

Alice Vinette Wells Diary, 1869

(Alice is 17; Nancy Ann is 46; George is 47; Hiram is 21; Ernest is 14; Ralph is 11)

January 1. Stormed all day. Ironed a little and went up to Joanna's a little while. Ma spun some. Hiram went to Nile and she went down to Unkle Dan's awhile. Ralph went up to Joanna's a little while. Johnnie Sinette called just at night.

2. (Saturday) Stormed some along towards night. Ma, Ralph and I went up to Addie's in the morning and staid till afternoon. Then Grandpa and Grandma came and we came home. Ernest went over to the Sabbath School doings in the evening. I went up to Joannas and staid with the children while Erzelia went.

3. Quite warm and pleasant. Thawed some. Ma and I washed, mopped and so on. Hiram went to Nile in evening. Ma baked pies. She knit and I made tatting in the evening and read some.

4. Kept on thawing all day, rained a little. I went to school as usual. Hiram and Ma went down to Walters. Marora was gone. Hiram visited Johnnies school. I got supper, washed the dishes and finished my stocking after I got home from school.

5. Colder, did not thaw much and snowed a little along towards night. Hiram went to town. Mr. Leonard Foster come to the old folks. I went to school. Sheldon come up from school. In the evening we went up to Joanna's--Sheldon and Lillie, Ernest and I. Lillie staid with Erzelia.

6. Pleasant, but did not thaw much. I went to school. Joanna came down in afternoon. Erzelia and Nellie stopped and took supper. I went up to Joannas in the evening. Hiram went to Nile or somewhere else.

7. Very pleasant. Thawed some. I went to school. Ironed in the evening. Ralph went up to Joannas. Ernest worked examples in Algebra etc. Hiram off somewhere.

8. Still warm and pleasant. The sleighing is going fast. I went to school. Erzelia, Lillie and I went up to Louis Kenyon's at noon time. Pa went Nile to pay his tax and Hiram went with him. Pa mended Erzelia's shoe. Ma sewed on pa's shirts.

9. (Saturday) Warm and rainy. The snow keeps going off. I went up to Clark's about noon and stayed until night. Hiram went to Nile. Johnnie Sinette came awhile in the evening. Ma knit and I tried to make tatting. Did not make out much.

10. Froze up some this morning and snowed in the afternoon. I washed and mopped. Ma baked pies, fried cakes and so on. Ralph went up to Maurice Coate's. Johnnie called a few minits and Hiram carried him to Nile.

11. Snowed steadily all day but did not get to be very deep. I went to school, made tatting a little and tried to learn a piece in the evening. Hiram went to Nile. I got a letter from Nellie Champlin. Ma sewed on pa's shirts. Ernest acted wise. Ernest writ the foregoing.

12. Snowed about a foot last night. I rode to school with Clarke this morning. There was eleven scholars. Ma doubled and twisted the cotton yarn for my stockings and finished pa's shirt.

13. Cold but pleasant. I went to school, set up my stocking and knit some. Went up to Joanna's in the evening. Erzelia and Nellie were over to Clarkes. Hiram went to Nile, Ma knit, sewed, baked and the like. Grandpa and Grandma went to Ceres.

14. Very pleasant. I went to school and stayed to spelling school in the evening. Had a pretty good time of course. Will Scott, Delia and lots of folks were there. Pa went to town.

15. Pretty nice weather now-a-days. Quite warmish. I went to school. We spoke pieces. Hiram went to Nile

two or three times. Grandpa and Grandma came back from Ceres and stopped awhile. Erzelia came down in the evening, I went up with her. Ma went up there awhile. I ironed after I got home from school.

16. (Saturday) Very pleasant all day. I stayed at home, wrote letters. Ma went up to Clarkes. Ernest to meeting. Joanna and Nellie came down in evening. Hiram went to Nile. I knit and Ma darned stockings.

17. Pleasant in morning. I washed. Ma baked. James Howard came and stayed two or three hours. Johnnie called. Hiram went to Nile in evening. Willis and Eddie came down to see Ralph in afternoon.

18. Dark and foggy, snowed some. Lillie and I went up to Clint Willard's at noon. Ma went up to Joannas. Ernest and I went up to Maurice Coats in evening. Heard that ----- hotel burned last night. There were fires also at Wellsville and Angelica.

19. Not very pleasant. The wind blows awfully tonight. I went to school as usual. Ma spun. I knit some in the evening. Hiram went to Nile.

20. The wind blew pretty hard all day. I went to school. Ma went up to Orren's. Pa went up in the evening. I got supper and so forth.

21. Quite pleasant. I went to school. In the evening we went over to the Allen district to a spelling school. Had a very good time of course, though we got spelled down.

22. Pleasant, but awful cold. I went to school in the morning but come home at noon. Uncle Elirzer, Aunt Nancy, Almeda and DeFrance come over. Ma went down to Deacon Joel's but had to come home. Hiram went to Nile. Eighth weekk of school. Have got to Bank Discount.

23. (Saturday) This day was my birthday. Clear and pleasant, but the wind blew. I staid at home all day but went up to Joanna's in the evening. Johnnie S. called a little while. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips came up just at night. Ernest went to meeting.

24. Very pleasant. I washed. The clothes dried and Ma ironed in the eve. I went up to Orrin's about three and staid till half past nine.

25. Pretty cold. I went to school. Ernest and Amos went to Friendship. Ma cut out and partly made my apron. I knit in the evening.

26. The weather about as usual. I went to school. Ma spun, stitched the trimming partly on my apron in the evening. Hiram went to Nile.

