**Diary of a Gravedigger**

Calais, Maine, 1843

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*What follows is the transcript of a diary with dates beginning in November, 1843. Originally, it was believed that this was the diary of Ezra Aldrich, the father of Ezra Aldrich mentioned in the document. This belief was based on the fact that the journal was in the possession of Manley Nelson of Palermo, who stated that it belonged to his maternal great grandfather (Ezra Sr.). Ezra Sr. is listed on the 1820 Calais census with a household containing three males under the age of 10 (one of which was probably Ezra Jr., born in 1815). However, upon reviewing the document further it is assumed that it could be the diary of Ann Mariah Smith’s father, Justus Smith (born in 1779). Ann married Ezra Jr. in 1845. Justus Smith had a son named George (who would have been 22 when this diary was started). Censuses for the years 1810, 1820 and 1850 give the location of Justus Smith as in Steuben; however, this does not discount the possibility that he could have been in Calais at that time.*

*Based on the content it is apparent that the author was one of the gravediggers of the Calais cemetery. The original grammar and spellings have been maintained, except where editing was necessary to add clarification.*

*This transcript was taken from a copy prepared from the original by Carolyn Tibbetts Ballantyne of Palermo, Maine, in 1976. The copy was presented to the Calais Free Library. Most of the journal was discernable; however, there are areas of uncertainty which are duly noted in the transcript. Any names of townsfolk that were buried are underlined.*

[Part of the first page is torn away.]

**Nov. 23** Up in town. Receivd of Mr. Keeler $1.75 in full.

**Nov. 24** Forenoon, George and myself cuting wood on Watson. PM Mending shoes. Rainy afternoon.

**Nov. 25** AM George and myself spliting wood on Watson. PM We cut some wood at the door and went up to town.

**Nov. 26** SUNDAY to meeting all day.

**Nov. 27** George and myself spliting wood on Watson.

**Nov. 28** I tuck 1 doz. bullen pots to Coplen $2.00. Received of Priscot $2.00 in full. Lent Mr. Moan his pail part ull of flour. The whole weighed 10 3/4. The pail weighed 3 1/2 (+7 1/4).

**(1843) Nov. 29** Abought home and up in town. George went to Bareing.

**Nov. 30** AM Cuting wood on Watson. PM Cuting wood.

**Dec. 1** Mending shoes and choreing abought the house.

**Dec. 2** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening. Mishoary Consort in the meeting hous.

**Dec. 3 & 4** Cuting wood on Watson and choreing abought home.

**Dec. 5** I went up to town several times.

**Dec. 6** I went to Nashes Mill and B. lake with S. F. Barker.

**Dec. 7** THANKSGIVING DAY to meeting forenoon. PM I went to burying ground with Wm. Pike and selected a lot to bury Mrs. Cristophers.

**Dec. 8** I dug a grave for Mrs. C.

**Dec. 9** AM I dug a grave for a child of Charlot Berry. Mr. Wm. Pike found a hors for the hers and we buryed Mrs. C and also C.B.'s child.

**Dec. 10** SUNDAY to Sabbeth School and attended meeting the meeting hous in the evening. I dug a grave for and buryed a child of John Flood.

**Dec. 11** To work abought home and wrote some.

**Dec. 12** I went up to Millton. PM I had Mr. Barker's oxen and hailed wood.

**Dec. 13** I cut some wood at the door.

**Dec. 14** AM I went up to Millton. PM I dug a grave for a child of Widdow [the remainder of the page is torn].

**Dec. 15 and 16** I did the chores abought hous and went up to town several times. We had Tailor Watson 2 days and he made me a coat. Paid him $2.00 in full at C. Perkinses.

**Dec. 17** SUNDAY to meeting forenoon. PM I got Thomas Johnson's hors and sley and went to Millton and tuck Mrs. Sherlys child to the Methodes vestry and from that to the burying ground and buryed it. I paid Johnson 57 cents in full.

**Dec. 18** Mending boots and shoes.

**Dec. 19** AM I went up to town and got a bag of meal. I received of John Flood $2.50 in full. PM Sawing wood at home.

**(1843) Dec. 20** AM Cuting and splitting wood on Watson. PM I went up to town and got a piece of pork.

**Dec. 21** To home all day and did but little.

**Dec. 22** Forenoon abought home. PM I dug a grave for John Trott’s child.

**Dec. 23** Forenoon abought home. PM. I buryed a child for John Trott on Stranger’s lot.

**Dec. 24** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Unwell.

**Dec. 25** Most of the day abought home and up to town several times.

**Dec. 26** AM I went up to town. PM I got 1/2 ton of hay of Mr. Barker. He and I weighed it out and I got it home. He is to take his pay on the lamp-lighting concern at $15 per ton.

