



Hosea Doton's Daily Journal for 1870

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Preface

Hosea Doton was born in 1809 on his family's homestead on Cloudland Road in Pomfret, VT. His father, John Edward Doton, was a farmer and surveyor who lived on the farm now known as Sleepy Hollow. Hosea attended Pomfret School No. 2, which still stands on Cloudland Road, and continued to study mathematics and science after leaving school. Hosea began teaching in Pomfret schools in 1830.

Hosea married Lois Paddock in 1834 and they had a daughter named Abba on August 1, 1840. Hosea called her Abbie throughout his diaries. Lois Paddock Doton died on February 2, 1857.

On May 28, 1858, Hosea married Harriet Ware who was a former student and daughter of his neighbor Henry L. Ware. Harriet was gifted in math and became an assistant to Hosea in the classroom. She was one of few people who could help Hosea calculate the positions of the sun and moon each year for *Walton's Vermont Register and Farmer's Almanac*. Hosea was devastated when his "dear Harriet" died of fever on November 18, 1858. They were married less than six months.

On July 4, 1868, Hosea married Elvira Julia Wood who he referred to in this diary as Mrs. D. Like Harriet Ware, Elvira shared Hosea's interests and was able to help him perform his calculations for the almanac.

In January 1870, Hosea and Elvira Doton were sharing a home at 7 College Hill Road in Woodstock with Hosea's daughter Abbie and her husband Polk Chamberlin. The home was owned by George Mellish who is often mentioned in the diary as a purveyor of goods and groceries. In March, Polk and Abbie rented rooms in a brick house on Pleasant Street, giving Hosea and Elvira use of most of their house on College Hill.

Starting in 1869, Hosea was employed by the Woodstock Railroad Company as chief Engineer and was paid one hundred and twenty five dollars a month. The railroad experienced financial difficulties, however, and none of the employees were paid by the railroad in 1870. Most railroad workers stopped work by March, but Hosea continued with engineering and financial tasks until the first of May when he received an offer to survey and design roads and walkways in a cemetery in Hartland.

During the year, Hosea and Elvira frequently visited the Doton homestead in Pomfret where Hosea helped his brother and sisters harvest crops and maintain buildings. They also visited the home of Hosea's friend Horace Dunham who was married to Elvira Doton's sister Caroline Dunham.

From time to time during 1870, Hosea receives a surprise visit from his nephew Kimball Perkins for whom he serves as a guardian. Kimball works as a farm hand in Barnard, but problems with his employer or fellow hands often send him down to see his uncle who is cryptic in his diary. On several occasions, Hosea simply writes, "Kimball Perkins appeared."

On one visit, Hosea buys Kimball a watch that he hopes will be sturdy enough. Another day, Hosea buys his "friend" Kimball a vest. In August, however, Kimball acts out his frustrations by cutting off his own toe. Hosea quickly gets medical care for Kimball and lodges him with his mother Lucy Perkins, sister of Hosea's first wife Lois. Hosea collects Kimball's wages, deposits some, and gives the rest to Lucy Perkins to cover her son's expenses. By year's end, Kimball has a new employer in Barnard and Hosea is able to deposit more of Kimball's earnings in his account.

This is one of twenty-two volumes of diaries by Hosea Doton housed by the Pomfret Historical Society in a small brick building next to the Pomfret Town Hall. The building was erected in 1904 by some of Hosea Doton's former students, dedicated in his memory, and used to store Pomfret's original charter from 1761.

This transcript includes very minor revisions to spelling and punctuation while trying to retain the original character of the diary. Language, spelling, and punctuation common to the mid-1800s have been preserved. A glossary and brief notes on people mentioned in Hosea Doton's diaries appear at the end of this transcript.

1870

Saturday, January 1

Arose with a troublesome headache and it continues through the day, and am hardly able to work at all. Staid in my room the greater part of the forenoon., but in the afternoon I went with Mr. Phillips to the depot ground and took notes of the measurement at that place. I received of the Railroad Company eighty dollars towards the December work, and I paid George Fisher six dollars and seventy-five cents, and I paid Mellish for vinegar fifteen cents.

Credits – 80.00

Debits – 6.75, .15

January 2

Snowy in the morning and at about eleven o'clock it changed to rain and continued to about eight o'clock in the evening when it stopped quite suddenly and was clear very soon. I hardly left my room through the day, but remained at my table. I wrote a long letter to Robert, for I have not heard from him for a very long time. This is almost a gloomy day, for it is not cold but it is stormy and it is not pleasant to go out. I have written some letters that do not get answered, and am not sure that they would be if I should write again. This is the first Sunday in the year and I wish we were able to attend church and make it profitable.

Monday, January 3

Received of the Railroad Company forty seven dollars as the balance due me for December work. Paid 99 cents for postage stamps, Mr. Hewitt one dollar for milk tickets. Sent five dollars to the Independent as subscription for two years in advance. Paid Chapman \$1.50 for Wilson's sarsaparilla, and Billings 31 cents for kerosene. Worked in the office through the day, and am trying to keep the work on the report perfectly correct. But I got too tired in making it out to be very sure about the corrections.

Credits – 47.00

Debits - .99, 1.00, 5.00, 1.50, .31

Tuesday, January 4

Intended to start quite early to go down the line, but Mr. Greene brought a proof sheet to be corrected. Went down as far as Church's land and took measurements for the December estimate. Found the water making bad work with the bankwall at Taftsville. Came home quite tired and lazy. Took a proof sheet to read this evening. Paid Paul 78 cents for molasses & raisins. Paid Mr. Munger \$42.50 for house rent from July to January. I also paid Mr. Munger \$2.75 for Cardigan Jacket. Paid Jones 12 cents for silk. The day was some unpleasant for field work, but not very cold.

Debits – 42.50, .78, 2.75, .12

Wednesday, January 5

Left home quite early to go to the lower end of the line to finish the measurements on the eastern division. The passing is very bad. Went with wagon. The work was difficult on account of the ice. We went to Roberts and to Braley's land; then to the great cut on Tracy's land, then to Shallies Hill where we measured the four places where the work was going on. The afternoon was very cold and the wind high from the northwest, and we were very cold reaching home. – Paid Paul 50 cents for coffee. Polk paid me twenty dollars for house rent.

Credits – 20.00

Debits - .50

Thursday, January 6

Am very unwell today but I went to the office to read proof and to correct the copy of the R.R. report. Mr. Cushing gave me an order on the town treasurer for three dollars for surveying and I got the money on it. Paid postage and box rent 48 cants and \$1.00 for box rent. Paid Mellish five cents for a lemon and eight

cents for two more. Paid Munger \$7.40 cents for undergarments. Paid Richmond for lard 75 cents, and I also lent thirty dollars to Simeon Dunham for a few weeks. Paid Jones 40 cents for pearl buttons.

Credits – 3.00

Debits – 1.48, .13, 7.40, .75, 30.00, .40

Friday, January 7

Have worked today on the proof to the report. The paper gives a part of the report, but the greater part is reserved for the pamphlet. This evening I received a letter from the Claremont Mfg. Co. and they have sent me in Pratt's bundle, a real bundle of Walton's Registers. 6 dozens and a copy of the New Hampshire Register. They wrote that they sent ten dozens but only six dozens came. Shall write to them very soon on the subject.

Saturday, January 8

A cool night and quite cold this morning. Went to the office to work on the copies of the estimate. Paid Richmond for chicken \$1.10. I also paid Pratt for this book one dollar and fifteen cents. Paid Jones for pearl buttons fifty cents. And I received of Elisha Hewitt as witness fee two dollars. Paid Hermie Dunham ten cents. Left 50 registers with Mr. Pratt, and gave one to each of the following named persons, Mr. Sims, Mr. Phillips, Dr. McCollom, N. Paul. And I gave one to Polk and one to Abbie.

Credits – 2.00

Debits – 1.10, 1.15, .50, .10

Sunday, January 9

A cold night but not quite so cold as it was yesterday morning. The high winds in the night shook the window and let it down from the top and our plants were badly chilled. It is now evening and what a cold day it has been. The windows have not been clear of frost and ice today, and the wind has continued very high. Mrs. Dunham called here at noon, and Ruth called on Abbie. Mrs. Dunham had not been here for a long time. I spent the greater part of the day at my writing table in reading and writing. But I have not written any letters so far but may this evening. Mrs. D. has been very busy with her housework and has hardly found time to visit at all or to read or write. I have not been to church for a long time for I cannot give my attention to the preaching if I go. I get the brain so tired through the week that it is impossible to think very deeply

Monday, January 10

Mr. Billings paid me for surveying on the Marsh farm, leveling, etc. the past summer \$27.00 and I paid Polk for his assistance \$9.50. I also paid for a Vt. Directory \$2.00. Went down the line as far as White River and found the weather very cold. Examined a pit for Mr. Sims but found the men could not work in it on account of the water. Set grade stakes on the embankment west of Shallies Hill. Mr. Morey came along while there. Came back to the office about 5 o'clock.

Credits – 27.00

Debits – 9.50, 2.00

Tuesday, January 11

Found the weather very mild. Thermometer about 28 above zero. Pd. Pratt for ink 25 cents. Paid Randall for bottle of cement 25 cents. Paid Chapman for medicine. Paid Billings for cotton cloth \$6.92, and paid for clothes basket 85 cents. – I paid for shoeing the oxen and other work \$3.10 and I paid Pratt 34 cents for two writing books. Received by mail a letter from Joel Doty, one from Pliny Vose; and one from Robert. I staid in the office the greater part of the time today, and it has been one of the most beautiful days of winter.

Debits - .25, .25, 1.00, 6.92, .85, 3.10, .34

Wednesday, January 12

About three inches of snow this morning and it soon changed to rain. Worked in the office through the day and prepared the estimates for Mr. Sims. H.F. Marsh handed me three notes to compute the interest on them. Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Woodstock Railroad this afternoon. They chose the same Board of Directors and the Directors chose the same officers throughout. So I shall not get this road off of my hands till the cars run, which I hope will be early next season.

Thursday, January 13

A stormy day; snow, hail and rain. At night the snow was about three inches and a half deep and was very dense. Paid 20 cents for spoons and also 20 cents for 2 cent postage stamps. Paid six cents for slate pencils. I staid in the office through the day and copied the estimates that had been neglected for a long time. The directors had another meeting this morning and completed the business of the annual meeting. The weather for a number of days past has been warm for the season, but it must be colder before many days.

Debits - .20, .20, .06

Friday, January 14

Thermometer seven degrees below zero this morning. I went to the office and soon had a call from my old friend Mr. Persons who once lived near our home. Bought a load of wood of Charles Smith and paid him 6 dollars for it. And I also paid Nathan F. Churchill ten dollars for the Universalist Society and can but feel that this money was a poor investment. I might have given it to my own family or given it to the poor. Borrowed one dollar of Spenser to pay for wood. Paid Pratt for envelopes ten cents. Melvin and Julia Miller took dinner with Abbie and had not been here before at all.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 6.00, 10.00, .10

Saturday, January 15

This is a stormy morning and I staid in the office through the day. Polk has gone to Pomfret to attend to a case between John Raymond and Mrs. White. The case is tried at Woodstock and is attracting considerable attention. Met Mr. Persons at Paul's office and have not seen him for a long time. Paid one dollar for sugar and do not recollect as I paid out anything more today. In the afternoon it rained quite hard and continued till 9 or 10 o'clock when it began to break away. Received a letter from Edward H. Williams who leaves railroad work and has gone into a company in Philadelphia.

Debits – 1.00

Sunday, January 16

Warm this morning. Last night about two or three o'clock the wind began to blow very strong from the west and it checked the thaw a very little, though today the water runs from the house into the cistern. Polk came home from his suit at Winslow's about eleven o'clock last night. The day is pleasant and beautiful and reminds one of woody rambles in a summer sun. I have not yet read much today but have found some very good articles in the last No. of the Universalist Quarterly, but I am not quite clear enough to read them with profit. Horace called at noon and was here till time for the afternoon service at church. The afternoon is most remarkably pleasant, and I had a very pleasant afternoon in reading and talking and writing. My reading today has been strictly miscellaneous and does not lead to a better knowledge of any particular subject, but may be of some value. Yesterday I had a very pleasant call from Judge Barrett, and we had a very good chat on books and on the subject of annual interest. After he left I examined Aiken on the same subject and found his rule quite simple.

Monday, January 17

Another wet and drizzly day and but little rain. I staid in the office through the day and saw but few people. Dr. Russ came from Pomfret to hold a council over Gov. Washburn's case He is quite sick and there are some fears that he cannot recover. The office is quite clear again for smoking seems to be banished for a time. I paid Mr. Richmond for meat 38 cents. Leland Doton came this morning to saw a

load of wood that I bought of Charles Smith. This is a very remarkable winter for every snow storm has changed to rain. Wrote a letter to Judge Barrett this evening on the subject of interest.

Tuesday, January 18

Arose quite early this morning to take care of the of the rain gauge for I left it out over night. Found only 0.13 inches in it, which makes 0.19 inches for the day yesterday. I am not well enough to go down the line. Mr. Phillips went to the work on the Porter farm, but could not examine it on account of ice. Leland Doton finished sawing the wood and went home before noon. I staid in the office in the forenoon. Got the interest on coupons from the bank \$10.65 and borrowed one dollar of Polk and then paid Leland Doton \$1.50 for sawing the wood. One of the most beautiful and lovely twilights that I have seen for a long time.

Credits – 10.65, 1.00

Debits – 1.50

Wednesday, January 19

Cooler this morning. Thermometer +6 at seven o'clock. Concluded to go down the line and we went to Station 264 and worked back this way. Staked out work at Sta. 235, etc. for Mullen to work in, and then came to Taftsville and laid out some work on Mr. Knowlton's land. Paid Sayward & Fisher 20 cents for grinding axe and it took all my change. I am writing with Comer's No. 3 pen. Polk has gone to Bridgewater to run some lines for Mr. Lyman Southgate. Abbie has had some trouble with an ulcerated tooth and is some better this evening.

Debits - .20

Thursday, January 20

Staid in the office through the day and copies cross-sections into the Book of the line. Mr. Willis called with Polk to see about the Southgate lands south of the river in Bridgewater. The day has been very pleasant but cloudy in the afternoon with some appearance of storm. The winter, so far, has been very remarkable. There has been but little snow, and almost every snow storm has closed with rain. January has been a very warm month, and has been favorable for wood and hay. Governor Washburn is a little better today and the prospect of his recovery is more favorable.

Friday, January 21

Was quite unwell this morning and went to the office but did not stay. Came to the house and did nothing but a little copying from the old record book of the proprietors of Pomfret. The Book is very full of the history of our town and if I had a little more time I could spend it very pleasantly and profitably, for a few people are still alive that can add to the explanations that are derived from the records and can corroborate them. Went to the office at night for the mail but no letters. The Independent is very hard on Mrs. Stowe's Byron article and book. Paid for thread.

Debits - .16

Saturday, January 22

The day has been exceedingly fine, one of the prettiest days of winter. I staid in the office the greater part of the day, but about four o'clock we had Mr. Burk carry us to Pomfret. The sleighing was very hard in some places, as the ice is worn or melted off. Paid Mr. Burk 80 cents. Did not find the folks all at home. Joanna and Mortimer had gone to North Bridgewater. Found the old homestead quite still and quiet. Fred was doing the chores and went to South Pomfret to a singing school. The evening was very mild and there are strong signs of rain.

Debits - .80

Sunday, January 23

How still and quiet it seems about home. The weather is warmer and almost seems spring-like. The fowls at the barn seem quite happy and musical, and the hills being about half bare shuts out all appearance of winter. The babbling of the brook near the house with its poetic melancholy seems quite natural. Soon

after breakfast I began to look over the old record book of the proprietors of the town of Pomfret and I worked upon it till I was nearly tired out. My brain does not permit me to work very busily now but I do not know why. – It rained a little in the afternoon and there were strong signs of a rainy night. Joanna came home between four and five o'clock, and it was raining some as they came. I find the old records of Pomfret are exceedingly interesting, or I could not work upon them so steadily. In the evening it soon began to grow colder and it may be quite cold before morning. Retired quite early for I had worked very steadily in the Pomfret Records.

Monday, January 24

Staid at the old homestead last night. Weather very much colder this morning and there is some wind from the N.W. About 9 o'clock, Mortimer brought us to Woodstock. Soon after dinner, Mr. Clarke and I went to the depot ground to see what land I had taken from Mr. Merrill's meadow, and we concluded to take as much more or nearly so. Paid Spenser the dollar that I borrowed of him a few days ago; and I received fifty cents of H.T. Marsh for computing interest, and he has another note of considerable amount that he wishes to have computed.

Credits – .50

Debits – 1.00

Tuesday, January 25

A snowy night and another of the same kind of storms. It began to snow last night about eight o'clock and was about three inches deep this morning. Went with Mr. Phillips to look at the road at Taftsville, where a man where a man ran off this morning. The snow changed to rain about eleven o'clock and the storm has been quite severe through the day. I staid in the office through the afternoon and made an estimate of the cost of the road from Jan. 1st, 1870. Paid at the Post office 40 cents for 2-cent stamps. Mr. Pratt has worked in the R.R. office this afternoon. Mr. Robert Barker died about nine o'clock this morning – very suddenly.

Debits – .40

Wednesday, January 26

Found a mass of agricultural matter at the P.O. directed to Mr. Miller and myself, also some blanks from the Smithsonian Institution. Paid postage on the Household for the year 12 cents. I also paid Pomfret taxes \$10.04 as per receipt. Mr. Wood and E. Conant called on me at the office and came up and took dinner, and we had a pleasant chat. Mr. Swan Dana called on me in the afternoon and took full notes from the old record book of the proprietors of Pomfret. We found some rich matter relating to the first settlement of the township.

Debits – .12, 10.04

Thursday, January 27

This forenoon Mr. Baker and Mr. Faneuf called and took up two of the notes that I hold against them. And I took up the receipt that I gave them thru Dec. 17, 1868 and Mr. Baker let me have a note of 50 dollars against Charles and Elisha Smith. The note was dated March 12, 1868 interest annually. Besides this note he paid me twenty dollars, and I made the endorsement \$10.50 on each of the two remaining notes. I think I made a mistake in computing the interest but can only tell by a re-cast. Paid the bank for Charles H. Vaughan \$50.00. And I paid for tea at Billings \$1.60. Went to Shallies Hill in the afternoon to set centers on the Rock and earthwork.

Credits – 20.00

Debits – 50.00, 1.60

Friday, January 28

In the morning I went to the office and met Mr. Dewey and had a few minutes talk with him about the work on the road. I soon started for the lower end of the line. We went as far as Roberts land, and made such measures as was necessary for the estimate. We came to the two great culverts on Porters and after

looking at the apron below the bank wall and inspecting the inside of the first great culvert we left for home. The afternoon was very pleasant but some cooler. Paid for thread, etc. 8 cents.

Debits - .08

Saturday, January 29

Felt extremely tired and jaded out this morning but I went to the office and staid through the day but could not do much in the forenoon. Mr. H.S. Dana called in the afternoon and we had a very rich treat over the old record book of Pomfret. We were trying to get at the truth respecting the old South line of the town. After leaving my office he went to the County Clerk's office to examine the court records and there he found the full description of the disputed lands a rich treat truly. He at once brought it to me. Paid Leland Doton for sawing wood \$2.00 and paid Polk \$1.00 for borrowed.

Debits – 2.00, 1.00

Sunday, January 30

Joanna went home last night and took the work with her that she was to do. Today I ought to rest but there is too much of writing and thinking to do to allow of much rest. I wrote a very long letter to Robert touching upon the history of the town of Pomfret and upon other subjects. He sent a box of Gillott's assorted pens containing some that I did not know of before. No. 292 I am now writing with and it is an excellent pen. The swan quill pen is equally good or better for ordinary writing. We had a very quiet day as no one called, and we did our own reading and writing and thinking. I cannot easily keep my thoughts off the old record book of the Proprietors of Pomfret and I have done some copying today and now have almost the entire copy of the old book. Mr. H.S. Dana is assisting me very much on this subject of research and I do believe we shall be able to know just where the town line was and all about the first inhabitants on the border of Woodstock. The case seems some less dark than it once was.

Monday, January 31

In the morning I went to the office and began to finish up the estimates for the meeting of stockholders this afternoon. I found a very wide discrepancy between the original estimate and the probable cost as it now appears at this stage of the work, and to explain the whole matter required some thought, but it was done quite satisfactorily. The meeting was held and was quite harmonious. They directed the Directors to bond the road in the sum of \$250,000, and this will be done and the road will be finished. Paid for kerosene 31 cents.

Debits – 0.31

Tuesday, February 1

All hands are feeling very well about the result of the Railroad meeting yesterday and I hope it will give new life to the work. The day is quite stormy though but little snow gathers on the ground. I spent the day in the office writing and studying the estimates. Borrowed of Paul five dollars for a few days. There was a meeting of the Directors today to compete the business of yesterday, and I think the road will soon be put on a sure footing. I think that Gov. Smith will run the road when completed.

Credits – 5.00

Wednesday, February 2

Another cold morning. The thermometer was 10 degrees below zero early in the morning. Have spent nearly all day in the office copying field notes for preservation. Kimball Perkins came from Barnard in the morning, and will leave Mr. Adams very soon. – Paid Mrs. Brewster \$2.00 for weaving. Paid Mr. Chapman 20 cents for medicine, and paid Jones 30 cents for edging. The day has been very cold and it has been some difficult to keep our rooms warm. There has been some slight effort at snow and the signs are quite favorable to have snow before tomorrow.

Debits – 2.00, .20, .30

Thursday, February 3

Not quite so cold this morning, and it began to snow at about 7 o'clock and was very fine. It continued to snow through the forenoon, but at about 2 o'clock it partially cleared away. The day was some warmer than yesterday, but is still some cold. Mr. Dana called on me at four o'clock to look over our old records. There is some work in putting all of the lots in proper shape. Paid for meat 58 cts. Gen. Washburn has become very sick, and it is now quite certain that he cannot get well. He appears to be sinking away quite rapidly. Later in the evening he revived and was quite comfortable.

Debits - .58

Friday, February 4

A cold morning. My spirit thermometer indicated minus 12 degrees., but Mr. Miller's was about two degrees higher. The streams are bound in icy fetters, and a Vermont winter seems to be here. I staid in the office in the forenoon, but in the afternoon we went to the work on Church's land. Governor Washburn remained comfortable through the day, and his physicians have some hope of his recovery. – We came home about six o'clock, very cold. Paid Pratt twelve cents for pens, etc. Got some papers of Mr. H.S. Dana.

Debits - .12

Saturday, February 5

Another very cold morning. Ther. had been about minus 14 degrees in the night but was not so high this morning. I staid in the office in the forenoon, but in the afternoon we went to the depot ground and took notes for the estimate, and also set stakes for an additional piece of land on Mr. Merrill's land. The piece that we have taken is 20 feet wide for 700 feet and then approaches the road line 5 feet in each hundred feet, making the whole length 1100 feet, which is = to 900 feet 20 feet wide, making 66.11 square rods, costing \$124.10. Mr. H.S. Dana called in the afternoon and we had another chat on town lines, etc. Pd. Knowlton 20 cents and for meal 25 cents.

Debits - .20, .25

Sunday, February 6

This is a mild and beautiful morning, and though not clear, the day has been very fine. I have hardly been out of the house today, and I cannot say that I spend my Sundays very correctly. I try to get rested but is it not strictly selfish to take the Sabbath for that purpose. I have written a short letter to Amelia Gookin, and one to Robert Perkins, and it is now only one week since I wrote to him a very long letter. My thoughts today have been very much on the early history of Pomfret, for we are finding some valuable matter about these days. Still there is much in the mist and fog of the past that does not yet get dispelled. – Governor Washburn is no better today and cannot live many days and perhaps not many hours. The state will be truly unfortunate should the governor be taken away. – I spent a part of the evening in the kitchen with Polk and Abbie, and in rehearsing some of the older pieces of music. The evening is some cloudy though the moon is not wholly obscured.

Monday, February 7

Gen. Washburn died this morning at about four o'clock. His loss will be most deeply felt throughout the state. – The day has been very pleasant and we went down the line as far as Shallies Hill. Took the measurements there and then came to Woods land and measured Mullens work, and then to Dodge's work near Knowltons and laid out a pit for him to continue his work. Came home about five o'clock very tired and jaded out. Polk has been to Sharon to assist Mr. Collamer in a case there. I am alone for a few minutes this evening.

