

Mercury this
Morn.

April 1855
Sabbath 1st.

A rain set in last night & the day
has been raining with wind North East
but this Eve is bright moonlight - Father
says the rain today has made it look more
like Spring than any thing there has been
before this & the birds have been quite merry.

Uncle rested some the last part of the
night but feels only so so today still he has
been able to listen to much reading & he
has also been shaved & changed his linen.

No one at meeting today on ac-
count of the rain & both Lephie & Sarah are
quite unwell - Emily is much better
John is not here his time was out last
night he now intends farming on his
own hook - having bought a piece of land
of Mr Johnson.

No news from the Post Office today as
no one was at meeting - since the wind
came round & cleared it has blown very
hard & appears to be growing quite cold -

Grogo peeped when I was up with Uncle
last night but none to be heard this Morn

Grogo peeped

Monday this
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Monday April 2nd 1855-

The past night has been clear but very windy & the day has been even more windy than the night & is very cold but seems lessening as the Eve closes in. Uncle says he slept very little last night but has been much as usual today but this Eve complains of feeling some pain in the region of the liver & fears an attack of gall stones.

The weather is so severe no Carpenters or Masons come to work on the new house - Father & William off at 9 o. this Morn for Society's Meeting after which came town meeting. Brother returned at Noon but Father did not get home till nearly night - Bro. P. M. William has been to the father-farm with compass after his return he hired an Irish man to work he is to begin tomorrow.

Emily is well today but sister L. is quite sick - Mother has been sitting with Uncle today while I have been assisting Sarah washing. after which Sarah went to Mrs. Allen to get Mary to accompany herself & William to the concert this Eve - they started at 6 o. & home at 11 o. Sarah Carpenter joined them they returned about 11 o. +

John Hunt has spent this Eve with the family. From the Post Office three newspapers -

Mercury this
morning

Tuesday April 3rd 1855

The past night was quiet but cold
& the Mom seemed really Wintery
but the sun shined & the birds have
tried to sing - one Meadow Lark sung
yesterday - but they cannot be very merry
till the frogs peep again

Uncle rested so so last night & is quite
comfortable today though not much appetite
William went to the Village this Morn. after
which Father started for the City - there are
two Carpenters at the new house today
Sarah put her clothes out quite early, since
which the wind has risen considerably -

Williams new man John Brown came
this Morn & seems to do very well & this Eve
Brother has hired John Kelley for half the
time the coming Summer

Father with Sister E. returned about
5 P. M. but brought only one letter from
the Post Office - to me from
Mrs H. A. Vernon

the Eagle is in Providence & Father says
it is a fine bird -

Father bought Rev. S. J. Primes work today
\$2.00 - & got for Sarah the Carpers for April

Morning this
Morn 180

Wednesday April 4th 1855

A pleasant still Morning & the day has been mild with no wind but this Even pleasant breeze from the South.

Uncle rested tolerably last night & today has been so so & listened to much reading still his appetite is not good.

William & Father off to Providence this Morn after lumber &c for the house as all the carpenters are at work today as well as Mr Case - John Malloy is also here making our family at this time number ten men & six women including Uncle William.

Sarah mended this Morn & this P. M. has gone with Sister E - to see Aunt Blandings.

William returned with the lumber about 5 o'clock this P. M. & I believe the eagle came too. I heard both robins & blue birds this Morn.

William has been to spend the Evening at Mr Blandings with Sisters S - & E - they did not return till 10 o'clock. - Aunt Blandings was quite smart but Mr Blandings is not very well.

Monday
March

Thursday April 6th 1855.

Another clear morning & quite mild
& the birds have been singing beautifully
but this P.M. is cloudy & looks like rain
the ground is getting quite soft.

Uncle rested about as usual last night
& today has been comfortable & his appetite is
some better.

All off to their work by 6 A.M. this morning
but William soon returned & fixed a place
for the Eagle which was not completed when
Brother Abram & his bride returned from their
New Hampshire trip. Ellen was sick & had
to take her bed with a chill but since 3 A.M.
she has been sitting with the family.

Mother & Sister attended meeting today they
said to the prayer meeting & brought from
the Post Office two letters one for Sister S
from R. R. Ellis

Philadelphia
& from A. O. Blanding telling
he would be home today but like my last from
Stattush he came in time to receive it himself
& got Mr Case's carriage to come from the depot in
Peekinck

This P.M. Mr Merrill arrived with Brother
A. O. B's horse & carriage & as the rain set in he
fore night & William carried Mr Case home
there was one vacant place to put Mr Merrill
into - but for the rain Mr Case would have
finished the chimney at the new house

Mercury this
Morn.

Friday April 8th. 1855

The past night has been rainy & the
Morn continued so till ~~Morn~~ 9 o'clock this
when it cleared & the remainder of the
day was pleasant and the birds sang
& the frogs peeped

Uncle rested much as usual last
night & today has been so so though not
much appetite

B - this Morn freely without medicine
Father has been to the City today he carried
in Mr Kerrel to take the cars for New Hampshire
Father brought nothing from the Post Office
by him I sent my hasty note for
Mrs H. H. Vernon

Providence

Dr H. O. Blanding & Mrs Blanding with sister
Lephe have been to the Post Office this P. M. but
obtained no letters

Sisters L & S. prepared to visit D. A. Car-
penter this P. M. but she passed here so they
staid at home & Sarah & self have been to Mrs
Allyns & made some purchases - as we came
home we called at Anns but she was not at
home so we did not see the baby -

Mr Case came this afternoon & finished
the chimney at the new house & then went home
before supper

Monday the 17th

Saturday April 7th 1855

A clear day & mild comparatively but for the season it seems cold & chilly

Uncle had a poor rest last night but has been sleeping much today

B- without medicine quite freely today

Father has a heavy cold & is complaining some of a lame back but has this P.M. been with Henry Perry to the Village to do some surveying but did not do it could find no starting & is going to Saunton about it next week

Brother H. O. B- has built his Eagle which Father has named Samy fine large pen & has told him have a tub of water to wash in as it is Sat. he is a noble bird -

I have attempted writing to Glabush today but was too late for the Post Office & this P.M. I put Uncle's room in order & bathed his feet

Sarah has been very busy with the baking & Emily has prepared dinner with Mother's assistance & direction

I have been in the yard today looking at some of the plants I fear I have lost some of my choice roses but only a few things have started as yet - the buds are swelling but very little

Mercury this
Morn.

Sabbath April 8th 1855

A clear day but cold & chilly for the season yet the birds sing & frogs continue to peep.

Uncle rested tolerably well last night & I think would have had a comfortable day but my cold is so bad I cannot read aloud which is so unusual Uncle feels like it was neglected. Father is almost as hoarse as myself yet read along time to Uncle while others were at meeting but after meeting A. O. B. read to Uncle.

Mother

E. P. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

J. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

Dr. A. O. Blanding

Mrs. A. O. Blanding

Emily Johnson were at meeting & staid all day excepting the Dr & his lady who only went for afternoon service Mrs. A. O. B. is not yet entirely free from chills & has besides a heavy cold which makes her feel miserably.

A. O. B. & Sister E. called upon Mrs. Else today noon & found her very feeble.

Nothing from the Post Office today but
Newspapers

Monday April 9th. 1855-

Morn. A fine clear Morn but it seems cool & there was a heavy white frost but soon the wind began to blow & before night it was raining but this Eve it looks like clearing.

Uncle rested only tolerably last night and today has been so so - All appear better of their colds today but Father his is increased & with it a lame back so he can scarcely walk. Ellen had a slight chill today -

Brother H. O. B. has been to the Post Office today & look for me letters to

Hattie W. Verner
Mrs & Miss Anne Bradstreet
Halbush L. I. N. Y.

he called at Mrs Elze - they thought her much more comfortable - Sister Lizzie went with Brother H. to Mrs Drown & made a short call

Sarah has been hard at work with the washing today but does not put it out it is so dull weather. Emily has worked nicely today

Only two men at the other house working today & the two Johns here doing farm work

William had a white calf this Morn & a letter of fifteen pigs but only twelve of them lived

Mom.
Mum.

Tuesday April 10th 1855-

Another clear Mum & quite cool so there is considerable ice & no frogs sleeping but the birds sing & one pair of blue birds have already began to build a nest on the small Elm tree in the front yard

Uncle rested so so last night but this Mom his breakfast did not suit him & he has not seemed very smart yet able this P.M. to see both Maria & Mr Weeden who with their children have been visiting at Mr Percie's

Father seems no better today I can scarcely get around without his cane to assist him

Mother & Sister E. have gone to spend the day with Aunt Rachel Carpenter who appears to be failing & is in care of a Physician

All seem better of their colds today but Father, mine is nearly well

William had another calf come this Mom. The fowls have been picking corn buds today. Still only two Carpenters at the other house

William & H. P. D. have been to the Post Office this Eve & obtained letters from friends to Mrs Dr Blanding & Sister E. also two newspapers

Wednesday April 11th 1855

Mercury this
Morn
Last night was cloudy & some rain
& the Morn was the same with a little
snow occasionally sprinkling down
but this P.M. the wind is strong from the West &
the clouds are fast disappearing -

Uncle slept tolerably last night not-
withstanding the severe pain in his face last
Evening - Today he seems to have more appetite

B slightly this A.M. without medicine
this P.M. Uncle has been sleeping some -
Father is no worse today so we hope he will soon
be improving the other invalids are better -

William started for Providence about 9 P.M.
this Morn goes in place of Father he took a
note for me to Mrs A. H. Vernon & Sister E -
sent a letter by him

Gilbert D. Pearce came this Morn & paid
his interest Money due Uncle & renewed his
note taking up the two 50. & giving one \$100.00

Brother H. D. carried dinner to the other farm
there are three carpenters at work today up there
this P.M. Brother H. D. has gone to Perryville to
see Henry Perry on some business about land &
as Father was too unwell to keep his engagement

William returned from the City at 5 P.M.
& brought letters to Uncle & self mine was from
Mrs H. P. Murray

I contained the intelligence of the death of Cousin
Alfred Murray wife at Mobile on the 21st ult

Thursday
Morn.

Thursday April 12th 1855

Some rain fell during the past night & the A. M. was cloudy & cold with frequent gusts of rain & snow & some hail but this P. M. it has cleared but continues cold with a strong wind from the N. W.

Uncle had more neuralgia last Evng & the first part of the night than for sometime past but after 10. slept some & more this Morn & has been quite comfortable today but such a succession of sad news from Mr. Murrays family affects his nerves I can see Father is better today & this P. M. has gone as far as Mrs. Allens but he is far from well. Mother is nearly sick today from a heavy cold but others are better of their colds.

Abram & Ellen went to the Post Office this Morn but obtained only one Newspaper for our family.

Sarah has been to Noahs & taken Mrs. Murrays letter - William & John have been working on the old field today - but are now loading hay for market tomorrow.

Ellen, Lizzie & Lepta are all busy sewing & Sarah has finished the ironing - Mother & Emily prepared dinner.

Monday this
Morn.

Friday April 13th 1855

A bright day but this P.M. there is some appearances indicating rain soon - I have been into the yard this A.M. looking at my plants for the first time this season - the Winter has been too severe for some of my plants they have died - three of my choicest roses are dead -

Uncle slept quite comfortably last night I have been so so today I have seen company. Father's back is better of any change but he still feels unable to stir but very little. Mother has a severe cold coming on, others of the family are better of their colds.