**Dec. 27** I finished stoying away my hay and did but little elce. Unwell.

**Dec. 28** Up in town and abought home. Unwell.

**Dec. 29** AM I went up and got a town account odited for $7.18 and they allowed six. PM I worked 3 hours for Mr. T. Darling. .32 cents.

**Dec. 30** I went up to the meeting hous and repaired the pews next to the old stove. And went up in town. Rest of the day at home.

**Dec. 31** SUNDAY to meeting all day.

**(1844) Jan. 1** AM Sawing and spliting wood at home. PM Moses Baker with his old hors and hailed fire wood from Watson's. 1/3 cord.

**Jan. 2** Abought home cut some wood.

**Jan. 3** I bought of F. Sawyer 1 bbl. flour 5.50 and let him have town order $7.50.

**Jan. 4** To home fetching water for washing.

**Jan. 5** I attended a Church fast at the meeting hous and preparatory lecture.

**Jan. 6** I cut some wood and prepaired the meeting hous for Sunday.

**Jan. 7** SUNDAY To meeting all day. Mishonary Consort in the meeting hous. Communion Day.

**Jan. 8** I swept the meeting hous and did some chores about home.

**Jan. 9** Forenoon about home. PM I dug a grave for Samuel Moreson's child.

**Jan. 10** AM Abought home. PM I buryed Samuel Moreson's child.

**(1844) Jan. 11** I went up to town and got 2 galons molass, 37 ct per ga. and ½ gal. of oil, 1 dollar per gal. I recevd of James B. Vance $2 in full and bought of Deming 18 3/4 pork at 9 ct.

**Jan. 12** To home all day sawing wood.

**Jan. 13** Abought home. I fixed and prepaired the meeting hous.

**Jan. 14** SUNDAY To meeting all day, S. S. School Cont. in the evening.

**Jan. 15** I receivd of Mrs. Hill $4 for Mr. Darlin’s order. Mr. Gerry agreed to pay me three dollars at Thomas Sawyer’s store in goods at cash price.

**Jan. 16** I received of Dea. Barker $5 for lamp lighting. Receivd of Mr. Robbins $1 for seting flagg stones.

**Jan. 17 and 18** To work abought the hous two days.

**Jan. 19** Forenoon abought home. PM I began to dig a grave for Mr. Sylvanus Blake.

**Jan. 20** Forenoon I finished digging Mr. Blake's grave. PM I prepaired the meeting hous for Sunday.

**Jan. 21** To meeting forenoon. PM I got Mr. Johnson's hors to go in the hers and buryed Mr. Blake. Prayer meeting in evening.

**Jan. 22** I went up to town once, and then went to town meeting. And sawed some wood.

**Jan. 23** To home. Mended shoes part of the day, I went-up to Millton to get a team to hall wood, got none.

**Jan. 24** I went up to town got 2 gal. Molass. Sawed some wood.

**Jan. 25** To work abought the hous

**Jan. 26** AM abought home. PM Mr. McFranlin's hors and boy 1/2 day and he hailed me six load of wood.

**Jan. 27** I dug a grave for Charles F. Blake.

**Jan. 28** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Prayer meeting in the meeting hous in the evening. After the afternoon servis I got Mr. Johnson's hors and sled and went with the herse and buryed Charles Blake.

**Jan. 29** AM I got in and piled up some fire wood. PM I dug a grave for Samuel Moreson’s child, aged 6 years.

**(1844) Jan. 30** Forenoon to work abought hous. PM I want and drove the sley for, and buryed Samuel Moreson’s child.

**Jan. 31** I did my work abought hous. Unwell.

**Feb. 1** To work about hous. Unwell.

**Feb. 2** AM I went up to town and fixed the meeting hous. PM Sawing wood at the door.

**Feb. 3** Abought home. Did little.

**Feb. 4** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Mish Con. for prayer in the meeting hous in the evening.

**Feb. 5** Abought home. Sawed some wood. Drawed water for washing.

**Feb. 6** Forenoon I did some chores abought house. PM I began to dig a grave for Mrs. Tracey’s child, aged 7 years.

**Feb. 7** AM I finished digging the grave. PM I toled the bell buryed the child.

**Feb. 8** I spent the day up and about town trying to collect debts. Received of Mr. Belmore an order on Charles Perkins for $3.50 in full for burying Widdow Tracy’s child.

**Feb. 9** Forenoon. Up in town. PM Mr. Wadsworth came with hors and sled and halld wood for me ½ day, 6 loads off of Watson’s lot.

**Feb. 10** I got some wood into the cellar and split some.

**Feb. 11** SUNDAY to meeting all day. S. S. Continues in meeting hous.

**Feb. 12** I dug a grave for, and buryed a child for [Thorny, Thomas or Thory] Bavis on lot No. 32.

**Feb. 13** I began to make George a pair of morgasons.

**Feb. 14** I finished George’s morgasons and repaired a bed sted.

**Feb. 15** I got James Dyers hors and Dike’s [Pike’s?] sley and Mr. Smith and Loisa and myself went to Charlot. We dined at Widdow Fishers and went to Robbinston tuck tea and Mr. Masons, and stopt at Mr. Gerrys all night.

