

August 1868

Summer is lovely, but soon will be past;

Summer has plenty, not always to last;

Summer's the time for the ant to make fast

Her stores for a future supply.

---Hannah F. Gould

1 Saturday: It is midsummer month again, how quick it has come round. we mowed in A.M. got in one load in P.M. J. Bean jr & Frank took dinner here; there was a fine rainbow at night. Geo. Lewis & Geo. Palmer were over at night. Judson Hall was here in P.M. I got a letter from Lucy in P.M. also her photograph.

2 Sunday: a fine day, had a good sabbath school Bro. Small spoke smartly; came home and rested then raked up some hay at night.

3 Cloudy in morn but cleared up and was a fine hay day, we got in 6 loads today worked till quite late.

4 Sprinkly this morn. we got in 2 loads this morn. Marcena is mowing and now as I have caught up with time I will stop. mowed in P.M. worked real hard to get a piece mowed down; looked like fair weather at night; mowed in the run in lower field.

5 A good day; Geo. Lewis worked here, we mowed behind the house, in lower field in P.M. I visited our school in P.M.

6 Thursday: Geo. Lewis worked here, we finished mowing the large piece in A.M. and spread it out; in P.M. we got in 4 loads raked up the big piece after supper; was some tired at night. hard work makes one weary.

7 Cloudy we mowed in run behind the house, Geo. worked as usual; we got in 2 loads after dinner, then a huge thunder shower come up from the south, the last load getting a little wet, it was about half past two when we got in. After supper Geo. Lewis and I went to Aarons, had a good ride, getting home after dark.

8 No hay weather today; we mowed in A.M. Marcena & I went to conference in P.M. Geo. worked all day. had a very dull meeting; after meeting, it was voted to give Jane & Ellen Lamb their dismissal from the church as they ask for it. The question whether Eld. Small

should preach any more was discussed, the feeling against it was very strong; a further consideration was postponed till next wednesday at 5 oclock P.M., Ezra Hamilton was the most opposed to his preaching of any one that spoke, saying he would pay nothing, and would not come to meeting. Mr. Bryant thought he better preach. a divided church.

9 Sunday: a cloudy dull day, had a good sabbath school and a god social meeting, Eld. Small was not present. went to Centre to a sing in P.M. a good one. Wm & wife come over, he went to the sing. called at Nats as we come home.

10 Monday: looks some like clearing up. I* went to Centre in A.M. Geo. Lewis come to work in P.M. we got in 7 loads. a good hay day, very drying.

11 Cloudy and looked like rain; we begun to rake early and raked all day till about supper time when a shower put us off. leaving one load out; Mrs. Robinson & children were here visiting today. mowed a little after supper.

12 A little rainy in A.M. mowed most all day, I visited the school at Ranlets cor. in P.M. they have had a very good school. at 5 the church met to take action about Eld. Small, it was voted to retain his services 14 in favor 2 against; 9 females voted yea making it 23 in all; the opposition stayed away, if they had been out it would have been about equally divided.

13 Pleasant: Geo. mowed with the machine; we raked all the P.M. till a shower come on, then mowed the rest of the day. Samuel Rollins boy, Harden by name. came along, making considerable excitement, he went into the orchard, Marcena went and got him out, quite a stirring time.

14 Pleasant, we worked real hard today. got in 6 loads. Charley Poland came over helped us a part of the P.M.

15 Pleasant: Geo. Lewis went to help Sam today, Charley Poland helped us, we got in 4 loads. William come after the boys at night, I paid him \$25. Mr. Palmer & wife come up at night. have worked very hard this week.

16 Sunday: had a pretty good sabbath school, Eld. Small preached a short sermon, a few such discourses would make us all backslide. a cold meeting. came home and raked hay in PM. Mrs. Palmer helped rake.

17 We got in hay today; a pleasant day; Father went to Belfast getting home abt. midnight; Mrs. Palmer went down with him; raked after supper a little in the Toombs field. a fine sunset.

18 Pleasant; got in our last load hay today making 70 loads, abt. 40 tons of hay. I mowed in A.M.; the cattle acted naughty, getting out considerable; Father went to Bachelers.

