

October 1870.

Ere in the Northern gale

The summer tresses of the trees are gone,

The woods of autumn, all around our vale,

Have put their glory on.

----Bryant.

1 Saturday: the month opens with a rain storm, which is very welcome after the severe drought. I went to Samuel Rollins and to Carrs; was not doing very much all day; got some apples at the orchard towards night. Mother went over to Lewis's as they go to Northport, she is to keep house with them, - the children while they are gone. Horace went home and we were all alone, it seemed lonesome.

2 Sunday: a beautiful day, very warm; I went to meeting sermon by Eld. Clark, quite good discourse. came home and read, sewed papers etc. all the P.M., Jackson called.

3 Looks much like rain this morning: Horace come quite late in morning; hauled manure today; a fish peddler took dinner here, a wild looking sky all the P.M. come on to rain at night, a dark rainy night.

4 Quite misty and wet; threshed peas in A.M., hauled rocks in P.M., we peeled apples in evening; Frank McCorrison, (S. Rollins boy) staid here as they went to Thorndike a cloudy day. mother came home in A.M.

5 Wednesday: a misty damp day; I went to Freedom to mill,- Christopher, the miller was so slow it took him most all day so I did not get home until night; I think it is a hard days work to go mill. this is a bad day for the fair which is held at Belfast & Unity.

6 Had a run after cattle early in morning; a cold damp cloudy morning, wind from the North. we hauled rocks, and got up the sheep and killed a lamb. a cool day.

7 A fine day; we dug potatoes, worked steadily all day, the forest is in all its splendor today; varied tints appear and in some localities such rich hues are seldom seen,- this is a fine autumnal day, justly described by the following stanza by Mrs. H.B. Stowe

How quiet, through the hazy autumn air,

The elm boughs wave with many a gold flocked leaf;  
How calmly float the dreamy-mantled clouds;  
Through these still days of Autumn, fair and brief.

8 A pretty day; Ralph and I went to the Centre in morning, then we gathered the apples in the A.M. I went to conference in P.M., had a good meeting. had a pleasant evening reading the papers.

9 Sunday: went to funeral at Whites corner, James Fairbush deceased,- Sermon by Bro. Clifford, a good discourse,- had good singing; a good congregation were out. Wm. Poland & wife were over in P.M. also Louisa & S.B. Rollins.

10 Monday: pleasant; we dug potatoes; Samuel R. had the oxen to haul manure; we went after cattle at night that had strayed away; a nice moon, pretty eve.

11 Some cloudy; we went to Marcus Voses got apples,- eight bu. at 25 cts. per bu., came home and dug potatoes,- Mary & Maria went to Wm. Polands in P.M., and Samuel and I went over in evening, had a good visit.

12 A real downpour of rain today; setting the brook running which has been dry for months. a dark dismal day, did nothing but the chores.

13 Cloudy: hauled rocks and built wall; I hurt my finger quite bad,- jammed it with a rock. I commenced reading a story in Ballons magazine,- A Womans Error, by Mrs R>B. Edson;- a good story.

14 A fine day again: we dug potatoes; Horace went to Centre at night; there was a little apple bee at A. Polands; Samuel & Maria went,- Mary went with them, my finger was so lame I did not go; read papers in eve.

15 A nice day: we dug potatoes,- I did not feel very well. Mother and Ralph went to Carrs; they had a good time. Mary thought she saw a bear in the sheep pasture. we worked late, to get our potatoes picked up.

16 Sunday: was about home all day, hunted after cattle that have strayed again; Jackson got a tub butter for Julia paid 38 cts. got some papers from Nahum.

17 Monday: went and got cattle in morning,- drove Dea. Voses steers home, dug potatoes in P.M., looked much like a storm at night. a windy day.

18 Rainy in A.M., cleared up after noon and the wind blew a perfect hurricane all the P.M. and evening, it was quite cold too,- the chimneys smoked, as the wind blew over the barn,- we had to go to bed to keep warm.

19 Cool,- the wind died away in morning; we were digging potatoes; Lewis & wife and Susie Sheldon were over in P.M., they went home after early tea; we got our potatoes into the cellar after tea; then it was night or at least it was night before, Horace held the light and I carried the potatoes down the outside cellar stairs. a quiet eve.

20 A very rainy day: we threshed beans in A.M., forked over manure in P.M., a good deal of rain fell, all day and night. night closed in dark and dismal; mother had a faint spell in evening; she felt better before bedtime, I heard the rain splashing down every time I was awake at night.

21 A fine day after the storm; I went to Aarons in A.M., carried butter 49 1/2 lbs. at 35 cts. finished digging potatoes in P.M., have raised 145 bu. this year. Horace went to Centre in evening, got the papers, we read them until quite late, a newspaper is a great comfort to me.

22 Pleasant: I went to East Knox, hired J.D. Cookson to teach in the Bryant dist. pay him \$35 per month, he boards himself. Saw some other men on school business; went to Freedom, got home about dusk.

23 Sunday: a cool day, at home, Louisa was over. the day spent very agreeably at home, reading, choring etc.,

24 A Cool morning; Mr. Alpheus Rowell called. Horace got along the middle of the A.M., we got a load wood in A.M., in P.M., we gathered turnips had 15 bu. a hard wind blew all the P.M.

25 Cloudy, quite pleasant; we plowed behind the shop; and commenced plowing on the hill in P.M., J. L. Twitchell was along buying stock, did not sell any.

26 Pleasant: we plowed today, getting the piece done in P.M., and commenced digging rocks in the the field under the woods; a cold night, wind blowing some.

27 We dug rocks in A.M., hauled rocks in P.M. Mrs Geo. Clements is buried this P.M., Samuel & Maria went to funeral; a cold windy night. commenced to rain about bedtime and stormed terribly awhile.

28 A pleasant morning, but a windy day; we finished getting rocks off the little field,- I went to Centre at night,- S. Rollins was here in eve.

29 Cold & rough; I went to mill at Freedom; getting home in season to do the chores etc., before night.

30 Sunday: a pleasant day; Dexter was over,- Louisa was over in P.M. Mary & I went to Lewis's. Sammy & Ralph went too.

31 Monday: a snow storm in morn. terminating in rain. a severe storm we got up the young cattle, quite a job to get them. so ends October.