday.

June.

- 3 4 Worked in the swamp planting beans.
- 4 5 Worked in the lot above the North Orchard, ~~manuring~~ manuring the grounds for planting Potatoes.
- 5 6 Helped wash Sheep.
- 10 4 Worked shearing Sheep, - I sheared fourteen.

July.

- 6 2 Afternoon went to the North house to carry timbers, to prepare for raising.
- 7 3 Raised the North Family's house.
- 14 3 This afternoon I begin to work out at Haying. Weather very warm.
- 15 4 The weather now-a-days is extremely warm & dry, and haying goes on brisk.
- 16 5 I continue working at the hay, and the weather very warm.
- 17 6 The weather continues very warm & dry.
- 18 7 A.M. worked hoing potatoes - P.M. went on the mountain.

# July - 1818.

- 19 G. The weather quite warm, and some rain begins to fall to-night.
- 20 2 Rainy all day, so I worked in the shop mending old shoes.
- 21 3 The rain last night fell about 2 inches. The weather to-day is very lowery, and ~~but little~~ appearance of fair weather; so I continue in the shop.
- 22 11 The rain from Sabbath night till wednesday, fell 4 inches: Now the weather appears more favorable, and this afternoon we go to work at the hay again.
- 23 5 The weather is very good to-day, and I take one of the horse teams to drive.
- 24 6 Some showers to-day, so we do not make out to get much hay in.
- 25 7 Good fair weather, and the haying goes on well - We got 14 loads in to-day, and about 2 standing in the cock.
- 26 D. The weather is cloudy and of rain, and the S.E. wind brisk and cool.
- 27 2 Worked in the shop - The weather is not very clear to-day.
- 28 3 Famous hay weather, &c.
- 29 4 Some showers, and very sultry.
- 30 5 I went to Waterliet to-day, with Benjamin Bruce, Salome Spencer & Betsy Dorrno, on a visit.

## August.

- 4 4 Returned from Waterliet, - and the weather very comfortable.
- 5 5 In the morning some rain, but it cleared off and left a good hay-day, which we improved in getting in our Hay.
- 6 6 Very good weather for haying and harvesting now-a-days.
- 7 7 The weather remains dry, - but great appearance of rain; - We finished mowing all our hay to-day, & got a great quantity in.
- 8 D. The weather remains warm & dry; and a great number of the World attended our public Meeting.
- 9 2 Finished haying to-day - The weather remains dry, but great appearance of rain -

# August 1818

- 28 6 I went to the pool this forenoon - Afternoon worked in the shop.
- 29 7 It has now got to be the twenty-ninth of the eighth Month, and I have not said much, (if any thing,) about this season, as yet - Which is, (or ought to be,) a matter of our consideration and notice. -- If the season has been flourishing and the Earth brought forth in abundance it is a great blessing; - If the season's been unfruitful and we are like to suffer want by its means, we should be reconciled that it were no worse.

The season has been very good, and the Earth seems to yield in abundance, but some want of rain now. -

"Behold! how rich and beautiful are the works of Nature! What a bountiful provision is made for our wants and pleasures! - Surely, the author of so many blessings is worthy of our love and gratitude."

- 31 2 The weather is quite warm now-a-days, and but very little rain; - So the pastures are likely to fall short of what might be, if there were a suitable degree of wet & dry. But we cannot expect that Providence will always provide for us, without our own industry, no more than we should expect to be saved without labor and pains. Therefore, if we expect a blessing, it must be merited by good works.

The ways of fallen man are vain,  
 His works are not accepted;  
 But those who're kept from ev'ry stain  
 Will never be neglected:  
 By that good Being who bestows  
 A rich and glorious treasure;  
 Whose heart with goodness overflows  
 With the pure gospel measure.

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No. *ago*  
September 1819.

- 1 3 The weather is very pleasant, and some cloudy; but warm and sultry. "Suspicious persons resemble the traveller in the wilderness, who sees no objects around him, but what are either dreary or terrible."
- 2 4 Pleasant weather now-a-days;— And most excellent times for performing business. The farmers make good progress in the swamp getting out old pine roots, which make good wood, and a vast benefit to the Land— The Mechanics carry on the shop business with ease & augmentation.
- 4 6 The weather remains warm and dry, and all vegetables appears to draw near the stage.
- 5 7 Very dry yet, and a thick, <sup>smoky</sup> air and some clouds seems to be collecting to-day; which it appears will bring rain, if according to times past; but the weather has been so long dry, it seems to be something difficult to tell whether it will have the same effect as it has done heretofore.
- 6 9 The weather is clear and warm again to-day.
- 7 2 Not much sun ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> be seen to-day; the weather is lowering and the wind southwardly.
- 8 3 After so long dry, we can take the delight of seeing part of another day rainy; and with pleasure behold it; for, this afternoon is quite rainy.
- 9 4 Rainy weather continues.
- 10 5 Forenoon some cloudy; P. M. We went to the second family, to help raise a large building for a Grainary and Cider mill-house.
- 11 6 The weather is as clear as a bell; — and I helped pick up the wind-fall apples this afternoon.
- 16 14 Very lowery and rainy, and Nathan Slosson with a load of Sisters arrived here, from Waterliet; — And our good old Samuel Fitch departed this life, in his 84<sup>th</sup> year. P. M.

# September 1818.

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The weather is quite wet; and this afternoon we tended Samuel Sitch's funeral.  
Daniel Boler and I, spent the chief part of this day, in gathering butternuts. The weather is quite cool, and cloudy, and the wind high.  
The weather is very pleasant; clear and high winds, and we spent this forenoon in the same manner.  
This morning about 5 o'clock Francis Hocknell and Daniel Boler, set out for Hudson. The weather is quite warm, and pretty clear to-day.  
Henry Youngs and I, worked at shingling the Farmer's shops, and Francis and Daniel, returned from Hudson with a load of salt.  
We all worked at shingling again, and finished. The weather very favorable.  
Daniel B. and I, employed ourselves in gathering Nut-nuts to-day.  
The weather's been very fine, the latter part of this Month; and the Farmer's make good progress a framing the Hovel, the east side of the road.

# October 1818.

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Very good weather, clear and warm; and above all the rest that passed, one circumstance more is worthy of Notice. This forenoon the Sisters manned out and went to gathering the apple tree brush out of the Orchard. And in the afternoon gathered the apples.  
I went about two hours this forenoon a gathering Chesnuts and frost grapes.  
Raised the Hovel this afternoon. The weather's warm and some cloudy.  
This is an exceeding good fall, for getting along business, the weather has been very pleasant the most part of the time, and a very suitable degree of wet and dry.  
Daniel and I, went on the mountain Chesnutting this Afternoon.