19 Pleasant; I hauled manure today. from under the old barn.

20 Cloudy and some rain; hauled manure in A.M. visited the Vose school in P.M.; Miss Twitchell has done very well this summer, the order was not quite as good as at my first visit, but it has been a very pleasant school I think. I took supper at Mr. Voses and went back to the school house to a prayer meeting, had an excellent meeting. the good spirit was there. come home after dark through a rain storm.

21 Pleasant; I hauled manure, raced after horses etc. Father went to Bachelers towards night. Charley started to go to Belfast on a visit.

22 Saturday: Very warm; I went to Centre in A.M. went to Liberty in P.M. to a mass meeting there was speaking in P.M. by Eugene Hale Esq of Ellsworth a candidate for congress; he spoke very well, he is a small elegantly built man, black eyes, hair & whiskers. Father & Mr. Murray come home together and Oramel & I come to Mr. Erskines took tea and went back in the torch light procession, with the Grant club at Mcfarlands cor. had a very pleasant time marching down, speaking in eve. by Mr. C.C. Roberts of Stockton and S.L. Milliken of Belfast. a very pleasant evening; come home with Oramel, got home abt. 1 0'clock in morning; I left Oramel at White's corner. and walked home alone, yet I had good company.

23 Sunday: had a very good sabbath school in morning. I did not stop to meeting, coming directly home; met the Centre Sabbath school at 4 o'clock, sung with them, and addressed them from the words, "Because an excellent spirit was in him", Subject, The excellent spirit. I spoke with much freedom and think the Lord was with me.

24 Was not doing much but watch the cattle; Wm. Poland was here, I went a piece with him and we talked a long time on church matters. Agreed to give Marcena \$25 for two months, he is to have his washing & mending done at home.

25 Pleasant; quite warm; Mother & Mrs. Carr went to Liberty to Aunt Edwards; Geo. Lewis & I went to Centre at night, had a good ride. Mother got home abt. dark. this is Mothers birthday, 73. a smart old lady.

26 Wednesday: was choring in A.M. went to a meeting in the Centre in P.M. speaking by Gov. Walter Harriman of N.H. the best political speech I ever heard. S.S. Milliken also spoke. E. Knowlton presided. The Democracy went home feeling sorry I thought.

27 Warm a severe drouth is now upon us. I went over to get Marcena to come to help me. Ralph went with me, we had a fine ride; called to Alfreds. Mary & Ralph have gone to see Maria this P.M.

28 Pleasant: Charlie Poland come over and helped me today, got in a load bedding in P.M., I visited the school in Bryant dist. in P.M. they have had a good school I think; sung with the children at the meeting house in eve. at 5 o'clock; quite late getting home.

29 Pleasant: Charley Palmer got home last night; Charles Poland went home in morning. Geo. Lewis got the horse & wagon for his folks to go to J. L. Twitchells. N. Averell jr. was here in morning, we talked politics some, S. Curtis jr. took dinner here we spoke on politics at quite a great length. Asa Goin was along to look at steers. I drove Amos's sheep out his field at night. so ends the week.

30 Sunday: a warm day; had a good sunday school in morning; then meeting commenced, a hymn was read by Eld. Small, "Let every mortal ear attend" etc., just as he finished reading Mr. Bumps walked into the gallery, when Eld. Small said we might omit singing; so we sung not a word the whole meeting.

In his discourse he said some personal things about church members being conspicuous, trying to be popular etc. and wishing to dictate; such sermons do but little good in my opinion. came home after meeting; got dinner and went back to 4 o'clock meeting, Mary & Ralph went to Mr. Hahns with me, then Mr. Hahn went to meeting with me; When I spoke I referred to the sermon in regard to church members being conspicuous, applying it in a kind spirit to myself, this simple act aroused Mr. Smalls ire and he said some things which had better not been said; one thing, that "conscience was not always a safe guide," I cannot believe.

31 The last day of August. a warm day; we swamped a road got Sams oxen, and hauled up one load rocks at night; camp meeting commenced today. a fine moonlight evening. another month is gone, one less to see in this world.