We expected company for dinner today & prepared for it but soon after dinner they came (i.e.) Dea Plympton & his daughter & staid till after tea & Sister E. went into town with them - Uncle for the first time saw the Dea & was pleased with him -

Brother H. O. B. & Lady with Sister Sophie have been this P.M. to call upon Aunt Blanning, Aunt Rachel Carpenter, Cousin Julia Annis & Mrs Bowens & home for tea so they had no time for calling at Mrs Drown's which I much regret.

It seems the new house will never get done till all are worn out with workmen William was in the City today with his & brought out a load of compost.

Morning
Mercury this

Saturday April 14th 1855-

A fine clear Morning but before noon
cloudy & this P. M. quite rainy but be-
fore night quite clear again -

Uncle seems to rest better than he
has done - gets to sleep sooner nights and
has less neuralgia than early in the week
& his appetite seems a little better

After getting my Saturdays work
done as far as Uncle was concerned I made
ready & at 11 A. M. started with Abram & Ellen
for Providence where he put up the horse
& we called for Sister E. & left word for her to
follow us out to Mr Vernons where we arrived
in time to meet a dinner party & stayed &
dined feeling quite out of place at 4 P. M. we
left in the rain & came down to the Arcade
in an Omnibus where E. & E. waited
while Brother & self went out a little & then
started for home having accomplished nothing
in the way of business - we reached
home just before dark I with a headache
We found no letter at the Post Office for any
one & made no call upon Aunt Carpenter
Sophie has taken care of Uncle today -

Yesterday William brought me a letter from

Annie H. Murray

Ottawa Illinois

telling particulars of Mrs Mallingers sickness
& death a sad history of suffering -

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Wednesday this

Sabbath April 15th. 1855

A cloudy Morn & the A. M. quite sunny
but towards Evening it cleared away
& was beautifully clear & starlight

Uncle slept tolerably last night but feels
the effect of the weather today but has listened
to a great deal of reading -

At meeting this afternoon

W. W. Blanding

N. A. Blanding

S. M. Blanding - Wm went in

home for Sabbath School - there were quite a
good number out to meeting but Mr Gms-
sengers services were unusually short as he
is suffering from a heavy cold & was too hoarse
to preach only with the greatest effort

Brought from the Post Office one newspaper
& one letter for Mrs Dr Blanding -

Father thinks his back is really better today
though very weak - Mother's cold is very bad
& Ellen has had a slight chill - Lizzie is also
suffering from her cold & has a very lame neck

Father was able to shave Uncle today & at the
same time changed his linen -

William & Sarah have been to Mr Tices this Eve
John & Ann had Courley yesterday to take their
children to the City & have the baby James Lang-
-on christened - they came home this Eve

Monday April 16th. 1855.

Monday this
morning 40°

A clear & quite cool morning with a severe white frost but the day has been mild & spring like & very pleasant but for a high wind that has blown this P.M. Uncle rested much as usual last night but today has been nursed by Ellen & Sophie & I scarcely know how he has been only he seems comfortable this Evening —

B without medicine today quite freely Father is so much better today that he rode with Abram to the Society's Meeting where they learned Mr Governor has decided to stay with the \$750, or dollars salary —

William went to the City this Morn after lumber & did not get home till middle of P.M. & then went up to the other farm with his load

Sarah had a large wash today & I tried to assist her some but it was 4 P.M. before we were through — Mother's cold is still severe but she prepared the meals with Emily's help. At Mr H's she came here this afternoon and fixed the clock

Only two men at the house at work today

Monday this
Morn 85°

Wednesday April 17th 1855-

Another fine clear day warm & Spring-like but this Eve the clouds are gathering & rain threatens the wind has been fresh from the South & it is quite dusty -

Uncle had a comfortable night's rest last night & today has been so so - He does not like to have me gone quite so often. Sepsie has again had charge of him today as Sarah was busy evening which was very large

B again today without medicine

Father is so much better he rode to Providence today I went with him - started as soon as possible after doing Uncle's work and writing a deed for Father for James H. Perry - we were off at 11 a.m. & met Sister E. about 1 o'clock - when we started to make purchases at about 4 o'clock were through but could not find Father till about 5 o'clock - when we started out with fish, grocer & lumber & got home in time for supper with the men having missed a call from Dr. Benne & his son Everett who is at home at vacation but leaves next Thursday for his school again & his sister goes with him. No letters from the P. O. today -

Abram & Ellen went in to the City before we this Morn but we could not find them they sat for their daguerreotypes & had few likenesses taken - they were home at 5 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday April 18th 1855

From 4:20
Merrimack

A real Spring day very warm & pleasant
& this Eve a tremendous shower has pass-
ed round only a little sprinkle came
here - the lightning was unusually vivid

Uncle slept comfortably last night & has
been so so today had fresh herrings for break
fast & enjoyed them as much as Father and
Abram & Ellen did their breakfast

At 10 o'clock this morn Father with Abram &
the baggage started for the depot at Providence
& soon after Ellen & Sarah started with black
tern - all got there safe but tern run away
with Sarah coming home, but no harm came
Father came some time after Sarah

Frank Harrison & wife & child called this morn
to have A. O. B. - sent the child's guns - Christine
Drown called upon the bride just as she was
leaving & then made us a call & said Uncle also -
Mrs. Drown was so smart as to take a long ride
yesterday with Mrs. Harrison & Mrs. Grosvenor

Henry Perry came this P. M. for his deed - and
when supper & milking was over William took
the calf & sisters E. & L. & carried them to Cous
in Wm H. Bullicks to spend a few days - he did
not get home till 9 o'clock when it was very dark - he
gave the calf to Cousin

Matters cold is severe yet but Father's back
continues to improve some -

Sent A. O. Blanding fifty dollars and
took his note -

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Thursday April 19th 1855

Another warm Spring like day -
this P.M. has threatened a shower but
it has clouded & looks like rain without
Uncle much as usual today after quite
a comfortable rest last night -

Father much better today so he has
been preparing a load for Market for tomorrow
& Mother's cold is a little better so she has this
P.M. gone with Mrs Wilmarth ^{to call} on Mrs Johnson
Sarah went with Brother Wm at noon to the
other house she says it looks very finely

William is getting in his oats today, and
Mr Case & Samuel came this Morn to plaster
the new house

Mrs Morn we carried all our plants out
of the cellar into the open air & Sarah washed
the Japanese & rope Gardenia very nicely -
I have set out some roots today & hope they
will do well - yesterday Sarah & self uncovered
some of my plants in the yard & we have no-
ticed today that blue birds & Robins are already
building their nests

Yesterday Father got at the Providence
P.O. a letter for Uncle from

Mr J. M. Justice
Philadelphia
Pa

Monday this
Morn.

Friday April 20th 1865

A very cloudy Morn & soon a slight
rain began to fall which increased
to a heavy rain & has continued all
day but this Eve it looks like clearing - the
black birds this P. M. have been very merry
& Uncle says it is a sign of fair weather

Uncle rested comfortably last night
but today feels the effect of the storm

B - again this Morn without medicine
Father has not been to the City today he
continues to improve - his back is weak
William arose early & prepared for going
into the City but the rain has kept him
at home - has not even been to the other farm

Sarah went to the P. Office P. M. notwithstanding
the rain but found only News
papers - I hope we may hear soon from A. C.

The men came from the other house this
Eve with only one umbrella & some of
them were quite wet but at bed time took
plenty of pepper tea to dry & warm themselves

Mercury this
Morn.

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Saturday April 28th. 1855-

A lovely Morn & day after the rain
& everything seems growing now -

Uncle slept much as usual last
night and today as so so - I think his
afflictions have unnerved him more
than any thing for a long time -

William has been to the City today with a
load of hay & brought out lumber & lime &
Father was also in with vegetables for the
Market he came home about sunset but
William did not get home till dark

Mother prepared dinner today as Emily
Mother came to see her & look all her time
Sarah has baked but first this Morn took
black Gorn & went for Sisters Lephie & Elizabeth
to Cousin W. H. Bullock & brought them home
This P. M. William Peabody & Maria Plym-
pton came out for tea & Sister E. returned
with them to the City

Sarah Case made a short call this P. M.
when she came down for her Father but they
did not stay for tea - neither did either
of the other men & John Brown has also gone
into the City for the Sabbath -

John worked part of the day for me today
B today quite freely without medicine

From
Pursuing this

Sabbath April 22nd 1855

A cold bleaking day quite in con-
trast with yesterday though the wind
is southerly

Uncle rested comfortably last
night & has been so so today & enjoyed his
dinner of baked shad quite like old times
but I have been too drowsy to read all Uncle
wished - he has been shaved & changed all
his linen today

Father continues better but Mother's cold is
so severe she does not venture out to meeting
today & Sister S. dared not venture out but
half a day so no one attended all day but

W. W. Blanding

S. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

E. Johnson at meeting this

P. M. - the Rev Mr. Allen of Boston preached
he is a young man & not yet settled - Sister
S. did not come but went home with Cous-
-in W. R. Bullocks family

Several newspapers came from the P. O.
this P. M. and two letters for Sister S. from
Mrs Mc Murtry

Camden Mass

& S. C. Avery

West Brunswick N. H.

our family seems very small - but John
Brown came home for supper

Monday
Morn.
Tuesday

Monday April 23rd 1855-

Another fine Spring like day & all
took an early start & prepared break-
fast for Mr Case & Samuel who were
here early but the Carpenters did not
come & will not till the last of this week

Uncle rested much as usual last night
& has been comfortable today. Mother has sat
with him most of today as I have tried to
assist Sarah with her washing & also had
John assisting about my plants

Before our washing was done John had
the trees taken up & every thing ready for a
start to set them in the grave yard so we
left all & went down there & did not get back
till 2 1/2 P. M. John set two Weeping willows
two bunches of Sycamores & six Elms at the
yard we found the frost not yet out of the
ground & it very hard to get holes deep
enough for the trees - John set them nicely
& I hope they will live - some flowers were bloom-
ing at dear Sisters grave

When we got home & ate dinner & finished
off the washing but before it was done it was 4 o'clock

William has been hauling sand from the old
field to the new house preparing to plaster to-
morrow

Some seeds planted in the vegetable garden today

Monday this
Morn - 34°

Wednesday April 24th. 1855
Another fine morning but quite cool
still the day has been fine & warm -
some indications of rain at hand this
Evening -

Uncle seems to sleep very comfortably
nights but today seems rather more nervous
but has this P.M. had a call from Leggie Perre
Father started at 9 o'clock this Morn for Providence
with a load of vegetables for the Market - he
got home about 5 o'clock P.M. Sister E. came with
him, she is not well took cold yesterday -
she spent her time while on the City at Mr
Kingsbury's - Mary is engaged to be married
Sarah arrived this Morn & then carried dinner
to the new house & was weary enough this P.M.
William has been hauling sand to the new
house & hauling out compost on this farm
Mother's cold continues quite unchanged
but keeps about the work as usual - Emily
has burned her hand with powder this Eve
William & Samuel Case have this Eve been
to the Post Office but obtained only two news
papers -

I have done little today besides work at my pl-
ants for Emily's work & read to Uncle

Mercury this
Morn. 47°

Wednesday April 25th 1855

The early Morn was cloudy but the middle of the day clear & very warm but clouds have again gathered this Eve & it seems quite cool

Uncle did not sleep quite as well last night but has had some fine naps today & been very comfortable & I have read but little Sister E. is very unwell today but I hope the medicine she has taken this P. M. will make her feel better —

Mother has been in the basement today & prepared dinner as Emily's hand prevents her doing any thing of the work kind

Sarah finished the evening today & this P. M. has gone over to Mrs. Helyars

Willeam has been ploughing today & Father has burned the Willows & been selling out culling both here & at the other farm since which he has been cleaning up all around —

This P. M. John Shalloy is cleaning the paths & John Brown is tending the masons at the new house

Annie Pierce came in this P. M. & brought Uncle a note & some papers from Aunt Carpenter who is now at Mr. Weedens

Thursday April 26th 1855

Peruery this
Morn.