Tuesday, February 8

Was very tired from my days work yesterday. Such days works are too much for me at this season of the year. I did not go to the office very early, and then did not remain there very long. Mr. Chamberlin came here at noon and I rode to the office with him. It began to snow about one o'clock and continued till night. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Pratt called at the office to see about the situation of the work on the road. Mr. Dewey

is now the acting President of the road, and I shall gladly consult him on all matters relating to the work. Have done but little real work today.

Wednesday, February 9

The first great snow storm of the season. It measures this morning 13 inches, and I can hardly tell yet the depth of water it will make. I staid in the office the greater part of the day, but did but little work, for I am too unwell to work. Borrowed of Abbie \$2.70 and then I paid for the North American \$1.50. Silliman 0.90. I also paid boys for carrying wood 0.80. This evening the friends of Gov. Washburn are gathering in to attend the funeral tomorrow. There will be a very full attendance.

Credits – 2.70

Debits – 2.40, .90

Thursday, February 10

Went to the office in the morning and mailed a letter to Robert Perkins. Met with Henry Clark of Rutland and with W.H.H. Bingham of Stowe and some others that I used to meet at Montpelier and at other places. The funeral of Governor Washburn is attended to day and will be a very important and solemn occasion. – At two o'clock the funeral was attended at the Cong. Church, the procession forming at the house and moving to the church. Lieut. Governor Hendee was present and very many distinguished men from this and other states.

Friday, February 11

The town seems perfectly quiet again as most of those who came to attend the funeral of Governor Washburn left last evening or early this morning. The morning was cold. – Ther. minus 7. Received of the R.R. Co. 2 dollars, and from Mr. Gordon 1 dollar & 40 cents, and from Mr. Knapp 40 cents. I paid for meat 40 cents and for stamps 15 cents, and for tickets 50 cents. Went to hear Mr. Lee's lecture on Switzerland in the evening. A very interesting lecture. He is a man of superior mind and makes a very fine teacher.

Credits – 2.00, 1.40, .40

Debits - .55, .50

Saturday, February 12

The morning is very pleasant and the middle of the day quite warm. Saw Mr. Lee a few minutes this afternoon, but not to have much conversation with him. He seems to have grown old some since he left here. Have been making out estimates of the whole cost of the railroad. Saw Homer Vail and had a short talk with him. Abbie got a long letter from Robert and Norman on the subject of house rent. High winds and colder in the evening. Paid Mr. Chapman for soap 44 cents.

Debits - .44

Sunday, February 13

A very fine winter morning and not very cold. Must go to church for I feel quite sure the services will be interesting. Mr. Lee is a thorough scholar and an excellent man. Have returned from church and my highest hopes and expectations have been fully realized. Since he left here about ten years ago he has improved very much, and is one of the most impressive speakers that I have heard for a long time. In the forenoon he spoke of Paul's visit to Athens as described in Acts XXII, and in the afternoon he spoke of the city of Jerusalem. He had visited both these places and his discourses were most extremely interesting and instructive. In the evening we had a call from Mr. and Mrs. Mellish and we spent the evening very pleasantly. Mr. M. brought me a book to read, "Life in the Holy Land" which is doubtless a valuable book. Mr. Lee seems to awaken a higher and better train of thought in the community and I am glad to find it to be so. Such lectures are profitable and it would be well to have them oftener.

Monday, February 14

A very chilly cloudy morning, the sun not coming out through the forenoon, and in the afternoon it snowed very fast. Mr. Lee called on me and we had a very pleasant talk for about half an hour. His visits at all the classic portions of Europe makes a visit from him extremely interesting. The directors had a meeting

today and Mr. Dewey was chosen president of the R.R. Company. Paid for lard .75 – postage .02 and tickets .75. Attended Mr. Lee's lecture in the evening walking through the snow.

Debits - .75, .02, .75

Tuesday, February 15

A very mild morning. Found the snow about 7 inches deep and it made 0.81 inches deep, which is a very wet snow. Went to the office early and saw Mr. Lee for a few minutes. This is the day for the estimate, and to pay off the hands, and some over estimates and the advance pay that the contractors have had make it very troublesome to get along with. The day has been very mild and pleasant though cloudy. Paid for fruit can 30 cents and 23 cents for oysters, and 20 cents for crackers. Mr. Thompson came in the evening.

Debits - .53, .20

Wednesday, February 16

In the morning I went to the office and met Mr. Dewey and had a short talk with him about the railroad and other matters. Mr. Thompson staid with me last night and this forenoon he called at the office and had a long talk about his map of Woodstock. Worked on the estimate the greater art of the day. Received a letter from Mr. Dewey and hastened to answer it, and could not attend the lecture. Paid at lecture 25 cents. Had a long talk with Mr. Farquhar on road matters.

Debits - .25

Thursday, February 17

Forwarded papers to Mr. Dewey and sent telegram to him at Concord. In the forenoon I could do but little but in the afternoon I worked on the estimates that I had made in the course of the work on the Woodstock Railroad; comparing them together. Mr. Dana called on me at the office and we had a long talk on Historical matters relating to the towns of Woodstock and Pomfret. He has collected many notes and descriptions that throw much light on the early history of our town of Pomfret.

Friday, February 18

Some rainy in the morning and in the forenoon, but in the afternoon it was very rainy, so much so that I did not go to the office, but staid at my room at home and wrote on the copies of the early history of Pomfret. The rain continued till about midnight when there had fallen a little more than two inches. Mr. Smith drew a load of wood for us, leaving a small part of it at the office, and I put the remainder into the wood-house. Paid 60 cents for sausages at Richmond's. Received of Simeon Dunham for lent \$30.00.

Credits – 30.00

Debits – .60

Saturday, February 19

Some cooler but the streets are all afloat and the water in the river is very high. There was a thunder shower early this morning but not here, though the lightning could be easily and frequently seen. Another lecture this evening, and the roads were some frozen so that we walked through the ice and water to the town hall. Paid N. Paul for borrowed \$5.00. Paid for tickets to lecture one dollar. Paid for soap 20 cents & for sugar and for two lamp chimneys \$1.13. – Paid Lewis Pratt the balance on Nautical Almanac & pens, and 34 Registers \$1.77

Debits – 5.00, 1.00, .20, 1.13, 1.77

Sunday, February 20

In the morning I went to the post office and to my office to get some papers and soon returned. I wrote the greater part of the day, reading not very much. Mr. Lee preaches at Bridgewater and I would like well to go to hear him, but the sleighing is very bad and the roads rough, and I could not well go. I have heard all his lectures but two and I think they are very valuable and profitable for any one. There are many

speakers who will call a greater audience together by their wit and fun, but Mr. Lee's lectures are very instructive and no one can hear them without being better for the hearing.

Monday, February 21

A rough day and one that will show some drifts on the hills for the wind is very high. I was at the office in the forenoon, but in the afternoon I staid at the house and wrote and looked over my estimates. I am determined to give a fair exposition of all the matters relating to the Engineering part of the Railroad work and its estimates. In the evening we went very early to hear Mr. Lee's closing lecture, which was on Palestine and the Holy Land. Paid one dollar for the two tickets. Mr. Lee left immediately for home.

Debits – 1.00

Tuesday, February 22

Mr. Lee must have had a very cold ride last night riding through the night, as he was obliged to do in order to reach home at the beginning of his college term. I find but very little time for reading or writing and these lectures were much more valuable to me on that account.

Wednesday, February 23

Hurried to the office this morning to reply to some remarks from Mr. Dewey. I hope he will make an arrangement with some other road to run this for a period of years. Paid 30 cents for postage stamps. Paid Abbie three dollars.

Debits - .30, 3.00

Thursday, February 24

Thermometer ten degrees below zero. I went to the office quite early and wrote another letter to Mr. Dewey on the subject of road routes, and before noon, Mr. Dewey came to Woodstock; and in the afternoon we had a real sit down on plans and profiles. – The Supreme court began its session here today. Paid Richmond for meat 58 cents. Took the time in the morning and set Clarke's clock. It was very nearly right. In the evening I worked in my room and copied some from the proprietor's book of records. The evening was cool but some pleasant. Dennis Chamberlin .25

Debits - .58, .25

Friday, February 25

Sent another letter to Mr. Dewey giving him the estimated amount of work to be done to make the road down the river to North Hartland. Received 42 cents of Abbie. Paid Billings for groceries \$1.20. paid Chapman for extract pine apple.

Credits - .42

Debits - 1.02, .50

Saturday, February 26

Staid in the office and worked through the day. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Pratt and Mr. Clarke were there the greater part of the afternoon. I arranged estimates for Mr. Phillips to carry to St. Albans next Monday. At about five o'clock Fred Densmore carried us to Pomfret where we had a pleasant ride. The air is quite good and it seems as though I might rest. Found the folks at home and all doing well. Paid Fred one dollar for carrying us to Pomfret.

Debits - 1.00

Sunday, February 27

Last evening we came from Woodstock to try to rest but Mrs. Bridge came in the evening and the evening was turned to fun and laughter. Have hardly rested today at all, for I had much writing to attend to and I was obliged to go back to Woodstock for Mr. Phillips must go to St. Albans tomorrow. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Merrill and Judge Porter will be there Tuesday to try to make some arrangement with Governor Smith to

finish and run the road; or make some arrangement to assist the directors to keep the work along. There is not much of Sunday in all this R.R. work and it is all wrong wholly wrong.

Monday, February 28

A rough stormy day. Mr. Phillips went to St. Albans to find the engineers of the Central road and make some estimates of the work to be done in order to complete the road bed of the Railroad. I staid in the office for the greater part of the day. Paid Goodale for looking glass 62 cents. Paid Billings for kerosene & salt 45 cents. Paid Paul for coffee 45 cents.

Debits - .62, .45, .45

Tuesday, March 1

A somewhat pleasant day and a great day for town meeting. The meeting at Woodstock was stormy beyond any thing before known in the history of the town. The subject that agitated the meeting was a set of resolutions introduced reflecting upon the directors of the Woodstock Railroad. Robert and Polk went to Pomfret to see how centennial matters were progressing, and returned before night. Mr. Dewey and Mr. Phillips were at St. Albans.

Wednesday, March 2

Mr. Phillips came home this morning and is almost discouraged about railroad matters. But Mr. Dewey came soon after and it appeared a little better. The railroad folks have been quite busy through the day and I hope some good will come out of it. I have from the first been quite confident that all would come out right on railroad matters. Got at the bank for thirty days \$74.45 and lent the same to Albro E. Perkins Paid for eggs 25 cents.

Credits – 74.45

Debits – 74.45, .25

Thursday, March 3

Cool in the morning. Homer Vail is here with Ira Adams and is also attending the institute. Mr. Phillips and myself went down the line. We went as far as Mr. Knowlton's and came back at noon. In the afternoon I remained in the office to hear from the village papers on the Town Meeting. They came out all right and I am glad to see the doings of that meeting so fully condemned by all parties. In the evening we attended a free lecture at the Town Hall on the Culture of women & women's suffrage.

Debits - 1.00

Friday, March 4

Leland Doton came this morning to prepare our wood for the stove, and I paid him one dollar for it. I also paid for the "Age" 1 dollar & 50 cents. Paid Kendall for a photograph of Gov. Washburn 25 cents, and I also paid Jones for a china shot mug 40 cents, but I found the mug too good for such a purpose, and I left it at the house.

Debits – 1.00, 1.50, .25, .40

Saturday, March 5

In the forenoon I staid in the office and did some writing but not much. In the afternoon I went to Pomfret to attend a town meeting that was adjourned to take up the subject of a Centennial Celebration of the first settlement of Pomfret. The meeting was quite full, and a set of resolutions was passed fitting the occasion, and a committee was appointed, one member from each school District and each fractional district, whose duty it is to choose a set of officers and make all necessary arrangements for a celebration.

Sunday, March 6

Just one century ago today, Bartholomew Durkee and family came to Pomfret and began the settlement of the town on the farm now owned by Asa Fuller. He came as far as Hartland where there were many

settlements, in company with John Chedel on a previous day*, and on the sixth, Mr. Durkee came to his place in town, and in a few days he found that Mr. Chedel had arrived at his place where O.M. Chedel now lives. He learned that Mr. Chedel had got his place by his (Mr. C's) dog coming to see them. I must write to some of the descendants of Mrs. Horr (Theodosia Durkee) who was one of the family that came first to the town, and was old enough to tell what she witnessed and to remember correctly. – After supper we went to Mrs. Perkins' and made our first call, though I was there alone while they were moving in. They are very pleasantly situated but how changed the whole Perkins family is. Mrs. Perkins is all that is left here of her family, Norman and Robert being in Chicago are all of her family living.

*This statement is not reliable as it is not yet clearly proved that they (the Chedel family) came from Connecticut with Mr. Durkee. That Mr. Durkee came to Mr. Burch's, the James Udall place, and staid over night there is no doubt, but whether he staid there more than one night is not clearly determined.

Monday, March 7

Snowy nearly all day. Intended to go down the line today but it is too stormy and I am not very well. Received of Polk \$2.81, and I paid Mr. Smith \$3.56 as balance for my part of the last load of wood, Polk paying \$2.19 for his part. In this account Mr. Smith pays for all the surveying I did for him about three years ago. Paid Mr. Burk for use of horse 1 dollar and Richmond 18 cents for meat. Josh Billings was here in the evening and Polk and Abbie went to hear him, but I have no taste for such fun.

Credits – 2.81

Debits - 3.56, 1.00, .18

Tuesday, March 8

Went to the office in the morning and we soon started down the line, going as far as Shallies Hill. We took some measures to test errors if any might appear, or rather to test the correctness of the work as it is done. Took measures to determine the estimate for February. We did not get home till night and were both of us some unwell. We have taken cold, especially Mr. Phillips for he can hardly speak at all. I believe there is nothing going on at the town hall tonight, but it is occupied almost every night.

Wednesday, March 9

A clear morning for the season. Found Mr. Phillips quite unwell from a severe cold, but we concluded to go down the line as far as the work done last month on Mr. Church's land. Finished all the measurements this side of Shallies Hill, and can make up the estimate so far. The day has been quite clear and very much like March, being quite windy and cool. Robert came in the evening. He had been to the north part of Pomfret to get more truths relating to the first settlement.

Thursday, March 10

A springlike morning though cold. Staid in the greater part of the day and worked on copying the field notes of the road line. Robert came in and we had some chat about "Citizen" of Pomfret. Mr. H.B. Thompson called on me and I furnished him with a paper to draw his map on. Mr. Chamberlin and Mrs. Chamberlin were here today. Mr. H.S. Dana called on me at my room towards night, and we had some talk about town lines, etc. – I paid 20 cents for groceries, etc. Robert came here in the evening, and expects to start for home in the morning.

Debits - .20

Friday, March 11

A cool morning. – Thermometer 1 degree below zero. Robert started for Chicago. Abbie went with him to the Junction or Station. I staid in the office. Polk took dinner with us. Went to Horace Dunham's to supper. Was quite unwell and was glad to get home. Did not try to work any in the evening. Paid Richmond for beef for drying \$2.61 and for ham 39 cents. There is a temperance lecture at the Town Hall this evening but we did not go.

Debits - 3.00

Saturday, March 12

A very cold sharp morning with a hard north wind. Rested badly last night and felt hardly able to go to the office. Went to the bank with Robert's check and got the money on it, \$100.00, and am to pay Mr. Murdock for house rent and Misses Fay & Woodward for horse hire; and the balance I am to pay over to his mother. In the afternoon I went down the line to lay out a ditch to preserve the new made embankment. Paid Palmer 30 cents for an iron boot jack.

Credits – 100.00

Debits - .30

Sunday, March 13

It continued to snow though there has not more than one or two inches fallen; but the storm increased very much and about seven inches fell during the day. I hardly left my room at all for the storm was most fearful. I wrote a letter to Robert to let him know that his draft had come safely. I also wrote to Wm. Page of Danville P.Q. and to Joseph Page of Medfield. I have not heard from them for a long time.

Monday, March 14

The weather is more pleasant and it begins to seem like spring. I worked at the office through the day, but Mr. Phillips went down the line to see about the work and to finish the measurements. I made the papers of estimates and finished them about four o'clock. I paid 99 cents for postage stamps and 49 cents for revenue stamps Sent a receipt to Claremont for the draft. Got the draft cashed at Munger's \$40.00. Am beginning the almanac for 1871.

Credits – 40.00

Debits – .99, .49

Tuesday, March 15

A beautiful day; bright, clear and springlike. Paid Mr. Murdock for R.A. Perkins' house rent \$54.15, and paid Fay & Woodward for R.A. Perkins' living bill \$10.00, and the balance of the 100 dollars on his draft I am to pay to his mother. Well, I called there and paid her the balance of the \$100.00, that is \$35.85. Great R.R. commotion in the afternoon. Mr Billings and Mr. Woodbury attached the contractors chattels on the road. That will stop the work for a short time I think. Paid 21 cents for eggs. Mortimer was here at dinner time with his last load of wood.

Debits – 54.15, 10.00, 35.85, .21

Wednesday, March 16

Great rush of the railroad hands for they all wish to give notice that they have not been paid for their work. It began to snow about one o'clock and in a few hours the storm was fearful. The wind was very high and a gloom pervaded everything. Polk moved to Mrs. Mellish's house and I think they must have had a gloomy night on such a storm. Paid Mr. Thompson for stove pipe \$5.80. Got a table from Mr. Fisher's and am to pay him fourteen dollars for it.

Debits - 5.80

Thursday, March 17

Another snowy day but there fell only about three inches during the day. Lent to Mr. Phillips four dollars. He worked in the office through the day and attended the party at the town hall in the evening. There is something of a calm in railroad matters, but I learn that Ralph Jones & Co. have put an attachment on the Road so as to help keep up appearances. Moved things from the chamber and remained in the lower part of the house.

Debits – 4.00

Friday, March 18

Have worked in the office through the day. Mr. Dewey called and we talked of ditches, etc., on the line and also of employing some help to keep watch through the spring floods. I called in the morning on Polk & Abbie and found them comfortably situated but very tired from their labor moving. The paths are some drifted up around the house. Mr. Phillips paid me one dollar and I tried to pay it out but we could not make change. Paid Mr. Fisher 15 dollars on account.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – 15.00

Saturday, March 19

An almost perfectly clear day and very bright, and a clear keen north wind. Paid Mr. Cushing for two photographs of Gov. Washburn one dollar and lent three dollars to Polk. Paid a return of my income to Mr. Turner and found myself able to pay a tax of \$19.50 besides the tax for Engineers license. Mortimer and Abigail and Joanne came here in the afternoon. I am constantly receiving notices from workmen on the road that they have not been paid for their labor for the last two and a half months.

Debits – 1.00, 3.00

Sunday, March 20

A very beautiful morning, wind west and some cloudy, but the clouds soon faded away and before 9 o'clock the sky was cloudless. I have been cutting in the morning and my hand does not move easily and my writing shows a tremor. The day was pleasant throughout and there was scarcely wind or clouds at all. Abigail is here with us now, - came yesterday. I have been very dull and must have taken a hard cold. Have written some today, for I wished to notify some of our Pomfret boys of the coming celebration in June. Wrote to Norman Perkins, to Josiah Crooker and also to Frederick Ware of Jericho, Vt. Have read but very little of important valuable reading. Polk called a few minutes after supper and we ought to have gone there to see them today in their new quarters. My almanac work begins to drive and I must spend all my spare moments on it.

Monday, March 21

It rained a little last night and there is a slight rain this morning. Am expecting Mr. Manning and Mr. Jones of the R.R. Contractors firm. What will be done when they arrive I cannot tell, but I hope they will start the work as soon as the weather will permit. Sent Mr. Prue and a few of the men to work on the ditches by Mr. Knowlton's. Paid for carpet tacks. It has continued to be damp through the day but no rain in the gauge. Postage on book from Miss Hemenway 14 cts. Paid Mr. Thompson for tin boiler \$3.25

Debits - .08, .14, 3.25

Tuesday, March 22

Received for stamps 27 cents. Paid Pratt one dollar & ten cents. It has been nearly a rainy day but no water collects in the gauge. There are at times a few drops of rain and it continues to be cloudy. We remained in the office in the forenoon, and in the afternoon we went down the line to the Knowlton cut to direct about the ditches. Am very tired this evening from so much running around in the snow.

Credits - .27

Debits – 1.10

Wednesday, March 23

Froze but very little last night, but it is growing cooler. Am glad to find a prospect of finishing the road. There is a proposition to have the same contractors finish the work and lay the track, fitting the road for running in every respect. I hope the two companies will make an arrangement so that the work can be finished. Paid Mellish 48 cents for eggs, and paid Billings 1 dollar for sugar. The weather is much cooler than it was in the morning.

Debits – .48, 1.00

Thursday, March 24

Very much cooler this morning and clear with N.W. wind. Went early to the office and soon met Mr. Dewey and after some time we went to C.P. Marsh's office where the greater part of the directors of the road had met. Soon after Mr. Manning came in and made such suggestions about the finishing the road as his experience had dictated. His talk made a very favorable impression upon the members of the board. Received of Polk three dollars.

Credits – 3.00

Friday, March 25

A very clear morning but cool. Mailed a letter to Robert, and am now ready to write again. Paid Mr. Mellish 38 cents for oysters and crackers. Paid Billings 34 cents for two bowls. Borrowed of Polk for a few days 20 dollars, and I went immediately and paid Mrs. Dana 18 dollars as interest on notes. Had a short interview with Mr. H.S. Dana. He is one of the best men in Woodstock or in the state. We are now fully at work on the Almanac for 1871, and have work enough in it yet.

Credits – 20.00

Debits - .38, .34, 18.00

Saturday, March 26

Clear again this morning but there are some signs of storm. Today I have paid two bowls 32 cents, and paid 85 cents for ink jug and 4 cents for orange for Abigail. She has been here about a week but goes home tonight. Electa and Joanna visited at Simeon Dunham's this afternoon. We were expecting to go to Pomfret this evening but we were disappointed and we remained at home. Abbie rode home with Spenser. We are alone here this evening. Got a letter from Norman on the railroad, house rent, and history. Paid 90 cents for Silliman.

Debits - .32, .89, .90

Sunday, March 27

Arose with a very severe headache and disturbed stomach, and am really quite unwell, but we concluded we ought to go to church and we aroused courage enough to go, and we heard Mr. Powers. From church we went to see Polk and Abbie. We found (them) cosily and comfortably situated and I almost wished we were as near to the business part of the village as they are. It began to snow about three o'clock and the storm comes furiously from the northeast. We came home in the storm about four o'clock, and it looks now like being a severe storm, especially along the Atlantic coast. It continues to increase and now 6 o'clock becomes a very severe storm. The news came this afternoon that Governor Hendee died and is it not truly remarkable that two governors of Vermont died in so few weeks. – The news was not reliable, he was better at the last reliable accounts, and I hope it may prove so. How little reliance can be placed on the floating news.

Monday, March 28

A strong morning snow and rain, but before noon it was all rain. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Phillips had a long talk on money matters and his pay for his labors. I hope the company will pay him though they are owing me twice as much. I have paid 1 dollar for milk tickets and \$1.60 for tea and 31 cents for kerosene. I take but little money since it is so very scarce. There seems to be but little in circulation. Polk and Abbie came in the evening to stay through the night.

Debits – 1.00, 1.60, .31

Tuesday, March 29

A warm morning. The storm is, to appearance, over and the sun is coming out. This is a season that requires the closest watching of the work on the line of the road. Mr. Phillips and I went down the line to White River and took notes of all the work done this month so that a full estimate of what has been done can now be made out. The sleighing is bad and will soon be gone. Got a book from Miss Hemenway, and a letter from Mr. Adams. Paid Frank Shallies for horse feed 25 cts.

Debits - .25

Wednesday, March 30

A warm thawing morning. I went to the office early but could not work much for I was too tired and lame from my work yesterday. Found that I was selected as one of the school committee in this village at their school meeting last evening. It is a difficult place to fill. I have done but little today. Paid Richmond 92 cents for meat. The day has been quite warm and is clear this evening and the aurora is very brilliant. I watched it at times till past midnight when it was bright and beautiful.

Debits .92

Thursday, March 31

Went to the office to get a money order out for Chs. S. Dana of St. Johnsbury. Got 25 dollars of Norman Paul, and I paid for money order \$26.82, that is 26.67 for C.S. Dana & 15 cents for the order. Mr. Phillips is getting some reconciled about his money from the company. Mr. Levi Hazen called on me in the afternoon. He misses Mr. Wolcott very much as we all shall. He had many very excellent qualities. He was a very critical scholar and was a very marked man.