# October 1818

- 7 4 We, the Shoemakers, went on the west-hills a <sup>Wal</sup>nutting to-day.
- 9 6 Very good weather now-a-days; and Daniel and I, went this afternoon down in some of the lots towards the swamp, and got a few chestnuts.
- 10 7 I worked a washing wheat to-day; the weather warm and clear.
- 13 3 I worked a digging Potatoes, and finished the whole. The weather considerable warm and the wind exceeding high, - And John Peterson came to live in the first Order, from the second Order, to work at the Tanning business.
- 14 4 Two Boys were brought here by their Grand Mother and Guardian, from North Castle, Westchester County, New York State. The one named John Trip, in his twelfth year - the other named William Trip, in his tenth year.
- 16 6 I worked a shaking apple-trees, and picking winter apples off the trees.
- 17 7 Worked a shaking and picking apples again.
- 19 2 We finished gathering apples, but our crop of apples were light. The weather is very good now-a-days - clear and considerable warm.
- 31 7 The weather is as dry as needs to be, and the ground, as dry as you ever wish to see it - there has not been any rain since I don't hardly know when, and the <sup>weather</sup> is now-a-days quite moderate and a thick smoky air frequently collecting. D

# November

- 2 2 This forenoon Henry Youngs set out for Savoy to fetch a load of boards - the weather quite moderate, and I worked a tearing down the old plastering and lathing out of the lower south east room in the Second House.

# November 1814

- 3 3 This afternoon I helped lath the room spoken of yesterday, and began to fix the Celler in the great house for lathing.
- 4 4 I worked at lathing the aforesaid celler all day; John Bruce plastered the room in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house and began to plaster the Cellers.
- 5 5 We attended Thanksgiving according to the Governor's proclivity. The weather is quite warm indeed for the time of year, and smoky.
- 6 6 Tremendous weather, cloudy, some misty, and the east wind blows like fury; and I think it looks as tho' we might expect rain if all old signs has not entirely failed.
- 7 7 Now the time is once more come that we can speak of rain, and see the kind refreshing showers watering the parched hills and baked vallies, and hear the babbling brooks and rivulets roar, engaged in affording water to the mills to grind our food, and to prepare for the dreary winter, water sufficient for our herds and beneficial uses.
- 8 8 The rain we have had yesterday and to-day really feels like a blessing, this fall past has been so very dry that we hardly knew whether there would be any rain for the setting in of winter or not; but we now feel at ease; the rain fell in quite a warm time and seemed to refresh all things again.
- 9 9 The weather is considerable cold to-day, and the north wind quite brisk.
- 11 11 I went down on the Shackley farm a cutting wood; the air is very thick with smoke, and considerable warm weather.
- 19 5 The snow began to fall yesterday about noon, and has continued the most part of to-day; but the ground is so warm, that the snow almost melts as fast as it falls.
- 20 6 Remarkable weather this fall, it is as moderate and as warm for the time of year as ever was known.

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November 1789.

- 21 7 A Day of Arrangement or Dislocation. We have experienced a considerable overturn to-day; 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Brewster came from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order to live here in the Great house. 2<sup>nd</sup> To give him place in the S.E. room on the third left; I had to quit my residence in that room. 3<sup>rd</sup> And in order to find a place myself, Grove DeWitt had to leave the room opposite the room that I lived in and seek a place the east side of the road, and I took his place. - But thro' all this scene, the day was serene.
- 23 2 Smoky, and warm weather. - And I took the horse team to-day, to draw wood from the Kackley Farm.
- 25 4 I worked on the mountain a ploughing, scraping, & carrying ground on the Pond dam. The wind quite brisk and cold from the S.E. - and cloudy weather.
- 26 5 Quite moderate weather, but cloudy and dark - it was so dark about 3 o'clock P.M. that it was most impossible to see how to work without a candle; And a darker night is scarcely known.
- 27 6 Moderate weather - about 10 o'clock A.M. it began to snow, & continued all day.
- 28 7 It is quite thawy, and the snow is most all gone.
- 29 8 Quite moderate weather, and some cloudy.
- 30 2 Our pleasant Fall is gone, yea it is gone; and whether we shall ever have another such an one we know not; so farewell. Thou fall who rejoicest the hearts of thy fellow subjects, whose most well accepted time and good stay has left us to rejoice, whose hand were as consolation's lenient one, whose well spent time has caused a <sup>rich</sup> blessing to flow upon us, and whose providential hand we all adore.
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# December 1819.

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Come, welcome thou December, who never was before,  
Who bringeth on the cold, and keepeth shut the door;  
Whose drearierities are truly now begun,  
To bind the cold around us, and dim the warming sun.

Ah! blust'ry is the day which now has taken place,  
Which hasteneth the traveller, and quickeneth his pace:  
The wind is high and cold, and boisterous as the sea,  
A striving to overcome us and make us all to flee.

The snow is now a coming, in flurries one by one,  
And winter is increasing, it truly is begun;—  
'Tis dreary, cold and terrible, altho' it isn't the first;  
For we've experienc'd many as one and this is not the worst.

2 4 This forenoon is quite pleasant and considerable clear, P.M. it clouded up and the weather grew cold quite fast.

3 5 Some cloudy and pretty cold, the N.W. wind brisk.

4 6 Considerable cold, and pretty middling clear—

5 7 The weather is not very cold to-day, and clear the most part of the time

6 9 When we awoke this morning, we found it had rained considerable; and it continued raining till about 9 o'clock in the forenoon, all this time the S.E. wind very high. All the remaining part of the day the weather grew cold fast.

7 2 Cold wether to-day, and about noon a smart flurry of snow.

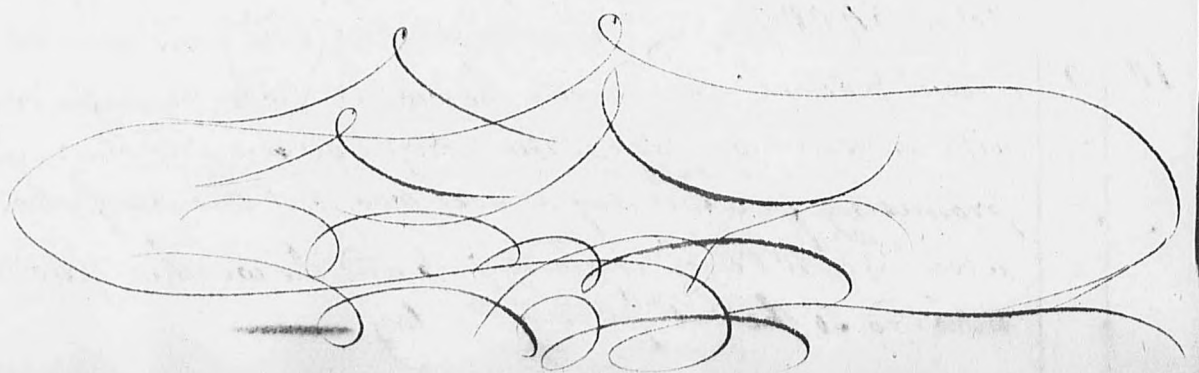
8 3 We killed the hogs. 26 in number, average 142 2/3 lbs. and the whole 109 1/2 lbs. The weather quite cold but clear and pleasant, and the N.W. wind brisk.