Memorandum
from

Friday April 27th 1855

A clear cool morning but a strong wind which increased to almost a gale & blew throughout the entire day & blew open the sky light & broke eight pines.

Uncle had a tolerably comfortable night's rest - did not call me till after 4 o'clock. This morning I slept none after 3^{1/2} o'clock, having a sick burn & during the day I have had a severe sick headache.

Uncle has been so so today - Mother & Sisters E. & S. have taken care of him by turns. Sister E. is more unwell today & this P. M. has been laying beside me to wait upon me but towards Eve. recd to Uncle while Mother prepared supper us Sister S. has this P. M. gone to mill & to get the horse shed & while waiting there will go into the Examination as today Aurelia graduates at Suckunk Seminary she commences school in S. a week from Monday - Mrs Pierce was up there -

Brother William has been lending masons or rather making mortar at the other house & got some of it into his eye which has hurt him very much.

Mr Locke & Mr Briggs brought from the P. O. this Eve several newspapers & a letter from H. C. Blanding & one for H. C. Blanding from New Hampshire -

Memo.

Memoranda

Saturday April 28th 1855

A cool but clear Morning & the day has been ~~the~~ cool with a fresh wind & this P.M. it looks like snow so says Father.

Uncle did not sleep quite as well as usual last night. Sister A. got up with him last night - today Uncle is rather more complaining than usual.

Sister E. is better today as well as myself but this P.M. I find I have headache again & some face ache.

Father with Emily's assistance has prepared dinner, Sophie Sarah baked & I have endeavored to put the chambers in order.

This P.M. Dea Plympton & his youngest son has been out & after tea Sister E. went into the City with them. She expects to come out Monday.

This Morning Father was ready to start for Prov. an errandman came for him to do a job of sawing on the great plain so he gave up going to market & went there. He came home through Prov & brought the plashers & bonnet. He carried letters to the Office for

S. C. Avery

Miss Baccusson N. H.

& A. O. Blandine

For Newark N. J.

This Eve Sister Sophie came home weaned out with her weeks work. Clara Bullock came home with her to stay till tomorrow.

Letters distributed

Sabbath April 29th 1855-

When I arose this Morn at 5 o'clock I found it snowing which it continued to do by showers till 9 o'clock. A. M. though it did not gain so as to make a show upon the ground this P. M. there has been some rain & the Eve closes in dark & damp

Uncle had a tolerable nights rest but to day feels the effect of the storm by more pain in his face & head than usual still he has been shaved & changed his linen but has taken but two meals - yet listened to a good deal of reading

W. W. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

J. M. Blanding

Clara Bullock

E. Johnson attended meeting this afternoon went in here to be there at Sabbath School - Clara went home

They brought nothing from the Post Office as Edward Pierce was down & brought up the Newspapers last Evening

Mr Fletcher the Beekmantown Seminary teacher came down to Mr Pierces last Eve & is now where Aurora passed examination before the School Committee yesterday

Matters cold kept her from meeting today

Monday
Morning

Monday April 30th 1855-

A dull cloudy cold Morning & the day has proved like the Morning-

Uncle rested about as usual last night but today feels the effect of the damp weather & this afternoon has suffered from a severe pain at the pit of his stomach but this Evening seems better

Our house is again full of workmen with Uncle we number nine men two of them are the Masons & two are Carpenters

Lephe has cared for Uncle today while I assisted Sarah some about the washing after which I read to Uncle & then prepared the parcels to go by Mrs Brown tomorrow but was compelled to write very hastily & short notes

William has been clearing out the well this P.M. while Luther has been very busy this A.M. he went to Sylvanus Carpenters & the other farm & this P.M. went to the other farm & to the Village Mr Pierce has today had our horse & carriage to carry Mr Fletcher to Dighton

No 5 }
May 1855

Tuesday 1st.

Another cloudy day with occasional slight sprinkles of rain - wind Northerly.

Uncle rested much as usual but last night but today has been like yesterday very nervous unless some one was reading to or talking with him.

B again freely without medicine

Soon after breakfast this Morn sister A took my packages to Mrs Brown who has kindly promised to take them to Glut Bush for our friends - Mrs B expects to start at Wed. this Morn (wra) of Gauntton and Fall River - Sarah obtained only Newspapers at the Post Office this Morn -

Father has not been to the City today the clouds have looked so threatening for rain so has been very busy fixing the well & transplanting trees &c &c Brother William has been finished ploughing the long meadow & has since been harrowing

Song John has been tending upon the Meadows at the other house today - Eben Lane has had the oxen -

Mother's cold is better & Lephie is rested Sarah & self have been visiting friends this afternoon -

Barbury this
Morn.

Wednesday May 2nd 1855-

A cold cloudy Morn with wind North East & a little rain very early but soon after 9 o'clock the clouds dispersed & the day has been very fine but not as hot as some days though the sun shines but Uncle slept comfortably last night & today seems calmer than yesterday & has had a tolerable appetite

At 7 o'clock this Morn William started for the City with a load of hay

About 9 o'clock Father started for Providence with a few things for Market - Sarah accompanied him - he carried letters for Mrs A. P. Murray

Ottawa Ill.
Mrs Wm. Broadstreet

Gloucester Long I.
& Miss R. A. Cutter

East Machias Me -
Sarah went to the Village this Morn before she started for Prov. obtained a letter for Brother from Mr J. A. Hall
some Newspaper
Raynham Mass
Mrs Wilmarth called at the door this Morn while I was working a little at my plants Mrs Horton called this afternoon

Monday
Memorandum

Thursday May 4th. 1855

Another cloudy Morn but soon
the sun came out bright & the day has
been one of the finest of the season

Uncle rested comfortably last night
& has been so so today & appeared to enjoy
his company - About 12 o. Cousin Maria
Weeden & Aunt Carpenter with Mrs Weeden's
little girl called (c. 1) staid till nearly 5 o. P.M.
Cousin left her other children in the City as
George was not well last night - Sarah &
self went to Mr Chances with Maria when I
took a sick headache & came home & as soon
as our friends left I went to bed

Lephe has gone to Aunt Rachels today
Sarah carried her & came home by the Post
Office & found a letter for Father from
C. A. Barnesworth Esq.

Paul Buckel has
appointed today for him to meet the men
on the great plain to settle that line, but
Father was off for the City about 9 o. & Sarah
did not get home till nearly or quite 12 o. -
Father went in for doors &c for the new house
he returned about 4 o. & went immediately up
to Elm Hill with his load - He did stay to see
Cousin Maria safely off

Morning
Mercury this

Saturday April 14th. 1855-

A fine clear Morning but before noon
cloudy & this P. M. quite rainy but be-
fore night quite clear again -

Uncle seems to rest better than he
has done - gets to sleep sooner nights and
has less neuralgia than early in the week
& his appetite seems a little better

After getting my Saturdays work
done as far as Uncle was concerned I made
ready & at 11 A. M. started with Abram & Ellen
for Providence where he put up the horse
& we called for Sister E. & left word for her to
follow us out to Mr Vernons where we arrived
in time to meet a dinner party & stand &
dined feeling quite out of place at 4 P. M. - we
left in the rain & came down to the Arcade
in an Omnibus where E. & E. waited
while Brother & self went out a little & then
started for home having accomplished nothing
in the way of business - we reached
home just before dark I with a headache
We found no letter at the Post Office for any
one & made no call upon Aunt Carpenter
Sophie has taken care of Uncle today -

Yesterday William brought me a letter from

Annie H. Murray

Ottawa Illinois

telling particulars of Mrs Stallingers sickness
& death a sad history of suffering -

Mom.
Munday this

Saturday May 8th 1853

Another clear day but cool & some indications of rain soon the farmers call it very dry now for the season as well as very backward

Uncle slept tolerably well last night & has been comfortable today had a nice sleep this Morn while I was putting things to rights - Father is quite unwell today has taken some medicine & abstained from food. I feel quite over yesterday's sick turn

Just before 12 o'clock Mr Mrs Best & Lydia arrived from Berpley they slept till tomorrow & this P.M. Uncle has had a pleasant visit from Mrs Best & Mother & talked of olden times

Just at tea time Cousin Abby came & brought Sister Laphie home & made a little call since she left Sister L has filled Lydia a dress

Mother & Emily prepared dinner today & Sister L has baked - I have put the chambers in order & was the last that finished work but found time to make Uncle two course bowls

Long John leaves tonight - but the Carpenters say they must come again next week

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Hercy 1855

Sabbath May 8th 1855-

A clear & very cool day for the season
& every thing is very backward indeed

Uncle did not rest as well as usual last
night & was a good deal complaining today but
after lunch at noon he felt better & ate heartily at
dinner after meeting of Mrs. Allen's present of Gulls
head &c. After which he received calls from Dr
Benoni Carpenter & Mr & Mrs Noah Pierce & he
appeared to enjoy them - He has been shaved &
changed his linen today -

Sarah was not very well today so did not
go to meeting neither did Father or self or Lydia
At Meeting all day

Mathew
Mrs Beert
W. W. Blanding
L. B. Blanding
E. Johnson

Lydia started for home soon after dinner
Nothing from the Post Office today but
Newspapers

Sister L did not return from meeting but
went home with Mrs Cyrus Bliss as she will
see for her some this week

Monday May 7th 1855

Very pleasant Morn & very cool for the season but the day has been delightful a clear bracing air & this P. M. is quite warm but as the sun went down it seems cool again

Uncle had an unusually good rest last night was not up after going to bed till after daylight this Morn. & his appetite is better today - Mother has sat with him while I tried to assist Sarah some with her washing which was quite large

George Curtis came today in place of John Ogdon - he moves with a measured step he has been assisting John to plant in the garden this P. M. - William has been all day ploughing on the old field -

Just before our washing was entirely completed this P. M. Dea Plimpton & his son & daughter came with Sister E. - they all staid for tea - & before Sarah was dressed her friends Mr & Mrs Mason from Danvers came but made only a short call - Miss Mason came to get approbated by our School Committee but has to come again next Saturday

This Eve Brother Wm & Sister S. went up to Mr Ruben Owens - there have been several fires burning in various directions today - Sister E. has had a beautiful silver napkin ring given her

Two years today since our dear Sister Juliet died counting weeks it was two years last Saturday

Harvey & Mary

George Curtis

Monday this
Mm 990
A.M.

Tuesday May 8th 1855-

A clear Morn when the sun rose but soon the clouds gathered & rain threatened & before 12 o'clock it was raining fast & snowing some the rain still continues with wind from the North East blowing heavily. Uncle did not rest very well last night but today seems much as usual - Sister E has sat with & read to him much today. B again today without medicine - Fritz & Father went to the City today & Sarah accompanied them they came home in a pouring rain about 3 o'clock but dry considering they were in an open wagon - I hope they have not taken cold.

Mother has taken an oversight of the meals - besides doing a large part of the ironing before tea & made flapjacks for supper. Emily has assisted Mother about the work & been very industrious this P.M. sewing on her apron -

Our carpenters are still here but think they have only one more days work to do. Gilbert has been down for three loads of manure today.

We expect Brother A. C. B. reached Providence this Evening.

Mercury this
Morn.

Wednesday May 9th 1855

The past night was very stormy with wind & rain & it continues today till every thing looks saturated. The wind is North East & very cold we need fire like Winter.

Uncle did not rest very well last night & today feels the effect of the storm very much as we all do. Father has some headache it is doubtless from being housed today.