Credits – 25.00

Debits – 26.85

Friday, April 1

Weather extremely pleasant and I am feeling some relief for I do not intend to give all my time to the road. This morning I got 75 dollars of Polk to pay to the bank so I paid that note 75 dollars. I also paid barber 20 cents and Mellish 16 cents for lemons. – Received a letter from St. Johnsbury containing receipts for special taxes. I also received a letter from Robert Perkins & one from Mr. Dewey, calling for an estimate of the work to March first. But I will make it to March fifteenth.

Credits – 75.00

Debits – 75.00, .20, .16

Saturday, April 2

Another pleasant morning. I staid in the office the greater part of the day and I worked on the estimates and in the comparison of the different estimates made in the course of the work. Mr. Phillips is just finishing up the computations of the eastern division of the road, and I think he will leave for home early next week. – Paid Mr. Richmond 50 cents for soap and Chapman 22 cents for earthen shot cups. Sent a letter to Rob. And received one from Mr. Adams. Wales Johnson called in the evening to find some school teachers.

Debits - .50, .22

Sunday, April 3

The morning was some pleasant, but the wind soon began to blow strong from the northeast. We concluded to go to church and went to hear Mr. Powers. There were no services in the afternoon, as Mr. P. attended the funeral of Richard Southgate of Bridgewater who has been suffering for the past 20 years from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. At noon the wind was strong and chilly from the northeast, and about four o'clock it began to rain on the hills. Have written another letter to Robert Perkins today for every day brings something to say to him about the history of Pomfret. A letter from Nathan B. Dana calls for a letter to him. I also wrote to Mr. Dana to get some hints about his grandfather's first house. I hope he will settle that matter satisfactorily before many days. The afternoon is quite gloomy and dark but if we can be well we ought to be happy.

Monday, April 4

A stormy morning but not so much as to prevent my going to school with Mr. French to begin my work on school committee. We first went to Miss Hayden's school and found about fifty scholars, all in good order. We next went to Mr. Wheeler's school where we found a still larger number. After going into Miss Hewitt's

school we went to the schools on River street. In them we found about 30 scholars in each school. A Railroad meeting in the afternoon.

Tuesday, April 5

Have spent all day trying to affect a settlement with Mr. Phillips as he is unwilling to leave without his pay in full. But he will be obliged to take up with a note I think. I received of George & Norman 75 dollars which with the 25 dollars received last Thursday is indorsed on the note that I hold against them. Paid Polk 50 dollars of the money that I borrowed of him. Paid Mr. Fisher 10 dollars. For revenue stamp 5 cents. Mr. Phillips will start for home in the morning. He has taken his leave of the office.

Credits – 75, .05
Debits – 50.00, 10.00

Wednesday, April 6

Rested badly last night but went to the office a little earlier than usual to clear it out and place things as I wish to have them. Found that Mr. Phillips did not go in the Rutland stage but was waiting to go with Perry to the station. After he left I cleaned the office, burned up his old boots and shoes and arranged things to suit myself. In the afternoon I called at Judge Barrett's to see Mr. Lyman's computation of interest. It is truly a very excellent piece of work. Paid Pratt \$4.00 for books. Paid Mellish 26 cents for shot. And 14 cents at post office. A rainy, snowy and dull day.

Debits – 4.00, .40

Thursday, April 7

Can now go to the office and find everything as I leave it, for am alone in the office and expect to be for some time. Am arranging the estimates and fixing books so that I can be ready to have the work begin again. Paid Mellish 15 cents for lemons, and Chapman 10 cents for camphor. Wm. Hewitt called at the office and I urged him to review all his studies required in his examination for a place at West Point. I hope he will get the appointment.

Debits - .15, .10

Friday, April 8

The morning is very clear and it seems like being much more pleasant than it has been for a long time. On coming to dinner I met Mr. Streeter whom I had not before met for a long time. He is a very kind, warmhearted man and one of the best speakers that I ever heard; and it is remarkable how he retains his clearness & power of intellect. It was the richest treat I have had for a long time. Paid Mr. Knapp 1 dollar for book binding. Paid Mr. Cushing 1 dollar for picture frame.

Debits – 1.00, 1.00

Saturday, April 9

The ground was frozen a very little this morning, and Mrs. D. thought of going to Pomfret, but was prevented and perhaps it is just as well, for the passing is very bad. I called on Judge Barrett in the morning at the County Clerk's office and in the afternoon I computed an interest for him on a note that Mr. Lyman had computed a short time ago. Paid Richmond for meat 67 cents. I reviewed the cost of interest and am quite sure it is right. Paid Nichol's boy 5 cents.

Debits - .67, .05

Sunday, April 10

Pleasant in the morning and it continued so a great part of the day. In the forenoon we went to church to hear Mr. Powers, and he gave us a very good discourse. After the forenoon services we called on Mr. Streeter and found his mind and spirits a perfect glow of sunshine. We staid with him about half an hour and the visit was extremely rich and full of instruction. He possesses a strong mind and a good heart and the world will miss his labors when his work shall have ceased. I hope he is to live many years yet, but

can hardly expect it as he is now nearly 80 years of age. – From Mr. Streeter's we went to see Abbie, and there we found a real Spiritualist, a cousin of Polk's and I cannot say that I was much pleased with the performances, though it may be all true, good and right. We cannot fathom such things now, and perhaps never in this life. Came home at early evening and we were quite tired. In the forenoon I paid to the Murray Centenary fund two dollars.

Debits – 2.00

Monday, April 11

Some cloudy this morning, and it continued to increase till it began to rain about five o'clock in the afternoon. I have paid out 6 cents in making change with a peddler. Have been in the office nearly all day and have been copying notes from Mr. Phillip's cross-sections. I am afraid he was not sufficiently critical about his work, for I find many little discrepancies that bespeak a want of refined and correct taste. I do not hear from him since he left for home. Paid Mr. Hewitt one dollar for sirup.

Debits - .06, 1.00

Tuesday, April 12

Weather some cooler and this rain is over. I worked in the office through the day. Mr. Dewey called at the office and Mr. Greene called in the morning to see the cross-sections, the profiles, and the estimates of the different road routes in the early ages of the work. The directors have had an informal meeting to prepare the Powers case for court. I paid \$1.45 for sirup and N.O. molasses. The river is high for this spring, but not very high for ordinary high water. The evening is very clear and the air is cool and pleasant.

Debits – 1.45

Wednesday, April 13

A cool morning with high north wind. In the forenoon Polk and I went to the chapel to see the bell and we found the weight to be 1021. The brick house bell was 849 pounds. We also went to the Court house to see that bell and found it to be one of the Maneely bells, weight 510, as that was marked on the wheel. It is the most beautiful bell that I ever saw and is one of the purest tones. Mortimer came from Pomfret and brought some dried apples and I sent \$1.50 to Abigail to pay for her work. Measured the space for the Elm street bridge.

Debits – 1.50

Thursday, April 14

A warm morning and a very warm day for the season. The max thermometer registered +71 degrees. I staid in the office the greater part of the day. I wrote a letter to Mr. Clark of Poultney for Mr. Conant, and one to Mr. Conant on the subject of the Secretary of the Board of Education. Cousin Leland Doton began to saw wood here yesterday. Polk has had a good lawsuit in his office this afternoon. Abbie called at the office for a few minutes this afternoon. Paid for postage stamps 9 cents which is all I have paid out today.

Debits - .09

Friday, April 15

Fast day and, after going to the office, Spenser called for us and we rode with him to Pomfret. We staid with him till after supper when we walked to the old homestead where we had not been for many weeks. The day was cool and wind southeast. How much easterly wind we have had this month. The snow is wholly out of the roads and nearly gone in the fields. Began my work on the Almanac and continued it in the evening.

Saturday, April 16

Arose in the morning and went to work on the almanac and continued it through the day and evening. Sugar making seems to be the business out doors and sugar eating in and about the house. I have

worked with greater ease than usual, and the almanac is going along rapidly. Mrs. D. does all the important part of the computations. Spenser's wife visited here this afternoon. I ought to hear from the post office this evening for I am expecting some important letters.

Sunday, April 17

A cool cloudy morning with some signs of storm. Some damp and misty but not quite rain. About ten o'clock in the forenoon I started and walked to the village. I called at the burying ground near Mr. Cushing's and found the grave of Deacon John Horr and his wife. They are in the S.E. corner of the yard nearly, but I had been unable to find them before. When John Horr Lynde was here some years ago he wished to find the spot but could not find it. – I came to the post office and found it full of letters, that is, my box full of letters. One was from the Claremont Company containing a duplicate check for me as the first was lost. I have not been to church but ought to have heard Mr. Morse, the teacher at South Woodstock. He preaches at the Chapel today. Mrs. D. came about five o'clock and we were again at home and quiet.

Monday, April 18

Cousin Leland came again to work on the wood. I staid in the office the greater part of the day. Mr. Dewey called at the office and spoke of having some estimates made of all the lines of the Railroad that have been under contemplation, so that they can be compared throughout. Today I paid Mr. Richmond 50 cents for meat and Mellish 10 cents for vinegar.

Debits - .50, .10

Tuesday, April 19

A very rainy night and this morning I started early to see the road and ditches. A hand came with me and we went as far as the Gilson crossing and made such repairs as we could, and I do not think the road will be very badly injured unless there should be much more rain. Found that my walk was a very long one for me, and I should not wish to repeat it. I think the road is standing against the freshets much better than it did last spring.

Wednesday, April 20

A stormy night and a little snow this morning. I have been too lame from my long walk yesterday, but I went to the office quite early, and worked there much of the day. Went with Mr. Pratt to look at a lot for a school house, a lot south of Mr. Kent's house and about 16 or 18 rods from the street. Mr. Montague called in the evening to have me go to Bridgewater to make a survey of the James Southworth farm. I paid 3 cents at the post office.

Debits – .03

Thursday, April 21

Some stormy in the forenoon, but in the afternoon we went to see the old school house in the easterly part of the village. The snow has been falling fast all day long but it does not increase much on the ground, except perhaps on the hills where it must be quite deep. There have been but very few teams about the village today, for the storm tends to prevent and there is but one bridge to cross into the village from the north side. Am getting some giddy by reason of severe mental work.

Friday, April 22

It began to clear off this morning and before nine o'clock it was quite pleasant. I called on Polk this morning and he concluded to go to Bridgewater to make the survey for Mr. Southgate, or for Mr. Montague, and they soon started off. I worked in the office till night and was quite giddy. Paid for cutting a piece of marble for a paper weight \$1.50, and at the post office 6 cents, and I borrowed of Simeon Dunham five dollars. Paid Paul 25 cents for beans.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.50, .06, .25

Saturday, April 23

A warm, still and light day with some clouds to give the air a white appearance that is almost painful to the eye. Leland is here again sawing wood. Polk, Abbie and Miss Allen were here to supper, and Mr. Hewitt, Polk, Abbie and Miss Allen at dinner. The time was quite pleasant but we became very tired, for I had worked in the office on some hard work. In the evening I went to the office and got a No. of the "Old & New" to examine. Paid 25 cents for gly. Soap. Was too tired in the evening to work. Finished moon ris. & set. For 1871.

Debits - .25

Sunday, April 24

We have used this day very much as a day of rest, for we did not start very early in the morning. We went to hear Mr. Powers in the forenoon and in the afternoon remained at our own rooms. I did some writing and some reading. Towards night we called on Simeon Dunham's folks and then went to see the middle bridge of which so much is said. It seems to be fast going into the water, but may be arrested by the piles driven last fall. I get but little time for reading, for the Almanacs are on hand now and must soon be finished.

Monday, April 25

Cousin Leland Doton is here again sawing wood and will probably finish today. My woodpile is a very good one this year and I hope to stay here to use it up, but railroad work does not look very inviting, and I am some afraid there is not much of it to be done this summer. Paid Leland Doton and postage .03.

Debits – 4.03

Tuesday, April 26

Paid Mr. Hewitt 49 cents and I paid two cents postage. – I have been opposed to having the Vermont central R.R. do anything about finishing the road, but now I do not so much care who will finish it if they will run it.

Debits - .49, .02

Wednesday, April 27

Intended to visit schools in the forenoon but was too unwell to go today. I staid in the office the greater part of the day and it was a very warm day. Thermometer 72 above zero. The heat has been very oppressive and the air almost suffocating, and many have noticed and felt the effect of it. It has been difficult for me to work at all. Have paid out one dollar that I have not set down in my diary.

Debits – 1.00

Thursday, April 28

Railroad looks the darkest that it has at any time. I went to the office and had a talk with Mr. Clarke on Railroad matters. Soon Mr. French came and we went to the High school and heard some of the lessons. I found the school in good order. Perhaps many suggestions might be made that would be profitable, but the school is doing well. In the afternoon I worked at the house on the N.H. almanac.

Friday, April 29

Spent the greater part of the day on Mr. Billings' work. Looked at some stone posts in the morning and Mr. Weston set one out at the corner of River and North Streets and one on North Street, one at the corner of the Clafin piece and one at the west end of that piece. Railroad work does not look any better than it has the past two months, and I can see but little chance for it to start very soon.

Saturday, April 30

A warm morning and the air quite stifled and dull. Borrowed of Polk five dollars and I had but one cent in my wallet before. Paid Knapp \$1.50 for North American and paid for stamps etc., 26 cents. I intended to go to Pomfret this afternoon but I could not arouse sufficient ambition. School teachers were examined

this afternoon, and I can hardly think such an examination very valuable or very profitable. The air is better this evening.

Credits – 5.00
Debits – 1.50, .26

Sunday, May 1

The morning was some cool and we were quite dull, not feeling able to walk to Pomfret. In the forenoon we went to church and were some rested for going. Two vases of Mayflowers decorated the table in front of the pulpit, and perhaps the speaker felt the spirit of the season. He did remarkably well with the subject that he took up., and we came home some refreshed. In the afternoon we remained at home and tried to rest, for the N.H. Almanac must be finished and sent off Tuesday morning, and there are five months of Sun-rising and setting to be done now. The Spring seems like being quite early, though the cold and dry winds may check vegetation some.

Monday, May 2

Have resolved to finish the New Hampshire Almanac today, and we drove the work very rapidly. About eleven o'clock I went to the market and paid 44 cents for steak and I invited Polk and Abbie up here to dinner. Mrs. Latimer called soon after noon. We then drove the work again and we finished about 9 o'clock in the evening. Took 10 dollars from Polk which makes 60 dollars that I have borrowed of him.

Credits – 10.00
Debits - .44

Tuesday, May 3

Mailed the New Hampshire Almanac to the publishers at Claremont, and am very glad to get it off my hands. In the forenoon I made a survey for Mr. Kent on the school house lot, and in the afternoon I made a description and put it in the deed. My work now is quite varied, being visiting schools, and doing little jobs of surveying, and some railroad work. Mr. Greene has gone to St. Albans and I hope he will see Gov. Smith and get what is reliable from him on railroad matters. Paid 80 cents for dress goods.

Debits - .80

Wednesday, May 4

Mailed a package to Amelia, and a letter to Norman, and I hope it will bring him to Pomfret to attend the Centennial. Visited Miss Anthony's school and then came to the office. Got a clock at Mr. Clarke's and took it to Miss Fairbanks' school. Soon after noon Polk and I went to the Elm street bridge to take some levels of the stone work and also to take some levels of the high water of October 4th, 1869. Paid \$1.32 to Stephen Pratt and 24 cents postage. Walked out to Horace Dunham's about six o'clock.

Debits – 1.32, .24

Thursday, May 5

Started early in the morning for North Hartland to make a survey for Henry & Norman Dunbar. Mrs. D. went with me as far as Taftsville. Finished the survey about half past three o'clock and about four started for home. Had very good success at my surveying, but I think the trade between the two brothers would fall through for the present. I must review the field notes and computations. Received of Mr. Dunbar 8 dollars. Paid Burk for horse \$1.50 and paid Pratt for ink stand 60 cents.

Credits – 8.00
Debits – 1.50, 60

Friday, May 6

Arose quite early and went to the office to be ready to go with Elisha Gallup to run a line between his farm and Mr. Gill's farm. Had no difficulty in making a corner at the road satisfactory to myself, but both parties were some disappointed. Finished about eleven o'clock and then rode home to the office. Received \$1.75

cents of Mr. Gallup for running the line. In the afternoon I worked in the office and re-computed my work yesterday. We do not go to Pomfret tonight but shall try to go in the morning.

Credits – 1.75

Saturday, May 7

A bright and beautiful morning and we shall probably try to get to Pomfret. Started about nine o'clock and arrived at home at about eleven. A pleasant but warm walk though the air is some cloudy. Soon began my work on the almanac and continued it till night. The old place is some changed and it needs some important repairs. Paid Pratt 35 cents for large pen holder. Have more work than I can do but it is not work that affords much income. It rained a little in the afternoon.

Debits - .35

Sunday, May 8

Found myself some tired this morning, but the old place and my old room is quite pleasant. That room I have occupied for a long time. I spent nearly all day in copying the almanac computations on to the calendar pages. Shall soon have the Almanac for 1871 for Vermont ready for publication, and shall then be ready to begin one for 1872. In the afternoon we all took a walk to the Ware place. I had not been there for a long time but the old place had changed but little for the last few years. I find that it would be well for it to have it worked over more, but we cannot do it now. Mrs. Bridge called there before we left for Woodstock. We started for home about seven o'clock and got there soon after 8 o'clock, and we were glad to get to our home again, though it is pleasant being at our Pomfret home.

Monday, May 9

Some rainy this morning and the storm continues to increase. Went to the office in the morning, and went to see Abbie to carry some books that I brought from Pomfret. Paid 15 cents for a box of salt, and paid barber 20 cents for cutting hair. I have done but little in the office since the first of the month. The rainy weather this week has prevented out door work, and I have not yet begun upon the garden.

Debits - .15, .20

Tuesday, May 10

A cloudy damp day and some rainy in the afternoon. This was the day for choosing delegates to the constitutional convention to be held at Montpelier next month. Paid Billings ten dollars for flour and Richmond \$1.10 for lard and five cents for beet seed. I am rather dull this week but must do some surveying on the mountain. Charles P. Marsh was elected delegate from Woodstock & Dr. Russ from Pomfret.

Debits – 10.00, 1.10, .05

Wednesday, May 11

Another wet day though it can hardly be called a rainy day. Measured the rain gauge this morning and found it 0.30 inches, and again about dark and found 0.09 inches. Got a rake and a shovel from the office, and began to work in the garden. Cleared off the old vines and the vegetation of last year. But the soil is still too wet for planting. Paid 25 cents for a rake. Have finished the Vermont Almanac for 1871, and can forward it when needed. Postage 3 cents.

Debits - .25, .03

Thursday, May 12

Rested very well last night and intended to visit some of the schools, but Mr. MacKenzie wished me to run a line between his house lot and Mr. Mellish's; and while doing that I took the notes of the survey of his entire house lot. Went home to dinner and felt some effects of cold, and this afternoon it troubles me very much. Received of Mr. MacKenzie one dollar. Mrs. Collamer was buried this afternoon. The weather is much cooler this afternoon. Mrs. D. called at Mr. Jaquith's and at Paysan Pierce's.

Credits – 1.00

Friday, May 13

Another cloudy morning but not much rain. Am some unwell from the cold that began yesterday. Cousin Leland Doton called to make my garden. I hope we can have a better garden than we had last year. The day has been quite fine and our work has gone well. I paid Cousin Leland five dollars toward his work on the wood and garden. Paid 27 cents at the post office and am owing a little postage now. Am quite dull this afternoon and evening. Paid for milk tickets \$1.00

Debits – 5.00, .27, 1.00

Saturday, May 14

Am some better this morning and concluded to go to Hartland to make some surveys for Mr. James Bates. Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk and reached Mr. Bates' about 9 o'clock and with him went to the Ward Cotton place and made a survey of three small pieces of land. The farm had been sold in parts and Mr. B. wished to make some changes in the lines and it became necessary to survey each piece. Finished about five o'clock and arrived home about seven. Kimball Perkins appeared to me very soon after I rode into the village.

Sunday, May 15

This is one of the warm and faint mornings. A warm wind from the southwest makes the atmosphere seem very much stifled. Did not get up very early but am feeling very well after my days work yesterday. Although the air was some close early in the morning the day is extremely pleasant. There is just enough of cloudiness to shield the eyes from the glaring sunlight. I do not hear a word from Norman or Robert yet but I am looking for them every day and one of them will be here very soon. – Since writing the above I have learned that Robert will appear to us this week. The day continues to be very warm. After supper when the heat had abated a very little we walked down to see Polk and Abbie, and staid there till nearly dark when we walked home. Elvira was very tired from the heat of the day and from her work yesterday. Assisted Abbie about her Poem or Hymn for the Centennial at Pomfret. They are getting divided about an orator. I shall write to some of the committee on the subject and shall recommend Dr. R.H. Paddock or Dr. John Paul.

Monday, May 16

Another very warm and close morning and I did not get up till nearly six o'clock. After breakfast I went to the town clerk's office to search the records for the survey of the summit of Mt. Tom, but did not find it till I called on my friend Dana. He had copied it from the original records. I took the description and also the description of some of the McGowan lands. In the afternoon I visited the schools and found them doing very well. Paid Paul 57 cents for tea and sugar, and paid 2 cents for corks. Received of Polk 5 dollars.

Credits – 5.00

Debits - .57, .02

Tuesday, May 17

The shower last cooled the air some so it that it is not quite so oppressive. Paid Richmond for steak 44 cts. Paid Mrs. Taylor 50 cents for work. In the afternoon I rode to Bridgewater to make a small survey for Mr. Hatch, and made the computations in the evening and found that we had made a very good survey, the work bearing the closest tests. This was a finishing out of a survey that others had made. The day was very pleasant and Mr. Hatch and I had a very pleasant time.

Debits - .44, .50

Wednesday, May 18

Got a horse of Mr. Burk and went to Hartland to survey the cemetery at the Three Corners. A very warm day but there was a strong easterly wind. Finished up all the work I could do in the present stage of the work. So I set for home soon after five o'clock, and reached there about seven. The days work was one of some difficulty and we took hold of it in earnest and were remarkably fortunate in making all the changes.

Thursday, May 19

Mr. Hatch paid me 2 dollars for the survey at Bridgewater, and I called on Mr. Smith and paid him \$2.15 for shoes. Paid Mr. Chapman for bread 10 cts. Paid Billings for sugar 15 cts. In the afternoon Polk and I made a survey of the north line of Woodstock and had remarkably good luck. This settles one of the important points in the History of Pomfret, for the settlement of the line years ago was one of the vexing matters. The records of the proprietors leave the matter very much in the dark.

Credits – 2.00

Debits – 2.15, .10, .15

Friday, May 20

Another of these warm days and I have hardly been out of my room but have taken up the plan of the Cemetery at the Three Corners in Hartland. I made the survey last Wednesday, and have found it a very critical matter to draw the plan and plan the roads and driveways among the lots. But must think I have had very good success. Paid Paul for Starch (salerates) 13 cents and Paid Billings 15 for starch.

Debits – .13, .15

Saturday, May 21

Worked on the plan of the Cemetery, and about the office in the forenoon and in the afternoon I went with Polk and made a survey of Mt. Tom for Frederick Billings, and made the computation in the evening. Found that it would take about fifteen acres to inclose the whole rest of the South mountain. I do not learn as Robert came tonight though he may be here. The afternoon was some rainy and was very rainy about four or five o'clock, but it cleared off in the evening.

Sunday, May 22

The morning was cool and we were too tired to arouse ourselves very early. Kimball Perkins came from Barnard and got here at half past seven o'clock. Soon after he came I went to Randall's to get his watch and soon found it and brought it to him. Paid \$1.25 for repairing it. I do not yet learn that Robert came last night, and if he did not, his folks will be some disappointed. Kimball left soon after breakfast and I have not seen him since. The air has been growing cool since morning and the smoke is nearly all disappeared. We do not hear a word from Robert but think he will be here tomorrow. How rapidly the season is passing away and it will soon be mid-summer. Spenser and Cynthia came here this noon from church and in the afternoon they went to the Cong. Church. It continued to be cool towards night and there may be a frost.

Debits – 1.25

Monday, May 23

Tried to get started early for Hartland but was hindered till nearly nine o'clock and it takes me an hour and a half to drive down there. Met Dr. Richmond and put my horse in his barn and went to the cemetery. I took dinner at Mr. Labaree's and found a very pleasant family. Finished laying out the principal curved walks and driveways in the afternoon, and in the evening I came home and found the folks anxiously waiting for me.

