

October 1864

October's smile the reddening hills is flushing

With transient loveliness,

And rosily the forest trees are blushing

Beneath the frost's rude kiss.

-----Florence Perey

1 Saturday: Cool and chilly; I went to Aaron's, was gone most all day; got in two loads pumpkins at night, so ended another week in which the glorious Autumn days have shone out in beauty.

2 Sunday: Cold and rainy in P.M. went to church Bro. Small delivered a good sermon; In P.M. Bro. Giles from Troy gave a lecture on Sabbath schools; while he was speaking, the rain poured in torrents; we got home tolerable comfortably. When we arrived we found Jane Edwards here, I was very glad to see her, have not seen her for some time. A dark rainy night.

3 Cloudy and wet: Killed a lamb in the A.M. Dexter came in the A.M. In P.M. we went to Sherman's in Liberty to get liquor for Mr. Young. Mary set up to Mr. Youngs, they are some better.

4 Tuesday: quite pleasant: Mother, Dexter and Jane went to Uncle Roberts, they had a good visit; Father and George went to French's mill got a load of oar rafters, I cut up corn, and we got it in at night. Worked on apples in evening. Dexter & Jane were with us, perhaps it will be the last evening we will spend together very soon, perhaps the very last on earth; God knows and He alone.

5 Pleasant: Dexter and I went on a walk in the morning then came to house and staid the forenoon; Jane went away in the A. M. I always hate to have Jane go away for she seems to have more to say than she can express. After dinner Porter came up and he & Dexter went away to Liberty and tomorrow they start for the south. May an all protecting Father care for them and return them in safety to their home again. We dug potatoes in P.M. they turn out well.

6 Cloudy some rainy: I went to Bowens Mill with George Lewis to get a load of boards, got them from Alfred's pile, 2,000 feet. It was night when I got home, a long journey with slow oxen.

7 Quite pleasant: we husked corn most all day, got it all done, we had about 45 bushels ears. Read the papers in the evening.

8 Saturday: Rainy in the A.M. we put away corn fodder and threshed peas in the A. M. I went to conference in the P.M. had a very good meeting, did not get home til dark, Rueben C. A. called in the evening as went homeward, he has been to work for Jackson; Now I will close up my journal for this week. George went to his uncle William's in the P.M.

9 Sunday: Cool: went to meeting, sermon by Eld. Moore, a real old fashioned sermon, he portrayed in glowing colors the horrors of a brimstone hill; his text was "If the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and sinner appear." Perhaps it is well to preach such sermons, but they are not according to my best judgment of much use, It is better to hold up a load of love for people to worship.

I went up with Mom White took dinner, then went to a funeral at Freedom Village, she that used to be Dorcas Watts, deceased; Sermon by Eld. Small, Text, "Jesus Wept." He did not preach so well as I have heard him, tho, quite well, had good singing. I rode a part of the way home with Tom. Poland & wife.

10 A cold frosty morning: the ground was frozen some when I went out to dig potatoes. Mother went down to Amos's to help Cordelia as Emma was sick and went home.

11 Tuesday: A pleasant day: were digging potatoes, they yield well.

In evening went to meeting at meetinghouse, Bro. Small preached a short discourse; Text, "Where art Thou", But few were present; It was a beautiful evening.

12 A cloudy day: We dug potatoes smartly, towards night it was dark and looked much like a storm.

13 Cloudy in the morning, came on to rain about noon, I went to Bowen's mill after a load of boards for Jackson, was out in the rain in the P.M. got quite wet. A dark cloudy night with the rain falling fast. I must write a letter to O. Murray Esq tonight.

14 Cloudy: somewhat misty; Wm. E. Poland & boy were here took dinner; George and I went to Freedom traded some, got home about dark. Mother came home, had been to Cordelia's for a few days.

15 Cloudy with showers occasionally; I went to post notices for a school meeting in A.M. In P.M. we dug potatoes, California; they turn out very well. A. Bryant Esq. was here to pay some money. So ended another week.

16 Sunday. cool, Nahum came in morning. I went to church, had a pretty good meeting. a decent Sunday school. very dark and cloudy afternoon. a dark night.

17 Monday: Quite pleasant; we dug potatoes all day. Nahum went over the road in the A.M. & to Alfreds in the P.M.

18 Pleasant: we dug bushels forty today. Nahum came up at night, a very fine day for business.

19 Pleasant: Mother & Nahum went to Unity. we dug potatoes smartly.

20 Cooler & windy: Attended a funeral at Elisha Carters, his little daughter deceased, aged about 8 yrs. We sang some, once at the grave, Eld. Brown made a prayer & some remarks also a prayer at the grave. we came home after dinner. It is windy & cold tonight.

21 Quite pleasant: we finished digging potatoes, have about 300 bushels in all. hauled manure in P.M. went to school meeting in evening, the dist. thought best to wait for me to keep the school, agreed to do so.

22 Pleasant: George Sprowl was here most all day. the Feyes were here to buy lambs; sold them 14 got for them \$39. were hauling manure.

23 Sunday: Pleasant; went to church at Centre Montville, the Sabbath school closed, sermon by Rev. J. L. Conliard. I went down to Mr. Rollins in evening.

24 Monday: hauled manure in A.M. In P.M. went to town meeting, voted for the to assume and pay the extra bounties which was paid to the men under the late call. There was some quite smart remarks made on either side, Rev. E. Knowlton A.W. Sprowl Esq. Hon. N Pierce speaking on the affirmative, and J.L. Twitchell Esq. John Sprowl Esq. on the negative. the majority to pay the bounty was quite decisive.

25 We gathered the turnips had about 40 bushels. I & Louisa went down to Mrs. Parsons and set up, they are quite sick with diphtheria. their house is very small and accommodations poor.

26 Came home in morning; finished the turnips. Got a load tops from the yard. in P.M. went to funeral at Whites Corner Mrs. Lucinda Bennett deceased. sermon by Eld. Clifford. Mr.

Bennett was shot in battle about a year or more ago and now she is gone leaving their three little orphans. one lies dangerously ill now.

Quite a cold night: Mary & George went to Mr. Beans in evening to a paring bee. I went to bed and slept soundly all night.

27 Thursday: Cloudy: went to a funeral at S. Freedom John Penny deceased; sermon by Eld. Clifford. had pretty good singing. got home between 2 & 3 P.M. So almost every day we hear of some new deaths. I went down the road in the evening to Amos's & to Alfred's & to Mr. Averills, Mother is there at present. it was a very dark night.

28 Avery dark day, some rain fell.

29 Cool; we hauled manure; Mother came home in A.M. Jackson went to Freedom towards night. Heard Wm. Mcfarland's wife is to buried tomorrow.

30 Sunday: Pleasant; went to funeral at the meeting house, Isaac Hall deceased, died in Washington and brought home to be interred. sermon by Bro. Small. Text, " I have finished my course." a very great congregation were in attendance. a request being sent to the singers all went in & sung had quite good singing. went to meeting in evening.

31 Cold: hauled manure in A.M. got ready to go to Belfast in P.M. Louisa and Hannah were over in P.M. Lewis & H. stopped the evening. A cold night. So ended October 1864. A month of quietness gone.