**Feb. 16** We left Mr. Gerrys at 2 o'clock and got home at 6 o'clock.

**Feb. 17** I sawed some wood and worked abought house and fixed the meeting hous for Sunday.

**Feb. 18** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**Feb. 19** To work abought hous and went up to town.

**(1844) Feb. 20** AM I went up and laid out a lot for Mr. Newell Pike on Lot 69. PM I dug a grave for Mr. Pike’s child aged 3 years.

**Feb. 21** Forenoon I went up to town. PM I buryed Mr. Pike’s child.

**Feb. 22** I sorted over my old papers and wrote some and did some chores.

**Feb. 23** AM I went up to town. PM mending shoes.

**Feb. 24** I dug a grave for Mr. Ruben Holes [or Notis] child, and buryed it.

**Feb. 25** SUNDAY to meeting all day. I went up to the burying ground and laid out a lot for Seth Emerson. I went up again and laid out a lot for J. Boies.

**Feb. 26** I dug a grave and buryed a child for James Boies.

**Feb. 27** I went up to Bishops and got 1 bag of meal, 2 gallons of Molass., one gallon oil, 11 1/2 pounds of pork. The whole amounted to [$?.40]. And I sawed some wood.

**Feb. 28** I began to dig a grave for John H. Boies, worked all day.

**Feb. 29** AM I finished Boies' grave. PM I attended Boies’ funeral with hers. He found me a hors.

**Mar. 1** AM I wrote some and sawed some wood. PM I attended a preparatory lecture.

**Mar. 2** I went over to St. Stephens to collect depts, got nothing. Sawed some wood and put up the new lamps at the meeting house.

**Mar. 3** SUNDAY To meeting all day and evening. Mishionary Consort.

**Mar. 4** I went to collect depts. Got nothing. Stormy day.

**Mar. 5** Mr. Beding helped me dig a grave for Merick’s wife. Merick sent me a hors and I went with the hers and we buryed Mrs. Merick.

**Mar. 6** I worked for James Dyer cuting cordwood.

**Mar. 7** I did some chores abought hous and went up to town.

**Mar. 8** I got of Thomas Sawyer [750?] lb hay and Samuel Moreson agreed to pay him for it.

**Mar. 9** I picked over my frosen potatoes and sawed some wood. I went up and prepaired the meeting hous for Sunday.

**Mar. 10** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Sabbeth School Cont at 6 and a temperance lecture at 7 o'clock in the meetinghous.

**(1844) Mar. 11** I went up and got 5 lamps out of the meeting hous and brought them home and cleaned part of them.

**Mar. 12** I finished cleaning and scouring the lamps and conveyed them up to W. W. Lowell’s; 5 in number.

**Mar. 13** I went up in town. I settled with Mr. Barker. Squared the books. PM Sawing wood.

**Mar. 14** AM I went up to town. I began to repair the wheel barrow. PM I dug a grave for Libius Vicery’s child.

**Mar. 15** AM I got a home a lot of shavens from Mr. [Pantkeny, Partkeny, or Pantkery]. PM I buryed Mr. Vicery’s child.

**Mar. 16** I went up to town and got a peice of pork and a few dry fish, and prepaired the meeting house for Sunday.

**Mar. 17** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Stormy day no evening meeting.

**Mar. 18** To work in shop mending wheel-barrow.

**Mar. 19** I tuck a few pans up to Wharfs, and I went up to Bishops auction. Stormy day.

**Mar. 20** I tuck 8 more pans up to Wharf, and tuck much pains to get a peice of timber to make an ax [axle] to the waggon.

**Mar. 21** I sold Mr. Small a lot of pots and got Mr. Wadsworth’s hors and sled and tuck them up.

**Mar. 22** I went up and got of Mr. Small a 1/2 bush. unions [onions], 12 pounds of butter at 16 cts., 9 3/4 fresh pork at 8 cts. 75. Stormy day.

**Mar. 23** I had Mr. Wadsworth’s hors and sled all day and hailed 6 load wood of Watson's down to the hous and 3 loads out to Cleavelands.

**Mar. 24** SUNDAY to meeting all day. A temperance lecture in the meeting hous in the evening by Wm. Rider.

**Mar. 25** I went up to town twice and got 14 pounds lard and 1 ½ bu. meal. The cow calfed.

**Mar. 26, 27, and 28** I did the chores about hous. Sawed some wood and red some. Cold and stormy.

**Mar. 29** I went to the point mills to get a peice of wood for an axel for the waggon and got none. I red some and did some chores abought home.