27. Very pleasant and quite warm. I went to school. Went up to Joanna's in the evening. Ernest went to a spelling school over in the Dimock District. Hiram went to Lyceum. Pa went to Nile in the afternoon. Ma went up to Joanna's a little while.

28. The weather about as yesterday. Rather warmer if anything. I went to school. Staid down and tried to have a spelling school, but did not make out much. Erzelia went to the wedding--DeFrance Coon and Vinnie Sinnette.

29. Warm and pleasant. Thawed some all day. I went to school. Johnnie S. visited the school and spoke a piece. Mrs. Maurice Coats, Mrs. Smith and the children come a visiting. Hiram and Pa drew logs. Hiram, Ernest and I went to Joanna's awhile in the evening.

30. (Saturday) Warm and rained some. I staid at home till about one, then went up to Orrin's and staid till night. Johnnie come over to stay with Hiram tonight. I knit in the evening.

31. Snowed most all day but not very fast. I washed and baked. Orren came down awhile in the afternoon. Dennis came up in the evening. Hiram went to Nile.

February 1. Very pleasant. I went to school. Ma went over to Clint's avising. Pa and Ralph went over and staid the evening. Hiram went to Nile.

2. Quite cold stormed pretty hard towards night. I went to school. Ma went up to Joanna's awhile.

3. Somewhat warmer, thawed considerable, looks like rain tonight. I went to school. We spoke pieces. Mary Wright, Vinnie Willard, Orla Vertie and Evelyn come over a visiting. Pa went to Nile. Hiram went to Lyceum in the evening.

4. Colder. Snowed about a foot last night. Hiram carried us down to school in the morning and went after us at night. Ma twisted some yarn. I finished my stocking this evening.

5. Cold, but very pleasant. Hiram carried us to school and brought us home again. We had six scholars. Ma ironed part of the clothes and I finished them when I got home.

6. (Saturday) Very pleasant. Ma and I went up to J.B.'s. Orren's folks went to Bolivar. Hiram went to Nile. I knit a very little in the evening.

7. Pleasant. Ma and I washed. Walter and Marora, Sam and Kittie Abigail and Mr. Evans came up a visiting. I went up to Joanna's to stay all night with Erzelia. Hiram is some sick.

8. Lookes something like a thaw. I went to school. Mrs. Cowles come down. Dennis come up in the evening. Hiram not any better. Ma has got a bad cold.

9. Warm and pleasant. Thawed most all day. I went to school. Pa went to Nile. Joanna come down a little while at night and I went home with her.

10. Warm and splashy, rained along towards night. I went to school. William Wells was buried today. Ma ironed. I knit in evening.

11. Warm and pleasant. I went to school, have got a cold and sore throat.

12. Warm and pleasant as usual. Don't feel very keen. Went to school. Carl and Willett and George Coon and wife came a visiting. Johnnie called a few minits in the evening.

13. (Saturday) The weather about as yesterday, only warmer. The folks about the same. I stayed at home. Ma went to Nile in the afternoon. Erzelia came down a little while. Johnnie called a few minutes. I knit a very little.

14. Rained last night warm and cloudy all day. Ma most sick. Hiram about the same. I washed, went up to Joanna's to read in the evening. Heard that Ezekiel Clarke's store burned last night.

15. Sunshine and showers mostly. I did not go to school, laid abed most all day, feel about sick. Ma worse if anything and Hiram not any better.

16. Tried to snow a little but did not make out much. I feel pretty owly yet. Ma about sick. I ironed a little, washed dishes etc. Ma baked. Erzelia called a few minutes. Ralph grunting some tonight.

17. Pleasant most all day, but clouded up and snowed towards night. I feel pretty miserable. Ralph didn't go to school. Ma went up to Joanna's a while. I received a letter from Drusilla. Her baby has been very sick but is getting better.

18. Pleasant. I didn't do anything but lay abed. Joanna called a few minutes just at night. Mr. Abram Stannard came about dark. Joel B. came with him and staid awhile. Hiram went to Nile.

19. Stormed all day like fun. Ma and Pa went up to Joel B's. Ernest and Ralph to school. Hiram and I stayed at home.

20. (Saturday) Decently good weather I guess. I stayed at home and read. Hiram went to Nile in the evening. Johnnie called a minute or so.

21. Cloudy and not very cold. I went up to Joanna's in the morning.. Then I came home and Ma went up there. Erzelia came back with her and stayed a little while. Hiram went to Nile. Ralph went up to Maurice Coats and Willis and Eddie came home with him. Johnnie called a minute. Harrison Higgins was buried.

22. Not very pleasant. I washed and mopped etc. Pa got half ton of hay of Orren. Grandpa called a little while. Came up to drive his colt. Melissa started for home today.

23. Stormed awfully, most of day. I went to school. Got a ride home.

24. Stormy as usual. I went to school. Hiram came after us at night.

25. Quite pleasant. Ma washed the woolen shirts. I went to school. Erzelia and I stopped to Lewis's when we were coming home. I ironed after I got home and knit in the evening.

26. Somewhat stormy. I went to school. We spoke pieces. Ma went down to the deacon's visiting. Hiram went to Nile.

27. (Saturday) Cold and windy. I went up to Orren's and staid most of the day. In the evening Johnnie and Erzelia, Hiram and I went over to Richburg to see Ten Nights in a Bar Room played.

28. Middling pleasant. I washed mopped etc. Orren came down in the afternoon to get his clock fixed. Pa went up to Orren's in the evening. Ernest, Ralph and I went up to Joanna's in the evening to hear Johnnie play.