9 4 Killed the Second Order's Hogs— 12 in number, average 1450 lbs. and the total 5400 lbs. Cloudy weather, and quite cold and chilly

10 5 About 9 o'clock this forenoon the weather looked beautiful; the sun shone with unusual brightness, the horizon serene and clear, and it looked as promising for a fair day as ever was, but this was of short duration— about 9 or 10 o'clock it clouded up and the weather grew dismal, and remained so the rest part of the day —

# December 1819.

- 11 6 Forenoon snowy, P. M. cloudy but not very cold; and Henry Youngs and I, went up to the Hill Family this afternoon to see Joseph Hawkins about chrysalizing cristles, and to visit Eli Porter our Brother Shoemaker.
- 15 3 Common winter weather.
- 16 4 Quite blustery and snowy to-day, and we (the Shoemakers) are mending to shoes for the Beggars like fury.
- 17 5 Extreme cold weather, the quicksilver by the Thermometer fell a most doon to zero.
- 23 4 Cold weather, Cold weather is the say, now-a-days. - The quicksilver fell 7 degrees below zero; but we finished <sup>mending & greasing</sup> Beggar shoes, 62 pair in number.
- 24 5 Pretty cold weather to-day, but not quite so cold as it was yesterday.
- 25 6 We attended Christmas, and a very delightful one too.
- 26 7 Blustery weather, the N.W. wind high and cold; and Nicholas and I, went on the Mountain to cover the troves that conducts the water round the hill from the Pond, and the N.W. wind whistled round our ears merrily, I'll warrant you.
- 27 D. This is as cold a-day as there has been this winter, and it is called the coldest.
- 30 4 Forenoon snowy, but quite moderate thro' the day.
- 31 5 A tremendous storm from the S.E. - It began to rain some last night, and this morning the wind rose and the rain increased; so this forenoon was very boisterous; but the afternoon was more mild, and towards <sup>night</sup> it grew quite calm and moderate.



# January 1819.

- 1 6 Very fine weather to-day, clear and pleasant; and the rain that lately fell has been a great benefit in raising the springs and brooks, although but little.
- 3 6 Considerable cold weather, and some likelihoods of snow.
- 4 2 I helped Artemas Markham turn the Wash-mill this forenoon and the weather very cold.
- 5 3 Cloudy weather, and the ground quite bare for want of snow, and scarcely any, or no appearance of snow to be seen as yet.
- 6 4 Some snow to speak of again, this forenoon the snow fell about an inch.
- 7 5 Cold weather, and some flurries of snow.
- 10 6 Moderate weather, the south wind takes off the snow briskly and the weather is warm, or like to be, if it continues.
- 11 2 Uncommon warm weather to-day for the time of year; no frost last night, and the snow is all gone, altho' but little. To-day is clear part of the time, and the south wind quite brisk; The weather appears much more like April than January; yea more like the last of spring than the first of winter: And what appears to be the greatest mystery, is, of not having much rain last fall, and remarkable warm weather through November, and likewise all the fall months and even until now with a few exceptions of some cold days in the month of December.
- 12 3 Very pleasant weather, clear and considerable warm; the N.W. wind high, and no appearance of a storm, either rain or snow.
- 13 4 Cloudy the most part of the day, and the weather grows cold and chilly quite fast. — It appears, I think, that sleighing will be highly commended whenever afforded.

# January 1819.

- 14 5 Some snow last night, and to-day is extremely cold and clear.
- 15 6 This forenoon is extremely cold, and tremendous high wind from the S.E. - About noon it clouded up very thick and soon began to snow; The weather moderated and the snow and wind increased, which continued about all the afternoon.
- 18 2 The weather has been quite moderate, since the last account, and to-day has been cloudy the greater part. About 11 o'clock this afternoon it began to rain, & by all appearance will be likely to amount to a proper rain storm.
- 19 3 The rain storm spoken of above, has proved to be one indeed - The rain increased all night, so this morning the Brethren had to go to work to fix for sawing, and cutting Tobacco; The water came down the mountain like a torrent, and the saw-mill & tobacco-mill were soon put in rig, so all matters goes on again.
- 20 11 Some more rain last night - To-day cloudy, and towards night the weather grows colder.
- 21 5 Cloudy and some sprinklings of rain and hail, which makes it very slippery travelling. {able
- 22 6 Moderate weather, and cloudy: and the ground thaws considerably.
- 23 7 This day is as suitable a day for the 20<sup>th</sup> of April as I should wish to see. The weather is warm, clear, and a little smoky, and even the honey Bees lunched forth in search of prey.
- 24 6 This is a Ditto of yesterday as to the <sup>more</sup> warmth, but a little cloudy in the afternoon, and about 6 o'clock it began to rain, and by 8 o'clock it rained very fast with a heavy S.E. wind.
- 25 2 Quite pleasant weather to-day, but some colder than it was yesterday and the N.W. wind pretty high.

# January-1819.

- 26 3 The weather again has got to be quite cold, and clear.
- 27 4 Quite comfortable weather, and not very cold.
- 28 5 Very stormy, and about 9 o'clock A.M. there come up a tremendous squall of rain & wind from the N.W. and it continued so the most part of the day, and the cold increased.
- 29 6 Extremely cold weather, and clear; and the ground as bare for want of snow as it is in July, the most uncommon weather that ever was known in this part of the world.
- 30 7 This morning is tremendous, the snow and wind comes as tho' the four winds had united their forces, engaged in the pursuit; but as the sun rose and heightened, the storm abated, and by noon it was beautiful, clear and pleasant; and remained so the rest part of the day.
- 31 8 The weather is quite pleasant to-day, but cold, and the wind N.W.

# February-1819.

- 1 2 This is as fine a day, as ever was known in February: The weather is warm, clear and pleasant; and whoever was desirous of a better one.
- 3 4 The weather remains full as warm as it was; and Samuel Johnson and Edward Fowler, this morning set out with Israel Hammond and Jonathan Wood for the Westward with 3 Waggon.
- 4 5 Clear and pleasant— The weather is so warm to-day that the honey bees appears to be busily employed in gathering something or other, and frequently seen at a great distance from their dwellings.

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February 1819.

- 6 7 The weather is clear & pleasant, but not quite so warm as it was  
10 11 Quite warm and pleasant to-day; and I went to Lanesborough with  
Francis H. & Charles S. the road very muddy, but the most uncom-  
mon prospect that was presented, were two rain-bows expanded in  
the north, which continued some time.  
11 5 Considerable pleasant, and to our astonishment we beheld quite a large  
flock of Pigeons flying over towards the south, which we suppose was  
some who were on search of prey, and being overtaken with  
the cold, was obliged to flee to their warmer climate again.  
13 7 Well, and it is well, I say it is well, because it has snowed all  
day to-day, as you may all know, we want, & need snow;  
and now it is come about 6 inches on a level.  
25 8 High wind and blustery, and it looks very likely for a storm soon.  
Good sleezing now-a-days, and very comfortable weather for business.  
26 6 A snow storm from the N.W. which drifts a good deal.  
27 7 The snow storm spoken of above, has continued steadily all day  
to-day, which is estimated at about a foot on a level.

March 1819.