**Mar. 30** Stormy day. I read some and did but little.

**(1844) Mar. 31** SUNDAY to meeting all day and meeting evening.

**Apr. 1 and 2** Town meeting most of two days.

**Apr. 3** AM George and myself cuting wood on Watson [crossed out]. PM to town meeting.

**Apr. 4** Cuting wood on Emerson yesterday and today.

**Apr. 5** AM Cuting wood on Emerson with George and went up to town and got 8 pounds pork. George to play.

**Apr. 6** We had Mr. Barker’s oxen and Andrew up today and hailed wood across the brook on Emerson, all we had cut. I went to town.

**Apr. 7** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening at six o'clock.

**Apr. 7-12** I am out of stors and out of money and have been five days trying to collect some depts and have got one bushel of potatoes of Mr. [Denis, Derius or Demis] Keen Jun and nothing elce. We have split some kiln wood at the door and I have partly fixed a fore axel to the wagon. On Tuesday last we swept the meeting hous and attended to a parish meeting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

**Apr. 13** We dug a grave for Mr. Yong’s grandchild on the Strangers lot 15 1/2 ft from Western Alley. And we split some wood and dusted the meeting house.

**Apr. 14** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening in the meetinghous. We buryed Mr. Yong's child at 5 o'clock.

**Apr. 15** George and myself spliting kiln wood in the doryard.

**Apr. 16** I was in town most of the day trying to get some flour and meal without runing in dept for it.

**Apr. 17** AM Spliting wood on Emerson. PM I went up to town and got a bag of meal of A. Sawyer on credit.

**Apr. 18** Fast day to meeting all day.

**Apr. 19** Forenoon spliting wood on Emerson. After noon I went up to town to collect depts. Got nothing.

**Apr. 20** Forenoon splitting wood on Emerson. PM Up in town. I got a parish order.

**Apr. 21** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**Apr. 22** AM mending shoes. I tuck the calf up to Palmer’s and he killed him.

**(1844) Apr. 23** I sold Mr. Wm. Goodwin a fore quarter veal 19 ½ lbs at 6 (1.17). Sold to Mr. Palmer 1 side 39 lbs. 2.53. I kept one hind quarter 19 lbs at 7 (1.33). I sold the hide to A. Sawyer 8 lbs at 7 (.56). The head and hanglet… I paid in earthenware for killing and dressing.

**Apr. 24** I tuck my forward axel to blacksmiths and got it repaired. I finished repairing the wagon and went up to collect some depts and got nothing.

**Apr. 25** AM I went up to town and bought of James Bois: 1 bbl flour. PM I got Mr. Boises hors and tuck up a lead ware to W. W. Lowell, Dr. [Invoice follows: 2 1/2 doz. m. pans at 9 (3.75), ½ doz. butter pots at 10/6, 6 nests glazed flower pots, 7 unglazed flower pots]. [Invoice for Charles Perkins, Dr.: 1 ½ doz. m. pans at 9 (2.25).] [Invoice for James Perkins, Dr.: 2 doz. m. pans, 1/ 2 doz b. pots.] I hailed one load fire wood.

**Apr. 26-27** George and myself spliting wood on Emerson.

**Apr. 28** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening

**Apr. 29** George and myself spliting wood on Emerson

**Apr. 30** We had Mr. Barkers oxen ½ day and ploughed the garden, forenoon. Afternoon we put up the fence long side of the garden. And went up and cut and split wood on Emerson.

**May 1** I went up to town several times.

**May 2** George and myself spliting stumps near the burying ground gate.

**May 3** I went up to town to collect depts. Got nothing.

**May 4** George and I drove all the stakes in the burying ground.

**May 5** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**May 6** I spent the whole day trying to collect some bad depts. Received of Leleas Vickery $1.25.

**May 7** I was up in town all day and I helped to lay out Mr. Pennell [Prenelle or Pernell]and Mr. Jellison.

**May 8** We dug Mr. Prenelle's grave and part of Mr. Jellison's.

**May 9** We finished digging Mr. Jellison's grave. I had Mr. Jellison's hors in the hers and we buryed Mr. Prenelle.

**May 10** Part of the day looking after my hog. PM to work in the burying ground fixing up some graves.

**(1844) May 11** AM I dug a grave for Mr. McCurdy's child. PM Had Mr. Johnson's hors in the hers and we buryed Mr. Jellison and toled the bell.

**May 12** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening. I had Mr. Johnson's hors in the hers and buryed Mr. McCurdy's child at 4 o'clock pm.

**May 13** I received of Mr. Downs ten dollars cash and an order on G. S. Smith for four dollars; for D. order. I paid Thomas Johnson $1.50 in full and paid A. Sawyer 84 cents in full. PM I soded 3 graves for Mr. Marshell.