Tuesday, May 24

A rainy morning and I could not hurry myself about getting up for I was lame in every joint. The May term of Court sits today, and I am summoned to be there in the morning to-morrow. Received \$1.05 as witness fee, and I paid 45 cents for fish at Paul's. Am too tired to like to work for I am lame and have a tired brain. The prospect is not very flattering for a long session of court for there are but few cases set for trial.

Credits – 1.05

Debits .45

Wednesday, May 25

Am compelled to stay about home today, but the Cabot case will not come off till afternoon. Dr. Powers was kept as a witness in the case. In the forenoon I searched records and made plans on the Mount Tom lands. In the afternoon I was called to court. After that I went with Polk to try the height of the new bridge and found it to be 1.64 feet lower than the old one. Came home quite early and was very tired. Took a new watch from Clarke & Randall's.

Thursday, May 26

Early in the morning I went to Mr. Kent's to run a line of levels over Stanton Street for they are about to begin to work it. I then made out a grade for it and left it with Mr. Kent. In the afternoon I went to the office to work, and at about half past three I went with Charles Marsh to Mt. Tom to look out a line of road for a driveway from Mr. Billing's house to the summit. Do not yet hear a word from Robert. Received a package from R.S. Davis & Co. and paid 60 cents express bill. – For oranges 12 cts.

Debits - .60, .12

Friday, May 27

The day is cool and tolerably clear. I am doing but little of profit. Spent a part of the day at the office copying estimates and searching for papers. I intended to visit the schools and make the change in the books at the Intermediate school, but could not find time. Mr. Sims came home last night and appears quite cheerful. I wish he could get a good, profitable job on some road. Called at Polk's and Mrs. Perkins' before night and came home in the evening.

Saturday, May 28

In the morning I went to the office and Mr. French and I visited the schools and we made a change of Arithmetics in the Intermediate school. Called at Miss Hewitt's school and at Miss Anthony's. – Paid Billings \$1.20 for tea and sugar. In the afternoon I ran some levels for Mr. Kent and worked them out, but am afraid I cannot make a plan that will be plain for the committee to see and understand. Our friends from Salisbury came tonight in the stage. Horace Dunham called in the evening. Received of Lewis Pratt for express bill 60 cts.

Credits - .60

Debits – 1.20

Sunday, May 29

A bright and beautiful morning. The weather was quite warm after early in the morning. Mr. Gookin and I went to the summit of Mt. Tom, going up on the southerly ridge. We found it quite steep and difficult to get up on that side. We remained there till about half past one o'clock and we came down around the westerly side. At night we went with Mr. G. to see Horace's folks and Elvira and I came home in the evening. My reading is confined almost entirely to papers, so that I have no stated reading, and I regret it for it shuts out the real source of improvement. Saw Judah Dana and had a talk with him on the first settlement of Pomfret and of his grandfather's house which, he says, stood a little distance from where Mr. Adams old barn stood; but a little northwesterly, but that house stood there but a short time when he built another where Elisha Hewitt's house now stands.

Monday, May 30

A very warm morning and I did not hurry to get to the office. Went to the post office and got a receipt from R.S. Davis & Co. for 22½ dollars sent by Mr. Pratt for 75 Arithmetics. Mr. Gookin and Amelia came from Horace Dunham's. Self worked on the cemetery plans fitting roads and walks. Horace and Caroline came here to attend the decoration of the G.A.R. Mr. Gookin went home with Horace. Electa came down in the evening. Weather very clear and warm, but there are strong signs of rain. Paid 9 cents for stamps.

Debits – .09

Tuesday, May 31

A dull, cloudy morning. Mr. Gookin and Amelia went to Dr. Russ's and came back towards night. The day is too warm for comfort, but I tried to work out and plant the remainder of the garden. The corn planted some time ago did not come up. I worked about half a day on the plan for the cemetery but cannot finish it till I can hear from the committee. Paid 29 cents for fish at Paul's. It is a little remarkable that so little money is in circulation.

Debits - .29

Wednesday, June 1

A very warm day. Mr. Gookin started in the stage for home this morning. Self came back to the house and wrote nearly through the day while the thermometer stood above 80 degrees on my table. Robert called upon us this morning and it seems quite natural to see him about. Dr. Russ and Mrs. Russ called in the afternoon, and went home in the evening. Joanna called at the office on business about the farming.

Thursday, June 2

Another warm day. Robert called for me to go to Pomfret to see Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Chamberlin. We went by our house and then called at Henry Vaughan's and then on Albro. The rode to Mr. Hewitt's where we took dinner. We went to Mr. Chamberlin's and got the old plan of the town, and I found it to be a very rich gem. I could find in it much to explain the difficulties in town lines in early days. It is the plan made by Samuel Payne and Darius Sessions, and was accepted by vote of the Proprietors Jan. 1, 1771.

Friday, June 3

There is a closeness about the atmosphere that makes it seem much warmer than it really is, though the thermometer rises above 80 degrees nearly through the day. It is about 84 at the highest. I made some computations on the Mt. Tom surveys and worked some on the cemetery plan. Borrowed of Polk five dollars to get stamps, etc. and paid 99 cents for stamps. Wrote to Dr. Richmond that I would be at Hartford next Monday quite early. The weather is very warm for such work.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – .99

Saturday, June 4

The weather still continues to be extremely warm. In the morning Polk paid me 12 dollars, the amount of Mr. Woodward's bill for surveying. But I need to pay it out readily, and I paid 6 dollars for hat and 1 dollar for a linen vest and 4½ dollars for a bonnet, and 31 cents for kerosene. In the afternoon Polk and I went to the summit of Mt. Tom and made a survey of the top part of the lower mountain, and had a very warm time the thermometer standing at 87 degrees above zero, the warmest so far this season.

Credits – 12.00

Debits – 7.00, 4.25, .31

Sunday, June 5

Warm, still warm, but I do believe there will be rain soon, for the air begins to show signs thickening up with partially condensed vapor. We went to church in the forenoon and heard a discourse touching the story of John Murray and Thomas Potter. There was no singing, which made it some dull for both speaker and hearer. After supper we all went down to see Polk and Abbie, and found them sweltering in the heat. Abbie is trying to get up a poem for the centennial celebration, but has very hard work, for her own work is enough, and she gets quite nervous at times. The evening continues warm and it seems remarkable for this season of the year. The thermometer has arisen +80 degrees every day this month and it may continue so for some days to come. Yesterday the thermometer stood at about 87 degrees and Polk and I do not feel any better today for having been in the heat so long. But we finished the work that we wanted to do at the time.

Monday, June 6

Started early in the morning for Hartford to lay out the curves and the roads in the cemetery. The weather was so much cooler in the morning that I was too cool to be comfortable while going over the hills.

Worked through the day on the ground and started for home about seven o'clock. The clouds looked fearfully angry and a shower arose & it began to rain while I was near Mr. Putney's, and at first the air was full of spray & water. I got some wet before I got home and was very tired.

Credits 102.00

Debits – 19.00, 3.00, .50

Tuesday, June 7

Rested but very little last night for I was very tired and wet when I arrived home. I cannot boast of doing much work today, for I have not been able to do it. Paid Paul 79 cents for coffee and baking powders, and paid Chapman \$1.00. This has been very rainy. This morning I found in the rain gauge 0.85 inches that fell last night, and today there has fallen 1.07 inches and still it rains. Mr. Thacher paid me \$2.50 as account and interest that closes our school account with him. The rain continued unabated till late in the evening when the river was very high.

Credits – 2.50

Debits - .70, 1.00

Wednesday, June 8

The river is very high this morning and it has injured the gardens near the river very much. Rested some better last night but still have a severe headache. Went to the office in the morning but it was not a day for much work, and I went to the house again a little before noon. It soon began to rain again so I did not go to lay out school house site as I intended. Robert called on me about three o'clock with a proof of his last article. Went to the office but found no letters. The whole amount of rain this storm is 3.34 inches.

Thursday, June 9

This morning I found 0.05 inches of rain in the rain gauge which makes 3.39 inches since this storm began. I borrowed 30 dollars of Polk and paid \$19.50 income tax, and I paid Mr. Bush 7 dollars for horse hire, and George Paul 10 cents for beans to plant. In the forenoon I went to the school house to lay out the building. Saw Robert and with him Wallace Ware of Georgetown, Colorado. I have now had one hundred dollars of Polk and shall pay him as soon as possible.

Credits – 30.00

Debits – 19.50, 7.00, .10

Friday, June 10

Rested very badly last night and am unwell this morning, but must try to work some. The rain does not seem to be over for this storm. Have tried to work on a plan for the Hartford Cemetery for them to work by in making the drive ways and the walks about the lots. Met Stephen Pingree at Polk's and had a long and pleasant chat. Received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Benj. Bagley of Wisconsin and one from Judah Dana of Rutland. The weather is now quite cool. Paid Richmond for soap 50 cents.

Debits - .50

Saturday, June 11

The cloudy weather still continues but there is but very little rain. Went to the office and found two books from Mr. Edmunds. I do not yet get the last volume of the Coast Survey Report & I am afraid some such copies do not get out for distribution. I have three copies of the Smithsonian Report for 1868. Albert Darling called on me this forenoon and I did not know him at first, and he felt very bad about it, feeling as if his friends had forgotten him. Yesterday I paid 3 cents postage, but I omitted to put down 94 cents that I paid Mellish for butter and sugar.

Debits - .03, .94

Sunday, June 12

Rested till quite late in the morning and we had hardly got up when Kimball appeared to us, in due form, as the lawyers would say, and he is again in trouble for he cannot bear for anyone to find fault with his work. The poor child is to be pitied but it is a task to get along with him. – In the forenoon we went to hear Mr. Kidder. There was no meeting at the Chapel. His sermon was a very good one and was from 2 Cor. III. 17. The singing was not quite as good as I expected to hear, but was however very good. – After the forenoon service we went to see Abbie, and found her preparing a hymn for Centennial. We came home and got an early supper, and I went to writing. I am dreading the hurry and jumble of this work for it is all centennial and the very name tires me, but the time will move along and it will soon be with the past. Paid 1 dollar for milk tickets.

Debits - 1.00

Monday, June 13

It is all centennial now and nothing else is thought of in Pomfret. Every team is engaged at the stables in Woodstock and in all the towns about. But the day is some rainy and it may be a rainy week. I saw Mr. Pierce in the evening and soon after saw Mr. Billings about the Mt. Tom lands and I think they will make a trade. I worked full half a day on the cemetery plan and am very tired. I did not get home from Mr. Billings' store till nearly nine o'clock.

Tuesday, June 14

A showery day and the weather seems unsettled. We rested very badly last night and are hardly able to work today. Went to Mr. Greene's to see about the printing of the centennial hymns. Mr. Hewitt sent down a hymn which is also an Old Hundred hymn. I had both printed on the same sheet and I hope they will not sing but one of them. Called at Mr. Greene's and found that the hymns had not gone to Pomfret, but Robert will carry them in the morning. All are anxiously watching the weather, hoping for a fair day tomorrow.

Wednesday, June 15

This is the day selected for the Centennial Celebration, and we all repaired to Pomfret Center to join in the celebration. An immense crowd, estimated from 4 to 8 thousand. About 3500 took dinner, and still there was enough and to spare. I was glad to see some of our old friends and townsmen. Marshall Conant, Dr. Snow and many others. We rode with Mr. McMaster, Mr. Miller, Mr. Woodbury and others, and had a very pleasant time. Paid Mr. Burk two dollars twenty five cents.

Debits 2.25

Thursday, June 16

We all rested badly last night sleeping but very little, for we were too much stirred up. All are glad today to think of their treat yesterday. The whole performance seems to have been a complete success. Pomfret has done herself honor by this generous treat. I hope the oration will be published in the paper next week as it probably will be. – The county convention was held today and the old list of officers were nominated. I am glad of it, for it makes a very strong ticket. Paid for a shot cup 8 cents.

Debits - .08

Friday, June 17

Another of those warm days that have been so oppressive this month. Spent a great part of the forenoon on the Centennial papers and in the afternoon I called on Mr. Streeter and spent a full hour with him and found him quite unwell, but he is truly one of the most intelligent men that I ever met and I rejoice that his strength and intellect hold out so well. – Paid Richmond for meat \$0.50. Quincy Page came here to stay overnight, to start early for Cavendish.

Debits - .50

Saturday, June 18

A very warm morning. Quincy Page started for Cavendish in the Springfield stage. I wrote to Mr. John Lynde, and also to Chs. S. Dana and sent ten dollars that Mr. Ira Powers left with me to pay a revenue tax for Warren & James G. Powers. I also wrote to Benj. Bailey of Lowell. In the afternoon I moved my small table and book case from the office to the house and have placed it in our sleeping room. This has been one of our warmest days. Paid for shot, and Mr. Newton paid me \$3.35 for tuition long ago. Paid Mr. Bradley for moving table 25 cents.

Credits – 3.35

Debits - .06, .25

Sunday, June 19

I arose this morning quite early and seated myself at my table that I placed here yesterday. The light is very soft as it falls across the book as I write. I went to the office and brought up a package of books, and went to church in the forenoon. Mr. Powers is to preach his farewell sermon this afternoon but I shall probably not hear it. Spenser & Cynthia called here after church. Polk, Abbie and Robert came thinking of going to Mt. Tom but it proved to be too hot. Abbie staid here till night. I have now got my table and book case in our sleeping room and I can get up in the morning and begin work at any time however early. Robert came up in the evening and soon Polk followed him and Abbie left for home. I must soon go to Pomfret to see how the work is getting along for Mortimer is some unwell, and I am afraid he will fail entirely.

Monday, June 20

Very warm. – I started early in the morning to go to Pomfret to see how the farm work was progressing but a shower overtook me at Spenser's. It was showery through the day, and in the evening there was a very hard one south of us. Rode down with Mr. Woodward who is agent for selling the Buckeye mower. Wallace Ware called in the forenoon and has gone to South Woodstock and I expect him here again this evening. Mortimer has been quite unwell for a few weeks past, and does not get better.

Tuesday, June 21

The sky is almost perfectly clear this morning, and the air cool. The showers yesterday cleared the air very much. The weather has been growing colder since morning. In the forenoon I worked on the proof sheets of the Centennial poem, and in the afternoon I worked on the Cemetery plan and the proof again. Paid 14 cents for shot holder. Went to Polk's to supper and did not get back till night. Robert came here in the evening. The evening is quite cool and the wind is in the north. It is almost cold enough for a frost.

Debits - .14

Wednesday, June 22

Cool this morning. I went to Polk's to get the compass and chain and then went to Mt. Tom to meet Mr. Pierce by appointment. We spent the forenoon in laying out the lines of the mountain lot. Was very unwell before noon and quite dizzy, which was unpleasant about getting over the rocks. Came home soon after noon and tried to compute the surveys, but was too giddy to do it. Went to the office and had a long talk on R.R. matters. I paid 6 cents for shot. Am not feeling well this evening.

Debits - .06

Thursday, June 23

Some cool again, but the day will be warm I think. Had a talk again with H.S. Dana on Aaron Hutchinson the first minister in Pomfret and Woodstock. Nearly all we hear of him is a few low anecdotes. I spent nearly all day on the plan of the cemetery, and ought to have worked in two or three places more. It is well to have enough to do, but to have so much more than we can do is, at times, a little perplexing. Paid Mellish for groceries \$1.90. The papers are full of Pomfret Centennial but it is not well reported.

Debits – 1.90

Friday, June 24

Rested some last night but am nearly jaded out. Went to the school house lot to level the walls, but the workmen were awful drunk, a sight that we do not often see now. I came back and soon went to the schools and spent the forenoon in the high school, and in the afternoon I went to the spelling match, and we furnished the dictionary, of course. Saw Mr. Conant in the afternoon and I expect to see him again tomorrow. Paid 1 dollar for cans. Mrs. D. and Amelia went to Pomfret with Joanna.

Debits – 1.00

Saturday, June 25

Remained alone in the house through the night and it is some lonely here this morning, but confidence in the affection of friends drives off sadness. The morning is very warm. I went to see Albert Darling and his company start for home. The day has been one of extreme heat. Ther. +92 and that is too warm for labor. I worked on the plots and plans of surveys. – began the plot of the old roads in Pomfret. Towards night I walked to Pomfret. In the evening we had some showers and about 3 tenths of an inch of rain.

Sunday, June 26

Rested some better but not well, for the weather is extremely warm. Did not start very early but soon went to writing, but it was a dull day. Mr. Barber called on me and I was obliged to give my time to his talk. About five in the afternoon I started on foot for Woodstock, while the rest rode with Joanna. Met Judge Barrett on the way and had a little talk about Pomfret matters and the centennial in particular. Robert called in the evening and said that Kimball was there to see me on the first opportunity. I have not read but very little today and am too tired to write much this evening, but I am glad to get to my own room and work again, but I could not well entertain my friend Kimball to-night for I am too tired and nervous.

Monday, June 27

Kimball came this morning and does not wish to go back to Barnard. It is a severe task to get along with him for he cannot bear to be found fault with in the least, and very many where he works will do it. In the afternoon I went with Robert to see Nathan Dana in Reading about his grandfather's first house. I was sorry to find him so feeble. He was able to talk and recall his old impressions. A heavy shower on our way home and we got wet.

Tuesday, June 28

Another sultry morning. Robert called for me to ride to Pomfret to look up old roads and log-houses. Went to the Boyd place and from there to the Richardson place and the Udall place, then to Mr. Culver's and from there via Bunker Hill and North Pomfret to Mr. Adams where we took dinner. After that we went to Mr. Bugbee's and heard Mrs. Bugbee talk of the old settlers. We then went to Mr. Chamberlin's and then home, tired enough. Received of Zenas Adams 5 dollars in full for tuition due five years ago.

Credits – 5.00

Wednesday, June 29

Another of the warm days though not so warm as last week. The air has been quite clear; the wind north or northwest through the day. I have worked at home the greater part of the day on the plan of the roads in existence before 1800. – Paid 10 cents for buttons and 6 cents for paper to put the plan of the roads on. No R.R. work yet, but it is time it was begun if it is to be finished this fall. The road rests quite safely and the banks will be firm and solid when needed.

Debits - .10, .06

Thursday, June 30

Cool and cloudy this morning. Dr. Sherwin called for the microscope quite early. I went to the office and soon went to visit the school at the east end of the village. Soon after noon I called on Mr. Payson Pierce to show him the description and plan of the mountain lot. Gave 1 dollar towards getting a headstone for the grave of a young native of Pomfret. Paid Paul 9 cents for lemons. Called at Polk's office to consult him about deeding the mountain for there are eleven owners and a deed from all is necessary.

Debits – 1.00, .09

Friday, July 1

Some rainy in the morning but it cleared away in the forenoon, and was some clear the rest of the day. Finished the meteorological report for June, but must copy it for the department. Got 60 dollars or rather \$59.55 at the bank and paid Munger for house rent to July 1st \$42.50 and paid Simon for borrowed 5 dollars. Paid Munger for vest for Kimball 1 dollar and Paul for rice 60 cents. The funeral of Otis Darling was attended today. He died quite suddenly Wednesday morning.

Credits – 59.55

Debits – 42.50, 5.00, 1.00, .60

Saturday, July 2

Got a horse and buggy of Mr. Burk and went to North Bridgewater to see Louisa and family. Started soon after 8 o'clock and did not start for home till past seven. I had Robert's telescope with me and I went on the west hill and took some good views in the east and northeast. The day was cool and quite comfortable and pleasant and we had a very agreeable visit. I had not been there for more than two years and had been there but twice in the five years that Louisa has been there. – Paid Mr. Burk \$1.50.

Debits – 1.50

Sunday, July 3

The morning is cool and very pleasant though some rainy in the night and early this morning. We went to church to hear Mr. Lane and we liked him very much. He is a young man and a very good speaker. – Is some flowery but age will rectify that. I hope they will hire him but can hardly expect they will. The people of Woodstock have peculiar tastes with regard to the habits and character of a speaker. He gave us two very good discourses, full of fine thoughts and fine images. In the afternoon after supper we went to see Abbie, and found her at home about the house and garden. Robert is quite anxious to go with me tomorrow and measure the lot lines, or one of them at least, through the town of Pomfret, in order to correct our map of the original lots. It will be a laborious work, but necessary for a correct map. The evening is quite cool and we are very tired. Mrs. D. is quite unwell, but I hope she will get rested by morning.

Monday, July 4

The fourth of July! How patriotic all the boys are. Hardly had the hour of midnight passed before the guns, trumpets and horns began to rouse the quiet sleeper and there was little sleep after that. I paid my taxes in Woodstock \$12.69 minus 10 percent equals \$11.43 and highway tax 2.35 equals \$13.78. Paid Mellish 42 cents for sugar. Carried a half dozen cans to Abbie, and Mrs. D. and Amelia went there to pick currants. Robert has had a glorious day. Self worked on deed for Mr. Billings. Went to Polk's in the evening. Now as I write, the boys are merry with their guns.

Debits – 13.78, .42

Tuesday, July 5

Concluded to go to Pomfret and begin our surveys on the old lines. We began at the south line of the town at the southeasterly corner of the Wyatt lot and ran on that range to the N.E. corner of the Doton lot and there made an offset to the west and measured on the next range line, and so continued to do till we reached the center lot. We took our brown bread dinner at Henry Vaughan's and took supper at Albro Perkins'. After supper, Robert and I walked to Woodstock and Polk went to his father's. I do not know whether he came to Woodstock.

Wednesday, July 6

The morning was warm and I was very lame and tired from my work yesterday. Staid at my room through the forenoon except to go to the office in the morning. Saw Mr. French on the school question and we are fully decided that it is improper to continue the same principal. Had a talk with Mr. Foster on the same

subject. Met H.S. Dana at the Standard office. Wrote on the deed of the mountain for Mr. Billings. The day was very warm and especially so in the afternoon and evening. Paid 50 cents for milk tickets.

Debits – .50

Thursday, July 7

Wrote to Mr. Sims this morning and forwarded to him the report of the teachers of the High and Intermediate Schools. In the forenoon I called on Robert & Abbie; and R. and I called on H.S. Dana and had an interview with him on the south line of Pomfret, and of the Andrew Powers settlements in about 1768 or more than one hundred years ago. In the afternoon I finished the deed for Mr. Billings of the Mt. Tom lands. Had a talk with Mr. Richmond on the school subject. I do not know as the other members of the Committee will think as I do on matters of teaching.

Friday, July 8

Rested badly and am quite unwell this morning. I hardly did any work in the forenoon. In the afternoon I went with Mr. Dana and Robert to look at some of the old lots in Pomfret where they run the lots into Woodstock. I think it is very easy to see where they mistook the old lines of the lots. – I received of the town of Woodstock five dollars for work on the bridge and on Stanton Street. Paid Pratt \$1.37 toward dictionary for scholars. Had a talk with Mr. French & Mr. Foster.

Credits – 5.00

Debits – 1.37

Saturday, July 9

This morning I paid Chapman 19 cents and Richmond 30 cents, and I received 25 cents for computing some log measures. Am some unwell and do not work much. Went to the office in the morning and had a talk with Dr. McCollom on school matters. I worked at my table in the afternoon but was not able. The day has been very clear and beautiful. I do not get along very well with the history of Pomfret, but Miss Hemenway must wait till we can finish it up. Got a letter from my Kimball. Mr. Leavitt called yesterday.

Credits - .25

Debits - .19, .30

Sunday, July 10

Was very tired in the morning, but I went to the office and to the post office, after which I came to the house and spent the day in trying to rest. Am quite unwell and lame. – have taken cold and am sick at the stomach. Read but little through the day, but really dozed through a greater part of the time. Cannot rest comfortably anywhere, so am trying from room to room. It is truly a little discouraging to be spending time in this way, but I cannot well avoid it.

Monday, July 11

Am much better this morning, but not strong. After breakfast I went to the office and took the time, and found my watch within 2 or 3 seconds of right. Had a talk with Mr. French on school matters, and am to meet him again this afternoon. Paid 14 cents to Mellish for crackers, and paid 20 cents to Billings for ginger, and \$2.75 for shoes at Smith's. Received interest on coupon \$9.90. Had a long talk with Mr. French on school matters and we concluded to change teachers in the High School.