- 15 2 As I have not said much <sup>about</sup> the weather of late, I believe there may be some  
thing said which will be highly interesting to all who wish to obtain a true  
account of the preceding <sup>Winter</sup> as well as Spring.  
The snow storms and extreme cold weather that has taken place of late,  
I think is worthy of our notice and admiration. — Since March  
commenced, Winter has made its splendid appearance, as will be discovered  
hereafter, by all who happen to cast a reflecting eye, <sup>on this Journal</sup> and with serious  
attention view its contents.  
About the last of February, Winter began to display its extremities in  
good earnest; and no less were its progress: As a progressive work, so has it  
progressed; and nothing but success, attends its unwaried forces.

# March 1819.

But the now present snow storm exceeds all: In short; language cannot express how admirable were the effects of such a refined snow storm, (I call it refined, for I never saw one more refined than this,) — the particles of snow could scarcely be discovered, when the air would be nothing but one continual mist — indeed, it went one degree beyond the superlative.

- 16 3 One more day of this terrible weather is to be spoken of. Last evening we went to bed expecting fair weather to-day; but to our astonishment, when we awoke this morning, we beheld the wind and snow contending to their utmost powers to know which should get the mastery; and unsatisfied with their present standing, (which I supposed were one degree beyond the superlatives) their zeal in contempt of each other, were engaged in the pursuit, and unwearied by the attack, continued with increasing strength and magnanimity; and by noon it was tremendous, which continued till about 3 o'clock P.M.
- 17 4 The weather is quite calm the forepart of the day, but the afternoon is not one snap better than yesterday.
- 18 5 Considerable pleasant weather to-day
- 19 6 The snow fell about 2 inches last night, and to-day is exceeding pleasant.

# April 1819.

- 13 3 The weather is quite pleasant this morning, and we, the shoemakers turn out to work at the wood.
- 17 7 We continued working at the wood till today, and now it is quite rainy for which reason we work in the shop —
- 21 4 I now go out to work at the wood again —
- 24 7 The weather has been quite pleasant the week past, and we finished the wood. We have a great quantity of wood in piles besides our wood-houses well stuffed.
- 26 2 I helped set out seed onions. The weather's quite pleasant.
- 28 4 I helped clean out the door yards, and draw the tarpark from the West side of the blacksmith's shop.

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May 1819.

- 15 7 I helped plant Potatoes. The weather middling warm and cloudy.  
17 2 I laid the oven bottom in the great <sup>Watt</sup> Oven.  
18 3 Very chilly, rainy weather now-a-days, and but little prospects of fair.  
21 6 I worked a planting potatoes. - Quite pleasant weather.  
22 7 Do - plowing and planting. The weather very warm.  
26 4 Peter Pease, Joseph Allen and Robert Williston arrived here from Ohio.

June 1819.

- 4 6 We sheared sheep. - The weather quite warm and pleasant.  
9 4 A tremendous hail storm this afternoon - about 5 o'clock it began to rain and by 1/2 after 5 the hail stones 3 inches in diameter came rattling along with great impetuosity for the space of about five minutes, which occasioned more or less lights of glass in almost every building to be either cracked badly, or whole panes stove in. The weather was very warm before the rain and hail, and had been for two days past, and a pretty smart shower just about the same time each day.  
10 5 William Fitch and I, made a post with a cross and braces to each, for a Grape-vine to run on.  
11 6 I helped draw the old straw in the east Barn-yard in a heap.  
12 7 We, the Shoemakers, made 8 lbs. of white-wash. - Rainy the most of the day.  
19 7 This afternoon Garret H. L. and I, went across the east mountain to the lower end of Whiten's Pond; and as we crossed the mountain, we got some Frost-wool, and at the Pond a bag of sweet Meadow, or Meadowsweet.  
22 3 We white-washed our shop this afternoon. Pleasant weather.



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July 1819

- 1 5 Pleasant weather, and I helped the Brethren heap up the old straw-dung this P.M.
- 5 2 This morning, I go out to work at the Hay - The weather very pleasant.
- 22 5 As I have not said any thing about the weather of late, I conclude it will be in no wise disagreeable to those who may be my successors, to peruse a few of the following lines, and learn how affairs went on in times past. Though nothing of importance has commenced, in weather, work, or in Creation, yet my sentiments may not wholly prove worthless: for my time is much taken up in the things of time, and therefore you cannot expect any thing of any great magnitude, where all is labor and toil, &c.
- 24 7 Very fine weather the week past, for getting along business: We have finished the up-land, except a little on the old Bacon farm. - 9 loads this week, my team.
- 26 2 This morning we all sallied forth into the swamp with indefatigable zeal; and by 10 o'clock about 5 acres lay prostrate, all spread on the ground; when by a sudden shower we all had to flee, and risk the hay to the hand of Providence, or some future hope of its being regained. - Raining all the remainder of the day; so we close in the shop, with a resolution (tho' faint) to dispatch some of the needy old shoes.
- 27 3 The rain yesterday and to-day, amounts to 5 inches on a level: And it is said it fell four inches last night in Hancock.
- 28 4 The weather seems to be clearing off today, and we did our best to procure our soaked hay.
- 29 5 We have been busily employed to-day to secure our hay, and we made good progress till about 10 o'clock P.M. then there arose a sudden shower out of the west and took our hay when just fit to bring into the barns; but fortunately the shower was small where we were, and the sun immediately broke forth with increasing brightness, which with a deal of pains, we procured a number of loads, and got all the rest in cock.
- 30 6 This, as fine a day to make hay in, as ever was.
- 31 7 The weather is extremely warm today, and very heavy thunder, but no rain here. - 6 loads this week, my team.

# August 1819.

- 7 7 The weather is exceeding warm today - and we finished Haying. The number of loads 164.
- 10 3 The weather is remarkably Clear, Warm, and pleasant today, and we have got quite settled down in the shop again.
- 10 5 We pulled the flax, and the weather very warm; but for two weeks past, the weather has been very wet, and we have had several accounts of a great deal of loss, in houses, mills, bridges and the like, occasioned by the floods: these deluges were chiefly in the eastern states.
- 20 6 The weather is extremely warm today; - And I staid with Nathan Farrington sent he was taken sick the 14<sup>th</sup> night, and has been confined to his bed ever since.

# September 1819.

- 4 7 I worked half the day cutting Onion seeds. Extremely warm today.
- 6 2 I helped gather some Pears & Apples for drying, this afternoon.
- 7 3 This forenoon I helped cut Onion seeds. Cloudy & some sprinklings of rain, and John Dean came to live in the first order of the Church.
- 11 7 I worked in the garden this forenoon cutting onion seeds; and the afternoon helped gather up the windfall apples - The weather remarkably pleasant.
- 13 2 I helped cut onion seeds about 2 hours this afternoon.
- 15 4 I helped spread flax this afternoon. - The weather's cool & brisk winds.

# October 1819.

- 12 3 Daniel, Henry and I went a chesnutting on our Mountain.
- 15 6 We, the Shoemakers, work at gathering Apples -
- 16 7 Do - Do - Do - Do - Do
- 19 3 We finished gathering Apples today, and the weather quite pleasant.

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# October 1819.