March 1. Very pleasant day. I went to school. Joanna visited Ma. Uncle Lewis and Aunt Mary came up in the afternoon. Hiram went to Nile. Pa went to Friendship and Abram Stannard came up with him. I knit in evening.

2. Cloudy and snowed some towards night. I went to school. Pa, Ma, Uncle Lewis and Aunt Mary went to Richburg. Then Uncle Lewis's went on over to Uncle Levi's. Hiram went to the burgh and came back and went to Nile in the evening.

3. Pleasant and warm. I went to school. Finished my arithmetic. Ironed after school and then went up to Orren's. Johnnie about sick. Erzelia, Maxon and Joanna visited Ma. Uncle Lewis' folks came back, stopped and took dinner. Hiram and Pa drawed hay and Hiram went to Nile in the evening.

4. Colder. I went to school. Hiram and Pa drawed hay. Ma baked etc. Lillie went home with Erzelia and I went up in the evening. Clint Willard visited the school.

5. Pleasant but cold. Last night was about the coldest this winter. School closed today. Pa and Hiram finished drawing the hay. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ryno visited Ma. Hiram went to Nile in the evening.

6. (Saturday) Cold and stormy. I stayed at home all day. Ernest and I went up to see Erzelia in the evening. Ernest went to meeting. Hiram and Johnnie went to Friendship.

7. Very clear and bright. Ma commenced washing in the morning. I came home about ten o'clock and finished. Johnnie came in a while in the morning. I knit some in afternoon and Ma baked.

8. Pleasant and warmer. I stayed at home till about two o'clock, then went up to Addies and stayed till night. Pa and Ralph went over to the burg in the afternoon. Joanna called. Erzelia went home. Hiram went

to town.

9. Pleasant and very warm. Ma, Ernest and Ralph went to Ceres. Pa mended my shoes and Ma's and went up to Orren's in the evening. I went up to Clarke's and Joanna's just at night. Hiram went to Nile.

10. Rained by spells all day. Ma and I worked on the bed curtains. I went up to Joanna's twice, once in Morning and once in evening.

11. Colder. Snowed some. Ma and I finished the curtains and put them up. Ma cut and hemmed ruffles for her apron. Hiram went to Nile.

12. Not very pleasant. Ma and I hemmed ruffles. Hiram went to Nile and got Snip shod. John Holt came up just at night.

13. (Saturday) Very pleasant. I feel nearly sick with a cold and headache. Mate Miller came down awhile. Abram Stannard came awhile. Hiram and John went to Friendship. Ma and Pa went up to Orren's in evening.

14. Awful windy. Rained some and snowed in afternoon. John went home in the morning. Abram Stannard called, also Deacon Kenyon. I stayed home and grunted.

15. Cloudy in the morning, but cleared off in afternoon. Ma finished her apron and went up to Alanson Kenyon's. Hiram went to town. Eddie Coats came down. Johnnie S. came over in evening.

16. Pleasant but cold. The thermometer ten degrees below zero in the morning. Ma and I washed. Hiram went to Richburg in the afternoon and to Nile in the evening. Pa went up to J.B.'s and got some tallow. Ralph went up to Clarkes and got a piece of cheese and Frankie came home with him.

17. Cold and pleasant. I stayed at home till night then went up to Joanna's in the evening. Addie and Orren came down in afternoon. Hiram went to Nile twice. Willie and Eddie came down to see Ralph.

18. Clear and bright, but not very warm. I ironed in forenoon and went up to Clarke's and Addie's in the afternoon. Ernest went to Friendship and Hiram to Nile. Ma went up to Joanna's in the morning.

19. Not very pleasant. Ma spun. I knit and so on. Joel B. called awhile. Ma and I went up to Joanna's in the evening.

20. (Saturday) Snowed about a foot last night. Ernest went to meeting. Pa to Belmont. Hiram to Nile. I went up to Orren's in the afternoon. Johnnie called in the morning. Joanna came down just at night.

21. Clear and awful cold. The thermometer down to 12 below zero at six this morning, and 10 below tonight. I washed. Ma spun. Pa came home. Johnnie came over in the afternoon and then came over and spent the evening.

22. Pretty cold. The wind blew very hard. Pa went to Friendship with Orren. Hiram went to Nile. I made tatting etc. Ma spun and twisted some yarn and went up to Joanna's in the evening. Johnnie came over in the afternoon.

23. The wind blew last night and drifted the snow awfully, but it was pleasant all day and thawed some. Ma baked. I knit, made tatting and so on. Joanna came down awhile in afternoon. Johnnie came over in the morning. Then came over in the evening for the last time. He starts for Iowa tomorrow.

24. Pleasant and quite warm. Thawed considerable. I finished my stocking and sewed some on my apron. Went to Nile in evening to Lyceum.

25. Warm and pleasant. I stayed at home. Ironed and sewed on my apron. Orla and Vertie came to see

Ralph. Pa went to Nile.

26. Warm and rained in the morning. I went up to Joanna's in the forenoon. Ma and Joanna went to Clarkes avisiting in the afternoon. Pa went to Friendship. Hiram went to Nile. Orla Willard fell from the big beam in the barn and hurt himself pretty bad.

27. (Saturday) Not very pleasant but quite warm. Joanna came down in forenoon. I went up there in the afternoon. Mate Ford called. Ernest went to meeting. Hiram carried Pa to Friendship.

28. Pleasant, warm and springlike. I washed. Pa and the boys tapped the sugarbush. Pa went up to Mr. Stanton's in the evening. Ma went up to Joanna's two or three times. Joanna came down a few minutes at night.

29. Rained steadily all day. Pa went to Nile. I stayed home all day. Sewed some on my apron. Joanna came down in afternoon. Ma went up there a little while. Pa went up to Orren's and Hiram went down to Mr. Phillips.