In the heavy rain just before noon Brother A. O. Blanding arrived he walked out of Providence & got thoroughly wet from top to toe & this P. M. feels dull enough & with Father has been enjoying a good deep fire.

John took the mens dinner to them today & they say tonight that they have finished work & will leave us tomorrow morn. Brother W. settled & paid the Carpenters this Eve.

Brother has a heavy cold & feels dull today. Mother prepared dinner today a soup. Emily assisted her some & has sewed & knit some.

Mr Hunt & John have been in this P. M. & settled with William.

A. O. B. found Handel Martin on the Steam boat coming down the North River yesterday.

Wed. P. M. still raining heavily with less wind.

Snow again this afternoon.

Monday this
March 31st

Thursday May 10th 1855

This Morn early was cloudy but
soon the sun came out & the day has
been clear with a clear ^{cool} West wind.

Macle rested much as usual last night

B again today freely without medicine
he enjoys the milk asparagus

Our Carpenters left this Morn before break
fast & we feel quite at liberty today soon after
breakfast ~~brother~~ William took their chest of
tools with Sarah & Elizabeth first to see the house
then to the Village to call on Mrs Brown & get
the Mails — they brought one letter for me
told of from Mrs ~~James~~ J. Bond street
at the Adans house Washington
& several Newspapers Streets Boston

This P. M. Brother A. O. B. took a
horse & went out with Mother, self, & Emily to
see the new House which all liked very well
but so much looking gave me a headache
Gilbert is already getting his coarse goods

Mrs Brown & daughter has returned from
Glatfush the Dr sent them home because
the Dr could not make Charlotte mend

Monday
Nov 9th

Friday May 11th 1855-

A clear cold Morning & considerable
frost - even on the frame in the garden
Uncle had a comfortable rest last
night & has been so so today

Soon after breakfast this Morn Father
William & George went up to the new house &
cleared out & swept out preparatory to Gil
berts coming with his family today They brought
home a load of old stuff for kindling & two
small cottage roots that Gilbert had plough
ed up last fall like he did every thing else

Brother H. O. B. Sister L & self went this
A.M. to the old Irish Hunt place & got a
Juniper a pine some Buckthorns a Barba
ry bush & some small Guinea bushes, the
Juniper, Buckthorn the Barbery & a shrub
we did not know were set in the yard we got
the Buckthorns to please Uncle - H. O. B. has
been very busy this P.M. working in the garden
Father is also busy in the vegetable garden
Brother Wm & George are planting potatoes on
the Old field - while Sisters E & S. have spent
the P.M. at Mr Bradford Hortons

Mother has had a bad nose bleed this Eve

Mom.
Mourning this

Saturday May 12th 1855

A fine clear Morning & the day has been warmer but still a cold wind blowing. Uncle did not rest very well last night but has been comfortable today -

B - again free without medicine

William was up at 3 o'clock this Morn & milked & at 7 o'clock started for Providence with a load of hay & returned about 5 o'clock with a load of corn & cast

Father started about 8 o'clock this morn. for the City he carried in no marketing & returned about 4 o'clock P.M. with the money for the draft

About 4 o'clock this P.M. Brother H. O. B. with Sister E. started for Providence - at 7 o'clock - he returned leaving Sister there to stay till next Wednesday

Father with Emely's assistance prepared dinner - calves head &c it was very nice indeed & I regret Father was not here to eat of it. Uncle ate more than usual for his dinner. Sarah finished baking before noon

John came over this P.M. & assisted about milking - George has been planting on the old field lot - Emely has been over to see Anne this afternoon

\$150.00

Mercury this
morning

Sabbath May 13th. 1835

A fine clear day but rather cool
Uncle had a pretty good rest last
night & has been so so today - Father
has read much to him as well as myself

rather

W. W. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

Emily & Johnsons - attended
meeting all day - but Emily has not be-
haved very well & has spent the time since
dinner in bed & I hope in future she will
do well. I long to see her a good girl -

While I have been reading to Uncle since
Meeting Brothers & Sisters have had a very
good sing -

From the Post Office today a letter from
Mrs. S. C. Avery
West Cascaen N. H.
there were also several newspapers

Mercury this
Morn.

Monday May 14th 1855

A fine clear Morn & the day has been
very pleasant but cool for the season

Uncle had a tolerable night's rest but
today has been only so so as he has had
but little reading - Mother has sat with him

We slept rather late this Morn which made
us late about all our work - William dressed
a pig immediately after breakfast which was
completed before half our washing was done
Lezlie & Sarah attended to the pork work while
I washed & Lezlie prepared dinner after
Sarah got to washing again - Our men
are gone but it seems there will be plenty
of work to do anyhow

Mercury this
morning.

Tuesday May 15th 1855

Another fine day but warmer than yesterday - though the wind is high

Uncle rested much as usual last night but today does not feel very well as there is so much work to do - I was up early this morn & had all my affairs done & was looking forward to a quiet day with reading & writing for & with Uncle when the slaughtered pig came to mind so all pens & books were pressed & to the basement I went & while mother had laid & prepared dinner I made sausages & cleaned some & before ~~dinner~~ night every thing was done & glad was I to see it as well as the others

Father is very weary tonight as he has cut up the pork & salted it so that is all done Father put ice in with the meat & William found his ice is melting quite rapidly - but fear it will be of little service to him this summer as he intended as Mr Reynolds thinks he must have the milking done in the morning -

Mercury this
Morn.

Wednesday May 15th. 1855.

Another clear day but quite windy
but the sun seems warm

Uncle was comfortable last night &
today has been smarter than usual

Again I have been disappointed - after an ear-
ly start this Morn & a hurried attempt to get
my work done preparatory to reading & writ-
ing with Uncle today Mr Case & son Samuel
came for wheel washing & all hands had to
turn in to work - Lizzie took the basement
Sarah the first story & myself the second -
Uncle left his room & went into my room
while his was wheel washed which makes its
smell much sweeter but our force was too
much divided to make a thorough job of it
Mr Case was done by 2 P.M. & Uncle in his
room in time to take his dinner but Lizzie
did not get done till night neither did Sarah
& self & then only finished Wm's room & the set-
ting room besides what was done in Uncle's
Abram went into the City for Sister Co this
Morn got home about dinner time

Monday
Mercury 73°

Thursday May 16th. 1835—

A dull Morn & quite cool & rain threatened but the clouds dispersed & the P.M. has been clear & pleasant. Uncle had a very good rest last night his clean ceiling was a good anodyne and today he has been quite comfortable.

Brother H. C. B. & Sister Sophie started early this Morn for Mr Ball's of Rye in Mass where they purchased three thousand Strawberry plants for fifteen dollars & one yellow Rose, one white Lilac & Mr Ball sent me a fig tree—a small one, & a Prairie Rose. They did not get home till after dark.

Sarah & self have today have cleaned & put in order the back room & cleaned the dining room except the windows and taking up the carpet.

Dea E. H. King called here this P.M. he has been troubled with erysipelas of face—

Mercury this
Morn.

Friday May 17th. 1855-

A fine clear day but still cool

Uncle rested much as usual last night

Today as so Sister E & Mother have
been with him & reading to him while Sister
Sarah & self have been cleaning Mother's

sleeping room & putting it in order while
Sisters E & L or Mother have been cutting
the leaves & flowers off the strawberry plants
while Brothers have been setting them &
they have set over twenty five hundred
since Morning - a hard days work -

John & George ploughing for corn over at
towards - this P. M. Sisters E, L. & S
went to Mrs. Allen's for tea but as they were
scarcely gone when Cousins Abby and
Hannah Bullock & two children came
& I took their carriage & went over & brought
the girls home & we had company for tea

Father has been to the City today - I wrote
& sent by him a letter for Uncle to

Mr G. M. Justice

Philadelphia Pa

Mrs Pierce, Anne, & Lizzy had curley & the
carriage today to attend the funeral of Mr
Pierce's Cousin in Lebanon

Monday
Morn.

Saturday May 18th 1855

A most lovely Morn but clouds have gathered this P.M. & before night & it began to rain

Uncle has had a comfortable day after a tolerable night's rest - Sister E. & Lephie has sat with & read to him -

Brothers finished selling out the strawberry plants today & set also some from the old bed - besides ploughing all the A.M.

This P.M. Mr Angell & Edward Plimpton came out to see the eagle & other curiosities & when they went in Sister E. accompanied them they did not stay for tea & yet I think they were caught in the rain ere they reached the City

Father has been gone all day - every one seems to welcome the rain - It is very fine for the strawberries that are just set -

With sweeping & mowing & bathing Uncle & all the other &c of Saturday I did not get my work done till after Sister left home

Nursery this
Morn.

Sabbath May 19th 1855-

A cold cloudy day with considerable rain - No one attended Church

Uncle did not rest very well last night but has been shaved & changed his linen today & listened to almost constant reading from Father Brother H. O. B. & self I read in the Dead Sea Expedition

Mather worked very hard yesterday & took some cold the day previous cutting the strawberries under the peagga & today has been sick from it & unable to sit up but little - Sophie prepared the dinner Brothers & Sisters had a pleasant sing & he sides that little has transpired except the reading done on a rainy Sabbath -

I have heard Emily read in the Childs Paper this Evening & Sarah heard her read in the Bible - she improves in reading -

No 1

June 1855

Friday 1st.

A dull cloudy morning with some
rain

No 7

July 1855

Sabbath 1st.

Another exceedingly hot day very like
yesterday & today - everybody seems
overpowered by the heat -

Uncle feels the heat very much &
this Morn has changed his linen & put
on the thinnest of apparel he had - and
looks quite cool as H. O. B. - cut his hair quite
short a few days since - he has been shaved
today

S. M. Blanding

H. O. Blanding attended
meeting all day H. O. Blanding

Mrs Ellen Blanding were
here for the Morning service only it was
Communion day & the congregation was
very thin and at this P. M. as many went
home after communion - I never said peo-
ple look so heated in meeting ^{as} today

Two swarms of bees came of this Morn &
they went entirely off - three others came
off this P. M. & were hived -

Spencer the Morn

Mercury this
Morning.

Monday July 2nd. 1855—

A clear day with a fresh breeze blowing which makes it seem cooler than yesterday though the Mercury stands much the same

Uncle feels the heat so much he can get only poor rest nights & his appetite is quite poor he seems tired of strawberries!

We took an early start for Washington this Morning but I was not through all my jobs till 4 o'clock P. M. Sarah was done earlier but it was so warm I could not work fast anyhow besides Father and Sister L. starting off for Berkley delayed us a little — L. goes to stay a few weeks but Father was home again before 5 o'clock P. M. as showers threatened he paid Mr Beest \$125.00 for William who borrowed of Uncle \$10.00

^{my} ~~Eliza~~ has a lame foot and has not been to School today — she stuck a nail into her foot last Saturday & could not go to meeting

Tuesday July 3rd. 1855

Another clear warm day but
not the oppressive heat of a few of
the past days

Uncle enjoys the change of
temperature & now that Ellen is quite
rested he enjoys her reading to him
& I often leave him in her charge today
he has taken a long sleep with the room
dark & Sarah & Ellen have been sewing
in the West bedroom to wait upon him

Mother has prepared dinner while
I have tried to do a little ironing

The men are hard at berry making
ready to begin haying next week

A. O. B. was called to Mr. Nash's to see
Susan yesterday today finds her with sym-
ptoms of pleurisy—

Wednesday July 4th 1855

Mercury this
Morn.

A clear day & cool for the season not
a better day could be desired for all
the various performances of our Nation's
birthday which will be commemorated today.
Uncle seems more comfortable by the change
in the temperature & sleeps some better
still his appetite is far from good.

