

May: 1865.

I know where the young May violet grows,
In its lone and lowly nook,
On the mossy bank, where the larch tree throws
Its broad, dark boughs, in solemn repose,
Far over the silent brook.

-----:Bryant.

Begins on Monday.

1 A fine day; I worked for Lewis hauling stone and plowing; the sun shown warm and it was a fine day.

2 Cloudy but quite pleasant; I worked for Lewis plowing. we had a fine time plowing, talking over many matters and things. there was rain last night making it wet and muddy in the road.

3 A cold N. E. rain storm; went to fencing and farming in morning but it commenced to rain and we stopped work. D. W. Bennett came in A. M. with the sad intelligence of Porters death, he died at City Point April 25 of measles. a very cold rainy P.M. some snow squalls. Samuel Berry was over to get Dexter as the corpse of Porter had arrived. night closed in dark & gloomy.

4 Thursday: a fine day; went to funeral at the Centre, to pay the last act of kindness to all that was earthly of Porter W. Bennett. Sermon by Rev. D. Waterman of So. Montville, Text, Psalms 97—2. Clouds and darkness all around about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. a good sermon. Sung Hymns, "god moves in a mysterious ways," and "Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep," with "Come unto me all ye that labor," as a voluntary, the corpse was not exhibited as it began to decompose considerable; so ends the life of one more of earths children, no more shall we see him, no more will he move about with us in our daily walks, he has gone to his long home, to a merciful judge, before whom we must all appear and answer for the deeds done in the body. I was quite sick after I got home, am better now.

5 Pleasant, but cloudy; harrowed & fenced in A. M. plowed the turnip yard in P. M. Alfrada Whitten and Martha Vose were here to get certificates. Asa Goins little boy is buried today.

Father went to Aarons carried 20 doz. eggs, I sent a letter to Nahum one to Geo. Choate and a paper to Lucy. true flag.

6 Saturday; Cloudy, looked much like a storm. hauled poles in A. M. Sowed oats in P. M. about an acre sowed 4 bushels. Night closed in quite dark; commenced to rain and I went to sleep hearing the rain patter on the roof. What a blessing is Saturday night; it is then the cares and anxieties of the week are ended, then the mind is easy about the labor of tomorrow, for the morrow is the sacred day of rest.

How sweet to hail the evening close

That ends the weary week.

7 Sunday: Cloudy all day; I have a bad cold and consequently did not go to church; was reading etc. most all day; towards night Wm. Poland & wife Granville Thompson & Louisa come, they staid about an hour, we sung a little and talked some. a pretty sunset. I set two hens; as it is Sunday I don't know as I shall be prospered in doing so; but ask Gods blessing just the same as I do in all my labors; And now another Sabbath is done.

8 Very windy; fixed fence in A. M. on the hill. plowed in P.M. Jackson & Louisa were over at night, he is digging his cellar to his barn; Mother went away last Thursday and has not got home yet.

9 Tuesday: a rainy morning; the ground is very wet now; and we have frequent rain which keeps it very damp all the time. Done the chores and but little else. Dexter came up towards night, stayed all night.

10 A fine day; we fenced in A.M. harrowed a piece and furrowed in P. M. at cobbassee; Ella Bean was here in P.M. Mother got home at night she has been gone a week.

11 A hard rain storm again today; and thus the land keeps so wet we cannot work any. I was at home in A.M. went to Ellis's to get the viol fixed, stopped to Carrs to supper; came home and it was night.

12 Rainy: I went to Freedom also to Weeds in I don't know what town, to carry a calfskin; it was exceedingly rainy, I got quite wet.

13 Very pleasant; fenced in A.M. and went to conference in P.M. had a very good meeting, very good indeed. the best conference I have attended for a long time.

14 Sunday: a fine day; went to meeting, had good sing before meeting, sung once in meeting, had a prayer then another hymn was read, when Mr. Bumps appeared upon the

scene, he took his seat with the singers when Eld. Small he could not preach if Mr. Hall went out so the meeting was dismissed very abruptly. I was very sorry indeed it was so.