30. Rained most all day. Pa and Hiram went to Friendship. I finished my apron, knit a little and went up to Orren's in the evening. Joanna came down and left the children and went visiting.

31. Not very warm and not very pleasant. I went over to Mr. Stanton's, Pa went to Belmont and Ernest boiled sap.

April 1. Pleasant in morning, but clouded and rained at night. We sugared off in the morning. I went up to Addies in the afternoon. The boys boiled sap. Joanna came down and doubled some yarn. Pa went up to Orren's in the evening.

2. Dark and cloudy but did not rain. The boys boiled sap. Ma sugared off. Addie and Orren came down in the morning and stayed till most night. Pa went up to Joanna's and borrowed a fruit jar.

3. (Saturday) Cold as winter. Tried to snow but was too cold. I went up to Addie's a few minutes in morning. Stayed at home rest of day. Read and wrote a letter. Ernest went to meeting. Mate Ford came over in evening.

4. Cold and snowed most all day. Hiram and Ernest drawed wood. I knit and Ma knit. I went up to Joanna's in the evening. Frankie came down to see Ralph.

5. Pleasant but not very warm. I washed and mopped etc. Ma went down to Lewis Kenyon's and got some tomato plants with Joanna.

6. Sunshine and snow showers. The boys boiled sap. Pa helped Orren draw hay in the forenoon. Ma and Pa went up there visiting in the afternoon. I went up to stay with Nellie at night.

7. Snowed some in the morning. The boys boiled sap. We sugared off. Ida Meade and Mate came down awhile. Grandpa and Grandma came up. Deacon Kenyon called. I went up to Addie's in afternoon.

8. Middling pleasant. The boys boiled sap. We sugared off eighteen pounds.

9. Quite pleasant. Ma washed some woolen clothes and sugared off. The boys boiled sap. Pa went to Friendship. I went up to Clarkes in the evening. Ernest got a letter from Johnnie. Willie and Eddie came to see Ralph.

10. (Saturday) A very beautiful day. It begins to look like spring. Ernest went to meeting, Hiram to Nile. Pa went up to Orren's twice. Mate Ford called awhile.

11. Very bright and pleasant. Ma and I washed. The boys boiled sap.

12. Pleasant most all day. Clouded up towards night. Addie, Matie and Johnnie came down in morning and staid till most night. Deacon Kenyon and wife and Joanna came over awhile. Pa and Ernest went to Friendship. I ironed. Ida Meade came down just at night and I went home with her a little while.

13. Sunshine and snow showers. Pa went to Genesee. The boys boiled sap. Ma and I went to Joanna's and Joanna came down here. Lucy Willard came up in afternoon. I went down to Lewis Kenyon's at night.

14. Rather pleasant but pretty cool. Pa went to Belmont, Hiram to Nile. I went up to Addie's twice, once with Mate Ford. Ma baked.

15. Very pleasant. The warmest day we have had this spring. Pa and Hiram went to Lute Stickney's auction. We had company in afternoon: Frankie Kenyon, Georgia, Brownie and the baby, Mate Ford, Joanna, Addie and Johnnie.

16. Pleasant and warm. I went up to Maurice Coats in morning, came back as far as Orren's and stayed till 1 o'clock. Ma went up to Joanna's visiting. Pa went to town. I went to Lewis at night and Mate Ford came home with me.

17. (Saturday) Rained in morning. Ernest went to meeting and over to the lecture in the evening. Ma went up to Addie's and I went down to Mr. Willard's.

19. Warm and showery. Ma cleaned the milkroom. Joanna and Bertie came down in the forenoon. I went up to Addies and got my hair cut in afternoon.

20. Middling pleasant in the morning. Rained in afternoon. I went up to Orren's and got fourteen eggs. Ernest made me a box and I planted some asters. Phillip Maybe came up and took dinner.

21. Cold and rainy. Pa and Ma went down to Mr. Willard's visiting. I went up to Joanna's and Hiram went to town.

22. Pretty cool. Mrs. Joel Kenyon called in the morning. I went down there just at night and got some sweet apples, Ida Meade came down and we went to see Mate awhile. Dennis came up in evening. Pa went over to John Peterson's in afternoon.

23. Middling warm. Ma washed the woolen clothes. Bertie and Nellie came down in afternoon. Pa went to Friendship. I went up to Addie's.

24. (Saturday) Warm and pleasant. I went up in the woods in the morning and came back and stopped to see Mate Ford. Ma and Pa went up and took dinner with Joanna. Addie came down and I went home with her.

25. Cloudy in the morning, but cleared off in afternoon. Ma made Ralph a shirt. The boys sawed wood in afternoon. Mrs. J.B. came home and I went up to see her just at night.

26. Very warm and warm. Ma and I washed. The boys sawed wood. Pa went to Belmont. Lillie came over to see me. We went down to Deacon Kenyon's. Ida came down at night and I went home with her.

27. Very pleasant. I came home in the morning and stayed home all day. Pa went up to Luther Messenger's to get some wheat. He sowed it afternoon.

28. Pleasant but rained towards night. Pa went up to Mr. Stillman's after some oats. Ma went up to J.B.'s. I ironed and went to Joanna's in the afternoon. She cut my dress skirt.

29. Pretty cool, rained last night and snowed today. Aunt (Morton or Norton) was buried today. Pa, Ma, Ralph and I went to the funeral.

30. Froze pretty hard last night, but was quite pleasant today. Ma went up to help Joanna. She is getting ready to go to Plainfield. Addie went visiting and I went up and stayed with Ida. Uncle Lewis' folks went home in forenoon. Orren came down in evening.