Credits – 9.90

Debits - .50, .20, .25

Tuesday, July 12

Gave Mr. Pierce the deed of the mountain lands for him and the rest of the family to sign. Paid Express bill 50 cents, and Mr. Bradley 20 cents for cartage. Received of H.L. Marsh for computing int. 50 cents. There has been a little rain today but hardly enough to measure. Received telegrams from the Central railroad that Gov. Smith will be here tomorrow. I hope he will come but I do not like the job of going over

the road, but still we are all anxious to have something done to start the work on the Woodstock Railroad. Bailey 25 cents for fixing glasses.

Credits - .50
Debits - .50, .20, .25

Wednesday, July 13

Rode with Perry as far as Quechee and then rode with Mr. Dewey to the Junction where we met Gov. Smith, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hatch, etc., to look over the road line. Took dinner at the Junction and soon started for Woodstock, riding the greater part of the way. Examined all the hard places as we supposed and arrived at Woodstock about 6 o'clock. Paid 50 cents for dinner, and paid Pratt 15 cents for a pencil. Am some tired but went down to see Abbie who is some unwell.

Debits - .50, .15

Thursday, July 14

I am truly so lame and jaded that it is hard work to do nothing. But I went to the office this morning and examined my papers and then had a long talk with Norman Paul on our work yesterday. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings to try some levels on his aqueducts. A severe thunder shower and hail storm soon after noon. The hailstones were as large as cherries. I paid Leland Doten 90 cents in full for work, and paid Billings 22 cents for three tumblers. Herman Dunham came in the evening for blue berries. The air is clear this evening.

Debits - .90, .22

Friday, July 15

In the morning I went to the office and took the time and found my watch 1 second too fast. Paid Perry for ride to Quechee 50 cents, and Mellish for two lemons 10 cents, and Paul for smoked fish 15 cents, codfish 45 cents. Mellish for butter 48 cents. I wrote on the Pomfret history nearly all the spare time today and have got along quite well with it. Received a long historical letter from Horace Ware. His mind seems to be very clear on the early incidents in Pomfret.

Debits - .50, .10, .60, .48

Saturday, July 16

Mr. Dewey called in the morning to have me meet Judge Redfield at Marsh's office this forenoon. I went there about half past eight, and took the laborer's notices with me. Abbie sent for me and I went to see her. She is some unwell but needs to get rested. Mrs. D. called on her in the afternoon. Mrs. Chamberlin came a few minutes before. Worked in the office a part of the day and at my table the rest of the time. I get along quite slowly with my historical work. Mrs. Dunham and Herman visited here. Robert and H.S. Dana went to Mrs. Udalls.

Sunday, July 17

Strong signs of rain this morning for it has been a very warm night and the heavy cumulus clouds are moving fast from the southwest. But the wind rose so much that there was no rain, but the clouds changed to cir. cum. and there was no rain. Mrs. D. and I went to see Abbie, but we found so many about there that we were almost afraid to call at all. Abbie is some unwell and I hope she will come where we can see to her some. I do not think they are very pleasantly situated where they are now, though among friends and where they have many conveniences. We shall move Abbie to our house as soon as she is able to be moved, but probably not today. The day has been one of extreme heat, and perhaps as warm as any day we have had this summer. I cannot think we have spent the day, except calling on Abbie, very usefully or that much good can come from it. Kimball came from Barnard and Ruth and her husband, also from Barnard, visited their mother. We came home about six o'clock and were glad to get to our own hired shelter.

Monday, July 18

Signs of rain again this morning. But all signs fail in a dry time. Abbie moved up here this morning to stay a few days, or till she is able to go to Pomfret. I kept about the house but tried to write some and to fill out the history a little. Paid 1 dollar for milk tickets and am to have it twice a day for a few days. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Harris called to look over the Railroad papers. Paid 42 cents for sugar. Robert went to Pomfret to see the Lieut. Perry (Parry) papers, and to learn more of that section of the town.

Debits – 1.00, .42

Tuesday, July 19

How warm it is this morning. The weather is very warm this week. Thermometer 88 at the highest. Went to the office in the morning to see Mr. Seaver about the school. Saw Judah Dana a few minutes and had a talk with him on school matters. Wrote most of the day on the town history, but the heat is too oppressive to allow me to write. Today the thermometer stood 89½, but it was not quite as oppressive as it was Sunday. – Sold oxen today for 200 dollars to O.E. Taylor. Paid 45 cents postage a few days ago.

Debits - .45

Wednesday, July 20

This is another of those very warm days but there is more air stirring than for the past few days. Commencement Hanover today and tomorrow when two of my best scholars take their first degrees. I am trying to write today on the Pomfret matters but can do but little owing to the intense heat. Paid Mellish for butter 62 cents, and Paid Paul 18 cents for fish, and Richmond 20 cents for steak. Abbie is some better and I think she is remarkably well cared for. Paid postage 3 cents.

Debits – .62, .18, .20, .03

Thursday, July 21

The morning is extremely warm. The Circus and caravan of Mr. James French is here today, but I did not care to see it, though I saw it in the morning. Paid Pratt 35 cents for legal cap paper. I spent nearly all day at my table on the Pomfret history though the thermometer was as high as 80 or 85 at the table where I was writing. Polk has been at the office the greater part of the day, but has not attended the circus. I suppose many are there all evening, but I am not. I think Robert will go to Brattleborough to search county records.

Friday, July 22

The weather seemed a little cooler this morning, and we almost concluded to go and measure the south line of Pomfret, but it seemed like being too warm. Computed interest on note for H.L. Marsh. Went to the house and then to work on the historic matter. Paid Billings 42 cents for sugar, and Paul 25 cents for soda. We went to Pomfret towards night. Got horse and buggy from Mr. Burk and paid him 75 cents for it. Paid postage 12 cents. Had a talk with Judah Dana on teaching and teachers.

Debits – .42, .25, .75, .12

Saturday, July 23

Still warm, and in the forenoon I went to the post office and to the R.R. office and then came to the work at my room, making an abstract from the proprietors records of Pomfret. Towards four o'clock I went to see Robert and we came to the Post office. – got a letter from Mr. Ballard who will come here next Monday night. I hope he will be the right man for the place that we design to put him. Paid 1 dollar for tea, and received 25 cents of H.L. Marsh for costing interest. We all went to Polk's office in the evening to hear the music and the advertising.

Credits - .25
Debits – 1.00

Sunday, July 24

The morning is warm, very warm! I did not go to the post office or leave the house. I have read but little though I have tried very much. This is probably the warmest day we have seen this year, for I think the thermometer has indicated 94 degrees above zero. Mr. Miller's will perhaps be a little lower. Polk and Abbie are here and Abbie has been unwell for some time. She is some better now and may in a few days be able to do some chores. But the heat is some trying. This morning Polk went to his own room and spent the day there. It is now past five o'clock and the thermometer is full 90 degrees. What a day this has been and is now. There are no meetings at the Chapel now, so we are at home Sunday. How rapidly the summer is passing off. This is the first day that has seemed to wear the autumn hue. There is a peculiar whiteness and stillness in the atmosphere that is unlike any other season and that same appearance will increase till the sere and yellow leaf will tell us the fall is here.

Monday, July 25

Mr. Taylor called this morning and paid me for the oxen 200 dollars, and I paid a note at the bank of 60 dollars, and paid Polk 100 dollars that I had borrowed of him. Paid Chapman 10 cents for fly paper, and Pratt 10 cents for book for Amelia. I have worked about house and have written some on the historical matter for Miss Hemenway. It is another of the warm - very warm - days of which we have so many this summer. Am expecting Mr. Ballard from Castleton tonight to take the high school.

Credits - 200.00

Debits - 60.00, 100.00, .10, .10

Tuesday, July 26

This morning I called at the hotel and met Mr. Ballard. We met at Mr. French's office and spent the forenoon talking over school matters, and in the afternoon I went with Mr. Ballard to the school house and through it. I think we shall make a trade with him to teach a year at any rate, but we did not close a trade with him. With Mr. French in the evening and did not get home till past 9 o'clock. Have had a pleasant time with Mr. Ballard and think him to be a very worthy young man.

Wednesday, July 27

The heat is oppressive and the air very bad. Today I paid Mr. Fisher 3 dollars for Morse's Geographies. Paid Jones for cans \$1.50, and Paul 1 dollar for rice, and paid Knapp 90 cents for Silliman's Journal. I ought to go and do some measuring on the town line, but the weather is too warm. We shall get the position of the lots in that way better than any other.

Debits - 3.00, 1.50, 1.00, .90

Thursday, July 28

In the morning Robert and I went to the southeast part of Pomfret to measure the distance between the corner of Pomfret and Woodstock. We found that distance to be 213 rods. Then we measured westerly and found the first tier of lots 188 rods, the next two tiers 300 rods, and the next 175 rods. We then measured to the westerly bank of the Beaver brook and made it 180 rods from the southeast corner of the Hutchinson 300 acres. We left the work and were extremely tired but we walked home. Had a call from Mr. Wheeler in the evening. Paid Pratt 10 cents for pen holder.

Debits - .10

Friday, July 29

It began to rain last night about eleven o'clock, and it rains some this morning but it is not densely cloudy. I am some tired from my work yesterday. I called on Mr. French this morning on school matters. Received a letter from Mr. Ballard, and I am fearful we cannot get him to teach the high school. The weather became cooler in the afternoon, and the air was clear and refreshing. It was the first time for weeks that would allow me to work. Paid 31 cents for kerosene.

Debits - .31

Saturday, July 30

A cool and very pleasant morning. In the morning Robert and I got Mr. Burk to carry us to English's neighborhood to begin a line of chaining on the lots of Pomfret. We started on Barnard line and chained across the corner that juts into Woodstock and Bridgewater and then continued along the town line. About four o'clock we reached the point left the other day of chaining. The day was a little showery in the forenoon, but on the whole a very pleasant day, and quite warm. We walked to Woodstock and were very tired. Mellish for butter & sugar. Postage, etc. 27 cents.

Debits – 1.02, .27

Sunday, July 31

Did not get up till nearly 6 o'clock. The night has been cool and a good one for rest. Went to church to hear Mr. Balch, who is one of the noted speakers in the Universalist denomination. He drew out a full house and I think all were some pleased and edified. He speaks with remarkable ease, and at times with a great deal of power. He is living in Galesburg, Illinois, and has a son in Chicago. I do not know much of his history, but I think he studied with Mr. Loveland while he lived in Reading. The evening was remarkably pleasant being cool enough for comfort. Spenser and Fred came here at noon, and we let Fred have the small silver watch to keep as long as he wishes to keep it but if he does not wish to keep it at any time he will return it as we do not wish to have it pass into other hands.

Monday, August 1

Worked about home on the meteorological report and the town plan. The weather is some cooler and we can begin to think, something that we could hardly do while the weather was so very warm. Paid Randall 10 dollars in exchange of watches. Paid Richmond 66 cents for lard, and Billings 27 for cassia, etc. The ground is becoming very dry and we are waiting very anxiously to have some rain.

Debits – 10.00, .66, .27

Tuesday, August 2

Started early in the morning with Robert and went to Pomfret to finish the measures on the town lots. The day was very fine and we reached Sharon line about half past two o'clock, making the length of the town 2195 rods, coming short of the 7 miles 45 rods. This shows the incroachments of Woodstock as found in the records of the proprietors of Pomfret. I returned home but Robert staid to go to Norwich with Albro tomorrow. Called at our house to see how the work is going and found the haying going merrily.

Wednesday, August 3

The night has been quite cool for the season, and I rested very well. Paid 99 cents for milk tickets & 2 cents postage. Went to the office and sent Mrs. Mellish's paper. Joanna called for a few moments. I spent the greater part of the day at my table on the town matters. Am writing with a National pen and like it very well. It is better than any except Gillott's. Saw Mr. Pierce about the deed for Mr. Billings. Have been very busy writing today and must keep so for many days.

Debits - 1.01

Thursday, August 4

Strong signs of rain this morning and the rain came in a beautiful shower about eleven o'clock. There fell about three tenths of an inch of water, and though but very little it does much good to vegetation. I am much too dull to write at this time, though the shower cleared the air considerably. Robert is away this week with Albro taking the census of the town of Norwich.

Friday, August 5

After going to the post office I came to my own room and began my writing, and I continued it through the day. I am now at work on the tenth manuscript page and have hardly begun the work. Abbie went to Pomfret this afternoon, and we are having some sport about losing our dinner. Wrote a long letter to her in the evening to send early in the morning. Paid Mrs. Taylor 25 cents for work. Dr. Russ is sick. Had a council of physicians tonight. His case is somewhat doubtful.

Debits - .25

Saturday, August 6

Went to the Post office to mail a letter to Abbie this morning. Paid postage 10 cents. This morning is very warm and dry. I continued my writing nearly through the day, and was very tired at night. Robert came from Norwich where he had been assisting Albro in taking the census. Borrowed 1 dollar of Polk and paid it to Mellish for butter & sugar. Paid 5 cents for fly paper. Received the proof of the Almanac for New Hampshire, and must correct it early and send it back.

Credits – 1.00

Debits – .10, 1.00, .05

Sunday, August 7

A warm and sultry morning. I went to church in the forenoon to hear Mr. Farnsworth. He comes on the business of the Centenary meeting of the arrival of John Murray to this country. The subject had been called up here and a subscription of about fifty dollars was taken as I understood at the time. That paper was circulated by Mrs. Buckman and it was here the 10th of April. Spenser and Cynthia called here at noon and, I think, went to the Chapel in the afternoon. We did not go in the afternoon for the heat and dry atmosphere seemed oppressive. Robert called here towards night but was very much oppressed by the heat. In the evening we took a walk up the hill towards and by the Lockwood place, the old Hiram Powers place, and came back some rested. The ground is extremely dry and I am fearing that the fall will be a very unhealthy season for there are now some cases of dysentery and some of Typhoid fever.

Monday, August 8

Another very warm day and it has been almost impossible to write or think at all, yet I have been obliged to work on the proof sheet of the N. Hampshire Almanac, for they are in some hurry for the correction. I paid Mellish 11 cents for soap and that is all that I have paid out today. I went in the morning to take some levels around Mr. Merrill's new house to measure the earth that is to be filled around it. The afternoon and evening very warm.

Tuesday, August 9

Very warm again this morning, and warm and murky through the night. Am at work again on the proof of the Register and have finished it and sent it forward, together with the Almanac for the Vt Register. Had a little square talk with Mr. Wheeler on school matters, but it all ended well I hope. I wish he was more agreeable in his manners, but he is at times quite impertinent, and almost insolent, but I think he does not know it. If Mr. French has given him any encouragement he must settle the matter with him.

Wednesday, August 10

Last night I paid 4 cents postage on the almanacs, proof, etc., and today I paid two cents for spikes to fix up a swing for Mrs. Taylor's little girls. The day has been very warm, and indeed this weather seems the warmest that we have had this year. The ground is very dry and I believe it is so nearly all over the world. Polk came down from Pomfret and Abbie is at his father's. I hope she will be able to be here soon. Wrote to Wallace Ware. Carlie came with some blackberries. Robert was here a few moments this eve.

Debits – .04, .02

Thursday, August 11

The weather is still dry and there are no signs of rain. The wind is N.E. this morning. Paid postage 3 cents on letter. Paid \$1.50 for North American.

Debits - .03, 1.50

Friday, August 12

Received of Polk four dollars, which makes five that I have had of him since I paid him in full for what I had borrowed. My work is now wholly concentrated to those historic points relating to Pomfret that are

necessary to make a full history of the town. The warm weather seems to hold on yet in full vigor but it will probably abate soon. Paid Mellish for crackers 21 cents.

Credits – 4.00
Debits - .21

Saturday, August 13

Took the time this morning and found my watch two minutes too slow and I have set it right. Paid Mellish 70 cents for butter and lemon. I wrote nearly all day on the history. Had a short talk with H.S. Dana on history and schools. It has been trying to rain a little and increased till evening. It seems as though we might have some rain before morning. Robert called and we had quite a talk on Robert Kennient and other Chicago folks. Paid Jones \$1.35 for hose, etc. and I let Amelia have 40 cents.

Debits – .70, 1.35, 40

Sunday, August 14

Rainy through the early part of last night and the latter part was quite cool, and it was a fine morning to rest ones weary limbs. I have taken a cold in my head and can hardly read or write at all. Have read again Mrs. Thompson's letter on her father's early life. She has written much but it is all quite interesting. Have been reading Henry Brooks Adams on the late session of Congress, but I do not like his article. He seems to have an ax to grind of his own. Nothing seems to be right with him. There was but little rain yesterday but it has affected the atmosphere very much. The day has been very fine, cool and clear. Joanna called in the evening and brought some berries and apples. Have let out my west mowing to Edward Barber, and he will cut it tomorrow I think. I have not been away from the house today. Robert called a little before night. The evening is cool, beautiful and cloudless, and the atmosphere is good and bracing.

Monday, August 15

Went to the Post Office and paid 12 cents for stamps. Took the time and found the watch very nearly right. Had a talk with Mr. Greene on school matters. Mr. Dewey called in the forenoon on railroad business. Paid 93 cents for groceries. Let Amelia have 1.20 to get her dress cut and fitted. Got the revised proof of the New Hampshire Register, and I spent the evening in re-reading it and finished it about ten o'clock.

Debits - .12, .93, 1.20

Tuesday, August 16

Mr. Damon called this morning and I went to search the records to find the survey of the street across the middle bridge. Then I took the transit and tried the line, but could not satisfy ourselves about it. Sent the corrected proof of the New Hampshire Register this morning. Paid eleven cents postage, and thirty cents for paper at Pratt's. Found my watch with spring broken this morning, a real joke for I had just got it correctly regulated. Mrs. D. went to Horace Dunham's on a visit. Robert took tea with me.

Debits - .11, .30

Wednesday, August 17

A pleasant morning. I mailed a letter to Mr. Chamberlin early this morning and he came down very soon after noon. I spent the afternoon with Mr. Damon and the selectmen of Woodstock. The survey of the street across the middle bridge is very indefinite and we are trying by all means to find it. Had a short talk with Mr. H.S. Dana on Mrs. Thompson's letter. Polk went to Pomfret with his father, and will come down in the morning.

Thursday, August 18

A warm, cloudy morning. Thermometer on my table +73½ which is warm for a sleeping room. I went to the office and met Leverett & John Lull the last one of my early scholars. Had a good talk with Mr. Powers on Mr. Balch and Drs. Sawyer & Williamson. The day was very warm and dry. My friend Kimball was here to dinner and Mr. Adams came to pay him what he was owing him which was in all \$102.15. We paid for

Kimball's watch 30 dollars, put 60 dollars in the Savings bank and he took the remainder to pay some debts with.

Friday, August 19

Last night I paid Mortimer to get salt 50 cents, and today I paid Billings for sugar 43 cents, and I have borrowed of Polk ten dollars and this I shall pay to Jones & Chapman for a dress pattern. The day has been extremely warm, too warm for work or study. At half past four o'clock afternoon, the thermometer stood at 90 in the shade on the cool side of the house. Robert called about six o'clock and staid till about dark. The evening is nearly clear and no sign of rain. Am too dull to write much this evening.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .50, .43

Saturday, August 20

Strong signs of rain and it rained about 8 o'clock in the morning. Paid Jones & Chapman \$26.25 for a dress pattern. I worked on the wood nearly all day and have now got about half of it into the shed. The wind got into the north and the air is much cooler. Went to the street about dark and paid Mellish 35 cents for some poor butter. A rich aurora last evening and there is another this evening and they are exceedingly beautiful. The weather is some cool tonight. Great times with watches.

Debits – 26.25, .34

Sunday, August 21

A faint aurora last evening but very much inferior to the remarkable one of Friday night. All signs of rain seem to fail, but Windsor County does not appear to have suffered so much from drought as many parts of the country. I staid about my own room till nearly night when Robert and I walked to the summit of Mt. Tom. The sides of the mountain were so very dry that it was very slippery and it was with some difficulty that we reached the top. The summit was very beautiful as the western horizon was some cloudy, which left a beautiful tinge, and the colors were varied and beautiful. Mrs. Mellish came home last night and I hope things will go better about there. We were very anxious to go to Pomfret but I do not know when we can leave home. I am almost discouraged about Railroad work for it does not start. – Have read today some very good articles in the Quarterly, one by Dr. Fisher.

Monday, August 22

Allowed myself to remain quite still till some late this morning. It is getting to be very dry though the fields do not show it. Wells and springs are very low and I brought some of the water for washing from the brook (river). I had a long talk with Mr. Richmond this morning and he is preparing a history of the Richmond family that settled in Barnard long ago. Paid Mellish 11 cents for soap and 5 cents to Pratt for paper, and have one cent left.

Debits – .16

Tuesday, August 23

Borrowed of George Paul 2 dollars for a few days. – Paid Mellish 69 cents and Lincoln 12 cents for lemons. It is difficult for me to do much writing while this dry and hot weather continues.

Credits – 2.00

Debits - .69, .12

Wednesday, August 24

Still dry; - a pleasant morning. Mr. Merrill called to get me to take some levels around his house. Went there about 8 o'clock and worked till eleven. Mr. Cabot paid me 3 dollars as witness fees in full. Paid postage 24 cents and for milk 6. In the afternoon I went to the association and heard a S.S. sermon from Mr. Farnsworth. I am tired of this begging. But there is human nature in it. We went again in the evening. Some of it was quite interesting. Father Skinner's remarks were very good and appropriate. The sermon was by Rev. J.O. Skinner.

Credits – 3.00
Debits - .20

Thursday, August 25

The Universalist convention continues but we have not attended it. This morning I paid 90 cents for meat and 50 cents for milk tickets. Have not been able to write much today. A Mr. Hammond from Reading came here last night and staid through the night and was here today, but went home tonight. Mr. Emerson of Northfield preached this afternoon and Mr. Smith of Boston preaches this evening. But we did not go. Amelia went to Pomfret and we shall in the morning if possible.

Debits - .90, .50

Friday, August 26

Mr. Clark called in the morning for me to go with him to examine the road from Shallies Hill to the Junction and we rode to Mr. Tewksbury's and left our horse and we walked over the line from Mr. Champion's to Sta. 620. We then rode back and Mr. Clark carried me to Pomfret, and my wife came soon after. I heard that Kimball had been mutilating himself by cutting off one of his toes. Mr. Leavitt called at our house to see me, but I did not see him. Lent Mr. Clark 22 cents. The air is cold enough for a frost.

Debits – .22

Saturday, August 27

We are at the old homestead this morning, and I went to work on my writing matters, and could work with the greatest ease and rapidity. I kept it going till noon, and in the afternoon I went to Barnard to see Kimball Perkins, and I found him at Mr. Leavitts, lame as I expected. I hope he will see his folly for it will surely cost him about all that he has earned this summer. The day has been very pleasant and I was three hours in going about nine miles. But I returned much sooner. There was frost in many places this morning.

Sunday, August 28

Did not hurry myself at all about getting up this morning, and after I got up I could rest but little for there was so much to see about and to talk about. Spenser came over in the morning and after breakfast I had to go with him to see his wheat the sandomierka variety, which is proving to be a very remarkable variety for this latitude. We all went to the Ware place in the afternoon and wandered through the old pasture and berry fields with much satisfaction. After supper, Fred brought us to Woodstock and we were quite glad to get back again to our own things. But we get some rested by the change even if we get some tired at the time.

Monday, August 29

Found a proof of the Vermont Calendar at the Post Office this morning but a cruel headache did not allow me to read it though I worked through a part of it. Paid Paul 25 cents for two pounds of brown sugar and I paid Mellish for vinegar 14 cents, and Pratt 80 cents for paper, etc., Also paid 5 cents for paper which will be noted tomorrow with postage.

Debits - .25, .14, .80

Tuesday, August 30

Found Mr. Ballard quite engaged in school matters. Met him this morning at Mr. French's office and made an agreement with him and put it in writing closing it for one year. Received of Mr. Damon 1 dollar for some surveying. Paid for vinegar 14 cents and 9 cents for postage and paper. There was a very little rain this morning from one to four o'clock but it soon was clear again.

Credits – 1.00
Debits - .14, .09

Wednesday, August 31

Went to the office and wrote a letter to Mr. Dennis the Supt. of Schools, and then went to Mr. Billings' to begin the survey of the drainage pipes, etc. Worked in the heat through the day and must go again tomorrow if possible. The day is very dry and dusty for the roads are dried and worn out. Mr. Ballard and Miss French will go to the town superintendent for certificates of qualifications for teaching.