Father took an early start this Morn for
the City & carried the last of John's straw-
berries. Mary Ellen also went in with him.
They got home soon after noon & Father
was quite sick all the P.M.

Father prepared dinner today while
Sarah ~~worked~~ with a little of my assistance
and this P.M. Brothers W. W. C. & A. O. C.
with his wife & sister started immediately
after tea & called at Cousin W. H. Bullock &
had a pleasant call - then to Mr. Grosvenors
but all were gone but old Mrs. Blamson &
with her they had a pleasant but short call
over Fourth of July ended as it began very quietly
excepting the guns we heard from the distant
cities.

Thursday July 5th. 1853-

A dull Mon & the A.M. has been quite showery but this P.M. the clouds have dispersed & the Evening has closed in very fine the P.M. was especially hot after the sun came out

Uncle much as usual today he feels the dull weather as also the extreme heat I left him this P.M. in charge of H. O. B. & Ellen & at 2 1/2 P.M. started for Providence with Sister Sarah - went to Mr Drapers & made our purchases then to the Bookstore, when on our way there met Mrs. Grosvenor & Mrs. Harrison & invited them to accompany us to Mrs Plimpton - soon after reaching the Bookstore Sister E. & Maria Plimpton came in & when our purchases were made we went to Sisters home & looked tea with them & then started for home where we arrived at 9 1/2 P.M. the ride home was delightful I nearly fainted from heat in it one there Mr Pierce & Edward are leaving for William today

Monday
Morning

Friday July 6th 1855

Notwithstanding the fine Eve last
Eve the day has been dull & air close
& since noon some showers.

Uncle rested only so so last night &
today is much as usual his appetite con-
tinues but poor & he does not relish food
but seems quite interested in the Book which
I purchased yesterday "Noble Deeds of Amer-
ican Women" - from which I read this morn

This P.M. H. O. B. & lady went to the City
started soon after dinner in the oven but
was only a shower & the close of the P.M. was
quite pleasant for them to return which
they did but I know not at what hour as
my dinner gave me a sick stomach & I
went early to bed & lay till Uncle was ready
to go to bed.

William finished his work today & has
hired an Irishman for helping, he seems
very civil but looks very dirty - Mr Course
was here at work today.

Saturday July 7th 1855

It began to rain soon after light this Morn & continued by showers all day & in the P.M. it seemed to pour down at times almost a thunder shower. Uncle rested better last night & has a better appetite today I think from the cool weather.

As Sister S. hands are bad from poison I could not mix with them. I have assailed about the baking so I got to sewing earlier & completed two articles for Mrs Bowen.

The rain had prevented Gether from going into the City today so I presume Silas was much disappointed as he was to have come out with Gether to spend the Sabbath - he has not been out yet.

Abram has been to Mr. Nash & to Mrs. Drowns this P.M. - in the morn & Dr. Ashmull has been down to Mr. Wheaton's.

Mercury this
Morn.

Sabbath July 8th 1855

Another cloudy Morn. but the
clouds have dispersed & the P.M. has
been pleasant & quite cool

Uncle seems to have rested pretty well
last night & has had a comfortable day
Father has been read much to him

Mother

A. O. Blanding

E. A. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

S. A. Blanding

E. Johnson attended meet-
ing all day - Mr Grosvenor preached
one Newspaper & two letters from the P.O.
one from Mrs Genner

& one " Do J. B. Smith

both from Camden

they inform us that Mrs Samuel Kel-
ton died on the 20th ult quite suddenly
& that Mary Mc Murtry was married
on the Evening of the 23rd ult

Monday this
Morn.

Monday July 9th 1855

A fine clear day neither too hot
or too cool, but pleasant for washing

Uncle did not rest very well last night
but today seems much as usual Ellen
has sat with & read to him in my stead

Galher went into the City this A.M.

& got home about 6 o'clock. P.M. Silas Clempton
came home with him to stay till tomorrow
this Eve. A. O. B. & Lady with Sarah and
Silas took a ride round by the other farm
& the Village home - got two papers from
the Post Office - Jesse Nash is not quite
as well today

Michael the new Irishman came back
last night & this Morn was so fine Wm
commenced haying with quite a good
number in the hay field though Michael
cannot mow yet but Brother thinks of
trying to teach him -

Worshiping the
Morn.

Tuesday 10th July 1855

A clear Morn but the day has been
cool for the season with quite a strong
wind — warmer this P.M. than the m.

Uncle says he rested but little last night
but has had a comfortable day & has seen
considerable company today.

Sarah spent the Morn in the base-
ment cooking & with Ellen's assistance
made some very nice cake lemon pie, &
cranberry tarts — after I was through with
my morning's work I went out with Silas
Pleimpton & picked strawberries the last
for this season for as fast as we picked
the men mowed the patch over he we get
more than enough for tea & very fine ones.

About 10 o'clock Dea P. & Lucy with Maria and
Albert came to spend the day & at 4 o'clock P.M.
Edward came took tea with the company
& at 8 1/4 o'clock all started for home Sarah carried
part of the company over the hills they ap-
peared to have a pleasant visit — Uncle said
Dea P.

William has been hauling in hay part
of the day for himself & also for Mrs Allen.

Mercury this
morning

Wednesday July 11th 1855

A cool cloudy Morn. Some rain
before noon but it cleared after den-
ner & the Eve closed in very pleasant

Uncle rested much as usual last
night & today seems comfortable as usual
& has rather better appetite

At an early hour this Morn William gear-
ed Cusley into Uncle's carriage for Amelia
& Mary Ellen to attend examinations of
Wheaton seminary at Norton & soon after
breakfast William & Sarah made ready
& with Born in Mr Wm. in the carriage they
started for Norton & arrived there before it
began to rain - after a pleasant day there
all came home pleased at 9 1/2 P.M. P.M. all
from this neighborhood dined at Mr Rog-
ers - their little girl has now eight ab-
cesses open & looks & seems very feeble yet
the same lovely child she has ever been -

She even have been having today though
some of our neighbors have been helping

Mum
Nursery

Thursday July 12th 1855

A fine clear day till this P.M. when
showers threatened but none came here.
Uncle Much as usual this Mum had
a comfortable rest last night & ate the
best strawberries this Mum for breakfast.
Sarah & Ellen ironed this Mum while
father prepared dinner & myself washed
& attended to various other things.

This P.M. wrote a deed from Jon Allen
to Gardner Goff of Illinois lands. Father
was too weary to write after writing I
accompanied Brother H. O. B. & Lucy
to Pawtucket had a pleasant ride &
reached home about 7 o'clock when a heavy
sea fog was coming up.

We found none of the family at home
when we arrived at Dr. Berne's as both
himself & Lucy had gone to Long Island
to see their son Everett who has been
very sick of cholera morbus & his parents
were telegraphed for last Monday & they
started to go to him that same evening
since which no intelligence has been received
from him or them - we waited till after this
Evening's mail came in -

H. O. B. has been called today to Mr Nathan
Carpenters

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday
Friday July 13th 1855—
Another death Morning but the
sun soon came out & the day has
been hot enough for haymakers
Uncle slept comfortably last night
& today is much as usual rather calmer
than some days

Father went this Morn to Perryville &
afterwards to Partridge to learn how
Covert is if he has been heard from since
we were there — it seems a letter came this
Morn from Do saying his son was better
& that he should return next Saturday
Mrs. Carpenter will remain till he is quite
recovered —

Father prepared dinner while
Sarah & self finished working & this Eve
Sarah & Ellen have been out picking rasp-
berries the first this season —

William & Father have prepared a load
of straw for Market tomorrow but the clouds
threaten so much this Eve it is drawn in
to the barn —

Uncle had a slight gall stone attack
this Evening

Mom.
Nursing Unit

Saturday July 14th. 1855

Another dull day but a fine day
Uncle & sister comfortably last night
& as much as usual today, has not
slept quite as much as usual & quite calm
B quite freely without medicine -

Father started soon after breakfast
for the City with the load of straw had
to walk in & most of the way out, and in
the farm wagon was so hard & felt
very weary indeed

George has been absent since yesterday
Morn has a sore gathering under her arm
John is absent also & more but Brothers
Sister Maria Michel here today makes our
number seem quite small

Mrs Picnal called & claimed for her
sister Mother the compass & which Father
had that was called Uncle Chaunce

Ellen & Sarah have this Eve been to
the grave yard & carried flowers & also some
plants to set & then to the Post Office but
obtained neither letters or papers
Another reason if he came out today

Sabbath July 15th. 1855-

A fine clear cool Morn. but this

P. M. it seems much warmer

Uncle had a fine sleep last night

& today has been calm & comfortable

Father & self at home with him & reading

B. again pretty without medicine

Nothing

S. M. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

Emily Johnson at meeting

all day and Dr. A. B. Blanding

& Mrs E. A. Blanding this afternoon

Rev. Mr. Woodbury from Barrington preached
today but our people like their own Pastor
best

Nothing from the Post Office today

Since meeting Abram has been out making

calls upon his patients he has several

Monday July 16th 1855-

Monday this
Morn.

The early Morn was not clear but quite
unpromising for hay weather still so
Brother went into the hay field with
one mow & mowed till noon when the
sun came out hot & clear

Uncle rested very well last night
but today is restless & quite nervous

William has been hauling in hay
some since dinner for Mrs. Allyn
George was over this Morn & had the son
under his arm & pinned - it was quite
a gathering

Sarah went this Morn to the school
& brought home Emily's books as she will
study at home for a time as a punishment

Brother Wm. Sarah & self started early
this Morn for washing & brother to muck
but did not get it all done till after noon

3 hrs P.M. since tea Brother was called
to the Village & Ellen & Sarah went with
him -

Tuesday July 17th. 1855

A clear warm day - the men busy at
hay making -

Uncle seems not to have rested well
last night & has slept much this morn
his appetite not at all improved

Father has been to the City today. he
got his horse shod & went to Mr Samuel
Browns on his way but made no stop in
town - has not seen Sister E - since she
was out here this day week

Uncle Peares son James Henry
is down arrived at his Seabers today came
in his own carriage & brought all his fam-
ily - we hear that his wife is in poor health
he has this Eve to be kirk with his span
& brought Avelina home from her school
he makes a fine appearance -

Sarah & Ellen have gone again to the
Village this Eve but found only one
Newspaper at the Post Office

Wednesday July 18th 1855

A clear morning & very warm & the day has been unusually warm the thermometer rose to 88° but no showers

Uncle rested much as usual last night but has felt more unwell today

B - three times without medicine - it is the effect of the hot weather - I think soon after breakfast this Morn Brother Wm gave up sick & came from the hay field & laid down but after taking two doses of medicine he felt better & at 10 o'clock was out again spreading hay & has this P. M. hauled in the last of his Allens hay - When Brother gave out this Morn Father took his place at the scythe & worked till nearly noon came in & at dinner ate string beans the first we have had since before night Father was on the sick list, this Eve Mother has been to call on Mrs Wilson with who is quite sick from cold & caught Ellen & Sarah went over to walk home with Mother -

Today Sarah & self did the most of our evening while we were preparing dinner - Sarah went back to her school this Morn her Uncle took her with only one of his horses Sarah & self out muckraking this P. M. Showers threatened soon after dinner & Dr. A. C. B. took his place among the hay makers

Mercy 710

Wednesday July 19th 1855-

Another clear hot Morn & the day has been oppressive - completely overcast.

Uncle had a poor sleep last night it was so very warm & today feels exhausted by the continued heat though there is a fine clear this Morn.

