## October 1867.

The woods are fast donning their russet garb,

Sure harbinger of winters stern approach.

Begins on Tuesday

1 Very windy and uncomfortable; Mr. Wright helped us; we plowed and scraped all day; S.O. Whitten is the steady hand and we get others as we can. Miss Mary A. Ayer got a certificate, is to teach in No. 1. I went to Carrs in evening. it was cold & windy.

2 Warmer, quite mild; Wm. A. Bennett helped us. we built cellar drain; rainy in P.M. but we did not stop work. Mr. Palmer was here; Charley went down home to get a pick. A very fine day nicely enjoyed.

3 A pleasant day; some windy; we finished scraping the cellar, in P.M. went in woods to get timber to make a body to haul rocks on; Orley will make it as Father is quite unwell. went to Lodge in evening had a good one. a pleasant eve.

4 We were cutting corn etc. Orley made the body to haul rocks on; George Clark & the girls come up, George & Sarah went home at night. Hattie staid, is to stay awhile.

5 Cloudy & rainy' very rainy in P.M. we hauled rocks in A.M. it was so rainy we could not work in P.M. Mother warped her web, Charley Palmer went to get the horse shod. night come down cold & dreary.

6 Sunday: quite a pleasant day: Mary & I went to church at the meetinghouse, a good meeting. came home and in P.M. Lewis was over, J. Tobie called, also Exavier and George Sproul. an awful cold night.

7 Set up the loom in morning: hauled rocks; Mr. Wright & boy dug potatoes. We had to help them about picking up, worked very late. potatoes are rather light this year.

8 – Hauled rocks; Mr. Wright & boy worked.

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10 Thursday: some misty in morning. we hauled rocks. I wrote my editorial at noon; went to Lodge in eve. read the paper it was well received. had a good time.

11 –Cloudy looked like rain; Mr. Wright & boy worked they almost finished the potatoes. Got some bass logs in A.M. in P.M. started to go to the mill but one shaft to the wagon broke so we unloaded our logs & come home.

12 -A very rainy day. I went to Aarons in P.M. very wet. in evening Albert Choate come got the horse & wagon as his wife sent out. he went & got Mrs. Terry.

13 –Cloudy, not very cold. Albert come home with horse in morn. their child was stillborn. Mary went to Searsmont to carry Hattie home. I have been choring, fencing etc. today & now I must do my night chores. I hear grandma & Ralph jabbering in the other room.

14 Monday: Charlie & went to mill in A.M. got back in season to get in corn in P.M. Alonzo was at work on the well.

 $15\,$  –Looked like rain; Father went to Belfast. there was a school meeting at night. quite rainy.

16 Pleasant: Mother & I went to Unity drove Isaacs oxen home, I have had them to work awhile. Got supper at Eben Thompsons; we staid at Isaacs a few minutes, then come home. arriving at 11 in the night. it was a very pleasant evening. pretty moonlight.

17 –Quite pleasant: Orley come this morning. we went to work fixing the well; got ready in A.M. went to digging in P.M. we use a horse; Orley, Alonzo I and Charlie Palmer, dig. We got along very well.

 $18\,$  –We dug until sometime in P.M. when we went to stoning the well; got stoned up 2 or 3 feet at night.

19 –We worked very hard stoning today. I was very tired at night. Mr. Weed of Knox was here to get a certificate.

20 Sunday: Pleasant: Mary, Ralph & I went to see Dr. Billings in P.M. about what ails Ralphs belly. The Dr. said it would not hurt him. we called at Mr. Beals a few moments.

21 Orley come; we finished stoning the well. went to digging for the cellar wall in P.M. Jackson& Louisa were here in eve.

22–Tuesday: somewhat rainy, Orley went home, we were attending to the corn etc. Alonzo went to Centre in P.M.

23- Orley come in morning; we hauled rocks; had Youngs oxen & Orleys.

24-Hauled rocks same team as yesterday. went to Lodge in eve.

25 –Commenced laying cellar wall, Jackson & Orley laid. Alonzo hauled small rocks, Charlie & I hauled big rocks. same ox team as yesterday & day before.

26 –I went to Aarons in morning. Jackson & Orley laid wall today. had Youngs oxen in P.M. we got some steps for the roll way from Cobbossee in P.M.

27 –Sunday: a fine morning. Mary & I went to church had a very good meeting, had quite good singing. came home & went down to the graveyard at Whites cor. in P.M. "Earth hath no sorrows,

That Heaven cannot cure."

28 – A fine day; we worked on the cellar; Amos, Jackson, Orley, Lewis Alonzo etc. helped us. George Clark come at noon.

29- Worked on cellar same crew as yesterday; George went home at night as it looked like a storm. had Alfreds oxen today. I was very tired when it come night.

**30-** A fearful storm raged today. Orley went home in P.M. I went down to Alfreds to see if the threshers would come. a dark night.

31- Last day of Oct. I visited Nellie Carters school. fixed around the barn. went to Lodge at night. sold the two year old steers to Anson Leonard for \$95.