- 20 4 This forenoon <sup>Wm.</sup> William Sitch and I, undertakes the job of digging for an Ice-house. Pleasant weather for the time of year.
- 21 5 Some rain, so we have not so much success as might be in digging.
- 22 6 The weather has been cloudy and quite chilly today, and we have dug just about 7 feet down on the south side. The digging extremely hard.
- 23 7 We ~~have~~ continued our digging till to-day about noon, but the weather is so cold and cloudy & some snowy, that we omitted it this afternoon.
- 25 2 I have finished digging for the Ice-house. The length is 19 feet, width 12, & depth 9. N.B. the reason I say I, is on account of William's being impaired by the job, and unable to bear the fatigue, so I concluded to finish the work alone, & have accomplished it. But the worst of all was, to have a back well wet with sweat, and in the mean<sup>time</sup> to have a furious snow storm lasting thro it all to augment ones happiness.

# November 1819.

- 2 3 Half of this day is spent removing a great pile of wood that laid in the east door yard, to the west Wood-sheds. The weather is quite moderate, and some rain.
- 7 2 Early this morning I am obliged by the Physician to take quarters in the second house bedroom, or sick room, in hopes of some relief from an extreme headache and pain in the back.
- 8 3 The weather is growing very heavy and a great deal of smoky air appears to be gathering from all parts of the earth. But as for me, I grow worse.
- 9 4 This may be called a day of woe; darkness and smoke seems to overshadow us; I doubt not, but many poor mortals are, <sup>at</sup> this crisis, looking out with serious eyes, while struck with awe to behold the dark and gloomy regions round about them. And those dwelling in the solitary Hut obliged to erect a flambeau or torch, in order for a little light to regale on a bowl of soup or the under jaw of a poor old bear, in hopes to revive their faint stomachs. and while thus employed, frequently looking out at some crevis in the Hut

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N. H.  
November 1819.

- to see if ever the sun was a going to make its appearance again—  
But as for me, I grow worse— excepting the fever, & that abates.
- 10 5 Very uncommon weather, the same smoky air continues & the <sup>countenance of the</sup> atmosphere  
terrific: The sun was discovered to-day about 12 o'clock in a crimson blue, &  
finally as near the shade of Peter as any thing comparable. But I grow worse.
- 11 6 The weather is some better to-day, but the smoke is not wholly gone yet.  
My headach has been for this 3 days, too tremendous to bear; but I have  
endured ~~with~~ it till about 9 o'clock this P.M. at which time I found some  
releasement, having taken a vomit betwixt half after 7 & 8.
- 12 7 Unpleasant weather, cold and chilly, & some cloudy. As for me, I think  
I am gaining fast, or may gain fast, for my headach has entirely left me, &  
my fever wholly withdrawn— so now I have not to do only to get strong again
- 13 8 I attended afternoon Meeting to-day, and sung for laboring as usual.  
N.B. Levi Stephens and Thomas Wright attended with us. These brethren  
came from Canterbury week before last with Eliab Hearlow, he being there  
on Surgery in case of Mother Hannah Goodrich's cancer in the breast
- 16 3 This morning at 4 o'clock Iron McClain deceased, having been sick for some  
time with the fever. Aged 77 years, lived at the second Order.
- 17 4 This morning Henry Youngs set out for Hudson. Some rainy to-day.
- 18 5 Returned home again to-day with a Hogshead of molasses and a Barrel  
of Carolina Potatoes.
- 20 7 Jonathan Wood came from the Office to live in the first Order again.  
Pleasant weather for the time of years.
- 23 3 Samuel Johnson & Betsy Darrow went to the Office to supply the lack there.  
Very rainy this forenoon, and some hail; afternoon, the rain & hail abated.
- 30 3 Killed the Hogs— 26 in number, average 442 lbs. and the total 11492 lbs.  
Very fine weather now-a-days; every thing seems to be in motion, and the  
Great Wheel most particularly seems to bear no small sway.

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# December 1819.

- No. 9 5 Stephen Clark departed this life - Aged 43 years.
- 22 4 We attended thanksgiving, according to the President's Proclamation - The manner in which we spent this day, was as follows. firstly, We had forenoon meeting as on the Sabbath, (being in preparation the night before hand) believing it to be as necessary for the People of God, to notice and esteem a day of offering up thanksgiving and praise to the Supreme Being for his merciful kindness, and for the great day and privilege allowed us - being made sensible, and fully convinced, that this is the great and audible day of the Lord; the last display of his grace; and the only true means of man's redemption. - For, says our Elders, if we have not a right to be thankful, who has? &c. &c. &c.
- 23 5 I went to Hancock with a message for Mother. The weather exceeding clear & pleasant

# January 1820

- 17 2 This morning Israel Sumner and I set out for Sacketsharbor; - A very stormy day, but we went as far as Waterlot -
- 27 5 We arrived in Sacketsharbor; the sleazing very poor, because of the great deep snow

# February 1820

- 4 6 We returned home from Sacketsharbor - The weather has been extremely cold and stormy for the most part of the time, which rendered the journey very tedious and uncomfortable.
- 3 7 This is the finest day that has been for 3 weeks past. - Clear & Pleasant -
- 6 1 Very pleasant, warm & clear for the time of year -
- 7 2 Stormy weather, the snow fell about 4 inches to-day.

M. W.

# February 1820.

- 10 5 Yesterday was a tremendous stormy day - the S.E. wind seemed to come as tho' with ten thousands of reinforcements to sweep all before it, and pile the scattered snow into banks of dreadful form.  
The huge snow-banks upon the plain  
In dreadful form appeared again
- 10 7 For about 3 days past the weather has been quite thawy, and considerable rain.
- 23 4 I moved to the E. house, and Henry Young to the W. from whence I went.
- 25 6 The weather is remarkably warm, and most altogether southwardly winds.
- 26 7 Rainy all day: the weather very unhealthy, and a great many people in these parts are very much affected with extremely bad colds & Fluencies

# March 1820.

- 16 5 Pleasant weather to-day; and I worked a planing boards for a chest.
- 17 6 I continued to work at my chest -
- 18 7 I have got it together - box, legs, &c. It is now ready for painting
- 25 7 I was taken very violent with the Billious Fever, and continued in a very low state for upwards of a week: At length I found some relief, having been destitute of the least appetite, & some times unable to eat or drink any thing without receiving extremely hard pains from it.

# April 1820

- 9 B. This is the second week I have been confined, and the first Meeting I have attended since taken sick.
- 15 7 The weather has been very uncomfortable, the most part of this week the season is backward, by reason of the cold chilly winds, and flurries of snow & cold showers of rain, which has frequently visited us this spring.

# April 1820

18 3 The weather is extremely pleasant to-day, and the Brethren are principally employed in the Garden, setting out the seed onions.

25 6 I spent this forenoon in running here & there; turned some old hats black over again, &c. &c.

# May 1820

15 2 This forenoon I went on the Mountain with C. P. Lawrence to get some black Alder bark, &c. - P. M. I helped Frances H. about his hats

20 7 I, George De Witt call myself 25 years of age this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May; and a rainy, windy day it is, as well as all the rest for as much a week past.

23 3 A very fine day, quite warm & clear; and every thing grows very fast.

24 4 This forenoon I went to Hancock on an errand: P. M. planted melons.