May 1. (Saturday) Rained most of day. Hiram went to Nile. Orren and Addie came down in afternoon.

2. Cold and rainy. Ma went up and helped Joanna. Ida came down awhile. I went up there just at night. I went up to Joanna's twice. She gave me her fushia. Mrs. J.B. came down just at night.

3. Pleasant but windy. I washed. Joanna called a few minutes. In the afternoon she started for Plainfield. Ma went up to Clarkes a few minutes.

4. Pleasant but not very warm. Froze last night. Deacon Kenyon is sick. Ma went down there in the morning. I sewed some. Ma went up to Addie's in the afternoon. The boys drawed wood. I went up to Clarkes just at night and Mate Ford came home with me.

5. Not very warm nor pleasant. I ironed. Pa and the boys planted potatoes. I went up in the woods a little while in the afternoon. Ma sewed on my dress and went down to the Deacon's just at night. He was worse and Pa went for the doctor.

6. Rather warmer than yesterday. Ma hulled some corn. I patched mostly. Hiram ploughed.

7. Middling pleasant. Ma went down to the Deacon's in the forenoon. I mopped, sewed some etc. A Mr. Howe called. Orren and Dennis called.

8. (Saturday) Very pleasant but not very warm. Ernest and Ralph went to church. Pa and Ma went to Bolivar. I went up to Orren's.

9. Quite warm and pleasant. Ma and I washed. Orren, Addie and the children came down in afternoon. Phil Maybe called in morning. Ernest and I went to Maurice Coats in the evening.

10. Pleasant and very warm. School commenced and Ralph went to school. Pa went down to Friendship. Ma went down to the Deacons a little while. Ed Gilbert called and took supper. Was peddling maps. Dident buy. I went up to Addie's just at night.

11. Pleasant and very warm. Hiram carried Pa down to Belvidere in the morning. I cleaned my chamber and ironed. Ralph went to school.

12. Very warm. The warmest day of the spring. Philip Maybee's wife died this morning. Ma went down there in the forenoon. I went up to Addie's in the afternoon. Ida and I went down to watch at Mr. Maybee's.

13. Quite pleasant in forenoon. Rained in afternoon. I came home about eight o'clock in the morning, went up to Addie's awhile and went to bed. Dr. Pitts and wife called. Pa came home.

14. Warm and rained some. Dennis came up in the morning. Hiram plowed. Orren came down in evening. Ralph went to school. Ernest was fifteen years old today.

15. (Saturday) Rather cooler. Rained a few little showers. Ernest and Ralph went to meeting. I staid at home. Hiram went to Nile. Pa went up to Orren's in forenoon. Ma went down to the Deacon's. Pa and Ma went down to Phil Maybee's just at night.

16. Cool and showery. We had a severe hail storm at noon. I washed. Ida came down awhile. Pa went to Olean. Deacon Kenyon came over.

17. Got up this morning with a severe headache. Came home in the morning and went to bed. Staid there

almost all day. Ralph went to school and the schoolmarm came home with him. Cyrus LeSuer and wife called. Pa got home.

18. Pretty cool and not very pleasant. Grandpa came along in the morning and stopped for me to go to Ceres with him. We stopped to Uncle Eli's and I went down to see Jane Morse a little while.

19. Cold and cloudy. We started from Ceres about nine o'clock. Got up to Uncle Levi's about ten. Staid there till most four and got home about supper time. Then Pa went up to John Peterson's and I went over to see Belle.

20. Cold and cloudy again. I ironed in the forenoon. Went up to Addie's and Ida and I went up to see Mrs. Allen. Came back and stopped to Clarke's a little while. Ma went down to Lewis Kenyon's. Pa and Hiram went to Friendship.

21. Rained all the afternoon. Pa and Orren went to Friendship. Phil Maybee came up in the morning and got old Jack. Ma cut out my drawers. I went up to Addie's awhile just at night. Ida came home with me and I went back with her.

22. (Saturday) Pleasant but cool. I came home after breakfast and went to Friendship with Orren and Ida. Got back about noon and Hiram and I went up to Grandpa's.

23. Quite pleasant. I washed. Pa and the boys fixed the corn ground and commenced plaiting.

24. Warm and pleasant. The boys finished planting. Pa went to Belmont. I went up to Joel B's just at night.

25. Awful warm. I ironed in the forenoon. Ernest planted his corn. Hiram worked for Tom Phillips. Pa went to Nile to get the buggy mended. I went down to school a little while. Went down to Mr. Willard's after school.

26. Very warm and was pleasant in the morning. Commenced raining about noon. I washed for Addie. The boys worked over through the woods and cleared out the spring in the afternoon. Ralph is eleven years old today.

27. Cool but pleasant. I went up to Alice Wixson's and staid most all day. Stopped to see Nettie Maybee a few minutes when I came back. Pa went to Friendship.

28. Pleasant in forenoon. Pa went to Genesee and Ma went over to Cy LeSuer's. I ironed for Addie.

29. (Saturday) Quite pleasant. I went up to Addie's and stayed with the children. They went to Friendship. Mate Miller went up with me. Mary Coates came down just at night.

30. Warm and pleasant. I washed. Orren, Addie and the children came down to dinner. Delia came over a little while. Adaline Coates and Matie called. Pa went over to Mr. Stanton's just at night and I went with him.

31. Pleasant in forenoon, but rained an awful hard shower in afternoon. I washed for Addie. Dennis called awhile. Pa went to Friendship.

June 1. Pleasant and very warm. I ironed. Went up to Addie's and Clarke's just at night. Pa went to town. Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kenyon came over a visiting. Hiram went over to Mr. Stanton's and got my pin.