Mrs Sophie Brown & her son Stewart called this Morn - her Mother is better just as Sarah & self were recovering last night. Father was taken sick & continued so all night & today has sat up but little & is under the Drs. care -

Soon after dinner today A. O. B. started to visit his patients & was scarcely gone when Brother Wm. came in sick again giving a severe attack of cholera morbus & we were pleased enough to see the Dr. home again - he seems better this Eve - I think all do in the sick. Neph. Pierce came over this P. M. & raked with the horse rake for Brother Wm.

Showers threatened a little this P. M. but now it looks some like gathering for a storm. A. O. B. in the hay field & milking since he has come for Wm - seemingly not a breath of air stirring this Evening -

Wm. says this (at Morn)
at 9 A. M. 930

Mom's
Nursery this

Sunday July 20th 1855-

The past night was perfectly sweltering & scarcely a breath of air stirring no one could rest well - the early Morn was the same though there was much distant lightning during the night but about 8 o'clock this Morn the wind came out North East & blew a brisk breeze & before 10 o'clock we were shaking windows & pulling on thicker clothing & before 11 o'clock it was raining.

William is better but not able to be out but had directed his men to open the hay when the rain threatened & they had only time to get one load in ere the rain was up on them & one nice load lay open on the ground & all business but cutting wood in the shed was suspended till after dinner when the men hove cabbage.

Uncle like all of us rested badly last night & feels the change today - apprehensive for B - this A.M. again from the change of weather I presume & will take no medicine to correct Father & Mother better though both are on the ground test today as well as William -

Dr. A. O. B. got up at 3 o'clock this Morn & milked for Wm. & got done just in time this Eve has been with Sarah to call on Henry Pease & wife.

Mercury this
Morn.

Saturday July 2^d 1855

Very little rain fell last night
but this Morn there has been a few
gentle showers since noon none but
still no prospect of clear weather -

Uncle rested much better last night
& today is much as usual - appetite no better

Father did not feel very well this Morn
but seems to gain today. Mother not much
better - William quite smart - has spent
the P. M. calling upon his neighbors

John not here today & Michel & George
have cut wood & hauled today as the rain
would permit them

Sarah with Ellen's assistance has
baked & prepared dinner with Emily's
assistance - she swept the chambers
H. O. B. found his patients not quite as well
today doubtless from the change of weather -

Mercury this
Morn.

Sabbath July 22nd 1855

A fine cool Morn & the day has
been very pleasant - warmer this Ev.

Uncle had quite a good rest
last night & today has been so so
Father & Mother are both better and
staid at home taking care of Uncle
& preparing dinner for us

W. A. Blanding

W. W. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

E. Johnson attended

meeting all day - A. O. Blanding

E. A. Blanding attended
meeting this afternoon -

Mr Grosvenor preached this Morn
& this P. M. George Nichols from Boston
addressed the Sabbath School on Palestine
quite interesting - with fine maps charts
&c &c - it is now twenty four years since
Mr Nichols left our Sabbath School & the time
he was one of the scholars when the S. School
was first formed here by Rev Mr Vernon. I
recollect well him & his Brother as scholars
Walking from the Post Office today.
Another W. quite himself again & Prunty
Harnet Horton is married this Ev to Elias
Hatheway of Providence

Monday July 2nd 1855

Still cool & very comfortable weather
but too dull for hay weather & this P.M.
it has clouded & rained some

Uncle changed his linen last
night before retiring & had quite a good
rest but this Morn slept quite late -
his appetite continues very poor

Father is not quite as well as yesterday
& is again in the Drs hands - Mother is
about the same William has a good appe-
tite & feels well but weak - he got up and
milked this Morn - all his men are
here & showing us mowing is out of the question
this P.M. Wm has been into the City with
Ellen & Sarah they made a few purchases
& then to Dea Plimptons for tea & home
at 10 A.M. - & all off to bed immediately

When Wm got up to milk this Morn I
made ready for washing & before morn
Sarah had the floors washed, Mother pre-
pared the dinner - H. O. B. & W. W. B. picking
the peas

This P.M. I have finished reading the
Greenall Expectation by C. H. Kane it was
very interesting - a letter from
Mr G. M. Justice
Philad. 20th inst

Morning

Wednesday July 24th 1855

Another dull day with wind & E
& some smart showers of rain though
the early Morn looked like clear weather

Uncle rested tolerably well last night
after receiving his letter from Mr Justice &
has been so so today considering we have
nothing to read today but the newspapers
which Dea Plimpton so kindly sent yesterday

rather much as yesterday but Mother &
William are improving - Emily was sick
last night & under the weather today

William's men were leaving this Morn
but this P.M. they have all gone to the other
farm to finish digging out the cellar at
the new house -

A. O. B. visited his patients yesterday
P.M. & found them better - this P.M. has
gone again -

A. O. B. - has been to the Post Office
this P.M. & obtained one Newspaper & one
letter from

L. H. Blanding

Berkley Thos
she wishes to come home next Saturday

William & his men returned from the other
farm at 6 o'clock P.M. - the cellar is now entirely
finished & a very nice one it is

Monday
Morn. 90°

Thursday July 25th 1855

Somewhat like Mon but still the sun
shone out occasionally & then slight
showers of rain would follow but the
sun shone out brightly before noon & being
so hot the hay made rapidly - but this
P. M. showers are threatening.

Uncle had quite a comfortable
rest last night & today has been so so his
appetite not as good as yesterday - but quite
calm for him -

William & his men have been hard
at work mowing this Morn & since dinner
have got up two loads of hay (mow 40.) & are
hard at raking what they have mowed today.
Father is so much better he has been out
since dinner in the hay field. I fear he may
get sick again from it - all the invalids
on the sick list are improving -

Since dinner W. O. B. - has gone to have
his horse shod & visit his patients.
4 1/4 P. M. the rain is upon us & the men
have been obliged to quit work.

A shoe pedlar called this afternoon & I
bought shoes also W. O. B. - who got home
soon after the shower quite wet for the rain
has been powerful.

The Evening closes in cloudy with little
prospect of fair weather tomorrow

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prospect of fair weather tomorrow

Morning this

Friday July 27th 1855

The weather continues dull but not
very but no good hay weather -

Uncle rested about as usual today
has been comfortable & calm -

B slightly without medicine

William & his men being though so
much hay out but this is no weather for
spreading the hay every body is idle in
the hay making line -

Sarah Ellen & self have this A.M.
been out to pick raspberries but
they were nearly all picked so we picked
some gooseberries & blackberries & black
cherry berries & got home while they were
eating dinner - after which Sarah & Ellen
picked the berries over & then made ready
for going to Berkeley after Sister E. & a little
before 5th - they started

Our avowals all seem improving
I have begun letters for Sister Susan and
Cousin John Bullard

Mercury this
morning.

Saturday July 28th 1855

A dull morning & throughout the day cloudy with threatening rain at times but none has fallen yet & this eve more indications of fair weather. Uncle slept better last night than some times & today has been so as mostly to take care of himself excepting a long telling this morn from Father as he has not been to the City today as Mrs. Allison had to go into the City -

William & his men have done nothing about haying & as day have been having the Mrawhens & culling runners. Father & Brother S. O. B. have been very busy today pulling weeds & haying. A. O. B. patients are so much better he has made no visit excepting a call at Mr. Nash's. I tried to bake a little this morn but believe it is all a failure - I may as well give up cooking while so confined to this room - Mother & Emily have been very busy also with Saturday's work. Sarah Ellen & Sophie returned from Berkley about sunset all well but Ellen is very weary -

Monday
Morning

Sabbath July 29th 1855

Arriving Morning but before noon
it ceased & was quite pleasant though
quite cloudy -

Uncle did not sleep very well last
night but has been comfortable today &
listened to constant reading from Father
or myself - I have been unusually well

This P.M. W. W. Blanding

A. O. Blanding

Mrs E. A. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

E. Johnson attended
meeting - A. O. B. was called away to visit
Mr Mrs Olney who is extremely ill of dysen-
tery at her daughters Mrs Townsend's house
with visiting his other patients did
not get home till after we had dined

Several newspapers from the Post Office
& a letter for me from Mrs S. C. Avery

West Chaucer W. W.
Sister writes she has been sick but is now as
well as usual - she enclosed for me a very
pretty collar which she has crutched it makes
me ache to think of her doing it for me

Mercury this
Morn.

Monday July 30th. 1855-

Another dull Morn but before noon
it was clear & the Eve again threat-
ens rain for tomorrow

Uncle slept better last night again
& as Ellen & Abram have read to him this
A. M. he has had quite a comfortable day-

this Evening we received calls from Mr &
Mrs James H. Pearce & Mrs Kirk Pearce -
quite pleasant calls & Uncle enjoyed them

Father has been into the City today & Mother
went with him to see Aunt Carpenter found
her quite smart again but looking thin.

Father dined with Sister E

William has today secured all the hay
he had mowed by selling it in the Morn

A. Q. B. has been twice today to see Mrs Abey
& thinks her quite as comfortable as yesterday

Sarah & self did not get our washing done
very early though we started it soon after
3 P. this Morn

Sisters Ellen & Lysie were out this P. M.
& picked some from blackberries as well as
whortleberries

Monday
Morning

Tuesday July 31st. 1855-

A rainy Morn till 8 o. then foggy till nearly noon but soon after the fog gathered lifted clouds gathered & about 1 o. we had a heavy shower of rain after which it cleared & the Eve is lovely

Uncle slept tolerably well last night notwithstanding Sister Sephes sickness & he has had a comfortable day after a long sleep this Morn B- again without medicine

Sister L- was very sick last night one of her old attacks of gall stones slept none till 3 o. this Morn neither did Sister Sarah but L- is up today & calls herself as usual

William has been ploughing for turnips on the old field today & the men loading & hauling compost for the turnip sprout & Father as usual has been busy putting things to rights

Mr John Brown & family called this Morn on their way to the shore as William was using his horse & Abram had to go twice to Mr Shoutens today he was obliged to give up accompanying Mr Brown to the shore as he had intended - he has been called to Mr the Cornucks this P. M.

One of Henrys little boys brought Uncle some blackberries today -

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August 1855

Wednesday 1st.

Monday
Morning

We still have warm changeable weather - some rain fell last night when the Moon shone & finally a heavy sea fog came over that lasted till nearly noon today when the sun came out very hot but there is a fine air this P.M. and the heat seems less oppressive.

Uncle rested tolerably last night & today has been comfortable - though not much appetite again excepting for berries & milk which he eats three times a day.

Father is more unwell again & is on the declining tide but busy at work.

William & his men busy this Morn preparing the ground for sowing turnips.

A. O. B. Ellen & Sarah out this P.M. picking whortleberries. Emily blackberry. Sephe has had no more sick turns but is not yet over the one of Monday night -

Thursday
Morn.

Thursday August 2nd 1855

A very dark foggy morning & a little of the fog fell like rain a few times but before noon the sun came out & it has proved quite a good day.

Uncle rested only so so last night but has had quite a calm day & more appetite than yesterday.

Father has been to Providence today he returned about 4 P.M. & brought Uncle a letter from Mr J. G. Wallinger,

Albany, Ill. - I think I have been very busy this P.M. replying to Coar in John Bullard's last letter.

A. C. B. visited his patients this A.M. & found them all doing nicely & since 4 P.M. this P.M. has been into the City - carried ^{his} Ellen & Sarah to spend the remainder of the week & be there over Sabbath.

Father is not yet perfectly well & Sophie is still complaining of the effects of her last illness.

William & his men have been busy all the Morn mowing & have cut almost all the grass excepting that grows in the big meadows.

