

April 1866

1 Louisa & G. Lewis have been here today the old white cow had a boss a real pretty one all red. I wanted a heifer but it was a masculine. just as well.

2 Pleasant: we were making handles quite smartly.

3 “ “ made quite a lot today of handles.

4 Cloudy: Arthur come over and was not to work so went home again, Paid him 4 dollars. I got a little load of hay at Carrs; meadow hay. cut wood P.M.

5 Worked in woods in A.M. cut wood in P.M. J. Bean jr. was here.

6 Cloudy & warm all day, worked in woods. Sue Robinson was here visiting.

7 Mr. Palmer was here to dinner also (?)ute and Charley. went to School meeting. Chose A.W. Sproul Agt; J. Bean, jr. clerk. summer school commences June 1st, Monday.

8 Sunday: went over to Carrs had a nice visit. a splendid dinner.

9 Pleasant & springlike I got a load hay from Gregorys. hard hauling.

10 I went to Liberty with handles 37 doz. come to \$22.25. had a hard jaunt, got a letter from Lucy.

11 Edson Stevens staid here last night, I got a load hay, had a hard time. Went & hauled orleys wagon home, got the soap which Louisa has made.

12 Fast day in Maine: warm, the birds sing sweetly, robins are plenty. In P.M. I went to Bowens mill in P.M. to see about logs etc.

13 Rainy: the egg peddler Hatch was along let him have 11 doz. Dexter Bennett come in A.M. he come from Liberty was married yesterday; staid till after dinner; A. Gilcrest was here in P.M. I paid him in full for his work eleven dollars. he worked ten days.

14 Pleasant: Geo. went to Aarons in A.M. I went to conference in P.M. a full attendance, quite good meeting.

15 Sunday: a day of company; Alonzo & Sidia come first, then Louisa come, then Dexter & Jane come, we had a fine visit had some fun too withal the rest of the days proceedings.

16 Cut wood at the door. Isaac come down today.

17 “ “ Alonzo Bennett helped us. Isaac went home in P.M. Orley Whitten got some oats at night 4 bu. paid 60cts per bu.

18 Chilly in morning: Jackson got home last Monday, we are cutting wood.

19 cutting wood at the door. Alfred went to Masons to help assess the taxes.

20 Rainy. Jackson & Louisa were here in P.M. Sam'l Rollins was up just at night.

21 Saturday : Quite pleasant: we finished cutting the wood pile at the door. had a nice boss come; grass is quite green today.

22 Sunday: Windy; Dexter come, he & George went to Liberty to get a cow etc. S. B. Rollins & W.E. Poland were here at night, just made a call.

23 - Pleasant: George staid to Youngs last night. we lost a nice sheep , she died very suddenly, did not know what ailed her; I was very sorry thought of Job, who in ancient times lost so many cattle etc. so I said to myself, “be patient” and the wheel of time began to roll again.

24 Rainy: Lewis was here in morning: got some books from Amos's for the S.S. Committee, Geo. went to Dexters in P.M. I went to Carrs. Bowen was here to say that he was ready to saw the logs.

25 Cloudy: went to Bowens mill, rolled in the logs and hauled away two loads boards. then came home.

26 A few flakes of snow fell last night and it froze some. in P.M. we loaded up a load of potatoes, preparatory to going to Belfast, Lewis was here in P.M. it seems to be a quite a job to go to Belfast with an oxen team, I seem to dread it some. got Lewis oxen at night.

27 Friday: started for Belfast at about 3 0'clock in morn. had an agreeable journey down, enjoyed the trip well. got there about 4 P.M. sold my load for 65cts. per bu. had 51 bu. come to \$33.15. Put up for the night at Mrs. Meeks. had a good place to stop, both for myself and team.

28 Done my trading in A.M. got ready to start for home at noon, had a pleasant trip homeward arrived about dark. I was tired and so were the oxen, glad to get home we all were.

29 Sunday: some rainy; I was fortunate to get home before the storm. was very lucky in my journey to Belfast in every respect. done the chores and read, read, the papers all day. Geo. went home with Lewis cattle in P.M. Some carriages went by in P.M.

30 Cold; April will go out like a lion I think. Jackson was here in A.M. he stopped to dinner. did not do very much work.

So ends April 1866. So is my journal filled and I must take another book now. So good bye old book, we have journeyed together through storm & calm but now good bye.

The End

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