**May 14** We had Mr. Boises hors and hailed 2 loads wood off Mr. Emerson in to the road and 2 loads of stumps home forenoon. PM I went up to Jonias Keens to get some potatoes and got none. I bought of T. Sawyer 1 bu.

**May 15** We had Mr. Boises' hors and ploughed the garden the second time and crossed it out. PM to work in the garden.

**May 16** AM to work in the garden. PM Reading.

**May 17** AM. We swept the meeting hous and dusted. I papered the front entery.

**May 18** I papered the closit and fixed up the shelves.

**May 19** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**May 20** AM I mended up 3 pairs of old shoes. PM I got some paint and painted the wood work of my kitchin.

**May 21** Painting the inside of the house.

**May 22 and 23** George and myself to work in the garden 2 days.

**May 24** AM Repairing the ware kiln. PM I attended a preparatory lecture.

**May 25** Rainy day. I did chores abought the house. Repaired the inside of the kiln.

**May 26** SUNDAY to meeting all day.

**May 27** We began to sift sand for leding.

**May 28 and 29** Leding and sating.

**May 30** Leding and seting ware.

**June 1** Finished leding. Stopt up the door and cleaned up the shop.

**June 2** SUNDAY to meeting all day.

**(1844) June 3** We had Mr. Wadsworth’s hors in my wagon and hauled up some boards from the shore and hailed. 2 loads from near the burying ground 1/3 day. I received from Dea. Barker $2.75 for lamp lighting. I hurt my stumack and did but little in the afternoon.

**June 4** I sot fire to the kiln this morning at ½ past 4. Attending to the kiln all day and night.

**June 5** I finished burning at 1/2 past 9. 29 hours. I went up to town. Did but little.

**June 6** I tuck some ware out of the kiln and found it not well glazed nor burnt. I cut a door through out north from the front room into the ware shop.

**June 7** Painting inside of the house.

**June 8** I did some painting at home and sot six pains of glass in the meeting house.

**June 9** SUNDAY to meeting all day and no consert. I tuck posesheon of part of Mr. Tyler’s pew at $5 per year.

**June 10** I tuck 1 dcs. n. pans to Wharf and 2 doz. to Pike and Barnard. And I bought 1 bushel potatoes and finished planting the garden.

**June 11** I soded Mary Ferrell’s [Terrell’s] grave and dug a grave for Mr. Church.

**June 12** AM I was up in town part of the forenoon. PM I had Mr. Gateses hors in the hers and we buryed Mr. Asa Church.

**June 13** I was up to Millton to collect depts. Got nothing. I tuck ½ doz. pots up to Widdens.

**June 14** I went up to Mr. Jenkinses to get some boards and got none. I tuck ½ doz. pots up to Barnard and Pike 82 cents.

**June 15** We repaired the clay mill. Shoveled over the clay bank and uncovered a clay pit.

**June 16** SUNDAY to meeting all day. S. S. C. in the evening.

**June 17** AM I was trying to get a hors to grind clay. PM I got Mr. Wadsworth hors ½ day and ground 2 mills clay and hailed 1 load wood and 1 load shavings.

**June 18 and 19** Turning ware. I bought of T. Sawyer 1 bbl. flour 5.50 and paid him four dollars. George and I worked on roads ½ day.

**June 20** I got Mr. Wadsworth's hors and ground 2 mills clay and tuck up a load of ware. PM Turning ware.

**June 21** AM I dug a grave for Mr. Arthur Ganeses [or Jones's] child. PM I turned some ware and buryed Joneses child.

**(1844) June 22** George and myself turning weare.

**June 23** SUNDAY to meeting all day. A monthly consort for prayer for seamen at ½ past six.

**June 24** I tuck 9 pots up to Hapgood 1:30. George and myself weeding the garden. G. coat 7 hardick [?]. We had no mortar nor hors to grind.

**June 25** We had Mr. Wadsworth's hors and ground 2 mills clay and turned some weare.

**June 26** Turning ware. I began to light Dea. Kelley's hall.

**June 27** Had Mr. Wadsworth's hors and ground 2 mills and turned some.

**June 28 and 29** We turned some ware. Rainey days.

**June 30** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**July 1** AM I was out trying to collect depts and got nothing. PM Mending shoes.

**July 2** AM I went up to town and got 1 bushel meal of G. S. Smith. PM to work for Wadsworth and George planting and hoing potatoes ½ day each.

**July 3** George and myself to work for Wadsworth each 1 day.

**July 4** Forenoon to work in shop. PM I went up to town.

**July 5** AM George and myself to work in the garden. PM I attended a preparatory lectur.

**July 6** Waiting all the forenoon for a hors. PM I got Mr. Wadsworth hors and ground 2 mills.

**July 7** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**July 8** Forenoon up in town to collect depts got nothing. PM to work in the shop.