Mercury this
Morn.

Sunday August 3rd 1855

The past night was clear but a
land fog this Morn made it dark
till 8 A.M. when the sun came out bright

Uncle did not rest very well last
night but today has been so so though
he was quite alone all the Morn—

William & his men mowed all their
oats this Morn & this P.M. have been getting
in the hay which was cut yesterday

Mother prepared dinner today while
Sophie & self ironed, the bad weather preven-
ted the clothes getting dry till yesterday

A. D. B. found all his patients this Morn
improving Fredy went to ride with him
this P.M. they have gone out whorlberrying
as has Mother— Emily has a sore finger
Father still unwell

I heard through Ellen yesterday that
Mrs Husick still lived & her son had return-
ed from California—

Mercury this
Morn.

Saturday August 4th 1855

The past night was clear & moonlight
& today has been pleasant with a cool
air till this P.M. showers are passing
round & now & then one is threatening us
Uncle slept but little last night but took
a good sleep this Morn & has been comfortable
A. O. B. went to the City this Morn & by him
we sent letters to the Office for

Mr G. M. Justice

Philadelphia

& John R. Bullard

Newark Illinois

A. O. B. was called out last night to see
Mrs Moore - her little boy & a girl his little Cous-
in came for the Dr - about 1 lb. brave children

William has been busy today striving
to secure his Oats - made one stack on the
old fuel & succeeded in getting the two remain-
ing loads one into our barn the other into Mr
Wilmarts just as the rain came but they
would not have succeed^{ed} had not Mr Horton
kindly come over & assisted his own offer-
Lephe & Self milked this P.M. all but the
keeking cows William milked them

Father sewed & bushed the lurnipson this
Morn & was weary enough but has worked all
the day besides

We have a smart shower this Evening

Mercury this
Morn

Sabbath August 5th 1855

A pleasant cool day after the shower
with wind from the N. East & as the
Cue closes in it looks like rain

Uncle kept so so last night & today has
been comfortable while Father or self has
read to him

A. O. B. rode this Morn & visited the
most of his patients & this P. M. at 2 o'clock started
for Providence where he attended
Church & then home brought Ellen &
Sarah with him got here at 7 o'clock & then
went to see old Mrs Olney who is more un-
well but Sally Crowell is better

At Church all day from here

Father

W. H. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

E. Johnson

Rev. Mr Newton from Dighton preached
two very good sermons so our people say
three Newspapers but no letters from the
P. O. John Kelley had the horse Curley & the
waggon today took his family to Lonsdale
Uncle got a note from Aunt Carpenter &
a letter from Mrs M. Blanding saying Cousin
Aug Powell is now in Brooklyn, poor health

Monday this
Morn.

Monday July 6th 1855

A dark cloudy Morning after quite a rainy night but soon after sunrise the clouds began to break & the day has been delightful though the sun is hot. Uncle did not sleep very well last night & today has been only so so but Ellen has read to him as I have been busy assisting Sarah about washing which we did not get finished till far along in the afternoon -

Immediately after breakfast this Morn William with Luther & the workmen started for the widow Smiths place to mow the hay which was bought there at auction for A. O. B. who at 9 o'clock followed them & mowed till noon all were at home before dinner at 1 o'clock.

This P.M. A. O. B. has spent in visiting his patients & this Eve has with Ellen called at Mr Wilmarths & Mrs Hollens.

William & his Men were again at the Smith place this P.M. mowing & heaping up the hay. Gilbert Peurse Henrys boy brought Uncle a bucket of blackberries this Morn. Uncle gave him 10 cts last week he paid him 12 1/2 cts for the same quantity.

Tuesday August 7th 1853

A lovely day clear & cool though the sun seems to shine out hot -

Uncle much as usual today or he is a little more complaining & says he did not sleep as well as usual last night

William & his men are busy again today getting home the hay they mowed yesterday Father off for the City this Morn - carried no load but Mrs Almida Smith - he returned about 3 P. M. & with him the two youngest Plimpton boys who were seen out herrying with their Aunt Sarah

Soon after they left to pick berries Everett & William Carpenter came both are looking better than I expected to see

Dr. A. O. B. had three calls this Morn & visited all before dinner & Dr. Aspinwall had a call also this Morn to Mr Gardner the P. M. A. O. B. has gone to visit his other patients - sent by him a few pieces & means to Sully Crosswell

Just before tea this Eve Everett & William Carpenter called to pass the night with us am pleased to see Everett looking so well, they are smart looking boys or young men a shower passed this Eve to the North some to the South - had considerable rain here

Monday this
Morn 520

Monday this
Morn

Wednesday August 8th 1855-

The clouds dispersed before morning
& the day has been pleasant but cool
for the season & this P.M. some cloudy

Uncle thinks he slept better than us-
ual last night & I think he did the call
from Everett & William was a benefit to him
this Morn he has had a nice sleep

William has two men assisting him
in mowing the big meadow today which
they first mowed in this morning the hay
is of a good quality & very abundant

A. O. B. went to the City this Morn & got
Ellens hair she purchased the other day
& her Piano Forte which has just arrived
from her own home with various other
things - the men got it into the parlor
before going out from dinner

Silas & Albert make no trouble & are very
busy in the hay field

Everett & William went home this A.M.
this P.M. A. O. B. is visiting his patients

Thursday August 9th 185.

Mercury this
Morn.

A dull morning with some rain
before noon the sun came out but
the clouds came over before 6. & a
smart shower followed & rain fell
copiously till 9. then cleared away pleasant

Soon after dinner Mrs Bowen, with El-
ward, Ida, & the babe came to pass the
P.M. but before tea was over the rain came
& they did not get started for home till 8. &
when Sister Lephie accompanied them
home it being so late & dark - the visit
was intended for Mrs ^{Dr} Blandings

A. O. B. was out in the rain & did not
get home till nearly dark but as he hurried
& rode before the rain so he did not get
much wet till he was pulling up his horse

Wm has been entirely prevented work-
ing on his hay - this Morn the wind blew
heavily & Brothers went out in the rain &
tied up my dahlias but one large one was
broken before they got to it

Monday
Morn.

Friday August 10th 1855

A lovely Morn & the day has been
equally as pleasant - M & A

Uncle slept but little last night
& today has been so so but his appetite
is better than sometime past

Brother has been very busy with his hay
today, Mr Warcham assisted him to open
his hay & Mr Horton this afternoon & A. W. B.
was in the hay field after 3 o'clock this P. M. - but
one load is still in the meadows

This Morn Sarah with Selas & Albert
went to Mr Bowers after Sister Sephe but
returned in time for dinner & this P. M.
they have gone to the other farm for hennies
Mather, Ellen, & Emily, have gone into our
pasture. - Sephe was over to Stokes for a
short time & borrowed a picture for Ellen
to paint it is a match piece to Father's

Father was in Providence today & since
he came home has been busy in the hay
field

Monday
Morn.
Saturday August 11th 1855

Another fine clear day & our men
have finished mowing their English
hay & got it heaped up for the Sabbath
day

Uncle rested so so last night & to
day is much as usual - appetite so so

B - freely without medicine

Sarah & Lebbe baked today (i.e.) this
Morn & this P.M. have been up on the
other farm picking whortle berries & got a
fine parcel for Sabbath day use - while
at their suppers Mr George Carpenter & his
sister Jane came in & passed the Eve. so
we had fine music this Evening till 11th
Father went this Morn with the sledge to
Mr Silvanus Carpenters - Albert went with
him - & this Eve they have gone after it
so they had to walk one way each time &
Father has been busy all the time besides
in the hay field it has been hard work for
him & he looks wearied.

Memorandum.

Sabbath August 12th 1855

Another fine day clear & cool just
the weather to enjoy going to meeting
Uncle rested tolerably well last night
I have been comfortable today -

At meeting Mother

W. W. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

S. Plimpton

A. Plimpton

E. Johnson all day & this

P. M. — Mrs. E. Blanding

L. H. Blanding

Frederic Carpenter came home

with them from meeting but his father
with Frank & Sallee came soon after meeting
& took him home which I much regret

A. O. B. was called out last night with
to go to Susie Sherris - I agree there today
when he left a little girl with Albert Giff Jr.
wife - which with other patients took his
time so he could not attend meeting till
this Eve when all the young people went to
School house near the Orleans Factory to
hear Rev Mr. Day preach - he preached today
& all liked him

Mercury this
morning.

Monday August 13th 1853

A warm dull morning but about
noon it partially cleared but this
P.M. there have been slight showers
mist & some rain but looks like
clearing now at sunset -

Uncle rested much as usual
last & today has been so so Mother & Ellen
sat with him while I assisted Sarah -

Soon after dinner H. O. B. with Ellen &
Sarah & Silas & Albert started for the other
farm to pick berries & did not return till
night when they brought home about one
half buckets of whortle berries or 14 quarts
they were very wet from the mist & rain &
soon after taking supper all retired to bed
& I fear will feel sick tomorrow

Mr. Reynolds continues to bring the
milk cans for us to wash in the afternoon
though he agreed to do them & Mother refus-
ed to continue to wash them last Saturday

No weather here today to make the hay
which William cut Saturday so he & his
men have been

Mercury this
Morn.

Tuesday August 14th 1855

A fine clear day & not very hot
Uncle slept but little last night till
past midnight but has taken a good
this A. M. & is about as usual

Mr Reynolds took milk this Morn for the
last time. because we will not keep chickens
in good order when they come so late & besides
lose all the sour milk - before he went to see
Mrs Reynolds this Morn & reply to her sorry note

Ellen was busy all the Morn picking over the
berries picked yesterday & this P. M. A. O. B. has
been trying to preserve some in bottles - I hope
he may prove successful

William & his men have been mowing to
day but this P. M. got in hay - have
When Father returned from the City
this P. M. Sister

secured all but the big meadows

Morning
Wednesday

Wednesday April 15th 1855
Another clear day & warmer than
yesterday —

Uncle rested but little last night
till towards morning but has had a
good sleep since & is much as usual
Father started for Providence before 8
o'clock this Morn carried milk & potatoes
to market Silas & Albert went in with him
& when he came home this P.M. Sister E
came with him — he brought back part of
the milk & we men up a cow for cheese

About 4 o'clock P.M. Mr Philip Gray & lady
came to take tea with us — their bridal visit
but before they came Mrs Nancy Pease
& Lizzie came in & we had nothing cooked
for tea & seemingly every thing else to do
Mrs P. came over to get a bird for Lizzie
a birthday present for tomorrow — they took
one of the brightest yellow ones

Sister E is busy at work since she got home
A. C. B. & Ellen have been to Providence & Pawtucket
returned soon after sunset & the Dr went
immediately to Albert Goff Jan. & then to Mr
Mullett & then to Mr Johnson & got home at
midnight — William & his men busy in
the fresh meadow again today

Mercury this
Morn.

Thursday August 16th 1855-

A rather pleasant day clear & warmer
Uncle did not rest very well last night
but seems much as usual today

Gathered off early this Morn for Providence
with milk & potatoes for Market as he is not
well I fear these early starts will make him
sick - he brought home considerable milk

William & his men also started early for Mr
Horton's they go with him to cut his River
meadow beyond the village & did not get
home till 8 o'clock this Eve brought home the hay
George John & myself did the milking
as John got home soon after sunset

Allen Wheeler's funeral was today he acce-
dentially shot himself & died of lock jaw
Just as tea was ready this Eve Dea Olempton
& Maria came to spend the night & after
tea Sisters E. & L with Dea P. - went to the
graveyard to carry flowers & then came to
Mrs Dwiners & called - Mrs D has been quite
sick today

Old Mrs Olney died this Morn
Received a letter yesterday from Aunt
Caroline Blanding
It was officed by Mr Bonney at Walpole
Mrs B brought it in

Friday August 17th 1855

Last night was quite warm & several small showers of rain fell but this Morn is pleasant & the day has been good for hay making.