Thursday, September 1

This morning I went again to the office and then to Mr. Billings' house to continue the surveys for the pipes, etc. Worked through the forenoon, the weather being very warm, and finished the first part of the work, that is the art of the work that Mr. Fraser could point out. Paid Paul 62 cents for tea and I paid for minister tax 50 cents.

Debits - .62, .50

Friday, September 2

Went to Mr. Merrill's to take some levels on the north side of his new house, and then came to the office to work. Got 49 dollars and 28 cents at the bank for 60 days. Paid Paul 2 dollars for what I borrowed and 62 cents for tea and Mellish for butter 66 cents, and I sent 20 dollars to Electa to pay to Edward Barber. He called on me for it this afternoon but I directed him to Pomfret for it. There are strong signs of rain this afternoon and evening. Mrs. Page is here and is to go to Reading tomorrow.

Credits - 49.28

Debits - 2.00, .62, .66, 20.00

Saturday, September 3

Mrs. Page started very early for Reading. Sent to Electa to pay Leland Doton three dollars and ten cents. Worked out the levels taken on the north side of Mr. Merrill's house for Darby, and towards night I went to Mr. Merrill's to take some levels on the south side and it began to rain about four o'clock and I got some wet. Came home glad to find a quiet Saturday night.

Debits - 3.10

Sunday, September 4

An exceedingly fine shower in the night. It began about four o'clock yesterday and rained very gently till about nine o'clock when it began to increase very rapidly, and by midnight there had fallen 2.2 inches and in the morning there was 0.74 inches more making 2.94 inches in all. And still the river is not increased and, apparently, is only some roily. The rain gave joy to many households for it, for a time at least, relieved many who were suffering for water to do their cooking. I staid about home nearly through the day and read much of the time, but am so lame that I do not rest comfortably any where. From ten o'clock to midnight last night there must have fallen nearly one inch per hour, for it rained but little before ten o'clock.

Monday, September 5

Spent much of the forenoon in visiting schools. Called on Miss King in the morning and found about thirty boys & girls and all nearly the same size. In the afternoon, Polk and I were engaged on a line between Mr. Bailey's and Mr. Eaton's land in the rear of the block. This is a difficult line to settle. Paid Richmond 50 cents for meat, and Isaac Fisher 50 cents for triangles and paid Pratt 1 dollar for ink bottle. The weather was some cooler than before the rain.

Debits - .50, .50, 1.00

Tuesday, September 6

Freeman's meeting day. I attended just long enough to vote for state and county officers, Representative, etc. Made some moves in the office and think I can work more there than I have done. Paid Billings 14 cents for starch, Mellish 46 cents for soap & potatoes. The day has been cool & clear. The mountain is

very dry so that the trees wear the hue of October. I hear that John Brockway is elected representative from Pomfret. Paid five cents for watch key.

Debits - .14, .46, .05

Wednesday, September 7

Am putting my wood into the wood house and it fills it very well. I went to the office soon after eight o'clock and wrote my meteorological article for the papers of the week. I have studied some on the matter that has just arisen between Mr. Bailey and Mr. Fairbanks in relation to the lands that Mr. Bailey sold to Mr. Eaton. Paid 6 cents postage. Mrs. Dunham visited here. The evening is clear and cold. Robert called in the evening.

Debits - .06

Thursday, September 8

Did not go to Mr. Billings' this morning for I was almost pressed into the work for Mr. Fairbanks, so we spent the forenoon in looking up that case. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings to take additional notes on the drains, etc. And Robert went with me to take notes on the aqueduct from the old spring. I worked alone the greater part of the afternoon and did not finish till nearly dark. Abigail came down from Pomfret to stop a few days.

Friday, September 9

Today I have worked at the office the greater part of the day. Polk is some unwell and left for home quite early. We all went to Polk's for supper and did not return home till evening. I worked on the drawing for Mr. Fairbanks and some on the Billings surveys. Paid Kimball for his mother one dollar. He is now living with his mother and will stay there till his foot gets well. Paid for kerosene 30 cents. Sent tax money 8 dollars to Gibson in Pomfret to pay my town tax.

Debits - 1.00, .30, 8.00

Saturday, September 10

In the morning I started for the mountain for Mr. Billings and took Mr. Weston with me to assist in setting corners. We set the corners on the west side of the mountain, and came near getting lost on the side of the mountain. Set the southwest corner and came home. Went to Mr. Merrill's in the afternoon to take surface levels on the north side of his house. Set his vane on the barn. Ran line back of the block. Abigail went home with Mortimer and I lent to Electa ten dollars for paying for hired help.

Debits - 10.00

Sunday, September 11

A strong north west wind and the air is becoming much cooler. Amelia went to Horace Dunham's this morning and we are left in blissful solitude to spend the day in reading and meditation. I read a long article on the currents of the ocean in Harper's Magazine for June. Have rested some today and am feeling much better this afternoon. Polk and Abbie came in the afternoon. They had not been here for a long time. Polk left soon after supper but Abbie staid till evening when we went with her as far as Polk's office where he was at work. Amelia came home in the early evening. The weather is beautiful and the evening very fine.

Monday, September 12

Worked at the office in the forenoon, but in the afternoon I went with Mr. Clarke to Mr. Dewey's and along the line of the road. Quite cool towards night and the wind was strong northwest or west. I have tried to finish Mr. Merrill's computations of earth work at his house, but could not today. Got a piece of steak and paid for it 30 cents.

Debits - .30

Tuesday, September 13

In the forenoon I worked in the office on Mr. Merrill's work and made full re-computations of the work, but found but few errors to correct. I finished the work in the afternoon and went to work on Mr. Fairbanks' work. The day has been cool, but clear and very pleasant. Borrowed of Polk 40 cents to buy milk tickets so you see money is short. The evening is perfectly clear and not so cool as it has been for the past few days. I am pleasantly at home.

Debits - .40

Wednesday, September 14

The nights are very cool and the middle of the day very warm. Polk and I ran some lines for the Fairbanks surveys and continued them till I was ready for the drawing which I worked upon nearly through the day. Mr. Dewey came to speak of the railroad repairs. Continued my work on the drawing till night and went home very tired. Have taken no money today and have now only 55 cents at the most.

Thursday, September 15

The weather is some cool but not so cool as a few days ago. Paid 50 cents for milk tickets and had but five cents left. This would not do for our earning so much each day. Paul paid me ten dollars as interest on note so I made an indorsement. Spent the greater part of the day on the survey of the lots south of us or south of the block. Mr. Dewey was here again today but I did not have any road talk with him. But the road must be watched and repaired.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – .50

Friday, September 16

Made some corrections on the plan that I worked upon yesterday. Am not feeling very strong today. Paid Paul \$1.75 for a jar, Potatoes, Molasses & salt and paid Richmond 75 cents for meat. Went home to dinner quite early and I must think the wind is east, for it is a tired day. In the afternoon I worked in the office and finished for the present my work on the plan of the block and Mr. Bailey's land. It has been a little rainy today but the weather is warm.

Debits – 1.75, .75

Saturday, September 17

The clouds are very dense this morning and there are strong signs of rain, but it remained cloudy through the day without rain. I paid Paul for salt & Allspice 32 cents, and I paid to Isaac Fisher for triangles 30 cents. Joanna called about noon and Mrs. D. and Amelia rode to Pomfret and I walked up to the old homestead towards night. There are strong signs of rain but all signs have failed so far this season. There have been rains all about us but only one rain this month. Paid Polk 40 cents for borrowed.

Debits – .32, .30, .40

Sunday, September 18

Arose early this morning and began to look round the farm and eat apples and other fruit. But I found their work very much behind the season. I found some corn unhusked in the barn and I went to work on it, and with what assistance I could get, husked all that had been drawn in. Mortimer is away to Felchville, but will be at home today or tomorrow. Of course I read but very little today. Fred has been with me the greater part of the day which has been quite pleasant. He is a very industrious boy. After supper we left for Woodstock. I walked and called at Thomas Pratt's and got peppers for cooking and preserving tomatoes. Was glad to get home again for the change always tires me very much, and it takes a day or two to get rested.

Monday, September 19

Am feeling quite tired this morning, but I went to the office and tried to work but could do but little. Have not paid out any thing today but remained quiet at the office. Robert and I are having great times getting

triangles to do our plotting with. Miss Latimer and her sister Mrs. Ayers came here in the evening to remain through the night, and we had a very pleasant visit in the evening. The evening is some cool.

Tuesday, September 20

This is the first day of the fair and but very few people have come to attend it. Miss Latimer staid through the night and is here this morning. I went to the office but felt too lazy to work. Mr. Clark called on me and talked over railroad matters. Hall's Band are playing for the Fair and give a concert this evening. Today I paid Mellish 21 cents for vinegar, etc. and I paid Richmond 66 cents for lard. Am tired and dull this evening. Paid Pratt for paper.

Debits - .21, .66, .30

Wednesday, September 21

Clarke paid me 22 cents for what I lent him last month, and I paid for tickets \$1.50. I staid in the office the greater part of the day and tried to write but was not able to read or write at all. This is the second and greatest day of the fair, and the streets are filled with people and dust. In the evening we went to concert and found it a fair concert, though not so good as it was three years ago when we had Rodolph Hall. Paid Clarke & Randall for watch key 5 cents.

Credits - .22

Debits - 1.50, .05

Thursday, September 22

Arose quite early this morning to have Miss Latimer and her sister take the morning stage. After breakfast I went to the office and tried to work but was very dull and stupid. All is alive again for the fair. Paid for Silliman 90 cents, and for sweet potatoes ten cents. I fixed my level for looking at the spots on the sun and I found that there were more than 40. Mr. Ballard called but the clouds had obscured the sun and he left without seeing them. Mrs. Bates of Fairlee is here now on a visit. I had not seen her before as I remember.

Debits - .90, .10

Friday, September 23

Worked on my drought article in the forenoon. Mr. Billings and Mr. Merrill called for me to make a survey of the east end of the great meadow. In the afternoon I went to the lot and made the survey and in the evening, though extremely tired, I arranged the plot and made a part of the computations. It began to rain a little about four o'clock in the afternoon, and it was raining a little when I came from the office.

Saturday, September 24

Arose early and completed the computations of the survey for Mr. Merrill, and then went to the office and drew a plan and re-computed the greater part of the work. Received of Mr. Merrill five dollars for making the survey. I paid Mr. Palmer for boots \$5.50. I also paid Pratt 35 cents for paper. In the evening I went to the town hall to hear Moses E. Chenery's lecture on music, and cannot say that I was very much edified though there were some ludicrous things about it. Came home late and quite tired.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - 5.50, .35

Sunday, September 25

We did not disturb any one by early rising this morning, for it was almost seven o'clock when I arose, the morning was so cool and quiet. It rained very little during the latter part of the night and then the weather was more broken till after noon when it began to rain. Mrs. Ayers is here now a part of the time, and her sister Miss Latimer is at Mr. Billings. I went to the office in the forenoon and got books and papers for writing. It is now three o'clock afternoon and I am writing very easily for me. It rains very pleasantly as I write. The rain did not continue very long, and Robert came and we took a walk on the south road. The

autumn leaves are fast coming to their highest beauty, and it seems now as though they would be one week earlier than usual.

Monday, September 26

Got Kimball's Savings Bank book and drew 20 dollars and paid to his mother towards his board since he cut his foot so badly. In the forenoon I went with Mr. Clarke down the road line to direct Leonard's work, and in the afternoon I spent the greater part of the time in the office. Mr. Ballard came to the office and we got a view of the Solar spots that are so abundant. I paid Richmond 75 cts. for meat, and Paul 75 cts. for sweet potatoes.

Debits – .75, .75

Tuesday, September 27

Rode down the line on the Express Wagon to where Leonard was at work, and after looking over the work and planning about it we came back to the office. In the afternoon I went with John Pinks to take the position of the gas pipes around Mr. Billings' house. Did not get through till nearly night but think now that I have got the positions of the greater part of the things connected with the buildings. Went to the office in the evening and called at Polk's office.

Wednesday, September 28

Went to the office in the morning and immediately started with Mr. Clarke to see how the work was going on the road. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings to take some of the bearings where I had taken the positions before, and after that I went to the office, but a court in the case of Chs. Dana against the Fullers was on trial at Paul's office, or rather they were taking testimony in the case. Mrs. D. & Amelia went to Horace Dunham's. Mr. Chamberlin came from Pomfret.

Thursday, September 29

Staid in the office in the forenoon and in the afternoon I went with Mr. Clarke down the line of the road to see the repairing of the culverts. Received of Fred. Billings ten dollars on account, and I paid F.N. Billings 1 dollar and 60 cents for tea. Came home in the evening very tired but I am obliged to write a little. The afternoon was very cloudy and there was much appearance of rain. There is now a prospect of a beautiful autumn, as the foliage is changing rapidly and the colors are beautiful. Paid Mr. Miller ten cents for almanac.

Credits – 10.00

Debits – 1.60, .10

Friday, September 30

The wind is easterly this morning and there are strong signs of rain. It began to rain about one o'clock in the afternoon, and continued to rain till night. I worked in the office nearly through the day, but it was so dark that it was difficult to work at the drawing table. I paid Billings for sugar 87 cents and 31 cents for kerosene. Paid at Mrs. Churchill's two dollars and eighty seven cents, and this closes the account for the month with \$4.20 on hand after paying 40 cents at Chapman's for soap.

Debits – 1.18, 2.87, .40

Saturday, October 1

October has come and with it the rich display of autumn leaves, though it will be some days before they will reach the zenith of their beauty. In the forenoon I remained at the office and at home, but in the afternoon I went with Polk and Robert to lay out Mr. Billings' road on the mountain. I paid the barber 10 cents and I left for milk tickets 1 dollar, and I paid Dr. McCollum 50 cents for two small bottles of medicine. Was some giddy and tired tonight when I came down from the mountain.

Debits - .10, 1.00, .50

Sunday, October 2

Did not hurry about starting this morning. The autumn colors are becoming very beautiful and there is every appearance of it being one of the very brightest seasons known for many years. I went to the office and to the post office, and then I took the time and found Polk's watch only two seconds too slow. It is running very well now and I hope it will continue to do so. I went down to see Abbie and carried a can of sauce. Came home about eleven o'clock and began my writing and have kept my pen running quite steady through the day. It is one of the most beautiful days that this beautiful season can afford. We are here alone to enjoy it. Amelia has taken a walk out to Horace Dunham's and will return this afternoon. In the evening Robert and Polk and Abbie came here to spend the evening and had a very pleasant time. These huge apple pies are a rich treat. They went home about nine o'clock. Mrs. Ayers and Mrs. Blossom Called in the early part of the evening.

Monday, October 3

It began to rain about six o'clock this morning and has continued through the day. I have worked in the office on Mr. Billings' plans about three hours, and wish to keep the outlines drawn as fast as I get them. Paid Pratt for a pencil 20 cents. Robert has been here to work on his plans for drawers to stand on his table. In the forenoon there fell 0.55 inches of rain and in the afternoon 0.32 inches. In the evening it rained very slightly. Wrote the greater part of the evening arranging account book.

Debits - .20

Tuesday, October 4

One year ago the great storm of 1869 occurred that did so much damage to mills, roads and bridges. Have taken a very severe cold. Went to the office quite early. The representatives are going to Montpelier today. Paid Chapman one dollar for whiskey, etc. and paid Richmond for meat 40 cents, and Mellish 12 cents for vinegar got last week. Have worked but very little today as my cold has prevented. Have been copying old surveys as I wish to keep records of all such things. The day has been some rainy but it does not raise the streams. Thunder was heard in some places about seven o'clock, afternoon.

Debits – 1.00, .40, .12

Wednesday, October 5

Cannot write much today. Went to the office but staid but a short time. Paid Paul 24 cents for sweet potatoes and Pratt for paper 16 cents and Billings for a ball of knitting cotton 10 cents and Randall for fixing chain 10 cents. The wind changed to the north and the weather is becoming much cooler. Mrs. D. and Amelia are getting ready to go to Salisbury tomorrow. Electa came down this afternoon and will stay with me while the folks are away.

Debits – .24, .16, .10, .10

Thursday, October 6

Arose quite early this morning and began to get the folks ready to go to Salisbury. Got every thing ready in time and they went out in the stage. Had a musical forenoon with Mr. Cheney. He took dinner with Polk and Abbie. Received 20 dollars of the Savings Bank and 22 dollars of Mr. Billings. Let Mrs. D. have 15 dollars and then I paid Polk 4 dollars. Got Fisher to work on triangles and paid him 50 cents, and paid Mellish for butter 40 cents and Mr. Bailey for mending my reading glass 25 cents, and the Savings Bank 20 dollars, and the post office 21 cents and Pratt 60 cents.

Credits – 20.00, 22.00

Debits – 15.00, 4.00, .50, .40, .25, 20.00, .81

Friday, October 7

Paid Paul 18 cents for potatoes. The morning was cool but Polk and I thought we would run the levels over Mr. Billings' road to the mountain, and we did it and got home about three o'clock and we then worked in the office. I finished the levels in the evening. Wrote a letter to send to Mrs. D. by tomorrow's

mail. The day has been remarkably pleasant, but the wind has been strong in the northeast. Am very tired tonight and my cold troubles me much. Took some hot sling and went early to bed.

Debits – .18

Saturday, October 8

Paid 12 cents for postage stamps and 2 cents to Pratt for change. Worked in the office nearly through the day on plans and profiles. The day is very pleasant and the autumn colors are gorgeous. How extremely beautiful the fields and forests are! Received a letter from Mrs. D. at Salisbury. The wind has been nearly in the north all through the day. Am very dull this evening.

Debits – .12, .02

Sunday, October 9

There was a very severe frost for this season, but I do not see as much damage has been done by it. Mrs. D. is now in Salisbury with her sister Mrs. Gookin. She will lose some of the beautiful days that we are having here in Vermont, for the foliage is not quite so beautiful as it is here. This is the day of brightest autumn colors, and it is the day that I have set down as the average of a great many years.

Monday, October 10

Mr. Clarke called early this morning for me to go down the line and I went as far as White River Village and did not get home till dark. We took particular notice of the foliage and can plainly see that it has passed the brightest colors. It now has a brown look. The wind was in the northeast in the forenoon but was in the west before noon. The clouds were cirrus at two o'clock and cirrostratus at night. Mrs. D. has a fine time for her visit in New Hampshire, but will be at home soon. My cold is wearing off slowly.

Tuesday, October 11

A foggy morning. Arose rather late and after breakfast went to the office, and Mr. Billings called and I went with him up the mountain on the east side by the southerly gorge and over the top of the mountain and down the road that I had surveyed, and by his sugar place to his wood-house where we left the team. From here he carried me home, and after dinner I went to the office. Paid Billings 45 cents for three bowls. The weather was foggy this morning but broke away quite early. It began to rain slightly about four o'clock. Mrs. Ayers called in the early evening.

Debits - .45

Wednesday, October 12

Rainy in the morning, the rain gauge indicating 0.29 that being all since it began to rain yesterday afternoon. Mrs. D. came from Salisbury and got home about five o'clock, and we were all glad for she is not often away. I arose with a very severe headache this morning and it has kept by me through the day. I have tried to work but have failed in it. It began to rain about six this morning and for a short time it rained quite hard. Abbie visited here in the afternoon. The autumn foliage continues to be very bright and beautiful, though the brightest time is past.

Thursday, October 13

Electa went home this forenoon, and I went to the office but I could not find a moment of the time to work. Met Miss King and talked about the grammar school. Intended to go to the work on the line of the road. Paid five cents for French ink. Will try the ink for a few lines here. There was a slight shower about eleven o'clock but there was not enough rain to measure in the rain gauge. The afternoon has been very fine and the evening is clear and beautiful. Mrs. Dunham came in the evening. Received of Mrs. D. in return of expense money.

Credits – 9.75

Debits - .05

Friday, October 14

The morning was very clear and I went to the office and Mr. Clark and myself concluded to go to Shallies Hill and farther. Examined the work where Leonard is making repairs and I gave directions about the paving in the large culvert near Sta. 563 and then came up the line to Champion's great fill. The day has been very fine and it is very clear this evening. The wind is S.W. and is fast removing the foliage from the trees. Mortimer brought two barrels of potatoes from Pomfret.

Saturday, October 15

Rested badly last night owing to an intense anxiety about the culverts. Paid Pomfret highway tax \$4.30; - also paid for meat 45 cents. And paid Mellish for soap 22 cents, and paid for sweet potatoes 25 cents, and I paid for this pen \$1.15. Have been quite unwell all through the day. Took the time this morning and found my watch half a minute slow, and Polk's one minute too fast. Had a long talk with Mr. Ballard about school matters, and shall visit all the schools next Monday if possible.

Debits – 4.30, .45, .22, 1.15

Sunday, October 16

How warm and beautiful the weather is this month! After breakfast I went to the Post office and to the office & there I took the time very carefully and found Clarke's clock 1 minute and 29 seconds too fast and the clock has now too fast a rate. Polk's watch was 4 seconds too fast and mine about 30 seconds too slow. The watches are now running at nearly a perfect rate, and I am glad to find it so. I was some unwell when I arose this morning and had not rested very well. I was too tired from my work on the culverts. I tried to read and write some during the day, but made rather poor work at it. In the afternoon we took a walk on the Lockwood hill, and it was truly pleasant. The day has been very beautiful, and the foliage is yet very brilliant in many places on the highlands. The summit of Mt. Tom is yet quite green. We are alone here now and are feeling quite cosy in our loneliness.

Monday, October 17

Went to the office and soon called at Miss Fairbanks' school and after a short time I called at Miss King's school and spent the greater part of the forenoon at these two schools. Finished my article on the solar spots and carried it to Mr. Greene for this weeks Standard. In the afternoon I worked for the Railroad Company in fixing some of the accounts. In the evening I worked at the house on my registers and daily journals; and on an article on the aurora of last Friday eve.

Tuesday, October 18

There was a very slight shower between six and seven o'clock this morning. The wind changed rapidly to the west and northwest and rose very high, and the appearance of things changed from fall to winter very soon. It has been a very rough day, such as we seldom meet in any season. Copied another article for Mr. Greene this morning, but hardly claim that I am running the paper this week. Worked on Mr. Billings' plan in the afternoon, and went to the office again in the evening to see Mr. Cushing. The evening was some windy, but not much cloudy.

Wednesday, October 19

Cool, but much more pleasant than yesterday. Met Mr. Cushing at the office and adjusted the accounts between the town and the railroad company, and Mr. Clarke got the balance and it was used to pay for repairs on the culverts on the railroad. In the afternoon Polk and I went to Mt. Tom to make surveys on Mr. Kennedy's land for Mr. Billings. Read the proof sheet of articles in the Standard of this week. Cloudy in the afternoon and there is much appearance of rain. Map peddler called on me. Paid Paul for sweet potatoes 15 cents.

Debits - .15

Thursday, October 20

It began to rain this morning at about four o'clock and there fell one inch during the day. I worked on Mr. Billings' surveys nearly all day. A severe shock of an earthquake at a quarter past eleven in the forenoon. In the afternoon I worked at the house on the plan drawing. Did not get the mail. – cars late. Got papers

from the Standard office to send abroad. Paid postage eleven cents. This is the most of a rainy day that we have had for many months, and it will fill the springs and wells in time. It stopped raining about ten o'clock in the evening. (margin) Earthquake at 11¼ o'clock in the forenoon. It was perhaps the hardest ever felt in New England.

Friday, October 21

Nearly clear and very pleasant this morning. But the clouds soon began to gather about, and it was cloudy till night. In the forenoon I took a walk to look out a road through Mr. Billings' sugar lot, and in the afternoon Polk and I made a survey of the route that we looked out in the forenoon. Did not get home till after dark, and then found a peddler here to sell a poor map. I bought one for the school but it was too cheap for me to buy. Paid postage 24 cents. Paid Richmond for meat 87 cents and I paid ten cents for crackers, and 2 dollars for school map.

Debits - .24, .97, 2.00

Saturday, October 22

Hard frost this morning and it is the first one sufficient to kill tomato vines. Soon as the sun strikes them they wilt down, so we can put this down as the first real frost. I went to the office and down the line of the road to show Mr. Capron about the ditches. Took the time and found my watch right by the mean of two observations differing four seconds of time. The observations were made about ten minutes past ten. In the afternoon I went to Taftsville with Mr. Clarke to make some arrangement to repair the ditches about the R.R. cuts in that section. A slight shower in the evening. (margin) The first frost that would kill tomatoes and dahlias. Water froze in some places.