25 5 Pleasant weather to-day - & Father Job's his lot goes to Waterloos.

26 6 Very stormy weather; It has rained and snowed to the amount of 2 inches on a level to-day.

27 7 The weather is considerable pleasant, but cool, & some expectations of frost.

28 Heard frost last night; but considerable pleasant to-day: And Peter Pease, Cumstock Betts, Mark Hinkley & Hiram Wood arrived here about 4 o'clock this afternoon from the State of Ohio

29 2 Pleasant weather, but considerable cool.

30 3 Some showers of rain here, & in Stephentown considerable heavy hail.

31 4 This being the last day of May, it may not seem burthensome to the reader, to hear a little of the preceding weather thro' this Month: It has been very wet the chief part of the time, and quite cold for the time of year - Many frosts, tho none so severe, as to damage the fruit much - indeed last night did not escape without some, but we hope for more pleasant weather soon.

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# June 1820

- 1 5 I helped John Bruce paint over the stubs of apple tree limbs which were remaining after the separation of the limb. - Pleasant weather
- 2 6 Pleasant weather, and I have employed myself making Boot trees.
- 7 4 Father's Job and his lot, set out for home this morning. - The weather is considerable cool & windy, & I was quins about 2 hours this P.M.
- 10 7 David Nelson & S. goes to waterliet. - The weather quite pleasant
- 13 3 We returned home again. Some rain in the forenoon, P.M. pleasant
- 15 5 I worked at digging gravel for the highway - very warm weather
- 16 6 I worked on the mountain chopping wood - Do - Do - Do
- 17 7 Do - - Do - - Do - + Do - - Do - - Do - Do - Do
- 19 2 Do + - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - Do - Do
- 20 3 Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - Do - Do
- 21 4 Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - - Do - Do - Do
- 22 5 I helped John Spier build a Cabin on an Ox sled -
- 23 6 I staid at home, choring it -
- 24 7 I worked on the Mountain chopping - and the weather remains extremely warm and dry; every thing suffers for want of rain
- 25 The weather is some cooler than it has been, and great appearances of rain to-day as well as several days past; but we have a very little here.
- 26 2 Considerable cool to-day, and some cloudy, but no rain -
- 27 3 I continue working on the mountain yet, and the weather pleasant -
- 28 4 The Elders return home from Enfield, this being the 10<sup>th</sup> day since they started from home
- 29 5 We continue working on the mountain drawing the old wood together
- 30 6 Extremely warm, and the droughtyness of the weather is distressing every thing seems to be perishing for want of rain -



# July 1820

- 8<sup>th</sup> 1 We have got the chief part of the up-land hay in the barn; one day more, will finish mowing — The weather remains extremely warm and dry, & every thing suffers very much for want of rain —
- 12 4 We began to mow in the swamp — towards night, some rain —
- 13 5 Some more rain today, and we quit mowing in the swamp for the present —
- 14 6 Rainy the greatest part of the day —
- 23 2 This morning we all turn out to work in the swamp again.
- 24 3 Fine weather, and towards night a very refreshing shower —
- 25 4 Extremely warm and sultry, great signs of rain which is very much needed.
- 26 5 Considerable rainy to-day.
- 27 6 We went in the swamp mowing again, and after having mowed down about 10 acres, the rain took us again, and wet the chief part of the dry hay some, before we could get it cocked —
- 31 2 We finish all but 2 loads of hay to-day, and they stand in the cock.

# August 1820

- 1 3 We helped the 2<sup>nd</sup> Order finish mowing, this forenoon — P.M. rainy —
- 3 5 We pulled the flax up in the great meadow, and took up the flax below the Orchard —

# September 1820

- 4 2 We spread the flax out to rot — The weather very clear & warm.

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# October 1920

- 20 6 We finished gathering apples. The weather is quite pleasant for the time of year, but it has been very wet.
- 25 4 Considerable stormy to-day; - Some rain & some snow, and the weather grows cooler.
- 30 2 I worked at the Dam; - The weather is quite pleasant.
- 31 3 Do - - Do - - Very pleasant weather for the time of year.

# November 1920

- 1 4 Considerable rain fell last, and continued some time this forenoon. P. M. very warm and pleasant.
- 2 5 Some rain to-day, but not so as to hinder the progress of the Dam much.
- 3 6 We shovelled and Carted 31 Ox loads of gravel from the E. door yard to the Dam. The weather pretty cool and cloudy.
- 4 7 Put the great trough in the Dam, &c. - Some showers to-day.
- 10 6 A very hard frost last night, and to-day remains very cold.
- 14 3 We killed the Hogs - 23 in number, and average 448 lbs. Very fine weather: considerable snow on the ground and just cold enough to be comfortable.
- 17 6 Killed the Beef - 5 Cows in number, and average about 820 <sup>lbs.</sup> A very fine day: clear and pleasant, and the snow shows considerable.
- 20 2 I helped turn the Wash-mill - The weather very pleasant.

# January 1821

- 3 4 This morning Samuel Johnson & William Fitch set out for Buffalo - the weather extremely cold.
- 8 2 Considerable pleasant weather, and this afternoon I helped Gideon T. Jan 21 bushels of rye.
- 17 4 I helped Anthony Brewster turn waggon hubs for a one horse waggon -
- 19 5 Do - - - - - saw out the feloes and plain the spokes.
- 20 7 I again work at the waggon - The weather pleasant but cold.
- 23 3 Seven of us went to Nassau to cut timber for a Granary: pleasant weather
- 24 4 The weather changed last night, and to-day is extremely cold, so I came home from Nassau - the quicksilver fell 13 degrees below zero -
- 25 5 The weather is extremely cold indeed, the quicksilver fell 24 degrees this morning, and the Brethren return home from Nassau.
- 29 2 A fine thaw is now taking place -
- 31 4 The snow is about all gone round home and the weather is very warm

# February 1821.

- 3 7 The weather remains quite warm and pleasant and the ground bare -
- 17 4 This day at 1/4 before 3 o'clock P.M. Mother Lucy Wright departed this life, being 61 years of age the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of this month. Her sickness was short; this week on Monday she walked out to <sup>the</sup> Office & was there seized with an extremely hard pain in her side and bowels, and in this situation (being sometimes easier & then harder) continued till Wednesday when she deceased.  
N.B. Her death was at Waterliet, she was buried on Friday

# February 1821.

- 12 2. The weather remains quite warm, and no snow comes yet.
- 14 4. A very stormy day, the wind blows tremendously and the snow flies to some purpose. Sister Ruth and Asenath Clark with two of the Waterlot Brethren, viz. John Scott & Thomas McCue, return home from there.
- 15 5. This morning Mark Hinkley & Anthony Brewster set out for Harvard; and to-day the lot of Ministry in the Church is established: their names are as follows; Elder Ebenezer Bishop, Rufus Bishop, Elders Ruth Landon & Asenath Clark.
- 16 6. This day is extremely boisterous, the snow flies as if driven by a mighty whirlwind into all forms void of comeliness.
- 18 4. A very blustery day, and a singular accident happened which is worthy of record;—to-day the believers attended public meeting as usual and Hershiah Morey aged about 60 years, when on his way home, (after laboring two songs in meeting and having been heard say, the week before, he felt unusually well & enjoyed uncommon <sup>good</sup> health,) within about 6 rods of his house fell prostrate on the ground and never drew another breath nor offered to make the least struggle. The Physician was present in a few minutes tried several operations by letting blood, blowing the system full of air, &c. but to no effect—He remained dead and on the third day was buried.
- 20 3. The weather is very warm to-day and the snow goes very fast.
- 20 2. Mark Hinkley & Anthony Brewster returned home from Harvard and on their way home, made a short stop in Barre and got two of his younger brothers and brought home with them.
- 28 4. Cold and chilly, and some hail & snow.
- March 10. About 15 of the Brethren in the Church went down to the Pebody place to help the Brethren in that Order. The weather very pleasant.

