

July 1868.

He talked of haying and wondered whether
The cloud in the west would bring foul weather,
'Mid low of cattle and hum of birds
And health and quiet and loving words.

Whittier.

1 Wednesday: Warm, were choring etc.; washed the wagon a t night. fixed a bridge in P.M. planted cucumbers after supper.

2 Very warm; we went to Searsmont, went first to Hatties, just as we got there she came and took away the bars and we drove right in to the yard, we staid there till after supper then went over to Mr. Clarks getting there at dusk.

3 Foggy in morn; we started for Union in morn. arriving about noon; it was awful hot, we nearly melted; I went and raked a little for Uncle Nathan in P.M. a smart thunder shower passed to the west in P.M.; it is quite a pretty place at Uncle Nathans. had a very fine time in the P.M.

4 Very hot; Uncle Nathan & I went to the Common in morning; it is a pretty place there, not quite as extensive as I had supposed, yet a pretty place. it was dreadful hot coming home from the common. Mr. Dutton & Hattie come over, and we visited smartly, about 4 o'clock we started for home, come by the way of Mclains mills & Woodmans mills to So. Montville called a few moments to see Aunt Carter, then came home, Ralph was glad we were coming home he said anmarm(?) would say, "Why Ralph have you got home;" we got home abt. 9 in eve. was glad enough to get home, tired and weary.

5 Sunday: warm again; Samuel Rollins & I went to Sunday School, everything was discordant today. the story has gone abroad that Eld. Small has been insulting Granville Thompsons wife. So Eld. Small did not preach he was to meeting, prayed & spoke. the church was the most stricken down I ever saw it there was much weeping I was quite unwell in P.M. a hard headache.

6 Monday: was not very well; fenced some, after supper Wm Poland & Alonzo Raynes come along and we went to Centre to see some sunday school books we talk of buying; got home abt. dark.

7 Cloudy and quite cool; were fencing some, turned out the calves this morn.

8 I went to Aarons in A.M. carried eggs. did not get home until quite late in P.M. Judson was over, staid quite late.

9 Very warm hoed in A.M. went to church meeting in P.M. Bro. Knowlton was present, Heard Mrs. Thompsons stories, they consisted of hugging & kissing etc. and a slap on the unmentionable part of the body. Adjourned until next monday; and voted to call Littlefield & Ulmer to assist on the case.

10 Warm; hoed today, sung with the children at night. a dark day for me spiritually.

11 Very hot, hoed in A.M. went to conference in P.M. had a very good meeting. Bro. Small was there, and tried to pray & talk some but his words fell still-born on the most of the people, I thought. got home abt. sunset.

12 Sunday: went to sunday school in morn. had a good one, raised money to buy books today. a funeral in P.M. Mrs. Hall deceased, sermon by Eld. Emery. played the melodeon in meeting; did very well I thought. was tired at night.

13 Monday: a thunder shower last night; Marcena begins work today, at 25 \$ per month. mowed in A.M. went to church meeting in P.M. Elds. Knowlton, Littlefield and Ulmer were there. after much discussion, a rehearing of evidence etc. the council brought in their advice, that while Small had been injudicious etc. he had done nothing worthy of being condemned for; this was adopted by the church 22 yeas, 1 Nay Eld. Hamiltoon thought him guilty of an impure motive, I think by what he said. Geo. Stevenson & Alonzo Raynes did not vote. went to Freedom, left the wool got grist ground. got home late.

14 Very smoky; mowed below the barn; Maria was over in morn. we hoed in P.M. Emma & Eva Vose were here in P.M.

15 Looked foggy smoky & dull, we hoed in A.M. I went and got the books at D. Tobies in P.M. paid 6.01 down. very heavy thunder towards night we raked up hay after tea.

16 A nice hay day; we got 5 loads today. mowed off west of the house; Laura was up to pick berries at night.

17 The weather looks nicely this morn. a good hay day. we mowed considerable, got in a number of loads.

18 A good day; we worked very hard, was very tired at night. Mrs, Poland come over and got Marcena at night.

“How sweet to hail the evening close That ends the weary week.”

19 Sunday; went to sabbath school; had a very good one, had a social meeting; Eld. Small has resigned the pastoral care of the church; it is now to be seen whether or no the church will accept it. Was almost sick after I got home. Sam & Maria was over at night.

20 Foggy all day; we mowed a little in morn. then in P.M. hoed potatoes, Charley went to get the horse shod, we got over the piece with the horse hoe before supper, hoed 9 rows after supper.

21 Cloudy,, no hay day to-day; we hoed potatoes got them done at night; A lame man was along stopped to dinner, I gave him 25 cts besides his dinner, said his name was Tupper;

22 Mowed in A.M. on Pea Knoll, cleared off some in P.M., Mary went to Aarons, we plastered potatoes in P.M. mowed in orchard after tea; Judson was over in P.M. a pleasant evening, seemed so like Peace.

23 Quite a good day; we were mowing in field over against Amos', Exavier was mowing the other side wall, we went on rockledge had a fine walk and view. a nice hay afternoon. We got in 2 loads and raked up quite a lot, worked very hard today; looked like a storm again at night.

24 Friday: arose about 4 o'clock and went to getting in hay as it looked stormy; there was no dew at all. we got in 4 loads, raked 2 & bunched them, then the fog come down; we hauled off stone heaps in P.M. come on to rain just before night. Lewis was over to get a sheep in P.M. rained smartly at milking time.

25 Rains smartly this morning; we burned out the chimney in morn. I did not like it, had to go up on house and punch out the chimney at last. I have been coaxing Marcena to lose today but he wont. The boys were cleaning out the sheep pen, Geo. Choate took dinner here, we fenced some, then hauled out manure and top dressed a piece back of the barn.

26 Sunday: pleasant went to meeting, Bro. Small spoke today, some wanted to hear him and some did not. come home and went to the Centre to sing at 4 oclock. Samuel & Maria went had a good sing. "A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content."

27 A good day, were haying in shop field.

28 " " " commenced mowing below great rock heap. Mrs. Rollins was here today, had a good visit from her.

29 Mowed in lower field, an awful smoky day.

30 Mowed a little in morning, went raspberrying, a thunder shower in A.M. we top dressed in P.M. Jackson & Lewis were here to supper.

31 We mowed, raked some at night. so ends July.