Debits – 1.00

Sunday, October 23

How many mistakes I made in ruling the middle of these pages! The morning was clear and cool, and after I had brought water from the spring I scarcely stepped out of doors till noon when I went to the post office and got the household. I read the Independent more than is usual for me to read it, and I have "Old and New" that Mr. Streeter sent to me to read. I have too much of solid reading for the last of these is very sound and critical reading. One article on the political literature of the United States is very good, and another on the North Pacific R.R. is interesting. In the evening, Robert, Polk, and Richard Dana called on us and had a merry chat for a few minutes. The evening is perfectly clear and the stars shine brilliantly; but it is cool, though not so for this season of the year. I have rested very much today, and am quite well this evening. I spent the evening in reading and writing.

Monday, October 24

Boy called for Polk this morning to take him to Barnard to survey the Atwood farm. A beautiful day for it and I hope he was able to finish it; but to run out 400 acres is some work. Paid Paul 40 cents for potatoes. Have spent nearly all day on the road preparing for winter. It takes some ditches to keep the water away from the banks and loose earth. Worked about two hours on Mr. Billings' surveys. The day has been exceedingly fine, though cool this morning. Signs of rain this evening. We are now here alone and enjoy it very well. Mortimer brought some apples. He is doing but little this season. (margin) Hard frost this morning and the surface of the ground was slightly frozen. Aurora this morning.

Debits - .40

Tuesday, October 25

Took the time in the morning and found my watch 19 seconds too slow. Mr. Randall's clock is about 24 or 25 seconds too slow. That clock seems to run very well. And this watch runs as well as any one that I ever carried. In the afternoon, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Kidder and I went the Mr. Merrill's to put in a box across the R.R. track and did not finish it till after dark. Spent nearly all day on the R.R. work. I ought to have been at work on Mr. Billings' work. Miss King called here in the evening and there was a fine little shower.

Wednesday, October 26

I went in the morning to run a line between Mr. Woodward and Mr. Billings on Mt. Tom and I tested all the lines on the easterly side of the south mountain. In the afternoon I spent a part of the time in drawing on Mr. Billings' plan, and a part of the time on taking additional notes on the ground. The wind is strictly north and it has grown cold very fast. Took notes around Mr. Billings' house and at night it was very cold. We spent the evening alone and it was quite pleasant to do so.

Thursday, October 27

Began my work in the office quite early. Took an observation for the time and found my watch a few seconds too fast. I began on Mr. Billings' map of the drains, water pipes, and gas pipes, and I worked on it nearly through the day. Had a talk with H.S. Dana on historical matters, and especially about the formation of the Woodstock Band. I have some dates that will throw much light on these subjects. It began to rain about two o'clock and continued to be some rainy till night. Miss King called at the office to talk about school matters. Am looking up accounts of the earthquake at different places.

Friday, October 28

In the morning I called at Miss King's school and carried a new map of the United States. I think it will do her school more good than it will any of the other schools. I then went to the office but I had too severe a headache to allow me to take hold of work. Got ten dollars of Polk and paid five dollars for tickets to the grand army of the Republic lectures for the season. Paid 31 cents for kerosene and one dollar and fifty cents for North American. Attended the first lecture of the course this evening. Mr. Morrill on St. Domingo.

Credits – 10.00

Debits .31, 1.50

Saturday, October 29

This morning I went with Mr. Clarke down the line of the road. Mr. Capron & Mr. Kidder are repairing it in some places. We went as far as Mr. Church's land and came back soon after noon. The day was cold and raw there being some squalls of snow. In the afternoon, Spenser called and Mrs. D went to Pomfret with him, and I walked up after the mails were in. Received six dollars and a half of Jas. G. Bates of Hartland for surveying last May, the 14th day. I paid 25 cents for brush and I paid Paul a balance for potatoes 10 cents. The evening is some pleasant but wind high. (margin) First flakes of snow this season.

Credits – 6.50

Debits - .25, .10

Sunday, October 30

A cool night but a very pleasant morning. Did not start very early but time will move along. After breakfast I searched the old records and account books for facts relating to the Woodstock Band and its first formation, and I found many dates that fixed the time exactly. The day was pleasant and I roamed about some. Found fruit in abundance and perhaps I ate as much as was for my good. In the evening we got Fred Doton to bring us to Woodstock. Fred is a very pleasant young man and I think will do well in life. We arrived safe home about seven o'clock, and we are glad to get home into our "own hired house," where we have enough of good books and papers that make home pleasant. I wish our folks at Pomfret had some one to look out for their things about the house and buildings. Such things seem to be falling behind the times. I have no time now to attend to them, and should hardly be able to do justice to them if I were there.

Monday, October 31

The first real snow-storm and there fell about 4 inches and nearly turned to rain. Saw Mr. Henry and he promised to pay me some money this afternoon but it did not come. Came to the house a little before noon and did not go to the office to work, but carried my old journals to Mr. Dana to look up all that is possible in relation to the Band. Called on H.F. Marsh on the same subject but could not get some points that we wished to establish. The walking is very bad from the wet snow.

Tuesday, November 1

Paid 33 cents at the bank. Mr. Henry paid me ten dollars for my work about Mr. Merrill's new house, and I paid Billings \$10.50 for a barrel of flour, and Mr. Bradley brought it to us. Sent a note to Mr. Hewitt on the subject of our note and a payment on it. I hope he can make one before long. I spent all the afternoon till late in the evening writing on meteorological matters for the Standard, and hurriedly finished it. These matters take some time but they are valuable now and may be hereafter.

Credits – 10.00

Debits - .33, 10.50

Wednesday, November 2

Went to the office in the morning & saw Mr. Clarke and we concluded to go to Mr. Champion's to meet the Selectmen of Hartford this afternoon. Got horse and buggy of Mr. Burk. Spent about two hours in talk and then came home. I think they will be too wise to lay such a road as they are talking of. Paid Billings \$1.10 for shirt bosoms in the evening. Carlie Dunham was here a part of the day. Am quite tired this evening and do not rest easily anywhere, but shall soon get rested.

Debits - 1.00

Thursday, November 3

Spent all the forenoon on newspaper articles and in reading proof. Got sweet potatoes and paid 28 cents and also paid for postage stamps 12 cents. The morning was very dark and it began to rain about eleven o'clock. At half past twelve there was a heavy thunder storm raging. The electrical part was the most severe of any storm this season. Three cattle were killed in Barnard. The rain was not as hard as in many showers but the thunder was terrific. It is very late in the season to have any such storms. But the season is one of peculiar character in this respect.

Debits - .28, .12

Friday, November 4

Started early in the morning to go to Mr. Gates' in Hartland. Ran a long line between two farms and set it up so as to make it direct from corner to corner. Here I found another evidence of a crooked line in passing through deep valleys. Such are too common. Received of Mr. Gates \$5.50 for part of a days work. Paid \$1.10 for a pair of rubbers. The day was clear and not very cold and was very pleasant. Paid Mr. Burk for horse \$1.50. I received 25 dollars of Elisha Hewitt to indorse a note and by mistake the indorsement is dated Nov. 3rd instead of Nov. 4th.

Credits – 5.50, 25.00

Debits – 1.10, 1.50

Saturday, November 5

The morning was warm and cloudy. I went to the office but not to work. Paid Mr. Wellington \$4.25 in full for one of his "summer cooks." Also paid Richmond 55 cents for meat. I was very tired from my work yesterday and did but little in the forenoon. In the afternoon we expected to go to Hartland but was disappointed and we gave it up for the day. I did some writing at the house but did not try at the office. Saw Mr. Clarke and he wished me to estimate the crossing at Pierce's at the Junction.

Debits - 4.25, .55

Sunday, November 6

The morning was clear and quite pleasant, though a little cold. There seems to be a chill on the air that is quite icy. I went to the office and took the time and found my watch one minute too fast, but I did not set it. About eleven o'clock we started for Hartland and had a very nice time. We went on to the Kent hill and had a good view of the mountains in New Hampshire. There was snow on top of Moosilauke and the Franconia range was perfectly white, and I could see the southerly tip of the White mountains through the gap just north of Dorchester mountain and south of mount Cuba. How delightful it would be to roam

around among those masses of rocks and mountains! Our visit was very pleasant and I think it was to all concerned, and we came home refreshed by the ride and the walk. – Robert called and took tea with us after we came home and Simeon Dunham called in the evening with Mrs. Dunham and we had a very pleasant and good chat. This has truly been a day of rest.

Monday, November 7

Mailed letter to Mr. Hewitt to acknowledge receipt of the 25 dollars last week. I assisted Mr. Clarke about his R.R. Acct. Paid Mr. Burk 90 cents for horse yesterday. In the afternoon I assisted Mr. Clarke again about his account. I also went to Mr. Billings' to take some observations about the water pipes about his reservoir, and must go in the morning to finish the measurements and to fix their position. Paid 9 cents for postage stamps. Saw Elmer Adams. He was at Polk's office this afternoon. The day has been clear and cold, but will probably be warmer tomorrow.

Debits - .90, .09

Tuesday, November 8

Yesterday I sent three dollars (\$3.00) to the Universalist Quarterly for the present volume. The morning is not very cold. I went to Mr. Billings' to take notes of the pipes that are laid about the reservoir back of the laundry. Finished all those and went to the house and took some measures there. The air was very sharp on the hill and it seemed like winter. In the afternoon I worked in the office on Mr. Billings' plans. It was some dark and it began to rain about three o'clock and it continued to rain some till night. Spent the evening in computing interest, etc.

Debits – 3.00

Wednesday, November 9

I went in the morning with Polk to take some measures on the reservoir aqueduct that I measured yesterday. The large iron pipes make it very difficult running the lines by the needle, and I cannot make all the work harmonize when the needle is used in taking the notes. I worked nearly all day on the plan of the pipes of different kinds on Mr. Billings' lands. The day has been cloudy and it began to rain about four o'clock afternoon. Polk and Abbie came here to dinner and Abbie staid till night. Paid 70 cents for five pounds of sugar. We are alone again here in the evening. Some rainy.

Debits - .70

Thursday, November 10

Took the time and found that watch had gained a very little and I set it 20 seconds too slow, but Mr. Randall's clock was exactly right, and now I shall rely upon it for time instead of taking it from the sun's altitude. In the afternoon I got Leland Doton to assist me in making some surveys at Mr. Billings' house. Paid Leland 75 cents for his work. In the forenoon I went out to settle a line between Mr. George Barker and Mr. Burk back of Mr. Barker's house. They paid me \$1.10 and I paid Mr. Burk ten cents. Elmer Adams is married today, and I do not know how soon he leaves for St. Louis.

Credits – 1.10

Debits - .75, .10

Friday, November 11

At eight o'clock I met Payson Pierce to make a survey of his farm that he bought a few days ago. A part of the lines had been run before and we finished the remainder at about half past eleven o'clock. I came home and after dinner I went to the office and then made a survey for Mr. Thompson on River Street on the north side of Mr. Bryant's land. Paid Billings \$1.50 for tea and Mrs. Churchill 25 cents for thread, etc. In the evening we heard Prof. Patterson's lecture on the source of N. England's character. A most truly interesting lecture.

Debits – 1..50, .25

Saturday, November 12

Mr. Leavitt called to settle up for Kimball's work this season. $4\frac{1}{2}$ months at 8 dollars per month. \$36.00. Mr. L. had paid him some but the balance due was \$28.13 which he paid and I put 20 dollars of it in the Savings Bank. I paid Richmond 25 cents for meat, and Pratt 35 cents for thin drawing paper. Received 18 cents of Kimball's money in making change. Spenser and Fred called, and they got my cider barrel to fill next Monday. A great crowd of people here today to attend Mr. Burk's auction. Spent a great part of the day on Mr. Pierce's survey, but I finished the computations in the evening.

Credits - .18

Debits - .60

Sunday, November 13

A very fine day for so late in the season, the morning being very clear. I spent nearly all day in reading and writing, but towards night we took a walk down to see Polk and Abbie, and came home about eight o'clock. Robert came home from Pomfret in the afternoon. I read some very good articles in the "Scribner's Monthly," one on the bottom of the sea was quite interesting. Polk is going to South Woodstock in the morning if the weather is suitable for work in the field. Sunday reading is rather scarce in the magazines at the present time and we must look more to good books for anything to feed the mind. The North American is about as good as anything that we can find. - What a very remarkable season this is and has been! Many of the best wells have been dry since mid-summer and there are no signs of the being filled this fall. Brilliant auroras are visible almost every evening when clear, and thunder at times very heavy even late in the fall. Fruit is decaying very rapidly, and even the best cannot keep through the winter.

Monday, November 14

Fixed the small compass this morning and Polk took it to go to So. Woodstock. I then fixed Abbie's gold pen and carried it to her and spoke to her about going to Mr. Chamberlin's to Thanksgiving. Finished Payson Pierce's plan of survey and he called for it at night and paid five dollars for the work. In the afternoon I worked on the plan for Mr. Billings. Mr. Leach and Louisa called at the office and have now gone to Pomfret on a visit. Paid Mellish 22 cents for soap. Towards night I made some re-measurements on the aqueduct at Mr. Billings'.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - .22

Tuesday, November 15

Was hindered much of the forenoon but spent some time on the plans for Mr. Billings. The hills were covered with snow this morning and it is not all disappeared. I received of Mr. Billings thirty five dollars, and I paid a note at the bank of fifty dollars that was not out till the 2nd day of December. Do not get any letters this week and have not written any. Spenser called and took a barrel of apples that he left here some days ago. Made a survey bill of Mr. Bryant's land for Mr. Thompson. The weather seems quite clear this evening, and perhaps I must go to Hartland tomorrow. (margin) There was about half an inch of snow this morning on the hills and some in the valleys.

Credits - 35.00

Debits - 50.00

Wednesday, November 16

The morning was almost perfectly clear and I concluded to go to Hartland to finish the survey of the cemetery at the "three corners." Got a horse & buggy of Mr. Burk. Finished the work at about half past 12 or 1 o'clock afternoon, and I came home over the hill by the Dunbar place. Camilla Ware called at our house in the forenoon. Mrs. D. went to see Abbie and I called there soon after I came home. Called at Polk's office in the evening and came home about eight o'clock. Paid \$1.50 for my horse. Mrs. D. paid Mrs. Churchill \$4.85. Am very much jaded this evening.

Debits - 1.50, 4.85

Thursday, November 17

Clear and cold but the day has been very pleasant. I went to the office and tried to work but was too much exhausted to do much. Came home at eleven and did nothing till after dinner. Paid Pratt \$2.35 for Gillespie's Surveying and paid Richmond 30 cents for meat. – In the afternoon I called on Abbie and got plan of survey and went to the office and made computation. Polk went to Barnard this morning. – Carlie called in the afternoon. The air is very cool tonight and the ground will freeze considerably. Robert called again in the evening.

Debits – 2.35, .30

Friday, November 18

Called at Polk's office in the morning and soon he went with me to make some measures about Mr. Billings' place. In the forenoon we ran the line for the aqueduct, and in the afternoon we ran the line of the walls on his grounds on the road line. It began to storm about three o'clock but we continued to work till nearly night, and left the work near Mr. Thompson's house. Paid Billings 43 cents for molasses. Spenser brought a barrel of cider and we carried it into the cellar in the evening. Some snow and rain together.

Debits - .43

Saturday, November 19

Snow on the hills and a very little here on the roads and paths. I could hardly go to work for I was too nearly jaded out yesterday. In the forenoon I began to work on the plans and it was noon before I was aware of it. In the afternoon I went to Mr. Billings' grounds to put some stakes to keep our yesterday's work, and to find a pen holder that I lost yesterday, and was very fortunate in doing it. I paid 45 cents for two spellers, and 15 cents for 17 National pens, but they are not quite so good as I like to use. The day has been cold and cloudy, - windy this evening.

Debits - .45, .15

Sunday, November 20

Polk and Abbie came last evening to stay through the night, and the evening passed very pleasantly. Robert called too in the evening. This morning the air seemed more pleasant, but it has become the twentieth of November and the season of ice and snow. The ground is some frozen & there is a little snow on the hills, but it does not look or seem like winter. Polk and Abbie staid here during the greater part of the forenoon and Abbie continued here till past two o'clock. There was a meeting at the chapel this forenoon, but we did not go. It was on the Centenary year of Murray's landing in New Jersey. – I finished a letter to my friend J.B. Crocker, and have been reading Pres. Woolsey's article in the North American on the law of nations, a very good article. Again I looked over a part of Henry Brooks Adams' article on the last session of congress and I can but detest its spirit. There is a better article on Congressional reform in the October No. but I have not read it faithfully. – We are alone here this evening and how still it is, for we are both writing. The evening is dark and cloudy, but it does not storm.

Monday, November 21

Polk and I went in the forenoon and corrected the lines on the Billings farm on the east side of the mountain and in the afternoon we got Leland Doton to help us, and we ran the lines on the northerly side of the farm and on the road to the corner near Mr. Thompson's. This completes the circuit of the westerly part of the farm. I can now make a map of that kind that will give the contents and the outline. Paid Leland 85 cents for his work. There was a very little rain all the afternoon but we kept to work till night. (margin) Spent the morning in Mr. French's office on School matters.

Debits – .85

Tuesday, November 22

I went to the office this morning, but I could not work, and I concluded to work on Mr. Billings' surveys in the afternoon. Afternoon, Polk and I went to Mr. Billings' grounds to make surveys for mapping the walks and the position of the trees and other things about the premises. Though the afternoon was very cold,

and a keen cutting wind blew from the northeast, we succeeded in getting the notes of all the paths, etc. southerly of the house. Polk suffered very much with cold, but he kept at work till night. It began to snow about six o'clock and continued through the evening. Mortimer called and took dinner. (margin) Mr. French went to the High School this afternoon and examined the class in General History and tomorrow I must go with him and attend to the class in Natural Philosophy.

Wednesday, November 23

In the forenoon I went with Mr. French to examine classes and to attend the close of the fall term of the High School. We examined a class in Natural Philosophy and a class in General History and assigned the lessons for the next term. Mortimer came in the afternoon and we went to Pomfret to stay over Thanksgiving. Did not get there till nearly night. The weather was squally and quite cool and appeared to be growing colder. Paid Mr. Bailey for mending pin 15 cents. – It was pleasant to be in our chamber again.

Debits - .15

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY throughout the United States. Started early in the morning to make preparations for patching the corn barn. And spent nearly the whole day in patching and in fixing gate to the yard. Austin Leach came last evening and Mr. Leach and wife came this forenoon. Carrie is at work for the folks, so we had Mr. Leach's family and our own, and in the evening, Spenser and wife came and we were nearly all together. We concluded not to come home today, and I kept at work on the buildings till about night. The evening passed away quite merrily and pleasantly.

Friday, November 25

A most beautiful morning, and as soon as I finished breakfast, I began work on the patching and repairing and kept about it till nearly noon. After dinner we started for Woodstock. Mrs. D. rode with Mr. & Mrs. Leach and I with Spenser and we arrived home about three o'clock, tired and jaded enough. Mr. & Mrs. Clifford called on me on the subject of a suit with Mr. Thatcher. In the evening I attended a lecture at the town hall from Rev. Mr. Warren. – Paid Mr. Hewitt 34 cents for meat. Am very tired this evening.

Debits - .34

Saturday, November 26

Am lazy, tired and lame this morning, and I went to the office but could hardly fix my thoughts upon a lesson or upon my work. Came quite early to the house, but was called by Mr. Clifford and his wife to go to Mr. Marsh's office on their Thatcher case. Called on Abbie to get an Astronomy for Mr. Ballard. I lent him Correlation of Forces, and Ray's Astronomy, and he left with me Loomis' Astronomy, Shell's Olmsted's Astronomy and a work on Chemistry. The day has been cool but not stormy. Came early from the office. (margin) One stone jar of butter came down from Pomfret and we began upon it at once.

Sunday, November 27

Was too tired to rest well last night, and I did not get up very early this morning. After breakfast I went to the post office and got a letter from Salisbury and one from Mr. Barron of Quechee. And I must go and assist Mr. Hazen in adjusting the line between Mr. Howard and Mr. Barron. I went to the office this morning and took the time and found my watch had lost about three seconds per day for the last fifteen or twenty days. – About eleven o'clock we walked down the street to Polk's and staid there till night. I always prefer to stay at home Sundays and I think we are as happy to do it. I read Fitch's Physical Geography some and rested some by the stove after they had set it up in their chamber. We came home early in the evening and were very tired and can hardly rest at all. Retired to rest about nine o'clock. I think we can find time to read more Sundays if we remain at home, and we have enough that is interesting to read and to reflect upon, and this would be much better than not to read at all. Richard Dana called on Polk in the afternoon.

Monday, November 28

Polk and I went to work for Mr. Billings and began at the granite posts near the Gas, light, ash tree, and we followed the line of roads up to the house and laundry. Mr. Thatcher called on me at noon and wished me to attend his court as a witness next Wednesday. A Mr. Derby called in the evening. He is selling maps and other pictures, and will stay through the night. Paid 6 cents postage and for silk 5 cents, and 18 cents for candles. Have not heard from Mr. Barron in relation to going to his Ware lot to settle his north line. (margin) Beautiful radiating clouds this evening, extending from the horizon in the east to the west.

Debits - .06, .23

Tuesday, November 29

In the morning it began to rain which prevented my going to Pomfret to help settle the line for Mr. Howard & Mr. Barron. Have been very much jaded out so that I could do but little. In the afternoon I staid in the office and worked on the railroad papers. Mr. Clarke called and assisted me in comparing work. Am sixty one years old today, so the years roll along in accordance with the universal plan. I borrowed fifty cents of Polk and paid it for kerosene at Billings. The day has been some rainy nearly throughout, but it is a little more broken this evening.

Credits - .50

Debits - .50

Wednesday, November 30

Expected to go to Pomfret in the morning to attend a court at Winslow's between Mr. Thatcher and Mr. & Mrs. Clifford. About eleven o'clock I took a horse and buggy and went to the old homestead, and then left for Winslow's where I found the Court in session. It was some time before I was called as a witness and after the testimony was closed I started for home, called on Dr. Russ, and came to Woodstock at dark. Received 7 dollars of the school district and paid school tax \$4.70, and I also paid Richmond 30 cents.

Credits - 7.00

Debits - 4.70, .30

Thursday, December 1

Paid Hewitt for Milk tickets 1 dollar, and also Lester Miller 1 dollar for P.O. Directory. In the afternoon I went with Polk to extend the survey of the roads on Mr. Billings' land. The day was pleasant in the forenoon but somewhat rough and windy. We continued the survey till night, and left off near the green house. Mr. Billings came home soon after two o'clock, and gave us a call soon after he came home. The work is a labyrinth of marks & points and I hope to have good success in mapping it. The evening is very windy but not cold.

Debits - 1.00, 1.00

Friday, December 2

Thought best to go to Mr. Howard's line today, and I got a horse & buggy of Mr. Burk and started up through Pomfret. Saw Mr. Conant and had a talk with him on the History of our town. I went to Mr. Barron's place then started over the line to be examined. No one came to meet me and at two o'clock I started for home and saw Mr. Barron and fixed upon tomorrow to meet Mr. Hazen. Mr. Billings paid me five dollars and I paid Richmond fifty cents for meat. Got home a little before night. A beautiful day for December. (margin) I am here trying Winslow's Ink. It certainly flows very well, but the color is an objection.

Credits - 5.00

Debits - .50

Saturday, December 3

Started early in the morning for Mr. Howard's place and met all the parties. The day was quite cool but we made all the examinations that we wished. The matter was left to Mr. Hazen and myself, but we could not

agree and we left in disagreement at dark. I rode home in the beautiful but cold moonlight, and arrived there at about half past seven o'clock. Had been out in the field during the day, and was nearly chilled through when I came home. I did not go to the Post office nor to the office after I came home, and of course no letters or papers came tonight.

Sunday, December 4

Went to the post office and the office in the morning, but I am jaded and dull from my work for the past few days. I wrote a long and very full letter to Albert Darling and Mrs. D. wrote one to her friend Amelia at West Salisbury, N.H. My work yesterday was extremely perplexing, not that the work was difficult in itself, but it is sometimes difficult to have others take rational views of things. There is such a thing as looking at a matter from a very narrow stand point, and such seems to be what I now have to contend with in the case that I was called out on yesterday. But perhaps the fault is all my own, though I wish it could be tested by a high court where facts could be handled by men of sound and deep minds. – Our Sundays pass better when we are here at home, surrounded by great and good books when good thoughts have been put in tangible form. – The day has been some pleasant, but cloudy. A Mr. Derby has been here about one week, having come here last Monday. He is canvassing the town, getting subscriptions for maps and pictures.