**July 9** Forenoon George and myself hoing potatoes.

**July 10** **and 11** To work in shop. Part of each day unwell. I received of Deacon Barker $4 in part pay for lighting lamps. Paid Thomas Sawyer one dollar.

**July 12** I repaired the kiln.

**July 13** George and I worked in the garden most of the day. I helped Wm. Knight set a pair of grave stones.

**July 14** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening. SSC.

**July 15** I dug a grave for Mrs. White.

**(1844) July 16** Forenoon I got some sticks and stuck the peas. PM I had Mrs. Wadsworth's hors in the hers and we buryed the wife of Luther C. White.

**July 17** George and I to work all day for Mrs. Wadsworth hoing potatoes.

**July 18** I went to Eastport in the steam boat Frank.

**July 19** AM I dug a grave for Mr. Sumner Brown. PM Had Mr. Wadsworth's hors in the hers and we buryad Mr. Brown.

**July 20** AM I made a swing shelf in the cellar. PM Mended George's shoes.

**July 21** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Seamans prayer meeting in the evening.

**July 22 and** **23** We began to grind led, to led ware and set.

**July 24** Leding and seting.

**July 25** Forenoon finished seting and cleaned all up. PM dug a grave for Ephrim Gateses child.

**July 26** Forenoon George and myself to work, for Dea. Barker, helping haying. PM I buryed Mr. Gateses child.

**July 27** We had Mr. Barker's oxen and cart and hailed out 3 load and throughed off, and halld out 2 more and halld them down, kiln wood, and broak one wheel. PM to work for Dea. Barker haying with George ½ day each.

**July 28** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Temperance meeting in Unitarian.

**July 29** I attended the auction of L. C. White and bought a fue articles.

**July 30** Mending shoes; and went up to town of amends.

**July 31** We had Wadsworth's hors and wagon ½ day and hauled wood. PM George and myself to work for Dea. Barker ½ day.

**Aug 1** Forenoon I went up and got the paper and red it. Rainy. PM we swept the meeting hous.

**Aug 2** We sot fire to our 2nd kiln this morning at ½ past 5 and attended to the burning all day and night.

**Aug 3** Finished burning at 11 o'clock. PM. I dusted the meeting hous.

**Aug 4** SUNDAY to meeting all day. No evening meeting. Rainy.

**Aug 5** George and myself to work for Dea. Barker haying all day.

**(1844) Aug 6** Forenoon I dug a grave for Mr. Dudley Lawrence's child. PM I worked for Dea. Barker haying. George worked all day.

**Aug 7** I had Mr. Wadsworths hors in the hers and we buryed Lawrence's child. PM I went up and got a small raft of boards of Jenkins and brought them down.

**Aug 8** I mowed grass below the garden and raked it up and we worked some in the garden.

**Aug 9** We halld up and stuck our raft of boards, and piled some fire wood on the shore. I received of Mr. Darling cash 5$ and an order on G. S. Smith for $3 and another of Jon. Williams for $3 and one on Mr. James Robbins for 2$. I received of Mr. Marshall $1.13 in full. I bought of G. S. Smith 1 bbl. flour $5 1/2.

**Aug 10** I went up to town and bought of T. Sawyer 2 bush. meal at 4 per bushel. I made my hay and got it in.

**Aug 11** SUNDAY to meeting all day. SSC at the meeting hous.

**Aug 12** I dug a grave for Mrs. Lucy Gates. Mr. Gates sent me a hors to go in the hers and we buryed her. I soded a grave for Mr. Noble and 2 for S. Moreson.

**Aug 13** To work in the burying ground. I soded 2 graves for Mr. Columbus Cooper 62 ½ cents and we soded J. Flagg's grave and raised the stone, and I oiled the harness of the hers.

**Aug 14** I fixed a place and stowed away my hay. I ground 2 mills clay with Mr. Pratts hors.

**Aug 15** Turning ware all day. I made 54 (L) pots.

**Aug 16** I turned some. I ground 1 mill clay with Mr. Samuel Jones hors.

**Aug 17** We turned some ware and repaired the wheels.

**Aug 18** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**Aug 19** We had Mr. Wadsworth's hors ½ day and we ground 2 mills clay and halled two loads wood, 1 from the shore and one from Emersons. PM Turning ware.

**Aug 20** Turning ware. I dug a grave and buryed a child for I. E. Knight.

**Aug 21** AM I went up to town and got some things. PM I had Wadsworth's hors to grind two mills.

**Aug 22** George and myself turning m. pans.

**Aug 23** I went out to collect some dept. I received of Goram Kimble $7.50. We turned some wares.

**(1844) Aug 24** I went up to town and got some pork and beans. We sot two grave stones for Thomas Sawyer and soded his grave.

**Aug 25** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening at 6 o'clock.

**Aug 26** I went out to collect some depts. I received of George Greenlaw two dollars and fifty cents by an order on William. PM I listened to a lectur on politicks by Mr. G. Evens.