2. Pleasant and hot. I ironed for Addie. Pa and the boys worked in the Hollow. Uncle Hugh and wife Lucy Steenrod and a Mrs. Allen went up to Mr. Allen's and came back here and took supper.

3. Warm and pleasant. Abigail Willard came up in the morning and stayed till night. Dennis and (Leynna) came up and took supper. Ralph and I carried Addie's clothes home.

4. Pleasant and awful warm. Rained hard in afternoon. Ma's lip swelled pretty bad. Addie came down to see her just at night. I tried to plant my melons but it rained before I got it done. I fixed strings and strung my nasturtiums.
5. (Saturday) Somewhat rainy. I stayed at home all day. J.B. called also Joel Kenyon and Phil Maybee. Ma's lip no better, but rather worse. Pa went to Nile just at night. Amos Coats came after Hiram's gun.
6. Pleasant, but cool. Froze a little last night. I washed. Ralph and Pa went fishing. I cut my finger. Mr. and Mrs. J.B. came down at night.
7. Pleasant, but froze pretty hard last night. I washed for Addie. Pa went to Friendship. Ralph went to school and the schoolmarm came home with him.
8. Cool. I ironed most of the day. Ma cut out my bloomer dress and sewed on it. Pa went to the burg. The schoolmarm came home with Ralph.
9. Ma sewed on my dress. Pa went to town. Hiram went down to Tom Phillips and fixed his clock. I went up to Clarke's and J.B.'s just at night.
10. I ironed for Addie. Alice and I went up and carried them home. Pa went to Friendship.
11. Cool and not very pleasant. Ma and I finished my dress and I went up to Addie's just at night.
12. (Saturday) Warm and pleasant. Hiram and I went down to Walter's and Sam's. Drusilla and the children came home with us. Ma went up to Orren's. Frankie, Georga, Brownie and Bertie came over just at night.
13. Pleasant in morning, rained in afternoon. Drusilla and I washed. Sam and Kate came up in afternoon.
14. Pleasant and cool. Drusilla and I ironed. Orren and Matie came down. I went up there just at night and Addie give me her picture.
15. Luanna and Elvie went to school with Ralph. I finished ironing in the forenoon and Ma and Drusilla washed. I went up after Johnnie and Addie came down in the afternoon. Archie Moore and Jonas Jordan called and took supper.
16. Pretty cool and cloudy. I made my apron. Luanna and Elvie went up to Addie's awhile. I went up to Clarkes. Two pedlars called.
17. Very warm and pleasant. Pa and Orren went to Bolivar. Hiram and Ernest washed the sheep. Ralph and Luanna went to school. I went up to Addie's and brought Johnnie home with me a little while.
18. Very warm. Hiram, Ralph and Pa went to Cuba to the shows. J.B. and wife came down in afternoon. Mrs. Joel Kenyon and Bertie came over a little while.
19. (Saturday) Awful warm. I went strawberrying and got a bowl full. Hiram carried Drusilla down to Grandpa's in the afternoon.
20. Quite pleasant and warm. I washed the calico clothes. Marora and Walter came up. Grandpa carried Drusilla and the children home. Bertie came over in the morning to see the children. Deacon Kenyon and Phil Maybee called. I went to Clarke's just at night.
21. Pleasant in the morning. Ma and I washed. Ernest and Pa worked on the road. Dennis and Deacon Kenyon called at night.

22. Warm and pleasant. I ironed some and went berrying. Mrs. J.B. came along at night and I went down to Deacon Joel's with her. Pa and the boys worked on the road. Hiram twenty-one years old today.
23. Pretty warm through the day. I got a few strawberries in the forenoon. Pa, Ernest and Hiram worked on the road in forenoon. Hiram worked for Tom Phillips in afternoon.
24. I ironed in morning. Ralph and I carried home the clothes in afternoon. Orren called twice. A blind man came selling photographs.
25. Not very pleasant. Pa and Ma started for Cuba. The boys hoed corn.
26. (Saturday) Cloudy and rained some. Ernest and Ralph went to meeting. Pa and Ma came home just at night.
27. Somewhat rainy. I washed some of Addie's clothes, Pa went up to the factory with Orren. Ma canned a can of strawberries.
28. Rained awful hard. I washed some. Deacon Joel called. Pa fixed the washer.
29. I washed the calico clothes. Pa went to Friendship with Orren. Ma canned a two quart of berries. A woman came along and cut me a dress pattern.
30. Rained in the morning. Ma and I ironed. Carried Addies' clothes home.
- July 1. Cloudy and cool. Pa and Ma went down to Uncle Hugh's. The boys hoed corn. Grandpa and Uncle Cyrus came along.
2. Ralph and I went berrying. Ma canned the berries and went up to Grandpa's just at night to see Uncle Cyrus.
3. (Saturday) Ernest and Ralph went to meeting. Pa went to Nile with Orren. I went up to Addie's. Hiram went to Friendship in evening.
4. Ma and I washed. Ralph went berrying and ma canned the berries.
5. Warm and pleasant. I ironed the calico clothes. Went berrying, got 5 qts. Ralph went to Ida Newton's party. Pa went down to Uncle Hugh's. I canned a can of berries for myself.
6. I ironed Addie's white clothes. Our folks sheared the sheep. Loren and Almeda came up awhile.
7. Very warm. Ralph and I went berrying. Hiram worked for Orren. Pa went to Friendship. Ma washed the woolen clothes. Mate Miller came down a few minutes.
8. Rained in the forenoon. I went up to J.B.'s in the morning to go berrying. Mrs. J.B. and I got four quarts. Pa went to Nile.
9. I went up in the woods for brush for my sweetpeas. Ralph and I went over to Mr. Stanton's strawberrying. Ma cut out and sewed on Ernest's pants. Pa hoed corn a little while. Deacon Kenyon called.
10. (Saturday) Warm and pleasant. I went up to Addie's. Mr. Beebe's folks went to our house and I came home with them.
11. The wind blew awfully all night and most of day. I sat around and did nothing. Amelia Petersen came in afternoon.
12. Warm and pleasant. Lina washed and baked. I did not do much of anything.