Father off again before sunrise with milk & potatoes but it is so warm today that he has sold but little of his milk & we made a cheese this P.M.

We had breakfast at six o'clock & as soon as it was over Dea Plympton & Sister E. started for the City to get in in time for business. Uncle rested about as usual last night & today has been so so & I have been to write but it was reading instead & when Aunt came home this Eve Aunt Carpenter sent us a letter she had received from Aunt Caroline Blanding per Mr Bonney.

Mary seems to enjoy her visit & this Eve went with Ellen & H. O. B. to ride & Sophie & Sarah with Mary Ellen called upon Mrs. Hatheway.

Emily has been sick all day & taken med.

Mercury this
Morn.

Saturday August 18th 1855

The weather continues clear & this day
has been very warm & oppressive

Uncle felt about as well as usual
last & today night & today is much
as usual - still has but little appetite

Father is quite unwell but was off before
sunrise for Providence with milk and
potatoes but the day is so hot he brought
nearly all the milk home -

William has mowed some this Morn.
but this P.M. got in three loads of hay
Cousin Nancy & Amelia had Uncle's carriage
today to go into the City Edward drove them
& Henry & one of his little boys went along
in an open wagon

This P.M. Emily & myself have been out
blackberrying found a good many, after
we came in Cousin Nancy & the children
came over and selected a mate for the
little bird they bought Wednesday - they
took our beauty -

Monday this
Morn.

Sabbath August 19th 1855

Just before bed time last Evening
a smart wind blew away the clouds
& the night was cool & today is cool and
pleasant but it looks warmer this Eve

Uncle rested very poorly last night. I
think the sudden change in the weather
he has taken some cold & had a severe pain
in his face through the night but it is
much better - indeed he seems quite smart
& has listened to much receding

Mother staid at home from meeting to
make a cheese - it was a work of necessity

L. H. Blanding

S. M. Blanding

E. A. Blanding

M. Plimpton

E. Johnson

W. W. Blanding

H. Q. Blanding attended meet

ing all day all day only that the Dr was call
ed to see Mrs Jewell who is very ill of dysentery
only three papers from the Post Office today

Monday this
Morn.

Monday August 20th 1855

Still clear & cool - lovely weather for comfort but poor for growing corn. Uncle rested much better last night after changing his linen & being shaved and today is so so -

Father feels very unwell today but still was off about sunrise with milk & potatoes but so many were out of the City he sold but little of his milk & we will now make cheese. Maime Plimpton was up & taking a hasty lunch was off with Father for her home it is quite cool for so early a ride.

Our breakfast was quite late this Morn & our washing later owing to Father's early start & getting out round clams for Father. I did not assist Sarah much till later in the Morn & ere we had done this P.M. our invited company arrived - Cousin Henry & his wife & daughter - they were here for tea. Beram Goff is assisting Brother William in the big meadow today.

B freely without medicine again today

Monday this
morning

Tuesday August 21st 1853

Another clear day & warmer than
the three past days

Uncle slept much as usual last
night (i.e.) none till after midnight
but this morn took a good sleep but seems
weakened & worried this P.M. for several days
his sight has troubled him objects have
been flitting before & around him - his sight
seems to fail I think

Father is more unwell today & not only
the sick but under the Drs care
Mother & the girls made a cheese today
Brother William has assisted him & his
men today Mr Bradford Norton, Mr
Wareham & Hiram Goff they have been
mowing & pulling out onto hard ground

This P.M. Sisters Lephie & Sarah have spent
the afternoon at Capt Wooster Carpenter
& Dr. A. O. B. & lady have been returning
calls - & finally went to Mrs Jewels who is
ill he sees her twice a day

Monday
Evening

Wednesday August 21st 1855

Still fine weather & warm though the sun has not shone out so as to make hay today.

Uncle sicked none last night till past 12 o. but has been much as usual today & has taken rather more food than sometimes & seems calmer & less febrile than yesterday. Father still on the sick list & seems no better.

Brother A. O. B. was after this Mon. he comes & visited his patients & then made ready for a trip to the shore & at 7 o. started taking with him his wife & sister Sophie - they kindly invited me to accompany them but I have no wish to go - & hope they will not ask me again they were home again before sunset when A. O. B. went immediately to see Mrs. Jewell. Dr. King of Guenton made Brother A. O. B. a friendly call this P. M. but as he was not at home he made no stop. Mrs. Hollyon also called in this P. M. she had been in to Mr. Prentiss says Mrs. Nancy Pearse will not leave this week.

Brother Wm. has again today heeded his own men the three he had yesterday & now all the grass is cut & set out upon hard ground excepting the salt grass - & I am glad for him

Thursday August 22nd 1853

A cloudy day but very warm & oppressive & occasionally light showers of mist.

Uncle got to sleep earlier than usual last night & has been comfortable today though still but little appetite. I have been reading to him much of the P. M.

Father some better than yesterday but still feels weak.

Wm. has this P. M. gone after lumber for Mrs. Allen to fit up her barn - he went to Raymond Burr's in Deekons. John is not here today - George has cut wood in the shed most of the time.

Leffe Pierce came today & brought home Petty's seed and says her birds are doing nicely.

Dr. A. O. B. thinks Mrs. Jewet is more comfortable.

Nothing for us from the Post Office today - Mr. Reynolds has been here this P. M. to try & get the milk again.

Friday August 23rd 1855

Several light showers of rain fell
last night but soon after midnight
it began to clear & this Morn was lovely
with a delightful clear air but the
day has been warmer than for some days

Uncle rested better again last night
& has been quite comfortable for him today

B - this P. M. freely without medicine
Father is better today has taken
some food & this P. M. gone to the other
farm after lumber

Sarah has gone to call on a teacher
in a school near Mr Daniel Peares, she
was a former pupil of mine - Mother
went with Sarah to Aunt Blandings
to stay till I came home - Aunt B is
very much unwell

William & his two men are busy with
the hay in the fresh meadow

Mr Reynolds took three cans of milk
this morning - he may not take any more

Monday the
Morn at 11.50

Monday the
morning

Saturday August 24th 1855

A fine day - cooler than yesterday
but very pleasant this Eve quite cool

Uncle slept some more than usual
last night & has been very comfortable today

Father is so much better he has been to the
City today got home about 4 o'clock. Little Exford

Sharten came out with him to his Grandmother's

William & his men have today finished getting
the hay from the fresh meadow & now everything
is secure but his salt grass - I am glad for him
as he looks worn & unusually thin this summer.

A. O. B. Sarah & self milked this P.M. after
Sarah brought up the cows for the milkman
still it is uncertain what he will do about tak-
ing it for the future.

Mother A. O. B. and Emily were out this
P.M. picking berries & found the berries
quite thick & nice yet.

I believe Ellen has been painting some
today - she works at her piece a little every day
& seems to be doing nicely with it.

Mercury this
Morn.

Sabbath August 26th 1855

A cool cloudy Morn & this P.M. several
smart showers of rain & the Eve closes
in dark with clouds

Uncle rested so so last night & he has had
quite a comfortable day considering there are
only Lephie & myself at home this afternoon
Not meeting all day. Weather

Father
W. W. Blanding
S. M. Blanding
E. Johnson
Ellen A. Blanding
A. O. Blanding at meeting

this P.M. only, as the Dr made call on his
patients this Morning

Brother William has a pain in his shoulder
today & last night it was so severe he could
not sleep the last part of the night

From the Post Office today a letter for
Sister S. from Mrs E. D. Plimpton
Wardsboro Vt

she writes they arrived there safely & in good
time & are having a fine visit

Rev. Mr. Bailey from Alleboro preached
an exchange with Mr Grosvenor our pastor

Mercury this
Morn. 44.

Tuesday August 28th 1855

The past has been a delightful night
but cool as was the Morn but no frost
as some feared & the day has been very
pleasant indeed

Uncle was troubled again last night with
sick stomach but less than the previous
night & but little after his breakfast this Morn
& has been so so the remainder of the day -

After an early breakfast this Morn William
& one man with both horses started for Mr Hen-
tons meadows where he is to assist Mr H today
& soon after them George started with the oxen
& waggon

Father has been busy about the house
& done some mowing in the dooryard he is
quite himself again

A. O. B. Ellen & Emily have been out pick-
ing whortleberries this P. M.

Sarah A. O. B. and self milked in time
for them to go to lecture as Brother William
& his men got home about sunset - the same
went as yesterday only Ellen staid at home
& A. O. B. went to lecture after visiting Mrs Jewell
they all got home before 10 o'clock & then Dr B. went
to Mr Warchams to see his son -

One Newspaper from the Post Office

Received this
Morn 9³⁰

Wednesday August 29th 1855

Still the weather continues pleasant though cool but this P.M. seems warmer. Uncle rested so so last night & today is much as usual - but little appetite

B again today slightly without medicine. Father off this morn about 7 A.M. without milk & potatoes to Providence - did not sell all the milk he carried - got home about 4 P.M. this P.M. & just before we sat down to tea Edward Plimpton came out to spend the night - Father did not see him while he was in town.

John has been working for Mrs. Allen today cutting her fresh grass they had curley early this morn. & this P.M. Brother William has ^{been} gone with his oxen to haul home part of the hay - Sarah & self assisted about milking & Brother got home in time to go to the lecture this Eve which is the last one - & they did not get back from it till 11 1/2 A.M. & were nice enough. F. O. B. was this morn up to the Peck neighbor hood & this P.M. he & his wife have been into the City & this Eve they went to the lecture besides what went from here Brother carried Mary Allen, Amelia Blandings & Suffer Pierce Cousin Nancy dined here today she feels very unwell & is unable to sew.

A little - A. R. O. S. this morn

Thursday August 30th 1855.

Another fine Morning & pleasant day
but this Evening seems quite cool again.

Uncle rested but little last night but
has today taken an unusually long
sleep but has less appetite than heretofore.

B - twice today without medicine.

As Father was not going into the City
today Sarah took the horse immediately
after breakfast & carried Edward almost
to the bridge on his way to Providence as the
Cassier of the ^{Bank} is absent today Edward had to
be there to open the bank at 9 o'clock this Morn.

Mary Ann King Gray came this Morn to
pay us a visit & this P.M. went with Ellen
Lephe & Sarah to spend the P.M. at Mrs Wil-
marth's - H. O. B. went & took tea with them
& walked home they had a pleasant visit.

William has been again this P.M. with
his oxen to haul home another load of hay for
Mrs Hollyn - he went this Morn & got his oxen
shod -

I think all are glad there is no lecture
tonight & have gone to bed early.

Father is complaining some today
H. O. B. has decided that Aunt Blandings
has a cancer -

Monday this
Morn.

No 9

September 1855

Saturday 1st.

A dull Morning but the day has been clear and hot & is getting very dry

Uncle did not rest well last night and has not felt very smart today & still has but little appetite

Henry Pearse came over this Morn & Brother Wm traded for his carriage & horses but only to trade away & I hope he may have an opportunity to do so soon a pair of horses will make us appear too aristocratic

Aurelia had Uncle's carriage today to go again into the City - Brother does not like the horses till they leave for home when he takes them we must part with Curley who goes to South to be their horse

This Eve Cousins Nancy & Aurelia came in while our family were at tea and made Uncle a call & sat for an hour or two with us Aurelia has not been in but twice to call till this Eve for several months

Mercury this Morn.