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# April 1821.

- 6 6 The weather is quite pleasant to-day - but it has been very tedious and a great deal of cold.
- 17 3 The weather has been very stormy the chief part of this month, & to-day is tremendous stormy - the snow which has fallen for about 2 weeks past with the now present snow storm, if estimated, would amount to 2 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 3 feet on a level.
- 28 7 The weather has been very comfortable the week past, and to-day the Sisters turned <sup>out</sup> manfully and cleaned up the dooryards and streets, with a little of the Brethren's help. The spring so far, is very backward, and the weather is quite dry -

# May 1821.

- 2 4 The weather is considerable pleasant, and we set out the seed onions.
- 3 5 Nathan W. Luther & I went ~~to~~ down to the Sage farm plowing - We worked two days.
- 31 A very fine time for vegetation; every thing seems to flourish.

# June 1821.

- 6 4 Elder John Warner & his <sup>lot</sup> arrived here from Harvard.
- 11 3 We worked on the highway, the weather very pleasant.
- 21 5 Raised the Granary - The weather very warm, and some showers.

# July 1821

- 10 3 The gate posts of white stone were set up the E. side of the road.  
12 5 The stone gate posts were set up the W. side of the road.

# August 1821.

- 9 5 Finished haying - the season has been extraordinary.  
10 6 The weather continues very warm and dry and we begin to gather into our stacks again.  
11 7 Very warm and pleasant and quite smoky towards night.  
16 5 I help reap oats in the Morse pasture. The weather extremely warm and dry, and every thing seems to be parching up for want of rain.  
19 7 A fine rain this afternoon which refreshes things again.

# September 1821.

- Sept 7 Benjamin Bruce deceased about 4 o'clock this afternoon, having been confined to his room for upwards of two years, and wholly unable to help himself, ~~and~~ in so much that he had to be lifted up and down, and dressed and undressed.  
10 2 Philip Barthel departed this life about 9 o'clock etc. he had been blind for about a year, and ~~and~~ confined to his bed for months he was 84 years of age.

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# September 1821.

- 13 5 We spread out the flax - the Sisters helped too.
- 14 6 Gathered the apples that laid on the ground the first time.
- 15 7 This morning I took a ride in the one-horse waggon, round by the stone ledge in Canaan and then up thro' the hollow, home. Elder Sister Mary Spencer has been sick some <sup>time</sup> and remains very low yet, they have no expectation of her recovery - likewise Elizabeth Lovegrove in the Church, is very sick at present, and but little hopes of recovery.
- 18 4 I helped Anthony Brewster, match spruce boards at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Family

# October 1821.

- 2 3 The Elder Sister in the second Family deceased
- 24 4 We finished gathering all the apples - The weather very comfortable, but pretty cool.
- 25 5 Finished digging potatoes, and Jonathan Wood is laid up.
- 30 2 I held the scraper in the N. Family's Pond to scrape the mud out to enlarge the Pond and make the dam higher.

# November 1821.

- 23 6 From the various incidents ~~which~~ transpired the fall past, I have neglected writing what was really necessary; but as time renders it expedient, I take this opportunity to relate a few necessary ~~circumstances~~ facts. firstly, the weather for about 3 weeks past has been successively cloudy, yet not very cold, but disagreeable and unhealthy; a great many complaints and several deaths including the Society. We have had information from the

Westward, which related of the dreadful circumstances that has occurred among them the season past. Mother Ruth Farrington in the Church at Ohio deceased the 25<sup>th</sup> night of October last, and a good many others finished their work ~~with~~ in this world by reason of a long and tedious fever which has been prevalent among them. — They have recovered for the most part at present, tho' a time of tribulation and suffering among them. Father David is in a tolerable state of health at present, altho' his task is heavy.

## December 1821.

4 3 We killed the Hogs, 22 in number, and average <sup>lbs.</sup> 491 — Total <sup>lbs.</sup> 10825.  
The weather very pleasant —

## March 1822.

26 3 Unhealthy weather now-a-days — The spring so far has been very forward — but the weather has been so dry, the air is very unwholesome. We have got the chief part of our wood sawed and in the wood houses.

## May 1822.

26 This day being Sabbath and the day before the Ministry sets out for their eastern journey, which renders it necessary to have some new kind of words. We assembled for afternoon meeting as usual, and after singing our Anthem the Ministry thanked the Elders, Deacons, Brethren and Sisters for their kindness towards them; hoping prepare for their journey, signifying they felt dependant, and desired the remembrance and prayers of the Church — So then we bid them farewell and Elder Brother told them they must go with



us and then we should go with them - then we all went into the Orchard  
the Ministry & Elders went forward and the Singers according to their  
classes next - when we entered the Orchard gate, we struck a march  
and marched 3 deep 4 Brethren & 4 Sisters a breast - when we got  
to the west end of the Orchard we took a circuit around the S. side of  
the orchard where we met the 2<sup>nd</sup> order coming from the E. end of  
the orchard, so we all marched together - at length we halted and had a  
circular dance after that we sung the Latter Day hymn & marched  
home.

27 2 This morning the Ministry set out on their Journey for the eastward  
31 6 We white-washed the Shoemaker's shop & the Sisters scoured it up - the  
weather extremely warm.

JUNE 1822.

4 3 Began to tear down the street fence to rebuild it again  
9 7 I went up north to Martins to help hew some chestnut posts for  
the meeting House -  
11 4 I worked at the fence - very pleasant weather -

JULY 1822.

12 6 A tremendous flood, which nearly rent the foundations - could  
this calamity be expressed in its proper light, it would make the  
ear of the hearer itch and the eye glitter to be able to conceive  
of the doleful situation that we were in, in so short a time - there  
was as it were a gloomy cavern newly discovered & hastily cut out  
right in our dooryard - from the wire pond to the street a  
hediuous gully was cut out wide enough for an ox team to  
travel in - and then you must know what was the most strik-  
ing and heavy imagination, was the thoughts of having to rem-  
ove this vast body of earth back to its native place - there was  
our low land meadows overspread with gravel, and acres wholly

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covered up of good mowing land. Now after this dreadful disaster, when all the Brethren were worn down by this fatiguing job haying just commenced; and now to complete the awfulness of this event, when we undertook to mow our low lands, we could only mow a rod or two before whetting our sythes - and had to grind 3 or 4 times in the course of a day.