13. Cloudy in morning. Lina and I went to Cuba in the morning. Lina cut out my dress and sewed some on it. I knit a little and pulled it out.

14. Cloudy in morning. Lina worked on my dress.

15. Very warm. Lina carried the ruffles for my dress down to Mr. Halstead's to be stitched. The silk gave out and Mr. B. went to Cuba after some more.

16. I don't remember as to the weather. Lina commenced to put the ruffles on my dress. I didn't do anything particular as usual.

17. (Saturday) Lina finished my dress. I looked for Pa but he did not come.

18. Did not do anything worth noticing.

19. Pleasant all day. Mr. Beebe came and brought me home. Got here about half past nine. Pa went to Nile. I went up to Alice Wixson's.

20. I ironed in forenoon. Ma went up to J.B.'s. Pa went to Nile.

21. Pretty cool and showery. Pa and Ma went over to John Petersen's and got some cherries.

22. I ironed my clothes. Pa and Ma went down to Sam LeSuer's. Ernest and Hiram hoed corn.

23. Cloudy and dull. Ma fixed the wool for the machine.

24. (Saturday) Cold and rainy in forenoon. Ernest and Ralph went to meeting. I wrote some letters and went up to J.B.'s. Mrs. J.B. and I went up to Mrs. Allen's a little while. Georgie and Frankie came over. Pa went down to Maybee's just at night and got a cupboard to put the cans on.

25. Very pleasant. I washed. Ma cleaned out the old cupboard and Pa put it down cellar. Matthew Rogers came to spend the night.

26. Pleasant in the forenoon, rained hard shower in afternoon. I washed the windows, mopped etc. A spectacle pedlar called awhile. The school marm came home with Ralph.

27. Pleasant all day. Pa went to Belmont with the wood and I went down to Sam LeSuer's.

28. Pleasant most all day. Rained a hard shower in forenoon. I went down to Lewis Kenyon's and picked some peas for dinner. Went down to school in afternoon. Mate Ford came and cut out her dress.

29. Ma and Pa went over to Hannah's. I ironed the clothes. Ralph went to school and the school marm came home with him. The school marm and I went up to Maurice Coats'.

30. I went up to Mr. Stanton's in the morning. Lillie and I came down to school about three o'clock. After school we went up to L.H.K.'s then I went a piece with Lillie home.

31. (Saturday) Pleasant all day. Ernest and Ralph went to church. Pa went to Friendship. Hiram went off somewhere. Ma and I stayed at home.

August 1. Pleasant. Pa and the boys worked in the hay field. I mopped, sewed some and went up on the hill.

2. Pleasant and warm. I washed. The school marm came up here. The men folks worked in the hayfield.

3. Rained in the night. I ironed in the forenoon. Sewed a little in afternoon. Ma finished her night dress.
4. Cloudy in morning. I sewed some. Pa went to Friendship in forenoon.
5. Pretty cool. I went up to Mrs. Allen's and carried her some potpie. Rose Kenyon and Sarah Ayars called just at night.
6. White frost this morning. I went down to Deacon K's in morning. Sarah came over a few minutes. Mr. Phillips hung himself this morning.
7. (Saturday) Quite cool. Lillie came over through the woods. We all went to the funeral. Ma and Pa went up to Mr. Allen's just at night. Deacon Kenyon called in the morning.
8. Warm and pleasant. I washed in forenoon, went up to Mrs. Allen's in the afternoon. Orren and Addie came down awhile.
9. Warm and pleasant. I ironed in forenoon. Went down to school and school marm came home with me.
10. Warm and pleasant. I went up to Addie's and worked on my dress.
11. Not very pleasant. Pa went to Friendship and Ma went down and called on Mrs. Phillips. I went up to Addie's in afternoon.
12. Awful warm. I staid at home most all day. Hiram worked for Orren. Ma went up to Addie's in the afternoon.
13. Rained most all the forenoon. Addie went to Bolivar in afternoon. I staid with the children. Hiram went up to grandpa's in afternoon.
14. (Saturday) Warm and pleasant. Hiram came home in the morning and LeRoy came with him. Ma and Pa went over to Baldwin's. Lillie and I went over to Alice Wixson's.
15. Showers and sun shine all day. I washed and got part of the clothes dry. Sewed a little in afternoon. Orren and Addie came down in afternoon.
16. Pa went to Friendship. Ma and I sewed. I finished my apron.
17. Middling pleasant. Pa and Ma went over to Hannah's in forenoon. Ma visited Mrs. J.B. in afternoon. Hiram worked for Orren.
18. Warm and pleasant. I went up to Addie's to get my apron cut out. Got the fuffles hemmed. Mrs. J.B. came down. Hiram worked for Mrs. Phillips.
19. Very warm and pleasant. I cleaned some in forenoon and sewed in afternoon. Pa and the boys hayed some.
20. Very pleasant. Pa and Ma went over to the burg. Hiram went to Nunda. I sewed some. Ernest, Ralph and I went up on the hill. Deacon Kenyon called and left some peaches.
21. (Saturday) Warm and rainy. Ernest and Ralph went to meeting. Pa and Ma went up to Orren's. I stayed at home and read.
22. Quite pleasant. I washed and mopped. Mr. and Mrs. J.B. came down. Deacon Joel called. Orren came down in evening.
23. Warm. Pa and I went to Friendship. Ma fixed my dress. Hiram worked for Orren.