15 Monday: Very pleasant; we planted the yard at the Cobbassee with potatoes, Exavier came up after Mother; a fine day.

16 Pleasant: we fenced in A.M. plowed in P.M.

17 Very warm in A.M. a thunder shower in P.M. I went to Belfast hauled potatoes, had very good success, met with no accident or ill luck got home abt. 9 in evening. Miss Martha Carter was here to get a certificate. but I was gone, so she came for naught.

18 Somewhat hazy; were plowing all day; Thomas Cushman & wife called abt. Noon; Mr. Bean & wife were here visiting in P.M. Lewis drove his sheep to pasture. Dexter came up in evening. Franky Bean was up in P.M. he made us a nice visit.

19 Pleasant: Mother & Dexter went to Liberty; we hauled rocks in A.M. rainy in P.M. I went to bed and heard it rain on the roof.

20 Were hauling rocks, manure etc. plowed some, I commenced to build a fence for a turnip yard had the misfortune of hurting my finger, which made me "ki yi" smartly, Mother & Dexter got home about dark, The Liberty friends are all well as usual.

21 Sunday: This is my birthday. I am 27 yrs old, some time to live in this cold world surely; went to church in A.M. not so many out as usual; went to the Centre in P.M. sermon by Re, D. Waterman quite a congregation were out, had a good meeting. William & Hannah came home with us and stayed awhile.

22 A rainy morning again; some smart showers fell during the day; a very rainy day; Alfred was up, Jackson was over at night.

23 Still continues rainy: George was plowing. I fixed fence, much rain has fallen yester & today. looked some like clearing up at night.

24 Quite clear and drying; I went to Turner Whittens to get seed wheat paid two dollars per bushel. Mr. H. Beal was here brot a colt to pasture. Louisa was over at night, Valerie Bean, Ella & Ellen Crosby were here at night. Geo. went a piece with the little girls.

25 Harrowed a piece of ground for wheat, sowed it in P.M. a pleasant day.

26 Harrowed & bushed wheat ground; then went to fixing for potatoes. It was a beautiful sunset but the mosquitoes bit fearfully.

27 Saturday: planted in A.M. went to a business meeting of the church in P.M. quite a lot of members were out; Chose Elds, Small, Hamilton Brethren E.G. Thompson H. Thompson, Wm. E. Poland, H.M. Howard as delegates to the quarterly meeting. Chose Eld. Hamilton, Henry Beal, John Beal, Dea. Vose, H.M. Howard a committee of arrangements. Voted to drop the controversy between Bro. hall and Mr. Bumps and the church have no more to do with it. this was passed by a vote of 9 members as follows; E.G. Thompson, Henry Thompson D. Norton, Henry Beal, Wm. F. White, Wm. E. Poland, Wm. S. Stevensen, S. Rollins, H.M. Howard. a decided majority of those present; Elds. Small Hamilton, Dea. Vose, I Hall, Chs. Hall, Moody Norton, were those present on the other side. I thought this was the shortest way to settle the trouble, and now I hope it is definitely settled.

28 Pleasant: (then three lines scratched out) I have made such a mistake here I will not write the events of this day on this page.

28: Sunday: went to church, a splendid sermon by Bro. Small, Text, blessed are the pure in heart etc. after sermon we organized the Sabbath school by choice of H.M. Howard, Superintendent, E.G. Thompson Assistant Supt. & Librarian; had a pretty good school but very small, only five classes; we came home in a storm of rain, Louisa was here, Jackson came over soon, and the Geo. Lewis came and said the colt was sick so J. went home quickly.

29 Some rainy & foggy; we were getting ready to plant etc. Mr. Dickey was here in P.M.

30 Cold & squally; we furrowed & manured in the hill; Lewis was over in P.M.

31 Wednesday, the last day of May, we are planting potatoes smartly today. A colt came along in morning, soon W.W. Berry came and got him, the spring has been quite backward, the land being very wet, people are not done planting yet by considerable, the snow went off very early but the spring seems to be none the earlier for it, grass is looking very well and if nothing hinders we may expect a bountiful hay crop. So ends May 1865. It was a beautiful sunset but the mosquitoes bit fearfully.