## August - 1822

- 9 6 We finished haying - the season very favorable - but the work has been nearly twice as heavy as it commonly is.  
17 Began to rebuild the drain between the Tan-house pond and the Saw-mill - the width 4 feet, and depth 2 or upwards.

## September - 1822

- 24 3 The weather is very pleasant, and we work at digging potatoes.  
25 4 We continue digging potatoes - the weather very warm today.  
26 5 We finished digging potatoes this forenoon - Afternoon picked up apples  
30 2 Began to tear down the chimneys in the old Meeting house to prepare it for moving -

## October - 1822

- 1 3 Finished tearing down the Chimneys.  
2 4 Worked at laying the timbers, in order to move the meeting house  
5 7 Got the meeting house moved to the spot of ground appointed.  
7 9 Turned it facing the road, and had good success thro' it all.

# February 1823

- 11 3 We filled the Ice house with ice, from the second Family's Ponds.
- 12 4 Some snow last night & to-day not very comfortable
- 13 5 Quite pleasant to-day, and I am making a chest to put hats in.
- 18 3 Some stormy to-day, and pretty cold — Yesterday we had the misfortune to loose an ox, that unluckily got pushed off Darlings Bridge, but his meat we saved by cutting his throat before he was dead. — — —
- 24 2 The weather has been considerable stormy of late, and the sleighing continues very good —

# March 1823

- 4 3 This morning was as cold as any one this year — the mercury fell 10 degrees below zero — the weather moderates some towards night
- 7 6 There has been a very great thaw this week, but to-day has been pretty cold —
- 10 2 Very pleasant weather now-a-days —
- 17 2 I went down to Gilberts after sand — Moderate weather —

# April 1823

- 18 6 Moved the Horseshed further to the N. W. —

C. W.

# June 1823

- 4 4 Began to raise the Meeting house, got 5<sup>th</sup> arches up to-day.  
 5 5 He finished raising the great arches just as the sun was setting behind the mountain, and without the least injury.  
 6 6 Finished raising the Porch to-day at about 3 o'clock P.M.

# November 1823

- 18 3 Killed the hogs - 24 in number, & average about 450<sup>lbs.</sup> - total 10800<sup>lbs.</sup>.  
 Fine weather for business - the meeting house & porch are chiefly plastered - the stone steps to the porch doors are laid and one of the E. doorsteps to the meeting house.

# February 1824

- 20 6 George De Witt departed this life about ten o'clock in the afternoon in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his age, the cause why he should be taken in so early an age is unknown to us, but we have that to him he knew eth all things -  
 February 24 Charles Brasman comes into the shop to help us some in mending shoes and mended about 4 days. And made one pair of new shoes. Gave De Witt mended shoes one day, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# March 23 1824

- 23 3 Henry De Witt came in to the shoe makers shop to learn the shoemaking trade; his stature 5 feet  $\frac{7}{16}$  height 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.  
 April 5 2 Two sisters Anna Mathewson Saloma Spencer goes to the warden house to cook for our hired workmen, who are building a Grist mill Moses mixer goes to tend upon them to fetch water and wood &c. &c.

# April 1824.

- 20 3 The Ministry moved to their places of residence in the parish
- 36 17 A number of Brethren came to take their residence in the Town of Hancock on account of <sup>giving free from</sup> military requirements
- May 28 6 William fitch Whileman, Henry J went to tend lime kiln on the Merels farm -
- 29 17 Washed our sheep and shered them June first
- June 13

# October 1825.

- 21 6 A few small flakes of snow, with a brisk northwest wind, rain & cold.
- " The Deacons <sup>hired</sup> two worlds men to help paint some of our old buildings
- " The Ministrys shop & washhouse & west spin shop & east spin shop & Joiner shop are all painted - at the second Orders stor house and Office & wash hose & Joiner shop & Spinshop are painted

Shed paint these buildings

# November 1825

- 11 6 I went to heading nails to day I headed 10 thousand
- 17 3 I went to do do ground my heading tool and sother things & headed 3 thousand this is my first work at nailing <sup>with</sup> this year

# May 1826.

M W

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It has been concluded to tear down some of the plastering upon the sides of the Meeting House on the account of the plastering being frozen after it was put on; so to day the business is performed, so a number of the family brethren come to help. & Nicholas B & Henry J. & Henry De Witt were all that helped from this Order - & Amos from the Second & we tore down the west side of the room up as high as the upper pinboards & one space to the north & south end and some on the east side which amounts to about 500 square feet.

1 2

The Brethren from the first & second Orders turned out to set out the roots in the garden to day but did not quite finish.

2 3

They hired John Smith to plaster it, so to day he came & put on the first coat. The Brethren continue working in the garden again to day.

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4 5

To day we begin to whitewash the rooms in our great house this afternoon we began: Artemases room & Betty's room we whitewash to day.

5 6

we continue, & do the Meeting room overhead & expect to have the sides painted - Henry M's room white wash. Such a hurrying time I never experienced, I think.

6 7

& the Deacons & Deaconesses rooms were done to day we white washed the Elders rooms, & the east house was done thro' out except Amoses room & the bedroom.

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# January - 1827

- 9 3 We began to move out of the old shop in to the new shop & two of the sisters came to wash the <sup>things</sup> up fit to carry in we get them nearly all in to day
- 10 4 We finish getting all the things in the brick shop
- 11 5 We are fixing over things fit for use so as to get ready for work in <sup>the</sup> forenoon this day. B H & I went a rooling wood
- 12 6 I made a pair of shoes for the first pair that ever was made in this shop.
- 28 1 Some rain; & thaws considerable but soon clears off again clear & pleasant.
- 30 3 Some snow to day & the wind very high & boisterous A.M.
- 31 4 About breakfast time this morning the same a story comes on. & it begins to snow & blow very hard & continues pretty much all day

# February - 1827

- 1 3 Clear and pleasant to day. excellent good slaying & business is performed to good advantage, with those who are out a getting timber. The 3 Brethren have gone to Nasau to day & expect to stay till Saturday

February - 1827.

- 1 5 Henry Youngs went out to work at the wood in the  
dooryard this forenoon. Garret Lawrence has been  
cleaning and painting in his new shop with the help  
of two sisters.
- 2 6 Fine weather to day for the day it is cloudy & not  
very cold. but towards night it began to snow, and  
this is having snow by the great quantity now-a-days.
- 2 7 This morning it begins to snow & it continues with a  
hard wind till about noon; after dinner Edward  
& Barnabas started for stockbridge with Frin's bull  
which we have had the <sup>use</sup> of for about 3 Months  
and is called the holoterness breed; he is an imported  
bull from England & is recommended very high  
this afternoon they get as far as Lenox there stay overnight
- 5 3 Daniel B & I started this morning for Stockbridge  
to bring Edward & Barna home they started on  
this morning and get to Stockbridge about 11 o'clock  
Daniel & I get there about 1 o'clock but we soon  
started for home & get home about 6 o'clock
- 6 4 The boys Order moved out of the second house  
in the new brick Shop



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- 17 6 The Second Order finish haying
- 13 2 The second Order help us do our haying. the weather has not been a favourable as common