**Aug 27** George and I went to Baring yesterday and got Mr. Pratt's hors. I went up this morning to get my wagon (?). I received four dollars and seventy five cents for burying Mr. Brawn. A rainy afternoon mending shoes.

**Aug 28** My shelves are full of ware and I have not much to do, and am very uneasy; most of the day up in town.

**Aug 29** We had Mr. Pratt's hors and halld wood and boards from the river and one load wood from Emersons land and broak an axeltne of the wagon.

**Aug 30** I dug a grave for Mr. Hapgoods child and buryed it. And began to dig a grave for Mrs. Kettele.

**Aug 31** I finished digging a grave for Mrs. Kettele. I had Mr. Vickerys hors in the hers for Mrs. K. and I paid him 75 cents in full.

**Sept 1** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Mishonary Con. at 6.

**Sept 2** We had Mr. Pratt's hors and halld 1 load of boards and 2 load wood and went up to town and got a bag of meal 75 cts per bu.

**Sept 3** We worked fixing the bedroom chambers forennon. Afternoon turning m. pans.

**Sept 4** We ground 1 mill clay and halld 2 load wood forenoon. Afternoon turning m. pans.

**Sept 5** We tuck a load of ware up to Mr. Williams $11. We ground 2 mills clay with Mr. Pratts hors, and turned some wash bowls. I got of Williams 5 ½ yds. 1 pce shed [?].

**Sept 6** To work in the Shop turning m. pans forenoon. PM George and myself to work for Dec. Barker ½ day each.

**Sept 7** To work in the shop. PM to work for Mr. Barker ½ day. George to work in the shop all day.

**Sept 8** SUNDAY to meeting all day. S.S. Cont at 6 o’clock.

**Sept 9** We ground 2 mills clay with Pratts hors and went to Town Meeting.

**Sept 10** We mowed and raked some meddow hay in Pikes back pasture.

**(1844) Sept 11** We dug a grave and buryed a child for Mr. John Ames at point mills. Sept 12 I went up to Milltown to collect some depts. PM We had Mr. Wadsworth hors and halld 2 small jags of meddow hay.

**Sept 13 and 14** Turning ware; and finishing turning.

**Sept 15** SUNDAY to meeting all day. And to seamans prayer meeting in the evening.

**Sept 16** We made a fence round our corn and cabbage. I went up and put in a vote for representative. I carryed up some jugs and bought an axe.

**Sept 17** We began to cut wood on Wadsworth.

**Sept 18 and 19** Spliting wood on Wadsworth 2 days.

**Sept 20** Laying chamber floor over the ware shop.

**Sept 21** To work making steps to the front door.

**Sept 22** SUNDAY prayer meeting in the evening. I dug a grave for Mr. George Smith's child, aged 11 months. And another for Mr. E. Elliot's child, and buryed both.

**Sept 23** Fixing steps to the front door.

**Sept 24** I tuck 1/2 doz l. pots up to Mr. Hapgood. I moved the stove out of the back room to the kitchen.

**Sept 25** George went up to Bareing and got Mr. Prats hors. PM We tuck a load of ware up to Mr. Hapgood amount 9.40. We went up to MIllton and got of Mr. Brockway 1 load of edgings 1/4 of a cord.

**Sept 26, 27, and 28** Halling edgins, halled 3 loads each day 10 in all.

**Sept 29** SUNDAY to meeting all day and temperance meeting in the evening.

**Sept 30** We went up to town and got of T. Sawyer 1 bbl. flour 5.25 and paid him 2 dollars toward it and we halld 4 loads wood.

**Oct 1** I went to the cattle shoe at the town hous this town.

**Oct 2** I was sick all day and kept my bed most of the day.

**Oct 3** We had Mr. Pratts hors and halld 1 load edgings 1 of roots.

**Oct 4** AM George and myself to the meeting house sawing up the old steps and giting of them in. PM Rainey afternoon I fixed some shelvs in the closet in the north room.

**(1844) Oct 5** George and myself to work at the meeting hous sawing and giting in wood and leveling off abought the steps.

**Oct 6** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Mish. Con. evening at m.h.

**Oct 7** To work in the chamber puting up a petition. Rainy day.

**Oct 8** AM I dug a grave for G. S. Smiths child. PM Cuting wood at the door. George working for Wadsworth 1/2 day.

**Oct 9 and 10** I attended a conference meeting 2 days at the meeting house.

**Oct 11** Digging potatoes in the garden all day.

**Oct 12** Finishing digging potatoes and got in all the garden. We sent Mr. Pratts hors home. I carryed up the box and buryed G.S. Smiths child.