24. Warm and pleasant. I washed in forenoon, ironed in afternoon.
 25. Warm. Was pleasant in forenoon. I came over to Clint's in forenoon. Vinnie cut my dress and sewed some on it.
 26. Very pleasant. I came home in morning. Sewed some on my dress.
 27. Very warm. Ma baked in the morning. She and Pa went to Friendship just at night. I ironed in forenoon and sewed in afternoon. Addie came down.
 28. (Saturday) Cool and clear. Hiram and I went to Ceres. Drusilla gave me a can of blackberries. Addie came down in afternoon. Ma washed.
 29. Pretty cool. I ironed in morning, then went over to Vinnie's. Went up to Addie's in afternoon. Cy. LeSuer and his wife called a few minutes.
 30. Awful cold all day. Ma and I picked up and packed up. Mrs. J.B. came down in afternoon. Walter and Marora called a while. Hiram worked for Orren.
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- September 1. Very cold. I left home for Alfred Center about nine o'clock. Arrived here about three. Pa and Ernest left me about six. I unpacked and tried to be contented.
2. Pretty cold. I joined school, was examined for classes and studied some in the evening.
 3. Pleasant and quite warm. I studied and went to classes.
 4. (Saturday) Very pleasant and warm. I went to Chapel in the morning, afterward to church and Sunday School. Sarah and I called on Mary Davis. Sarah went to Society in the evening and I staid with Eva L.
 5. Warm and pleasant. I went to Chapel in the morning. Studied some and wrote a letter to Lillie.
 6. Rained a little. I studied, went to classes etc. I got a letter from home. Sarah and I went down to the bridge just at night.
 7. Rained all night and most of day. I passed the day about as usual.
 8. Rained all day. I got "wetted" three or four times. Did not go to writing class at all.
 9. Cold, cloudy and dull. Prof Rogers gave a lecture in Chapel on the eclipse.
 10. Cool but pleasant. I studied my lessons and recited them. Went up to Mr. Potter's with Eva Lanphear. Wrote a letter home.
 11. (Saturday) Quite warm and pleasant. Sarah went down to Mark Sheppard's and stayed all day. I went to Church and Sabbath School.
 12. Warm and pleasant. Sarah washed. Eva made two pies and I made one.
 13. Warm and pleasant. I did nothing more than usual.
 14. About the same as yesterday.
 15. Pretty warm. Sarah baked 6 bread, pies and cake. Sarah and I went up to prayer meeting in the evening.

16. Very warm. I ironed my clothes, studied and recited as usual. Eva and I went up to Mr. Potter's just at night.
17. Awful warm. I went home with Sarah. We rode down to corner with Mr. Sisson. It rained and we got wet.
18. (Saturday) Very warm indeed. Mrs. Burdick, Sarah, Hannah and I went out riding towards night. When we came back, Sarah and I went after wild grapes.
19. As warm as could be. Sarah and I did our washing and ironed some. Went up on the hill and got a pail full of wild grapes. John came over the hill with out baggage and rode home with Mr. Sisson.
20. Pleasant and warm. Passed day as usual.
21. Nothing unusual happened. I tried to find a piece to learn.
22. Rained in morning. We spoke pieces in the afternoon. Eva and I went up to see Kate Hastings. Sarah and I went to prayer meeting in evening.
23. Very warm and pleasant. I went up to Elder Hull's with Mary Davis in evening.
24. Awful warm. Eva went home and Hattie went with her. Sarah and I went home with Alice Burdick. Sarah, Alice and I went to the cheese factory.
25. (Saturday) Cool but quite pleasant. Sarah, Alice and I went down to Mr. Saunders awhile in the forenoon. Pa came and went up after me. Ma brought me lots of things. Mary Davis came over in the evening.
26. Cloudy and rainy. Ma and Pa started home about noon. I wrote a letter to Hiram.
27. Awful cold. Went to spelling in the morning and like to have froze. Most sick anyhow.
28. Quite cold. Most sick with a cold. Sarah staid to Mark Sheppard's all afternoon. Flora Cottrell called in the morning to see Sarah.
29. Pleasant but cool. Vinnie C. called in the morning. Sarah staid to Mark Sheppard's. I went up to Kate Hastings room awhile. Sarah and I went to prayer meeting in the evening.
30. Middling warm. Sarah went to Mark Sheppard's. I did nothing more than common.
- October 1. Quite warm and pleasant. Sarah went to Mark Sheppard's.
2. (Saturday) Quite pleasant. I went to Church and Bible Class. Sarah and Hattie went to their societies in the evening. It rained so Hattie could not go home.
3. Somewhat rainy. Sarah and I washed.

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Sept 2	Grammar	.85
	Geography	1.60
	Slate	.90
Sept 3	pkg envelops	.15
	1/2 pkg note paper.	.42
	6 sheets foolscap	.05
Sept 5	room rent	3.25

Sept 6	1/2 pd crackers	.15
Sept 7	1 pt kerosene oil	.05
Sept 8	1 hand dish	.30
Sept 9	piece of meat	.06
	pins	.04
	1 lb crackers	.12
	washing	.10
	6 sheets foolscap	.05
	1/2 doz envelops	.06
	1 sheet brown paper	.02
	meat	.09
	2 yds lace	.08

8.37