Monday, December 5

In the forenoon I could work but little for I was too unwell, but in the afternoon I went with Polk to finish our notes on Mr. Billings' land. We worked there till dark and I think the notes are complete for all that I wished to get. The forenoon was warm but the afternoon was more cool and cloudy, with some easterly wind. – Paid 10 cents for postage stamps, and paid 1 dollar to George White for bottles of cider. Paid Knapp 90 cents for Silliman's Journal. Paid Mr. Burk two dollars on account. Paid postage.

Debits - .10, 1.00, .90, 2.00, .22

Tuesday, December 6

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. French of Montpelier, calling on me to go to Wells River to assist Mr. Adams in locating a part of the Wells River Railroad, and I wrote to him this morning that I probably could go. – A rainy day but I was out of doors much of the time. In the afternoon I went to Lincoln street to survey an extension that the selectmen are laying out. Horace Dunham called here and staid to dinner. – The winter term of the county court began its session today, but it does not seem to attract much attention so far. Am very quiet and still this evening.

Wednesday, December 7

Have done but little of real work today. I finished up my meteorological report and mailed it for night's mail and left our local copies with printers. Received a letter from Mr. French of Montpelier and a dispatch from him at Wells River after seeing Mr. Adams, who is there for the purpose of locating a few miles of the Railroad. Have concluded to change watches with Charles Fitch, paying him \$70.00. I think now we have two good watches. Clouds more dense this evening, and there is much appearance of snow.

Debits – 5.00

Thursday, December 8

This has been a very snowy day and it has melted in some places as fast as it has fallen. Went to the office in the forenoon and then to the town clerk's office to copy some of the records relating to the Marsh farm, now belonging to Frederick Billings. I wish to get perfect field notes of his farm. In the afternoon I again went to the town clerk's office and copied the descriptions of the land sold to Edward Dana. Called on Miss Hayden's school. Called at Palmer's to find boots suitable for winter work, and found some that I think will do, but I do not know as such will be the most comfortable.

Friday, December 9

Mr. Derby who has been here since Nov. 28th left this morning for Lyme, N.H. He has been here eleven days, being away at dinner excepting three days. I went to the office in the morning and had a talk with Mr. Greene on railroad matters. I spent the greater part of the day in cleaning and adjusting my Transit

and I believe it is in good adjustment. Called on Mr. Fairbanks and had a long and pleasant chat with him, and got a strap for the chain and one for the Transit tripod. Expect to hear an able lecture from Mr. Parsons this evening. The lecture was sparkling with wit and that wit was purely Irish, and it was most aptly used and he made his lecture remarkably interesting.

Saturday, December 10

Colder this morning. Went to the office and called on Dana & Newcomb and selected an overcoat and a pair of buckskin gloves. – Coat 24 and gloves 2½ dollars. I also got a pair of overshoes of Mr. Smith for 2½ dollars. – Received a telegram from Mr. French to bring my level to Wells River for the work next week. I took the level to the house and cleaned most of the running part of it and oiled it anew with beeswax & tallow which seems to be the best possible. Got of the savings bank 25 dollars, and have paid 19 cents to Mr. Chapman for glycerine. (margin) A minstrel troupe at the town hall this evening. We do not go.

Credits – 25.00

Debits - .19

Sunday, December 11

A cool, dull, cloudy morning. I went to the office, wound the clock, and then went to call on Polk and Abbie, but I staid but a moment and returned back to the office and then came home and began to write, but I soon found myself too tired, the nerves too tired to write at all, and I put it by and did but little of chatting or reading. I looked over my daily journals for the past two years and found that I did not finish my railroad report till about the first of January of each year. Last year I did not hand it to Gen. Washburn to examine till the last day of December, and I can get it done this year before that time easily. I must go to Wells River tomorrow and do a little work there by assisting Mr. Adams in locating a few miles of the W.R. Railroad. Robert called a few minutes in the early evening, and soon after he left, Abbie came for an evening call, and about eight o'clock we went with her as far as the bridge by Mr. Russell's. There is a very fine spray of snow this evening that makes the ice very slippery. We came home, meeting the church folks on the way, and passed the evening very pleasantly.

Monday, December 12

Took the stage in the morning for the station where I took the train for the Junction. After stopping here about two hours, I took the train for Wells River where I arrived about four o'clock & found Mr. French at the depot, and soon found Mr. Adams at the hotel. This was the first time I ever went up the Passumpsic road above Norwich. – Paid 75 cents to Perry, - 15 cents as car fare to Junction, and \$1.60 cents for fare to Wells River. Am now ready to begin my work on the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad. Paid for stamps.

Debits - .75, .15, 1.60, .48

Tuesday, December 13

Rested some last night but it is not home here. A little rainy this morning. Mr. Adams and I took a walk over two miles of the line and I began to know more of its character. About eleven o'clock I began the line on the track of the B.C. & M. R.R. and started a curve that goes directly through a very high bank. I paid 15 cents for envelopes at Wells River and Mrs. D. paid 9 cents at home. Left the work near the mill dam on the westerly side of the main street, and must fit in a difficult curve in the morning.

Debits - .15, .09

Wednesday, December 14

Paid Jones & Chapman for Chamber \$1.00. This morning I tried to set up a long curve over the mill dam and along the side of the pond, and then I ran a set of tangents so as to compute the curves in the evening. The afternoon was pleasant though the morning was a little stormy.

Debits – 1.00

Thursday, December 15

Today I ran in the curves as far as Mr. Cameron's but could not get the long curve to suit me, but I took such notes as would help me to compute it this evening, and I soon found that a full six degree curve was just what was necessary, so I took such notes as would enable me to compute the right curve. I did but little this evening for I was very tired. Mr. Adams is not here and I am obliged to make all necessary arrangements and computations to get in the line.

Friday, December 16

Staid in the office awhile in the morning and made all necessary computations and then went to the field and fitted in the curve exactly running out 69 degrees on a six degree curve. I continued the line across the river but soon found that I had a few more computations to make to continue the line easily and correctly. Made the computations in the evening and finished them in the morning.

Saturday, December 17

Paid Billings for goods 54 cents. Went to the field and began a curve on the point on the north side of the river and ran to the river bank and put in a tangent across the river, then continued the curve along the river bank till it was right to begin another long six degree curve. Here we left the work for Saturday night and went back to the hotel. Found but few people there to stay over Sunday.

Debits – .54

Sunday, December 18

Did not hurry myself about getting up and we did not get through with breakfast till about nine o'clock. I spent the day in the sitting room with Mr. Brown, but I cannot say that it was very profitably spent, nor perhaps very badly. The day was cold and we kept ourselves warm as well as we could. I did not find any books about the house and did not carry any of my own, and we were obliged to go without. So we rested as well as we could and did but little of any intellectual work. I wrote a long letter home so that my friend at home could know just how we were situated.

Monday, December 19

Today I ran in the corrected curve beyond the river crossings and am hoping to finish the work tomorrow, but cannot now tell. I do not like the position of this long curve, for it makes too much cutting. I worked as late as I could see through the transit telescope, and we left and went to our boarding place.

Tuesday, December 20

I have not kept my record at all for the past week, for I was so busy at my R.R. work. I received for my work at Wells River \$100.00 or \$90.00 besides my board. – Today I set up a long tangent from the box-factory and tried to connect the line with the long curve below but was unable to do it and am obliged to stay over tomorrow to do it, so we went to the hotel quite tired. Mr. Hall is quite lame and goes home tonight and may not be here tomorrow, and Mr. French is to go in the morning.

Credits – 90.00

Wednesday, December 21

Was hoping this morning that I could get the line through as far as they had set upon laying out this fall, so I started on a very long tangent and set that where I wanted it to be and the next thing was to run a curve from it back to meet the curve set up a day or two ago, but I did not have very good luck in putting it on the ground, and I left it for the night determined to finish it before going to Woodstock. The day has been rather warm but the snow is a little troublesome. Looked over the work in the evening. (margin) What I have written on this place should have been set to Tuesday for all that I have written here was Tuesday's work. Today I took a very early start and had very good luck in fitting in the line and making full connections. A very furious snow squall about the middle of the day and we were all out exposed to it and it was quite rough.

Thursday, December 22

A very cold morning but I soon picked up my things and started for home. Took the cars at about ten o'clock for White River Junction, and soon arrived there, but waited there till about half past two o'clock, when I left for home. Came home about five o'clock and was very glad to get home again. Paid for paper at Wells River 64 cents and fare to the Junction \$1.60, and at the Junction 20 cents & 15 cents and also for stage fare 75 cents, and for a paper at Junction five cents, and now my cash account comes out – 2 cents.

Debits – .64, 1.60, .35, .75, .05

Friday, December 23

Abigail is with us still and will stay till called for from home. I began to pay debts and paid Smith for shoes five dollars & twenty five cents, and paid Thompson \$1.55, and paid Billings \$3.61 for dress for Abigail and handkerchiefs. Paid Pratt for pencils 50 cents. The day was cool and I was very tired and hardly went out at all, except to go down to Abbie's to dinner. Saw Mrs. John Paddock at Mrs. Perkins'. In the evening we went to hear "Carleton" at the Town Hall. The house was well filled and he did very well.

Debits – 5.25, 1.55, 3.61, .50

Saturday, December 24

Paid Chapman for corks 44 cents. Did but little except to run about and do chores and errands. Abigail went home this afternoon and before night, Mr. Derby the map canvasser came so we were not quite alone. The afternoon was very cold and it continued to grow cold till night. There was a Christmas gathering at the brick church and also one at Pomfret but we do not go to any of them. How pleasant is Saturday night when we have been away so long. And I am glad to be at home where we have wood enough, and enough to eat. Paid Abbie 10 cents, - lamp chimney 20 cents, - milk .04.

Debits – .44, .34

Sunday, December 25

Arose this morning quite early for me and tried to warm the house. Our thermometer stood -12 at seven o'clock this morning, and it must have been colder at Mr. Miller's on River Street. Robert called this morning and we had a pleasant chat. He is a good, whole hearted boy and I like to have him call. He appears to enjoy himself well while here. I spent a great part of the day in reading and writing, but I have been so very tired during the day that I can hardly read or write or rest me at all. I staid very closely at home hardly going out at all. Mr. Derby is here and remained through the day, spending it very quietly. The afternoon was not quite so cold as it was in the morning, but it is yet some cool.

Monday, December 26

I went early to the office in the morning and found that the mass of Christmas toys had been laid aside. I bought a book of Stephen Pratt Zuckerman's Book of the Artists, and was glad to find it. I paid Billings for groceries \$2.48, and Chapman 60 cents for soap, and I paid postage 13 cents. I called on Abbie in the afternoon and she called on us in the evening. I am beginning my railroad report. Am extremely tired and jaded out. Paid Dana & Newcomb for overcoat \$24.00, gloves \$2.50

Debits – 2.48, .60, .13, 26.50

Tuesday, December 27

This morning I ran to the office but I soon came back to assist Mrs. D. about the work, as she is to go to Abbie's this afternoon. I spent the greater part of the day in writing on the report and do not get along very fast with it. Mrs. D. went to Abbie's this afternoon and I am alone at home. This being alone is not really pleasant and I think she does not find it any more pleasant than I do. But she will be home soon, I think. At early evening I went to the post office and then to Polk's to come up home with Mrs. D. A beautiful evening.

Wednesday, December 28

Have spent much of the forenoon preparing for Polk's dinner this afternoon, and am some disheartened about the success of it. Soon after noon I started for Polk's & after a time succeeded in getting there, and very soon found that they needed all the assistance I could give them. At about half past one the guests began to come and all came that he expected, and about half past two the dinner was ready and all took their seats and all passed pleasantly and happily.

Thursday, December 29

Did not feel well in the forenoon, but I tried to work on the report. In the afternoon I got a horse & sleigh and we went to Horace Dunham's to make them a visit. Mr. Burk's clerk drove us out there and Fred Densmore came for us at night. Had a very pleasant time and, though the weather was very cold, we got home comfortably. Paid for milk tickets one dollar, and we are paying 8 cents a quart for milk this winter, which is some higher than we have been accustomed to pay. Tried to work some this evening but could not. Did not go to the post office.

Debits - 1.00

Friday, December 30

A cold morning. Thermometer stands at 14 degrees below zero, and this is the coldest that we have had this winter. I went to the office, took the time, and compared it with the clocks and found N. Randall's clock nearly one minute too slow and Clarke's about three minutes too fast. I worked all I could on the Railroad report, but found myself very tired. In the evening I went with Mrs. D. to call on Abbie, and we also called on Mrs. Perkins and Robert who is making very good work with the map of Pomfret.

Saturday, December 31

About four inches of snow this morning. I very soon went to work on the R.R. report and had very good success through the day. Bought a new daily journal like this one, and paid one dollar & fifteen cents. Paid Mellish for soap 20 cents, and paid Bailey for a fork, four dollars and 38 cents. This is the closing day of a very pleasant year and one that has been quite profitable to us, though I have not received much for services. How well or ill we have passed the hours is known to Him who rules the affairs of this world.

Debits – 1.15, .20, 4.38

General Summary for the Year 1870

At the beginning of the year 1870 we were living in Woodstock in Mr. Munger's house on College Avenue. Polk and Abbie occupying the body of the house, except the parlor, while we lived in the chamber and kept ourselves quite cozily through all the cold weather. I was at work on the Railroad and all seemed to be going pleasantly, prosperously and, as far as we could see then, happily. I was receiving as compensation one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, and the intention was to have the sum paid at the close of each month or at the beginning of the following month. This had been so through the previous year. I kept along without receiving any compensation till the first of May. The contractors had stopped work before the middle of March, and the workmen left about that time, and but little work has been done on the road since. – Polk hired a part of Mrs. Mellish's house, and removed on the 16th day of March, and we very soon set up our stove and other things where they had occupied. We have now the whole of the upper part of the house, and Polk has a part of the brick house below the brick church on Pleasant Street. I felt released from the railroad work after the first of May, though I was in no way discharged from the place of Engineer of the road, but there was much to be done to keep the books in order and to see that nothing was wasted or lost that was kept in the Engineer's office. Quite early in the summer I was called to lay out a cemetery at Hartland Three Corners and did the greater part of the work before haying, but they did not do the grading of it till fall, when I went and finished up the field work. Mrs. Perkins began to occupy her new house about the first of March, and Robert came from Chicago and spent the summer here and perhaps will not soon return as he can find some business to do that will make it as well for him as to go to Chicago.

People

Frank Noble Billings was a dealer in groceries and dry goods. He operated the Jones & Billings store in Woodstock from 1854 until it was destroyed by fire in 1860. He opened a new store in the Woodstock's Phoenix Block and operated it until 1894. His son Franklin S. Billings was governor of Vermont from 1925-1927.

Frederick H. Billings was a lawyer and financier who first became successful in California at the time of the gold rush. Billings was a millionaire by age thirty through legal fees, business investments, and real estate. In 1869, Billings bought the former home of Charles Marsh in Woodstock and implemented new methods of farming and conservation. He was a major investor in the Northern Pacific Railway and served on the board when the railroad completed its line from Minnesota to Seattle, WA in 1883. Billings was involved in civic and charitable activities until suffering a stroke in 1889. He died the following year.

Norman Bridge lived on Cloudland Road near Hosea Doton's father and brother Spenser. Hosea often called on him on Sundays to check on his health. They shared an interest in surveying.

James Knox Polk Chamberlin was a student of Hosea Doton and married his daughter, Abbie, in 1867. He was an attorney with an office in the Phoenix Block in Woodstock.

Captain Seth Conant was a neighbor of Hosea Doton on Cloudland Road in Pomfret.

Henry Swan Dana was born in Woodstock in 1828. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1849 and became a teacher. He published an account of Woodstock's first meeting house in the *Vermont Standard* and was encouraged to write a history of the town by his schoolmate Frederick Billings. Dana's *History of Woodstock, Vermont* was published in 1888 with funding from Mr. Billings.

Abigail Everts Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in 1817 and died on October 5, 1900.

Electa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret in 1813. She married Henry Leach on January 23, 1873. She died on September 21, 1898 and was buried in Bridgewater, VT.

Joanna Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, in 1823 and died in 1908.

Louisa Doten was a sister of Hosea Doton. She was born in Pomfret, on October 19, 1819. She married Henry Leach on September 5, 1865. She died February 28, 1871 and was buried in Bridgewater, VT.

Sorell, Franklin, and Orlando Doten were sons of Isaac and Rosilla Doten of Barnard, and cousins of Hosea Doton.

Abbie Doton was the daughter of Hosea Doton and his first wife, Lois Paddock Doton. She married James Knox Polk Chamberlin. Abbie was a teacher who became the first librarian at the Abbott Memorial Library in Pomfret.

Julia Elvira Doton was the third wife of Hosea Doton. She was born in Hartland, VT in 1840 and died in Woodstock in 1910. Her sister, Caroline Dunham, was married to Horace F. Dunham. Caroline was ill during her last three years and died in 1903 at her sister's home.

Spenser Doten was Hosea Doton's brother. He was born in Pomfret in 1811 and died there in 1891. Spenser spelled his name Doten as did Hosea Doton's sisters.

Horace F. Dunham was the brother of Simeon C. Dunham and the husband of Elvira Doton's sister Caroline. He was a surveyor who worked with Hosea Doton on the Woodstock Railroad.

Simeon C. Dunham was the brother of Horace F. Dunham. He was a businessman and community leader in Woodstock.

Amelia Gookin lived with Hosea Doton and his wife Elvira during the 1872 school year and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1874.

William Henry Harrison, known as "Old Tip" became President of the United States on March 4, 1841. He died thirty-one days after his inauguration.

Zerviah Harvey was the wife of Nathan Harvey and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois.

Frank Hatch was president of the Windsor County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Felicia Hemans was an English poet. Hosea Doton bought books of her poems for his daughter Abba, and Hosea framed a portrait of Mrs. Hemans done by Caroline Wyatt, which was presented to the Abbott Library in Pomfret in 1909.

Delia Hewitt was the daughter of William R. Hewitt. She was a longtime teacher in Woodstock.

Elisha Hewitt was born in Pomfret, VT in 1805. He passed his early life on a farm and went to Plymouth, MA to read theology in 1827. He was ordained in the Universalist Church in Plymouth, and preached in Hanson, MA until 1870 when he was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1872, he accepted a call to Woodstock where he preached for seven years before retiring in Massachusetts. He preached frequently in Vermont before his death in 1897.

Henry W. Leach married Hosea Doton's sister Louisa in 1865 after his first wife died. Louisa died in February 1871 and Henry married Electa Doten, sister of Louisa and Hosea, on September 5, 1873. Henry, Louisa, and Electa are buried in North Bridgewater Cemetery.

F.D. Maurice was an English theologian, professor, and proponent of Christian socialism. He wrote nearly forty books with a focus on the poor and working classes.

John Paddock was the father of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock.

John Paddock Jr. was the brother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. He was a peddler who sold goods from a wagon. Hosea made coffins for two of his children who died in 1842.

Lucy Vaughan Paddock was the mother of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock. Hosea refers to her as Mother Paddock.

Henry L. Page was the husband of Hosea Doton's sister, Sarah.

Kimball Perkins was the son of Nelson Perkins and Lucy Paddock Perkins. He was the nephew of Hosea Doton who served as his guardian after Kimball was declared non compos mentis.

Patience Paddock Perkins was the wife of Alva. C. Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. Her son Robert A. Perkins founded the Woodstock Post in 1872.

Lucy Paddock Perkins was the wife of Nelson Perkins and sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois Paddock Doton.

Nelson Perkins was the husband of Lucy Paddock, sister of Hosea Doton's first wife Lois. He was the brother of Alva. C. Perkins.

Norman C. Perkins, son of A.C. Perkins, was a student of Hosea Doton who attended Yale and became editor of the Yale Review, which is America's oldest literary magazine. Norman and Hosea corresponded for years.

Robert A. Perkins, son of A.C. Perkins, founded the Otta-Quechee Post in 1871 and served as editor and publisher. The name was changed to the Woodstock Post in 1872 and it was published until 1875.

Lewis Pratt Jr. owned a bookstore in Woodstock where Hosea Doton had an office for surveying and engineering. He founded the Vermont Temperance Standard in 1853 and managed it until 1854. The name was changed to the Vermont Standard in 1857.

O.L. Richmond was a dealer in beef, pork, lard, mutton, poultry, tripe, sausages, candles and all kinds of provisions usually kept in a country market. Old Stand, Central Street, Woodstock.

Mortimer Spears was a farmer in Pomfret who was unmarried, enjoyed reading, and became a friend of the Doton family. When Joanna Doton died in 1908, she passed the family homestead on Cloudland Road to Mortimer in her will.

Samuel Thomson was a proponent of herbal medical practices in the early 1800s.
Joseph Vose was the brother of Hosea Doton's mother, Elizabeth Doton.

Otis Winn was the father of Spenser Doton's wife Charlotte. He sometimes worked for Spenser and Hosea Doton.

H.L. Williams M.D. operated Williams Dental Rooms in the Stone Block on Elm Street in Woodstock.

Glossary

Azimuth – One of two coordinates, in addition to altitude, used by an observer to chart the position of a celestial object in relation to a fixed position, usually true north. Hosea Doton calculated the azimuth of the North Star, which varies from 002° to 358° during the year.

Bay rum – a mixture of bay leaves and rum used as a cologne or after shave.

Book slates – Two pieces of slate that can be written on and erased, hinged with a cloth binding.

Chaise – A carriage for one or two people, sometimes with a folding top.

Cock – A stack of hay or grain.

Court plaster – An adhesive plaster used to cover small blemishes and scrapes. Sometimes made of silk and coated with glycerine.

Cutter – a light sleigh with a single seat and usually pulled by a single horse.

Dock root – Yellow dock is an herb used to improve digestion.

Equation of time - The equation of time describes the discrepancy between apparent solar time and mean solar time. The equation of time values for each day of the year were often reported in almanacs.

Firkin – Container of something such as butter that holds about nine imperial gallons,

Grapery – An area or building where grapes are grown.

Ladies Repository – A monthly publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the nineteenth century devoted to literature, art, and religion.

Mensuration – The use of geometry to measure areas or volumes.

Parhelion - An atmospheric optical phenomenon that consists of a bright spot to one or both sides of the Sun.

Parley's Magazine – A publication for children and youth issued from 1833 to 1844.

Salerates – Bicarbonate of soda used to help bread and cakes rise.

Sector – A tool used for measurements and calculations. Sometimes called a *proportional compass*.

Sere – Withered, as in sere leaves.

Shoat – A young pig, especially one that is newly weaned.

Sled rave – Runner for a logging sled.

Southing of the moon – When the moon appears to the south of an observer.

Swill – Liquid food for animals.

Taking the time – In the 1800s, towns would set clocks at noon when the sun reached its highest point in the sky.

Thill – Either of the pair of shafts from the front of a carriage or sleigh between which a draft animal is harnessed.

Transit – A telescope with a level used by surveyors to lay out roads and building foundations.

Vendue – A public sale or auction.

White lead – A mineral that was mixed with water for use as paint.

Winnow – To remove chaff from a grain or other crop.

Notes

John Paddock came to Pomfret on April 21, 1773 from Mansfield, CT. He served at the fort at Bethel in 1781 and moved to Taftsville in 1794. (Vail)

John (1750-1812) and Isaac Doten came to Pomfret from Plympton, MA in the spring of 1786 and "made a home with" John Paddock on number 74 second division.

Isaac Doten bought the upper half of lot 44 from Ezra Drew on September 8, 1785 and the southern half from John Paddock on February 12, 1787.

John Doten built his frame house in 1811. Isaac built his home on the southern half of lot 44.

John Doten had one son, John Edward Doten (1780-1863), who married Elizabeth Vose (1783-1865) on September 6, 1804. Hosea Doton was born on November 29, 1809 as the third of nine children.

Henry Leach's sister Adaline Leach died March 22, 1865 and his wife Roxelona died March 26, 1865 at age 56.

Louisa Doten married Henry W. Leach on September 5, 1865. She was 46 and he was 53.

Louisa Doten Leach died on February 28, 1871.

Electa Doten married Henry W. Leach on January 23, 1873. She was 60 and he was 59.

Frank Mackenzie began studying with Hosea Doton in 1856.

The home of Frederick H. Ware on Barber Road burned to the ground in June 1857. (Vermont Standard)

Harriet Ware began school with Hosea on January 8, 1845.