**Oct 13** SUNDAY to meeting all day. S.S. Con. in the meeting hous.

**Oct 14** George and myself cuting and spliting wood on Wadsworth 3/4 of the day. I went to town meeting.

**Oct 15** Rainy day we worked in the chamber fixing bed.

**Oct 16** AM to work in the bedrooms in the chamber. PM I tuck a few jugs up to Pike and Barnard and got a bushel of meal.

**Oct 17** Cuting and spliting wood on Wadsworth all day.

**Oct 18** Forenoon I made a rattrap. Afternoon mending shoes.

**Oct 19** This day I spent chiefly abought home and did some chores.

**Oct 20** SUNDAY to meeting all day. A temperance lecter in the evening by Charls R. Whidden in the meeting hous.

**Oct 21** I spent most of the day trying to collect some depts.

**Oct 22 and 23** Cuting and spliting wood on Wadsworth 2 days.

**Oct 24** I went to the dedacation of the Baptis meeting hous at Salt Water village. I dug a grave and buryed a child for Doct. Noble.

**Oct 25** George and myself to work for George F. Wadsworth all day hailing off stones.

**Oct 26** I repaired the oven.

**Oct 27** SUNDAY to meeting all day. Seamans prayer meeting evening.

**(1844) Oct 28** I dug a grave and buryed a child for Charles Perkins, stillborn.

**Oct 29** I got out some stuff and partly made a door frame.

**Oct 30** I wheeled some mud from the sink spout and fixed for banking the back side of the hous.

**Oct 31** I got of Mr. Vicery a door in full. I fixed for putting it up.

**Nov 1** Making a door frame for the stept door. PM I attended a preparatory lecter.

**Nov 2** I fixed and hung the step door. We loaded a load of ware.

**Nov 3** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening.

**Nov 4** AM I had Mr. Wadsworth hors and tuck a load of ware up to town. PM to work for Wadsworth ½ day. George to school all day first day.

**Nov 5** A rayney day, I kept hous all day and mended an old umberilla.

**Nov 6** George and myself cuting wood on Wadsworth and McFarlane ½ day. PM I worked for Wadsworth ½ day digging and hailing stones. G. to school.

**Nov 7** I went down and got a door of George Smith a joiner, and fixed a frame to it and hung it. George to school.

**Nov 8** Forenoon I fixed a latch on to a-door and did some chores. PM I tuck my wheels up to Lovjoys and went up to Milltown to collect some depts. and got nothing.

**Nov 9** I went up to town and got a gallon of oil and some other things. PM We cut wood on Wadsworths and Mc.

**Nov 10** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening S. S. C.

**Nov 11** AM I did some work abought hous and went to town meeting. PM Cuting and spliting wood on Wadsworth and Mc (Farlin).

**Nov 12** To work for Wadsworth all day digging and hailing stones.

**Nov 13** I painted the closet and put up a shelf in the closet.

**Nov 14** We had Mr. Wadsworth's hors and halld 7 loads of wood off of Wadsworth's land.

**Nov 15** I got of A. Sawyer 1 bag of meal for 1.50. And carried him 1 doz. cream pots at 1.50.

**Nov 16** We piled up the wood that we halld day before yesterday and cut up fit for the stove and got it in.

**Nov 17** SUNDAY to meeting all day and evening prayer meeting for seaman.

**(1844) Nov 18** I bought of A. Sawyer 1 bbl. flour 5.50 and paid him $4 cash and 14 cream pots. I bought of Joel Knight 1 cask lime. I had Mr. Wadsworth's hors and wagon and brought up a tub from Shubell Bohannahs and brought home my flour and lime.

**Nov 19** I got old Mr. Bohannah and we killd the hog and I payed him 75 cents in full.

**Nov 20** I bought of T. Sawyer a pork berrel, and some salt 40 cts. and I cut up and salted the hog. He wayed 297 3/4 lb.

**Nov 21** We began to grind led and led ware.

**Nov 22** Forenoon we cleaned out the kiln and I mended shoes. PM We began to dig a grave for H. Sterns wife.

**Nov 23** We finished digging Mrs. Sternses grave and I went up to town and to Millton.

**Nov 24** SUNDAY to meeting forenoon the hill. PM to the Unitarian. PM I had Mr. Wadsworth hors in the hers and buryed Mrs. Sterns. The afternoon serving was ajorned till 7 o'clock in the evening.

**Nov 25** AM We banked up the east end of the hous. PM we leded and sot some ware into the kiln.

**Nov 26** I made a woodbox and went up to town. I tuck 7 cream pots up to A. Sawyer and I got 1 gal. molass of G. King and 1 gal. vinegar and 1/2 bushel salt and paid for them.

**Nov 27** Last night there fell a very light snow abought a foot the first we have had this year and today it flies merryly. I mixed some plastering morter and did some chores abought home.

**Nov 28** I swept the meeting hous.

**Nov 29** Mending shoes all day.

**Nov 30** I put a banking of hay against the plastering of the cellar and did some other chores abought the hous.