

November 1866.

I love to wander through the breezy woodlands,

On the soft light of an Autumnal day,

When summer gathers up her robes of glory,

And like a dream of beauty glides away. _____(Anonymous)

1 Thursday; November opens finely; finished getting in turnips Joseph Edwards was along in A.M. told of the death of Wm. Cox; he will be buried Saturday; was choring in the P.M. went to the lodge in eve. the installation of officers took place. Had a pretty good time, got home at midnight.

2 A fine day: Father went to Belfast, hauled a load oars and a few potatoes; got 48cts. for potatoes; I went over to Asa Goins and to Mr. Voses; they & I conclude to put off the school another week. Father got home at 8. Jackson was in a few minutes in eve.

3 Cool but a fine day: we plowed all day; went to singing school in eve. Jackson & Louisa with baby come over stayed all night. I went to sing. there was a fine display of Aurora Borealis. Father is 70 yrs. old today. quite an aged man.

4 Sunday: cloudy but quite pleasant: I am doing chores which takes most all my time. George went on a walk in A.M. now I must feed hogs again. etc. etc. etc. Lewis is after a hired girl today. Jackson & Louisa come over staid last night, they went home towards night; come up quite cold at night.

5 Monday: I went to mill quite early in morning. had good success, got home at noon. In P.M. _____ well there I can't remember what we did.

6 Pleasant: we plowed; Isaac & son were down, they got some trinkets, chairs, turnips etc. bot. two turkeys of Sidia Young. they brought me a pair of chickens topknots I guess they are. went to singing school in evening, a pretty good one.

7 Quite cold; got Jeremiahs plow in morning but it was froze so hard we could not plow, went to Jacksons got his cart and we hauled manure in P.M.

8 Warmer & more pleasant: hauled manure in A.M. plowed in P.M. Gilbert Pendexter Pitman Esq. of Union was here in A.M. E.G. Thompson was here in eve. wanted a certificate, he proposes to teach in his own dist. I told him to commence and I would certify him when

I visited the school; went to the lodge in evening, had a pretty good time. It was an awful dark night.

9 Friday: Our good nice little colt, Silvertail, is real sick today, Father went to Clements to see him and to Freedom etc. in evening I went and got Lewis to come over and see him; poor little colty was awfully sick; we gave him some gin and left him for the night. we plowed all day in the Toombs field, it was a dark dismal day, and I was glad when night came. Slept pretty soundly until towards morning when I woke and thought about the colt and could not sleep much.

10 Saturday: How I dread to go into the barn for fear poor little colt was worse; but I took my lantern and went as I must; found little Silvertail stone dead; It come pretty near home to me for he was a real pet and I loved him some. done the morning chores, and then loaded him into a cart and hauled him away to the lower field, where Father skinned him and performed a medical examination; found the cause of his death to be bolts in his stomach; they had eaten his stomach considerable, mortification had taken place some time before his death. If we had applied the proper remedies in season perhaps we might have saved him; his symptoms were those of excessive lameness; he seemed to be lame all over as tho, he taken a severe cold; But we have lost him and this is the last of little Silvertail. I went to Searsmont at night, found them all well got there at 8 in evening. had a nice ride.

11 Sunday: looked cloudy and like a storm; we started for home about 2 in the P.M. had a fine ride; the wheeling is as good as summer, arrived at 5 P.M. found all alive & well. little Ralph appeared nicely after we got home. he laughed & cood and was glad he had got home.

12 Very rainy in morn. I commenced school in the Vose dist. this day, had a good school, number of scholars present 21, took dinner at Mr. Voses. So one day had passed and all the rest will pass I suppose.

13 Tuesday: quite pleasant: had a good school; Father and Mother went to Lewis's in P.M. Emma was here in P.M. took tea, then we went to singing school; the young ones acted badly, carried on smartly.

14 Pleasant all day: events not remembered.

15 Quite fine, some cloudy; went to lodge in eve. had a pretty good time, a discussion this eve. Question; Resolved that we are more indebted to our Statesmen than our soldiers for our independence; decided by a large maj. In favor of the soldier. Some dark coming home.

16 Friday: was some sleepy; a fearful storm was raging, the walls of the old school house shook and trembled with great fury. I could almost imagine it to blow down, but it withstood the gale. had some 20 scholars today. a good school.

17 Pleasant after the storm; our singing school closed this eve. we broke up in peace & harmony, presented Bro. Rollins with a testimonial of our regards; the young folks trained smartly, acted like all passest. quite moony and nice eve.

18 Sunday: Pleasant, a fine day: went to E. Knox to meeting, preaching in the A.M. by Rev. Mr. Thorndike; a smart speaker, he is young man just started, he seems in earnest. Went to Mr. H.H. Shermans to dinner, in P.M. the funeral services of Mr. Barlow were attended, sermon by Rev. D. Waterman of So. Montville, had excellent singing, Text, "I will not leave you comfortless" got home about dark. John Tolive was here.

19 Monday: a fine warm day some cloudy in P.M. had a good school today; George went to mill early in morning; Lewis helped haul manure; G. Lewis called tonight as he went homeward, Geo. Bent. went home with him to stay all night. I am not very well, have a bad cold & some sore throat.

20 Quite rainy; Master Ralph is 5 months old today. a dark disagreeable gloomy day.

21 Pleasant: George went to school today; had a fine play at noon, a shower at night to come home in.

22 Thursday: a fine day: had a smart play at noon the girls played with the boys; Clara Wyman beat all the rest running I thought. Mary & Louisa with the babies went to Mr. Beans visiting today; Uncle Jerry & wife went to Carrs visiting. went to Lodge had a very good time;

23 I have forgotten the events of this day, but believe this day was rainy, cannot remember.

24 Pleasant: another six days work is done, with tonight.

25 Sunday: Cold as winter; Alfred & wife were here visiting; George went down to Nathans in P.M. Alonzo has gone away from Dexters, fled no one knows wither.

26 Monday: cold, I visited schools to-day, Edward Thompsons No. 11 and Martha Voses no. 12, found them doing well; got home about dark, was some cold coming. Martha had eleven scholars, Edward 17.

27 Tuesday: kept school today, quite a full school.

28 Some rainy: kept school as usual today.

29 Thursday; Thanksgiving day in Maine; did not keep school today, as the scholars wanted the day to themselves; Was at home doing chores etc. went to Lodge in evening; had a real good time, some fun among the rest; Charles Stewart & Hattie Cushman were initiated; E. A. Sproul & Ellen Carter read the paper. got home about 10 o'clock. some rainy.

30 The last day of November; very rainy in morning and continued rainy all day, a very hard wind too, a gale of wind to come home in at night.

So ends November.