

May: 1867.

Come, gentle Spring, ethereal Mildness, come,
And from the bosom of yon dropping cloud,
While music wakes around, veiled in a shower
Of shadowing roses, on our plains descends. ----:Thomson

Begins on Wednesday.

1 May opens with a cold severe rain storm; a very rainy day. a severe thunder shower in evening, sharp lightning, heavy thunder.

2 Cleared off in morning; George & I topdressed the fields; S. Berry called in morning; Alonzo Bennett was up to get the steelyards; went to school meeting in the P.M. just three voters present; Chose H.M. Howard Moderator, N. Averell jr clerk, N. Averell jr. Agent. voted not to have a summer school, voted to get the wood around. Nath'l is going to Freedom tonight to get Ann, as Laura is worse; Mr. Averell & wife got home today, they have been to Roxbury all winter, George has gone to the Lodge tonight.

3 Very pleasant; we were fencing, I worked real hard, was tired at night; Mary down to Beans after supper, Laura is just at the point of death, poor woman she suffers much and has had a long weary sickness.

4 Saturday: Pleasant: Father went to Aarons; fenced some in A.M. I was well tired at noon; did not do much but chores in P.M. Lewis went to Bowens mill. read the mail, papers which Father got. no letters.

5 Sunday: cloudy, a raw cold wind; I went to Lewis' Alfred Sarah & Vesta went to Carrs; Laura Bean died this afternoon at half past one; her sufferings are over and she rests at peace at last, May a merciful Father care for Jeremiah and those children, who are thus bereft of their best earthly friend. so mote it be.

6 Cloudy: George helped Alonzo at Mr. Rollins; Alfred had the steers to plow; I went down to see Mr. Beans folks they appear very composed; Laura looks very natural, she is laid out in the parlor; Mrs. Ann S. White, and Eliza Terry were there to work; looked dark and cloudy all day.

7 Tuesday: went to funeral, the mourners were almost ready to start when we got there, N. French was manager. the connection were nearly all present; Sermon at the meeting house by Rev. E Knowlton; Text, "The foundation of God remaineth sure." We sung the hymns;

“Behold the western evening light,” and “Asleep in Jesus blessed sleep;” with “Sister thou wast mild and lovely,” as voluntary. on the whole it was quite a pleasant funeral service, the speaker eulogized the deceased very highly; I was so tired when I got home. my legs ached badly. Jackson stopped to dinner.

8 Wednesday: very rainy all day, could not do much because of the rain, but chores.

9 Foggy and lowery; with frequent showers , we pounded manure in P.M., very cloudy and gloomy at night.

10 Cleared off in night. Father went to Carrs to get tires set on wheels; we were making bunks & posts for fence, come up cold and cloudy in P.M.

11 Pleasant: were fencing on the hill, I wanted to go to conference in P.M. but could not go very well. so I staid at home and built fence.

12 Sunday: Cloudy & cool; went to baptism at our church, Bro. Small officiating, Six were immersed; Rebecca Thompson, Ellen Lamb, Ann Bowen, Miriam Thompson, Vesta Howard & Augusta Vose. a very pleasant baptismal service. Isaac & Susan were down, they went home at night.

13 Pleasant: got a load hay at Lewis' in morning, fenced in P.M. come up cloudy in P.M. I got a bu. wht. of J Whitten 3.50.

14 A rainy morning: and continued all day. Mr. Vose drove his young cattle to pasture, George went to Centre in P.M. to get my boots tapped. a rainy night.

15 Wednesday: Showery in A.M. we were fencing. I went to Murrays in P.M. saw Oramel. came back by Beans called in. they are preparing to move. so the old Bean homestead has changed hands at last.

16 Thursday: I went to Orley Whittens on committee business then went to Aarons; carried eggs enough to come to 4.50 at 20cts. per doz. got home at 2 o'clock then went fencing; Olive Foster was here to get a certificate, she intends to teach in the Cain dist. Mrs. Emma Averell came with her. George went to Lodge at night.

17 Cloudy but quite comfortable day: went fencing in morning; Mrs. Thomas Thompson and her daughter Marian were here to get a certificate, Marian is to teach in her own dist. went down road in P.M. got Mr. Rollins horse & Alfreds truck wagon to go to Belfast with, rainy at night.

18 Saturday: went to Belfast George & I with two loads potatoes, 28 bu. got 60cts. it was bad travelling, I was very tired.

19 Sunday: went to Mr. Wrights and assisted in the burial of one of his little twin children. I was sick at night, George went to meeting, he wore his new clothes, cost of suit \$12.00.

20 I was sick all day, got out fencing a little at night.

21 A fine spring day, my birthday am 29. sowed the cabbossee patch to oats. Mr. Young was here, Mrs. Averell was here visiting.

22 Cloudy, looks like a storm, Lewis drove his sheep to pasture. They ranged round the pasture smartly, feed is getting quite good, most every where.

23 Thursday: were plowing; broke the plow, and George went and carried it to Carrs to get it mended. the night set in cool and foggy. quite dark. got the mail, a letter from Lucy.

24 I went to Centre in morning, got grass seed. Had Jacksons plow in A.M. George got ours at noon; we plowed in P.M. finished plowing the corn piece.

25 Raced after the cattle in A.M. a pair of Mr. Voses steers were found in Mr. Curtis swamp; got them home and went fencing in P.M. quite warm in woods.

26 Sunday; A severe rain storm, cold and a hard wind' some very severe showers at night, G. Lewis & Louisa come, then Jackson, Lewis & John Tobie, John staid all night; Jackson & Louisa went home through a severe rain.

27 A pleasant morning; John arose and went away at 4 ½ o'clock. I went to hunt cattle very early, found them in Curtis' barn yard, they had the honor of staying there one night. we went fencing in A.M. in lower regions; William Poland wife & babies were here visiting we had a fine time. J.H. Terry Esq. took dinner with us. William & I took a walk after tea, went to the mountain, then into our pasture, we had a fine walk & nice time.

28 Tuesday: we hauled manure and harrowed. William Stevenson & Caro were here, Caro got a certificate, she is to teach at Ranlets corner.

29 Stormy; Father was taken sick; we had greens for dinner; they were a great rarity; Alfred went to Carrs. we finished harrowing the piece for wheat, plowed the yard above the road, George went to Centre got nails & molass.

30 A cold rainy day; we went fencing in A.M. got cold hands; I went over to Lewis' in P.M. a cold day. George was mending his boat.

31 The last day of May; We plowed in A.M. in P.M. George went to Bowens mill with Lewis, had the oxen & wagon they got a load of shingles. did not get home till quite late I sowed the wheat in P.M. two acres, took four bushels; I was tired at night, my legs ached and I felt very old indeed.

So ends May, the season is very cold and backward, constant rains have fallen and kept the land very wet; people have done but very little farming yet consequently it is very late; grass looks well which is some consolation. Giver of all good, be kind to all his children. Bless us O God is our prayer.